

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 Eyes of the Busy Reader

Roosevelt has killed a big elephant and Kermit a hippo.

A company has been organized in San Diego, Cal., to build aeroplanes for sale.

An Arizona man has built an airship in which he flew eight miles and landed safely.

A famous painting by Murillo has been found in San Francisco, after being "lost" for 50 years.

Six aeroplanes took part in the aviation carnival, the Wright machines making the best showing.

A charge of wholesale peonage is made against former State Senator Smith, of Georgia, by about 50 negroes.

The entire crew of 26 on a Spanish steamer were drowned when the ship went down in a storm off the English coast.

The Duke d'Abruzzi is returning from his Himalayan trip and hopes to meet Miss Ekides before she leaves Europe.

Eight persons were killed and ten fatally hurt in riots at Schoenville and McKees Rocks, Penn. Troops have been ordered to "shoot to kill."

The Roosevelt hunting party, after making a long march through a waterless country, reached a water hole only to find it dry. They were forced to camp without water and on very short rations.

A wireless message from the steamer states that Harriman's condition is not at all reassuring. As soon as the Kaiser passes quarantine, a ferryboat will meet the vessel and take Harriman off. He will be rushed to Jersey City and taken in his private car to his home at Arden.

Thaw's mother claims he is badly treated at the asylum.

Extensive grafting has been uncovered at Montreal, Canada.

Telegraph companies have suspended new rules in regard to codes.

Harriman surveyors are at work on line from Eureka to Portland.

Taft confers with cabinet on interstate commerce and anti-trust laws.

The city of Monterey, Mexico, headquarters for the Reyes party, has been swept by fire.

Wisconsin politicians will try to involve President Taft in politics when he visits in that state.

Two more spectators and a mechanic were killed in the Indianapolis auto races, making seven in all.

Trans-Mississippi congress asks opening of mineral and farm lands in reserves and indorses Pinchot.

President Diaz, of Mexico, has sent more troops to check the Reyes movement and may be obliged to call off his meeting with President Taft.

Wellman's dirigible started for the North Pole, but a series of accidents ended finally in the explosion of the balloon and abandonment of the attempt.

One of the Moroccan rebel leaders has been captured.

Spanish warships are bombarding the position held by the Moors.

The Greek flag in Crete has been brought down by a shot from a foreign warship.

The row between Pinchot and Ballinger is likely to cause Pinchot's resignation.

A British battleship went ashore off the coast of England. It is hoped to save the vessel.

Heny has been nominated by the Democrats of San Francisco for prosecuting attorney.

Thirty-nine of Japan's leading business men have started for America for a tour of the United States.

Thaw has been returned to the insane asylum without special privileges. His mother will continue the fight.

The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad includes Bibles among the books furnished the library compartments of their trains.

Prohibitionists from all quarters of the country will celebrate in Chicago, September 22, the 40th anniversary of the founding of their party.

The standard of the G. A. R., carried in parades at national encampments for 20 years, has been missing since the parade at Salt Lake.

Harriman has started home apparently in good health and spirits.

A slight earthquake has been felt through Central Illinois and Iowa.

The trial of the Japanese strikers on Hawaiian sugar plantations is nearing an end.

Reports from Paris say Spain is anxious to negotiate with the Moors.

Americans in Mexico are forming a military company for the protection of American residents.

The contract has been signed at Pekin admitting Americans to a share of the Chinese railway loan.

The proposed visit of Taft to Seattle has rent the Sound city. The question is whether the president shall play golf or see the fair.

AIR FULL OF AEROPLANES.

Speed Record Broken—Wright Machines do Best.

Rheims, Aug. 24.—The spectacle of six aeroplanes simultaneously winging their flight in huge circles near the plain at Bethany here today marked the opening of aviation week. At the finish there was a great burst of cheers over this wonderful and impressive exhibition.

Intermittent showers and high winds prevailed, and the eliminating trials for the selection of the French representatives for the James Gordon Bennett international cup, which is to be contested next Saturday, were spoiled. Only LeFebvre, with a Wright bi-plane, Bleriot, Esnault-Pelterie and Captain Forber braved the gusty puffs. LeFebvre alone succeeded in negotiating the complete circuit of the course. He remained in the air for 16 minutes in a 25-mile wind, breaking the speed record heretofore held by Tissandier, covering 10 kilometers in 8 minutes 55 4/5 seconds.

Of the others entered in the trials, Bleriot was only able to cover a sufficient distance to qualify. Shortly before dark the rain suddenly ceased and the wind fell to a dead calm. The sky pilots soon were busy in getting their machines out. Latham was first away, ascending high from the start. He passed the cheering tribunes at the height of 150 feet. Lambert, Sommer, Cockburn, De la Grange and Fournier followed in quick succession, and as Latham was completing the first round, now at a height of 300 feet, six aeroplanes, like seagulls, were hovering over the field. Fournier was first down, falling head-on into a haystack as Lambert swept around into the second lap, his machine seeming to cut a brilliant rainbow.

Meanwhile LeFebvre started afresh and was followed by LaBlanc, Bunnau-Varilla, Tissandier, Forber, Bleriot and Paulham, until the entire air seemed filled with mammoth birds.

Latham came down after finishing the second round, the others gradually dropping out until only three Wright machines remained aloft. Lambert made four and LeFebvre and Tissandier three circuits each.

LeFebvre concluded with a thrilling demonstration of the maneuvering capacity of his machine, circling around the starting point, cutting several figure eights and swooping down over the people in front of the tribunes, Lambert finishing at the same time.

During this exhibition Lambert and LeFebvre passed each other twice and gave other evidences of control over their machines. The Wright aeroplanes alone completed the required three rounds.

All the principal automobile manufacturers have representatives here watching the contests with a view to embarking into the manufacture of motors.

Lieutenant Commander F. L. Chapin, American naval attaché, is here, having received cable instructions from the navy department to attend the contests.

FLEE BEFORE FLAMES.

Settlers Driven From Idaho Forests and Fires Still Rage.

Spokane, Aug. 24.—Fires raging in forests northeast and southeast of Spokane are destroying an immense area of splendid timber and driving the few settlers in the more isolated region to the river's brink for safety.

While the fire along the Pend Oreille river in Washington is under control, it still blazes furiously, having cut a swath a mile wide and several miles long. The damage will total an immense sum.

Terrific winds are blowing this evening near Sandpoint, Idaho, fanning small fires, which so far have been kept under control, and they threaten serious damage. A large fire south of Co-colalla threatens to destroy timber belonging to H. C. Culver. Eighteen men are now fighting this fire, but cannot subdue it.

The Lumbermen's Protective Association is pressing every available man into service to fight the flames. A large fire is reported to have done a great deal of damage at Naples, Idaho, but at present there is no means of communication with this place. Another large fire between Granite and Athol is reported to have destroyed a large tract of standing timber.

Forest fires have destroyed several farm houses in the vicinity of Port Hill, north of Bonners Ferry, Idaho, burning much timber also. Men cannot be had to fight the flames. West of Bonners Ferry a large force of men is working day and night to extinguish the flames, but have not made any headway.

A million dollars would not pay for the timber already destroyed, but it is difficult to estimate the exact loss. Forest rangers have the fire under control east of Bonners Ferry.

Crazed by Fool Questions.

San Francisco, Aug. 24.—George L. Root, a tourist conductor of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, who was found wandering about the railroad yards in a half-demented condition today, attributes his mental breakdown to the complaints, protests and questions poured into his unwilling ears by a party of tourists of which he was in charge on the trip to the coast from Kansas City. In his lucid intervals, at the hospital, he declared that the woes of his charges after a slight accident in Colorado caused his mind to become unbalanced from worry.

Wellman Will Try Again.

Camp Wellman, Danes Island, Spitzbergen, Aug. 16, via Christiansa, Aug. 24.—To the general relief of the members of the polar expedition, Walter Wellman, although disappointed at the mishap to his dirigible balloon, announced today that he was more determined than ever not to abandon his plan. Mr. Wellman plans to build a new ship, longer and narrower than that which exploded, and of high speed. Workmen today started enlarging the airship house for another campaign.

Cloudburst in Colorado.

Ouray, Colo., Aug. 4.—A cloudburst this afternoon caused a flood in this city more disastrous than that of a month ago. Portland and Cascade creeks overflowed. The water was three feet deep in the streets. No fatalities were reported.

NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST FROM THE STATE OF OREGON

WON'T LET DREDGE GO.

Coos Bay Citizens Put Up Cash and Want Work Finished.

Marshfield.—Coos Bay people are making a strong effort to retain the government dredge Oregon which has been at work on the harbor. Major McIndoe on stopping here, stated that the dredge would be taken away before the rainy season started and this aroused the people to action and Congressman W. C. Hawley, who has been in this city, was appealed to for help. The people have subscribed \$21,000 for running the dredge and the port of Coos Bay has guaranteed \$50,000 more for its maintenance. Congressman Hawley has wired to the war department, these facts, together with a protest against the removal of the dredge. It is held that the dredge was built for use on the Oregon coast at the instigation of Coos Bay citizens and should remain here. The channel in the upper bay has been dredged part way down, but all the shoals have not yet been removed and if the dredge is taken away, the work started will be left in an incomplete condition. The dredgings have been used to fill streets and low places in the city and without its further use portions of the city will be left unfinished. It was the understanding of the Coos Bay people that the dredge was to remain here as long as money for its maintenance was furnished.

Not After Land Office.

Klamath Falls.—Word has been sent to the commercial organization at Lakeview that the Klamath Chamber of Commerce is not indorsing the movement to move the land office to this city. This action was taken by the local organization at a meeting of the board of directors, in order to maintain the friendly trade relations existing between the two towns.

The object in asking for the removal of the land office from Lakeview was not to build up Klamath Falls and Klamath county at the expense of Lakeview, but to make it more convenient for land owners under the Klamath reclamation project to make payment of their water assessments. Under the present conditions the fees must be forwarded to Lakeview, causing the water users unnecessary expense and trouble.

Delegates to Good Roads Convention.

Salem.—Delegates to the second annual National Good Roads convention, to be held at Cleveland, Ohio, September 21 to 23, under the auspices of the American Automobile Association, the National Grange, the United States Office of Public Roads and the American Roadmakers' Association, have been appointed by the governor as follows:

A. J. Johnson, Corvallis; J. L. Carter, Hood River; J. H. Albert and John H. Scott, Salem; R. M. Dooley, Jr., Portland; W. G. Cole, Pendleton; H. P. Belknap, Prineville; A. T. Buxton, Forest Grove; H. T. Bots, Tillamook; Morris Vobser, Roseburg, and John D. Olwel, Medford.

New Railroad Along Coast.

Salem.—For the purpose of building a standard gauge railroad from Newport through Cape Foulweather and the town of Otter Rock to a point on the Siletz river, the Newport, Otter Rock & Siletz Railway Company has been incorporated. Articles of incorporation were filed in the office of the secretary of state this morning.

The new road is capitalized for \$100,000. The incorporators are E. M. Bradford, D. L. Kent and R. F. Baker. The corporation is endowed with power to acquire real estate and equipment and to do all things necessary to build the road from Newport to the Siletz river.

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.

Buys Hood River Land.

Hood River.—J. E. Robertson, Alex E. Reed and J. M. Culbertson have purchased 800 acres of fruit land from the Stanley-Smith Lumber company for the purpose of platting it into small tracts. The tract is said to contain some of the finest apple land in the valley. One section of it can be reached by the river road and the new road across Post canyon will also make a direct route to it. It is understood that the price paid was \$80 per acre.

Harriman Not Coming.

Klamath Falls.—"No, sir; Mr. Harriman is not coming to Pelican Bay," said Colonel W. H. Holabird upon his return from the east. He denies that there is anything to the report that plans had been made for Mr. Harriman and President Taft to meet at the Oregon home of the railroad king. He says that all rumors that Mr. Harriman is returning from Europe to come to Oregon for his health are groundless.

Indiana Mine Starts Up.

Baker City.—The Indiana mine, near Medical Springs, is to begin work August 20. Miners are being gathered and the company intends to continue work indefinitely. Offices are being established in this city and one of the company's officers will be in charge while Mr. Messner, who has been with the Indiana for some time, will have general management of the work.

New Grist Mill for Wallowa.

Wallowa.—The Wallowa Mercantile company has just installed in their grist mill at this place a full complement of new rolls and new machinery throughout, and have built an addition to the mill increasing its capacity to 75 barrels per day.

TEACHING SUPPLY SHORT.

University Unable to Supply Demand in State.

University of Oregon, Eugene.—The University of Oregon is experiencing its annual demand for men qualified to take country and town high school principalships, and finds the demand at present one practically impossible to fill, owing to the lack of material. These positions ordinarily pay not less than \$100 a month, and a number pay \$1,000 for the nine months' term. All university men available for this kind of work were taken early in the season, and if there had been twice as many qualified for these positions or prepared to teach special lines of work, such as mathematics and physics, there would have been no difficulty in placing them. The demand for teachers this year has also indicated that young men prepared to take charge of high school athletics, in addition to their regular subjects, are able to command some of the best positions.

Sells Weston Wheat Land.

Weston.—When Donald McKinnon sold his quarter section of land to Joseph Key for \$18,000, a new price was set on Umatilla county wheat land. Mr. McKinnon resided two miles from town. The price is at the rate of \$112.66 an acre, and indicates that Weston land is regarded as worth something by those acquainted with its unexampled fertility. Mr. Key started with a shoe string, and now owns about 450 acres.

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.

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.

Moving Pictures of Orchards.

Hood River.—Francis Boggs, accompanied by 13 assistants, is in the city and will remain a week to secure a general survey of the Hood River orchards for moving picture films. It is stated that this will be the first occasion where the orchard industry has been shown in moving pictures.

100,000 Bushels Wheat Bought.

Athens.—About 100,000 bushels of wheat have been bought by Athens buyers to date, which shows that many bushels are still sacked in the fields or in the warehouses. It is estimated that the yield for Athens this year will be 250,000 bushels, which leaves 150,000 yet to be sold.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem, 93c; club, 88c; red Russian, 86 1/2c; valley, 89 1/2c; Turkey red, 88c; 40-fold, 89 1/2c.

Barley—Feed, \$25.50@26; brewing, \$26.50@27 per ton.

Oats—\$27.50@28.50 per ton.

Hay—Yimothy, Willamette valley, \$12@16 per ton; East-rn 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 per pound; fancy outside creamery, 27 1/2@31 1/2c; store, 21@22c. Butter fat prices average 1 1/2c per pound under regular butter prices.

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

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

Pork—Fancy, 11@11 1/2c per pound.

Veal—Extra, 9 1/2@10c per pound.

Fruits—Apples—\$1@2.25 per box; pears, \$1.50@2; peaches, 75c@1 per crate; cantaloupes, \$1.75 @ 2.50; plums, 35@75c per box; watermelons, 1 1/2@1 1/2c per pound; blackberries, \$1.50@1.75 per crate.

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

Onions—\$1.25 per sack.

Vegetables—Beans, 4@5c per pound; cabbage, 1@1 1/2c; cauliflower, 40c@1 per dozen; celery, 50c@1; corn, 15@20c; cucumbers, 15@20c; onions, 12 1/2@15c; peas, 7c per pound; radishes, 15c per dozen; tomatoes, \$1@1.35 per box.

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

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

Cattle—Steers, top, \$4.50 @ 4.65; fair to good, \$4@4.25; common, \$3.75 @4; cows, top, \$3.50@3.65; 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@2.25.

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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