

CURRENT EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Doings of the World at Large Told in Brief.

General Resume of Important Events Presented in Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

Philadelphia's registration is 17,208 less than four years ago.

Turks continue active preparations for war with the Balkan states.

California women suffragists held the first political convention ever held exclusively by women.

A revenue cutter in San Francisco bay fired upon a smuggling launch, but was unable to stop or overtake her.

President Taft and party on a vacation through Vermont were entertained by a son of Abraham Lincoln.

Prosecutions in the dynamite cases charge that it was at one time planned to blow up the locks on the Panama canal.

At the capture of Leon, Nicaragua, by Americans, 3 were killed and 4 wounded, while the rebel loss was over 50.

Postal inspectors have found part of the \$200,000 stolen from a registered mail sack en route from Havana to New York.

Enrique Maza, a Cuban newspaperman, who recently assaulted Hugh S. Gibson, the American Charge d'Affaires, was sentenced to two and a half years' imprisonment.

Instead of going to church last Sunday the neighbors of Mrs. Marguerite Field, a noted writer of Los Angeles, gathered and built her a new house, to replace the one destroyed by fire a week before.

The clerk of the Cleveland Juvenile and Insolvency court will summon a jury composed entirely of ball-players to serve during the winter, saying they are trained to think and act without hesitation and should make good jurymen.

The first farm survey ever attempted west of the Rocky mountains is in progress in the Waldo hills and Howell prairie section of the Willamette valley, Oregon.

Aviator Walsh was killed while attempting the "spiral glide" at Trenton, N. J.

One was killed and 55 injured when a runaway streetcar in Pittsburgh jumped the track and struck a telephone pole.

Eight were killed and many injured in a train-wreck in Connecticut.

Railroads count on a much heavier colonist travel to the Coast this year than last.

Mine owners at Ely, Nev., have decided to close the mines for the winter on account of the strike.

Bulgarian troops have crossed the Turkish frontier and a battle is reported in which 400 were killed.

The board of health of Vancouver, Wash., has abolished public drinking cups and glasses of every description.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 76¢; 77c; bluestem, 80c; forty-fold, 75c; valley, 77c.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$21 ton; shorts, \$23; middlings, \$29.

Hay—Timothy, choice, \$17@18; No. 1, \$16; oat and vetch, \$12; alfalfa, \$12; clover, \$10; straw, \$6@7.

Oats—White, \$24.50@25 ton; gray, feed, \$24; gray milling, \$25.50@26.

Fresh fruits—Apples, 60¢@1.50 box; peaches, 50¢@60c; pears, 75¢@1.50; grapes, 75¢@90c; cranberries, \$9.50 barrel.

Melons—Cantaloupes, 1.75¢/2 crate; watermelons, \$1 hundred; cas abas \$1.25@1.50 dozen.

Onions—Oregon, \$1.10 sack.

Potatoes—Jobbing prices: Burbanks, 60¢@75c hundred; sweet potatoes, 1 1/2¢/2c pound.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 75¢@85c doz.; beans, 5c; cabbage, 1¢/1 1/2c pound; cauliflower, 50¢@1 doz.; celery, 35¢@75c; corn, 75¢@1 sack; cucumbers, 50c box; eggplant, \$1.25@1.50 box; head lettuce, 20¢@25c doz.; peppers, 6¢@8c pound; radishes, 15¢@20c doz.; tomatoes, 50¢@75c box; garlic, 5¢@6c pound; carrots, \$1.25 sack; turnips, \$1; beets, \$1.10; parsnips, \$1.25.

Eggs—Oregon extras, 38c doz.; candied, 36c; case count, 35c.

Butter—Oregon creamery, cubes, 35¢/4c pound; prints, 36¢.

Pork—Fancy, 11¢@11 1/2c pound.

Veal—Fancy, 12¢@14c pound.

Poultry—Hens, 11¢@12c; broilers, 11¢@12c; ducks, young, 12¢@12 1/2c; geese, 11c; turkeys, live, 18¢@22c; dressed, 25c.

Hops—1912 crop, prime and choice, 17¢@19c pound.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$6.75@6.90; good, \$6.25@6.65; medium, \$6@6.25; choice cows, \$5@6.25; medium, \$5@5.25; choice calves, \$7@8.50; good heavy calves, \$6.25@7; bulls, \$3@5; stags, \$4.75@5.25.

Hogs—Light, \$8.25@8.60; heavy, \$7@7.75.

Sheep—Yearlings, \$4.25@4.75; wethers, \$3.60@4.30; ewes, \$2.75@4; lambs, \$3.85.

AVIATOR SETS MARK.

American Endurance Hydroplane Flight Record Is Made.

Annapolis, Md.—A new American record for an endurance flight was made here in a hydro aer-plane by John H. Towers, a lieutenant of the Navy aviation corps. He was continuously in the air for 6 hours, 10 minutes and 35 seconds. The best previous American record, made by Paul Peck, was 4 hours 23 minutes 38 seconds.

The distance covered by Lieutenant Towers was approximately 389 miles, with six miles to a lap. When the best previous record was made, Peck covered 176 miles. The course just covered was not a measured one, however, and Towers' distance record is not official.

The flight was quietly arranged by the American Aero club. Towers rose from the water in front of the aviation field, across from Annapolis, at 6:05 a. m., and did not touch the water again until 35 seconds after 1 p. m. There was only a glassful of fuel in the tank when he alighted. He had 42 gallons when he started.

\$200,000 PACKAGE DISAPPEARS FROM MAIL POUCH

New York—Postoffice inspectors of two countries, secret service men and the W. J. Burns detective agency are investigating the mysterious disappearance of a registered mail package containing \$200,000, consigned from Havana to the National Park bank, of this city.

The loss was discovered last Wednesday or Thursday, when a registered mail pouch from Havana was opened in the New York postoffice. When and where the package disappeared, whether in Havana, aboard ship or the train which brought it or thereafter, no one has been able to discover.

Postoffice authorities are working zealously on the case in the two republics, as a matter of course, while private detectives have been set to work by the shipper, whose name is not revealed. The National Park bank has no more than a normal interest in the case, as by no possibility can the loss fall upon it.

MRS. SAGE BUYS BIRD ISLE.

Refuge for Migratory Flocks in Gulf Purchased for \$150,000.

New York—Announcement is made that Mrs. Russel Sage has purchased Marsh Island, off the coast of Louisiana, and will make of it a bird refuge for all migratory birds. It is Mrs. Sage's intention to dedicate the island in perpetuity to this purpose. The plans of administration have not yet been made. Mrs. Sage will place the control in whatever hands seem best. It has not been decided yet whether these hands will be those of the Federal government, the State of Louisiana or some association organized for the purpose.

The island cost Mrs. Sage about \$150,000. It is in the gulf some 200 miles southeast of New Orleans. Its length is about 18 miles and the width nine miles at the broadest part. The area is approximately 75,000 acres. The birds will be given absolute protection from poachers of every description.

ICE INVASION PREDICTED.

Scientist Says All Human Skill Will Be Needed to Fight Glaciers

Ithaca, N. Y.—"I have no doubt that we are now in an inter-glacial period similar to those which have already existed, and in future the human race will have to use all its knowledge in another fight for its life against the encroaching ice," said Professor Nathaniel Schmidt, of the history department at Cornell.

Speaking of the ice age, he added: "I wish to call attention to recent discoveries in Switzerland of four distinct periods of glaciation, and to the fact that Professor Winchell, of Minnesota, has been able to produce definite proofs that Kansas has gone through the same four periods. This is important, because it proves the contemporaneousness of the glacial ages in both hemispheres."

Uniform Changes Anger.

Washington, D. C.—Naval officers are up in arms against the latest order of the department making changes in their uniforms. Each officer will have to spend \$300 to \$500 for new uniforms and changing old ones. The order, say the officers, imposes financial hardship on every one. A number of officers here, tired of continually having their uniforms altered at the whims of bureau chiefs, will try to get a bill through congress forbidding changes in naval uniforms without express authority from congress.

Fairbanks to Get Service.

Seattle—President Dickson, of the White Pass & Yukon railway, announces that the Yukon River steamship service of the company, which now extends between White Horse and Dawson, Yukon Territory, will be continued next year to Fairbanks, Alaska, 800 miles northwest of Dawson. The people of Fairbanks have appealed to President Taft and Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh to open Fairbanks as a sub-port of entry.

Grapefruit Crop Large.

Washington, D. C.—Reports on the Florida citrus fruit crop say that 7,000,000 boxes, more than half of which will be grapefruit, will be shipped out of the state. The citrus season has begun. Twenty-three thousand cars will be required to move the crop.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

LINN TIMBER ALL SAFE. 840 ACRES SELL \$350,000.

No Forest Fires Occurred in County This Summer.

Albany—For the first time in more than a quarter of a century Linn county has passed through a summer without a forest fire.

Though this was partially due to heavy rains the system of protection established by the new fire patrol association is credited also for this record. This association was formed last spring by the owners of timber land in Linn county and established a complete patrol system.

John Marrs, chief fire warden, had 21 patrolmen and lookouts and a system of telephone lines connecting all of the lookout stations with his headquarters at Lacombe. Besides maintaining this system, 35 miles of new trails were built this year, and 50 miles of telephone lines were established through the timber. They also repaired 100 miles of old telephone lines. All of this work has been done in addition to that accomplished by the government forest service.

This protection cost the timber owners 3 cents an acre. Heretofore each timber company or owner of large holdings has maintained his own rangers and there was no definite system of co-operation. With all united the fire protection has been placed on an efficient system.

VALE PROJECT ON SOON.

Bully Creek Irrigation Work Has Sufficient Funds.

Vale—Word has just been received here that available funds have been secured from Eastern concerns sufficient to construct the Bully Creek irrigation project, which has been hanging fire for several months. This news comes from D. M. Brogan, who is now in the East and to whose untiring efforts this project has been made possible. Mr. Rigby, of this place, who is connected with Mr. Brogan in this enterprise, left for Boise to let the contract to parties there. Work will begin as soon as possible.

This bit of news, while the details are not yet fully known, has caused much interest here. The dam will be constructed in the canyon about two miles above the town of Westfall, and the reservoir, when completed, will furnish water for about 40,000 acres of now arid land, all of which is in the immediate vicinity of Vale. Twenty thousand acres have been signed up for water. This enterprise, in connection with the railroad work, will make Vale one of the busiest centers in Eastern Oregon.

LOGGING ROAD NEAR READY.

Rail Line for Crossett Timber Company Presses Activity.

Astoria—C. L. Houston, who has the contract for building about five miles of railroad for the Big Creek Logging company, leading from tide water to Knappa to the Crossett Timber company's holdings, expects to have the road completed in about two weeks. The company has established its camps and has a force of men at work felling and cutting timber so that it will be ready to commence hauling logs in about another month.

The Big Creek Logging company is a subsidiary of the Crossett company, and the latter owns approximately 2,500,000 feet of standing timber in that district, sufficient to keep its camp running for 50 years and still take out 50,000,000 feet of logs annually. This timber tract is among the largest and most valuable individual holdings of the kind in the state.

Line Wants Orders Modified.

Salem—The Sumpter Valley Railroad company, which filed an injunction suit to restrain the railroad commission from enforcing its recent order reducing the passenger and freight tariffs on its road, also filed with the state railroad commission a petition to have the commission's order modified. Where the commission ordered the use of the Spaulding scale in measuring lumber, the company asks for permission to use the Scribner scale, saying this latter is the one in common use along its road. It also asks to have the rate on logs fixed by weight instead of measurement.

Many Fish Distributed.

Oregon City—S. S. Mohler, of this city, who left here in May, and who has been distributing 110,000 fish in 90 different lakes, for the government, returned to his home in this city. Mr. Mohler's trip was very successful, only a few of the fish having perished on the trip. One trip covered over 60 miles, and only five of the fish were dead when the destination was reached. The work has been very satisfactory to the government. Although hardships were encountered, the trip was made without mishap.

Grange Defines Stand.

La Grande—Indorsement of the so-called majority amendment to the constitution, to be voted on at the November election, was given by Blue Mountain Grange No. 345, at its last meeting. The grange unanimously adopted the resolution, in which it held that the present excessive use of the initiative is its worst enemy and expressed the belief that a remedy lies in the proposed measure, making necessary a majority vote of all electors at any election to change the constitution.

APPLE SHOW APPROACHES.

Many Important Questions to Be Discussed at Spokane Meet.

Spokane—"The four national apple shows given thus far have aided materially in placing northwest apples on the map; now the chief function is to solve the big problems confronting the industry," said H. C. Sampson, vice president and general manager of the Fifth National Apple show, which will be held in Spokane, November 11 to 17 inclusive.

"Great stress will be laid on the conference to be held during the show, in which growers, bankers, traffic officials and business men will participate," added Mr. Sampson. "Experts in these lines will discuss these subjects: Choice of site, air drainage, water drainage, selection of stock, cultivation, pruning, spraying, picking, packing, financing, disposition of by-products, transportation, and marketing or distributing. Of these subjects, I consider the disposition of by-products and marketing the most pressing questions demanding our attention."

"We want all the growers' unions and organizations to send representatives to this conference, and we need all the growers with us in this movement. When it is suggested that in a few years the Pacific Northwest will be shipping more carloads of apples, which are perishable, than of wheat, the question of distribution becomes of vital importance."

"It is the intention of the board of governors and board of trustees to make the National apple show of the greatest possible service to growers, shippers, unions, common carriers, in fact, to all classes connected with the industry. If we can this year throw light on the vital problems, we will feel amply repaid for the large outlay of time and money. From talks I have had in a number of districts of the Pacific Northwest, I feel sure we can go a long way toward clarifying the apple situation."

INDIANS REAL FARMERS.

Sioux Make Remarkable Display at First Native Exhibit.

Poplar, Mont.—Hocesan, an Assiniboine, was awarded the highest honors as an Indian agriculturist at the Fort Peck reservation fair, the first Indian county fair ever held in the United States, with 33 varieties of grains and vegetables exhibited. He carried off the Louis W. Hill silver cup for the best individual land products shown. Among the products he raised is a cabbage weighing 52 pounds, one of the largest ever raised in the world, agricultural experts declare. Hocesan's farm is near Fraser, Mont. He had, as competitors, Indian farmers representing a dozen tribes of the Sioux nation. The fair is being watched with great interest by United States government agricultural experts, in view of the fact that next year 1,800,000 acres of land in the reservation will be thrown open to white settlers. The Indians who have taken to farming already have made a start which would make any white farmer envious in a new country. The amazing thing about their success is that they did little or no cultivating.

PROJECT UNIT UNDER WAY.

Reclamation in Lost River Country to Start Immediately.

Klamath Falls—The contract for the second unit of the United States reclamation work on this project has been let. The bids were opened August 20, and forwarded to Washington, D. C., and the contract has now been completed by the secretary of the interior.

It is believed that the season is so late that only enough work will be done this fall to comply with the terms of the contract, which requires 10 per cent of the whole excavation to be done by December 31, 1912.

The work is divided into seven schedules and covers more than 300,000 cubic yards of excavation. The steel flume across Lost river is being built by the Reclamation service, as is the connecting canal from the end of the main canal on the first unit. The flume structure is done and the steel on the ground.

OLD LAND'S YIELD LARGE.

Tract Farmed Since 1850 Produces 11 Bushels an Acre.

Albany—The remarkable record of a yield of 11 bushels of clover seed an acre on land which has been farmed since 1850, was established this season by Ed Meeker, ex-county recorder of Linn county, on his farm seven miles north of this city. He raised an average of 11 bushels an acre on a field of 104 acres. The land on which this clover was raised is part of the old donation land claim which John Meeker, the present owner's father, took up.

Linn County Apples Abundant.

Albany—Linn county will market five or six times as many apples this year as in 1911. County Fruit Inspector Rumbaugh estimates that the total yield of marketable apples in the county will be close to 20,000 bushels. Last year's crop was light and there is a good average yield this season. The prune crop in this county is light this year and Rumbaugh estimates that the yield is only 25 or 30 per cent of a normal crop. In some orchards half an average crop has been harvested.

Magone Strawberries Marketed.

Oregon City—A. Splinter, of Maple Lane, brought 17 boxes of delicious Magone strawberries to Oregon City recently that were raised on his half acre of land, which is in these plants. The other land on his farm is under cultivation, but is planted to other varieties of berries and fruit. The price he received for his berries was 12 1/2 cents a box.

Fighting Begins.

London—An engagement has taken place south of Harmanli, a Bulgarian town 37 miles north of Adrianople, according to a Constantinople dispatch.

TURKS EAGER FOR STRUGGLE

Moslems Curse Slavs, Declaring They Are Not Afraid.

Legations Are Attacked and Windows Broken—Troops Called Out—Contempt for Bulgarians.

Constantinople—Sentiment in favor of war is increasing in Turkey. Several thousand persons held mass meeting in the mosque of Sultan Ahmed I, at Stamboul, at which all references to the Balkan states were greeted with cries of "cursed be Bulgaria, Servia, Greece and Montenegro."

Several leaders of the Liberal party addressed the meeting, declaring that Turkey was ready to face all her foes. Hilma Pasha and Munir Pasha have been appointed cabinet ministers without portfolios. This step was taken in view of the gravity of the situation.

There were continued reports of skirmishes on the frontiers, but no definite news concerning them was received. The Servian minister will depart from Constantinople immediately, leaving the legation in the hands of a charge d'affaires.

Hostile demonstrations against the Italian embassy and the Bulgarian and other Balkan legations were renewed by the populace. They were more violent in form than those of the preceding day. Many windows were broken by showers of bricks and stones and the troops were called to assist in dispersing the rioters.

Contempt for the military qualities of the Balkan people is prominently shown in the words and men of Turkish soldiers from the highest to the lowest. The feeling is obvious also among Turkish civilians of high position, and if confidence in victory can win for the Moslems in the event of war with the Christians, the triumph of Turkish arms is assured.

OUTLAWS ROB EXPRESS.

Dynamite Safes and Ransack Express and Mail Cars.

Westville, Okla.—Four masked men held up Kansas City Southern passenger train No. 4, northbound, three and a half miles north of Poteau, ransacked the mails, blew open the safe in the express car and retreated into the wood-covered hills that skirt the railroad at that point.

The men boarded the train as it stopped at a crossing a short distance from Poteau. Crawling over the tender, two of them covered the engineer and fireman with revolvers, while the others robbed the mail and express cars.

After wrecking the express car safe with nitro-glycerine the robbers entered the mail car and demanded all the "through" mail. Refusing to accept the clerks' word that there was none, they ransacked the pouches, getting not more than a dozen letters, that are believed to have contained little of value.

The loot from the express car is estimated at \$10,000. The bank at Heavener, Okla., is said to have had \$7000 on the train. The loot was carried away in a gunny sack.

Turks and Italians Make Peace.

London—Peace between Italy and Turkey was signed at Ouchy, Switzerland, according to a news agency dispatch received here from Paris.

Constantinople—That the Turkish cabinet voted to accept Italy's latest proposal for peace is the announcement made from an authoritative source. The preliminary agreements were to be signed upon the arrival at Ouchy of a special Turkish emissary, who left Constantinople immediately after the cabinet meeting.

Women Strong on Ballot.

Sacramento—Out of the 52 candidates for presidential electors, 13 each from the Prohibition, Socialist, Democratic and Republican parties, 11 are women, as shown by the tentative sample ballot. The Prohibitionists have three, Mrs. Annie E. K. Bidwell, Stella R. Irvine and Lucy S. Blanchard. The Socialists have five, Jennie Ream, Rose Baker, Ida Kinney, Ethel Lynn and Mary Garbutt. The Democrats have two, Mary Bourn Tucker and Mary E. Foy. The Republican "Progressives" have one, Mrs. Florence C. Porter.

Miners To Return to Work.

Butte, Mont.—President Donaghue, of the Montana Federation of Labor, who has just returned from Great Falls, said the miners affiliated with the United Mineworkers of America who laid down their tools in all Montana coal mines last Monday, pending the adoption of a new wage agreement, would accept the proposed scale and that work would be resumed next week. Mr. Donaghue said there was little opposition to the proposed scale.

Russians Cheer Bulgarians.

St. Petersburg—The departure from St. Petersburg for the front of the Bulgarian officers of the reserves was the occasion of a great Slav demonstration at the Varsay depot. M. Bashnakoff, editor of the Official Messenger, who had been deputed by the Slavonic society, addressed an informal meeting in the imperial waiting room, assuring his brother Slavs that Russia would support them for weal or woe.