

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.

A daughter was born to Queen Victoria, of Spain.

Taft approved the commission's report opposing Federal regulation of railway securities.

British railroad directors have granted full recognition of the Railroad Workmen's union.

The constitutionality of the Idaho state printing law has been upheld by the state Supreme court.

James J. Jeffries, ex-pugilist, will make his wife a Christmas present of a \$50,000 insurance policy on his life.

Bert H. Franklin, employed by the defense in the McNamara trial, has been indicted for attempted jury bribing.

A convict in the penitentiary at Salem, Or., pried his way through three successive sets of barred windows and escaped.

Fire destroyed a portion of the buildings of Luna Park, at Coney Island, New York, causing a loss of \$150,000.

Work will begin immediately on a \$3,000,000 irrigation project for the Silver Lake country, Oregon, to water 100,000 acres.

Three miners were rescued alive from the Cross mountain mine, near Knoxville, Tenn., after being imprisoned three days.

Fire destroyed the plant of the West Oregon lumber company at Linton, near Portland, causing a loss of \$150,000, about half of which was covered by insurance.

Four well-defined cases of smallpox were discovered at Marion, ten miles south of Salem, Or. They were being treated by an unlicensed physician, and the entire population of the village, about 50, have been exposed.

The champion fat steer at the Chicago Live Stock show sold to a department store for 90 cents a pound.

A rancher at Pacific City, Wash., stumbled and fell while carrying a charge of dynamite and was blown to atoms.

A New York girl only 19 years old spent \$21,406 in high living in 18 months, and her guardian wants to throw up his job.

It has been decided that holders of fractional shares in the subsidiary companies of the Standard Oil company, will have no votes.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

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

Corn—Whole, 37c; cracked, 33c.

Millstuffs—Bran, 23c per ton; middlings, 33c; shorts, 24c; rolled barley, 37c@38c.

Oats—No. 1 white, 31c per ton.

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

Barley—Feed, 36c@37c per ton.

Fresh Fruits—Pears, 50c@1.50 per box; grapes, \$1.25@1.50 per box; cranberries, \$11.50@12 per barrel; casabas, \$1.50 per crate.

Apples—Jonathans, \$1.50@2.25 per box; Spitzenbergs, \$1.25@2.50; Baldwin, 75c@1.50; Red Cheek Pippin, \$1.25@1.75; Northern Spy, \$1.25@1.75; Winter Banana, \$2@3; Bellflower, \$1.10@1.50.

Potatoes—Buying price: Burbanks, 90c@1.20 per hundred.

Onions—Jobbing price: \$1.50 sack.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 90c per dozen; cabbage, 1@1 1/4c per pound; celery, 75c@1 per dozen; cucumbers, \$1.25@1.75; garlic, 8@10c per pound; lettuce, \$2.50 per crate; peppers, 8@10c per pound; pumpkins, 1@1 1/4c; squash, 1 1/4@1 1/2c carrots, \$1 per sack; beets, \$1; turnips, \$1; parsnips, \$1.

Hops—1911 crop, 43@45c; old, nominal.

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

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

Poultry—Hens, 14@14 1/2c; springs, 13@14c; ducks, young, 16@17c; geese, 13@14c; turkeys, live, 20c; dressed, choice, 22c.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, candled, 42c.

Pork—Fancy, 8@9c per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 13@13 1/2c per pound.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$5.40@5.75; good, \$5.25@5.40; choice cows, \$4.60@4.75; good, \$4.25@4.50; choice spayed heifers, \$4.75@5; good to choice heifers, \$4.50@4.60; choice bulls, \$4.25@4.50; good, \$4@4.25; choice calves, \$7@7.50; good, \$6@6.50.

Hogs—Choice light hogs, \$6.80@7.10; good to choice hogs, 6.50@6.70; fair, \$6@6.25; smooth heavy hogs, \$5.25@5.50.

Sheep—Choice yearling wethers, \$4@4.25; choice twos and threes, \$3.85@4; choice killing ewes, \$3.25@3.60; choice lambs, \$4.25@4.50; good to choice, \$4@4.25; culs, \$3@3.75.

KING GEORGE IS EMPEROR.

Made Ruler of India in Gorgeous Pageant at Delhi.

Delhi, India.—Before thousands of their subjects, white, brown and black, King George V and Queen Mary were proclaimed Emperor and Empress of India. The ceremonial was the crowning glory of the Durbar, and, it is asserted, surpassed all spectacles of modern times.

In two amphitheatres erected on the beautiful plain of Delhi the ceremonies by which citizens of British India hailed their rulers were enacted—in one before high white and Indian officials, Princes and prominent persons and in the larger one before a multitude of the people.

A holiday had been declared throughout the land and thousands upon thousands had flocked to the city to witness the coronation.

The day was perfect for the magnificent pageantry and not an untoward incident marred India's greatest fête. Royal robes and gems splashed and glittered in the sunlight as the nobility and soldiery of the royal procession made their way from the Durbar camp to the great temporary auditoriums, where the actual acclamation of the Emperor and his consort took place.

Following the ceremonies the King-Emperor made it known that he would give a large sum of money for popular education, with other gifts to follow. The Viceroy announced that His Majesty was so charmed with Delhi that he had determined to move the Indian capital here from Calcutta. Calcutta has been the capital of India since 1773. It is estimated that the removal of the capital will cost \$25,000,000.

The native Princes and army are pleased at the revival of the ancient glories of Delhi. It is feared, however, that it will be resented in Calcutta and by the Mohammedans in Eastern Bengal.

The government has acquired the Durbar territory on easy terms and it is proposed to utilize the site for a new city, which will take two or three years to build.

"POWDER TRUST" TO FIGHT.

Constitutionality of Washington's Law to Be Carried Up.

Olympia, Wash.—It was announced at a conference before the Industrial Insurance Commission that the Dupont Powder Company, the so-called "Powder Trust," would fight the new Washington liability law. The Dupont Company was represented by J. P. Laley, chief counsel for the company, who came out from Wilmington, Del., to appear.

The Dupont Company will test the constitutionality of the law before the United States Supreme Court upon the ground that it confiscates property without due process of law. The Imperial Powder Company of Chesham is now contesting in the Superior Court of Thurston County the right of the Commission to allow certain claims in connection with the death of eight girls in its plant on November 1, when the establishment was partially destroyed by fire.

TURKISH ATTACK REPULSED.

Attempt to Penetrate Italian Lines at Benghazi Fails.

Benghazi, Tripoli.—Another attack was made by Turkish troops. They attempted to break through the advance lines of the Italians, but were unsuccessful, retreating with a loss of 63 dead. The Italian authorities say that the Italians lost three dead and 12 wounded.

Marseilles, France.—The British steamer Baron Polwarth, which sailed from Manila on November 8 for this port, reported that she had been fired upon by an Italian cruiser while passing through the Red Sea on November 30. Her bows were badly damaged when she came into port. The captain says the commander of the Italian cruiser apologized for the occurrence.

Miners Scrawl Messages.

Briceville, Tenn.—Messages scrawled on the walls of compartments of the Cross Mountain mine, where Saturday an explosion entombed more than 100 men, encouraged rescuers to renewed efforts in the hope of finding more men alive. The messages evidently were written by a party of men. When driven out of one place by gas, they would write indicating where they were going. After the trail was followed through several entries it was lost and hope of finding more men alive again was abandoned.

Warm Wave Starts Sap.

New York.—Wednesday was the hottest December 12 on record and only twice in the annals of the Weather Bureau has the record even been approached. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the thermometer was just a shade under 60. On the same day in 1873 and 1899 the mercury touched 59. The hot wave is general throughout the East. Up in the Berkshires the maple sap is running like it does in Spring, and the pussy willows are budding.

Warship's Men Scalded.

Portsmouth, England.—Commander Herbert N. Garnett, of the Naval Ordnance Department, four engineer officers and 15 of the crew of the dreadnought battleship Orion were badly burned or scalded on their faces and hands as the result of the explosion of an oil tank. The Orion is lying in one of the basins at the dockyards, where she is being completed for commission. She is fitted for the consumption of both oil and coal.

Whitney Wins Election.

Toronto, Ont.—Sir James Whitney's government was again returned to power at the provincial election held throughout Ontario Wednesday. Liberals made a net gain of seven seats.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

INDIAN LAND OPEN.

Klamath Reservation Offers Rich Opportunity.

Klamath Falls.—Agitation to have the Klamath Indian reservation formally opened has led Superintendent Watson to say that the reservation is virtually open now and that no formal action needs to be taken. The conditions are somewhat different from those on other reservations which have been opened in that nearly all agricultural lands have been allotted to the Indians, and the only acreage remaining unallotted is in timber.

This does not mean that there is no opportunity for white men to acquire homes and property on the reservation, says Watson, who asserts that it offers the greatest opportunities to the homeseeker of any reservation ever opened in the United States. There is no such thing as free land now, he says, and for that matter never was, as in land openings only about 20 per cent of the applicants ever received anything and it usually cost them as much as it was worth before their settlement was completed.

According to an estimate made last year, there were 5,500,000,000 feet of standing timber on the reservation and fully one-half of this is subject to application for purchase. Naturally most of this will be bought by lumbering concerns and manufactured. It is asserted that this development will mean a big thing for the reservation and the northern part of Klamath county.

At this time there are thousands of acres of the best agricultural lands on the reservation for sale, says Watson. The best lands can be bought at very low figures. He says that a third of the farm lands around Modoc Point, and from a third to one-half of the sagebrush and meadow lands along Sprague River, belong to the estates of dead Indians. These lands were among the first to be selected and allotted and naturally were the choice pieces. Application can be made at any time for their sale, and after appraisal bids are advertised for, and the lands usually sold to the highest bidder.

SLEEK GOATS TO PRANCE.

Northwest Angora Association to Hold Show at Dallas.

Dallas.—The Northwest Angora Goat association, in conjunction with the Polk County Poultry association, will hold their annual shows here from January 3 to 5, inclusive.

Cash prizes and premiums have been offered by the promoters of the goat show, and many exhibitors have entered or have signified their intention of displaying their choice animals.

The committee supervising the goat show is made up of O. S. Grant, A. L. McDonald, H. L. Fenton, J. C. Guthrie, G. W. McBee and W. A. Ayres. In a letter issued by the committee exhibitors are asked to communicate with W. A. Ayres, Dallas, Or. Special prizes have been offered to competitors owning bucks ranging in age from 9 months up, and does with the same age range.

Firms offering special prizes include William Brown & Co., Salem; Northwest Angora Goat Breeders' association; Multnomah Mohair Mills, Portland; Angora Goat Breeders' Journal, Portland; William Riddle & Sons, Mornmouth; Angora Rug company, Salem, and the Oregon Agriculturist, Portland.

The Angora Goat Breeders' Journal also will give a year's subscription of the Journal to every exhibitor at the show and to every purchaser of an Angora buck.

Space will be given at the show for the exhibition of sheep.

Hillsboro Man Praises Peanuts.

Hillsboro.—F. A. Haines, of Hillsboro, has demonstrated that peanuts may be grown for commercial purposes in the Willamette valley in the rich loam soil of the bottom lands. Mr. Haines, out of curiosity, planted some peanuts a year ago. The other day while digging in the garden he found the peanuts in the ground, fully matured and of good quality.

It is generally believed that a sandy soil is required to raise peanuts, but it has been proved by several experiments conducted by horticultural experts that the black loam soil of the Willamette valley river and bottom land will grow the peanut with surprising success.

Nehalem Harbor Improved.

Nehalem.—With less than \$50,000 spent on the improvement of the Nehalem river bar, positive results have already been obtained, with the full assurance that a continuance of the work will accomplish what was desired. Those commercially interested in the vicinity of Nehalem subscribed the \$50,000 to have the tortuous and uncertain channel straightened and deepened by the building of a jetty. This undertaking was not looked upon favorably by shipping men, who considered it a waste of money.

For Better Rural Schools.

Corvallis.—The State Bankers' association has named a committee of six men who will have charge of the movement for improving rural conditions, especially in the matter of educational facilities, so as to stem the tide of country boys and girls going into the cities, and keep them on the home farm for their own future profit as well as for the best interests of the state and nation.

VISITING CHICKS WIN.

Many Surprises Among Poultry Show Blue Ribboners.

Portland.—Judges and officials agree in declaring the poultry show of the Oregon Poultry and Pet Stock association, in the Multnomah hotel at Third and Pine streets, to be the best in quantity and quality that has been held in the Northwest this season.

"I have judged more than a dozen shows in British Columbia, Washington, Idaho and Oregon before coming to this show," said W. M. Coats, of Vancouver, B. C., who with Elmer Dixon, of Oregon City, is scoring the fowls entered, "and I can safely say that this is the largest show in which I have officiated this year. There are more fowls entered and they are of as high class in every respect as any of the fowls I have judged at previous shows. The number of disqualifications we have made so far is not only much less than it was last year, but is far less than I expected to be obliged to make, although I was prepared to find an improvement in the stock over last season."

R. J. Renney, of Vancouver, Wash., carried off the highest honors in exhibits in the White Leghorn class. Mr. Renney's entries won four blue ribbons. Close at his heels in prize-winning were Miller Brothers, of Tacoma, and W. B. Brown, of Portland, each with three blue ribbons displayed on the coops of their fowls.

Mr. Renney's showing was remarkable in many respects. In the single-comb White Leghorn class, with only three fowls entered, he won two prizes; first on cockerel and fifth on pullet. In the rose-comb class of the White Leghorns, he won first prize on cock, cockerel and pullet.

The finest fowl in his coops was the winner of the first prize for cockerels, which carried off the blue ribbon over 50 contestants, all of which scored high. In every point this bird appears pre-eminent, and there was a crowd of admirers about its coop all day. Many predictions were made that if it should appear next year, after it has grown out of the cockerel class, it could give "Old Ben," the winner of the prize for White Leghorn cocks, the run of his life in the scoring.

"Old Ben" was another celebrity that came in for a big share of the attention. The rooster received the homage of its admirers with the royal indifference of one that has for two seasons carried off the blue ribbons against all comers. "Old Ben" is the property of W. B. Brown, of this city. Last year "Old Ben" was voted to the show ignominiously in a gunny-sack, and electrified the judges and poultry fanciers by beating out the entire field, in which there were more than 50 high-bred competitors. Competition was keen this year also, but "Ben" succeeded in keeping up the pace he had established when a cockerel, and accepted the blue ribbon as his just due.

EXPERIMENTS TO FATTEN PIGS. Value of Shorts and Middling to Supplant Wheat. Corvallis.—Experiments to test the value of shorts and middlings as a supplement to ground wheat in the fattening of pigs are being conducted by the animal husbandry department at the Oregon Agricultural college under the direction of Prof. E. L. Potter. In the wheat growing districts of Eastern Oregon, where the ranchers are beginning to be greatly interested in hog raising, shorts and middlings are the most available feeds for use as a supplement to the wheat, and thus the experiments will be of a special benefit to that district.

Previous tests have proven on the college experiment farm that wheat alone is not the best feed for fattening, and if some good supplement available to the Eastern Oregon farmers can be found, it will do much to encourage swine breeding in that part of the state.

Expects Growth of Mineral Wealth.

Corvallis.—Prof. H. M. Parks, head of the school of mines at the Oregon Agricultural college, predicts a general advance in the mineral output of the state and the development of mining into one of Oregon's leading industries. The vast mineral wealth, not including gold, silver, and coal, such as raw materials for soda, cement and many other natural elements abundant in this region, awaits capital and men to fit it for the needs of industry. Gold, silver, coal, granite, sandstone, limestone, clay for brick, tile, and pottery, mineral water, copper, sand and gravel, and lime and gypsum are included in the list of valuable mineral products of the state.

Survey Partly Finished.

Eugene.—The last gap in the first 23-mile section of the right of way for the Eugene-Coos Bay extension was closed this week when the Lane County company transferred its interest in the 30 acres of land at Powell Pass six miles west of Eugene, to the Southern Pacific. Condemnation proceedings were already under way against this property, but a settlement could not have been reached before the March term of court. The land is high and well drained, and grain will probably be raised there at once.

The all absorbing question at this season of the year is What Am I Going to Give My Friends for CHRISTMAS

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