

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

Excessive heat caused an epidemic of murder and suicide in Chicago.

Governor Hughes, of New York, has returned home full of praise for the Seattle fair.

Charles Dakin, a melter at the Denver mint, has been arrested, charged with stealing government gold.

The Niagara Falls has claimed another victim, a young boy who was swimming in the river above the falls.

The reported acquisition of the New York Central lines by Harriman would give him a second transcontinental route.

The provisional government of Crete has sworn allegiance to the king of Greece and the powers will have to step in and take charge.

The fire chief of Roswell, N. M., shot and killed a man accused of being an incendiary after he had been fatally wounded by his antagonist.

Mexican officials say there is no doubt that congress will give President Diaz permission to cross the border into the United States to visit President Taft, who will later return the visit.

Corn is suffering in Nebraska from intense heat and lack of moisture.

The British house of commons has passed the South African confederation bill.

San Diego, Cal., police will arrest women appearing on the streets wearing kimonos.

Mexican officials deny the report that Porfirio Diaz, son of the president, has been assassinated.

Seven men and three women were mangled by an explosion of natural gas at Cleveland, Ohio.

The reports that Abdul Hamid, ex-sultan of Turkey, is dangerously ill, are denied at Constantinople.

Harriman has secured control of the Vanderbilt system, thereby adding about 12,000 miles to his lines.

Kiefer, Oklahoma, bank robbers surprised at their work, killed the city marshal and fatally wounded the cashier.

Prince Albert Leopold, heir to the Belgian throne, has just returned from the Congo and says conditions are satisfactory.

An earthquake has been recorded by the instruments in the weather bureau at Washington. The origin was estimated at about 2,500 miles distant in California or Mexico.

All records for attendance are being broken at the Seattle fair.

Moorish tribesmen make almost constant attacks on the Spanish forts.

The uncertainty of the wheat market will cause storage of much of the California crop.

There is serious difference between Great Britain and her colonies on the naval policy.

The Rock Island railroad has placed an order for 5,000 freight cars and 50 locomotives.

The powers will send a fleet to Crete to force the removal of the Greek flag and prevent a Turkish attack.

A storm in Chicago caused three deaths by drowning and a number of injuries. The property loss is heavy.

An explosion on a Russian submarine boat caused injury to 14 men, one fatally. The vessel was American built.

Millionaire Bradbury, of San Rafael, Cal., sentenced to serve a term in the penitentiary for perjury, has received a reprieve, but will have to serve 30 days in the county jail.

The shah of Persia is married. He is 11 years old.

There are rumblings of a revolution in Northern Mexico.

A hot wave in London has been the cause of many deaths.

Wholesale executions and fighting have been renewed at Barcelona.

Thaw has been given a few days' respite before returning to the insane asylum.

Almost the entire town of Milton, Del., has been destroyed by fire. The loss will reach \$100,000.

Johnson Porter says there is room along the Deschutes for two railroads, each having double tracks.

Greece will ask the advice of the powers before answering the last note of Turkey on the Crete affair.

Mrs. Parkhurst, the English suffragette leader, will soon visit the United States and deliver a series of lectures.

Rioting has occurred at Stockholm, Sweden, in connection with the strike. Dynamite has been used to blow up street cars.

Minister Wu, of China, has been recalled.

BAKER'S CRATER ACTIVE.

Vapor May Be Seen Rising From the Mountain at Times.

Bellingham, Wash., Aug. 8.—Stories of smoke seen arising from Mount Baker's snow-crowned dome following the earthquake in this territory last winter do not appear so far-fetched, following the investigations made by the Mazamas of vents in the crater of the huge extinct volcano.

The "vents" in the crater appeared especially active this year to some of the Mazamas. Secretary Lee, however, who ascended the mountain in 1900 and again in 1906, concludes that on the whole there is not any increase in the activity of sulphurous gases blowing out of the so-called "vents."

"One of the active vents is situated at the easterly end of this depression, and the other at the westerly end. The east vent is apparently by far the most active, the westerly one consisting at this time merely of cracks and fissures in the snow and ice through which the vapors escape. The west vent, however, consists of a hole extending down into the snow to the porous rocks beneath. It is perhaps 20 to 30 feet in diameter. The vapor puffs out intermittently, rising up in dense clouds, and the snow is crusted with sulphur deposits. I am inclined to believe that most of the visible vapor is merely steam arising from the overheated rocks, though the gases sometimes are almost overpowering."

RULE VANDERBILT LINES.

Wizard of Wall Street Has Option on Control of System.

New York, Aug. 18.—The elimination of the Vanderbilts from New York Central lines and the complete ascendancy of Edward H. Harriman in the control of more than 12,000 miles of railroad comprised in that system is declared to be the next important move in the railway world.

It is reported on what seems to be good authority that the Harriman backers have secured an option on the greater portion, if not all, of the Vanderbilt holdings and will soon close a deal in the interest of the "Napoleon" of the railway world. The option which has been obtained, it is stated, is on \$50,000,000 worth of New York Central, which is to be purchased for Mr. Harriman at \$150 a share.

The last report of the Union Pacific road shows that it has in its treasury \$14,000,000 worth of New York Central securities and it is generally believed that Mr. Harriman and a few of his friends have large personal holdings of New York Central securities.

The total capitalization of the New York Central is \$178,632,000 and it is understood that the option, if exercised, will give Mr. Harriman and his friends absolute control of the company. This carries with it the control of the West Shore and practical control, though not by stock ownership, of all roads in the New York Central lines system.

Germans Fight Yankees.

Paris, Aug. 18.—A dispatch from Port au Prince, Hayti, says that a group of Germans who for years have monopolized the commerce of that country, are conducting a violent campaign against the American bankers who are negotiating for a railroad system in Hayti. Germans control the newspapers of the country, which print strongly worded articles against the Americans and predict the annexation of Hayti by the United States. The Germans fear that if the railroad is built it will end their monopoly.

Ship Needed at Inquiry.

Vallejo, Cal., Aug. 18.—The Navy department having failed to issue orders temporarily detaching from the cruiser South Dakota Lieutenant Commander H. O. Stiekney and Lieutenant J. O. Fisher, who are members of the board of inquiry into charges of alleged inefficiency against Edward Kavanaugh, it is expected the South Dakota, on her return to Seattle, will be ordered to return to Mare Island to complete the inquiry.

Bogus Cash Made Abroad.

Philadelphia, Aug. 18.—With the arrest of Giuseppe Spica, of New York, secret service operators believe they have unearthed an unusual counterfeiting plot. Spica is alleged to be in league with a band of counterfeiters who have their plant in Italy, manufacturing American silver certificates. He was held today under \$2,000 bail for the September grand jury.

Nebraska Records Broken.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 18.—All local hot weather records for this year were broken yesterday, when the weather bureau reported a temperature of 103. Suffering has been intense. There have been no rains in this section for two weeks and reports from the country are that the corn crop has already been seriously damaged.

NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST FROM THE STATE OF OREGON

WALLOWA HAS FINE HAY.

Autumn Crop Will Be Close to 15,000 Tons, All Good Grade.

Wallowa—More than 15,000 tons of hay will be shipped from this valley this fall. The crop has been an excellent one, and the quality of the product is of the best. Outside buyers have contracted nearly all the crop that will be shipped, and local stockmen have bought up practically all that remains for sale. One Portland firm has bought 10,000 tons.

The hay is mostly alfalfa, timothy and clover. There is some wild hay and a small amount of grain hay. Other crops are in proportion to the hay crop, and this year will be one of the most prosperous ever known in Wallowa county, owing to the completion of the railroad and the ready shipping facilities thus afforded.

Land Values Jump.

Talent—In the spring of 1901 M. L. Pellett sold his 12-acre tract to William Lamb for \$800. About eight acres of it was seeded to alfalfa. A short time thereafter Mr. Lamb sold the tract to E. R. Oatman for \$1,000. Alfalfa did not look nearly so good to Mr. Oatman as he imagined growing apple trees would and he at once put this notion into operation. That spring he set the land to apple trees. Two years ago Mr. Oatman set the remainder of the tract to Bartlett pear trees. The consideration of a recent purchase was \$10,000 cash. It can be easily figured that this particular tract of land has grown in value in eight years just \$9,200.

Selecting Crater Lake Route.

Klamath Falls—B. F. Herdill, the government engineer who has been sent from Washington to make the preliminary location of the road from Medford and Klamath lake, has returned to the city, after spending several days looking over proposed routes to Crater Lake, both on the east and west sides of Upper Klamath river. Engineer Herdill has not sufficiently compared the several routes to justify a selection yet, and will spend considerable more time in his reconnaissance before rendering a decision. Before coming to this side of the mountains he had carefully looked over more than a dozen routes from Medford.

New School House at Agency.

Klamath Falls—Work is to be begun at once on the large new school building at the Klamath Agency. It will be remembered that last spring fire destroyed the main building used for educational purposes on the Klamath reservation. The contract for the new building has been awarded to W. B. Lovell, of Minneapolis, Minn. The building will be commodious and will be modern throughout. It will be of sufficient size to accommodate all future demands.

Electric Line Progressing.

Hillsboro—The United Railways, financed beyond doubt, has invaded Washington county with construction camps, and the foremen are hiring men and teams daily. There are camps near Phillips, at the Waibel place and all along the plains. The advent of the electric line will mean vast benefit to North Washington county. It will send up property values and furnish shipping accommodations that will mean a great saving to farmers.

Dredge Is to Be Kept.

Marshfield—The members of the Coos Bay port commission held a meeting and decided to guarantee \$50,000 for the maintenance of the government dredge Oregon, which is now at work in Coos Bay. This will be sufficient money to keep the dredge in operation until some time next summer and means that the work of improving the inner harbor will be constantly going on and that the dredge will remain here.

Wallowa to Boost.

Wallowa—The Wallowa Booster club has just issued 5,000 circulars descriptive of the town and surrounding country. These are being mailed out rapidly by business men and the secretary of the club. Already inquiries are coming in and the club anticipates a large number of home-seekers in the valley as soon as the colonist rates are in effect.

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.

Federal Building Started.

Baker City—After a prolonged wait of several years, Baker City people are actually witnessing the removal of dirt for the foundation of the Federal building. Building material is arriving daily and there is every evidence that the building will be pushed to completion without further interruption.

Farm Cut Into Tracts.

Junction City—The Bushnell farm, consisting of 348 acres, is to be subdivided into 10 and 20 acre tracts. The land will be surveyed in a few days and platted. This is a fine tract of land and will make desirable homes for a large number of families.

STATION FOR BEND.

Government to Gather Data on Water Resources of Interior.

Bend—A climatological station is about to be established at Bend, according to R. B. Post, of the United States Geological survey, who has done extensive work in this region during the last ten months, gathering statistics concerning Central Oregon water resources for a forthcoming government report. The purpose of the station is to record the temperatures, precipitation, evaporation, etc., of the region, considerable inquiry along such lines having been made of late at the Portland office, and no information being obtainable. Once established, the station will be under the jurisdiction of the weather bureau.

The purpose of Mr. Post's work is the publication of an official report concerning the water resources of this part of the state, with particular reference to tabulating authentic data relative to existing and contemplated irrigation schemes, a field of inquiry in which little has hitherto been done. Practically all the statistics necessary for the report have been collected, and the actual drawing up will be immediately undertaken, with the probability of completion within three months. To secure the desired information the government has maintained over 40 stations on the various streams.

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.

Apples for Mail Carriers.

Hood River—Hood River will have the honor of furnishing her apples at the National Mail Carriers' convention that convenes in St. Paul the latter part of August. At the banquet to be held, one of the beautiful Hood River booklets will be placed at the plate of each guest, about 400 in number, and the famous Gravensteins, from the orchard of Hon. J. L. Carter, will be served in a style illustrative of Hood River hospitality.

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.

Land at \$100 Per Acre.

Wallowa—W. W. Willett has sold his 80-acre farm just across the river west of Lostine to a Mr. Taylor of Eugene for \$8,000.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem, 95c; club, 90c; red Russian, 88c; valley, 91c@94c; Turkey red, 90c; 40-fold, 90c@91c.

Barley—Feed, \$26; brewing, \$27 per ton.

Oats—\$28@28.50 per ton.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$12@16 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$17@18; mixed, \$15.50@16.50; alfalfa, \$13.50; clover, \$11@13; cheat, \$13@14.50.

Grain Bags—5 1/2c each.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 31 1/2c; fancy outside creamery, 25c@31 1/2c per pound; store, 21c@22c. Butter fat prices average 1 1/2c per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, candled, 26 1/2c@27 1/2c per dozen.

Poultry—Hens, 15c per pound; springs, 16c; roosters, 9c@10c; ducks, young, 12 1/2c@13c; geese, young, 10c@11c; turkeys, 20c; squabs, \$1.75@2 per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 11c@11 1/2c per pound. Veal—Extra, 9 1/2c@10c per pound.

Fruits—Apples, new, \$1@2.25 per box; pears, \$1@1.75; peaches, 50c@1.25 per crate; cantaloupes, \$2@2.50; plums, 35c@1 per box; watermelons, 1 1/2c@1 1/2c per pound; blackberries, \$1.50 per crate.

Potatoes—75c@81 per sack; sweet potatoes, 3 1/2c@4c per pound.

Onions—\$1.25@1.50 per sack.

Vegetables—Beans, 4c@5c per pound; cabbage, 1c@1 1/2c; cauliflower, 60c@1.25 per dozen; celery, 75c@85c; cucumbers, 15c@20c; onions, 12 1/2c@15c; peas, 7c per pound; radishes, 15c per dozen; tomatoes, 75c@1.50 per box.

Hops—1909 contracts, 21c per pound; 1908 crop, 14c@15c; 1907 crop, 11c; 1906 crop, 8c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16c@23c per pound; valley, 23c@25c; mohair, choice, 24c@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.

Sheep—Top wethers, \$4@4.25; fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; ewes, 1/2c less on all grades; yearlings, best, \$4; fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; spring lambs, \$5.25@5.50.

Hogs—Best, \$8.75; fair to good, \$8@8.50; stockers, \$6@7; China fats, \$6.75@7.

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