

# DOINGS OF THE WEEK

## Current Events of Interest Gathered From the World at Large.

### General Resume of Important Events Presented in Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

The new lift span bridge at Portland is thrown open to the public. Karl Hagenbach, the animal showman, is not dead, as reported. Arcyona appeals to the people of the United States to protest against Diaz' alleged tyranny.

The railroad machinists' strike in St. Louis has been settled, the men receiving more pay.

The commercial and labor organizations are planning to drive "loan sharks" out of Chicago.

Four girls were saved from the tide at Seaside, Or., by Captain Geo. H. Smith of the life saving crew.

Chief Justice White of the U. S. supreme court took the oath of office, and, at the conclusion, kissed the Bible.

Adjutant General Lanck of California declares that state's entire coast is open to invasions of foreign enemy.

Senator James Frazier of Tennessee denies that he "whitewashed" Senator Lorimer of Illinois in the recent investigation.

Prosecutor Henny would block the attempt of F. P. Mays and Willard Jones, guilty of land fraud, to escape prison sentences.

Six hundred and eighteen school children were marched from a burning school building in Boise, thinking they were at practice drill.

English Tories are bitter over their defeat and threaten reckless filibustering in parliament.

The leading hotels of San Francisco will allow women to smoke in any part of the building, the same as men.

A boy at Salem, Ore., died of lockjaw but not the slightest evidence of infection could be found upon his body.

Magnetic brakes, operated by wireless, have been made entirely successful on the Canadian Pacific railway.

An aviator at Memphis, Tenn., reached an altitude of 9,264 feet, his aeroplane being coated with ice when he alighted.

Queen Lilinokalani of Honolulu now asks the territorial legislature for a lump sum of \$200,000 in full settlement of all claims against the United States.

A man from Okanagan, Wash., is in Pennsylvania to gather up 1,000 cats to be shipped West to rid the farms and gardens of Okanagan county of rats and gophers.

Prisoners in the Lima, Ohio, jail as scolded their guards and four escaped. The 15-year-old son of the sheriff bluffed the other six with an empty rifle and held them at bay until help came.

General Hodges, commanding the Department of the Great Lakes, says it would undoubtedly be easy for a foreign power to invade the Pacific Coast, but he is certain Japan does not want war with any one at present.

A Spokane boy aged 17 died from the effects of raw alcohol given him by a trainman.

Roosevelt advised the students of Harvard to go into politics "for their own good."

A Kansas man applied for a divorce because his wife smoked cigarettes, but it was refused.

The supreme court of the United States has decided that a conspiracy under the Sherman anti-trust law may be a "continuing offense."

An Atlantic Coast liner with 300 passengers and a hold full of cotton took fire and was destroyed. The passengers and crew were saved.

Representatives of the Mexican rebels have presented proofs at Washington that their wounded and prisoners were butchered by the government troops.

A mechanic attached to the government forces at Fort Stevens, Ore., has invented a safety appliance to prevent large guns from being fired prematurely.

Canadians desire a permanent peace treaty with the United States. Within the last two years, nine disputes between Canada and the United States have been disposed of by negotiations and agreements.

Floods in Northern Italy are becoming serious and many villages are isolated.

Aldrich and Lodge intimate that they are willing to revise the tariff piecemeal.

Representative Tawney, of Minnesota, may succeed Ballinger as secretary of the interior.

Mexican rebels were routed in a stubborn fight in which they lost 70 men, while the government loss was 14, including two officers.

Roosevelt announces he is in favor of a radical program of reform, to be enacted by conservatives.

Dr. George Edgar Vincent, of the University of Chicago, has been elected president of the University of Minnesota, at a salary of \$10,000 a year.

Six men were drowned by the capsizing of a launch on the Snohomish river, Washington. The boat was being rocked by three drunken loggers on top of the cabin.

By an imperial order the ban against Jews in Moscow, Russia, has been removed.

The deficit in the Postal department has dwindled \$11,000,000 during the past year.

A Missouri man has established his claim to a \$10,000 estate by a peculiarity in his voice.

It is announced that the Klamath cut-off of the Southern Pacific will be finished by June, 1911.

Four members of one family near Silvertown, Or., died of black mallox, and three others are seriously ill.

## WAR SCARE ONLY TRICK.

### Shipbuilders and Steel Trust Want Big Orders.

Washington.—Back of the war scare caused by Secretary Dickinson's confidential answer to the request of Congressman McLaughlin of California is the activity of the shipbuilding interests and the steel trust as an active factor in the agitation. A year ago correspondents of Pacific Coast papers were impudently by representatives of Pacific Coast shipbuilding concerns to urge the need of a fleet of submarines and the enactment of a law to provide that during the next ten years 50 submarines be built on the Pacific Coast. This frank admission that the Western shipbuilding interests were largely responsible for the agitation which at that time was carried on to alarm the West coast people, was made to me when I sought to ascertain why so suddenly patriots had discovered the so-called defenseless position of the West coast.

A meeting of some of the Pacific Coast senators and representatives had been called and a dinner had been given, one of the results of which had been the appointment of a committee of members from Washington and California to present to the president a memorial embodying plans for submarine construction.

These facts were given me by a representative of a Seattle ship yard, working with whom, as he admitted, was the vice president of a San Francisco ship yard.

Approximately three Secretary Meyer delivered an address at Philadelphia in which he advocated the building of battleships for one reason—that it gave business to the steel industry.

Apparently Congressman Tawney is right in charging more or less conspiracy to scare the country into bolstering the program of military enthusiasts. These evidences point to activities by a ship yard to lobby and the advocates of a large standing army.

Secretary Dickinson hints at the need of a standing army of 450,000 men, instead of the present effective force of 115,000.

The international importance of the acts of these war propagandists is shown by editorials in Japanese newspapers, telegraphed to the state department here, citing the proposals to fortify the Panama canal, increase the standing army and create a powerful Pacific fleet, as evidences to the Japanese that this country desires war with them.

Strangely, the war scare comes at the very time when the peace society is in session here, as if the scare had been planned to offset the pleas for disarmament.

## MEXICAN TROOPS LOSE.

### Government Forces Nearly Annihilated by Insurrectos at La Junta.

El Paso, Tex.—President Diaz' Mexican army has suffered a loss of 950 men in dead and wounded in a battle at La Junta, according to the latest news from the scene of hostilities. The federal troops engaged in the fight numbered 1000 men. When they raised the white flag there were only 50 able bodied men in the force that surrendered to the victorious revolutionists.

La Junta is a small town on the Mexican, Northwestern & Orient railroad. News of the battle and its result was sent out by railway employees. The telegraph wires were cut later.

There has been fighting near Ojinaga, south of Marfa, Texas. Many horses belonging to Mexican troops escaped into Texas and it is believed that the federal forces were annihilated. Reinforcements should have arrived there last night or today if they were not defeated, marching westward from the Orient railroad station at Falmoir. They left Chihuahua last Sunday for Falmoir.

Troops sent out from Jimenez, the railroad junction point for the road leading into Parral, have not been heard from. They were attempting to join Navarro's forces marching from Chihuahua.

Today orders were issued throughout the state of Chihuahua by the Jefe of villages and towns instructing all men having arms to come in and register them and give an account of why they are in their possession.

## Burglars, Trapped, Killed Police.

London.—Burglars who killed two policemen last night in a pistol duel with five officers were tunneling to a vault containing \$100,000, according to information given out at Scotland Yard. The robbers had started the tunnel from a house in Cutler street to the vaults of the Henry Harris jewelry shop at Houndsditch and the boring was nearly completed. A policeman discovered the tunnel and summoned help. In the fight that followed two policemen were killed and the robbers escaped.

## Sealskins No Higher.

Victoria, B. C.—The sealskin sale held at Lampton's in London, at which the total catch, over 3,000 skins, of the Victoria pelagic fleet, the United States government take of 12,000 from the Pribilof rookeries and catches of locally owned schooners in the south Atlantic and Antarctic, about 16,000 or 17,000 pelts in all, were offered, showed no advance in prices over last year, according to advices received here.

## John D. Draws \$19,322 a Minute.

New York.—John D. Rockefeller's Standard Oil income is \$19,322 a minute, according to the quarterly dividend of 10 per cent, amounting to \$10,000,000 on all the stock which has been authorized by the directors. It is now estimated that Rockefeller, since 1882, has received \$150,000,000 in Standard Oil dividends in addition to \$100,000,000, his equity in the profits of the concern. Since 1882 the company has disbursed \$709,812,620 out of its profits of \$1,129,442,064, leaving a surplus of \$419,629,444.

## Tremendous Earthquake Recorded.

Cleveland, O.—An earthquake similar to that which wrought such havoc in the island of Java many years ago, was recorded on the seismograph at St. Ignace college. The records of the two quakes are being compared.

## Washington, Dec. 17.—Secretary of the Navy Meyer this afternoon assigned the obsolete cruisers Boston and Concord to the Oregon and Washington naval militia, respectively.

# INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE

## CONVENTION VOTES STATE AID

### Expenditure of \$2,040,000 Recommended for County Roads.

After recommending the expenditure of \$2,040,000 for state-aid roads, the 200 delegates from all parts of Oregon in attendance upon the good roads convention held in Wemme Hall, Portland, adjourned.

Of the large sum mentioned 33 1/2 per cent, or \$680,000, is to be taken from the state treasury and the remainder comes from the counties taking advantage of the state law.

It is evident from the opening of the session that good roads were close to the hearts of the delegates. It was also apparent that most of the membership of the convention was aware that it went to Portland to consider five bills prepared by Lionel R. Webster to be recommended for adoption by the state legislature. There were quite a number of the members of the legislature in the convention body, some of whom took an active part in the discussion with regard to the proposed laws.

The two important measures were settled by providing that state aid should be one-third and the county two-thirds, providing that \$40,000 is expended by the county. The second point was left to the county court to locate the road with the restriction that "such road shall begin at one of the principal market places in the county or shall connect with a permanent road leading to such a place, and shall be so located that, when constructed, as herein provided, it will constitute one of the main traveled roads to the place from whence it starts."

John H. Alberts, of Salem, pointed out the following facts with regard to the proposed assessment for the benefit of state-aided roads:

"Portland has an assessed valuation of \$227,000,000, the public service corporations \$132,000,000, the timber lands \$160,000,000, making \$569,000,000 out of a total of \$800,000,000, leaving the farms of the state, along with the large personal property taxation such as mortgages and other taxes, with only \$140,000,000.

"So you see, gentlemen, regardless of the fact that you are farmers and are entitled to a great deal of consideration in reality your assessment is a small portion of the assessment of the state and the burden of the state-aided roads will fall heavily upon the incorporated cities and the people who live there.

A resolution was passed requesting the legislature to pass a bill which would put a license tax upon automobiles of 25 cents for each horsepower up to 50 horsepower. On automobiles having 50 horsepower the charge to be 50 cents a horsepower.

A committee of five was appointed to prepare a bill regarding the regulation of the width of tires to vehicles.

A committee of two from each county in the state was ordered appointed by the chair to go before the legislature to secure the passage of the bills adopted by the association.

Five proposed bills adopted by the Oregon Good Roads convention are recommended by Judge Webster, author of the bills, as a chain to make the efforts of the good roads advocates effective. They include the creation of a state highway board, provisions of how state aid to county roads shall apply, how bonds shall be issued for the construction of county roads and how state convict labor may be utilized in the construction of roads throughout the state. The fifth bill provides for the use of county and city jail prisoners.

The convention was the result of the adoption of the constitutional amendment at the recent election eliminating the provisions which forbade counties from encumbering the taxpayers with an indebtedness in excess of \$5,000 for the construction of county roads.

## Select President of Normal.

Salem.—W. C. Bryant of Sherman county, was appointed a member of the state board of normal school regents by Acting Governor Bowenman to succeed E. E. Brazg of Union county. The state board of normal school regents will hold a meeting, the first since the legislative session of 1909 killed the normal schools by denying them maintenance and support for the ensuing two years, within a few weeks, and will probably elect a president for the state normal school authorized by the people at the polls in November.

## Apple Lands Purchased.

Frank A. Sweeney, of Portland, has sold \$30,000 worth of fruit land near Mosier, Ore., to Chicago investors who intend to clear and plant the land to apples next spring. The deal was negotiated by a Portland land and real estate agent. Mr. Moore also reports the sale of 640 acres of partly improved land located in Kilkittick county, Washington, to J. C. Carson, of South Dakota. The consideration was \$9,600.

## Baker Will Have Big Mill.

Baker.—A representative of the Baker Oats company has been here for several days looking over conditions with a view of locating a branch in this city. The mill, if established, will mean an investment of \$500,000, and will be one of the finest in the country.

The Quaker Oats people have been attracted to Baker county on account of the fine quality of oats raised in this section.

## Steel Bridge in Use.

Bandon.—The steel bridge across the south fork of the Coquille is open for traffic. E. G. Perham was the contractor and the cost of the bridge was \$8,000.

## \$300,000 FOR ORCHARD.

### Seattle Capitalist Buys Well Known Tract Near Medford.

Medford.—Samuel Rosenberg a prominent Seattle business man, has purchased the Bear Creek orchard, paying therefor \$300,000.

The orchard comprises one of the finest tracts in the valley. Many world's records for high prices paid for fruit have been shattered by it. For the past two years it has been managed by C. E. Whisler, a prominent orchardist. The tract was owned by Messrs. Whisler, Otwell, Clark and Myers, the last two being residents of Colorado.

The tract consists of 237 acres all planted to fruit, hence the price paid represents over \$1,200 an acre. Considering the price paid Mr. Rosenberg has secured one of the finest tracts in the valley at a very reasonable figure. That the orchard will prove a profitable investment is not doubted by those who are familiar with the return realized during the past 10 years. The orchard was formerly the property of Hunt Lewis, who sold to the syndicate.

## Oregon Evergreens to California.

Astoria.—Oregon Christmas trees are being sent south to make holiday season real for the children and grownups of California.

One of the largest shipments of Christmas trees of the season has just left the Astoria schooner Yosemite. One thousand Christmas trees were lashed to the vessel's deckload of lumber so that she presented an imitation forest island afloat on the river as she left the harbor. The steam schooner Yellowstone also took 100 trees, and all will be delivered to Los Angeles, where they will be sold to the people of that city.

## Baker to Improve Roads.

Baker.—Several members of the Farmers' union of Baker county met with officials of the Commercial club and plans were formulated for improving the main highways leading into the city. As soon as the heavy rains are over it is the intention of the farmers to co-operate with the Commercial club in rebuilding the roads. A week will be set aside by the farmers and they will donate their services and teams to the good cause, while the club will assist in a financial way.

## Threshermen to Pendleton.

Pendleton.—Still another convention of a state organization is to be held in Pendleton and the reputation of this place as a convention city further sustained. Through the efforts of E. L. Smith, local agent for the Holt Combined harvester, and the invitation of President W. L. Thompson of the Pendleton Commercial association, the State Threshermen's association, which held its convention in La Grande has pledged to give us its next meeting.

## City Purchases Water Plant.

Redmond.—Redmond has a municipal water system, having purchased the plant put in by the Redmond Townsite company. The contract to extend the system has been awarded J. O. Cooley who is now at work on the job and has all the three thousand feet of main laid.

## PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat.—Track prices: Bluestem, \$4; club, \$2; red Russian, \$0; 40; 40; 83; valley, \$2.

Barley.—Feed, \$22 per ton; brewing, \$23.

Millettuffs.—Bran, \$24.62 per ton; middings, \$29.93; shorts, \$25.50; 22; rolled barley, \$24.50; 25.50.

Corn.—Whole, \$29; cracked, \$30 ton.

Oats.—No. white, \$27.50; 28.50 per ton.

Poultry.—Hens, \$15@16c; springs, 15c; ducks, white, 17c; geese, 12@13c; turkeys, live, 20c; dressed, 22@23c; squabs, \$2 per dozen.

Eggs.—Oregon ranch, candled, 45c; Eastern, April, 32c per dozen; Eastern fresh, 38c.

Butter.—City creamery, solid pack, 37c per pound; butter fat, 35@37c; Eastern, 31@34c.

Pork.—Fancy, 10@10 1/2c per pound.

Veal.—Fancy, 85 to 125 pounds, 12 1/2 @13c per pound.

Apples.—King, 40@75c box; Wolf River, 75@81c; Waxen, 75@81c; Baldwin, 75@81c; Northern Spy, 75@81c; \$1.25; Snow, \$1.25@1.50; Spitzenberg, \$1.25@2; Winter Banana, \$1.75 @3.50.

Green Fruits.—Pears, \$1.25@2 per box; grapes, \$1@1.35; cranberries, \$10.50@11 per barrel.

Vegetables.—Beans, 10@11c per hundred; cabbage, \$1@1.25 per hundred; celery, California, \$3@3.25 per crate; pumpkins, 1@1 1/2c per pound; squash, 1@1 1/2c; tomatoes, \$1.25 per box; carrots, \$1@1.25 per hundred; parsnips, \$1@1.25; turnips, \$1; beets, \$1.25@1.50.

Potatoes.—Oregon, \$1.25 hundred.

Onions.—\$1.40@1.50 per hundred.

Hops.—1910 crop, 11@13 1/2c; 1909 crop, 7@8c; contracts, 12@12 1/2c.

Wool.—Eastern Oregon, 13@17c per pound; valley, 17@19c; mohair, choice, 32@33c.

Cattle.—Prime steers, \$5.75@6; good to choice, \$5.25@5.75; fair to good, \$4.75@5.25; common, \$4@4.50; good to prime cows, \$4.75@5; good to choice beef cows, \$4.25@4.75; fair to good, \$3.75@4.25; common to fair, \$2@3.50; good to choice heifers, \$4.75@5; fair to good, \$4.50@4.75; common to fair, \$4@4.25; choice to good fat bulls, \$4@4.25; fair to good, \$3.50@4; common bulls, \$2.50@3.25; good to choice light calves, \$7@7.50; fair to good, \$6.50@7; good to choice heavy calves, \$5.25@6; fair to good, \$4.75@5.25; common calves, \$3.75@4.75; good to choice stags, \$4.50@5; fair to good, \$4@4.50.

Hogs.—Choice, \$7.75@8; good to choice, \$7.50@7.75.

Sheep.—Yearling wethers, grain fed, \$4.75@5; old, grain fed, \$4.25@4.50; choice ewes, grain fed, \$3.75@4; good to choice, grain fed, \$3.25@3.75; feeders, \$2.25@3; grain feds, \$3.75@4; \$5.75@6; good to choice, grain fed, \$5.50@6; \$5.50@6; 7; poor lambs, \$4.95@5.5.

Hay fed sheep and lambs 50c lower than grain fed.

## FIRST BLIZZARD OF SEASON.

### Terrific Storm Sweeps Atlantic Coast—Life Savers Busy.

Boston, Dec. 17.—A northwest blizzard last night and today brought disaster to shipping along the Massachusetts coast and tonight four schooners were known to have been wrecked, another was in tow, disabled, one barge had foundered, and other barges were reported adrift and missing.

The revenue cutter Gresham, which took aboard the crews of two sinking schooners and assisted other vessels, spent the entire day and most of the night undoing the havoc of the storm. Up to tonight no definite report of loss of life had reached this city.

The vessels which suffered from the storm included:

Schooner Thomas B. Garland, of Portsmouth, a total wreck on Great Point bar, Nantucket. The crew were rescued early today by the Coskata lifesaving crew.

Schooner Abbie G. Cole, of Machias, Me., stranded and waterlogged in Stone Horse shoal, off Monomoy point. The crew were rescued by the Gresham this morning, when Monomoy point lifesavers found the seas too heavy to launch their lifeboats.

The two-masted schooner H. E. Ayer, taken in tow by the Gresham off Old Harbor.

British schooner S. A. Fowkes, ashore off Monomoy Point. The Gresham took on board the crew late today.

Lumber-laden schooner Stephen G. Loud, abandoned 33 miles southeast of Boston light. The crew were rescued this morning by the steamer A. W. Perry and brought here.

At Portsmouth, N. H., the three-masted schooner Annie F. Conlon arrived today in a disabled condition, 21 days out from Philadelphia.

The barge Maywood, one of a tow of three behind the tug Margaret, foundered last night off Cape Cod, and the other barges of the tow, the Scranton and Binghamton, are missing. One of the barges in tow of the tug Cumberland is also reported missing.

## JAPAN HAS TROUBLES.

### Will Strengthen Navy, Despite Her Heavy Indebtedness.

Tokio.—The budget for 1911-12, as finally completed, was announced today as follows:

Receipts, ordinary, 492,138,000 yen; extraordinary, 487,969.37; expenditures, ordinary, 407,113,274; extraordinary, 133,821,699. A yen is equivalent to about 50 cents in American money.

Marquis Katsura, premier and minister of finance, takes a hopeful view of the fiscal situation. During the year past the government has had a particularly heavy burden to carry. The navy has called for an increased expenditure in order to avoid the criticism of neglect in the face of the advance made by other powers. The annexation of Korea and disastrous floods have added materially to the extraordinary expenditures.

Marquis Katsura lays down these two rules as effective in directing the policy of the government:

First—To maintain the balance of revenue and expenditure in the general estimates and not to look to loans as financial resources.

Second—To maintain the program of annual redemption of the public debt by an amount of 50,000,000 yen or more.

He says the government has committed itself to these principles. In the next six years \$2,000,000 yen will be spent in supplementing and improving the navy.

## Meteor Grazes Logger.

Astoria, Or.—While John McCulley, an employe of the Sorenson Logging company's camp near Swenson, was fastening the rigging on a log a blazing rock shot down from the heavens and struck the log 10 feet away from him. Examination of the object showed that it was a meteor the size of a billiard ball. The glow on the exterior had gone when McCulley examined it, but when he broke it open he found the center red hot. The meteor came with terrific force and made a dent in the log.

## Four Lives Thought Lost.

Nome, Alaska.—Four lives are believed to have been lost in the wreck of the trading schooner Louise, in the ice of Bering sea, off Cape Prince of Wales. Remnants of the wreck were found near the cape. The schooner sailed from Nome several weeks ago with Captain Owens in command. With Captain Owens were Engineer Laborde and two passengers, Fred Rau and John Kelly. Nothing has been heard of them since they left here and it is almost certain that they were lost.

## Famous Humorist Passes.

Yonkers, N. Y.—Melville Delancey Landon, better known as "Eli Perkins," author and lecturer, died at his home here at the age of 71. He had been ill several years. Mr. Landon was well known in political life. He once served in the Treasury department at Washington, D. C., and was on the staff of General A. L. Cretin in the Civil war, reaching the rank of major. He resigned from the army and became a cotton planter.

## Man Is Impaled Like Fish.

Los Angeles, Cal.—When a streetcar struck his wagon on Broadway, J. H. Craig, an express driver, was thrown out and impaled upon a bale hook which hung beside his seat. The pronged tool caught him in the back of the neck, and piercing the under side of his jaw, protruded from his mouth like a fish hook. The surgeons at the receiving hospital pronounced him seriously injured.

## Christmas Goods Burned.

Tacoma, Wash.—Fire of unknown origin totally destroyed McCormack Bros. big department store here, causing a loss which will amount to upwards of \$100,000, with insurance one-third that amount. The McCormack Bros. store was one of the largest in the city, having a frontage of 150 feet on Pacific avenue and running half a block deep.

# WOULD END WARS

## Carnegie Gives Immense Fund to Universal Peace.

Says English-Speaking Nations Can Insure Success—Believes England Is Ready.

## Ironmaster's Leading Known Benefactions Aggregate \$179,600,000.

Following are the chief known contributions of Andrew Carnegie to benevolent and educational purposes:

Literature, United States.....	\$20,000,000
Literature, Europe.....	17,000,000
Educational foundation.....	25,000,000
Pittsburgh Institute.....	15,000,000
Washington Institute.....	12,000,000
Peace Foundation.....	10,000,000
Scottish Universities.....	10,000,000
Hershey Institute.....	5,000,000
Carnegie Steel Company.....	5,000,000
Employee Endowment.....	5,000,000
University of Chicago.....	2,000,000
Technical School, Pittsburgh.....	2,000,000
The Hague Peace Temple.....	1,750,000
Allied Engineers Societies.....	1,