

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.

Chicago suffragettes will nominate a candidate for mayor.

The attack of Mexican rebels upon the town of Juarez has been temporary abandoned.

American marines and their vessels are being vigorously boycotted at Constantinople.

A terrific snow storm buries the Eastern states and has done \$1,000,000 damage.

A Democratic caucus in the national house of representatives voted to support reciprocity with Canada.

Mrs. John A. Dowie, widow of the late founder of Zion City, is dying in poverty and helplessness from paralysis.

Quick lunch cars will be installed on the Harriman lines where travelers can get good meals at moderate prices.

The will of the late Thomas T. Eckert, president of the Western Union Telegraph company, will be contested by his son.

The Port of Portland commission will build a steel sternwheel towboat for use on the Willamette and Columbia rivers.

Eight men were killed and several others wounded by a band of Greek coal miners at Kenilworth, Carbon county, Utah, who went on strike because of alleged discrimination against them in the weighing of coal.

Wholesale grocers and millers favor a national anti-flour-bleaching bill.

The house of representatives has voted in favor of San Francisco for the Panama exposition in 1915.

Directors of the Harriman roads have ordered the double-tracking of all lines along the Columbia river.

A Chicago millionaire, over 50 years of age, has suddenly turned out to be a first class artist in oil painting.

Mexican insurgents have captured two more towns.

A Minnesota couple are spending their honeymoon taking a six-weeks' course at the agricultural college.

The National Refining company, of New Jersey, has sued Havemeyer for the return of \$10,000,000 worth of sugar stock.

A man and his wife were knocked off a trestle over Deep creek on the Casadero electric line near Portland, and fell to the rocks 60 feet below, both being killed.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, 48c; club, 80c; red Russian, 79c; Valley, 81c; 40-fold, 81c.

Barley—Feed, \$23.50@24 per ton; brewing, \$27@27.50 per ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$23@24.50 per ton; middlings, \$20@21; shorts, \$24@25.50; rolled barley, \$25@27.

Corn—Whole, \$22; cracked, \$24 per ton.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$25.50 per ton.

Hay—Track prices: Timothy, Willamette Valley, \$19@20 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$21@22; alfalfa, \$14; grain hay, \$14.50@15.50; clover, \$13@14.

Apples—Waxen, 50c@51; Baldwin, 75c@81; Northern Spy, 69c@71.50; Snow, \$1.25; Red Cheek Pippin, \$1.19; 1.25; Winter Banana, \$1.75@2; Spits, 1.50; 1.50@2.50; Yellow Newtown, \$1.75; Arkansas Black, \$2; Delaware Red, \$1.75; Gano, \$1.25; Winesap, \$1.75.

Sack Vegetables—Carrots, \$1 hundred; parsnips, \$1.50@1.75; turnips, \$1; beets, \$1.25.

Vegetables—Beans, 12c per lb.; cabbage, \$1.50@1.75 per hundred; cauliflower, \$2.25 per crate; celery, California, \$3@3.25 per crate; cucumbers, \$2 per box; egg plant, 15c per lb.; garlic, 8c@10 per lb.; green onions, 15c per dozen; head lettuce, 50c @60 per box; hothouse lettuce, 75c @80 per box; peppers, 15c per lb.; pumpkins, 1c@1.50 per lb.; radishes, \$2@2.25 per dozen; sprouts, 8c; squash, 1c@1.50 per lb.; tomatoes, \$2@2.75 per box.

Potatoes—Oregon, buying price, \$1.25@1.40 per hundred; sweet potatoes, \$3.75 per hundred.

Onions—Buying price, \$2 per hundred.

Poultry—Live: Leno, 19c@20; Springs, 18c@19; turkeys, 22c@23; ducks, 22c@23; geese, 12c@14; dressed turkeys, 45c@50; chickens, \$1.00@1.10 per lb.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, candled, 20c@22; Eastern, 27c@30.

Butter—City creamery extra, 1 and 2 pound prints, in boxes, 35c per pound; less than boxes, cartons and delivery extra.

Pork—Fancy, 10c@11c per lb.

Veal—Fancy, 85 to 125 lbs., 13c@15 per lb.

Cattle—Prime steers, \$6.25@6.50; good to choice steers, \$6.00@6.25; fair to good steers, \$5.00@6.00; common steers, \$4.00@5.00; choice to prime cows, \$5.25@5.50; good to choice beef cows, \$4.75@5.25; fair to good beef cows, \$4.25@4.75; common to fair beef cows, \$3.00@4.00; good to choice heifers, \$5.00@5.50; common to fair heifers, \$4.00@4.25; choice to good fat bulls, \$4.50@4.75; fair to good fat bulls, \$4.00@4.25; common bulls, \$2.50@3.25; good to choice light calves, \$7.50@8.00; fair to good light calves, \$7.00@7.50; good to choice heavy calves, \$5.25@6.00; fair to good heavy calves, \$4.75@5.25; common calves, \$3.75@4.75; good to choice stags, \$5.00@5.25; fair to good stags, \$4.00@4.50.

Hogs—Choice hogs, \$8.85@9.00; good to choice hogs, \$8.50@8.85.

Sheep—Yearling wethers, grain fed, \$4.25@5.25; old wethers, grain fed, \$3.75@4.25; good to choice ewes, grain fed, \$3.25@3.75; feeders, \$2.25@3.00; choice lambs, grain fed, \$5.25@6.50; good to choice, grain fed, \$6.00@6.25; fair to good, \$5.25@5.75; poor lambs, \$4.95@5.00.

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

OPPOSES RECIPROCITY.

National Grange Demands Reduction on Everything or Nothing.

New York—The machinery of the National Grange, an organization claiming a membership of 1,000,000 farmers in 30 states, has been started to defeat the ratification by congress of the Canadian reciprocity treaty.

The legislative committee of the grange at a special meeting recently adopted a resolution protesting against the enactment of the reciprocity bill, called upon the membership to exert pressure upon representatives from their various districts to vote against the measure and decided to go to Washington to map out a campaign there.

The legislative committee is composed of ex-Governor Nabun J. Bashelder, of Concord, chairman; Aaron Jones, of South Bend, Ind., and T. S. Atkeson, Morgantown, W. Va., as soon as the terms of the proposed treaty became public they exchanged telegrams, decided upon New York as a meeting place, and left their homes without delay, to head off any possible campaign that might be started for the bill's enactment.

"We are not opposed to a general reduction of the tariff," Mr. Atkeson said, "but we are opposed to any arrangement which will make fish of one industry and flesh of another. Revise the tariff—yes, but do it all at once, and not by a reciprocal treaty with a country which exports agricultural products almost exclusively."

"Remove the tariff on steel and iron and manufactured articles along with farm products and we won't object. But we do not think it fair to compel the farmers to compete with foreign products and allow the manufacturer to derive the benefit of a high protective tariff."

"Acting along these lines we have decided to oppose the enactment of the bill. The committee issued a statement this afternoon which will be sent to every one of the 1,500 granges in the organization."

IRRIGATION CONGRESS.

Great Preparations Making for National Meeting in Chicago.

Chicago—Plans are being formulated by the Chicago board of control to make the 19th annual convention of the National Irrigation congress, which will meet here December 5 to 9, 1911, of world-wide interest.

President Taft has promised to speak at one of the sessions on the closing day, and, in addition, there will be representatives from practically every irrigated district in this continent, government experts, railroad officials, capitalists and delegates from foreign countries.

Former Judge Charles F. Fishback, a member of the board of governors, has interested 30 prominent business and professional men of Chicago in the work of the local board of control, of which he is chairman, and the cooperation of the people of Chicago and the millions tributary to this great central market is bound to be a tremendous aid to the movement, which has for its chief purpose the saving of forest, storing of flood waters, reclamation of deserts and making homes on the land.

"The National Irrigation congress will have the support of our public-spirited men," said Judge Fishback, "and with the assistance of our friends in other parts of the country there is every reason to believe that the coming convention will be the most important in the history of the organization."

Aviator Circles Domes.

Sacramento—Charles F. Willard, the Curtiss aviator, encircled the dome of the Capitol here Monday. Fighting one of the trickiest winds in his experience, Willard, in a flight that lasted nearly an hour, raced from Agriculture Park, the scene of the three days' meet just opened, to the capitol, swung around the golden-tipped dome, dropping a message of greeting and welcome within three feet of the window looking from the office of Governor Johnson, and scudded upward and away into the teeth of a strong wind.

321 Killed By Railroads.

Washington—During the months of July, August and September last the number of persons killed in train accidents was 321, while \$3,892 were injured. These facts are disclosed in a bulletin just issued by the Interstate commerce commission, the first issued under the revised accident law. "It includes many accidents not before included in such bulletins. The total number of casualties of all kinds for the quarter was 22,328—2,948 killed and 19,380 injured on steam operated railroads."

Steel Mills Show Activity.

New York—The steel companies are inclined to make much of the fact that mill operations have increased from 5 to 10 per cent since the low point in December. The larger new orders and specifications have increased actively. The sheet and tin plate mills are operating slightly under 80 per cent of the capacity, the wire mills a little over 80 per cent and the tube and bridge-works about 75 per cent. Much of the increase has come from export trade.

Gen. Piet Cronje is Dead.

Kerkadorp, Transvaal—General Piet A. Cronje, the noted Boer general, died here Saturday, Feb. 4. Piet Cronje was commander of one of the Boer armies in the early part of the war with Great Britain, which lasted from October, 1899 to June, 1901. He occupied a strong position at Magersdorp in the Orange Free state in December 1899, and repelled several reckless assaults from the British force under General Lord Wetherby, who suffered terrible losses.

Puerto Cortez Taken Over.

Puerto Cortez, Honduras—General Lee Christmas, the revolutionary military leader, arrived here with parts of his force to take over the administration of this city, evacuated several days ago by the government troops and held by the international forces pending the arrival of the revolutionists. Puerto Cortez is the most important port on the Atlantic coast of Honduras.

DOINGS OF OREGON STATE LEGISLATURE

Salem, Feb. 6.—Senator Chase's bill to protect school children from pupils who appeared at school carrying vermin, or who are in an unsanitary condition, passed the senate today without opposition.

Swarming the library, a delegation appeared before the committee on commerce and navigation tonight for the purpose of attacking the eight-hour bill of Dimick. Superintendents of Oregon City mills, attorneys, employers and others appeared, outlining conditions at the mill.

Admission was made in one or two instances of long 14 and 18 and 24-hour shifts, but as a general rule the testimony simmered down to detailed explanation of the manner in which men are required to handle machinery and the sanitary conditions surrounding them in the mills at Oregon City.

Extended arguments for and against the employers' compensation act were made tonight before the house committee of judiciary.

Due to grilling, single taxers will receive a scoring and denunciation on the floor of the senate when the resolutions prepared by the committee on assessment and taxation are reported back. This may be tomorrow, or it may be later, Senator Kellaher of the resolutions committee not being certain when they may be returned.

The resolutions call for a repeal of the single-tax amendment and are aimed, their sponsors say, to place a safe and sane system of taxation on the constitution instead of the county tax amendment now included, which is declared to be a move fathered by fact-dists and theorists.

Attempt to lower the license on itinerant drug vendors from \$100 a month to a graduated scale of \$5, \$10 and \$15 monthly for different classes of such vendors failed in the senate this morning by a vote of 11 for the bill and 15 against. The bill was introduced by Senator Barrett, of Washington, but was materially changed in committee.

Salem, Feb. 4.—Allegations that an attempted change in the water code is a move to further the plan for placing two more justices on the Supreme bench will be fought out when the proposed changes are put before the legislature, unless they are killed in committee beforehand.

Open allegations of dishonesty, charges that Dairy and Food Commissioner Bailey had purchased furniture with money of the state and exchanged it for second-hand goods, a declaration by Governor West that if any dishonest acts by Bailey are found to have been committed in Marion county that a grand jury investigation will be conducted here, were developments this afternoon in connection with the investigation of Bailey's office by a joint legislative committee. The session was also marked by lively tilt between Bailey's counsel and committee members.

Anonymous 24-page pamphlets, assailing the management of the State insane asylum and the treatment of patients in that institution, appeared today on the desks of the members of both houses.

The authorship of the pamphlets evidently rests with Carl Free, now residing at Los Angeles, from the fact that in the same mail in which the pamphlets were delivered came a signed letter from Free, dated Los Angeles, January 20. The text of the letter makes reference to various charges contained in the pamphlet.

In company with President J. H. Ackerman, Representative Chittell, Abbott, Mann and Reynolds, members of the house ways and means committee, visited the Monmouth normal school today and went over the buildings and grounds. While the members were noncommittal as to what may be done for the school, they feel that the equipment is not adequate.

Salem, Feb. 3.—All of the official acts of Jay Bowerman as acting governor, which under the law are required to be attested by the secretary of state to be valid, such as all commissions, pardons and appointments of all kinds, are void, according to the opinion of both the governor's office and secretary of state's office, expressed today.

For this reason all notarial commissions and appointments made by Acting Governor Bowerman are invalidated and can be affirmed only by reissuance of the commissions by Governor West or by a curative act of the legislature, affirming all the acts of the acting governor so attested by the secretary of state.

Two bills have been introduced in the legislature attempting to authorize an assistant secretary of state to act in the absence of the secretary of state. One such bill was introduced in the senate by Senator Bowerman of Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler counties and the other in the house by representative Derby of Hood River and Wasco.

Representative Steelhammer's bill to require engineers and signal boys working on donkey engines in logging camps to be 18 years of age or older, met determined opposition when it came up for passage in the senate yesterday afternoon. Senator Lester of Clatsop, who is engaged in logging, said that boys are perfectly competent to do signal work, and that to shut them out would cause hardship for families dependent upon such support.

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It was also urged that the season on deer be set back a month, opening the season September 1 instead of August 1. This plan, it was said, is to protect the forests from fires, many of which are said to be started by hunters.

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POWDER CAUSED EXPLOSION

Gotham Horror Was Result of Accident to 10,000 Pounds.

New York—Ten thousand pounds of black powder on board the lighter Katherine W., "contrary to the company's policy or orders," probably caused the explosion of dynamite at Communipaw, N. J., on Wednesday, states Dr. H. W. Hudson, inspector of the E. I. Dupont de Nemours Powder company.

This powder, he said, was part of a Dupont shipment for South America, as was the dynamite, but it should have been delivered to a steamship, he maintained, before the dynamite was taken aboard.

"Contrary to general belief," said Dr. Hudson, "black powder is far more dangerous than dynamite. We believe the powder became ignited and in exploding detonated some of the dynamite—not much of it. Dynamite freezes at about 45 degrees Fahrenheit, and it is nearly impossible to explode it when frozen. The temperature on the day of the explosion was below 45 degrees."

Hudson Maxim, the inventor, an authority on explosives, is inclined to the same belief. He agreed that the after-effects of the explosion suggested gunpowder rather than dynamite.

"The eight arrests are only a beginning," said Prosecutor Garvin, of Hudson county. "It is not our intention to pick out little men in the employ of the corporations. We are after the men really responsible."

LOUISIANA TO EXHIBIT.

Southerners Will Show at Panama-Pacific Exposition.

New Orleans—If the plans of the Louisiana development league are carried out, the state of Louisiana will have one of the most attractive and beneficial exhibits at the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco.

Plans are now under way, according to C. H. Willard, one of the directors of the organization, to this end. Mr. Willard said:

"Louisiana cannot afford not to have an exhibit at San Francisco. We have been up to the test, and we must do our best in order that this state have an adequate representation of its products and resources. We want to make the Louisiana exhibit the most attractive in the big show."

It will be a center of observation on account of the magnificent efforts made by our people to win the prize. We have come out of the contest with honor and with clean hands. We have won the respect and admiration of the world for pluck and energy, and everyone who attends will want to see what Louisiana has done.

"I believe the commercial organizations and the people generally will come forward and assure a handsome state building and other displays."

CAPITOL BUILDING BURNS.

Convicts Make Heroic Fight for Missouri's State House.

Jefferson City, Mo.—The Missouri Capitol building was totally destroyed by fire. The total loss, including the building and many records and state papers, is estimated at \$1,000,000, with no insurance.

Lightning which struck the dome shortly after 7 o'clock spread flames to the roof and in less than half an hour it was apparent that the building was doomed.

Because of the inadequate water pressure, the fire could not be reached, and no aid could be rendered for some time by the local fire company.

Governor Hadley personally directed the fight against the flames, which, because of the building's great age, rapidly gained great headway. The penitentiary fire department was called to the scene and the convicts worked heroically, sealing walls and taking dangerous chances.

The local military company was called out and formed a cordon around the building, driving spectators from dangerous positions and removing records.

Federals Beaten at Coyome.

El Paso, Tex.—Mail advices say that a special train has arrived here from the Northeast, bringing many wounded from the vicinity of Coyome, Chihuahua, where the rebels defeated the Federals and killed 170. The correspondent says the death list is confirmed by several mining men, all of whom report the people in the region are out of supplies and almost starving. One man says he saw 19 Federal wounded guarded by soldiers and that he saw also a wagon load of uniforms taken from the Federal dead.

Morgan's Loan is Rejected.

New York.—Confirmation of recent cable advices for Tegucigalpa, via San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua, that the Honduran congress has refused to approve the Morgan loan transaction, was supplied by Senator Parades, the Honduran financial agent in this country, whose special mission was to negotiate the loan. Senator Parades said he had received a telegram from President Davila, announcing the rejection of the loan convention by the congress of Honduras.

Oregon is Sure to Gain.

Washington.—No matter what bill may be passed by congress providing for congressional reapportionment, Oregon will gain a third member of the house and Washington will gain two. Idaho, however, will lose out if the caucus bill is substituted for the Crumpacker measure, for under the caucus bill Idaho gets but one member, as at present, whereas the Crumpacker bill gave Idaho two representatives.

Chances favor the passage of the caucus bill.

River Wrecks Property.

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