CURRENT EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Doings of the World at Large Told in Brief.

General Resume of Important Event Presented in Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

Friends of Taft have started a boom for his renomination.

William Kieth, a California painter of world-wide fame, is dead.

A killing frost has destroyed half the fruit crop of the Sacramento valley.

The Illinois legislature refused to change its present township local option law.

Senator Rayner, of Maryland, tells the senate he does not look for any trouble with Japan.

There is every indication that W. J. Bryan is trying to get the presidential nomination for 1912.

French winegrowers destroyed several million gallons of chamgagne in riots against a recent label law.

A California woman has been operated upon for kleptomania, and doctors declare that she will have no further inclination to steal.

The Good Roads commission of Illinois reports that about $10,000,000 a year is wasted by ignorant road supervisors in that state.

H. L. Jackson sued the East Side Lumber Co., of Portland, for $7,500 for the loss of an arm, and got a verdict for the full amount.

A member of a scientist expedition was found in the Mojave desert of Nevada almost dead from hunger and thirst. It is thought he will recover.

A tornado swept Mssouri, killing three persons in St. Louis, and injuring many. An 8-story elevator full of wheat was blown into the Missouri river.

A S. P. train struck a three-ton boulder on the track in Nevada and narrowly escaped being thrown into Donner lake.

The Postal department is trying to stop an endless chain of letters which was begun 12 years ago by an Australian girl who wanted enough postage stamps to paper her room.

Mexican rebels captured Agua Prieta after a desperate fight. Many buellts came across the line into U. S. territory, and American troops finally crossed over and induced the Mexican government troops to surrender. Two Americans were killed and several wounded by the stray bullets.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, 86 @86½c; club, 83c; red Russian, 81c; valley, 83c; 40-fold, 84c.

Barley—Choice feed, $26.50@27 ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, $22 per ton; middlings, $30; shorts, $23; rolled barley, $28@29.

Corn—Whole, $28; cracked, $28@28.50 ton.

Oats—No. 1 white, $28.50@29.50 per ton.

Hay—Timothy, Eastern Oregon, No. 1, $20@21; mixed, $16@18; alfalfa, $12.50@14; clover, $11.50@12.50; grain hay, $13@15.

Apples—Fancy, $2@2.75; choice, $1@2; common, 50c@$1 per box.

Vegetables — Asparagus, 6c per pound; green onions, 20c dozen; head lettuce, 50c dozen; hothouse lettuce, $1.25 box; radishes, 30@35c dozen; rhubarb, $1.25@1.50 box; sprouts, 9c; carrots, 85c@$1 hundred; parsnips, 85c@$1; turnips, 85c@$1; beets, 90c @$1.

Potatoes — Oregon buying price, $1.50@1.65 per hundred.

Onions—Buying price, $2@2.10 per hundred.

Poultry—Hens, 21c; broilers, 30c; turkeys, 21c; ducks, 20@23c; geese, 12@14c; dressed turkeys, choice, 23 @25c.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, candled, 20@21c; case count, 19c.

Butter—City creamery, extra, 1 and 2 pound prints, in boxes, 29c; less than boxes, cartons and delivery extra.

Pork—Fancy, 10@10½c.

Veal—Fancy, 85 to 125 pounds, 11 @12c.

Cattle—Prime steers, $6.50@6.85; choice, $6.25@6.50; good to choice, $5.75@6; fair to good, $5.50@5.75; common, $4.75@5; prime cows, $5.25 @6; good to choice, $4.75@5; fair to good, $4.50@4.75; poor, $4@4.50; choice heifers, $5.25@5.50; choice bulls, $4.50@4.75; good to choice, $4.25@4.50; fair to good, $3.75@4; common, $3@3.50; choice light calves, $7.75@8.75; good to choice, $7.50@7.75; fair to medium, $7@7.50; choice heavy calves, $5.25@5.50; good to choice, $5@5.25; fair to medium, $4.75@5; choice stags, $5.25@5.50; good to choice, $4.50@5; fair to medium, $4@4.50.

Hogs—Choice, $7.70@7.80; good to choice, $7.50@7.55; choice heavy, $7.25@7.50; good to choice, $7@7.25; ommon, $6.50@7; stock hogs, $8@8.25.

Sheep — Choice yearling wethers, grain fed, $5@5.25; old wethers, $4@4.50; choice ewes, grain fed, $4.50@4.75; fair to medium, $3.75@4; spring lambs, extra quality, $10; choice lambs, grain fed, $5.50@5.75; good to choice lambs, grain fed, $5@5.50; fair to good lambs, grain fed $4.75@5.25; culls $2.50@3.50.

NURSES SAVE PATIENTS.

Heroism in Burning Hospital Prevents Loss of Life.

San Fancisco—Flames broke out Saturday morning in the old St. Francis hospital on California street, near Devisadero, one of the worst fire traps in San Francisco. That scores of patients were not injured or killed is due to heroic rescue work performed by a corps of nurses, headed by Miss W. Lewis, who was in charge of the wards on the third floor where the fire broke out.

The moment the blaze was discovered Miss Lewis, shouting for assistance, fought her way into the room of Nathaniel Josephs, 81 years old, and carried the elderly patient to safety.

Returning to the building, Miss Lewis assisted her companion nurses, to remove patients who occupied wards on the third floor, where the fire was raging.

Through smoke-filled hallways and down narrow staircases the valiant nurses on the third and second floors carried their charges until every room in the annex had been cleared. The smoke at times was blinding and choking but the white-capped messengers did not look to their personal safety or make an attempt to save any of their personal effects until the report had gone forth that all of the patients had been removed to safety.

What added to the danger to the patients in the annex was the fact that the structure was absolutely devoid of outside fire escapes. All of the patients had to be carried down the long, narrow stairs and through the narrow corridors. Had a panic occurred in the wards it is probable that scores of nurses and patients would have been killed.

F. W. BENSON IS DEAD.

Oregon's Secretary of State and ex-Governor Dies Peacefully.

Redlands, Cal., April 15.—Frank W. Benson, ex-governor of Oregon and for the past five years secretary of state of Oregon, died here early yesterday morning. He came here last December in poor health. After staying a week at the hotel Casa Loma, he took apartments with his wife and servants. They made few friends while here, living a retired and secluded life.

Only Secretary Benson's immediate family was at the bedside when death came. It was thought that Secretary Benson had rallied somewhat, but early in the morning he took a turn for the worse. His death was not unexpected. The family had practically given up hope for his recovery when they arrived in Los Angeles last winter.

KEEP BULLETS AT HOME.

Mexican Belligerents Notifield to Keep Off American Soil.

Washington, D. C.—President Taft is determined not only that battles between Mexican Federals and insurrectos shall not be fought on American soil, but that future combats must not be fought out so close to the American line as to put in jeopardy the lives and property of Americans.

Through the State department the president thas notified the Mexican governent that it must see to it that hereafter no such unfortunate incident as that at Agua Prieta, when two Americans were killed and 11 wounded, be allowed to occur. Through the War department and the department of justice, there were sent similar warnings to both sides.

The view expressed at the White house was that these warnings would be obeyed to the letter.

Gift Elephant "White."

Berkeley, Cal.—The skin and skull of a big elephant which Theodore Roosevelt shot in Africa, and presented to the University of California, after it had been prepared at the Smithsonian institute, has proven a sure-enough "white elephant." As there is no room for an elephant in any of the appropriate places in the halls of the university buildings, it was said that the big pachyderm may be sent to the university museum of anthropology in San Francisco.

Jap Question Stirred Up.

Washington, D. C.—Represenative Baker, of California, has introduced a resolution calling on the president for all correspondence in possession of the president or secretary of state and the secretary of war relating to Japanese immigration to the United States and its possessions.

The resolution also asks the president to inform congress what is being done by the executive department of the government to restrict further immigration into this country and its possessions of Japanese coolie labor.

Chinese Storm Legation.

Victoria, B. C. — According to advices brought by the steamer Antilochus the Chinese legation at Tokio was seized by 300 Chinese students last Saturday morning, who caused the Chinses minister, Wang, to take flight, and terrorized his staff.

The students broke into the legation and held a mass meeting to protest against China's weak policy against Russia, regarding the Mongolian situation.

Birdman Takes Sisters Flying.

Brussels, Germany—Aviator Lansor flew Saturday in an aeroplane from the aviation field at Kiewit to the Belgian capital, carrying his three sisters as passengers. The distance flown was 87 kilometers (about 54 miles), which is a new record for a cross-country aeroplane flight with four persons.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

LOAN FUND EXHAUSTED.

Students at O. A. C. Must Leave Unless They Can Borrow.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—The student loan fund of $500, given to the Oregon Agricultural College at the opening of the present college year by Senator R. A. Booth of Eugene, for the temporary assistance of self-supporting students, is exhausted. This means that some of the hardest working and best students in the institution, both young men and young women, will have to drop out, since, with all their struggle to make their own expenses, they must depend upon an advance of $5 to $75 to tide them over until they are out and earning, where they can pay it back.

Since the existence of the fund was announced a large number of petitions have come to the trustees which upon careful examination proved to be entirely worthy. The fund, however, could care for only about half the applications, and hence, unless the fund is renewed from some source shortly, a number of the students who have won high grades in their studies while working their way through, will have to give up their studies for the rest of the year.

The student requests brought to light some interesting facts as to the courageous endeavor of some of the Oregon youth to gain special training in their chosen line. One young man requested a loan of $25 that his sister and he may finish the year's work. By renting two small rooms and doing their own housekeeping they have been able to complete two years of their course.

One young man who requested assistance made the highest grades of any student in the institution during the first semester, in one of the heaviest and most difficult courses. A young woman requested a loan of $5 in order that she may be able to get through the next two months before commencement, with careful management. Since she is earning her own way in order to gain a college education against her parents' wishes, she is entirely on her own resources.

A senior, who has shown such splendid ability that he has been able to complete the four year course in three years, has asked for a small loan in order to complete his work with his class in June. In spite of his necessity for earning all of his expenses, his work in his studies has been of excellent grade

Practically 25 per cent of the entire student body is entirely sef-supporting, 55 per cent are partially dependent upon what they can earn; and only 20 per cent of the whole enrollment—most of whom are girls—do not have to work for the money to pay their college bills

ASYLUM WILL BURN OIL.

Saving of $15,000 a Year in Fuel to Be Effected.

Salem—Contracts were entered into between the state board and the Standard Oil company for fuel oil to be furnished to the Oregon state insane asylum during the next three years. The contract is $1.08 a barrel delivered, f. o. b. Salem. This oil when used, the board has estimated, will be equivalent to $3.50 a cord if wood were used, wood now costing the state $4.50 a cord. During the three years the board expects to save $15,000 on this contract alone. Recently oil was $1.35 delivered in this city, or $1 f. o. b. Portland the present cost being 80 cents f. o. b. Portland.

During the three years starting July 1 the board expects to use 45,000 barrels of fuel oil. The cost of installing storage tanks and burners at the heating plant at the asylum will be approximately $2,850, the board consequently expecting to effect a net saving of $12,150 on the change from cordwood to coal oil.

"This plan will also be beneficial to Salem," said State Treasurer Kay. "People of Salem are finding difficulty in securing wood because the institutions use such immense quantities of it, and frequently wood famines have resulted. The board hopes to use oil at the penitentiary later in the year."

Institute Plans Made.

Astoria—Columbia county will unite with Clatsop in holding a joint teachers' institute in this city during the Centennial celebration and while the exact dates have not yet been set, the session will be about September the first. Heretofore the Clatsop county institutes have been held during the Spring. The program will consist principally of lectures on subjects connected with the early history of the original Oregon country.

Could Not Let His Orchard Go.

Central Point — Fred H. Hopkins, who for five years owned the Snowy Butte orchard and sold it something over a year ago to John R. Allen of New York City, has purchased back at a price exceeding the sale price that part of the orchard lying east of the railroad tracks, including the house and the celebrated section of Winter Nellis pears, and will return to reside upon it in the near future.

Plant 15 Acres to Cantaloupes.

Pendleton — J. W. Muir, of Freewater, is to have the only exclusive cantaloupe farm in Oregon, if not in the Northwest. He has just announced his intention of planting his entire 15 acres to the melons, and has sent to the Rocky Ford gardens in Colorado for tested seed. Four different varieties will be planted.

REPLANT OREGON FORESTS.

O. A. C. to Solve Problem of Continual Revenue From Timber.

Corvallis, Ore.—The solution of the problem of making the timber lands of the state continuously remunerative, which also means the preservation of the water powers, seems at present to have been found by the Oregon Agricultural college. When the work in forestry was separated from that in botany and made a distinct department under Prof. George W. Peavy and E. O. Siecke, of the U. S. government forest service was added to the faculty, the facilities for instruction and for practical work by the students were greatly increased, and so ne immensely valuable experimental work in silviculture has since been started on Mary's peak and elsewhere.

A small forest nursery has been started on the campus at the south of the horticultural greenhouses, where the classes in silviculture have practical work in growing the young forest trees to solve reforestation problems. They are taught how to grow the seedlings, and how to transplant them successfuly, with all the methods of reforestation in cut-over or burned-off districts. The Australian pine, Norway spruce, European larch, Scotch pine, white pine, Western red pine, Western red cedar, black locust, and the Gerald pine, an important timber pine of India which is of considerable commercial value, all are being grown in this nursery plot.

On Mary's peak valuable experimental work to determine the relative merit of fall and spring planting of various kinds of timber was begun last fall, and is being continued this spring. Experimental plots have been sown, both fall and spring, to Austrian pine, Norway spruce, European larch, and Scotch pine. Careful record will be kept of the December and March plantings, through which it is hoped to obtain information which will prove which is preferable for the different varieties.

SMUDGE POTS SAVE FRUIT.

Temperature Sinks to 25—Little Loss Over Northwest.

Medford—General firing throughout the orchards of the Rogue River valley is saving this year's fruit crop from the ravages of Jack Frost. In places the temperature has been as low as 26 degrees, but for a short time only. The orchard men are still on the lookout for frost and fuel in the smudging pots is kept replenished.

Milton — No frost has harmed this section at any time this season. Fruit prospects are fine.

La Grande—Thanks to a drop in the temperature several days ago, no harm whatever has been done to orchards by the recent storm; in fact, orchard men agree that it has helped to retard the budding. At this time the trees have not reached a stage of development that frosts will injure. A canvass of the fruit districts of the valley reveals confidence for a big crop.

SHEEPMEN ASKED TO PROTEST

Dan Symthe Says Change in Schedule K May Ruin Them.

Pendleton—Dan P. Smythe, secretary of the Oregon Woolgrowers' association, is sending letters and night letter blanks to 1,000 sheep men throughout the Northwest, urging them to telegraph immediately to Senators Bourne and Chamberlain, protesting against any change in tariff schedule, and asking that the question of revision of the wool tariff not be considered until at least after tariff commission reports.

He insists that Western wool growers realize their responsibility and awake to the realization that any reduction in this tariff will mean great damage to the industry.

He urges also that the sheepmen be prepared when the tariff commission calls upon them within the next few weeks to furnish data on the exact expense of running their sheep and the amount of proceeds they receive from the sale of sheep and wool, showing that only a fair profit is made under present conditions.

Record Price for Livestock.

Portland last Friday paid the record price for cattle of all descriptions. For fancy grain-fed stock from La Grande $7 per hundred pounds was secured, while a lot of hay-fed stock from Central Oregon went at $6.90. These transactions were the highest prices ever received in this market for this time of the year. The hay-fed lot was the first shipment to come out of Central Oregon over the new Harriman line. It was sent from Gateway.

Excursion to Rose Festivel.

From St. Paul and Minneapolis will come a Pullman excursion to the Rose Festival, personally conducted. The train will be run over the Northern Pacific and North Bank roads, arriving in Portland the second day of the big carnival. This will be the first excursion from the Mississippi and Missouri valleys and will arouse considerable interest all along the route.

Make War on Weeds.

Hood Riverr — No more noxious weeds for the Apple City, is the edict of Mayor Hartwig, who has called the attention of the city council to the state law relative to the matter. The mayor has decided that this law must be enforced.

PATTON TO HELP MANKIND.

"Special Service" to Be Wheat King's Guiding Star.

Chicago—"Special Service" is to be the guiding star of James a Patten in the distribution of his fortune for the benefit of humanity during his lifetime.

Mr. Patten has declared that "a man should dispose of great wealth for the benefit of the community," that "social service is the one great thing in life," and so he has set about the disbursement of his wealth and has given to the most appealing charities no less than $2,000,000 within the last six months.

Half a million dollars was donated to the cause of medical research in the "white plague." Another large contribution was for the protection and education of that neglected class called by William L. Bodine "the children of the pathetic estate."

A public park has been provided for in Evanston; substantial aid has been extended to the Young Men's Christian association for enlargement of the scope of that institution in dealing with the young men of this and succeeding generations; generous assistance has been afforded to the cause of education in the Northwestern University and a large sum given to the Evanston hospital, besides the responses to the almost innumerable appeals that have come to him from the widows, the orphans, the poor and the distressed.

Mr. Patten's intense interest in the tuberculosis investigation dates from the death of his brother from that disease.

WOMAN MAYOR INSTALLED.

She Says One of Sex Will Be Chief of Police—Ban on Pool Halls.

Hunnewell, Kan.—The first meeting of the city council of Hunnewell under the new suffragist administration was held Tuesday evening, Mrs. Ella Wilson taking her seat as mayor.

After the old council had disposed of unfinished business, the new members organized and the mayoress proceeded to deliver an informal inaugural address.

She pointed out conditions in Hunnewell that needed rectifying and explained the hope that her associates in the council would co-operate with her in seeking to improve the standard of morals by reforming certain abuses.

Mrs. Wilson's remarks were understood to be directed especially toward the pool halls, which Mrs. Wilson believes exert a corrupting influence upon young men. She wants to put the institutions out of business with a high license tax.

Mrs. Wilson said she would appoint Mrs. Rosa Osborne, defeated candidate for police judge, to the office of chief of police. Mrs. Osborne, it is understood, has agreed to accept that office, provided she is given an assistant.

The councilmen have not shown much warmth toward some of Mrs. Wilson's plans.

One councilman went so far as to say that the council would not support Mrs. Wilson's appointments and that there would be no license for the pool halls.

BARS UP IN ASIA MINOR.

Russia Opposes American Railroad Interests In Country.

St. Petersburg—That Russia is opposed to American railway projects in Asia Minor is for the first time officially acknowledged in an interview which the editor of the Novoe Vremya has had with the acting minister of foreign affairs, M. Neratoff.

The minister said Russia regarded the recent acquisition of a railroad outlet at Alexandretta by Germany with indifference, as Alexandretta is outside the direct sphere of Russian interests.

On being asked why Russia, according to reports, had intervened and insisted that Turkey reject the American railroad project of securing an outlet at Mersina, the minister replied that the American proposals introduced into Asia Minor an entirely new element, which not only considerably complicated the railroad problem, but affected the general political situation in which Russia was interested.

Balloon Flight Failure.

St. Louis—With only three sacks of ballast remaining out of 47 they carried when they left San Antonio, Tex., Lieutenant H. E. Honeywell and J. W. Tolland, of St. Louis, landed 15 miles south of Little Rock, Ark., and gave up their attempt to lower the Lahm balloon cup record. This is the third attempt within a year to lift the cup by starting from San Antonio. Clifford Harmon tried it in the spring of 1910 and landed in Arkansas. February last William Assman, of St. Louis, started, but landed in Missouri.

Navy Gunners Marvels.

San Diego, Cal. — According to a current repot which is generally credited, the battleship South Dakota, while engaged with the California and Maryland in target practice off this port, recently made a record with six-inch guns that has hardly a parallel. Firing at five different targets at a distance of 10,000 yards, the South Dakota, according to the report, made a record of 34 hits out of 35 shots with her six-inch guns.

Bibles Conceal Crime.

Chicago — After the arrest of Andrew Buktus, on a charge of counterfeiting, Uited States secret service men found a counterfeiting plant for raising $2 bills to $20, hidden under a pile of bibles in Buktus' room. When arrested Buktus said he was a bible salesman. In a case under the bibles was found a set of dies and tools, together with several altered bills.

TORNADO KILLS 23 IN SOUTHWEST

Destruction Spread Through Kansas and Oklahoma.

Eight Dead at Big Heart, and Every Building Razed—Schoolhouses Fall on Children.

Kansas City, Mo., April 13.—Twenty-three persons are reported dead, with at least 100 injured, two towns practically swept away, scores of buildings demolished and thousands of dollars' worth of property damaged as the result of a tornado that raged in Kansas and Oklahoma today.

The tornado was accompanied by rain, hail and lightning. Many buildings were struck by lightning and burned.

Western Missouri was visited by a rain and hail storm, but this section was not in the main path of the storm.

Telegraph and telephone wires were rendered useless in the worst stricken sections and it is probable that the complete report of the death roll and the property damage will prove much greater than they now appear.

The tornado levied its greatest toll of dead at Big Heart, Okla., where eight persons were killed, ten injured and almost every building in the town wrecked.

Whiting, Kan., was practically wiped off the map, 60 buildings being blown down, 30 persons hurt and Mrs. David Stone killed.

At Powhattan, Kan., a woman and a child were killed.

A high school building was wrecked at Eskridge, Kan., a number of houses damaged and from 15 to 20 persons injured.

At Hiawatha, Kan., a schoolhouse was blown down, an 8-year-old boy named Pelton killed and several buildings struck by lightning.

Several persons are known to have been hurt at Netawaka, Kan. A child was killed at Manville, Kan.

The Kansas end of the tornado started near Whiting and swept in a southeasterly direction for a distance of more than 50 miles.

In Kansas City the storm did little damage. A few horses were killed by ligtning and some buildings struck. The rain lasted about an hour and was heavy. Hail accompanied the storm.

Two more deaths were reported from near Hiawatha late tonight. Geraldine Meisenheimer, 10 years old, and a small child of Otis Mellott are the victims.

The Meienheimer girl souht refuge with three companions in a country schoolhouse and the building was wrecked soon afterward. The dead girl's companions were injured. It is not known how the Mellott child met its death.

Forty persons seriously injured were taken to Tulsa in stock cars tonight. The Midland Valley railroad officials report four dead and over 100 injured. Many of the injured, it is believed, will die and many more are dangerously hurt.

PREPARATIONS COMPLETE FOR PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

Washington—Initial steps to bring about peace in Mexico have been taken here. Dr. Vasquez Gomez, head of the confidential agency of the revolutionists in the United States, announced to the Associated Press that he had completed special arrangements for expeditious telegraphic communication between the camp of Madero in Chihuahua and Washington.

Assurances have been given by the authorities concerned that the messages will have right of way over the Mexican telegraph lines. Dr. Gomez' message was addressed to Francisco I. Madero in care of a friend in Chihuahua city.

The agent there of Dr. Gomez has been accorded permission to pass through all lines to execute his mission.

Famous Gun Roars Again.

Agua Prieta, Mex.—Interesting information has been received here relating to the movements of the "Blue Whistler" cannon, which is en route from Juarez to Ojinaga, where General Jose Sanchez is preparing to attack the besieged Federal forces of General Luque. This cannon is one of 12 captured by the Federal forces from the rebels at Valverde, N. M., during the American civil war. Recently the cannon was stolen and taken across the line and turned over to the rebels, who placed it in hiding.

Sumter's Flag is Found.

Lowell, Mass.—The flag which flew over Fort Sumter, when it was fired on 50 years ago, is thought to be in the possession of Miss Eliza Cowley, of this city. Miss Cowley says that while in Charleston during the war, her brother Charles, now dead, was presented with the flag and that it has always remained in the Cowley family. Her brother, Miss Cowley says, maintained that the flag was the one which Major Anderson displayed.

Hillman Gives Big Bond.

Seattle—Clarence Payton Hillman, the millionaire real estate dealer convicted of using the mails to defraud and sentenced to serve two and a half years in the Federal prison at McNeill Island and pay a fine of $5,200, filed bonds amounting to $215,000 to gain his liberty pending an appeal.