

### 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.

President Taft is planning additional trust legislation.

Toledo, O., elected a Socialist assessor and two councilmen.

Aviator Fowler arrived at El Paso, Tex., on his Pacific-to-Atlantic flight.

Gompers fears a rush of cheap labor to the Pacific coast when the Panama canal is completed.

Thirteen vessels of the Chinese imperial navy have deserted the Manchus and joined the revolutionists.

Aviator Rodgers has rallied from the dazed condition resulting from his fall when he attempted to complete his ocean-to-ocean flight Sunday, and is eager to complete his trip.

A terrific winter storm is sweeping the Atlantic coast, and much wreckage is coming ashore. Freezing weather extends into Louisiana, and fruit and garden truck is suffering considerable loss.

A German war correspondent left Tripoli in disgust rather than maintain silence regarding the atrocities committed by the Italian soldiers. He says the stories already given out do not tell half the truth.

A French scientist has discovered unmistakable evidences that some prehistoric men at least were vegetarians.

Women of Brooklyn, N. Y., formed a marketing club and are buying their supplies at wholesale, saving nearly 50 per cent.

Banker Robnett, pleaded guilty to embezzlement of the funds of the Lewiston, Idaho, national bank and was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment.

Italy accuses Turks and Arabs of violating the rules of war.

Lincoln's birthplace has been accepted by President Taft as a national preserve.

Railroad men are gloomy because of the burdens imposed by the employers' liability law.

An extension of the O.-W. R. & N. is projected from North Yakima to the Sound.

Great hostility was shown in the German reichstag against the proposed Morocco-Congo deal.

#### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Export basis: Bluestem, 82@84c; club, 78@79c; red Russian, 76@77c; valley, 78@79c; forty-fold, 80c.

Corn—Whole, \$37; cracked, \$38 ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$23 per ton; middlings, \$31; shorts, \$24; rolled barley, \$35@36.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$31@32 per ton. Hay—No. 1 E. O. timothy, \$18@19; No. 1 valley, \$15@17; alfalfa, \$13@14; clover, \$11@12; grain, \$11@12. Barley—Feed, \$32.50@33 per ton; brewing, nominal.

Fresh Fruits—Pears, 75c@1.75 per box; grapes, 75c@1.25; cranberries \$11@11.50 per barrel; huckleberries, 4@5c per pound.

Apples—Jonathans, \$1.50@2.25 per box; Spitzenberg, \$1@2.50; Baldwin, 75c@1.50; Red Check Pippin, \$1.25@1.75; Northern Spy, \$1.25@1.75; Winter Banana, \$2@3; Bellflower, \$1@1.25.

Potatoes—Buying prices, Burbanks, 90c@1.10 per hundred.

Onions—Buying price, \$1.10 sack.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 75c dozen; beans, 5@10c pound; cabbage, 1@1 1/2c; cauliflower, 50c@1 dozen; celery, 50@75c; cucumbers, \$2.50 box; garlic, 10@12c pound; lettuce, 75@80c doz.; hothouse lettuce, \$1.25 box; peppers, 8@10c per pound; pumpkins, 1@1 1/2c; squash, 1 1/4@1 1/2c per pound; tomatoes, 50c@1 per box; carrots, \$1 per sack; turnips, \$1; beets, \$1; parsnips, \$1.

Butter—Oregon creamery butter, solid pack, 35c; prints, extra; butter fat, 1c less than solid pack price.

Poultry—Hens, 13 1/2@14c; springs, 12@13c; ducks, young, 16@17c; geese, 11 1/2@12c; turkeys, alive, 22c; dressed, choice, 26@27c.

Pork—Fancy, 9@9 1/2c.

Veal—Fancy, 13@13 1/2c.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$5.45@5.75; good, \$5.30@5.45; fair, \$5.15@5.30; choice cows, \$4.50@4.75; fair, \$4@4.25; common, \$2.50@3.50; extra choice spayed heifers, \$4.75@5; choice heifers, \$4.50@4.60; choice bulls, \$3.75@4; good, \$3.25@3.50; common, \$2@2.50; choice calves, \$7.50@7.75; good, \$7.25@7.50; common, \$4@5; choice stags, \$4.50@4.75; good, \$4.25@4.50.

Hogs—Choice light, \$6.75@6.85; good to choice, \$6.50@6.75; fair, \$6.25@6.50; common, \$5@6.25.

Sheep—Choice yearling wethers, coarse wool, \$3.75@4; choice yearling wethers, east of mountains, \$3.40@3.60; choice wethers and threes, \$3.20@3.35; choice mountain lambs, \$4.25@4.75; good to choice lambs, \$4.25@4.65; good to choice lambs, \$4@4.25; valley lambs, \$3.75@4; culls, \$3@3.50.

Hops—1911 crop, 43@43 1/2c; olds, nominal.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, \$@16c; valley, \$@15@17c; mohair, choice, 35@37c.

#### PRICES GOING SKYWARD.

Food Frozen in Transit and Crops Hurt by Frost.

Chicago—Winter, which arrived snorting and snarling, did more than freeze a few persons to death. The sudden advent of cold weather sent the prices of all foodstuffs skyrocketing, so that those who survived the initial blast will become painfully aware that winter has set in in earnest.

The reasons given for the advance in food staples are that hens cease laying, cows give a limited supply of milk, carloads of fruit and vegetables were frozen in transit and the source of much of this supply damaged by frost. There is also the further reason that snow is falling heavily over a wide area and trains are likely to become stalled and food supplies will be slow in arriving. Here are some of the advances following the cold weather:

Eggs, up 3 cents, retailing at 40 to 42 cents a dozen.

Potatoes, 35 cents a peck, and the price will go much higher.

Creamery butter, 38 cents a pound.

Ham, 17 cents a pound.

Dressed chickens, 16 cents a pound.

Coal dealers have given notice that they will advance prices at once. They have had two lean years, due to the strike and overproduction in mild seasons, and prospects of a long, hard winter affords them an opportunity to even matters up.

The charitable organizations of Chicago are fortifying themselves against unusual demands this winter.

#### WOOL MEN SCORE TARBELL.

\$1,000 Raised to Tell Public Truth About Industry.

Baker, Or.—To bring out the real truth about the wool business as opposed to what has been told by writers like Ida Tarbell, who, by fictional magazine and newspaper articles, they declare, have put the wool industry before the public in an entirely false light, delegates to the 14th annual convention of the Oregon Woolgrowers' association, subscribed \$1,000 for publicity purposes.

The subscription was raised in a few minutes by the delegates, whose enthusiasm had been stirred by an address by W. S. McClure, secretary of the National Woolgrowers' association, who spoke on "Woolgrowing and Its Relation to the Tariff." McClure scathingly arraigned writers like Miss Tarbell for giving untrue statements and denounced the present laws, which he said make the wool industry a precarious calling, where in the past it has been one of the substantial natural resources of the country.

"How is it that woolen goods, the raw wool for which I purchased for \$1.67, could not be made into a suit for less than an added cost of \$35?" asked McClure. "Going to Washington with goods for a suit, the wool for which cost me \$1.67, the first tailor I asked agreed to make it into a suit for \$45. Others varied some, with the lowest bidder asking \$35."

#### ZIONITE OPPOSES CEMENT.

Christ Would Avoid New Sidewalks, Reason for Asking Injunction.

Zion City, Ill.—Rupert Deveraux, a member of the old Dowie faction in Zion's affairs, filed a petition with the Zion City board of aldermen objecting to the proposed construction of cement sidewalks here, on the ground that Christ never walked on cement and therefore "would avoid Zion City on the Savior's approaching second coming to earth."

The petition said that Dowie would return to life with the second coming of Christ.

One of Deveraux' followers, it was said, recently attempted to get some word from the late Alexander Dowie by sleeping three successive nights on Dowie's grave in the cemetery here. He is said to have reported to Deveraux that the expected message did not come to him.

#### Sahara to Know Burbank.

Los Angeles—Negotiations are under way between local men and the authorities in various parts of the Sahara which are expected to result soon in the introduction of Burbank's spineless cactus to the African desert. Experiments with the various kinds of spineless cacti have demonstrated, the experts say, that some of them will thrive on any desert in the world where the temperature does not go too low, and they believe the Sahara is peculiarly adapted to their cultivation.

#### Los Angeles Faces Election Troubles

Los Angeles—With a total registration of more than 190,000, election officers in Los Angeles are now facing one of their most vexing problems. How to arrange voting booths so all can vote is the problem. In some precincts more than 2,000 voters are registered. In others it ranges from 500 to 1,800. According to officers, it is a physical impossibility for all of those registered in the larger precincts to vote within the 12-hour limit.

#### Thief Returns Sermon.

Wilkesbarre, Pa.—A sermon entitled, "Prepare to Meet Thy God," which was taken from the pocket of Rev. M. E. Williams, a Methodist minister at Athens, Pa., when he was in this city recently, by pickpockets who extracted a large wallet, has been returned to him.

## INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

#### VOTING LIST LONG.

Candidates for Oregon's April Primary Will Be Many.

Salem—When the voters of Oregon go to the polls at the primary election April 19 they will have a formidable array of candidates for a large number of offices from whom to choose.

In addition to voting for the candidates for president and vice president of the United States under the new Oregon presidential preference primary plan, voters in each of the First, Second and Third congressional districts will be called upon to select their choice of candidates for representatives in congress. Next year a United States senator also will be selected to succeed Jonathan Bourne, Jr.

The office of secretary of state is to be filled and one justice of the Supreme court is to be elected to succeed Chief Justice Eakin. The term of J. W. Bailey as state dairy and food commissioner will also expire. Ten delegates to the national convention for the nomination of president and vice president of the United States are to be elected and five electors for president and vice president at the general election. A railroad commissioner from the First and Second congressional districts is to be nominated and elected.

In the Second, Sixth and Eighth judicial districts judges are to be elected and in the Fourth judicial district, or Multnomah county, judges for Department No. 1 and No. 2 are to be elected.

District attorneys are to be elected in all but the 13th judicial district, where the election was held last year for that office.

#### BROWNSVILLE APPLES WIN.

Ten First Prizes Are Awarded on Eleven Entries at Albany.

Brownsville—The Albany apple fair is closed and Brownsville is rejoicing over the fact that this community carried off so many first prizes on apple exhibits. Besides being awarded first prize of \$50 for the best community exhibit, Brownsville was awarded first prize on the best plate exhibit of ten or more varieties, first on best box of Grimes Golden, first on best box of Hoovers, first on best box of Willow Twigs, first on best box of "Unknown" variety of apples, first on best box of Winesaps, second on best box of Red Check Pippins. The exhibit was collected and arranged by Cate brothers, orchardists of this place.

Brownsville entered eleven separate exhibits outside of the community exhibit, and was awarded ten first and one second prizes. The exhibit was made under the auspices of the Brownsville Fruit and Produce association.

This is the second consecutive year that Brownsville has carried away the honors on the community exhibit.

#### DEER DAMAGE ORCHARDS.

Big Buck Felled by Farmer's Blow With Broadax.

Gold Hill—Charging with lowered antlers across the barnyard of the Chavener ranch, just across the Rogue river from Gold Hill, a big buck deer met death from a blow from a broad-axe in the hands of W. E. Thompson. The belligerent stag literally "got it in the neck," and the one blow was sufficient to give him his quietus. He dressed over 100 pounds.

With the closed season for deer a week old, Mr. Thompson is wondering whether he has violated the game laws in killing the buck, as he did, in self defense.

Deer have been unusually plentiful in Southern Oregon this fall, and it has been a poor hunter indeed who has not succeeded in bringing home a liberal supply of venison.

#### Big Pumpkins Grow Here.

Albany—Three pumpkins, each weighing 80 pounds grew this summer on the same vine on the farm of R. A. Marsh, four miles south of Albany. Marsh brought two of the pumpkins to this city and placed them on display. One weighed 79 1/2 pounds and the other was larger. The third large pumpkin, which is at least as large as the other two, is still on the vine ripening. A pumpkin weighing 99 pounds which grew on the farm of H. T. Ridders, in Benton county, about seven miles from Albany, is also on display.

#### Mining Claim is Sold.

Lakeview—E. T. Weisendanger, of Los Angeles, has bought the Last Dollar claim in the Hoag mining district near New Pine Creek, and has let a contract for a shaft to be sunk on the claim. The property is six miles from Hope mountain. There is expected to be considerable activity in the Hoag and Coyote Hills district in Lake county, Oregon, and Modoc county, California, the coming winter, as more capital has been invested lately.

#### Portland Men Make Strike.

Klamath Falls—It is reported that a ledge of tellurium has been struck on the Donemore ranch, owned by Joe Freshour, that assays between \$8,000 and \$17,000 a ton. The ledge is said to be between five and six feet wide, and two prospectors from Portland are reported to have made the strike. The ranch is high in the Siskiyou mountains, about two miles from the Oregon-California boundary.

#### ESTABLISH NEW DEPARTMENT

O. A. C. Regents Inaugurate Useful Service for People.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—An extension division has just been organized at the Oregon Agricultural college by the regents at their monthly meeting, and Prof. R. D. Hetzel has been made director. The plan is to conduct an organized campaign of service to all parts of the state for the benefit of those unable to come to the college for the regular courses.

The constantly increasing demand upon the college to solve problems for the people in the remote districts of the state has grown to such proportions that it became necessary to form this new division in order to fulfill satisfactorily this duty of the institution.

The new department will include all such work as the farmers' institutes, domestic science demonstration meetings, itinerate schools, demonstration trains, correspondence courses, extension lectures, the organization of juvenile clubs, and like educational work.

Every district of the state will be served through this medium, and men, women and children alike will thus be given an opportunity to receive instruction in any branch of the college work in which they are interested, without leaving their homes. The experts in agronomy, horticulture, gardening, poultry raising, animal husbandry, dairying, bee keeping, crop pests, business methods, cooking and sewing, flower growing, forestry, mechanical engineering electrical and civil engineering, good road work, mining and other branches of instruction will direct personally these extension courses.

Both the number and scope of the farmers' institutes will be greatly increased under this new plan. Traveling schools with laboratory and staffs of from five to twelve experts will be sent to hold regular sessions of a week or more in different sections of the state. Correspondence courses and study clubs will supplement the instruction of these schools, and practical application of the methods taught will be made on the farms, ranches, and orchards of the students of such courses. Bulletins giving in popular language the valuable practical information will also be distributed by the extension division. An information bureau will be conducted in the same connection to relieve the various departments from the overwhelming flood of letters of inquiry, 88,000 of which were received last year. Other valuable educational work is also planned for the division at the college.

#### TUBERS OPEN EYES.

Redmond Potato Fair Is Revelation to All Who Attend.

Redmond—Redmond's first annual potato show, held November 2, the date the O.-W. R. & N. demonstration train was here, was a success, and far exceeded the expectations of the Redmond commercial club, which promoted the project.

The idea of holding a potato show in Redmond was advanced by F. W. Graham, western industrial and immigration agent of the Great Northern road, when he was here Railroad day. After seeing some of the exhibits of potatoes he said: "You folks have without doubt the best lot of potatoes grown in the United States, and it would be the best kind of advertising for you to hold an annual potato show, and make a specialty of that kind of crop. It would attract attention from all over the United States."

The idea advanced by Mr. Graham was taken up by the Commercial club and the papers here, and though the time was limited in which to get up exhibits, the showing made was beyond the expectations of all.

#### New Precincts Created.

Springfield—The county court has created two new voting precincts here, making four now. This is in accordance with the expressed determination of the county court to limit the number of voters in each precinct in the county in order that the ballots cast at the state and county elections may be counted before midnight on the same day of the election. In some of the larger precincts during the past few years the work of counting was not finished till well along during the next day after the election.

#### Paisley Realty Improvements On.

Paisley—A number of new buildings are being erected here. The most prominent of them is the new garage of A. Hartlerode. C. E. Campbell is building a residence, Clark Johnson a dwelling and S. P. Moss, the ranchman, is remodeling a town property he recently purchased to use as a home when not on his farm. George Ranney has put up a building next to the blacksmith shop and other buildings in the town have been improved.

#### School Loans Examined.

Salem—Land Agent Rinehart has just returned from Eastern Oregon, where he has been investigating the nature of the securities for state loans and finds that as a rule the loans are well secured. About \$5,000,000 of the school fund is loaned on real property and about \$1,000,000 on school bond bonds. A few of the loans on real property are being recalled or additional security demanded where the security is not deemed sufficient.

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