

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

Heat in the East is again claiming children as its victims.

A California couple was married in an automobile in an effort to find some novel way.

The English house of lords does not favor the conscription plan of increasing the army.

Nationalists are in full control of Teheran and have summoned the Persian parliament.

Following Roosevelt's policy, Taft has withdrawn a number of water sites on public domain in the West.

Secretary Ballinger denies that he has quarreled with Secretary Wilson and says their relations are the best.

The commanders of Adana are to be court-martialed for alleged complicity in the Armenian massacres of last April.

Two trunks, said to contain the books of Heinze and the United Copper company, have been seized by government officials.

A man has been sentenced to serve seven years at San Quentin for his many marriages. He admits having been united to about 20 women during the past three years.

Floods around Kansas City have delayed mails.

Trouble in Kansas may tie up 38 coal mines, and throw 18,000 men out.

A tornado near Danville, Ill., did considerable damage to property.

The chances of Thaw being freed from the insane asylum now seem good.

Persian rebels have entered Teheran and there has been much fighting in the streets.

An explosion on the cruiser North Carolina killed Esign Aiken and blinded another man.

Taft and congress leaders have agreed to reduce the corporation tax from 2 per cent to 1 per cent.

A cloudburst at Orizaba, Mexico, drowned 100 natives. The property loss will reach \$500,000.

Castro has renounced all claims to the presidency of Venezuela, but wants to return home so that he may die on native soil.

A French woman is in America offering to sell one of her 29 titles. She says she needs the money and has been offered \$500,000, but wants a million.

Heat in Texas is causing much suffering.

Two arrests have been made in Chicago for bomb throwing.

W. D. Conner will try to secure La Follette's seat in the senate.

Immigration officials are at El Paso, Tex., inquiring into Chinese smuggling.

Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt and three children are at Naples, on their way to Rome.

E. E. Calvin, the Southern Pacific officer, is not yet out of danger, but is doing well.

Bryan says the time is at hand for all states to act in the ratification of the income tax.

A Detroit woman has confessed misdeeds in order to save her husband from the gallows.

Canadian officials say the report is false that the bars are to be let down to Chinese immigration.

Flood conditions along the Missouri and Kansas rivers have improved but little and much apprehension is felt.

M. Sakao, president of the Japanese sugar company, committed suicide when convicted of grafting by the government.

The Austro-Hungarian union is again menaced.

Prince Miguel, son of the Portuguese pretender, is to marry an American woman.

English suffragettes have succeeded in reaching Premier Asquith with their petition.

Ambassador Reid has given a dinner and dance to the king and queen of England.

Bolivians have mobbed the Argentine legation at La Paz, because of an adverse arbitration ruling.

There is an immense building increase in Chicago. At the present rate 1909 will show a gain of 60 per cent over 1908.

Hundreds of new cases of cholera are appearing daily in St. Petersburg.

A vigilance committee at Los Angeles prevented the elopement of a white woman with a negro. The colored man was horsewhipped.

John D. Rockefeller has given another \$10,000,000 to the General Education board. The board now has an endowment of \$52,000,000.

A severe earthquake shock is reported in India.

CUSHMAN IS BURIED.

Thousands of People Pay Tribute to Dead Congressman.

Tacoma, July 14.—Thousands of people paid the last tribute of respect and friendship to the late Congressman Francis W. Cushman yesterday.

The body lay in state at the armory from 10 a. m. to 1:30 p. m., where a wealth of flowers from Point Defiance park, which he was instrumental in securing from the government for the city of Tacoma, were banked about the casket. Among the floral designs was a large floral flag at half mast, sent from the Pacific Coast Lumber Manufacturers' association in recognition of his services in the tariff legislation.

Floral emblems were also sent by the Elks, Knights Templars, National Union, Grand Army of the Republic, chamber of commerce, Commercial club and other organizations.

The funeral address was made by Rev. Alfred W. Martin, who paid a high tribute to Mr. Cushman's sincerity. Ex-United States Senator John L. Wilson followed in a brief but eloquent eulogy.

The musical selections were Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar," and "Lead, Kindly Light." Following the public services, a private service was held at the armory and then the body was escorted to the Tacoma cemetery by Knights Templars and Masons and a detachment of troop B, National Guard. The services at the cemetery were in accordance with the Masonic ritual.

The honorary pall bearers included ex United States senators, governors, federal and state judges and representatives of civil and municipal organizations. Business was generally suspended and public offices were closed from 1 to 3 p. m.

NEW GERMAN CHANCELLOR.

Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg Will Succeed Von Buelow

Berlin, July 14.—Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg has been practically decided upon as Prince von Buelow's successor as imperial chancellor. The appointment will be recommended by Prince von Buelow at his audience with the emperor tomorrow and there is every reason to believe it will be made.

Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg is now vice-chancellor and minister of the interior. He is a college friend of the emperor. He is of Jewish origin and is 53 years old.

After the clerk of the reichstag had announced today the passage of the bill providing increases in the salaries of civil servants, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg rose and said that, as the representative of Prince von Buelow, he had a message from the emperor to be read. His communication was a decree closing the present session. The house will not re-assemble until next autumn.

As had been expected for some days, the Socialists, to show their disregard for monarchical institutions, remained seated while the message was being read. All other members arose. The Socialists then left the chamber, while the other delegates gave three cheers for Emperor William.

TWO PEAKS SINK.

Quakes and Volcanoes Play Queer Freaks in Far North

Washington, July 14.—The destruction of two imposing mountain peaks, the transformation of a bay into a lake, and the creation of two new islands are facts of nature discovered in Behring sea, by a government party and reported to the Treasury department today.

A report received by Captain Commandant Ross, of the revenue cutter Perry, says that a party from the revenue cutter Perry landed on Bogoslof island, on June 10 last, and found that a number of changes had taken place.

Perry peak and McCulloch peak have disappeared and the opening of the bay or lagoon, a pretty spot shown in pictures on file in the Treasury department, has closed up, forming a lake of warm salt water of a sea level.

In its center two small islands have sprung up. One of these islands is throwing off a volume of steam. The interesting phenomena are believed to have been caused by earthquakes and volcanoes.

Hill Contractors Active.

Missoula, Mont., July 14.—The arrival here yesterday of Chief Engineer W. L. Darling, of the Northern Pacific, and his departure tonight for Spokane, accompanied by a number of contractors who have been engaged in construction work for the road, has given rise to the report that the bids for the construction of the proposed Lolo pass cutoff between Missoula and the coast are to be opened in Spokane within the next few days and that contracts for the work will be let in that city and the work rushed.

Record Flight Made.

Orleans, France, July 14.—M. Bleriot made a successful landing at Chevilly today, having covered the 25 miles from Etampes in 56 minutes and 10 seconds elapsed time. This includes a stop of 11 minutes to examine his aeroplane. His average altitude for the trip was 100 feet. As the time limit for the flight from Etampes was six hours and there was no ruling against making a landing, M. Bleriot wins the prize of \$2,800.

Governor Johnson Ill.

St. Paul, July 14.—Governor John A. Johnson is seriously ill. He has already undergone three operations for appendicitis.

NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST FROM THE STATE OF OREGON

NORMAL FURNITURE SOLD.

State Building at Weston Dismantled to Pay Claims.

Weston.—The dormitory furniture of the Weston normal, including furniture of several rented cottages used by students who could not be accommodated at the dormitories, is being shipped to Walla Walla, where nearly all of it was purchased by one firm of dealers. The shipments will aggregate two carloads or more, and include a number of pianos.

The chemical and physics apparatus was also sold, and only the desks are left in the main building. With this exception the state's large school plant at Weston, valued at \$75,000 or more, has been practically gutted and the windows of the deserted buildings stare stonily upon a disheartened populace.

Last fall the Weston normal had an enrollment of 240 in the normal department and of over 100 in the training school. At the January session the legislature abandoned it in the middle of the school year, without a dollar to carry out the contracts with the teachers. Over 60 per cent of the teachers' salaries were then paid by local subscription and the senior class was graduated.

The state board controlling all three of the Oregon normals has since found it necessary to dispose of as much of the furniture and equipment as possible in order to meet certain claims for fuel and supplies which the legislature also left unpaid.

School Population 6,972.

Albany.—There are 6,972 children of school age in Linn county, according to the annual report of County School Superintendent Jackson. Of this number 3,524 are boys and 3,448 girls. The total enumeration is a gain of 404 over the total number of school children in the county in 1908. The report also shows that there are 230 teachers employed in the county, of whom 57 are men and 173 are women. There are 124 school districts in the county and 128 school buildings, five of which were erected during the past year.

Rate Complaint Portland Boost.

Salem.—In reply to the complaint filed recently with the Interstate Commerce commission by the Oregon State Railroad commission asking a reduction of wheel rates from inland points on the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company's main line and branch lines to transcontinental points on discriminatory grounds, the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company sets forth that the water competition enjoyed by the city of Portland compels the railroad to give Portland lower rates than can be given to inland points.

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.

Crater Lake Case Revived.

Salem.—Attorneys for the respondents have filed in the office of the Supreme court a transcript on appeal in the case of J. K. Sears vs. State Treasurer George A. Steel and Secretary of State F. W. Benson, known as the Crater Lake road case, in which the plaintiff Sears obtained in Circuit court a perpetual injunction restraining the state officials from issuing or paying warrants for the construction of the road.

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.

To Locate Halibut Banks.

Newport.—The gas-oil fishing ship Gazelle has left for Marshfield to secure the exact location of the halibut banks, situated midway between Yaquina and Coos bay. E. Mitchell, of Portland of the Oregon Deep Sea Fishing company, was on board to witness the results of the investigation, which is being carried on by the master, Clifford Baker.

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.

Libby Sells Lumber Interests.

Astoria.—George Libby, of this city, has sold his one-third interest in the holdings of the Palmer-Libby Logging company to the Peninsular Lumber company, of Portland. The logging company owns a large tract of timber, with logging railroad and camp, near Blind slough.

CONTEST CASES AFFECTED.

Entryman Need Not Sow Grazing Land Has Been Used.

La Grande.—A decision of the Interior department which means the dismissal of over 100 contest land cases on the Umatilla Indian reservation has been received at the local land office.

The decision was in the case of Daniel C. Bowman, and is a reversal of a former ruling by the Interior department that an entryman, after showing his land fit only for grazing purposes, must also show that the land has actually been used.

About 25 cases have been decided by the local land office officials contrary to the ruling of the department, and the recent decision from the secretary of the interior is a confirmation of the rulings of the local officials.

Dairy Business Profitable.

Tillamook.—Never before in the history of the dairying industry in Tillamook county have the checks paid the dairymen for the month of May been so large as this year, while all the cheese factories thus far report a large increase in the amount of cheese manufactured. Two years ago, in 1907, was the banner year for the highest prices ever paid for butter fat in this county, when it averaged about 35 cents per pound, but from present indications it will go above that amount for this year, also for the quantity of cheese manufactured and the excellent quality of the cheese placed upon the market, for all the cheese turned out at the cooperative association's factories is examined and passed upon by an expert inspector before it leaves the factory, all first-grade cheese bearing his stamp.

Vale Raises Seed Alfalfa.

Vale.—Owing to the backwardness of the spring, the alfalfa crop will be comparatively light this year in Malheur county. However, the seed crop bids fair to be exceedingly good. This is a new feature that has been introduced into farming within the last two years, and one that is gaining ground every year. Heretofore the alfalfa hay crop has been the major crop in this part of Oregon, but it has been found that the soil is better adapted to the raising of the seed, and that it is more profitable to cut only one early crop and then allow the alfalfa to seed.

Portland Firms Get Contracts.

Salem.—Portland concerns got most of the contracts for improvements at the state capitol building. Tiling first and second floors of the State House, contract awarded to Empire Tile & Mantle company for \$5,470. General repairs at State House, awarded to A. F. Peterson, Portland, for \$8,897. Concrete work, driveways and walks, Wiesko Keenen, Portland, \$5,950.75. Marble base for two floors, Schanen & Blair, Portland, \$1,190.

Train Service Very Poor.

Salem.—Dr. Thomas W. Ross, of Astoria, has complained to the railroad commission that trains on the Astoria & Columbia River railroad are constantly late—"not a period of a few minutes, but hours." It is alleged that the engines used are wholly inadequate and that trains are from 30 minutes to 2 hours late.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem milling, \$1.30; club, \$1.18@1.20; valley, \$1.17. Corn—Whole, \$35 per ton; cracked, \$36. Oats—No. 1 white, \$40@40.50 per ton. Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$17@20 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$20 @23; mixed, \$16@20. Grain bags—5 1/2c each. Fruits—Apples, \$1@2.50 per box; strawberries, \$2 per crate; cherries, 3@10c per pound; gooseberries, 4@5c; apricots, \$1.25@1.50 per box; currants, 7 1/2c per pound; loganberries, \$1.35 per crate; raspberries, \$1.75; black caps, \$1.75@2. Potatoes—\$1@1.75 per hundred; new, 2 1/2@2 1/2c per pound. Vegetables—Asparagus, 75@90c per dozen; lettuce, head, 25c; onions, 12 1/2@15c; peas, 4@5c per pound; radishes, 15c per dozen; rhubarb, 3@3 1/2c per pound; spinach, 5c. Butter—City creamery, extras, 28c per pound; outside creamery, 26 1/2@27 1/2c; store, 18c. Butter fat prices average 1 1/2c per pound under regular butter prices. Eggs—Oregon ranch, candled, 25@26c per dozen. Poultry—Hens, 12@13c per pound; springs, 16 1/2@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 1/2c per pound; ordinary, 7c; heavy, 6c. Hops—1909 contracts, 16c per pound; 1908 crop, 11@12c; 1907 crop, 7c; 1906 crop, 4c. Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16@23c per pound; valley, fine, 23c; coarse, 21 1/2c; mohair, 24@25c. Cattle—Steers, top, \$4.50; fair to good, \$4@4.25; common, \$3.75@4; cows, top, \$3.50; fair to good, \$3@3.25; common to medium, \$2.50@2.75; calves, top, \$5@5.50; heavy, \$3.50@4; bulls and stags, \$2.75@3.25; common, \$2@2.50. Hogs—Best, \$8.25@8.35; fair to good, \$7.75@8; stockers, \$6@6.50; China fats, \$6.75@7. Sheep—Top wethers, \$4; fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; ewes, 1/2c less on all grades; yearlings, best, \$4.15; fair to good, \$3.75@4; spring lambs, \$4.75 @5.25.

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