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ESTACADA OREGON

RESUME OF THE WEEK'S DOINGS

General Review of Important Happenings Presented in a Brief and Comprehensive Manner for Busy Readers—National, Political, Historical and Commercial.

An agitation is on in Japan for naval expansion. Clyde Fitch, the American playwright, is dead.

Another slight earthquake shock has been felt in Mexico.

Actors in Chicago have gone on strike for better pay.

The power of the British house of lords is at stake on the tax bill.

Harriman has suffered a relapse and his condition is the cause of alarm.

An aeronaut fell 1,000 feet at Chicago and though badly injured, still lives.

Japan and China have signed a treaty for the settlement of the Manchurian dispute.

An Eastern woman has just had a hat made from the skins of eight rattlesnakes.

The Pressed Steel Car company, of Pittsburgh, has granted the demands of its striking employes.

Estimates of the population of the United States vary greatly, but the average seems about 95,000,000.

Russia now wants a share in the Chinese railway loan.

The deficit of the German imperial government for 1908 is said to amount to \$30,500,000.

Two colored men have been hanged by a mob at Malcolm, Ala., for murdering the sheriff.

Explorer Cook says he has data to convince the most skeptical that he was actually at the North Pole.

Jap grape pickers in California have demanded an increase in wages and may be replaced by Hindus.

A small tempest was caused by an Italian warship stopping while the Atlantic fleet was at target practice.

A sword fish has been caught off the Catalina islands, Cal., which weighed 141 pounds and measured eight feet in length.

More explosives have been found in the bunkers of British war vessels and members of the admiralty are in a state of ferment.

The latest creation in the millinery line is to be known as the Cook hat, in honor of the explorer. It is two feet high covered with black fur, while a white aigrette representing the pole bristles from the top.

China is planning the improvement of her army.

Count Zeppelin will continue preparations to fly to the North Pole.

President Taft says he will probably visit Alaska next summer.

A serious epidemic is feared in the food stricken districts of Mexico.

German scientists say the finding of the North Pole is of secondary importance.

The American Locomotive company says it is rushed with order for new equipment.

An Indiana man has just died at the age of 96. He leaves 38 children and had outlived four wives.

Denmark believes Cook's story of the discovery of the North Pole and will give him a royal welcome.

Attorney General Wickersham says if the polar continent is worth holding this government will annex it.

Dispatches from Java say the volcano Smeru is in active eruption, causing great havoc. There has also been an earthquake with hundreds of fatalities.

Revolutionary cocked hats are to be worn by women next season.

Wilbur Wright has suggested that cities appoint an inspector of balloons.

The loss of life in the Monterey, Mex., flood is now estimated at 3,000.

A tornado devastated Divulville, a small town in Texas. Several persons were injured.

Supplies are being sent to Monterey, Mex., and the general condition is much improved.

Mrs. Florence Vandervort, a millionaire widow of Los Angeles, has married a poor man.

No lives were lost in the Nevada cloudburst and the property damage is placed at \$100,000.

The American warship squadron is in Chinese waters.

Government scientists say Cook will have no trouble in proving that he actually reached the pole.

According to official reports the rice crop of China will be about 17 per cent above the average.

All Western roads have announced new schedules to the coast and each is trying to outdo the other.

A severe earthquake has been felt in the canal zone, but the big ditch was not hurt.

Hill says he has all the railroad connections he needs in the East and new work will be confined to the West.

The Cunard line steamers are to take a new route between Liverpool and New York which will shorten the time to five days.

A big Carey act project has been started in Colorado by which 250,000 acres of land will be reclaimed at a cost of \$2,000,000.

An epidemic of typhoid fever is raging at Cobalt, Ontario. The hospitals are full and tents have been erected to care for the overflow.

MORE MEXICAN FLOODS

Cloudburst Floods Rivers and Overflows Fertile Valleys.

Mexico City, Sept. 7.—A special dispatch received here from Morelia says that floods yesterday ruined a large section of the Zamora district. A terrible cloudburst in the mountains caused rivers and streams to overflow and miles of fertile valleys are under water.

Further details have been received here of the flood that swept the town of Tula, in the state of Tamaulipas, last Saturday. A wave between 45 and 50 feet high engulfed the lower half of the town. Two hundred houses and the San Juan bridge were carried away and many lives were lost. The storm raged for three days.

Terrible as are the conditions at Monterey, the correspondent declares they are just as bad at Tula and vicinity.

The entire northeastern section of the state is said to have been laid waste. Railroad and telegraphic communication was destroyed and the population of Tula, some 7,000 persons, was cut off from the rest of the nation for four days. It will be six or eight months before the highways can be restored. Thirty bodies have been recovered and many bodies of shepherds and mountaineers are being washed down into the valley below.

ROBBED MAILS WHOLESALE

Man and Woman Caught in Chicago Head Big Gang.

Chicago, Sept. 7.—In the arrest of Allen Posner, 26 years old, and a young woman giving her name as Emily Snyder, 20 years old, who are in custody of the Harrison street police station, Postoffice Inspector Stuart believes he has part of a gang of mail thieves who have been operating in Chicago and other cities. Two men are being sought as accomplices of Posner and the Snyder girl in the theft of letters and cashing of checks found in stolen mail. Posner and a man named Gray and another man whose name is being kept secret are said to be under indictment in New York for a \$1,000 theft of jewelry. The Snyder girl is said to have come to Chicago with Posner four months ago.

It is charged that the pair operated by stealing letters from residence mail boxes after delivery by letter carriers. Posner is declared to have admitted cashing a number of stolen checks. According to the postal authorities, Posner and his associates stole \$1,000 worth of jewelry and other valuables which were brought to Chicago.

TUBERCULOSIS INCREASES

Nathan Straus Says Plague is Gaining Against Fight.

Budapest, Sept. 7.—Nathan Straus, the New York philanthropist, who on Tuesday appealed to the International Medical congress to stop the spreading of tuberculosis had reduced the death rate from this disease in proportion to the population from 2.42 per 1,000 in 1902 to 2.39 per 1,000 in 1907, and 2.29 in 1908, but he showed that the number of deaths from tuberculosis in proportion to the total number of deaths from all causes had increased from 13.04 per cent. in 1902 to 13.90 in 1908.

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NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST FROM THE STATE OF OREGON

DITCH PLANS MADE.

Weston People Have Scheme to Irrigate 12,000 Acres.

Weston—A project is under way for the irrigation of 12,000 acres of productive farm land tributary to Weston. Leading Umatilla county capitalists are interested in the enterprise, which has been pronounced feasible every way by the examining engineers. Outline maps are now being prepared by J. M. Ashworth, a local draughtsman.

It is proposed to construct a large storage reservoir on Pine creek, three miles above Weston, at a point known as Rocky ford, where the stream flows over bedrock in a narrow channel. The dam will be 200 feet high, with a core of concrete and sloping walls of earth and rock, approaching at the base a thickness of about 1,000 feet. This will be sufficient to conserve enough water in the flood season to irrigate 18,000 acres during the summer, or 6,000 acres more than the land to be covered by the canals.

A power station will be constructed at the dam, it being the intention of the promoters to utilize the imprisoned water for power as well as irrigation. The possibilities of a summer resort at the large mountain lake to be formed above the dam are also discussed.

The main canal will extend northward along the east side of Pine creek for a distance of eight or nine miles. A branch canal will be constructed on the west side of the creek, extending along the ridge between Weston and Athena. Both towns will profit greatly by the enterprise if brought to completion. The estimated cost of the system is \$250,000.

Much of the land under the proposed canals is already valued at \$100 an acre. It raises 40 or 50 bushels of wheat an acre every two years, but lack of moisture at the proper time prevents its utilization for diversified farming. Values are expected to advance to \$500 an acre or more when irrigation is in general practice.

Seek Oil Near Marshfield.

Marshfield—Arrangements are practically completed for boring for oil in this vicinity, and active work will be commenced in the not far distant future. This is good news, especially in view of the fact that an eminent authority asserts that the best indications of oil that he has found in the state are on Coos bay. Positive proof that oil existed here at one time is in evidence. If the venture proves successful, it will mean a fortune for the lucky landowner, and will directly benefit the whole country.

Peaches Net \$600 Per Acre.

Grants Pass—Seventy-two hundred dollars is not a bad income from only 12 acres of land, and goes to show what advantages can be realized by systematic methods in orchard culture. The crop from 12 acres of peach orchard was recently sold by E. W. Shattuck for \$600 per acre, on the trees. Oregon as a whole offers better inducements for scientific orchard methods than any other state in the union at present.

Lebanon Plans School House.

Lebanon—The Lebanon school district has advertised for bids for the construction of a brick school house on the 10-acre grounds of the old Santiam academy. The building will be 72x18 feet, two stories high, with basement, and will be steam heated. The cost is estimated at \$30,000. It will contain 14 class rooms, superintendent's room and teachers' room for consultation. Work will commence within a month.

Oregon Caves in Reserve.

Salem—The governor's office is in receipt of a copy of a proclamation by President Taft setting aside the country embracing the Oregon caves in the Siskiyou national forest and reserving and withdrawing the same from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws. The proclamation is issued in accordance with an act of congress on the subject passed last winter.

Small Tracts for Fruit.

Monroe—Six hundred acres of the finest orchard land in this section is being platted into small tracts by the orchard company and will be sold out as small homes for families. The orchard company will plant the entire tract to fruit trees, that a uniform system may be maintained, and that certain fruits may be grown for convenient markets. The land will not be offered for sale before a year.

Rogue River Pear Crop.

Medford—It is estimated that 300 carloads of pears will be shipped from the Rogue River valley. Cars are now going forward at the rate of eight a day, which will increase in number daily. Nearly all estimates are being exceeded by the actual yield. Fruit is of better quality and greater quantity than previously supposed, and market conditions promise better prices.

Electric Line from Siuslaw.

Marshfield—N. B. Leonard, of Eugene, is trying to interest Coos bay people in the building of an electric line from the Siuslaw to this place. Leonard is an engineer and promoter for the electric line which is being built from Eugene to Florence and the plan is to extend it on to Coos bay, provided the people of this locality and those along the line can be interested.

Fruit Man at Hood River.

Hood River—E. P. Loomis, of the commission firm of Loomis & Co., of New York City, is spending a few days in Hood River, where he is heavily interested in orchard lands. Mr. Loomis stated that fruit would bring record prices this year.

Wheat Averaged 51 Bushels.

Eugene—W. R. Hill threshed 288 acres of wheat on his farm that averaged 51 bushels to the acre. Other fields in the same vicinity went far above expectations, but none as high as this one.

WATER RIGHTS ACTED ON.

State Board Takes Up Work Assigned by New State Law.

Salem—Applications for the determination of water rights on a number of Western and Southern Oregon streams have been made to the state water board, under the new water law passed at the last session.

The Rogue river rights will be adjudicated, if an application filed recently by A. B. Sayling and F. Y. Allen is granted, which in all probability will be done. This will be one of the largest projects of the kind in the state. Petitions are also in for the determination of the rights on Applegate creek, Little Butte creek, Altouche creek, Quines creek and Williams creek.

All applications except those for the Rogue river and Williams creek waters have been favorably acted upon by the board. The Little Butte probably will be the first one taken up.

Huge Medford Pears.

Medford—Three Bartlett pears which weighed two pounds and seven ounces each, is the kind of fruit E. B. Waterman grows in his orchard, just south of Medford. The three pears grew in a cluster and Mr. Waterman was allowing them to attain their full size, when he expected to place them in storage for exhibition purposes at the district fair at Ashland in October, but some overcurious sightseer had to make a minute inspection of them and they dropped off. Each of these pears measured 11 inches in circumference.

Big Strike in Santiam.

Albany—The opening up of the main vein of ore in the Black Eagle mine in the Santiam district has brought news of a rich strike. The mining men of this district report that ore will go to the top of the hill. It was discovered last week. S. Y. Sorenson, of the Black Eagle mine, came to Albany immediately and created a stir when he began showing his sample of ore. The main vein follows the ridge for half a mile. The Black Eagle people have been working for several months in hope of reaching the ore body.

Remarkable Sunflower.

Pendleton—A sunflower bearing on the main stalk 70 buds and blossoms, and on a branch 45 buds, making a total of 115 flowers, which will be produced from the single seed, is growing in the yard of County Recorder Hendley, in Pendleton. While the flowers which have bloomed are not extraordinarily large they are of good size and Hendley is going to save the seed, hoping that he has produced a plant that will prove valuable.

Salem Secures Glove Factory.

Salem—In accordance with preliminary plans announced some time ago, the Salem board of trade has closed a contract with J. W. Gleason & Sons, whereby a site is donated to the Gleasons for the purpose of erecting thereon a cloth glove and mitten factory. Within five years the glove concern promises to employ 75 people and have a payroll of \$1,500 a month.

Heavy Crops Around Brownsville.

Brownsville—The first of the first fall month finds this section has had magnificent crops and bountiful harvests. Wheat runs from 20 to 40 bushels per acre and oats from 40 to 80 per acre. Hay was a good crop and hops and potatoes promise well.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem, 94c; club, 85c; red Russian, 83c; valley, 88c; five, 85c; Turkey red, 85c; forty-four, 87c.

Barley—Feed, \$26.50 per ton; brewing, \$27.50.

Corn—Whole, \$35; cracked, \$36 per ton.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$12@16 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$17 @18; mixed, \$15.50@18.50; alfalfa, \$13.50; clover, \$11@13; cheat, \$13@14.50.

Grain bags, 6 1/2c each.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 34c; fancy outside creamery, 30@34c; regular store, 21@22c. Butter fat regular buttermilk prices.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, candled, 30@31c.

Poultry—Hens, 16 1/2c; springs, 17c; roosters, 9@10c; ducks, young, 14c; geese, young, 10c; turkeys, 20c; squabs, \$1.75@2 per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 11@11 1/2c per pound.

Veal—Extra, 9 1/2@10c per pound.

Fruits—Apples, \$16@25 per box; pears, \$1.25@2; peaches, 40c@81 per crate; cantaloupes, \$1.50@1.75; plums, 25@75c per box; watermelons, 1@1 1/2c per pound; grapes, 50c@1.75 per crate; casabas, \$1.50@2 per dozen.

Potatoes—\$1 per sack; sweet potatoes, 3c per pound.

Onions—\$1.25 per sack.

Vegetables—Beans, 4@5c per pound; cabbage, 1@1 1/2c; cauliflower, 75c@1.25 per dozen; celery, 50c@81; corn, 15@20c; cucumbers, 10@25c; onions, 12@15c; parsley, 35c; peas, 7c per pound; peppers, 8@10c; radishes, 15c per dozen; spinach, 5c per pound; squash, 5c; tomatoes, 50@75c per box.

Hops—1909 contracts, 21c; 1908 crop, 14@15c; 1907 crop, 11c; 1906 crop, 8c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16@23c per pound; valley, 3@25c; mohair, choice, 24@25c.

Cattle—Steers, top, \$4.50@4.60; fair to good, \$4@4.25; common, \$3.75 @4; cows, top, \$3.40@3.65; fair to good, \$3@3.25; common to medium, \$2.50@2.75; calves, top, \$5@5.50; heavy, \$3.50@4; bulls and stags, \$2.75 @3.25; common, \$2@2.50.

Sheep—Top wethers, 4; fair