

NEWS OF THE WEEK

General Resume of Important Events Throughout the World.

Fourteen men were killed in a mine explosion in Pennsylvania.

Senators of each party are claiming credit for the country's prosperity.

Smallpox has made its appearance on Coos Bay, Or., and authorities have taken strenuous measures to stamp it out.

The fruit crop of the Milton-Freewater district of Oregon and Washington now in sight is estimated at 400 carloads.

Reductions of express rates costing the companies \$26,000,000 yearly are ordered by the Interstate Commerce commission.

Eighteen giant frogs, two feet long, have been brought from the Philippine Islands and will be presented to Golden Gate park, San Francisco.

John W. Drummond, son of the American tobacco magnate, is tired of high life and is living the simple life in the foothills near San Diego, Cal.

The National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage declares that eight per cent of the women are trying to force woman suffrage on the other 92 per cent.

Pictures of missing persons and fugitive criminals are to be shown on the screens in moving picture shows. It is said many have already been found in this way.

Bound for San Francisco by way of the Panama canal, a 28-horse power sail boat started out Monday from Todd's head, the most easterly point of the United States.

Eastern express companies are planning to take orders from city buyers and place them with shippers, receiving the supplies when ready and delivering them to the customer.

Secretary McAdoo has called the bankers of 59 cities to confer as to the distribution of the \$50,000,000 which he proposes to deposit in the banks of the country with which to move crops.

A Louisiana senator predicts ruin from the new tariff.

Wilson announces determination not to recognize the Huerta regime in Mexico.

Trial of German army officers in connection with fraud in buying arms and ammunition is begun.

An effort to stop Sunday baseball in the Portland public parks has been refused by the city commissioners.

The grand lodge dance of the Chipewas Indians at Minnesota agencies has been forbidden, as the medicine men have too much influence over the Indians.

Divorced women are to be allowed pensions under the widow's pension act, according to a decision of the Cowitz County Superior court of Washington.

Secretary McAdoo promises to deposit twenty-five to fifty millions of government money in national banks of the South and West to help move the season's crops.

Women delegates from all parts of the country presented their pleas to congress, the senate listening for two hours to their pleas.

Night mail service will be established August 16 on the Owl train of the O.-W. R. & O. N., between Portland and Puget Sound points.

A San Francisco embezzler reaped profits of \$70,000 by judiciously investing \$30,000 which he had stolen in small amounts in his employers. He will be prosecuted for his stealings, however.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Track prices: New club, 78c per bushel; new bluestem, 82c; new forty-fold, 79c/80c; new red, 76c/77c.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$29 per ton; new, \$25.50/25.50.

Milstuffs—Bran, \$24.50 per ton; shorts, \$26.50; middlings, \$31.

Barley—Feed, \$24.24/24.50 per ton; brewing, nominal; new feed, \$23.50/24; rolled, \$26.50/27.50.

Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, old, \$18 per ton; new, \$22; alfalfa, new, \$13.50.

Poultry—Hens, 14c/14c per pound; springs, 20c; turkeys, live, \$18/20c; dressed, choice, 24c/25c; ducks, 12c/15c; geese, young, 12c.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, case count, 23 @24c per dozen; candled, 28c/30c.

Butter—Oregon creamery, cubes, 32c pound; butter fat, delivered, 32c.

Pork—Fancy, 12c/12c per pound; Veal—Fancy, 15c/15c per pound.

Onions—Walla Walla, \$1.50 sack; Vegetables—Beans, 4c/6c pound; cabbage, 2c/2c; cauliflower, \$2 per crate; corn, 25c/30c dozen; cucumbers, 20c/40c box; eggplant, 8c/10c pound; head lettuce, 35c/40c dozen; peas, 5c/7c; peppers, 8c/10c; radishes, 10c/12c dozen; rhubarb, 10c/20c; tomatoes, 50c/5c/1.10 box; garlic, 10 pound.

Potatoes—New, 75c/81.25 hundred. Green Fruit—Apples, new, \$1.25/2.50 box; apricots, 75c/81.25 box; cantaloupes, \$2.50/3 crate; peaches, 25c/31.10 per box; watermelons, 3c per cwt.; plums, 75c/81.75 box; raspberries, \$1.10/1.25 per crate; loganberries, 75c; pears, \$2.50 box.

Hops—1912 crop, 15c/18c pound; 1913 contracts, 20c/20c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 11c/16c clip, 31c.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$7.75/8.05; good, \$7.25/7.75; medium, \$7.07/7.25; choice cows, \$7.07/7.75; good, \$6.25/6.50; medium, \$6.07/6.25; choice calves, \$8.09; good heavy calves, \$6.50/7.50; bulls, \$4.00.

Hogs—Light, \$9.25/9.75; heavy, \$8.25/8.70.

Sheep—Wethers, \$3.25/4; ewes, \$2.50/3.50; lambs, \$3.50/5.75.

FARMER TO REAP BENEFITS

Senator Lane Begins Fight for Cheap Fuel Alcohol.

Washington, D. C.—Every farmer in the United States will be able to manufacture his own fuel, utilizing the waste products of his farm, if the secretary of the treasury carries out the recommendations made to him by Senator Lane, of Oregon. This recommendation merely calls for a re-drafting of the regulations for the enforcement of the denatured alcohol law, passed a few years ago.

Senator Lane is demanding a revision of the treasury regulations, so that every farmer who is so disposed may lawfully erect a still and manufacture denatured alcohol to meet his own demands, and to have a surplus for sale, if that is desired.

"Such a modification of the regulations," said Senator Lane, "would be the biggest boon this government could confer on the American farmer. Today no farmer can profitably make denatured alcohol, although that was the intent of congress.

"There is today a heavy demand for cheap fuel, and the demand will continue to grow. To the farmer a cheap fuel is desirable for heating his home and lighting it, and for running his farm machinery and his automobile.

"Everyone knows that gasoline is steadily advancing in price and is destined to continue to increase as the supply diminishes. Thus, while the cost of automobiles is coming down, the cost of operation is advancing. Sooner or later a substitute for gasoline must be found, and denatured alcohol is just the thing. Once this fuel is placed on the markets at a low figure automobile manufacturers will turn to the development of alcohol instead of gasoline engines, and the beauty of this fuel is that the supply will be exhaustless.

"It would be difficult to estimate, in dollars, the importance of this change to the farmers of the country. At the lowest it would mean \$50,000,000 a year, and I think it will be nearer \$100,000,000, and even that figure may be conservative."

At first the caucus was disposed to frown down Senator Lane's proposition, but he quickly demonstrated that he had mastered his subject, whereas not another Democrat in the senate understood either the subject or the situation. Finally Senator Lane was directed by the caucus to confer with the secretary of the treasury about the amendment of the regulations and to act as the caucus representative, and in that capacity he is now working with Secretary McAdoo and the commissioner of internal revenue, striving to take out of the present regulations all provisions which operate in the interest of the Standard Oil company, and which make it impossible for the farmer to make his own alcohol.

WILSON MAINTAINS CONTROL

Indications Are Legislative Program Will Be Carried Out.

Washington, D. C.—There is as yet not the slightest indication that President Wilson is losing his grip on congress, and unless there should develop an unexpected bolt in the Democratic majority in the senate, the Wilson legislative program will be put through as outlined at the White House. This means that congress will remain in session, after passing the tariff bill, to consider the currency bill and pass it, unless protracted debate runs the special session right up to December 1.

From time to time there is an intimation that there may be a Democratic revolt in the senate. It is said that this senator or that, disgruntled over some move of the administration, will refuse longer to take dictation from the White House, but it soon develops that these threats are idle and mean nothing.

The case of Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon, is an illustration. In a moment of excitement the Oregon senator, who does not believe in placing raw wool on the free list, declared on the floor of the senate that he was not bound by the caucus action on the tariff bill, and indicated a purpose to bolt. Within an hour after he uttered the threat, he had reconsidered.

From time to time it is found that Democratic senators are not pleased with the way the President is handling patronage. He has made some appointments that have not been recommended by Democratic senators, and he has ignored senatorial recommendations in filling some general offices, but when the President sends word to the senate that he wants this or that man confirmed, the opposition breaks down and the President has his way.

Hens Lay in New Auto.

Newcastle, Pa.—James Kyle, a farmer of Union, Jefferson county, bought a big touring car last week, but was not able to use it since the machine was driven into his barn. None of Kyle's hens had been laying for at least a month before the automobile was driven home. The hens took possession of the tonneau. Next morning Kyle wished to use the car, but found that three of his hens had each laid an egg in it. Rather than break the spell, Kyle decided not to use the machine.

Woman to Gather Taxes.

Oklahoma City.—Miss Ava Milner, a cousin three generations removed from General Robert E. Lee, has become county treasurer of Marshall county, Oklahoma, and finds she is the only woman in the United States elected to collect taxes. It required an opinion from the State Supreme court to determine whether a woman is eligible to hold the office of county treasurer, and after her election it required the services of her friends to overcome objections on the part of a bonding company.

Irish Fund Pledged Anew.

Boston.—Pledges that the remainder of the fund of \$10,000 promised last year toward the support of the Irish Nationalist party by the United Irish League of America would be sent as soon as possible were cabled to John Redmond at the close of a meeting of the National executive committee of the league held here.

OREGON STATE NEWS IN GENERAL

Industrial and Educational Items of Interest To Oregonians

FRUITMEN WILL VISIT EAST

Condition of Crops En Route Will Be Studied by Distributors.

Hood River—Wilmer Sieg, sales manager, and H. F. Davidson, president of the North Pacific Fruit Distributors, will leave soon for Spokane, where they will attend a meeting of the officials of the distributors and then proceed to Minneapolis, Chicago and Cleveland, at the latter of which places the National Apple Shippers' convention will be held. They will be joined at Spokane by J. H. Robbins, general manager of the distributors.

After the convention Mr. Davidson will proceed to New York, where he will arrange for an office for the fruit distributors. Mr. Robbins will go to the Southwest, where he will make a study of crop conditions. Mr. Sieg will return home by way of Omaha and will visit Colorado points to make a study of the crop conditions there.

Hood River is arranging to make an apple display at the convention. The green fruit of different varieties will be taken back and the dealers will be able thus to make a prediction as to the size of the fruit on maturity.

"The crop conditions throughout the country," says Mr. Sieg, "are indefinite, and in the sections where they have the greatest quantity of apples the quality is poorest. It looks now as if the Northwest were going to have a reasonably good market, but it all depends on the judgment in getting the opening price. If we follow out our intentions as now set, and place a reasonable yet profitable price on our commodities, we will be able to create a consumptive demand that will allow us to advance the price from time to time."

WATER PROJECT IS FEASIBLE

Engineer Lewis Approves Proposed Dead Ox Flat Proposition.

Salem—Irrigation projects in Malheur county are proceeding satisfactorily, according to John H. Lewis, state engineer, who has returned from a trip of inspection through that county. He thinks the Dead Ox proposition, designed to irrigate 27,000 acres, feasible, but will make a further investigation before giving a definite decision.

The engineer inspected the work on Willow Creek and Malheur River and tributaries, where three surveying parties are measuring private ditches which divert water from the main streams. This information will be furnished the director board to be used in determining rights of property owners on the stream. Testimony will be taken by the superintendent of the eastern division next spring.

Polk Cherry Trees Hit.

Rickreall—As a result of attacks by slugs, aphids and borers, hundreds of young cherry trees in Polk county orchards have died. A large orchard east of this place on the Salem road presents a queer yellowish color, and the leaves have dropped off, as do the leaves on a maple tree in the fall.

A complete perforation has taken place, and the destructive work of the pests has attracted passers-by to such an extent that numerous inquiries have been made as to what is doing the damage. Despite the sprayings that have been given the orchards by the anxious growers, the pests kept on coming into the orchards until the leaves were so badly eaten that they dropped off the trees.

Governor West Assures Fishermen.

Medford—Governor West while here recently with Secretary of the Navy Daniels en route north, assured local fishermen that he would make a personal effort to see that the new state law requiring fish screens in irrigation ditches preventing the destruction of numberless trout fry, be enforced. He also said he would either accompany the Medford good roads delegation to the good roads meeting at Eureka, Cal., August 21, or would accompany the party escorting Secretary of the Interior Lane to Crater Lake on August 22.

Water Helps Crops.

West Stayton—There has not been a day for the past two weeks that irrigation has not been used in this district. One settler who did not get his potatoes in until June 22 has succeeded in getting them in since the fine condition and within four days after he irrigated his pumpkins they grew as much as five feet, while at the same time non-irrigated plants appeared dormant. Another farmer declares that within four days after irrigation his crop shows an increase of 25 per cent.

Projects to Be Inspected.

Salem—The state desert land board has decided to make a tour of inspection of all irrigation projects in the state starting August 18. Among the projects to be inspected are the Columbia Southern, Deschutes Land company and the Paisley project. It will take the commission several weeks. Announcement also was made that the work on the Columbia Southern project was proceeding rapidly, and that the state would finish its work next year. The state has appropriated \$450,000 for the work.

Fry to Be Planted in Hood River.

Hood River—The first 60,000 trout fry from the state hatchery at Bonneville was brought here on the state's steam car, "The Rainbow," by William Stewart and W. L. Clark met the car here. It was immediately switched to the line of the Mount Hood railroad company and taken to Parkdale, where the fry were distributed in the middle and east forks of the Hood River.

COVE GROWS FINE CHERRIES

Experimental Farm is Great Aid to Farmers of Vicinity.

Cove, an Eastern Oregon village ten miles north of Union, is the center of a district that nestles in among the mountains and grows remarkably fine cherries. This is the substance of the report of Professor W. S. Brown, of the horticultural department of the Oregon Agricultural college, who has just returned from that section. Cove holds a cherry fair annually and Professor Brown was called there to judge the cherries. He finds that the region is particularly adapted to the growing of fine specimens of the leading varieties. The annual cherry fairs attract a great deal of attention, and this year the little place was overrun with growers and visitors. The fair is held in a little grove donated by the Episcopal church. In addition to a fine program, two bands, two baseball games and other sports enlivened the occasion. On the night preceding the fair the alumni of the O. A. C. gave an enjoyable dance, which was participated in by some two hundred. The hall was beautifully decorated in the colors of the college. Crops in general in this section Mr. Brown found to be in very good condition. Fall wheat is nearly ready to cut, and the outlook is good for this and all cereal and hay crops. Many weeds are springing up in that county, however, and immediate steps should be taken to control and eradicate them.

Before returning Mr. Brown spent a day with Mr. Robert Withycombe, director of the Union Experiment Station. Of his visit Mr. Brown says: "Mr. Withycombe is a royal good fellow and seems to know everybody by their first names up in that part of the state. He is doing a remarkable work for the people of that section. Among some of his most interesting experiments is that of forming new varieties of wheat, barley, rye, and other cereals by different crosses. He has some remarkably promising hybrids which he has sown extensively for the first time this year. The experimental farm now comprises some six hundred and twenty acres, mostly very fine land, and is the largest experimental farm in the Northwest."

EUGENICS PLANS COMPLETED

Entries for State Fair Commence and 400 Expected.

Salem—Plans for the Eugenics exhibition to be conducted in connection with the forthcoming state fair were completed at Salem recently when O. M. Plummer, superintendent of the eugenics department, Dr. Mary V. Madigan and Mrs. W. W. Williams, chairman of the child welfare department of the Oregon Mothers' Congress, met with Secretary Meredith, of the state fair board.

Arrangements were made for the erection of a frame building 40x80 feet just inside the main entrance of the state fair grounds. This structure will house the eugenics exhibit and the display of the child welfare department, and will connect with the playgrounds that have been fitted up there. Mr. Plummer anticipates that more than 400 children will be entered in the eugenics exhibit this year. More than \$1000 in cash and in prizes have been offered. Entries already are coming in. Every part of the state is represented.

Gertie B. Lane, managing editor of the Women's Home Companion, and Anna Steese Richardson, author of the "Better Babies" stories, will attend.

Road Fund is Allotted.

Salem—Announcement is made by Governor West of his recommendation to the interior department for the distribution of the 10 per cent road fund provided by the department, through the sale of timber lands in forest reserves. The governor, whose recommendations are always accepted, has suggested that the money be distributed as follows:

McKenzie wagon road, \$5000; Grouse creek road, \$1000; Desolation wagon road, \$2000; Cook & Green wagon road, \$2000; Benton Lake road, \$1000; Paisley-Chewaucan road, \$750; Murderers' Creek-Sprout road, \$1250; Cove-Minam road, \$900; Prineville-Mitchell road, \$1100; Gates-Quartzville road, \$780.

The Cook & Green wagon road is a part of the Oregon-California highway and the McKenzie wagon road connects the Willamette valley with Eastern Oregon.

Loganberries Are Dried.

Rickreall—Several pruned driers have been engaged during the past few weeks in Polk county drying the crops of loganberries for the first time. This is considered a new method in preparing the excellent fruit for market and the product sells at a high price. Last year only 6 per cent of the demand for dried loganberries were filled. Three methods have been used in caring for the crop—bottling the juice, canning the berries and drying them. Of the three the drying is found to be by far more profitable.

Hundreds Work on New Line.

North Bend—The Tillamook this week brought in a large shipment of construction equipment for Hauser & Hauser, who have the Coos Bay end of the contract for the construction of the Southern Pacific line between here and Eugene. Among the machinery was a small construction locomotive which will be utilized in handling the dirt that will have to be moved in constructing yards in and tracks through North Bend. Porter Brothers now have about 2200 men at work on the line.

Polk Clover Acreage Big.

Buena Vista—What is considered to be the largest area of clover ever planted in Polk county is now growing in the various districts adapted to that crop. The many fields present a clean appearance and no pests are molesting the crop.



The ISOLATED CONTINENT

A ROMANCE OF THE FUTURE

By GUIDO VON HORVATH and DEAN HOARD

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SYNOPSIS.

For fifty years the continent of North America had been isolated from the rest of the world by the use of Z-rays, a wonderful invention of Hannibal Prudent. The invention had saved the country from foreign invasion, and the continent had been under one government with Prudent as president. For half a century peace and prosperity reigned in this part of the world. The story opens with Prudent critically ill. His death is hastened by a receipt message from Count von Wendenstein of Germany that he has at last succeeded in penetrating the rays. Dying, he warns his daughter Astra that this means a foreign invasion. He tells her to hurry to the island of Clynith, but dies before he can tell the location of the place.

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One of them, noticeable for his tall, upright figure, clear eyes and bronzed face, hastened to the hullobo; he was followed by a short man, whose roundness more than made up for his lack of height. The tall man with the bronzed face eagerly watched the sparkling news, as he had been cut off from any form of communication on the Tube Line for fourteen hours. The sparks at that moment were printing some uninteresting commercial news, but soon the following notices appeared:

"The cremation of the ex-President, Hannibal Prudent, will be held at 4:00 p. m. Thursday."

"Too late!" whispered the stranger sadly, removing his hat. "Friend Santos, we are too late. How happy, how contented he would have been had he received the news I wanted to give him personally before he left. He took the arm of his friend. "Come, Santos, we have some hard work in store."

They took the elevator to the station of the depot, where they boarded the south-bound auto bus. A few minutes later they landed at the terrace of the American Hotel.

The same morning Astra received several communications referring her sympathies and condolences. When the last one had gone she sank exhausted on a couch. She had rested but a moment when a servant brought in a card. She sighed wearily and made a motion of dissatisfaction when she read the name "Ambrosio Hale."

The man was admitted. As he entered he bowed deeply before the weary girl who stood there in her black gown, looking like an angel of sorrow. The exquisite face had taken on a new beauty through her affliction, which the newcomer quickly noticed.

"I have come, my poor, suffering girl, as a friend of your father. During these days of sorrow your woman's heart needs the aid of a strong man. Your father honored me with his intimate friendship, and I want to offer you my services."

"Thank you very much, Mr. Hale. Your kindness touches me. It is good to know that there are friends upon whom I can count during these sad days. My beloved father, however, made such far-reaching arrangements that I hardly think there is any need of your assistance. But I thank you with all my heart."

With these words she offered her hand to Hale, who retained it in his grasp greedily.

"I also want to tell you something confidential, my dear Astra. The Continental Club feels that this coming election will bring the long expected event—that is, the nomination of the first woman President. And the eye of the Continental Club rests on you!"

Astra smiled serenely.

"Should I select me for its executive, I shall be glad to serve, and I will do my best to carry out the plans formed by my father for the furtherance of the United Republics."

She looked at the man whose ferret-like eyes could not leave her face, whose thick lips were parted, showing a row of gleaming teeth. In spite of his handsome appearance Astra had long ago discovered some beetle trait in him, and had often wondered how her father could extend his friendship to such a man. These thoughts fitted through the brain of the girl, then an afterthought came and she asked:

"Mr. Hale, can you give me any information in regard to a place I can go to?"

"I will do my best, my dear Astra," said Hale, as Astra hastened.

"Do you know a town, a district, village or any other place by the name of 'Clynith'?"

Mr. Hale thought for a moment, then admitted that he had never heard of the place.

Astra felt some satisfaction.

As Hale left the crystal palace, he met the tall, bronzed man who had arrived on the fourteen-hour limited from San Francisco that morning, on the broad stairway that led up to the main entrance. He eyed the sunburnt athletic man curiously; the man, notwithstanding his modish style of dress, looked a stranger.

In the hall, he handed his card to the waiting servant without a word. The servant looked at it and saw but one name:

"Napoleon Edison."

As the stranger had no appointment, Astra told the servant to advise him that she could not receive anyone until Thursday evening, after the cremation of her father's earthly remains.

Edison shook his head somewhat impatiently.

"If you say it is her wish not to see me until Thursday evening, I must wait notwithstanding the importance of my mission."

He turned, left as hurriedly as he came. His whole being seemed surcharged with energy.

Napoleon Edison met his short friend Santos on the roof garden before the hourly stylograph. The round, ruddy cheeked man was watching the hullobo with interest. He enjoyed the great city immensely, and at that moment he was laughing heartily at the comic section shown on the board. The newspaper was reproducing some funny pictures made by a Chicago artist in the early days of the twentieth century. "I have never seen such amusing brain products in my life," he said.

That was all he could say, as his voice fattened out behind a healthy slap delivered resoundingly on the disturber's mouth. The hand and arm that administered this rebuke belonged to Napoleon Edison. With a strong jerk he turned the surprised man toward the door and he was carried on and on as if he were a wreck being tossed by stormy waves. When order was restored, the speaker continued:

"With all my heart I trust Miss Prudent will be the nominee of the continentalists. Those who agree with me, kindly stand up!"

As one body the audience rose and 50,000 voices thundered "Hurrah! for the continental nominee!"

Then the orator sat down.

Astra, in her own room in the crystal palace, saw and heard through the electro-stylograph the whole proceedings of the New York continental party in the Hippodrome. She had raised her hand to disconnect her machine when a man from the audience asked for the right to speak.

"According to the rules of the party, all who desired had the right to make an address, so this request was readily granted. Since no one asked for this man's name, it was not disclosed. He walked calmly forward, closely followed by a short, fat man who stopped only when his tall friend mounted the platform. This tall man was dressed in a gray traveling suit, instead of mourning, but on his arm was a broad black band.

All the attention of the great audience was centered on the athletic figure and the sunburnt face of the young man. Astra's instrument showed these details to her as plainly as if she were sitting in one of the boxes, and she was thrilled as his eyes seemed to look straight into hers.

"Ladies and Gentlemen," he began. "I have a message to deliver to the political party in which I believe; do not ask me how I happen to be the instrument that was selected to convey this message to you, but I beg of you to seriously consider my words."

"You have all heard or read about the warning that came to our dear dead, the ex-President, Hannibal Prudent."

There was silent emotion in his voice when he mentioned that name.

"That warning is only too true. Our enemies, defeated fifty years ago, have found a way to break through our isolation; they have spent these fifty years planning revenge! We can, through Hannibal Prudent's efforts, put off their invasion for one year, which will give us a little time to prepare for defense. Continentalists, my brothers in conviction, spread strength and faith through the mighty land, as God has given us, just as he did fifty years ago, a man to liberate this country from the oppressor's hand. God, in his infinite goodness, has given us another instrument to repel the storming enemies."

His voice filled the great hall; his words were convincing through the sincerity of the orator.

As he opened his mouth to speak again, the large hullobo began to show many colored zig-zag sparks and the audience watched it in apprehension; the whole atmosphere was charged with an inexplicable feeling of expectation. Not a person moved until the man on the platform stepped quickly down to the operating table of the electro-stylograph and adjusted the instrument into the right receiving socket. The sparking ceased and blurred, but discernible, a picture appeared.

As the audience stared the pictures became somewhat clearer and they saw what appeared to be tremendous sea monsters lying immovable on the bosom of the ocean. The huge bulks of metal, showing unknown forms of warfare, were pointed menacingly at the silent audience, which was representative of the fifty years just past; the comparison showed clearly that the science and genius of the Europeans had only produced a perfection of death-dealing instruments, while the Americans had advanced in science, art, literature and a general development of the human race.

The great audience, which had been so enthusiastic, now sat as motionless as a bird that has been charmed by a snake, intently watching the wonderful picture that moved and changed incessantly; huge airships of improved type, resembling the oil-styled Zeppelin, glittered brightly, as they moved with ponderous grace.

Every conceivable form of mono and bi-plane came gliding by; and each and every form of locomotion carried unmistakable signs of their destiny—a machine of destruction.

As the pictures vanished a sigh issued from every heart and a rustle of relation stirred the multitude. Many turned toward the platform, hoping to see the man who had last spoken, but he was gone.

By the time the people who had been favored by a sight of the enemies' destructive forces, began to leave the hippodrome, that young man was on his way to the capital. He was none other than Napoleon Edison.

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Garnets by the Ton.

Garnets are generally classed as precious stones, and a fine gem may be worth from \$5 to \$25 a carat, according to variety and size, but it is not necessarily true that the owner of a garnet mine is a millionaire because his mine produces garnets by the ton. In fact, the bulk of the garnets produced are measured by the ton, but these of inferior quality are used for abrasive purposes. In 1912, the production of abrasive garnet, according to the United States Geological Survey, amounted to 4,122 short tons, valued at \$137,800, so that the average price for a ton of garnets was not quite \$33, or considerably less than double the price of a ton of hay.

The production of garnets in 1913 showed an increase of 106 tons in quantity and \$16,052 in value compared with 1912. The three garnet-producing states are New York, New Hampshire, and North Carolina.

Then He Ran for His Life.

"These new, extremely narrow skirts the women are wearing," said the box-office man, "remind me of a crowed theater."

"How so?" inquired the press agent.

"Because," replied the box-office man, "there seems to be 'standing room only.'"



Astra Had Long Ago Discovered Some Beetle Trait in Him.

departure of the greatest man our country has produced. I mean the news that our stronghold is near its breakdown, that European scientists have discovered the way to invade our isolation. I pray that the news is untrue, but should it be true, then we will have to prepare for defense.

"Compatriots, true citizens! Who can fill the executive chair more satisfactorily than the one who, throughout her whole life, has been prepared for it? I call to you and ask you to give your best judgment for the cause and with one heart and one thought nominate for the continentalist candidate the daughter of Prudent, Astra Prudent."

Here she was interrupted by a heavy voice thundering:

"No female rule for me."