

The Estacada Progress

ESTACADA OREGON

BRIEF NEWS OF THE PAST WEEK

Interesting Events from Outside the State Presented in a Manner to Catch the Eye of the Busy Reader—Matters of National, Historical and Commercial Importance.

Eastern stocks are declining. Farmers insist that middlemen get most of the increase in the cost of living.

Interior department will set auction rich lands on the Siletz Indian reservation.

Major General Leonard Wood is in a Baltimore hospital for treatment of an old injury.

An Arizona man aged 70 years shot and killed a friend with whom he had an altercation.

Ex-Vice President Fairbanks met king and queen of Italy and lauded American college at Rome.

Returning Alaskans bring tales of many deaths on the trails, with the temperature 70 below zero.

A new play called "The Chanticleer" is having a phenomenal run in Paris, and will be brought to America next fall.

Gifford Pinchot, now president of the National Conservation association, has begun an active campaign for new and stringent laws to protect natural resources.

Mayor Gaynor, of New York, will save that city \$1,500,000 a year in salaries of useless city employees, and everyone is pleased but the professional politicians.

A young woman whose fiancée had died a short time before, deliberately waded into Niagara river, turned and smiled and waved her hand to those on shore who saw her, and then was swept to death over the falls.

Society women of Denver have started a boycott on milliners.

An explosion in a coal mine at Indiana, Pennsylvania, killed eleven men.

The treasurer of a Massachusetts bank has confessed to embezzling over \$100,000.

Alleged frauds have been discovered in the registration for the coming election in Seattle.

It is alleged that food manufacturers all continue to use benzoate of soda in their products.

British Liberals have declared a relentless war on the Lords and will pursue it to the end.

The mayor of New York is trying to make each city employee show what he does to earn his salary.

A woman has been appointed police judge in Denver, and will hear the cases of women and children.

William Gohl, agent of the Sailors union of Seattle, is charged with many murders, and also incendiarism.

A bill has been introduced in parliament that persons unable to find employment must be supported out of the general taxes.

Eggs are arriving in Chicago at the rate of 1,800,000 per day from Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas, Missouri, Tennessee and Nebraska.

The Alaska steamer Farallon has been found wrecked on a reef off the Alaska coast. Five of her crew who went for help have not been heard from. The balance of the crew and passengers were rescued after camping nearly a month on shore.

Taft will speak in Chicago March 17. The University of Washington at Seattle, will try vegetarian diet for one week.

Hamilton made a new speed record for aeroplanes of one mile in one minute and 27 seconds.

The Ballinger-Pinchot inquiry got into a bad tangle and will be gone over again for the start.

Damages of \$70,000 have been awarded a hat manufacturer in Connecticut, who sued the hatters union for boycotting.

A Los Angeles man willed his body to any physician who wished it, for scientific purposes, but no one claimed it and it was cremated.

For the second time in two years the medical supply department of the U. S. army at New York was burned out, with a loss of \$1,000,000.

A sinking steamer off the Atlantic coast sent wireless calls for aid and her captain and crew of 46 men were rescued just as the ship went down.

A mine explosion in the Conabula colliery in Mexico caused the death of 68 miners.

A San Francisco cornice worker fell from a three story building, broke a 2x4 scantling on his way down, and landed on his feet without serious injury.

The Supreme court of the United States reached its 120th birthday. Commander Peary is trying to organize an expedition to seek the South Pole.

Clerks in the treasurer's office in Cook county, Ill., (Chicago) struck for increased pay for overtime.

Demands will be made for increase in wages of mechanics and shopmen on 27 railroads throughout the Southwest.

A shipment of 46 boxes of prehistoric bones has arrived in Berlin from the German East African exploring expedition.

Harriman's holdings in the Wells Fargo Express company have been sold to the American Express company for \$23,450,000.

Prospects for the passage of a bill to raise additional money for the completion of government irrigation projects now under way grows brighter.

ADJOURN IN DEADLOCK.

Miners and Operators Unable to Reach Agreement.

Toledo, O., Feb. 7.—Unable to effect an organization because of the deadlock on the admission of miners' delegates from Illinois, the joint wage conference of the bituminous coal operators and miners of Ohio, Indiana and Pennsylvania adjourned tonight sine die.

No provision was made for another meeting. The adjournment, it is declared, does not mean necessarily a suspension of work at the expiration of the present contract, April 1.

This would affect all bituminous districts controlled by the United Mine workers, as they decreed at their Indianapolis convention that no district should sign a wage scale until the scales for all districts were negotiated. Both sides have declared, however, that they will not recede on the Illinois proposition.

Some plan may be worked out to get the miners and operators together again before April 1. It may be a call for another convention or the selection of a representative scale committee.

A meeting of the executive boards of the miners was called for tomorrow. The night session lasted only a short time.

As no one had anything to say, the futility of continuing the session was expressed by President Lewis. His suggestion for dividing the responsibility for adjournment was followed. A delegate from the miners moved to adjourn and one from the operators seconded.

A call by states resulted in the only unanimous vote recorded in the meeting.

REICHSTAG HAS TREATY.

Friendly Spirit to Govern Tariff Administration.

Berlin, Feb. 7.—Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg today sent to the Reichstag the following communication regarding the German-American tariff agreement:

"The American government has declared that the livestock question is withdrawn wholly from the negotiations, on the condition that the unlimited enjoyment of Germany's conventional tariff be conceded to the United States.

It further agrees that the advantages of the American minimum tariff shall be extended unrestrictedly to Germany after March 31.

"That the customs administrative features of the existing tariff arrangement shall remain in force.

"That this extension of the minimum tariff to Germany secures to her treatment in accordance with the most favored nation clause.

"That the American customs administrative regulation shall be applied to German goods in a friendly and conciliatory spirit.

"That the present agreement respecting the labeling of wines shall remain in force; and

"That the customs administrative provisions respecting the marking of goods shall be applied in a friendly and conciliatory spirit."

Flood Cleanses Paris.

Paris, Feb. 7.—The fall of the river Seine was more rapid today. The appearance of the city is approaching the normal, but the subway system is still inoperative. Water remains in the tubes, which, after they have been emptied, must be cleaned and disinfected. The progress toward the restoration of the lighting, telephone and telegraph lines is slow. The work of disinfection and other precautions against an epidemic of typhoid has been so thorough that some of the newspapers predict that Paris will not only be a big business center but will emerge from the flood cleaner than before.

The superintendent of sewers reports that from the examinations which he has been able to make, few of the sewer mains burst, the ruptures occurring in the branch pipes leading into buildings.

Despite the attempts of some of the opposition papers to make it appear that dissensions prevail among the various relief organizations, investigation indicates that all are co-operating with zeal. Foreign contributions to the relief fund today reached a total of about \$700,000.

"Spartan" Doctor Dead.

Long Beach, Cal., Feb. 7.—The strain supporting a 200 pound patient who had rolled off the operating table, burst a blood vessel in Dr. William Lawrence Woodruff's lungs yesterday and the surgeon died shortly afterwards. Dr. Woodruff's views on the simple life and Spartan methods of raising children had made his name known throughout the country. He first practiced his theories on his infant children, who thrived on coarse foods and less baths, and the wearing of only a single garment.

Eagle Tears Alligator.

San Francisco, Feb. 8.—A desperate battle was fought in the Golden Gate Park aviary early this morning between a large golden eagle and a four foot alligator. The young alligator had crawled out of the small lake to bask in the sun, when the eagle swooped down upon it, and after vainly trying to tear the scaly hide with its beak, rose with the reptile to the top of a 12-foot pole and let the alligator drop to the ground. Then like lightning the bird again attacked the alligator with beak and claws.

Paintings Sold, \$5,000 a Minute.

New York, Feb. 8.—Twenty paintings were sold, at the rate of \$5,000 worth a minute, at the first important sale of the year here last night. The paintings were from the collection of the late H. S. Henry, of Philadelphia. The sale occupied 51 minutes and realized \$255,750. Millet's "Going to Work" was the star offering, fetching \$53,100. Three fine Corots brought \$28,000, \$23,000 and \$22,000 respectively.

To guard against disease germs in the dust, masks have been adopted by the New York street cleaning department for its sweepers.

NEWS NOTES GATHERED FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF OREGON

TALKS APPLE TO MEN.

Prof. Jackson, of Oregon Agricultural College Gives Timely Hints

Portland.—"Apple Tree Anthracnose," was the subject of the lecture delivered by Professor H. S. Jackson of the department of plant pathology, Oregon Agriculture college, before the Apple Culture club at the Y. M. C. A. The lecture provoked numerous queries from the large number of apple enthusiasts present.

"With the possible exception of scab," said Professor Jackson, "apple tree anthracnose is the most destructive disease of the apple known in the Pacific Northwest. The disease is easily recognized in mid-summer by the presence of elongated cankers or sunken areas in the bark of the smaller branches. It is caused by a parasite fungus, and must be treated by covering the tree with some fungicide substance that will prevent the germination of the spores and so keep the fungus from entering the tissues. As the fungus enters the bark no treatment can be applied that will not kill the tissues as well. In other words, the treatment must be preventative and not curative."

"It has been found by investigators as well as growers that the only satisfactory method of controlling the disease is by spraying before the infection takes place with the Bordeaux mixture or lime-sulphur."

Professor Jackson called attention to the fact that the life history of the fungus causing apple tree anthracnose and the successful treatment were first worked out by Professor Cordley of the Oregon Agricultural college.

32,000,000 Feet of Timber in Deal.

Portland.—E. B. Woodard, of Re-pass & Woodard, timber land dealers, has returned from a month's trip East, where he went to close up a sale of timber lands located in Linn and Washington counties.

The deal involved two tracts, 480 acres in Linn county and 320 acres in Washington, comprising about 32,000,000 feet of fir timber, which was purchased by E. C. Bradley, of Welch, W. Va.

The consideration involved was close to \$25,000. While in the East Mr. Woodard started negotiations which he is confident will lead to the sale of a large body of Oregon timber land, containing several hundred million feet.

Goose Lake Sugar Beets Excellent.

Lakeview.—There is considerable unfavorable comment locally on account of the failure of the Lakeview board of trade to ship the samples of sugar beets grown in Goose Lake valley the past season as an experiment to the state agricultural college at Corvallis for analysis as to sugar contents of same. The seed had been furnished the board of trade by an Eastern sugar beet factory, and they had promised with the advent of the railroad a sugar factory, should experiments prove successful.

The fact remains that sugar beets grown in the valley, as far as size, yield and looks are concerned, compare most favorably with those grown in any sugar beet district in the country.

Oregon Fire Relief Makes Report.

Salem.—Insurance Commissioner Koser has received the first annual statement of the Oregon Fire Relief association of McMinnville. During the year the total income of this mutual concern was \$169,491.77, which is a big increase. The losses paid equaled \$74,101.95. The total expenses for the year were \$50,811.55, which is about 30 per cent of the business transacted, and is a remarkable showing. Expenses of most insurance companies run from 35 to 45 per cent of the business, computed upon the income as a basis. The assets of the Oregon Fire Relief are fixed at \$164,364.30, and its liabilities are \$85,045.56.

More Water Is Planned.

Springfield.—Capacity of the Springfield water plant is to be doubled and 3,200 feet of four-inch mains are being laid about the city. The reservoir is to be enlarged and water will be taken from wells instead of from the river.

The city will have, according to Manager Lambirth, of the Northwest ern corporation, a modernly equipped plant which will supply the rapidly growing city for years to come. A new pump, with a capacity of 500,000 gallons a day, has arrived to duplicate the present one.

Espee Negotiates at Merrill.

Merrill.—H. P. Hoey, assistant engineer, and W. S. Worden, right-of-way agent, met with the chamber of commerce to discuss the construction of the proposed Southern Pacific line through Merrill. A survey was made a year ago, when Merrill offered a free depot site and right-of-way for six miles to the north toward Klamath Falls. Two surveys were made, one running to Klamath Falls and the other to Midland.

New Oil Company is Organized.

Vale.—The Double Mountain Oil & Gas company has been formed and articles of incorporation have been filed in the county clerk's office. The capital stock is \$1,000,000. The company will deal in oil and gas lands and other enterprises.

Wallows Porker, 410 Pounds: \$45.

Wallows.—M. C. Davis butchered a hog recently that dressed 410 pounds. The porker was nearly three years old and weighed 510 pounds on foot. At the prevailing price of 87 cents per pound, it was worth nearly \$45, or more than the present stock cow.

Gain in Deposits of \$16,103,510.01.

Salem.—Individual deposits in the state and national banks in Oregon on November 16, 1909 were \$90,048,749.72, an increase since November 27, 1908, of \$16,103,510.01. The combined loans in 1909 were \$63,427,946.78; in 1908, \$51,492,259.72.

ANNUAL RAINFALL INCREASES.

Records Show Central Oregon is Being Favored by Jupiter Pluvius

Madras.—The annual rainfall is increasing in Central Oregon. Where the precipitation a few years ago was 10 and 12 inches, figures show that 16 inches is the record for 1909.

In the annual report of Mr. Rea, local co-operative weather observer, is noted with much interest the material increase in the amount of precipitation, both of rain and snow, the former showing a total of 10.33 inches and the latter 5.86, making a total of approximately 15 inches of moisture for the year ending December 31.

The year 1908 was also somewhat above the average in the amount of moisture which is supposed to fall in this section. Although there was no weather observer at this place during that year, a conservative estimate made in comparison with the precipitation of a few years previous, would tend to show that probably from 10 to 12 inches of moisture fell in this section during 1908. In view of the reports which have been current heretofore that six or eight inches per year was the maximum fall of moisture in this section, the considerable increase of the last two years would indicate that a better climate is to be the rule for the Central Oregon country.

The change is an especially pleasing one to residents of the interior, who, with the increased precipitation, are assured of sufficient moisture for the maturing of crops. And, if other climatic conditions are not altogether favorable, even a partial failure of crops in the country east of the Cascades will be rare.

Use 2,000,000 Bushels Annually.

The Dalles.—One of the largest industries in Eastern Oregon is the Wasco Warehouse & Milling company, whose mills are located in this city. It operates warehouses here and also in Sherman county along the line of the Columbia Southern railroad. Besides its mill and warehouses it owns the electric plant which supplies electricity for The Dalles, Dufur and Tygh Valley. The flouring mills of this company are the largest in Eastern Oregon, and are operated by electricity from White river, 30 miles south.

Mist-At the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Nehalem Creamery Association, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, G. Gustafsen; vice president, Martin Harvey; secretary, Emil Messig; local manager, Fred Mann; directors, P. Wanstrom, Peter Banzer and P. E. Allen; treasurer, J. O. Loble.

The association is in a flourishing condition, and prospects for the year are exceedingly bright.

Making Progress on Oil Well.

Dallas.—Last week the water at the Whiteaker oil well was cased off and the drilling is proceeding far more rapidly than any season since boring began. The record run was made one afternoon recently when the drill went down 35 feet in five hours. It is expected that oil will be struck before the 1,400 hundred foot depth has been reached.

Buy Jersey Cows.

Enterprise.—Combes & Hotchkiss have shipped in a carload of Jersey cows, 34 in number, over a score of them giving milk. They came from Jefferson, Or., and are an extra fine lot.

Douglas Land Brings \$100,000.

Albany.—Eighteen hundred and twenty acres of Douglas county timber land was sold this week to Ohio capitalists for \$100,000 by C. W. Teaball, of Albany, as agent.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices — Bluestem, \$1.16; club, \$1.06; red Russian, \$1.04; valley, \$1.06; 40-fd, \$1.10.

Barley—Feed and brewing, \$28.50@29 per ton.

Corn—Who's, \$35; cracked, \$36 ton.

Oats—No. 1 white \$31.50@32 ton.

Hay—Track prices—Timothy: Willamette valley, \$18@20 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$21@22; alfalfa, \$17@18; clover, \$16; grain hay, \$16@17.

Butter—City creamery extras, 37@38c; fancy outside creamery, 35@37c; store, 20@22c. Butter fat prices average 1 1/2c per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon extras, 32@33c per dozen; Eastern, 17 1/2@22c.

Poultry—Fancy, 11c pound. One Messig, 16@17c; ducks, 21@22c; geese, 12@14c; turkeys, live, 22@25c; dressed, 22@30c; squabs, \$3 per dozen.

Veal—Extras, 12@12 1/2c per pound.

Fresh Fruits—Apples, \$1@3 box; pears, \$1@1.50 per box; cranberries, \$8@9 per barrel.

Potatoes—Carload buying prices: Oregon, 70@90c per sack; sweet potatoes, 2 1/2@3 1/2c per pound.

Vegetables—Artichokes, \$1@1.25 per dozen; cabbage, \$1.75@2 per hundred; horseradish, 9@10c per pound; pumpkins, 1 1/2@1 1/4c; sprouts, 7@8c; squash, 2c; tomatoes, \$4.25 per crate; turnips, \$1.50 per sack; carrots, \$1.25; beets, \$1.50; parsnips, \$1.50.

Onions—Oregon, \$1.50 per sack.

Hops—1909 crop, prime and choice, 20@25c; 1908, 17 1/2c; 1907, 11 1/2c.

Wool—Hens, Oregon, 16@22c pound; mohair, choice, 25c.

Casaca bark—4 1/2c per pound.

Hides—Dry hides, 18@18 1/2c per pound; dry kip, 18@18 1/2c; dry calfskin, 19@21c; salted calfskin, 19@21c; salted hides, 10@10 1/2c; salted kip-skin, 15c; green, 1c less.

Cattle—Best steers, \$5; fair to good, \$4.50@4.75; strictly good cows, \$3.75@4; fair to good, \$3@3.50; light calves, \$5@5.50; heavy calves, \$4@4.50; bulls, \$3.50@3.75; stags, \$3@4.

Hogs—Top, \$9; fair to good, \$8.50@8.75.

Sheep—Best wethers, \$5.50; fair to good, \$5@5.50; good ewes, \$4.75@5; lambs, \$6@6.50.

MCCARTHY REIGNS SUPREME

San Francisco's Mayor Sweeps Away All Trace of Precedents.

San Francisco, Feb. 4.—San Francisco is in the hands of Mayor McCarthy and his cohort. Commencing with the throwing out of office of members of the board of police commissioners and following that up with the de-capitation of the members of the board of education, the newly-elected mayor practically completed his reign of terror the fore part of the week when he lopped off the heads of 15 more of the Taylor commissioners, and in the early hours of the morning had 15 of his own men sworn in. Neither the ousted commissioners nor any of their attorneys knew what had happened until long after the transformation had been effected.

It is not the beginning of the end, but it marks what Mayor McCarthy said upon his installation into office—that he proposes to run the city after his own manner. In short, he wants to control absolutely and without question, the patronage of the city, and failing to convince the commissioners that they should resign, he has brought it about by more tyrannical methods.

Saloonmen, members of the Royal Arch, a liquor dealers' association, and heads of various union bodies of San Francisco, make up, for the most part, the newly appointed commissions, so that it is easy to see who is going to rule the roost for the next two years, at least.

It is going far, perhaps, to say that San Francisco is to be the Paris of America, but the complete disregard that McCarthy has shown for the intent of the charter, to say nothing more, is proof positive that he will permit nothing to stand in his road.

His motto might easily be "rule or ruin." Already there are indications that the ousted commissioners will not stand idly by. Some of them, it is true, have decided to quit peaceably, but others, and notably the board of education, has decided to test in the courts the right of the mayor to turn them out of office. Action in this test case was begun today.

Agreement Reached With Germany on All But Meat Inspection.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Concessions by both the United States and Germany have averted a threatened tariff war.

Negotiations have been concluded between the two countries which settle the question of a minimum and maximum rate with the exception of the cattle and dressed meat issue. This was eliminated from the present negotiations and will be taken up later in separate diplomatic representations. Under the agreement made today American minimum rates will be exchanged for the entire minimum list of Germany. The result is considered advantageous to both countries.

The State department today issued a statement, which in part is as follows: "By the understanding arrived at, there will be no tariff war and no interruption of the enormous commerce passing between the two countries. The magnitude of this business appears from the statement that in the calendar year just closed the direct interchange of commodities between Germany and the United States exceeded \$400,000,000, and allowances being made for German importations through other countries, the actual volume is possibly in excess of \$500,000,000.

Honest Engineer Disliked.

Chicago, Feb. 4.—City Engineer John Ericson told the Merriam commission, which is investigating municipal expenditures, that he had never been expurgated by the officials above him in his efforts to prevent the wasting of city funds. He said that on one occasion when he said \$300,000 was too much to pay for a new pumping station, Mayor Busse said that the sooner he (Ericson) got out of the city work the better it would be for him. The mayor emphatically denied this. Ericson expects to be fired.

Valuable Witness Found.

Chicago, Feb. 4.—That the government has found a valuable and well informed witness in the beef trust case in the person of a former trusted official of a large packing company was the report about the federal building. This man is said to be on a pension at present but has consented to tell the jury all he knows in return for immunity. Two more employes of Swift & Co. were subpoenaed today, and others, it is said, will follow.

Comet Gas to Envelop Earth.

New York, Feb. 3.—Camille Flammarion, the French astronomer, in a letter published here today, says that the vaporous tail of Halley's comet will envelop the earth on May 19. "For several hours," he says, "we will be immersed in the gaseous caudal appendage whose chemical constitution is still little known. The comet will pass directly between the sun and the earth at 2 o'clock in the morning of May 19. At that hour the Pacific ocean will be in full daylight, while in France it will be night."

Glare, Report: Meteor?

Quincy, Ill., Feb. 4.—A meteor is supposed to have struck near here at 1:30 o'clock this morning. It aroused the whole city and caused buildings to tremble. Those about the streets saw a great glare in the sky, and heard a report as of an explosion immediately followed.

Burlington, Ia., Feb. 4.—Reports from Keokuk and Hannibal state that at 1:30 o'clock this morning the Western sky suddenly was lighted with a great glare and a minute later was followed by a heavy shock that caused the earth to tremble. It is supposed to have been a meteor, but may have been caused by the explosion of dynamite in a mine.

Body Lashed to Mast.

Crisfield, Md., Feb. 4.—The body of Captain W. A. Bradshaw, of the oyster boat Effie Smith, was found lashed to the mast of his wrecked vessel today. The crew of three men are missing.

WIRELESS BRINGS HELP IN TIME

Captain and Crew of Sinking Steamer are Rescued.

New York to Pacific Coast Founders Off Cape Hatteras—Alamo Answers "S. O. S." and Picks Up 47 Men from Jaws of Death

New York, Feb. 5.—Once more the wireless has averted disaster, for the "S. O. S." signal of distress, quickly flashing through the ether, this morning summoned help to a sinking steamer and tonight Captain Moon and his crew of 46 men are safe on board the Mallory liner Alamo, while their vessel, the steamer Kentucky, is at the bottom of the sea off Cape Hatteras.

It is another case of disaster averted by wireless and told to the world by the same medium.

The Kentucky, a wooden vessel of 996 gross tonnage and 203 feet long, was bound from New York to the Pacific coast for use between Seattle and Alaska ports for the Alaska-Pacific Steamship company.

First news of the Kentucky's distress was received at the United Wireless company's station at Cape Hatteras at 11:30 o'clock this morning. There the operator heard the "S. O. S." and quickly followed by this message:

"We are sinking. Our latitude is 23:10; longitude 76:30."

Almost simultaneously the operator heard the steamer Alamo respond to the Kentucky's call for help, informing Captain Moore that the Alamo was making all speed to the sinking vessel's assistance.

Thereafter no message was received from the Kentucky, indicating that water had interfered with the power, putting her wireless apparatus out of commission.

The navy department at Washington in the meantime flashed wireless messages along the Atlantic coast, dispatching the battleship Louisiana, which was on a 24-hour speed trial cruise, and two revenue cutters, the Yamacraw and Seminole, to the scene, but at 5 o'clock word came from the Alamo that she had arrived first and had taken off all hands in safety.

This is the message as received in New York by the United Wireless company from its Cape Hatteras station:

"Latitude 32:45; longitude 76:28—Steamship Alamo has just taken Captain Moore and crew of 46 men from the sinking Kentucky. Water had already reached the fire room and the steamer will sink before midnight. The Alamo is now proceeding to Key West."

COAST ASKS PROTECTION.