

BRIEF NEWS OF THE PAST WEEK

Condensed Dispatches from All Parts of the Two Hemispheres.

Interesting Events from Outside the State Presented in a Manner to Catch the Eye of the Busy Reader.

Missouri crops have suffered greatly from the heavy rains.

Nine men were killed by an explosion of gas in a coal mine near Trinidad, Colo.

The mission steamer Abler is missing in the Arctic ocean with 19 persons.

The American Sugar Refining company says it is not guilty of violating the anti-trust laws.

Wheat has been damaged in Nevada by the extreme cold weather. Ice formed in many places.

Damage from rain is reported from many points in Nebraska. At Omaha part of the streetcar system is out of commission.

Railroad blockades in various parts of Colorado, due to heavy rains, have delayed more than 1,000 delegates to conventions in the West.

Latest reports of accidents due to Fourth of July celebrations show 76 dead and 2,774 injured. This is one-half less than last year's record.

After seven years of legal delays, John A. Benson, convicted at San Francisco of conspiring to defraud the government of land, has been sent to prison to serve his sentence of one year.

English suffragettes will appeal direct to the king.

Burglars opened a Los Angeles safe and secured \$3,700.

All railroads leading into the Mexican capital are tied up by floods.

A California boy carried up in the ropes of a balloon came down unharmed.

Storms in Colorado have done damage estimated at \$300,000 and railroad traffic is demoralized.

Jap leaders in the Hawaiian plantation trouble have been arrested for kidnaping strikebreakers.

A suit has been started in Oklahoma to settle claim to some town lots in which there are 1,400 defendants.

What is claimed to be the largest flag in the world was unfurled at Pittsburgh the Fourth. It is 180 feet long and 90 feet wide.

E. E. Calvin, vice president and general manager of the Southern Pacific, is critically ill in San Francisco and his recovery is doubtful.

Many infants are dying in Chicago as the result of the intense heat.

Artesian wells are being sunk in Cape Colony at the rate of 1,400 a year.

Seismologists have figured out that earthquakes travel at rates varying from 470 to 520 feet per second.

Grand Duke William, of Luxembourg, is seriously ill. His successor to the crown is his daughter, 15 years old.

A farmer and his entire family of wife, three daughters and a son drowned while fishing near their home at Wellington, Colo.

The American Geographical society has accepted Mrs. Collis P. Huntington's gift of a \$250,000 site for a new building at New York.

At the 50th annual commencement of the University of Wisconsin one of the class of 1859 was present and gave the class yell of that year.

The two battleships authorized by the last congress will carry heavier batteries than any other warships afloat or ordered by any nation.

The United States Steel corporation will endeavor to prevent its employees from using liquor, especially while on the property of the corporation.

It has been demonstrated that the blue rays from mercury vapor lamps kill bacteria and sterilize water in which the lamps are placed without appreciably increasing its temperature.

A landslide at Newport, England, resulted in the death of 20 laborers.

King Alfonso, of Spain, has undergone a slight operation, which proved successful.

A thief in London grabbed a handbag containing \$500,000 in jewels and made his escape.

While the temperature in the East has greatly moderated, there is still much suffering.

Russian and Chinese officials have clashed because the latter insists on her treaty rights.

Many British officials fear an uprising in India.

A prominent Australian merchant says his country would help the United States fight Japan.

The greatest American fleet ever assembled is to engage in maneuvers on the Atlantic coast.

The Western Union Telegraph company has been indicted at Cincinnati for helping a bucketshop to do business.

MOURNED BY ALL.

News of Cushman's Death Shock to Friends in Congress.

Washington, July 7.—News that Francis W. Cushman, representative from Washington, had passed away in New York yesterday morning, came as a great shock to his host of friends in both branches of congress. Morning papers contained dispatches announcing he had successfully passed his crisis and was on the road to recovery. It was not until the members of congress reached the capitol that they heard of his death, and even then word spread slowly among the members, for the house was not in session.

In conformity with Mrs. Cushman's wish, there will be no congressional escort appointed to accompany the remains to Tacoma, but the body will be taken across the continent by a representative of the sergeant-at-arms of the house, who went to New York this morning. The house will not meet until Thursday. At that time Cushman's death will be announced, and adjournment probably be taken out of respect to his memory.

Senator Piles, who was with Mr. Cushman when the end came, returned to Washington last evening. He said Mr. Cushman passed away peacefully, being unconscious during his last hours. Heroic treatment was resorted to as soon as Mr. Cushman's condition took a turn for the worse, but he was so weakened that he did not respond to treatment. He sank steadily through the night and breathed his last at two minutes past 5 yesterday morning.

HOLDS UP BANK.

Heavily Armed Bandit Works in Broad Daylight.

Everett, Wash., July 7.—A lone robber held up Assistant Cashier E. C. Olson, of the Bank of Commerce, shortly before the bank closed yesterday afternoon, wounded Cashier J. L. Lyen and escaped with a few hundred dollars.

He fled on a bicycle to the north end of the city, then turned toward the waterfront. Here his pursuers found the satchel in which he carried his money. It contained only \$15. Deputies and citizens are searching for the man. Bloodhounds have been secured.

When the robber entered the bank he thrust two revolvers into Olson's face and commanding him to throw up his hands, laid down one gun and seized all the money he could reach and placed it in his satchel. He paid no attention to the few customers in the bank.

Cashier Lyen was in the rear end of the building. He ran down an alleyway and entered by the front door to take the robber by surprise and grappled with him. The robber shot three times, one bullet passing through Lyen's jaw and neck, making a serious wound. The robber then fled, with both Lyen and Olson shooting at him.

His hat was shot off and it is believed he was slightly wounded. He is supposed to have had a bicycle hidden in the vicinity, for he was next seen riding furiously north on one. He was seen by hundreds of people, but before armed citizens and officers took up the chase in automobiles he disappeared.

New Machine for Flying.

Victoria, B. C., July 7.—An airship which, the inventor asserts, will right itself within a few feet when started upside down and will fly from Victoria to San Francisco in less than five hours, has been built by A. W. Gibson, a Scotch engineer. The inventor proposes to make his first flight from Victoria to the Seattle exposition and has offered to wager \$1,000 that he can go the distance in half an hour. The airship embodies entirely new principles and is propelled by an engine weighing 222 pounds.

New York Tax Roll Out.

New York, July 7.—Andrew Carnegie and Mrs. Russell Sage are each assessed as possessing \$5,000,000 worth of personal property in New York City, on the rolls presented to the board of assessors today. John D. Rockefeller's personal assessment is \$2,500,000, and that of seven members of the Vanderbilt family aggregates \$1,340,000. J. Pierpont Morgan is down for \$440,000, while the late H. H. Rogers and William Rockefeller are each assessed \$500,000.

Gunnison Bore Finished.

Montrose, Colo., July 7.—The last round of shots in the East heading for the Gunnison irrigation tunnel was fired at 5:30 o'clock this evening. A few minutes later workmen from the two headings shook hands through the opening. The tunnel is six miles long and has been under construction four years and a half. This project has been carried out by the Federal Reclamation bureau at a cost of \$3,500,000. It will furnish water for the irrigation of 150,000 acres of land.

Hill to Invade Canada.

Helena, Mont., July 7.—There was filed with the secretary of state today an official resolution adopted by the board of directors of the Great Northern railway, showing its purpose to construct a branch line from Poplar, Valley county to the Canadian border, a distance of 80 miles. The inference is that the line will be extended further north, tapping the grain fields of Saskatchewan, thus invading the Canadian Pacific territory.

Use Cannon at Oil Fire.

Martinsville, Ill., July 7.—Fire, started by lightning in one of the 35,000 barrel tanks of the Ohio Oil company, was brought under control tonight. The tank was punctured by a cannon shot and most of the oil drained out. This prevented an explosion.

NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST FROM THE STATE OF OREGON

LA GRANDE IS LIVELY.

Work on New Water System to Be Completed Soon.

La Grande—Now that the new city charter has been adopted citizens are looking forward to the time three months hence when the \$160,000 municipal water project is completed. The contractors are building the 18 miles of pipe line and spending large sums of money for help and provisions.

A large bulk of the \$400,000 to be used for building the irrigation project will also commence to percolate back to the taxpayers, who bought \$100,000 in stock, for construction of the irrigation ditches will soon commence and laborers will be in great demand.

While the Commercial club and the publicity department has been doing these things of greater moment, real estate values have gone up and there is prosperity in the winds for all of Union county. Buildings are going up rapidly in the residence district and, while no large buildings are under construction, several smaller places in the business district are taking shape. Greater projects have been launched and successfully carried on in La Grande this summer and spring than any other time in the history of the city.

School Heads to Meet June 28.

Salem—The annual convention of county school superintendents has been called by J. H. Ackerman, superintendent of public instruction, to meet in his office Monday, June 28. Among the topics to be considered are school supervision, how it may be made more effective; school libraries, how to use them; annual institutes, most important subject to emphasize for all institutes this year; school sanitation, what has been done, what should be done; school board convention, value of, how to conduct.

Uniform Stock Contract.

Salem—The railroad commission has taken under advisement the matter of a uniform stock contract. Every section and clause of a proposed contract was threshed out thoroughly before the commission. Commissioner Jesse S. Jones, of the Washington state commission, was present, as also was Secretary O. O. Calderhead. Many railroad officials attended the hearing and every railroad in the state was represented by counsel.

Clatskanie Sawmill Burns.

Clatskanie—The Kratz & Anderson shingle mill at Hazel Grove, one and a half miles from here, was burned to the ground while the manager and crew were attending the Clatskanie celebration. A spark from the sawdust pile, which was supposed to be safely out, is thought to have caused the damage. The mill was constructed only last winter and gave employment to a crew of ten men.

Million for Long Tunnel.

Portland—A contract has been let by the Harriman system in this city for the boring of a tunnel through the peninsula between the Willamette and Columbia rivers at a point just north of this city. The tunnel will be 5,425 feet long and will cost about \$1,000,000. The work must be completed within a year. It will eventually be utilized by the Portland-Puget sound traffic.

New Weather Observatories.

La Grande—The government will soon establish weather observatories in all sections of the Blue mountains according to advices received here. The department has written to the La Grande Commercial club for names of people who could act as observers on the mountains and at the head of mountain streams to take measurements of the rain and snow fall.

Lumber Company Complains.

Salem—The Bridal Veil Lumber company has complained to the state railroad commission that the rates on lumber on the Mount Hood railroad are too high. The Bridal Veil Lumber company also claims that the Oregon Lumber company is owned by the railroad and that this company gets a much lower rate than other shippers.

Road Must Provide Shed.

Salem—In the case of G. N. Jack vs. the Sheridan & Willamina Railroad company, the state railroad commission has made an order requiring the railway company, within 30 days, to erect and maintain a suitable shelter shed at Willamina. The complaint regarding freight rates is dismissed.

Reclaiming Swamp Land.

Forest Grove—Plans are on foot among the ranchers of this section to drain the territory tributary to Louisgnot lake and the region adjoining Dairy creek, which for several months each year are inundated. A ditch has been dug for a mile and a half as an outlet for the waters of the lake to the channel of Dairy creek.

A baby Counts Up 5,636.

Albany—The population of Albany is 5,636, according to a census just completed by solicitors for a private directory. This includes only people inside the city limits, and excludes those in suburbs. This is regarded as a fairly accurate count of people inside the corporate limits.

Albany School Contract Let.

Albany—The contract for the building of the new Albany high school was let to Snook & Travers, of Salem. The contract price is \$44,700.

NEW LINE FOR PORTLAND.

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul May Build Connecting Link.

Portland—Entrance of another transcontinental railroad system—the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul—into Portland is regarded more than a certainty from the purchase by the Rockefeller interests of the Tacoma Eastern railroad. While the acquisition of this property by the Milwaukee road has not been announced officially, it is believed to be confirmed in the recent election of officers of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound railroads to the directorate and executive personnel of the Ladd & Tilton road. In the election referred to, H. R. Williams, president of the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound, was elected president of the Tacoma Eastern.

The present terminus of the Tacoma Eastern is Glenavon, which is about 60 miles northerly from Vancouver, Wash. By extending this line to Vancouver the Milwaukee people, by arranging for the operation of their trains over the Hill bridges across the Columbia and Willamette rivers, can secure an entrance to this city. It is apparent that the construction of an additional 60 miles of track will not prove an obstacle in the natural desire of the Rockefeller road to enter Portland. The length of the Tacoma Eastern is 92 miles and it extends into the Cowitz valley.

Strawberry Profits Good.

Wallowa—Strawberries are a profitable crop all over the Northwest, but there are few places where they produce larger returns than in the Wallowa valley. There are no large fields of berries here, but there are many small ones that are yielding immense returns for the labor and investment which they represent. G. A. Miller last year received nearly \$200 net from less than one-fifth of an acre. This year he has improved his fields and as the season is one of the best he expects to greatly exceed that yield.

Boys Do Not Need License.

Salem—County Clerk Allen has received a letter from State Game Warden Stevenson, of Forest Grove, to the effect that all deputies had been notified not to require women and boys under 15 to take out fishing licenses. The warden says the law plainly intended to exempt the women and children, and he believes it no more than justice to the state and those directly concerned to abide by the evident intent of the law.

Richland's Strawberry Festival.

Richland—The Eagle Valley Commercial club gave a strawberry festival in Bashow's hall here last week. Refreshments of strawberries, ice cream and cake were served. Prominent members donned white caps and aprons and acted as waiters. The proceeds will be used in advertising the valley and its resources.

Engineers at Grass Valley.

Moro—The Harriman railway forces have opened headquarters in the French and Downing building for the first 40 miles of the road up the Deschutes river. Rooms and board for 12 men are engaged permanently for the office force.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem milling, \$1.30; club, \$1.18@1.20; valley, \$1.17. Corn—Whole, \$5 per ton; cracked, \$36.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$41 per ton. Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$17@20 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$20@23; mixed, \$16@20.

Fruits—Apples, \$1@2.50 per box; strawberries, \$1.75@2 per crate; cherries, 2@10c per pound; apricots, \$1.25@1.35 per box; currants, 7@c per pound; loganberries, \$1.25@1.75 per crate; raspberries, \$2@2.25 per crate. Potatoes—\$1@1.50 per hundred.

Vegetables—Asparagus, 75c@90c per dozen; lettuce, head, 25c per dozen; onions, 12@c@15c dozen; parsley, 35c per dozen; peas, 3@4c per pound; radishes, 15c per dozen; rhubarb, 3@3@c per pound; spinach, 5c per pound.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 26@c fancy outside creamery, 25@26@c; store, 18c. Butter fat prices average 1@c per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, candled, 23@24c per dozen. Poultry—Hens, 12@12@c; springs, 16@c@18c; roosters, 8@9c; ducks, young, 12@13c; geese, young, 9@10c; turkeys, 18c; squabs, \$2@2.25 per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 10c per pound. Veal—Extras, 8@8@c per pound; ordinary, 7c; heavy, 6c. Hops—1909 contracts, 15c per pound; 1908 crop, 11c; 1907 crop, 6c; 1906 crop, 8c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16@23c; valley, fine, 23c; coarse, 21@c; mohair, choice, 24@25c.

Cattle—Steers, top, \$4.50@4.60; fair to good, \$4.25@4.40; common, \$4@4.15; cows, top, \$3.50@3.65; fair to good, \$3.25@3.50; common to medium, \$2.75@3; calves, top, \$5@5.50; heavy, \$3.50@4; bulls and stags, \$2.75@3.50; common, \$2@2.50.

Hogs—Best, \$8@8.15; fair to good, \$7.50@7.75; stockers, \$6@6.50; China fats, \$6.75@7.

Sheep—Top wethers, \$4; fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; ewes, 1@c less on all grades; yearlings, best \$4.15; fair to good, \$3.75@4; spring lambs, \$4.75@5.25.

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