

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—Matters of National, Historical and Commercial Importance.

Taft favors the issuing of bonds to aid irrigation in the West.

In his speech at Spokane Taft praised both Ballinger and Pinchot.

The National Guard association will hold its next meeting in St. Louis.

Whitney believes that both Cook and Peary reached the North Pole.

Eight sailors were drowned by the sinking of a collier on the Atlantic coast.

Secretary Wilson, of the Agricultural department, will resign January 1.

Speakers at the Mining congress at Goldfield, Nev., revived the silver question.

Horace Clark has been appointed general manager of the Denver & Rio Grande railway.

District Attorney Jerome opposes Judge Gaynor in his candidacy for mayor of New York.

Bryan and Senator Bailey, of Texas, will debate the tariff question some time in October at Atlanta.

The British steamer Clan Mackintosh is reported to have blown up at sea and sunk with its crew.

More earthquakes are predicted for Sicily.

Spanish troops have burned many Moorish villages.

A French aviator has established a new record in Germany.

A Boston bride weighs 210 pounds and stands 6 feet one high.

Six children were badly injured in a school fire at Jersey City, N. J.

Harvard university has a Chinese athlete who is looking for honors.

A San Francisco highwayman has been sentenced to 50 years in the penitentiary.

The twelfth annual convention of the American mining congress is in session at Goldfield, Nev.

Mayor Galvin, of Cincinnati, has established a "kicking day," when all complaints are to be heard by the city officials.

George F. Baer, of the Reading company, says there is no combine among the anthracite coal companies of Pennsylvania.

Three miners were buried by a cave-in in a Goldfield, Nev., mine.

The physicians attending Judge Williams are hopeful of his recovery.

A big fight is on in Missouri between the breweries and prohibitionists.

A French army dirigible balloon exploded in the air and four aviators were killed.

The Omaha streetcar company will make concessions to its men and a settlement is likely.

Disease is breaking out in the district denuded by the hurricane along the Louisiana coast and more deaths are expected.

Reports from Morocco say the tribesmen have inflicted a terrible defeat upon the Spanish, driving them back and killing 7,000.

An American company will be awarded the contract over a British concern for furnishing the machinery for constructing a small arms factory in Australia.

Hunger among the Moors has led to overtures for peace.

A Colorado man 78 years old is to remarry the wife he divorced 50 years ago.

Moro pirates are thought to have captured an American cutter and murdered the crew.

Police of Omaha are busy in their efforts to prevent riots in connection with the streetcar strike.

Several English suffragettes in jail in London have refused to eat and had to be fed with a stomach pump.

Eastern railroads established cheap excursion rates from the Middle West to the Atlantic this summer with good results.

Clarence H. Mackay says the report that the Postal Telegraph company is about to absorb the Western Union is unfounded.

The Wright brothers are to start a fight against several flying machines which they consider infringements on their patents.

The late Governor Johnson, of Minnesota left no will, but it was his wish that his wife should have all his property, worth about \$18,000.

General Solicitor Loomis, of the Union Pacific, with headquarters at Omaha, is to go to New York to become head of the legal department of the Harriman lines.

A young Chinese at San Francisco has invented an aeroplane which has made several successful flights.

RATES ARE SUSTAINED.

Judge Wolverton Upholds Oregon Railroad Commission.

Portland, Sept. 29.—Laws establishing the Oregon State Railroad commission and the schedule of railroad rates established by that body, were declared valid in a decision handed down yesterday morning by Judge Wolverton, of the Federal court.

One important result of this decision will be to force the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company to refund about 14 per cent of the money the company has collected while the case decided yesterday before Judge Wolverton has been pending, since May 26, 1908, for freight carried between Oregon stations.

Judge Wolverton's decision was in the form of an order dissolving the temporary injunction granted the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company preventing the commission from enforcing its schedule of rates within the limits of the state. The restraining order was requested on the assertion by the company that the Railroad commission was organized in violation of the state constitution and that the rates established by it would influence interstate commerce illegally.

It has been charged by the company that the penalties provided by the State Railroad commission were exorbitant, but Judge Wolverton did not agree with this statement. He had compared the penalties in question with those in other traffic laws and was unable to find that the Oregon penalties were unjust.

HUDSON-FULTON PARADE.

Great Floats Pass in Review Before More Than 1,000,000.

New York, Sept. 29.—American history in visible form passed in review today before the eyes of more than 1,000,000 spectators that lined the route of the first Hudson-Fulton land pageant from the upper end of Central park to Washington square. Thousands of dollars and months of effort were spent to make this parade of 54 floats an accurate reproduction of the life in New York state from legendary Indian times that preceded the first settlement to the first voyage of Clermont in 1807.

The line of parade had to be selected with great care because of the great size of the floats, which are said to be the largest and most elaborate ever exhibited. They vary in dimensions from 20 to 40 feet high, 32 feet long and 14 feet wide. They could not pass under the elevated railroad, and even the electric decorations of the court of honor and reviewing stand on Fifth avenue, opposite the new public library, had to be changed at the last moment to accommodate them.

Nearly 20,000 men, women and children, most of them in costume, representing every national and patriotic society in the city, posed as historic personages on these floats or marched between or beside them. The cost of the whole spectacle was \$300,000.

On every available spot along the five mile line of march stands had been erected for spectators and the sums paid for seats varied from \$1 to \$5.

BANK IN SORE STRAITS.

Commissioner Takes Charge of Oklahoma Institution.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Sept. 29.—Following a secret session of the Oklahoma banking board, which lasted until 5 o'clock this morning, and included several informal conferences today, Bank Commissioner A. H. Young tonight announced that the Columbia Bank & Trust company, with a capital stock of \$200,000, was in his hands. This bank holds \$50,000 of the \$400,000 state bank guaranty fund. It also holds \$165,000 of the general funds of the state.

Bank Commissioner Young admitted tonight that the situation was very delicate.

"Should the bank close its doors tomorrow, however," he said, "the depositors will lose nothing. The bank guaranty fund deposit and the assets on hand will protect depositors to the fullest extent."

Mr. Young declined to give any hint whatever of way the bank finds itself in an embarrassed condition. It is believed some light on this feature will be forthcoming tomorrow.

Jap Strikers Go Free.

Honolulu, Sept. 29.—The jury in the second trial of the 10 Japanese who were arrested on charges of rioting during the recent strike at the Waipahu plantation disagreed tonight. This amounts to an acquittal under the local laws, as the men cannot be tried a third time. The men were among those, it was charged, who besieged E. M. Scoville, the plantation engineer, and Policeman Wells in a hut on the plantation. As this was the most serious disorder during the strike, it was decided to make an example of them.

Criticism General Grant.

Chicago, Sept. 29.—Protest against the appearance of General Frederick D. Grant in the uniform of his rank in the United States army in the temperance parade in this city last Saturday was sent today to Secretary of War Dickinson by the United States Societies for Self Government. Secretary Michalis asks if there is any rule of the War department governing such an appearance and requests that the reply be in the form of an open letter.

Cures Sleeping Sickness.

Paris, Sept. 29.—Dr. Laveran, of this city, has announced to the Academy of Science a new cure for the sleeping sickness. It consists of sub-cutaneous injections of an aniline emetic.

NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST FROM THE STATE OF OREGON

COVE'S APPLE CROP.

Estimate Places Output at 300,000 Boxes.

Cove—A conservative estimate of the fruit crop near Cove is 12 cars of early mixed fruits, 30 cars of prunes and five cars of late mixed fruits 30 cars of prunes and five cars of late mixed and 300,000 boxes of winter shipping apples, although there is only a 60 or 50 per cent crop this year. There is a full crop of plums, pears and prunes, but the late rains have cut down the yield in other fruits.

All of the big prune growers in the valley are scouring the country for help and are finding it very hard to secure enough pickers. This is the first year for seven years that all of the prune crop has been packed for fresh shipment; in previous years a large part of the crop has been dried. From 250 to 300 people are required here to pick the prunes and the growers have been forced to bring in about half of these from the outside. In a few days the Italian prune crop will be ready for picking and this will last about three weeks.

With such a crop as this and with a quality of fruit that is unequalled, Union county and Cove should be celebrated for the fruit grown here.

Elmore Buys More Land

Astoria—Negotiations are in progress and will probably be consummated soon for the purchase of 50 feet of valuable water frontage in this city. Samuel Elmore is the purchaser, and the property extends from the Astoria Iron works to the property of F. L. Parker, now occupied by the Astoria Wood & Fuel company. With this purchase Mr. Elmore will own the frontage from the Astoria Iron works to the cold storage plant of S. Schmidt & Co., except the Parker 50-foot strip. With his other waterfront holdings, including his control of the property of the Columbia River Packers' association, he will control more Astoria waterfront than any individual or corporation.

Feed Fat Cattle at Haines.

Baker City—Indications are that Haines, eight miles north of Baker City, will be the feeding point for the Swartzchild & Sulzberger Packing company. That concern has just arranged to procure winter pasture and also to contract all the hay that can be purchased in the valley. Stock will be shipped from Idaho points and probably some will be driven in from the interior. Cattle will be held at Haines on feed until the plant at Portland desires to consume the stock. Hay prices have made a marked advance since buyers for the packing plant entered the field.

Railroad Assessment Boosted.

Medford—The Southern Pacific will pay taxes on this year's assessment on a valuation of \$38,000 per mile on its road through Jackson county. The valuation on the taxroll for 1908 was \$30,000 a mile. The basis for the increase in valuation made by Assessor W. T. Grieve was that the Southern Pacific in an affidavit before the state railroad commission had placed a cash value of \$65,000 per mile on its roads in Oregon. The company has 58.2 miles of road in Jackson county, which by the new valuation will amount to \$2,211,000.

Railroad Must Rebuild Highway.

Hood River—The committee appointed by the Hood River Commercial club to devise means to construct a highway from Hood River to Portland finds that the railroad company is specially bound to replace and repair all portions of the wagon road destroyed in the construction of the railroad through Wasco county. It is expected that the company will be called upon to make good by Wasco and what is now Hood River counties.

Lane County Farm Sold.

Cottage Grove—The Nelson farm of 375 acres, on Row river, three miles from this place, was purchased last week by John Spray of the Spray-Wynne Hardware company of this city, the purchase price being \$16,000. Mr. Spray will begin at once digging a gravity irrigation ditch from the Curran bridge, about a mile above the farm and intends irrigating the entire tract, which is very fertile.

Linn Property Changes Hands.

Albany—Land in Linn county is daily changing hands. Among the latest sales reported which brought good prices are the 240 acres of the farm home of W. R. Wray of Jordan to J. J. Burkhardt and George Townsends of Portland at \$40 per acre. Mr. Wray retained 302 acres. Martin Stupke, of Scio, has sold his 300-acre farm to Henry A. and Albion Dolezell, recently of California, for \$11,000.

Bridge to Span Willamette.

Springfield—The Portland, Eugene & Eastern bridge across the Willamette here will be built. The contract has been let to L. N. Roney, and the cost will be about \$40,000. There will be four concrete piers 10x30 feet at the base and 30 feet high above low water, supporting three spans of 200 feet of Howe truss design, and of sufficient strength to carry any load that may be put on them.

Hops Sell at 21 Cents.

Woodburn—O. L. Barber has sold his 1909 crop of hops, weighing 9,000 pounds, to Fred Dose at 21 cents per pound.

HAWLEY WILL AID.

Pledges His Support for a Deeper Harbor at Tillamook.

Tillamook—Congressman Hawley paid this county a visit to ascertain what is required in harbor improvements and to familiarize himself with the situation. The members of the Port of Tillamook commission took him to Tillamook bay, showing him the need of improving Hoquarton slough, giving it a nine-foot channel from Tillamook city to the bay, also for the improvement of Tillamook bar.

The business men honored Mr. Hawley with a banquet which was largely attended, a delegation from Bay City being present, as there is a great deal of interest being taken at present to get these two projects started. All of the large timber owners are vitally interested in the improvement of the bar on account of a large proportion of their timber being matured and will soon begin to deteriorate.

Congressman Hawley was warmly received when he rose to speak, and after commending the people of the county for the splendid improvements which were going on, said he was heartily in sympathy with the people in demanding these improvements, for the great timber resources of the county demanded a waterway so that it may be transported to all parts of the world.

The congressman was greatly disappointed in the adverse report of Captain McIndoe, and it was his intention to appeal and make a strong fight for the improvement of Tillamook bar and to get the government to assist in the straightening and deepening of Hoquarton slough.

Cow Creek's Big Peaches.

Glendale—Two peaches are on exhibition at the Commercial club rooms that demonstrate that the Cow Creek valley is strong on peach culture. The fruit was raised by R. H. Springer, and is of the Early Crawford variety. One peach measures 10 3/4 inches in circumference, and the other 10 1/2 inches. The Cow Creek valley produces as good fruit as grows anywhere, yet the fruit industry is in its infancy in this section.

Yield Over \$2,500 Per Acre.

Dayton—From 30 trees in the orchard of J. L. Dumas, near here, 547 boxes of apples were gathered last week. This is an average of over 18 boxes per tree. The receipts from the 547 boxes were \$64.25. Of the total 472 boxes were sold for \$1.50 per box and 75 boxes at 75 cents per box. This yield from an acre would be, 8213 boxes and the gross receipts from the same would be \$2,547.50.

Berkshire Hogs Shipped.

Hermiston—A carload of fine hogs, the third in two weeks, has been shipped by J. F. McNaught, of the Maxwell Land & Irrigation company. For more than a year Mr. McNaught has kept registered Berkshire stock which won laurels at the county fair. Another two carload shipment will be made in a few days.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem, 95c; club, 86c; red Russian, 84 1/2c; valley, 89c; fls, 86c; Turkey red, 86c; 40-fold, 88 1/2c. Barley—Feed, \$25.50@26; brewing, \$26.50@27 per ton. Oats—No. 1 white, \$27@27.25 per ton.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$15@16 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$17.50@18.50; alfalfa, \$14; clover, \$14; cheat, \$13@14.50; grain hay, \$15@16.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 36c; fancy outside creamery, 33@36c per pound; store, 21@22c. Butter fat prices average 1 1/2c per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, candled, 32 1/2c per dozen.

Poultry—Hens, 16@16 1/2c per pound; springs, 15 1/2@16c; roosters, 9@10c; ducks, young, 14@15c; geese, young, 10@11c; turkeys, \$0; squabs, \$1.75@2 per dozen.

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

Fruits—Apples, \$1@2.25 per box; pears, 50c@\$.1.25; peaches, 75c@\$.1.25 per crate; cantaloupes, 50c@\$.1.25; plums, 25@50c per box; watermelons, 1c per pound; grapes, 80c@\$.1.25 per crate; Concord, 25c per basket; casabas, \$1.50@2 per crate; quinces, \$1.50 per box.

Potatoes—75c@\$.1 per sack; sweet potatoes, 2c per pound.

Onions—\$1.25 per sack. Vegetables—Beans, 4@5c per pound; cabbage, 1@1 1/4c; cauliflower, 75c@\$.1.25 per dozen; celery, 50@75c; corn, 15@20c; cucumbers, 10@25c; onions, 12 1/2@15c; peas, 7c per pound; peppers, 4@5c; pumpkins, 1/2@1c; squash, 5c; tomatoes, 50c per box.

Hops—1909 Fuggles, 20@21c; clusters, 21@22c; 1908 crop, 17c; 1907 crop, 12c; 1906 crop, 8c.

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

Cattle—Steers, top quality, \$4.25@4.50; fair to good, \$4; common, \$3.50@3.75; 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, \$2@2.25; stags, \$2.50@3.50.

Hogs—Best, \$8; fair to good, \$7.75@7.85; stockers, \$6@7; China fats, \$7.50@8.

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

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