

CURRENT EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Doings of the World at Large Told in Brief.

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

The fashion show at the Coliseum in Chicago has ruled out all sorts of frills for men's wear.

The mayor of New York will prohibit the distribution of free beer to firemen and policemen.

Forest fires have broken out afresh near Whitefish, Mont., and are destroying valuable timber.

Count Zeppelin, undismayed by his many failures and misfortunes, will build another airship.

An army transport has on board, bound from Seattle for Manila, a Filipino sailor 101 years old.

John D. Rockefeller has been ordered by his physician to take whiskey baths to maintain his bodily vigor.

Japanese and Portuguese fans had a general fight at a ball game in Honolulu between Japanese and Chinese players.

Attorney General Wickersham has decided there is no law under which the statue of Gen. Robert E. Lee can be removed from the national capital.

Captain Bernier, of the British navy, has been commissioned to take his ship through the Northwest passage, and incidentally to plant the British flag on any lands he may discover.

Troops have been ordered home from Durand, Mich., where they had been on duty in connection with the Grand Trunk strike. Before they left, the troops and civilians played a game of baseball, the proceeds of which went to the strikers.

A Chicago paper claims \$35,000 was collected to be used in bribes to elect Hopkins senator.

Stockton doctors declare that the adulterations in ice cream cones cause infantile paralysis.

Germany has turned down the plea of Nicaragua for intervention against the United States.

Farmers in Imperial valley, Cal., are becoming desperate over the delay in the irrigation project.

Minnesota Democrats have nominated John Lind for governor, but he positively refuses to run.

A Tacoma thief turned in a fire alarm and then robbed the fire station while the company was out.

It is said the Western Federation of Miners is likely to affiliate with the American Federation of Labor.

A coasting vessel plying between Seattle and Alaskan ports reports having run through a herd of 20,000 walrus.

Fourteen accidents occurred in the lower Columbia and Willamette rivers in 48 hours, but none very serious and no lives were lost.

The coroner's jury returned a verdict that Ira G. Rawn, late president of the Great Monon railway, died by his own hand, presumably to escape graft disclosures.

The Mount McKinley expedition failed to reach the summit of Mount McKinley, and is now returning to Seward, Alaska.

Tacoma is having a big legal fight with its streetcar company.

Bryan was deposed as a Democratic leader by the state convention of Nebraska.

The steel business of the country has increased many millions over the same period last year.

Alaska census enumerators did much of their work when the mercury was 70 degrees below zero.

A range war between cattlemen and sheep men has broken out in Montana and serious trouble is expected.

The O. R. & N. will reduce grain rates to compete with the Northern Pacific in hauling grain to the Sound.

Five inmates of the criminal ward of the Oregon state insane asylum escaped. Three were recaptured immediately but the other two are still at large.

The skeleton of a young woman was found in a sack half buried in the sand on the beach at Newport, Or. It is believed the woman was murdered and has been dead many years.

The conductor of a Northern Pacific switching crew, was run over by cars at Tacoma and had both legs severed below the knee. As he lay on the ground waiting for an ambulance he coolly gave orders for the work of the crew for the rest of the day and chatted with the men.

The mayor of Toledo, O., was arrested for breaking the speed limit in his automobile, but was released when he made himself known.

Official census returns give Oklahoma City a population of 64,205.

Saskatchewan, Manitoba, expects to harvest a wheat crop of 60,000,000 bushels.

Rock Springs, Wyoming, was seriously jarred by several shocks of earthquake.

The Chicago grain market is flooded with orders to buy corn.

A gale reaching 60 miles an hour did much damage in St. Louis and put the street cars and telephones out of business.

A shortage in the accounts of Irwin Wilder, assistant cashier of the Russo-Chinese bank of New York City, amounts to \$600,000.

Three occupants of an automobile were instantly killed and the other two badly injured while racing with a railroad train for a crossing.

WAR IN SPAIN INEVITABLE.

Pretender Don Jaime Ready to Lead Carlists to Battle.

San Sebastian, Spain.—At the conclusion of a conference between King Alfonso and Premier Canalejas, it was announced that Marquis Emilio de Ojeda, Spanish ambassador to the Vatican, had been recalled.

At the same time the opinion was expressed that a rupture with the Vatican was inevitable. Senor Canalejas told the king that the government could not accept the conditions of the Vatican's last note, and that the Vatican would be so informed.

Don Jaime, the pretender, has issued a manifesto in which he says he will lead the Carlists in the battle which he intimates is coming soon.

The general situation is complicated by the arrest among the miners in the Catalonian provinces and the occasional clashes between the Catholic and non-Catholic elements throughout the country.

Marquis de Ojeda himself in addition to pleading illness, has been insisting on his return, on the ground that the position at Rome no longer was tenable, and that he considered a rupture between the Vatican and the government imminent.

Premier Canalejas, referring to the Vatican's last note, which declared that unless the decree of June 11 permitting non-Catholic societies to display the insignia of public worship was withdrawn, negotiations looking to the revision of the concordat would be discontinued, said the government would tolerate no imposition.

Spain's recalling Ambassador de Ojeda, it is expected, will be followed by the departure from Madrid of Mgr. Vico, the papal nuncio, when the rupture will be complete.

Senor Canalejas is preparing for a supreme battle. In addressing a Liberal organization he declared that Spain was struggling for liberty of conscience, "Poor Spain," he said.

"If we succumb, it will be decadence. The government, which possesses the confidence of the king, will save Spain despite all and against all. The struggle we wage is not anti-religious, but anti-clerical. We count upon the army, a majority in parliament, and reason."

BILLS GREATLY PADDED.

Ex-Clerk of Car Repair Firm Gives Strong Testimony.

Chicago.—F. W. Belmont, ex-clerk of the Memphis Car Repair company, padded bills against the Illinois Central as high as 1,000 per cent, according to his own testimony before Master in Chancery Mason.

He declared that H. C. Ostermann, president of the repair company, and his assistants, went so far as to substitute bills of the Ostermann Manufacturing company, of West Pullman, for those of the Memphis concern and to paste on the West Pullman bills the "O. K." of the Memphis inspector.

The average padding of bills, the witness said, was between 40 and 50 per cent.

Belmont was asked concerning the transfer of the car inspectorship at Memphis from one Crabtree to W. H. Moore. Mr. Ward, a officer of the company, according to the witness, desired to be rid of Crabtree because he saw too much, and refused to "O. K." bills until they were completed.

"Ward told me he would get someone who could not see so much," said Belmont.

GUTHRIE STILL CAPITAL.

Officials Who Moved State Offices Must Now Return.

Guthrie, Oklahoma.—The State Supreme court has handed down a decision in the capital removal case to the effect that Oklahoma's capital shall remain at Guthrie until the legality of the election recently held is determined and the courts have settled the constitutional question embraced in the provision of the enabling act that Guthrie shall remain the capital until 1913, and that an election shall be held after that time to establish a permanent capital.

In obedience to the decision, all state officials who have removed their offices to Oklahoma City must return to Guthrie.

Asbestos Fraud Charged.

New York.—On the charge of Mrs. William T. Bull, widow of the noted surgeon, that she had been defrauded of \$35,000 in an investment in an asbestos company, John Qualey and Harry Wiley Corbett, officers of the company, appeared in court and heard Mrs. Bull tell the story of the alleged fraudulent transaction.

The arrest of Corbett, who is a prominent architect and assistant professor in Columbia university, created marked surprise. The plans for the Maryland Institute in Baltimore were of his drawing.

Sheriff Has New Clews.

Newport, Ore.—Although the mystery of the gunny-sack murder remains unsolved and the woman's skeleton unidentified, Sheriff Rose has unearthed some clews which may lead to the discovery of the murderer of Miss Sophia Nola, who disappeared October 16, 1914, while a guest of the Bayview hotel in company with her sister and brother-in-law, Edward C. Alloway.

Sheriff Rose is unwilling to divulge the nature of the clews for the present. He says that the Nola case will be thoroughly investigated.

Chinese Are Massacred.

Douglas, Ariz.—Reports reached here Friday of a massacre of Chinese and their families at Yaqui, a town on the Yaqui river, in Mexico. Several were killed by a mob, who are said to have been enraged by the commercial activity of the Chinese. Among the victims were a number of Chinese women, whose bodies were hacked to pieces. Rurales are said to have captured 17 of the assailants, whose leaders, it is reported, will be shot.

Cream Cones Are Seized.

Kansas City.—Local government officials, acting upon orders received from Washington, confiscated 50,000 ice cream cones consigned to a local drug company. The government alleges the cones are impure.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

FINE TIMBER BURNING.

Forests Ablaze in Yellow Pine Section Near Medford.

Medford.—A forest fire is raging about nine miles out of Butte Falls, and about three miles square of yellow pine timber is said to be burned over. The timber is said to be valuable, averaging 4,000,000 feet to the quarter section.

The fire originated in the embers of the small fire on Fourbit creek inside the national forest. A stiff breeze is fanning the flames and driving the flames westward.

A force of 25 men under the direction of John Holst, ranger, is fighting the flames and a call has been sent to Medford for more men. The Iowa Lumber company, on whose land the fire is burning, organized a force of fire fighters at Butte Falls and sent it to help the government forces.

Manager Hafer, of the lumber company, says that the fire will do but little damage as long as it is in the yellow pine, which is not brushy, but fears are entertained that the fire will reach the Douglas fir belt, a short distance to the west, where the fire will be more disastrous, as that kind of timber is very brushy.

There are no settlers in the burned area.

USE CURRENT MOTORS.

Malheur County Farmers Organize to Irrigate 12,000 Acres.

Ontario.—The Snake River Irrigation district, limited, is a new corporation organized in Malheur county for the purpose of irrigating the lands comprising 12,000 acres located between Malheur Butte, two miles west of Ontario, and on the north side of the Malheur river, and west of the Snake river, and extending to a point opposite Weiser, including the famous Dead Ox flat.

These lands are to be irrigated by means of current wheels to be installed in the Snake river, the wheels to be run by the power of the water. This is a new plan of pumping for irrigation purposes in Oregon and Idaho. This plan has been tried out at Pasco on the Columbia river, where water for irrigation purposes has been successfully lifted 220 feet.

The plan of the Snake River Irrigation district is to install two of these pumping wheels in the Snake river, one of which will be at the mouth of Jacobson's gulch, five miles north of Ontario. One of these plants will lift the water 46 feet above the river. The other plant will lift the water 103 feet above the river.

Work on the first lift has been commenced and it is expected to have this finished within 90 days. Thirty men are at work.

Corporations Pay Up.

Salem.—Oregon corporations are not to be sued in the United States court for failure to pay the taxes provided by the new revenue law. Only two companies are delinquent and both of them have made arrangements to pay their corporation tax before the end of July. All the others have paid.

Of the 7,000 Oregon corporations which were required to submit reports of their business for the year 1909, only between 900 and 1,000 were found to have earned a net income of more than \$5,000. The taxes assessed against the corporations which earned more than the exempted amount of \$5,000 net income, range from sum of 20 cents to \$14,000.

Water Plants Complete.

Bandon.—A committee of the City council, headed by Mayor Mast, has been investigating conditions with the view of locating the reservoir for which the city voted \$60,000 of bonds. It is probable that the reservoir will be located three or four miles out, to get pressure for fire purposes.

The old water system, which is owned by the Bandon Light & Water company, is becoming inadequate for the needs, but the company is putting in two reservoirs and will have a big supply. This company has a franchise, and its intention is to compete with the municipal system.

Build Second School House.

Estacada.—The contract for the new schoolhouse has been let for \$5,685. The building will be erected on the north side of the present school building and will be a separate building, but joined to the old building by a hallway. The new building is to be a duplicate of the old one and will be 41x68 feet in dimension, containing four rooms. Provision also is made to install a heating system. The contract price does not include the heating plant.

Vale Land Office Busy.

Vale.—The local United States Land office is the busiest place in Vale. Homesteaders and persons looking for information, with others who want to prove up on their land, are keeping Register Kester and Receiver Guider overwhelmed with work. So far, sixteen homesteads and six desert claims have been placed on the records, while the Minidoka & Southern railroad has filed for right of way across a small strip of land in order to get to Nyssa.

Wasco Out of Debt.

The Dalles.—Wasco county is practically out of debt and has \$41,095 in its general fund with which to meet current expenses, according to the semi-annual report of the county treasurer just published. During the past six months it expended \$23,714.70 on roads and highways, which was its heaviest expense. Its next heaviest expense was its state tax, the half-yearly payment being \$12,441.18.

Vale Lets Contracts.

Vale.—The contract for the construction of the Vale water and sewer systems has been let to the American Light & Water company, of Kansas City, for \$63,490. The city has been bonded for \$75,000. Work must be completed in four months.

ENGINEERS START SURVEYS.

Astoria & Columbia River Railroad Will Construct Cut-Off.

Astoria.—A force of Astoria & Columbia River railroad engineers has arrived from Portland and are making detailed surveys for the proposed cut-off at Tongue Point.

The cut-off is to start at the commencement of the big curve a short distance west of the John Day river and run through the bluff several hundred feet south of the present track. It will then follow the short line back of the Hammond Lumber company's mill and continuing along on solid ground to a point about 200 feet west of the Astoria Box company's plant, where it will connect with the existing trestle.

The main object in making the change is to do away with the heavy curve at Tongue Point, as well as with a long stretch of trestle that is expensive to keep in repair.

A cut is to be made through the bluff at the point and the earth secured there will be utilized to fill in the grounds at the depot.

APPLE CROP TO BE SAVED.

Court Appoints a Receiver to Care for Hood River Orchard.

Hood River.—In order that a \$15,000 apple crop on a 30-acre Hood River orchard, the title to which is in litigation, may not be wasted, C. H. Sprout has been appointed receiver on behalf of the United States court.

The property was formerly owned by Oscar Vanderbilt, who sold to Minette Thullen, Bishop and Joseph Thullen. Differences as to the payment of the purchase price caused the matter to be brought to the attention of the courts.

Since the suit was started the apples have begun to ripen and it was shown the court that the value of the product to be harvested is at least \$500 per acre. The bond of the receiver was fixed at \$5,000.

Nehalem Jetty Work On.

Astoria.—L. Houston is sending a number of men to Nehalem to begin work on the construction of the jetty on the south side of the entrance to the bay, for which he was awarded the contract a short time ago. He has also engaged several of the men who were working for the Lyle road and Mr. Stark, who has had charge of the building of the railroad between Tillamook and Nehalem, will be Mr. Houston's superintendent of construction. The first work is the opening of the rock quarry near Garibaldi.

Coots Bay Prepares for Carnival.

Marshfield.—The Carnival association has appropriated about \$3,000 for the carnival to be held on Coots Bay one week, beginning August 15. The association will spend \$1,200 illuminating Marshfield and North Bend and has also laid aside enough money to offer good prizes for boat races. Boat owners from Astoria will enter the races here and an effort will be made to secure the fastest speed boats on the Coast for the regatta.

Fire Destroys Mill Flume.

Eugene.—Fire has broken out anew on the logged-off land of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company above Wendling and has destroyed about 1,750 feet of log chute. All the company's employees, numbering 300 in that section, are again at work in an effort to keep the fire out of the standing timber.

Mile of Cement Walk to Be Laid.

Jacksonville.—More than a mile of new cement walk will be laid in Jacksonville this summer. Surveys have been completed on Oregon, California and Fifth streets and work has begun. The council will endeavor to rush the work to completion this summer.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem, 94@95c; club, 86@87c; red Russian, 85c; valley, 86@87c.

Barley—Feed and brewing, \$24 ton. Hay—Track prices: Timothy, Willamette valley, \$18@19 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$20@22; alfalfa, new, \$13@14.

Corn—Whole, \$32; cracked, \$33 ton. Oats—No. 1 white, \$28@29.50 ton. Butter—City creamery, extras, 33c; fancy outside creamery, 31@33c per pound; store, 23c; butter fat, 33c.

Eggs—Oregon candled, 26 1/2@27c; Eastern, 24@25 1/2c per dozen.

Poultry—Hens, 17@18c; springs, 19@20c; ducks, 12c; geese, 10@11c; turkeys, live, 18@20c; dressed 22 1/2@25c; squabs, \$3 per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 12 1/2@13c per pound. Veal—Fancy, 12@12 1/2c per pound. Green Fruits—Apples, new, \$1.25@1.50 per box; apricots, 50c@1.50 per box; plums, 50c@1.25; pears, \$2.25; peaches, 40c@1.25; loganberries, \$1.40@1.50 per box; blackberries, \$1.40@1.50 per box; watermelons, \$1@1.25 per hundred; cantaloupes, \$2.75@3.50 per crate.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 60@75c per dozen; beans, 30@50c per pound; cabbage, 2 1/2@2 3/4c; cauliflower, \$1.50 per dozen; celery, 90c; cucumbers, 50c per box; egg plant, 12 1/2c per pound; green onions, 15c per dozen; peas, 5c per pound; peppers, 10@12 1/2c; radishes, 15@20c per dozen; carrots, \$1@1.25 per sack; beets, \$1.50; parsnips, \$1@1.25; turnips, \$1.

Potatoes—New, 1 1/2c per pound. Onions—Walla Walla, \$2.50 per sack. Hoot River, \$2.25 per sack.

Cattle—Beef steers, good to choice, \$5.25@6; fair to medium, \$4.25@4.75; cows, and heifers, good to choice, \$4.25@4.50; fair to medium, \$3.50@4; bulls, \$3@3.75; stags, \$2.50@4.50; calves, light, \$5.75@6.75; heavy, \$3.50@5.

Hogs—Top, \$10@10.25; fair to medium, \$8.50@8.75.

Sheep—Best wethers, \$4@4.25; fair to good, \$3@3.50; best ewes, \$3@3.50; lambs, choice, \$5@6; fair, \$4.75@5.25.

Hops—1909 crop, 10@13c; olds, nominal; 1910 contracts, 13c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 13@17c per pound; valley, 15 1/2@18c; mohair, choice, 32@33c.

MOTHER DROWNS CHILDREN.

Driven Insane by Lonesome Surroundings and Fear.

Antioch, Cal.—One after another, four little children were drowned in a tub by their mother. Two older children tried to prevent the murders, but the woman went about the work in a strange calm and strength, as though she had been called upon to make sacrifice to some unknown power. She took her arrest in the same quiet spirit, gazing calmly at her husband as he struggled with his agony on coming home from work to find his babies dead.

The woman, Mrs. Joseph Mello, wife of a ranchman, said she was tired of looking forever at the brown hills that shut in their home. She said she was afraid that she was losing her mind and feared her children would inherit her insanity. After her husband left home in the morning, she set about her task. She filled a large washtub with water and gathered the children into the kitchen.

They were Ramona, 4 years old; Leona, 2 years old; and Bernal and Vernal, 5 months old twins. These put up their arms to their mother trustingly, and were sent away with

little struggle.

The two other children became frightened, the oldest, a 14-year old boy, breaking out of the house and calling wildly for help. There was a 6-year old girl, too, who got away. While these two were screaming in the yard the 2-year old baby was quickly drowned and laid out in the row with the twins. Then the struggle with Ramona began.

While this was going on, Sheriff R. R. Veale, who was passing in a buggy, heard the screams and drove up to the house.

"Mother is killing the children," the oldest boy told him. The sheriff ran into the kitchen and found the struggle just about over. He tore the little girl from her mother and sought in every way to restore life, but, after working on her for some time, saw that the child was dead.

The mother stood and looked quietly at the sheriff. Then the husband came home to his a rangely quiet house, and Mrs. Mello was taken away to the Maternity jail, talking on the way about ordinary things. She never before had given any signs of insanity.

Prehistoric Find Made.

Auburn, Cal.—The bones of two prehistoric humans with low brows and heavy jaw bones have been found in an ancient cave on the limestone property that is being opened up near Cool, Eldorado county. The company owning the ground gave to Dr. Sawyer, of Auburn, permission to open and explore the cave and recover any curios it might possess. In one chamber were found portions of two human skeletons. They are believed to be those of members of a race that inhabited this country long before the Indians lived here.

Ohio Regiment Wrecked.

Caldwell, O.—The first section of the Cleveland and Marietta train, carrying the Fourth militia regiment from Marietta to Columbus, was wrecked Sunday night near Belle Valley. Several are reported seriously hurt. Details are meager. The train, it is reported, ran into an open switch.

The Cleveland & Marietta railroad is operated by the Pennsylvania railroad. There is strong evidence the wreck was the result of a plot on the part of strike sympathizers. The switch lock had been broken off and thrown away.

Strike May Soon Be Ended.

Montreal.—Conferences between W. L. MacKenzie King, and both sides in the Hudson strike continue, and while no definite statement is obtainable, it is said that the situation has been clarified. The negotiations will be carried to a settlement if possible. Reports from towns and villages entirely dependent upon the Hudson state that failure to receive freight is causing the closing of factories and at some points coal famine is imminent.

Loss by Storm is Heavy.

Lexington, Ky.—One thousand acres of tobacco, nearly as much wheat, and more than 500 acres of corn were destroyed by a cloudburst in Lincoln, Boyle and Mercer counties. A number of buildings and flocks of sheep were washed away.

Divorce Not to Be Easy.

Bellingham, Wash.—Seventeen Superior court judges of the state of Washington, assembled here for the first regular meeting of 13 years, revised the rules of court procedure so that it will be more difficult to obtain snap divorce judgments. The new rules provide that divorce cases must be filed at least 30 days before trial and that in default cases the papers shall be served on the county attorney at least 20 days before trial.

The new rules become effective on November 1, 1910.

3,000,000 Band Under Way.

Raleigh, N. C.—Three million farmers are to band together to attempt to defeat the members of congress and other officials deaf to the demands of agriculturists for laws advancing their interests, according to Charles S. Barrett, president of the Farmers' union. Mr. Barrett said the organization was working on a list of such legislators which will be known as the "Doomsday book," to be issued before the next November elections.

Young "Ted" at Bay City.

San Francisco.—With peeled noses and decided coats of tan giving evidence of a much out-of-door honeymoon in the sunny clime of Santa Barbara, Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. and his wife arrived in San Francisco and are registered at a local fashionable hotel.

HEAT AGAIN HITS CHICAGO

Torrid Weather Extends From Atlantic to Rockies

Five Dead, Others Dying—Mad Dogs Bite Three—Authorities Work to Save the Babies.

Chicago.—Notwithstanding cool weather in Chicago because of a stiff breeze off the lake, five persons died Wednesday, many were prostrated, of whom four will probably die, and three were bitten by rabid dogs.

All the country from the Rocky mountains to the Atlantic seaboard swelters under a veritable blanket of heat and many cases of suffering are reported from various cities. Weather forecasters say there is no relief in sight and that the temperature will go higher. In some sections of the country special services were held in the churches, at which prayers were offered for rain and cooler weather.

The focus of the heat wave seems to be slowly moving east, although it has been centered two days in Kansas and Oklahoma. Thermometers in Kansas registered 100 and higher. Southern cities report unusual heat, accompanied by fitful showers which are quickly reduced to steam, making breathing difficult and painful.

In Chicago the great fight by health officers and charity organizations is centered in saving the thousands of babies, who suffer more from improper care than from the torridity. Agents of all the organizations are working night and day in the ghetto and other congested districts warning parents about overfeeding and neglecting to bathe their children and keep their houses clean.

In these districts the population is chiefly sleeping on fire escapes and doorways and in any open spot where a breath of air may be obtained. Extra precautions are being taken to muzzle dogs and to slay all without license, because of the large number of them going mad from the heat.

At the bathing beaches hundreds stood in line patiently waiting for stools. All the beaches keep open nights, to give exhausted humanity an opportunity to cool off in preparation for the morrow's siege.

A terrific electrical and hail storm swept over the Michigan fruit belt. Thousands of acres of corn and oats were riddled and the damage to the fruit cannot be estimated, but will be very heavy.

Nebraska reports the hottest weather on record, with fierce hot winds shivering everything. In northern Missouri a temperature of 105 is reported, with no rain since June 8.

Asperagus.

Palmetto asparagus is the most popular variety for commercial plantations. It is rust-resistant to a large degree and makes a strong, vigorous growth. Columbian White Mammoth is a splendid white variety. Asparagus should be grown more largely for many eastern markets. It nearly always sells readily at good prices and brings the grower a cash return early in the season before many other vegetables are ready for sale. If market conditions are favorable, plan for setting a bed next spring. Grow your own plants, if possible. If not, buy from special growers who produce strong plants free from disease.