

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.

Irving Bedell Dudley, ambassador to Brazil, is dead.

The Santa Fe railroad is blockaded by snow and ice in New Mexico.

Manchu troops have captured Han Yan and put the Chinese rebels to rout.

Twenty-seven brass bands combined in one immense band at the Spokane Apple show.

The turkey supply in Portland markets was less than expected and prices are on the rise.

A small schooner with 23 Chinese on board was caught trying to land the celestials at Monterey, Cal.

The proposed lumber combine of Northwest mills gets little encouragement from Attorney General Wickersham.

The strike of coal miners in Northern Colorado is becoming serious and the governor is about to call out troops.

Two San Francisco policemen and an informer were killed trying to arrest a Greek wanted for a murder in Greece.

The landing of Japanese forces in the disturbed provinces of China was with the full knowledge and consent of the powers.

America denies emphatically that she interfered in any way with the negotiations between England and Germany regarding Morocco.

Italians report a fierce battle with the Turks in which the city of Henni was captured and 500 Turks killed and many prisoners taken, including several officers.

The timber output of Washington for the past year is estimated to be worth \$54,750,000.

Representative Underwood, of Alabama, has declared against the initiative and referendum.

A free ship bill in congress may defeat the combine against an Atlantic-Pacific steamer line via the Panama canal.

John D. denies that he took any undue advantage of the Merritt brothers in securing title to vast mineral deposits in Michigan.

A gigantic smuggling plot has been revealed whereby hundreds of Chinese have been brought to Chicago and New York from Canada.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, 82@83c; club, 79@80c; red Russian, 77@78c; valley, 79@80c; forty-fold, 80c.

Corn—Whole, \$37; cracked, \$38 ton. Millstuffs—Bran, \$23 per ton; middlings, \$31; shorts, \$24; rolled barley, \$35.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$31 per ton. Hay—No. 1 Eastern Oregon timothy, \$18@18.50; No. 1 valley, \$15@16; alfalfa, \$13@14; clover, \$11@12; grain, \$11@12.

Barley—Feed, \$34@35 per ton; brewing, nominal. Fresh Fruits—Pears, 50c@1.50 per box; grapes, 75c@1.25; cranberries, \$12.50@13 per barrel.

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

Potatoes—Buying prices: Burbanks, 90c@1.20 per hundred. Onions—Buying price, \$1.15 per sack.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 75c per dozen; cabbage, 1@1 1/4c per pound; cauliflower, \$1.90@2 per crate; celery, 75c per dozen; garlic, 10@12c per pound; lettuce, 75@80c per dozen; hothouse lettuce, \$1@1.25 per box; peppers, 8@10c per pound; pumpkins, 1@1 1/4c; sprouts, 8@9c; squash, 1 1/4@1 1/2c; tomatoes, 90c@1.50 per box; carrots, \$1 per sack; turnips, \$1; beets, \$1; parsnips, \$1.

Butter—Oregon creamery butter, solid pack, 36c; prints, extra; butter fat, 1c less than solid pack.

Poultry—Hens, 12@12 1/2c; springs, 12c; ducks, young, 15@16c; geese, 12@13c; turkeys, live, 20@21c; dressed, choice, 25@26c.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, 50c. Pork—Fancy, 8@9c per pound. Veal—Fancy, 12@13c per pound. Hops—1911 crop, 43@45c; olds, nominal.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 9@16c per pound; valley, 15@17c; mohair, choice, 35@37c per pound.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$5.40@5.50; good, \$5@5.35; choice cows, \$4.55@4.65; fair, \$4.25@4.50; extra choice spayed heifers, \$4.75@5.40; choice heifers, \$4.50@4.60; choice bulls, \$4.25@4.50; good, \$4@4.25; choice calves, \$7@7.75; good, \$7@7.25.

Hogs—Choice light, \$6.55@6.70; good, \$6.35@6.50; fair, \$6.20@6.25; common, \$5@6.

Sheep—Choice yearling wethers, coarse wool, \$4.25@4.50; choice twos and threes, \$4@4.25; choice killing ewes, \$3.25@3.60; choice lambs, \$4.50@4.75; good to choice, \$4.25@4.50; culls, \$3@3.75.

REBELS GET NANKING.

Imperial Troops Rally and Capture Hang Yang.

Nanking—The revolutionists entered the four gates of the city of Nanking early Wednesday morning.

Pekin—Hang Yang has been occupied by the imperial forces, which crossed the Han river 20 miles above that place. Wuchang has made a provisional capitulation, and it is evident that the government is getting a strong hand in that part of Hupeh province, where a few weeks ago the rebels seemed to have supreme control.

There is no news of Li Yuen Hing, the revolutionary commander, and it is not known whether he led the defense of Hang Yang or directed it from Wuchang. It is believed that the rebels will not surrender; rather they will prefer to take chances of flight in the open country. The rebels have endeavored to obtain the terms offered by Yuan Shi Kai three weeks ago, but it is reliably reported that Lieutenant General Fang Ko Chwang, commander of the imperial troops at Hankow, refused to grant them.

A Hankow consular report says it was a foregone conclusion that the imperialists would win if they attacked seriously, because of superior organization. During the attack every position was heavily shelled. The imperialists numbered probably 30,000 modern drilled men. The rebels were for the most part volunteers, perhaps equal in numbers to the imperial forces.

Yuan Shi Kai's position seemed hopeless two days ago. He was deserted by former followers upon whose help he counted. Both Chinese and foreign residents in Pekin believed that the dynasty was on the verge of abdication. Friends urged the premier to capitulate; others, fearing his assassination, endeavored to persuade him to take refuge in the foreign concessions at Tien Tsin.

Today Yuan Shi Kai is the one-man government, combining in himself both legislative and executive powers, but it is now expected that the men recently appointed to the cabinet will come to Pekin promptly.

A certain awe surrounds Yuan Shi Kai. The national assembly feared him and did not dare to insist upon his presence before it. The membership preferred to leave the capital when the army rallied unexpectedly.

The premier removed suspected officers and rewarded the soldiers with bits of money, in spite of the treasury's plight. He even sent Manchu troops away from the capital to the front and he is now sending reinforcements to Pukow, opposite Nanking, as well as to Hankow and Shansi.

If the premier were able to obtain a foreign loan he would control the situation. The opinion is held, however, that the revolution is by no means ended. The legations believe the dynasty saved unless the rebels succeed in fulfilling their threat to kill Yuan Shi Kai with dynamite.

The premier recently informed Sir John Jordan, the British minister, that he did not fear assassination.

WATER WALL HITS SHIP.

Sailors Swept Off Decks By Big Wave on Atlantic.

New York—Captain Pavey, of the Fabre line Santa Ana, which arrived Wednesday from Marseilles and Naples, tells of a wave 100 feet high, which his ship encountered on the Atlantic. The great mass of water rose before the ship like a wall and swept the decks clean of everything portable. Four seamen were carried overboard and three others stretched unconscious on the deck.

"I had the engines reversed at once," said Captain Pavey. "The four men came up through the foam, three of the being limp on the waves. The falling wall of water had knocked them senseless. The fourth man was just able to reach out and grab a buoy flung overboard. We could not lower a boat, as the sea was so high."

The spine of one of the sailors knocked down on deck was broken, and he died two days later. The others injured will probably recover.

X-Ray on Shaker's Death.

Tampa, Fla.—The question of how Egbert Gillette and Elizabeth Sears, members of the Shaker colony near Kissimmee, assisted a co-religionist "out of life" by euthanasia, will be taken up by a grand jury that may hold the pair for manslaughter. Both Gillette and Miss Sears admit they gave chloroform to Sadie Marchant to expedite her death because, they claim, she was in the final stage of tuberculosis. A medical examination disclosed, it is declared, that Sister Marchant was not so near death.

Dr. Blue Called Home.

Honolulu—Dr. Rupert Blue, of the United States Public Health and Marine Hospital service, who has been in Honolulu since the threatened cholera epidemic several months ago, has been ordered to return to Washington. He will be succeeded by Dr. George W. McCoy. It is believed here that Dr. Blue's return to Washington is in connection with the choosing of a successor to the late Dr. Walter Wyman, surgeon general of the service.

Law Will Close Mines.

Pittsburg, Kan.—According to several leading coal mine operators in this district, 30 per cent of the mines of Kansas will be shut down January 1 because of the state workmen's compensation law, which goes into effect on that date. The operators declare they cannot afford to take the risk of liability to injured employes.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

WATER PROJECT GBOWS.

Big Lakeview Bond Issue is Believed Assured.

Lakeview—Supplementing a million dollar bond issue through underwriters headed by James H. Pershing, of Denver, H. I. Reid, ex-city engineer of Colorado Springs, has spent the past 10 days in Lakeview collecting data and investigating the work done by the Lakeview Irrigation & Power company toward the reclamation of 60,000 acres in Goose lake valley.

That the report of the engineer will be a favorable one is evident in his enthusiasm regarding this country and aside from a few legal technicalities it is believed that the bonds are practically taken up now.

In order to facilitate the bond issue, the Oregon Valley Land company transferred its property rights to the Lakeview Irrigation & Power company who in turn last week transferred its entire holdings to a corporation known as the Goose Lake Irrigation company. Warranty deeds were given for all holdings and quit claim deeds to all rights of way, water rights and water contracts.

Up to the present time, nearly \$1,000,000 has been spent on the Drews creek project, which is now about 70 per cent complete. In addition to the completion of the Drews project, construction work will go forward in early spring on the Cottonwood project, which roughly estimated, will cost close to three-quarters of a million dollars. With these two projects completed, sufficient water will be available for watering every acre of land in the valley as far south as the California state line.

BEND AUTO TRUCKS READY.

Trips to Be Made to Burns Now All Year Round.

Bend—After many delays in getting them here, the two auto trucks which the Central Oregon Trucking company will operate between here and Burns, hauling freight to the Harney country, have arrived. Several car loads of freight have been waiting here for weeks to be freighted to the interior. The road to be traveled is smooth and solid now.

The auto truck will get much of the freighting business from this terminal, from present indications. In addition to the line to Burns, cars will be operated to Lake county towns. Frank McKay, of Portland, has arrived with a machine to be used for runs to all towns in the interior where freight offers. Only a very deep snow will stop these cars, as the roads in this part of Central Oregon remain firm the year round.

AIDS IN WATER FIGHT.

Government Helps Indians to Win Pendleton Controversy.

Pendleton—Government aid for the Indians in the water rights controversy with the Byers Milling company is promised in a letter received by Major E. L. Swartzlander, agent on the Umatilla reservation, from C. F. Hauke, second assistant commissioner of Indian affairs.

Hauke says the department of justice has already been instructed to furnish the Indian service with data showing the exact status of the situation. As soon as this is obtained, he declares, the courts will be called upon to settle once for all the right of the Indian lands on which water is needed for irrigation purposes. If the government and the Indians win it will make possible the irrigation of 5,600 acres of valuable land immediately contiguous to Pendleton.

Potato Experiments Success.

Gold Hill—With the idea of propagating a potato suited to soil and climatic conditions in Southern Oregon, which has no particular claim to fame as a potato county, George Holcomb has experimented the past season with vines grown from seed from all the potato-producing countries of the world. Although potatoes grown direct from seed are supposed to be about the size of marbles, Mr. Holcomb has some as large as eggs. He hopes to discover the best potato for cultivation in the Rogue River valley.

Coos Bay Seeking Oil.

Marshfield—Final arrangements for oil boring have been made by the Coos Bay Oil & Gas company, recently organized by local men. The company is capitalized for \$25,000 and nearly \$18,000 of the stock has been subscribed. C. M. Maupin, formerly of the California oil fields, will probably be chosen as general manager. The first boring will be made on the Catching Inlet, near this city.

Potatoes, 250 Sacks, Acre.

Freewater—Two hundred and fifty sacks of potatoes to the acre is the record made on the Grandview tracts near Freewater by Bradley and Farish. The potatoes are of the Burbank variety and are smooth and uniform. They average from a pound to a pound and a half each in weight, and sell for a cent and a half per pound.

Schedule of Doctors' Fees.

Baker—A uniform rate of fees for the doctors of this county will be placed in effect if the plans which were discussed at the meeting of the Baker County Medical association are adopted.

TO TEACH RURAL HYGIENE.

O. A. C Plans New Work for Farmers' Short Course.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—A course in rural hygiene is to be inaugurated this winter at the Oregon Agricultural college during the short course. A popular course of lectures will be given on the factors favorable and otherwise to health in rural communities. Prof. T. D. Beckwith, head of the bacteriology department, will give these lectures.

"The farmer ordinarily gives far more attention to the health of his stock than to that of himself and family," said Prof. Beckwith, speaking of the proposed lectures. "The point that the health of the people may be reckoned in dollars and cents to the community escapes the average citizen in his mad scramble for more evident wealth. For example, it is computed that the annual loss to the United States through human tuberculosis amounts to \$600,000,000, which is approximately three-fourths the value of the entire wheat crop of the country. This immense annual loss, about 75 per cent of which is preventable, is due solely to carelessness and ignorance of the most rudimentary rules of life and health. Of vastly greater importance than the money loss is the pain and suffering, most of which can be prevented by a little care and knowledge."

The short course lectures, which will be illustrated with stereoscopic views, will cover such subjects as water supply (especially from wells), their location and construction as to health; sanitary methods of sewage disposal, the use and abuse of septic tanks; transmission of disease, such as tuberculosis and typhoid; flies and germ carrying; cause of colds and grippe and other epidemics.

TO HAVE PUMPING SYSTEM

Electric Power to Be Used in Irrigating Arid Land.

La Grande—Another plan of reclamation of the areas of arid and semi-arid land in Grande Ronde valley, one heretofore deemed impracticable on so large a scale, will be given a tryout here this winter and next summer. The Eastern Oregon Light and Power company, having operating stations all over Eastern Oregon, will carry on the experiments on 1,600 acres of land which the company controls in the heart of the few patches of land that are dependent on artificial water during the summer.

Mining engineers are on the ground ready to commence digging and drilling the first well. A distance of 50 feet downward, or where the water raises automatically, the diggers will construct a slum—an underground reservoir run at right angles to the shaft and extending 50 feet in each direction. This reservoir, or slum, will fill with water and act as a reserve pond when the drain from the pumps on the well is heavy. Electricity is to be used as power for pumping.

TIMBER OWNERS FIGHT TAX.

Forest Assessments in Coos Bay Declared to Be Too High.

Marshfield—The county judge has been notified that the Menasha Wood-ware company and the Field Timber company will appeal from the findings of the county board of equalization in the assessment of timber lands. It is said that other timber companies will probably join in the movement.

Representatives of several timber owners appealed to the county board for a lowering of the assessment of timber lands generally throughout the county. While some changes were made in individual cases, the board refused a general lowering of the assessment.

It was alleged by the timber owners in their original petition that the timber was not assessed fairly as compared to the ranch land of the county.

Has Novel Fish Screen.

Gold Hill—Charles Kell, local blacksmith, has secured a patent on his fish screen for power and irrigation ditches. The invention consists of a screen cylinder, rotated by paddles hung on the axis inside the screen. As the cylinder revolves it carries trash and drift over and down stream, preventing the passage of fish up the ditch. The invention is the result of the screening law, on the statutes of all western states, requiring all power and irrigation ditches to be effectually screened against the passage of fish.

Law Will Be Enforced in Future.

Salem—The corporation department of the secretary of state's office has declared that the law will be enforced in reference to the filing of annual reports of corporations. A fine of \$100 is provided for in the law on failure to file such reports. There are numerous companies that are from one to three years behind with such reports, and the department intends to clean them up. All of the companies so delinquent are being notified.

Lower Columbia Poultry Show.

Astoria—The members of the Lower Columbia River Poultry association are busily engaged in making preparations for their annual poultry show, which is to be held here from December 19 to 21 inclusive. The association will accommodate 400 contestants.

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