

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.

Philadelphia's registration is 17,208 less than four years ago.

Turks continue active preparations for war with the Balkan states.

California women suffragists held the first political convention ever held exclusively by women.

A revenue cutter in San Francisco bay fired upon a smuggling launch, but was unable to stop or overtake her.

President Taft and party on a vacation through Vermont were entertained by a son of Abraham Lincoln.

Prosecutions in the dynamite cases charge that it was at one time planned to blow up the locks on the Panama canal.

At the capture of Leon, Nicaragua, by Americans, 3 were killed and 4 wounded, while the rebel loss was over 50.

Postal inspectors have found part of the \$200,000 stolen from a registered mail sack en route from Havana to New York.

Enrique Maza, a Cuban newspaperman, who recently assaulted Hugh S. Gibson, the American Charge d'Affaires, was sentenced to two and a half years' imprisonment.

Instead of going to church last Sunday the neighbors of Mrs. Margaret Field, a noted writer of Los Angeles, gathered and built her a new house, to replace the one destroyed by fire a week before.

The clerk of the Cleveland Juvenile and Inoculation court will summon a jury composed entirely of ball-players to serve during the winter, saying they are trained to think and act without hesitation and should make good jurymen.

The first farm survey ever attempted west of the Rocky mountains is in progress in the Waldo hills and Howell prairie section of the Willamette valley, Oregon.

Aviator Walsh was killed while attempting the "spiral glide" at Trenton, N. J.

One was killed and 55 injured when a runaway streetcar in Pittsburgh jumped the track and struck a telephone pole.

Eight were killed and many injured in a train-wreck in Connecticut.

Railroads count on a much heavier colonist travel to the Coast this year than last.

Mine owners at Ely, Nev., have decided to close the mines for the winter on account of the strike.

Bulgarian troops have crossed the Turkish frontier and a battle is reported in which 400 were killed.

The board of health of Vancouver, Wash., has abolished public drinking cups and glasses of every description.

A Los Angeles court has decided that loan sharks cannot collect the wage of a victim when his wife and children need it.

Thirty-four young married couples returning from their honeymoon on an Atlantic liner, formed an "Anti-Nag" league for the purpose of avoiding any future family jars.

President Elliott of the Northern Pacific will pay \$10 per box for the best 10 boxes of apples exhibited at the Northwestern Products exposition at Minneapolis Nov. 12 to 23.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 76¢; 77¢; bluestem, 80¢; forty-fold, 75¢; valley, 77¢.

Millicuffs—Bran, \$21 ton; shorts, \$23; middlings, \$29.

Hay—Timothy, choice, \$17@18; No. 1, \$16; oat and vetch, \$12; alfalfa, \$12; clover, \$10; straw, \$6@7.

Oats—White, \$24.50@25 ton; gray, feed, \$24; gray milling, \$25.50@26.

Fresh fruits—Apples, 60¢@61.50 box; peaches, 50¢@60¢; pears, 75¢@80¢; grapes, 75¢@90¢; cranberries, \$9.50 barrel.

Melons—Cantaloupes, \$1.75@2.00 crate; watermelons, \$1 hundred; casabas \$1.25@1.50 dozen.

Onions—Oregon, \$1.10 sack. Potatoes—Jobbing prices: Burbanks, 60¢@75¢ hundred; sweet potatoes, 14¢@20¢ pound.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 75¢@85¢ doz.; beans, 5¢; cabbage, 10¢@14¢ pound; cauliflower, 50¢@1.00 doz.; celery, 35¢@75¢; corn, 75¢@1 sack; cucumbers, 50¢ box; eggplant, \$1.25@1.50 box; head lettuce, 20¢@25¢ doz.; peppers, 60¢@80¢ pound; radishes, 15¢@20¢ doz.; tomatoes, 50¢@75¢ box; garlic, 50¢@60¢ pound; carrots, \$1.25 sack; turnips, \$1; beets, \$1.10; parsnips, \$1.25.

Eggs—Oregon extras, 38¢ doz.; candied, 36¢; case count, 35¢. Butter—Oregon creamery, cubes, 35¢ pound; prints, 36¢.

Pork—Fancy, 11¢@11.4¢ pound. Veal—Fancy, 13¢@14¢ pound.

Poultry—Hens, 11¢@12¢; broilers, 11¢@12¢; ducks, young, 12¢@13¢; geese, 11¢; turkeys, live, 18¢@22¢ dressed, 25¢.

Hops—1912 crop, prime and choice, 17¢@19¢ pound.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$6.75@6.90; good, \$6.25@6.65; medium, \$6.05@6.25; choice cows, \$6.05@6.25; medium, \$5.65@5.85; choice calves, \$7.05@7.50; good heavy calves, \$6.25@7; bulls, \$3.65@5; stags, \$4.75@5.25.

Hogs—Light, \$8.25@8.60; heavy, \$7.75@8.15.

Sheep—Yearlings, \$4.25@4.75; wethers, \$3.60@4.30; ewes, \$2.75@3.45; lambs, \$3.85.

AVIATOR SETS MARK.

American Endurance Hydroplane Flight Record is Made.

Annapolis, Md.—A new American record for an endurance flight was made here in a hydro-aeroplane by John H. Towers, a lieutenant of the Navy aviation corps. He was continuously in the air for 6 hours, 10 minutes and 35 seconds. The best previous American record, made by Paul Peck, was 4 hours 23 minutes 38 seconds.

The distance covered by Lieutenant Towers was approximately 389 miles, with six miles to a lap. When the best previous record was made, Peck covered 176 miles. The course just covered was not a measured one, however, and Towers' distance record is not official.

The flight was quietly arranged by the American Aero club. Towers rose from the water in front of the aviation field, across from Annapolis, at 6:05 a. m., and did not touch the water again until 35 seconds after 1 p. m. There was only a glassful of fuel in the tank when he alighted. He had 42 gallons when he started.

\$200,000 PACKAGE DISAPPEARS FROM MAIL POUGH

New York—Postoffice inspectors of two countries, secret service men and the W. J. Burns detective agency are investigating the mysterious disappearance of a registered mail package containing \$200,000, consigned from Havana to the National Park bank, of this city.

The loss was discovered last Wednesday or Thursday, when a registered mail pouch from Havana was opened in the New York postoffice. When and where the package disappeared, whether in Havana, aboard ship or the train which brought it or thereafter, no one has been able to discover.

Postoffice authorities are working zealously on the case in the two republics, as a matter of course, while private detectives have been set to work by the shipper, whose name is not revealed. The National Park bank has no more than a normal interest in the case, as by no possibility can the loss fall upon it.

MRS. SAGE BUYS BIRD ISLE.

Refuge for Migratory Flocks in Gulf Purchased for \$150,000.

New York—Announcement is made that Mrs. Russell Sage has purchased Marsh Island, off the coast of Louisiana, and will make of it a bird refuge for all migratory birds. It is Mrs. Sage's intention to dedicate the island in perpetuity to this purpose. The plans of administration have not yet been made. Mrs. Sage will place the control in whatever hands seem best. It has not been decided yet whether these lands will be those of the Federal government, the State of Louisiana or some association organized for the purpose.

The island cost Mrs. Sage about \$150,000. It is in the Gulf some 200 miles southeast of New Orleans. Its length is about 18 miles and the width nine miles at the broadest part. The area is approximately 75,000 acres. The birds will be given absolute protection from poachers of every description.

ICE INVASION PREDICTED.

Scientist Says All Human Skill Will Be Needed to Fight Glaciers.

Ithaca, N. Y.—"I have no doubt that we are now in an inter-glacial period similar to those which have already existed, and in future the human race will have to use all its knowledge in another fight for its life against the encroaching ice," said Professor Nathaniel Schmidt, of the history department at Cornell.

Speaking of the ice age, he added: "I wish to call attention to recent discoveries in Switzerland of four distinct periods of glaciation, and the fact that Professor Winchell, of Minnesota, has been able to produce definite proofs that Kansas has gone through the same four periods. This is important, because it proves the contemporaneousness of the glacial ages in both hemispheres."

Uniform Changes Anger.

Washington, D. C.—Naval officers are up in arms against the latest order of the department making changes in their uniforms. Each officer will have to spend \$300 to \$500 for new uniforms and changing old ones. The order, say the officers, imposes financial hardship on every one. A number of officers here, tired of continually having their uniforms altered at the whims of bureau chiefs, will try to get a bill through congress forbidding changes in naval uniforms without express authority from congress.

Rumors Declared Confirmed.

El Paso—"We have taken much testimony tending to confirm the rumors that have been in circulation so long regarding the activity of American interests in Mexico," declared Senator Smith, of the senate committee investigating the revolution, before departing for a brief visit to his home in Michigan. "We incidentally have taken much testimony regarding the arrest by American border authorities of Mexican refugees at the investigation of representatives of the Madero government," he said.

Fairbanks to Get Service.

Seattle—President Dickson, of the White Pass & Yukon railway, announces that the Yukon River steamship service of the company, which now extends between White Horse and Dawson, Yukon Territory, will be continued next year to Fairbanks, Alaska, 800 miles northwest of Dawson. The people of Fairbanks have appealed to President Taft and Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh to open Fairbanks as a sub-port of entry.

Grapefruit Crop Large.

Washington, D. C.—Reports on the Florida citrus fruit crop say that 7,000,000 boxes, more than half of which will be grapefruit, will be shipped out of the state. The citrus season has begun. Twenty-three thousand cars will be required to move the crop.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE

SHOWS STATE'S INDUSTRIES.

Maps in Forthcoming Book of Great Statistical Value.

A valuable statistical description of the state of Oregon, its resources and its industries, will be provided in a booklet now being prepared under the direction of the Oregon State Immigration commission and its chief officer, C. C. Chapman, state immigration agent. The first edition will be out about November 1 and will be 500,000 copies.

This book will be the first reliable record or condensed statistical compendium of the resources and industries of the state that has ever been prepared. Every figure and statement will be based upon data which has been obtained from every available source of national, state and local records, and will have been rechecked several times and revised to present date, so far as possible.

The only illustrations will be 13 maps showing complete statistical directions upon the following public themes: Distribution of minerals of the state, creameries, cheese factories and condenseries, precipitation map, map showing the distribution of population by counties, map showing rural population distribution, a compendium of the forest reserves in Oregon and separate maps locating the distribution of swine, horses, dairy cattle, beef cattle, minerals, railroads and fruits. Each of these maps will cover half a page in a 92-page book with pages sized 5 1/2 by 8 1/2 inches.

There will also be brief descriptive articles upon the soil, climatic and geographical qualities of Oregon, written by eminent authorities upon those special lines. The book has been arranged by Lester Davis, of Salem, who has served as active editor. Many of the maps and figures were prepared by the department of animal husbandry at the Oregon Agricultural college.

The pamphlet was designed primarily to benefit and inform the prospective Oregon immigrant, but will be for free distribution within the state, and will serve as a valuable reference book for everyone. It will be bound in paper and be fit for use as a text book in the public schools. Many applications have been received already by the commission from persons who knew that the book was in the process of production. Their names will be placed upon the waiting list preparatory to the first distribution.

Issuance of the book and an appropriation of \$25,000 to cover the cost of publication was authorized by an act of the 1911 legislature. However, there was no provision in the bill making any provision for the disbursement of funds, so Governor West refused, temporarily, to release the funds, although he approved the passage. It was not until last April that he designated C. C. Chapman, state immigration agent, to superintend the publication. Since that time the book has been in the process of preparation. The state will pay the cost of distributing 200,000 copies. The Southern Pacific railroad has ordered a purchase of 100,000 for its own distribution and the Hill officials are contemplating a similar order.

Potato Harvest Begins.

La Grande—To accommodate the immense potato crop of the Elgin country, H. H. Weatherston is building a frost-proof addition to his warehouse in Elgin. The addition is 240x40 feet and will house 410,000 sacks of potatoes. The potato digging will begin at once, and a hundred or more men will be needed to care for the crop. The excellent prices obtained for potatoes last year and the publicity gained by that neighborhood by its shipment of a full trainload of potatoes to Kansas City has given impetus to the industry, which has caused the planting of several hundred acres.

Waldport After Creamery.

Waldport—Waldport is elated over the prospect of a fruit cannery here next year. Parties have been looking for a site. The coast counties are especially adapted to the raising of small fruits and vegetables, but owing to the cost and risk of transportation the farmers are unable to produce enough for home consumption and local trade. Wild berries such as blackberries, blue, black and red huckleberries and blueberries grow in great abundance and their product harvested would amount to hundreds of thousands of gallons.

Linn County Apples Abundant.

Albany—Linn county will market five or six times as many apples this year as in 1911. County Fruit Inspector Rumbaugh estimates that the total yield of marketable apples in the county will be close to 20,000 bushels. Last year's crop was light and there is a good average yield this season. The prune crop in this county is light this year and Rumbaugh estimates that the yield is only 25 or 30 per cent of a normal crop. In some orchards half an average crop has been harvested.

Large Sheep Shipment Made.

La Grande—The largest shipment of sheep which has left Union county this year passed through here Wednesday night enroute from the range near Enterprise to Wapato, from whence they will be shipped to Seattle. The shipment comprised 8000 head and were driven from the Enterprise range to the Hindman ranch, near Elgin, where they were loaded for shipment, thirty double deck cars being used. The sheep were bought from Jay Dobbin, of Enterprise. The price paid was in excess of \$25,000.

One Potato Produces 68 Pounds.

Dallas—Thirteen proved a lucky number when Miss Ruth Miller cut up one Kopplinger potato a few months ago and planted the "eyes" in 13 individual hills. The result was 68 pounds of potatoes, large, clean-skinned white potatoes, which have been exhibited in the Polk county school children's exhibit at the State fair. But for the fact that a gopher cleaned out one hill a larger yield would have been returned.

840 ACRES SELL \$350,000.

Large Tract at Medford Bought by Oakland, Cal., Company.

Medford—The largest real estate transaction of 1912 was consummated here when A. A. Davis this week sold to the M. T. Minnie Realty company, of Oakland, Cal., 840 acres of land for \$350,000. Two hundred acres of the land adjoins the Medford city limits on the East, and until recently was used as a golf course by the Medford Country club. The balance is orchard property five miles northeast of Medford on the Pacific & Eastern Railroad, 430 acres being in young apple and pear orchard from two to five years of age.

The new owners will plant the balance to orchard, subdivide and sell it in small tracts.

The orchard property which brought \$400 an acre consists of a square mile of land, bisected by the railroad. It is ideally located for orchard purposes. The land is well drained. Included are the buildings at Davis and the townsite. The Minnie company will carry out Mr. Davis' original intention of subdividing and selling in small tracts. The property is laid out with roadways for division into five, seven and ten-acre tracts. Mr. Davis purchased the property five years ago at a fraction of its present value, but asserts he can do the same thing over again and probably will.

ELECTRIC LINE PROMISING.

Grand Ronde Citizens Pleased Over Prospects Now.

La Grande—Grand Ronde citizens are much pleased over the prospects for an electric line which is to girdle the valley. Much talk has been going on the rounds the past few years of the feasibility of such a line and several parties of capitalists have had the matter under consideration, though nothing of moment has been done until lately. A survey extending from La Grande to Cove, thence to Imbler and back via Alice and Island City having just been completed.

The surveying party worked with the utmost secrecy, and no definite information could be gained. Rumors, however, have it that the company which owns the Boise and Idaho Inter-urban lines is the one interested in this new project. The route as projected covers only the level portion of the valley. However, it is understood that Summerville, lying in the extreme north end of the valley, and Elgin, lying a little further north across a small range of hills, will bid for the line to be extended to their towns.

PROJECT UNIT UNDER WAY.

Reclamation in Lost River Country to Start Immediately.

Klamath Falls—The contract for the second unit of the United States reclamation work on this project has been let. The bids were opened August 20 at Washington. The contract, D. C., and the contract has now been completed by the secretary of the interior.

It is believed that the season is so late that only enough work will be done this fall to comply with the terms of the contract, which requires 10 per cent of the work to be done by December 31, 1912.

The work is divided into seven schedules and covers more than 300,000 cubic yards of excavation. The steel frame across Lost river is being built by the Reclamation service, as is the connecting canal from the end of the main canal on the first unit. The flume structure is done and the steel on the ground.

OLD LAND'S YIELD LARGE.

Tract Farmed Since 1850 Produces 11 Bushels an Acre.

Albany—The remarkable record of a yield of 11 bushels of clover seed an acre on land which has been farmed since 1850, was established this season by Ed Meeker, ex-county recorder of Linn county, on his farm seven miles north of this city. He raised an average of 11 bushels an acre on a field of 1/4 acre. The land on which this clover was raised is part of the old donation land claim which John Meeker, the present owner's father, took up.

To Have Wireless Station.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—A wireless station is to be established at the Gamma Upsilon fraternity's new home on Eighth and Harrison streets in Corvallis, and two of the O. A. C. students who live there are to operate it. They were employed as Marconi operators during the summer, and now wish to give the service of a sending and receiving station to the eighteen other young men of the fraternity who will move into the new club house about October 10th.

Indian Demands School Rights.

Klamath Falls—William Crawford, a quarter-breed Indian, has petitioned a mandamus to be directed to the directors of school district No. 7, at Fort Klamath, to compel them to admit the children of the complainant to the public school. He cites that he lives in Fort Klamath, owns a house and lots and pays taxes on them, and that the teacher, Miss Minnie McClure, acting under the orders of the directors, refused his daughters, Junita and Naomi, admission to the school.

Magone Strawberries Marketed.

Oregon City—A splinter of Maple Lane, brought 17 boxes of delicious Magone strawberries to Oregon City recently that were raised on his half acre of land, which is in these plants. The other land on his farm is under cultivation, but is planted to other varieties of berries and fruit. The price he received for his berries was 1 1/2 cents a box.



STANTON WINS

At the beginning of a great automobile race the mechanician of the Mercury, Stanton, drops dead. He is so stunned and bitterly angry that little red flecks danced before his vision. Floyd had led to him, systematically deceived him; in order to escape from his too pressing friend, he had fled. He remembered that the mechanician had always shrunk from his personal advances and only yielded to them under compulsion. Now he understood the letter which he had received the previous night from Green, and Mr. Bailey's confused answer to his question about Floyd. He had been put off to be amused by Jessica, until Floyd was again ready to use him in the plans for the Comet factory. Jessica! Stanton stopped short in the dark hall. Had Jessica also deceived him? Was she too playing a part in order to keep him in a good humor? He struck his clenched hand violently against the wall beside him.

CHAPTER XI—(Continued).

The assistant manager stared in a reproach touched with hysteria. His collar was white, his eye-glasses dangled by their cord.

"Buy them? Buy enough racing tires fitting the Mercury to last you for a three hundred mile road race, and get them here to-morrow morning? What's the matter with you, Stanton?"

"Well, since there is nothing to do but eat, come to dinner, Floyd," said the other.

"Isn't dinner, it's supper," corrected his mechanician. "This is the country and you had your dinner at noon. But I'll come, anyhow."

At the table the course of the meal, a small tea-pot was set before Stanton.

"Chocolate, sir," he was apprised. "Why, you had none at luncheon!" The pompadour waitress giggled.

"No, sir. But the gentleman sent a boy after some and came down and ate the cook, and cook's that fond of nonsense, and she fifty-four next December."

Stanton looked across into Floyd's mischievous eyes.

"I hadn't anything better to do," was the malicious explanation. "And I was afraid your nerves would go to pieces if you didn't get your usual drug and then you'd wreck us to-morrow."

"He'd coax a bird off a tree, sir," uttered the derisive maid.

"Give me your cup and have some," Stanton briefly commanded.

"Going to throw it at me, like you did that jug of water in the first night we raced together?" teased his companion, obeying.

Stanton's head tilted slightly, the remark which he believed Floyd was a guard in his head. He looked at him almost savage in its leap of intense and tenacious passion. Such a glance from man to woman would have been a declaration, from man to man it was not a thing to be voiced. Floyd himself faltered before it, started into pallor.

"You can throw it at me, if you like, and square up," was all Stanton said, and reached for the sugar-bowl with his customary nonchalance.

"Thanks; it's boiling. I guess I won't," Floyd acknowledged. But he did not look at the other, and his manner was troubled.

In a meal was ended and the evening had commenced, when a telegram came in from New York.

"Car marked Ruby Co. consigned to Mercury Co. Coney Island, left here last night."

Mr. Green uttered a howl and felt for the telephone.

"They've shipped the car to Coney Island instead of Long Beach," he raged. "The tires must be out at the beach track, or near it."

"Don't telephone; send some one out there to get them," advised Stanton practically.

"I've got to be here, and I can't get out New York in time, now."

"Well, I'll go, then. Coney Island has got to be raked fine and the tires brought here as soon as they are found."

"You? You? Traveling and wearing yourself out on the eve of a gruelling race? No. Go to bed and get your rest, please, Stanton. I'll send some one."

Stanton did not go to bed, but he went into the hotel room across the hall and played billiards with three of his fellow-drivers. He was less forbidding, less caustic of speech than formerly. Floyd had taught him the art of companionship. Before the game ended, the four players found themselves very good company and drank a good night in Apollinaris, to the landlord's Bacchic disgust.

About ten o'clock, Stanton looked into the apartment where Mr. Green sat between the telegraph operator and the telephone.

"Where is Floyd?" he casually wondered.

"Hello, hello—no, hold the wire. What is it? Floyd? Oh, he's gone to Coney Island. Hello, yes—wrong number."

"To Coney Island? You sent him?"

"He offered to go," Mr. Green jerkily imparted. "Please go to bed, won't you? Floyd can take care of himself, I should think, and he has had a two weeks' rest to get ready for this."

"What do you mean? He has been working at the factory or with you ever since we came back from Indianapolis."

In a nervous exasperation the assistant manager whirled his chair around.

"He had a two weeks' vacation," he reiterated crossly. "He told me that he was going off by himself for a quiet rest. You don't have to know every thing, Stanton. I fancy he needed a

"I am ready," he signified.

The Mercury camp was a scene of animated preparation, twenty minutes later, when Floyd emerged from the dense press of arriving spectators and gained the enclosure. The assistant manager almost received him in his arms, the rest of the force clustered around. Gay, blithe, triumphant, here, if it wasn't for you," he declared, once.

"I'm awfully bright," Floyd agreed, but he did not smile.

The machines were preparing to go to their stations for the start, Stanton was in his seat at the wheel, when Floyd came over, and leaning against the car, looked up into the driver's face.

"What have I done?" he asked simply.

Both men were still unmasked, their privacy of speech was secured by the uproar around them. Stanton looked grimly back.

"Lied to me. You were not kept away from New York by work with Green, or any other work, for the last two weeks."

A tinge of scarlet streaked Floyd's pallor, he bent his head.

"Yes, I lied to you," he admitted.

Stanton's gauntleted hand closed on his wheel.

"There was no need. Your time was your own, Floyd; I claimed no control over you. I don't know why you did it, to be rid of me for a while, I suppose, but the reason doesn't matter. Last night I thought a good many wild things about you, and your sister, but this morning I've got my grip again. No doubt you had all you could stand of me. I'm not precisely lovable and I would have understood if you had just told me so. But I will have no friend I can't trust all the way. Get in—we will finish this race, and part."

Floyd raised his head and gave to the stern scrutiny his candid gray eyes.

"Stanton, trust me all the way now," he appealed. "Can you do that? Can you take my word that your friendship is the only thing in the world I want? If I deceived you, it was so I could be here to race with you to-day. I will tell you afterward, I can't now."

"You mean—"

Floyd held out his hand.

"I've got everything badly mixed up, but it's clearer off you, Stanton."

As a swiftly impulsive as his condemnation was Stanton's movement as he bent to give the clasp.

"All right," he said curtly. "Get in; I ought to have given you a chance."

And as the other obeyed: "I didn't mean to meet you as I did, an hour ago, anyhow, it slipped me."

"They're signaling," warned Mr. Green, hurrying over. "Are you ready? Both of you?"

From his place beside Stanton, Floyd turned a face of incarnate sunshine to the assistant manager, a face so changed in its color and glow and warmth that all who saw drew breath in sheer wonder.

"We're ready," his hitting tones assured. "Don't worry."

Stanton laughed with him, fastening on the mask, and sent the Mercury rolling forward. The world was right once more, and the race was on.

It was an exquisite morning; windless, cool, with happy little effects of snowy cloud against a cobalt-blue sky. The October air was a summer-distilled cordial, an eth