

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.

Unionists have made great gains in British elections.

The election campaign in England is marked by a radical change of policy by the Tories.

Disastrous storms have swept the Philippines, killing many natives and doing great property damage.

General Wesley Merritt, commander of the land forces in the Philippines during the Spanish war, is dead.

It is said President Taft is making every effort to bring about peace between the different Republican factions.

A clairvoyant medium in San Francisco has been sentenced to five years' imprisonment for swindling a patron out of \$150.

Robert E. Davis, aged 23, known as the "boy broker" of New York, has disappeared with several hundred thousand dollars belonging to investors.

Kyle Bell, a noted actor, will fit up a large steamer with a complete theater and make a world tour, covering three years, carrying two theatrical companies.

The Chicago garment workers' strike has finally reached the point of arbitration, and a settlement has been reached with one of the largest clothing manufacturing concerns.

A Spokane anti-suffragist will give cooking lessons to young men.

The Navy department opened bids for two new Dreadnaughts, one to cost \$5,760,000.

President Diaz was again inaugurated as president of Mexico. This is his eighth term.

It is reported that the Mexican rebels have control of 200 miles of country and many important towns.

The New York express drivers' strike has been settled, the men winning all but the closed shop principle.

A private yacht drawing 17 feet of water navigated the Panama canal from the Atlantic side as far as the big Gatun dam.

Two girl strikebreakers in the garment workers strike in Chicago were brutally beaten by two men and one's purse was taken.

Chicago garment workers have no faith in Mayor Busse's efforts to effect a settlement, and are preparing for an indefinite struggle.

Miss Helen Taft, daughter of the president, made her debut in Washington society at a brilliant reception in her honor at the White House.

The Pullman company has offered a 20 per cent reduction in the price of berths, but the Interstate Commerce commission says that is not sufficient reduction.

A big rush is expected among Spokane women when the registration books open.

Madero's brother says the Mexican revolt is gaining and that President Diaz is badly scared.

A bank at Bath, Me., has failed on account of competition, after 42 years of successful career.

The German leather industry is endangered by the high price of the American hide supply.

Austria refuses to discontinue discrimination against American oil and its products and a diplomatic conflict is on.

Louis Brandeis, of Boston, asserts that American railroads could save \$1,000,000 a day by scientific management.

The proposed river and harbor bill to be placed before the coming session of congress carries appropriations aggregating \$30,000,000.

Rate experts testifying on behalf of shippers before the Interstate Commerce commission declare the proposed rate increases were unjust and unfairly distributed.

The report of the Washington state board of control on the insane asylum shows that the cost of living has increased out of all proportion to the increase in wages.

Mexican rebels at Chihuahua have been reinforced and a big battle is expected.

The commission form of government has failed to cut down municipal expenses in Tacoma.

The physical valuation of railroads is believed to be a long step towards regulation of rates.

In a suburb of Berlin 2,500,000 gallons of benzine exploded. No one was killed, but the property loss is \$350,000.

A theatrical magnate of Baltimore has given \$100,000 to build a hospital and industrial home for crippled children.

The government has begun a second desperate fight against the sugar trust, consisting of nearly 30 separate concerns.

The British parliament has been dissolved, and one faction threatens to rebel if home rule wins in the coming elections.

All hope of finding B. E. Corbin, the missing Boise, Idaho, banker, has been abandoned. He went hunting a week ago and no trace of him can be found.

The absconding teller of a Los Angeles bank, who disappeared Sept. 17 with \$100,000 of the bank's funds, telegraphed that he was starving in a Mexican prison and \$100 was sent him.

OREGON HAS 672,765.

State Entitled to Another Representative—Idaho Has 325,598.

Washington—Oregon has a population of 672,765, as shown by the 13th census. The population ten years ago was 413,536. The increase the past ten years, therefore, has been 62.7 per cent. The population in 1880 was 313,767. The increase in 20 years has been 114 per cent. The census bureau's figures indicate that Oregon will be entitled to another representative in congress two years hence, even if the ratio of representation is increased, in accordance with custom. The announcement of the population of Idaho, also made public, indicates that that state also will gain one representative.

The figures show that there are in Multnomah county, outside of Portland, 19,047 persons. The population of the county is given as 226,261, the population of Portland having been announced previously as 207,214. The whole county shows an increase of 123,094. The county has more than doubled its population in the past ten years. It had a population of only 4,150 in 1860, the first year in which there is a record of the county's people.

The figures of the bureau show that Idaho, which is credited with a total population of 325,598, as compared with 161,272 in 1900, a gain of 101.9 per cent, has a greater increase in the past ten years than any other state in the Union thus far announced, except Oklahoma.

LOVE NOT JAP MOTIVE.

Great Britain's Belief in Friendship Shattered.

London—When Japan recently gave orders for a new dreadnaught to be built in England, the proponents of the English-Japanese alliance were loud in referring to this act as having been inspired solely by an desire of Great Britain's Far Eastern ally to prove by friendship the pact was not obtained with the flavor of business bargaining, but simply intended gracefully to draw more tightly the "ties of alliance."

All this sentiment has been rudely shattered by Fred T. Jane, naval expert and student of international fighting ships.

"The report that Japan, while leaving five of her own shipyards empty, has ordered a dreadnaught to be built in England to show her admiration for the Anglo-Japanese alliance, is somewhat weak in the matter of assigned cause," Mr. Jane asserts.

"The actual facts appear to be that although Japanese yards are now fully capable of turning out moderate-sized vessels and very good destroyers, the building of monstrous battleships is rather beyond the capacity of their existing plants. This probably explains the tremendous delays in recent Japanese construction. It is far cheaper and expeditious to have a ship built outright in England than to import large quantities of material to be put together in Japan."

ARBITRATION REACHED.

Chicago Garment Workers Reach Agreement With Big Firm.

Chicago—Through the influence of the City Council committee, which realized that a continuation of the garment workers' strike meant a big financial burden on the city, an arbitration has been reached between the firm of Hart, Schaffner & Marx, and its 10,000 employees, who have been on strike for nearly two months.

With nearly 100,000 persons affected by the strike, it was rapidly becoming a serious problem to the city authorities. This mass of people, mostly foreigners, were destitute, and with the advance of cold weather the situation would have become a desperate one.

The Council committee conferred all day behind closed doors with representatives of the clothing makers, but details of the conference are withheld until the terms are voted upon by the employees. It is known, however, that in the compromise the strikers have won substantial gains.

Man Aged 80 in School.

Seattle, Wash.—When it comes to a competition for aged students, Washington university lays claim to a world's record. It has enrolled in the chemistry department one seeker after learning who was 80 years old last August. This venerable collegian is J. P. Fraser, and he is conducting research in physiological chemistry. At the other end of the scale, Washington has students of 16 years, five of whose combined ages would only equal that of the old man who labors in their midst.

Fatal Portent Fulfilled.

New York—For the reason that both his brother and his sister had died just as each was approaching the age of 17, John Smyth, a young resident of the Upper East Side, had frequently expressed a fear that he would never live to celebrate his own 17th birthday. He was nearing what he considered this crucial age, when Saturday he fell eight stories through the elevator shaft of a new building at Broadway and Ninety-second street, and died as the last rites of the church were being administered to him.

Japanese Mimic War Big.

Victoria, B. C.—Extensive Japanese army and navy maneuvers were closed shortly before the Chicago Maru left Japan. Fifty warships took part in a mimic battle off Tokyo bay, the results not being made public. The emperor attended the army maneuvers, the features of which were mountain work. The Japanese army has been augmented until now it totals 1,360 companies of all arms, excluding the balloon corps.

Two-Dollar Counterfeits Out.

Washington—Christmas shoppers in Chicago and other Middle Western cities will do well to examine closely any two dollar bills they may receive in change. A new counterfeit two-dollar silver certificate has been discovered in circulation. The note is not a good one on close examination, but would easily deceive any one not accustomed to paper money.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

TAX AMENDMENT CARRIES.

Official Figures Reverse First Reports of Result.

Compilation of the official vote on the various initiative and referendum measures, as canvassed by the county election boards, reverses the result heretofore announced on the county taxation amendment that appeared under the ballot numbers 326 and 327. Instead of having been defeated, the complete figures show that the measure has carried by a majority of 1,655.

The amendment carried is the most radical and sweeping of the three tax amendments submitted. Two that were proposed by the legislative assembly in response to a movement fostered by the state grange were defeated. These amendments removed the restrictions in the constitution on exempting certain classes of property or on levying a less rate of taxation on one class of property than on another.

The county tax as it is commonly known, was submitted through the initiative by the labor organizations of the state. It takes from the legislature all power to pass laws regulating taxation or exemptions and gives that power solely to the people, although the legislature may submit such laws for approval or rejection at the polls. Each county is permitted to regulate taxation within its borders as it sees fit. The levying of poll tax is prohibited.

The bill is regarded as having been designed as an entering wedge for "single tax" measures. Under its provisions a county whose voters were so disposed might adopt that system, even though the measure could not muster strength in the state at large to be made a state law. The following are the measures that have been adopted and majority on each:

An act authorizing the location, construction and maintenance of a branch insane asylum in Eastern Oregon, 7,587.

A bill providing for the support and maintenance of the Monmouth normal school, 10,361.

A constitutional amendment empowering the people of each county to regulate taxation and exemptions within the county regardless of constitutional restrictions or state statutes, and abolish poll tax, 1,655.

Home rule liquor bill, 4,547.

Employers' liability bill, 22,112.

A bill prohibiting the taking of fish from the Rogue river except by hook and line, 16,203.

Good roads amendment, 18,028.

Presidential primary law, 1,679.

Three-fourths jury amendment, 5,238.

The greatest number of votes cast on any measure was on the prohibition law, which received a total of more than 106,000. The bill is defeated by 20,915. Approximately 11,900 votes fewer than those cast for candidates for governor were polled on this bill.

Statewide prohibition as provided for by constitutional amendment was defeated by 17,846 in a total of more than 104,000 votes recorded on the amendment.

The highest majority polled for or against any measure was on the bill providing that Baker county should pay \$1,000 yearly to the judge of the Eighth judicial district in addition to the annual salary of \$3,000 received by him from the state. In a total of about 84,000 votes there is a majority against the bill of 58,368.

On woman's suffrage 94,659 votes were registered and the amendment was defeated by 22,259.

GIANT PARSNIP IS GROWN.

Rich Chemawa Soil Yields Vegetable Weighing 3-4 Pounds.

Chemawa—Twenty and three-quarters pounds is the weight of a giant parsnip which was taken from the gardens of the Chemawa Indian school. This great vegetable is one of many almost as large taken from a half-acre of especially productive soil. From this one little spot have been taken already 300 bushels of parsnips, enough to give the Indian students of the school all the parsnips they will need this winter.

John Wesley, school gardener, says this parsnip is the largest ever taken out in this section. He attributes the large size to the rich soil which is found in the Chemawa gardens. Only a few days ago Mr. Wesley found a carrot weighing 10½ pounds.

"Hardscrabble" Farm Is Rich.

Forest Grove—T. W. Sain's "Hardscrabble" farm in the Scoggins valley neighborhood is misnamed, for it is among the most productive ranches in the county. He has just grown a huge radish weighing 21 pounds four ounces, which has been taken to Portland to be placed on exhibition in the Chamber of Commerce. Last summer at the close of harvest Mr. Sain astonished his neighbors by announcing that from an out field of 57 acres he had obtained an average yield of 117 bushels to the acre.

Chemawa Orchards Give Fine Fruit.

Chemawa—Under the direction of John Wesley, chief of the department of gardening at the Chemawa Indian school, the orchards of the school are being thoroughly remade. There are in the orchards about 30 acres of Ben Davis apple trees. Mr. Wesley has taken these trees, noted for their grafting possibilities, and grafted on the tops the finest varieties of apples—Baldwins, Red Cheek Pippins and Spitzenbergs.

Cigar Factory at Dallas.

Dallas—J. J. Campbell will open a cigar factory here about December first. The new business will occupy the building next door to Campbell's real estate office. The building will be completely remodeled and a modern front put in. Mr. Campbell, who is a recent arrival in Oregon from Idaho, is a cigar manufacturer of many years' experience.

NEW LAWS SOUGHT.

Farmers' Union Would Regulate Warehouse Shipments.

The Dallas—Resolutions recommending the enactment of a law by the state legislature requiring warehouses to ship grain in the order that orders for shipping are given them, as a fair deal to all growers, was adopted by the State Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union, in session here.

Upon the recommendation of the legislative committee, the union also decided to send committees to sessions of the state legislature whenever matters of importance to agriculturists were under consideration.

The enactment of a grain inspection law was urged and this will be one of the important matters in which the legislative committees will interest themselves. In general, the resolutions adopted by the present convention are those adopted by the North Carolina Farmers' Union, at its session in September.

The state board of the union has decided to hold its next meeting at Pendleton on the second Friday in January, at which time a campaign to increase the membership of the union and to promote its interests will be started in the jurisdiction, which includes Oregon and all of the state of Idaho south of Idaho county.

Yamhill Banks Prosperous.

McMinnville—The condition of the 12 banks in Yamhill county, as shown by their recent statement, indicates an increase since the September call of \$89,484.10 in deposits, \$13,938.19 in loans and investments, and \$6,587.73 in cash and exchange. The total deposits of the 12 banks is \$2,260,142.76, loans and investments \$2,125,602.51, cash and exchange \$917,086.87, and the totals as compiled reach the sum of \$3,042,903.50, the latter having increased \$7,155,240.76 since last call. Average reserve is 45 per cent.

Railway Headed to Coast.

Medford—It became known recently that George Kyle, until recently with the Hill railroads, is surveying a railroad line from Jacksonville, Ore., over the mountains west into the Applegate Valley. Although Kyle is seemingly in the employ of W. S. Barnum, president of the Rogue River Valley railroad, the belief has arisen that Hill is after an outlet to the coast for the Oregon Trunk, his new line through Eastern Oregon.

Mine Brings \$750,000.

Baker City—The Gold Coin mine, one of the richest placer properties in Eastern Oregon, located about 20 miles south of Baker City, has been sold to a syndicate of Eastern capitalists organized by Thomas Nevins & Sons, 37 Wall Street, New York, for \$750,000. This property adjoins Mormon Basin on the north, where are located a number of rich quartz mines.

Teach Advance Geography.

University of Oregon, Eugene—The university has added a new department to its curriculum, that of Geography. Courses are given in Economic Geography, physiography, history of geographic influences, physiography of the United States, and field geography. The work is under Professor F. G. Barker.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, 81¢; club, 80¢; red Russian, 78¢; valley, 80¢; forty-fold, 80¢.

Barley—Feed, \$21.01 to \$21.50 per ton; brewing, \$23.

Millet—Bran, \$25 per ton; middlings, \$33; shorts, \$27; rolled barley, \$24.25.

Hay—Track prices: Timothy, Willamette valley, \$20.22 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$23.24; alfalfa, \$14.50; 15.50; grain hay, \$14.50 to \$15.50; clover, \$15.

Corn—Whole, \$30; cracked, \$31 per ton.

Oats—White, \$28.50 to \$30.50.

Poultry—Hens, 14¢ to 14½¢; springs, 13¢ to 14¢; ducks, white, 16¢ to 17¢; geese, 12¢; turkeys, live, 16¢ to 17¢; dressed, 20¢; squabs, \$2 per dozen.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, candled, 42¢; Eastern, April, 30¢ to 35¢; Eastern, fresh, 37¢ to 40¢.

Butter—Official quotation: City creamery, solid pack, 37¢ per pound; butter fat, 35¢ to 37¢; Eastern, 31¢ to 34¢.

Pork—Fancy, 10¢ to 11¢ per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 85¢ to 125¢ per pound, 12¢ to 13¢ per pound.

Apples—King, 40¢ to 75¢ box; Wolf river, 75¢ to \$1; Waxen, 55¢ to \$1.25; Baldwin, 75¢ to \$1.25; Northern Spy, 75¢ to \$1.25; Snow, \$1.25 to \$1.50; Spitzenbergs, \$1.25 to \$2; Winter Bananas, \$1.25 to \$2.

Green Fruits—Pears, \$1.25 to \$2 per box; grapes, \$1.25; cranberries, 80¢ to 90¢ per barrel; quinces, \$1.12 to \$1.25 per box; blackberries, 60¢ to 80¢ per box.

Vegetables—Beans, 10¢ to 11¢ per pound; cabbage, \$1.12 to \$1.25 per hundred; celery, California, \$3.25 to \$3.50 per crate; pumpkins, 1¢ to 1½¢ per pound; sprouts, 7¢ to 8¢; squash, 1¢ to 1½¢; tomatoes, \$1.25 to \$1.50; carrots, \$1.12 to \$1.25 per hundred; parsnips, \$1.12 to \$1.25; turnips, 1¢; beets, \$1.25 to \$1.50.

Potatoes—Oregon, \$1.25 per hundred.

Onions—Oregon, jobbing price, \$1.40 to \$1.50 per hundred.

Hops—1910 crop, 11¢ to 12¢; 1909 crop, 7¢ to 8¢.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 13¢ to 14¢ per pound; valley, 11¢ to 12¢; mohair, choice, \$3.25 to \$3.50.

Cattle—Beef steers, good to choice, \$5.25 to \$6.50; fair to medium, \$4.50 to \$5.50; choice spayed heifers, \$4.75 to \$5.50; good to choice beef cows, \$4.50 to \$5.50; medium to good beef cows, \$3.50 to \$4.50; common beef cows, \$2.50 to \$3.50; bulls, \$4 to \$4.25; stags, good to choice, \$4 to \$4.50; calves, light, 75¢ to \$1; heavy, \$4 to \$5.

Hogs—Top, \$6.25 to \$6.50; fair to medium, \$5.25 to \$5.50; fair to good weaners, \$3.25 to \$3.50; best yearling hogs, \$4.25 to \$4.50; best yearling cows, \$5.50 to \$6; lambs, choice, \$5.75 to \$6; choice veal, \$4.75 to \$5.

PEACE OVERTURES MADE.

Mexican Government Approaches Rebels With White Flag.

Chihuahua, Mex., Dec. 3.—The peace commission appointed by President Diaz left here tonight to confer with the revolutionists at San Isidro. The revolutionists promised to facilitate the passage of the commission's special train, which floated a white flag. This is the first time in 30 years that the Mexican government has made such overtures.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 3.—The insurrectionary troubles in Mexico took on an entirely new and unexpected aspect here tonight when it became known that the government had made overtures for peace. The peace commission has been appointed by Diaz, according to a special dispatch from Chihuahua, and is composed of Chihuahuans, but the personnel is not given.

The explanation of this move is that foreign interests have brought strong pressure to bear on the government to end the turmoil by placating the insurgents.

Douglas, Ariz., Dec. 3.—It is reliably reported today that the rebels have successfully smuggled 5,000 rounds of ammunition over the international line into the state of Sonora.

Mexican guards discovered the camp of the smugglers in the Sierra Madre mountains on the East San Bernardino ranch, in the San Simon valley, two nights ago. The campers opened fire and a brush with the guards ensued.

The smugglers succeeded in getting away with the ammunition.

CONSTITUTION NEAR FINISH.

Arizona Convention Adopts Strict Corporation Measures.

Phoenix, Ariz.—Rapid progress is being made toward completing Arizona's constitution, and unless unforeseen developments occur, the convention will be ready to adjourn Tuesday. The afternoon session was largely consumed by the third reading and final passage of measures for the regulation of corporations. The first measure adopted was that for the government of municipalities, giving cities of 3,000 population or greater the power to frame their own charters.

The article for the regulation of foreign and domestic corporations passed by a vote of 34 to 4 in almost the identical form tentatively adopted, and that creating the corporation commission and prescribing its duties was also adopted without amendment.

MEAT PRICES ARE REDUCED.

Quotations Drop in Both Wholesale and Retail Markets.

New York—Meat prices continue to drop in the New York meat markets, both wholesale and retail. The prices quoted now are the lowest in more than five months and dealers express the opinion that the decline is likely to continue for some time yet.

Wholesale prices for No. 1 beef in the New York market compared with those that ruled 10 days ago and seven weeks ago, tell the following tale:

	Present.	Nov. 21.	Oct. 13.
Ribs and loins.....	117½	124½	141½
Round.....	99½	102½	110½
Chuck.....	89½	92½	99½

Retail prices quoted in the Washington market as compared with those of last week are: Beef, porterhouse, 25¢; lamb chops, 22¢; last week 25¢; pork loins, 18¢, last week 20¢.

SHANGHAI RIOTS SERIOUS.

Troops Called to Quell Disturbances and Protect Foreigners.

Victoria, B. C.—Serious rioting followed the outbreak of bubonic plague at Shanghai. Stories were spread that the health officers took sufferers to the hospital to secure their eyes and hearts for foreign medicine, and the health officers were assaulted. Rioting followed, and the Shanghai volunteer corps was called out to protect foreigners and property.

The recent outbreak against foreigners in Kwangtung was fomented by anti-Hunan rebels. Insurgents from Hunan aided, and it was not until 8,000 troops were sent that the uprising was suppressed. Churches and property were destroyed at Leihchow and Sanchang, but no foreigners lost their lives.

Reef Stays Out on Bail.

San Francisco—Acting in accordance with the recent decision of the District Court of Appeals, Judge Lawlor dismissed the proceedings by which it was sought to cancel the \$350,000 bail furnished by Abraham Reef and remand the former political boss to prison, pending the final decision on his appeal to the Supreme court. The Appellate court ruled that the order of Superior Judge Cabanis admitting Reef to bail cannot be set aside by another department of the same court.

Japs Predict Struggle.

Victoria, B. C.—Japanese newspapers comment at length on the expedition of arrangements for a Chinese constitution and opening of a parliament in 1913. The constitution will be declared in July, 1911, and a general election will take place the following May. The Japanese newspapers attribute the shortening of the time to apprehensions engendered by the Russo-Japanese alliance and the annexation of Korea. Japanese newspapers predict a struggle to the death between Manchus and Chinese.

Aviator Hits Tree.

New Orleans—Augustus Post, the aviator, fell 60 feet in his Curtiss biplane at the City Park race track here and was painfully bruised. In making a turn, he swooped too near the ground, the tail of his machine catching in a tree and sending the aeroplane heading to the earth. Post was taken to a hotel. The machine was badly wrecked. Later Post was reported to be almost recovered from his injuries.

Russian Dies, Aged 106.

New York—Joseph Zeitlin, a Russian, who died in Brooklyn Saturday, was 106 years old. He spent most of his life in Moscow and said he saw Napoleon when he invaded Russia in 1812. He smoked and drank and said it did not hurt him.

NATIONAL GOVERNMENT NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

WILL RESEED 9,000 ACRES.

Forest Service Experts to Finish Work Before Snow Sets In.

Nine thousand acres of burned over timber lands in Oregon and Washington are to be seeded with Norway spruce and Scotch pine, according to an announcement made by J. F. Kimmel, of the national forest service. The seeding is under way now and will be completed before the snows set in.

Most of this work is being done in the Siuslaw forests near Mount Hebo, in Oregon, and in the Olympic forests in Washington. The Hebo district includes the areas of whitened timber which stand on the hills outside of Tillamook and along the road between Tillamook and Portland. This section is to be reseeded and in 15 years much of this timber will be hidden under a new and fast growing growth of commercial trees.

The forest service is in this way reclaiming many thousands of acres in the Northwest each year. Norway spruce and Scotch pine were used largely, as this timber is one of the best for marketing purposes and more nearly adapted to Oregon climatic conditions than any other timber.

A million and a half of year old trees are now in the nurseries in the Columbia forests ready for transplanting to spots where reseeding is impracticable.

THREATEN HARD TIMES.

Railroads Will Fight Reduction in Freight Rates.

Washington—That the railroads which have demanded freight increases that will amount to \$75,000,000 annually are in league with "big business" to enforce the rates through is a story in circulation here.

The business interests are opposed to regulation such as is proposed by President Taft, and it is said that Wall street will join the railroads in the fight for higher rates.

The club that is to be held over the interstate commerce commission and the country in general is "hard times." Financial depression and panic, it is predicted, will be the outcome if the rate increases are not granted and the