

# DOINGS OF THE WEEK

## Current Events of Interest Gathered From the World at Large.

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

President Taft pays high tribute to Major Butt, his aide, who was lost on the Titanic.

The British inquiry into the Titanic disaster promises to be as thorough as the American.

Railroad officials are preparing for the largest passenger traffic this spring ever known in the Northwest.

The proposal to send out a third steamer to search for bodies of the Titanic's wreck victims has been abandoned.

Alaska steamers arriving at Seattle report the ice fields in the North the most numerous and dangerous they have ever encountered.

Anthracite coal miners have refused the agreement offered by the operators to settle the question of wages and working conditions.

Locomotive firemen and hostlers on Eastern roads have demanded an increase in pay which will aggregate \$25,000,000 a year.

The "honor system" among convicts in the Nevada penitentiary has proven a practical failure, and all men out on road work have been called in.

Full confessions covering nine burglaries, one of which was unknown to the owner of the place burglarized, were made to the Spokane police by two men under arrest there.

Homer Davenport, one of the greatest of modern cartoonists, died of pneumonia in New York. The Titanic disaster and the pictures he drew bearing upon it had greatly depressed him and are believed to have hastened his death. He was a native of Silvertown.

While A. C. Dexter was defending the Stars and Stripes with fellow veterans of the Spanish-American war on Seattle streets his sister, Caroline M. Dexter, came to the defense of the flag in Union Square, New York, where Industrial Workers of the World and Socialists were trampling the national colors under foot.

Federal suit to dissolve the harvester trust has been filed at St. Paul, Minn.

Secretary Knox is en route to the Pacific coast, via Atlanta and New Orleans.

The Mississippi river is again rising and has reached the danger point at St. Louis.

American residents in Western Mexico are leaving as rapidly as they can find means of travel.

Yuan Shi Kai, in a message to the senate of the new Chinese republic, urges progress and modernization.

### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, \$1.08; red Russian, \$1.01; valley, \$1.03; forty-fold, \$1.03.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$24 per ton; shorts, \$26; middlings, \$31.

Corn—Whole, \$39; cracked, \$40 per ton.

Hay—Timothy, \$16@17 per ton; alfalfa, \$12.50@13; clover, \$8.50; oats and vetch, \$10.50@11; grain hay, \$9.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$39@40 per ton. Fresh Fruits—Strawberries, \$2@3 per crate; cranberries, \$10@11.50 per barrel; apples, \$1.25@3 per box.

Potatoes—Jobbing prices: Burbanks, old, \$1.50@1.65 per hundred; new California, 5c per pound; sweet potatoes, \$3.25 per crate.

Onions—Bermuda, \$3@3.50 per crate.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 75@90c per dozen; asparagus, California, \$1.75 per crate; beans, 7½c per pound; cabbage, 4c; cauliflower, \$2.75 per crate; celery, 55@6; cucumbers, \$2@2.50 per dozen; eggplant, 25c per pound; head lettuce, \$2 per crate; hothouse lettuce, 75c@\$1 per box; peas, 10c per pound; peppers, 25c; radishes, 30c per dozen; rhubarb, 24c per pound; spinach, \$1.15 @1.25 per box; tomatoes, \$3.50 per box; garlic, 8@10c per pound; turnips, \$1@1.10 per sack; beets, \$1.50; rutabagas, \$1@1.10; carrots, \$1.

Butter—Oregon creamery butter, solid pack, 26c per pound.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, candled, 21c per dozen; case count, 20½c.

Pork—Fancy, 10½@11c per pound.

Poultry—Hens, 16c per pound; springs, 15½c; broilers, 25@30c; ducks, 20c; geese, 11c; turkeys, live, 20c; dressed, 25c.

Hops—1911 crop, 39@39½c; olds, nominal; 1912 contracts, 24@26c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 10@17½c per pound; valley, 18@19c; mohair, choice, 35@36c.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$6.50@7.20; good, \$6.25@6.40; medium, \$4@6.25; choice cows, \$5.50@6.25; good, \$5@5.50; medium, \$4.50@5; choice calves, \$5.80@8.85; good heavy calves, \$6@8.50; bulls, \$3.50@5.50; stags, \$4.75@6.35.

Hogs—Light, \$8@8.40; heavy, \$6.50@7.50.

Sheep—Yearlings, \$4.60@5.60; wethers, \$5@5.50; ewes, \$4@5; lambs, \$4.50@6; spring lambs, \$6@7.50.

### RIVERS GET MORE.

Senate Substantially Increases Appropriations for West.

Washington, D. C.—Carrying \$8,064,010 in addition to the appropriations provided for by the house, the rivers and harbors appropriation bill, aggregating \$32,126,530, has been agreed to by the senate committee on commerce and will be reported in a few days.

The largest single increase to the house measure was \$2,500,000 for the Mississippi river, making \$6,000,000 for that waterway.

The bill carries a total of \$2,489,000 the rivers and harbors of Oregon and Washington. Other increases over the house bill adopted by the senate commerce committee are as follows: Improving Nehalem bar, \$100,000; maintenance of Tillamook Bay improvements, \$5000; improving the Columbia and Lower Willamette below Portland, \$25,000, making the total for this work \$180,000; improvement of the Oregon slough, \$50,000; improving Columbia between the foot of The Dalles and the head of Celilo Falls, \$200,000, making an aggregate of \$800,000; Columbia river above Celilo Falls \$200,000, making an aggregate of \$800,000; Columbia river above Celilo, \$20,000, making an aggregate of \$50,000.

Total increase for Oregon and Washington over the house bill, \$295,000.

The senate committee amendments provide for surveys of Coos Bay, Coquille river, Siuslaw river, the Willamette between Oregon City and Eugene; Yaquina Bay, Port Orford harbor, Graveyard Point, Columbia river, between Vancouver and the mouth of the Willamette, and the Columbia river through Riskey and Grand Rapids to the International boundary line.

The bill carries two amendments by Senator Jones, one appropriating \$130,000 for improving the Apoon mouth of the Yukon river, Alaska, and another appropriating \$55,000 to protect the government buildings at Valdez from glacial floods.

The following surveys are authorized in Washington: Waterway connecting Simulak Bay with Padilla Bay; Willapa harbor, from Raymond to the sea; Naelnorth and other streams entering Willapa harbor; also a survey of the channel connecting Admiralty Inlet with Cook's Inlet, Alaska.

### MINERAL LAND CLASSIFIED.

Pay Dirt Must Produce More Than Blend Colors, Says Decision.

Roseburg, Or.—Government land must produce gold in paying quantities, and cannot be characterized of mineral value by showing of merely blend mineral colors, according to a decision handed down in the Roseburg United States land office. The decision probably ends for all time the case instituted by the Federal government against Irvine Gardiner, of Myrtle Creek, and involving a 40-acre tract of land on Lees Creek. Gardiner holds the land on its timber and agricultural valuations.

The contest against Gardiner was instituted following an investigation on the part of the Federal mineral inspectors, and was watched closely by hundreds of homesteaders in this section of the state. Evidence was introduced regarding questionable operations of the J. C. Lee Mining company.

In summing up the land officials say that: the land held by Gardiner has never yielded gold in paying quantities, but that it yielded money to the stockholders through the sale of stock, particularly when operated by the J. C. Lee Mining company; that the mere fact of colors of gold having been found is no evidence that such mineral prevails in paying quantities.

### Postal Banks to Open.

Washington, D. C.—Postal savings banks will be opened June 1, as follows:

Washington—Bickleton, Bridgeport, Cathlamet, Centerville, Douglas, Eatonville, Naches, Randle, Skamokawa, Stevenson, Toledo, Wilkeson and Yacolt.

Oregon—Banks, Bay City, Brooks, Coburg, Cornelius, Dayton, Dilley, Florence, Gaston, Gervais, Halsey, Lafayette, Linnton, Monroe, Scappoose, Scio, Troutdale, Turner, Wilsonville.

### Knox Will Hear Complaints.

Los Angeles—Secretary of State Knox, who will arrive here soon from New Orleans, will hear stories of cruelties inflicted upon Americans in Mexican jails when he reaches this city. Secretary Knox telegraphed that he would be glad to listen to all who had any complaints to make. C. A. Heberlein, who was recently thrown into jail at Jimenez by General Orozco, will tell Secretary Knox his story.

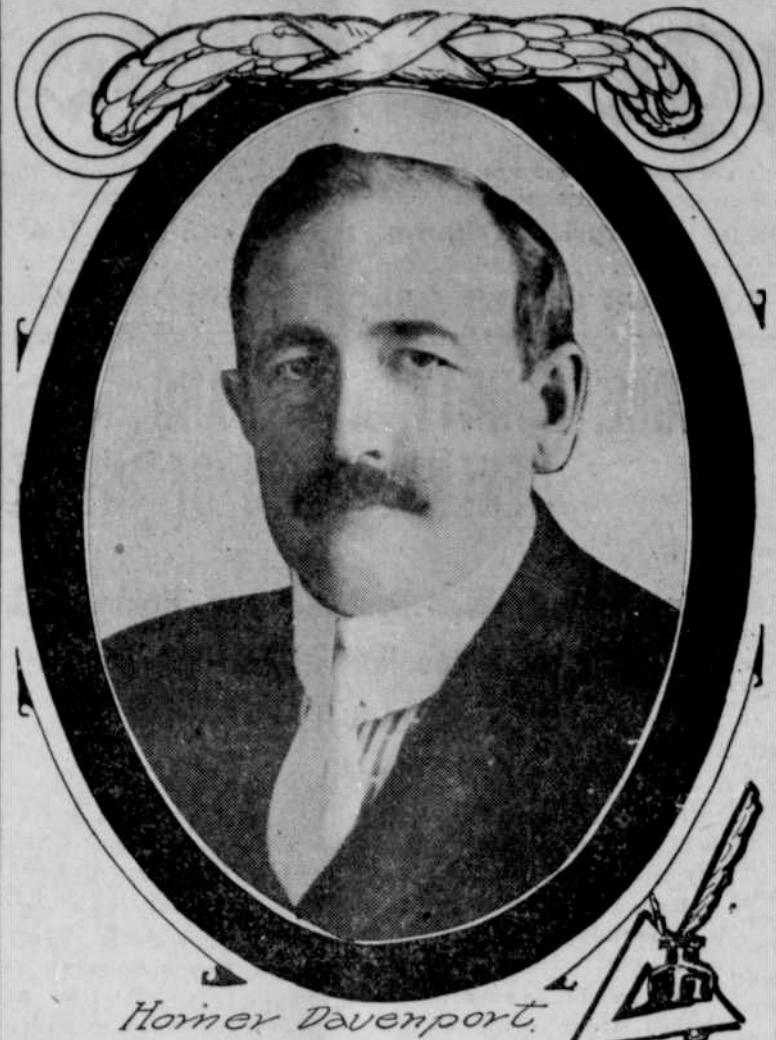
### Four Killed in Storm.

Laredo, Tex.—A tornado that passed just north of here caused the death of three young women and a baby, according to the best information available by means of demoralized communication facilities. A special train has been sent from here with surgeons. The meager reports received here tell of the injury of many persons and destruction of farm buildings.

### Montana Snowfall Deep.

Butte, Mont.—Snow covered Montana Saturday to a depth of from three to 11 inches. The storm has been called the "million dollar" storm, it being expected to benefit the agricultural interests to that extent. Traffic did not suffer. In Gallatin county, the principal wheat district, 11 inches of snow fell in 24 hours.

### OREGON CARTOONIST, DEAD IN NEW YORK, AND ONE OF HIS FAMOUS MARK HANNA CARTOONS.



Homer Davenport.



### Culiacan Almost in Ruins.

Tucson, Ariz.—Culiacan virtually ruined and Tepic badly battered, the west coast of Mexico is reported at the offices of the Southern Pacific of Mexico to be free from warfare for the first time in several weeks. Tepic could not be heard from, the wires having been cut at Presidio. Twenty sacks of sugar were stolen from a railroad car at Culiacan, but the rebels in their anxiety to keep peace with American interests returned 19. The rebels also furnished a guard to protect the property of the railroad.

### Rebels Retire Warships.

Buenos Ayres—Civil war has again broken out in Paraguay. Telegrams from Asuncion say that four government warships bombarded the revolutionists, who are commanded by ex-President Jara at Villa Encarnacion, 175 miles southeast of Asuncion. The fire returned by the revolutionists, however, was so fierce and so well directed that the government warships were compelled to retire in a damaged condition.

### Queues Roll Republicans.

Sanghai—Republicans in the districts around Shanghai are attacking all residents who wear queues, forcibly cutting off the objectionable appendages. Coolies and others in the international settlement who retain their queues are afraid to venture beyond the limits. Collisions occurred between the municipal police and so-called reformers.

### Voters One-Fifth Women.

San Francisco—Registrar Zemansky has completed the official count of the vote registered in San Francisco, both men and women, for the presidential primaries on May 14. The total is 136,490. Women number 26,570 and men 109,920.

### Barge Load of Gasoline Burns.

Cleveland—Five men were burned to death and damage estimated at \$450,000 was done to boats and gasoline on the docks here when Standard Oil barge No. 88 exploded late Thursday afternoon. All the injured were employees of the Great Lakes Towing company. The barge, which was at the Jefferson avenue docks on the Cuyahoga river, was being filled with gasoline from a 10,000-gallon tank on the bank. Leaking oil on the surface of the river was ignited and set fire to the barge.

### Japan Will Join in Fair.

San Francisco—Japan has accepted the invitation of President Taft to participate in the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, to be held in this city in 1915, according to official information received here by President Moore, of the exposition company. The information was cabled from Tokio to Consul General Nagi, in this city. Japan is the first foreign nation of importance to signify its intention to participate in the exposition.

### Italians Capture Island.

Rome—A wireless message received by Admiral Presbytero, in command of the armored cruiser Pisa, announced that to complete the occupation of Stampalia, an island of the Grecian Archipelago, belonging to Turkey, he landed two companies, which seized the heights commanding to town of Livaderia. The small garrison surrendered at the first summons.

### Sawmill Strike is Off.

Seattle—At Industrial Workers of the World headquarters it was said the strike in the Hoquiam and Aberdeen sawmills was declared off and the strikers authorized to go back to work. All the mills are paying \$2.25 a day for common labor. Before the strike the pay was \$1.80 and \$2.

# INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE

### COUNTIES ARE INTERESTED.

Hold Children's Industrial Fairs—Send Exhibits to State Fair.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—Active preparation for holding children's industrial fairs are now being made by 31 of the 34 counties of the state, and 3 secluded counties, it is expected, will shortly be heard from also. This is the report of C. C. Thompson, extension traveling organizer from the Oregon Agricultural College. Up to April 1 he had addressed audiences aggregating 4,095 people, and sent out 3,495 pieces of mail relating to college extension. The month of February he reached 7,500 people directly, holding a series of 61 short meetings, and visiting schools, commercial clubs and general citizens' meetings. His correspondence for that month approximated 2,000 letters.

The industrial contest work has been organized in the Chemawa Indian school and in the Oregon State Training school. Some 950 bulletins with letters on the industrial work for boys and girls, and 187 letters were sent to city superintendents of schools asking them to encourage the children to go to hear these sermons.

Mr. Thompson reports that Curry and Coos counties will join forces in the industrial fair work. Some of the best school work of this kind in the state, he says, is being done in Douglas county, where a number of communities will hold local fairs in addition to sending exhibits to the county and state fairs.

### BIG FRUIT CROP SEEN.

Outlook in Rogue River District Nearer Better in History.

Portland—C. M. Speck, a large fruitgrower of Rogue River valley says that the outlook for a large fruit crop in the vicinity of Medford has never been better. Mr. Speck went to Medford from Spokane two years ago and purchased what was known as the Burrell orchard of 600 acres, which he sold later for from \$1,000 to \$2,000 an acre.

"The Burrell orchard will ship over 100 carloads of fruit this year," said Mr. Speck. "It contains the finest grove of Yellow Newtown Pippins in the world. But, of course, there are many fine fruit ranches in that locality."

"The Palmer farms, known as the Modoc orchards, which contain 1,500 acres, and the Palmer orchard of 110 acres adjoining the city limits of Medford, which produces its first crop this year, are among the finest. The prominence of the Chicago family has added to the prominence of the farms."

"Medford is the home of many retired millionaires who are living on ranches and producing fruit for diversion, which in return is of high marketable value."

### CARLOAD TO BE DEPORTED.

Oregon Institutions Being Cleaned by Federal Official.

Salem—After an investigation by United States Immigration Inspector Weiss, it is probable that there will be a large number of deportations from the state institutions.

The State board some time ago started a campaign to clean the state institutions of an undesirable class of foreign inmates—that is those with criminal instincts and of unsound mind before landing in this country.

Mr. Weiss has spent a week at the several institutions and has been in consultation with the several superintendents and the members of the state board. As a result of his investigation it is likely that at least a carload of these people will be deported, and at the government's expense. So far Mr. Weiss has investigated the State prison and the main building at the Insane asylum, finding about 15 to be deported from each of these institutions. Further investigation at these and other institutions will likely double this number.

### Reclamation Work Due.

Klamath Falls—Work on the proposed reclamation project on Indian lands near Modoc Point, 20 miles north of this city, will be started this summer according to a report circulated Saturday, following the return here of A. L. Hill, an engineer in the United States Indian service. Mr. Hill made a thorough inspection of the project. An appropriation of \$50,000 was made at the last session of congress for the project. Under the project 9,000 acres of land on the flat will be irrigated.

### Klamath Bill Passes Senate.

Klamath Falls—Secretary Caleb T. Oliver, of the chamber of commerce, is in receipt of a telegram from Senator Chamberlain announcing that the appropriation bill carrying an appropriation of \$112,000 for a Klamath Falls federal building has passed the senate. While it is believed the bill will have easy sailing in the house, the people here are anxiously awaiting its reception by the lower branch of congress.

### Planting Trees in Dry Area.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—Prof. George W. Peavey of the O. A. C. school of forestry, made a week's trip through Moro, Hermiston and Union to superintend planting of some 3,600 trees as an experiment to determine what species are best adapted to that vicinity.

### T. R. CARRIES OREGON.

Ex-President Gets 28,172 Votes for Nomination.

Official returns from all but a few of the more thinly settled counties of the state give Roosevelt a plurality of 6352 over La Follette. The vote stands as follows:

REPUBLICAN.	
Roosevelt, President	28,172
La Follette	21,820
Taft	20,312
Roosevelt's plurality	6,352
United States Senator.	
Selling	31,977
Bourne	25,468
Lowell	7,994
Morton	3,270
Selling's plurality	6,439
Secretary of State.	
Oleott	32,129
Fields	29,353
Oleott's majority	2,776
Dairy and Food Commissioner.	
Cottel	16,478
Edwards	7,839
Lee	12,502
Mickle	17,656
Mickle's plurality	1,177
Railroad Commissioner, Second District.	
Aitchison	16,130
Schulderman	8,109
Stayton	7,716
Aitchison's plurality	8,026
Representative, Second District.	
Cochran	2,282
Ellis	2,781
Roosevelt	637
Rusk	2,415
Sinnott	3,372
Sinnott's plurality	591
DEMOCRATIC.	
President.	
Harmon	607
Wilson	8,585
Clark	7,142
Wilson's plurality	1,433
United States Senator.	
Cashow	2,479
Lane	7,512
Miller	328
Pierce	4,922
Lane's plurality	2,590
Representative, Second District.	
Corey	1,618
Graham	1,840
Graham's majority	222

### EXPERIMENT WORK IS PLAN.

Federal Officials Investigate Hood River Concisions.

Hood River—The United States department of agriculture during the past winter has made the Hood River valley the scene of various experiments, and A. V. Stubenrauch, of the pomological office of the department, has been here to investigate conditions as to the advisability of establishing a storage and precooling experiment station here this fall. He is favorable to such a plan, and it is thought such work will be conducted here.

Mr. Stubenrauch, who was accompanied here by B. B. Pratt, who has been conducting such experiments in Portland the past year, says that the greatest portion of decay in storage is caused by bruising from rough handling. He also lays strong emphasis on the precooling of fruit immediately after it is picked. The department of agriculture is giving especial attention to the methods of precooling.

Working in such a quiet way that but few people knew he was in the vicinity, A. T. Strahorn, who has been here a week, has begun preparations for making a complete soil survey of the Hood River valley this summer.

### NEW COURSES IN DAIRYING.

College to Begin Work in Milk Production Methods.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—A new course in milk production is to be offered by the dairy department of the Oregon Agricultural college next fall. Few colleges separate the manufacturing and production features of the dairy instruction, but at O. A. C. it has been decided to offer two separate courses, so that students may specialize in either branch of the industry they desire, or take both at once.

The new work will take up in detail the care, management, breeding and feeding of dairy cattle to the end of gaining the largest possible milk production, and will also give the student a thorough knowledge of the history of pure-bred dairy cattle.

### Traveling Hens Laid Steadily.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—Two hens, a Barred Rock and a White Leghorn, used on the O. A. C. poultry demonstration car to illustrate the types of good layers as compared with poor laying individuals of the same breeds, laid regularly the whole two weeks that the car was on the road, giving demonstrations before some 11,000 people in 26 towns and cities. During all this time the poor layers, though receiving the same food and care, did not lay an egg.

### Oregon at Her Richest.

Salem—With \$1,600,000 on hand in the state treasury, Oregon is probably in better financial condition than ever, all debts being paid except \$200,000 owing in connection with the purchase by the government of the canal and locks at Oregon City. There is so much cash on hand that the treasurer is distributing it among 54 banks, state depositories.

### Each Vote Costs 65 Cents.

Baker—It cost just 65 cents for each voter to cast his ballot in Baker county at the last primary election. The total cost submitted to the county commissioners was \$1650, and 2535 voters marked ballots. The ballot boxes traveled a total of 2545 miles, which cost \$254.50.