

TOP OF THE WEEK

Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

Some of the Less Important but Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

Major Root has arrived at Buena Vista.

Mullah has received a disastrous fate.

Discussions looking to a Russo Japanese treaty have been commencing.

It is likely that the War department will concentrate all colored troops at the front.

Republican state conventions are being held in favor of Roosevelt for term.

Students in Southern Russia are ravaging the country and the troops refuse to fight.

Efforts to assassinate the president of the United States have been discovered just in time to prevent the plans.

Representations are expected to make representations to Greece. The Greek is over the barbarous acts of marauders in Macedonia.

Government inquiry into the relations between the railroads entering the state, Ohio, and the ice trust show they are working hand in hand.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of W. R. Vice, formerly coast passenger of the Union Pacific. Vice was charged with embezzling \$10,000 years ago. He had been in hiding until the San Francisco disaster of 18, when he reappeared, believing the papers incriminating him had been destroyed.

The National G. A. R. is in convention at Minneapolis.

Properties have been damaged by unexpected rains in Virginia.

The sultan of Turkey has rewarded a physician by elevating him to the rank of general.

With the exception of St. Petersburg, Russia, and Rome, Italy, Chicago leads the world in crime.

Birmingham, Alabama, bank teller confederates have been arrested for large scale stealing.

The banks of the Chicago Clearing House association have offered a reward of \$5,000 for the capture of Stensland.

The Rhine & Moselle Insurance company, of Germany, has announced that it will not pay its \$2,800,000 liabilities on Stensland.

The sultan of Morocco is considering the question of moving the capital from Fez to Morocco City in order to be more secure from bandits.

New York is waging a war against the Coney Island street car lines. A fine of 10 cents is charged, which the cars hold is not legal and the people are fighting to keep from paying more than 5 cents. Thousands are being fined by the company's employees and are thrown from the cars on refusal to pay the additional fare.

The Longworths have returned from Europe.

There has been a wholesale slaughter of police spies in Poland.

The Russian War department is planning to rebuild the navy.

There is a scandal in Great Britain over army supplies in South Africa.

Kansas City, Kan., has become more prosperous since the closing of saloons.

Soldiers of the Russian royal guard shot at Grand Duke Nicholas during maneuvers here was watching.

The czar is taking extraordinary precautions to protect the members of the royal family from assassination.

A new directory just issued by Chicago shows its population to be 2,300,000. The name of Johnson leads with 6,362 names.

Cahier Hering, of the Milwaukee Avenue State bank has again been arrested and other Chicago bank looters are to be arrested.

Portland's bank clearings for the first seven months of 1906 are \$145,149,707, an increase of \$21,768,827 over the total for the same months in 1905.

The sultan of Turkey is seriously ill.

The shah of Persia has called a national assembly.

A new revolution in Venezuela is being organized against Castro.

The ringleader in a North Carolina lynching has been found guilty by a court jury, the first conviction of a lyncher in the state.

The paying teller of the Milwaukee Avenue State bank, of Chicago, has committed suicide.

Indictments have been returned in New York against six railroads for rebating to the sugar trust.

Evidence now points to Cahier Hering as being an accomplice in the looting of the Milwaukee Avenue bank, of Chicago. Inquiries have shown the wrecked bank to be in worse condition than at first believed.

MOB IS SUPREME.

Russian Terrorists Wreak Vengeance on Hated Police.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 15.—Advices received from Libau state that the riotous demonstrations that began there Saturday night still continue and that the Hooligan element absolutely holds sway in the city, the police being powerless to check it. Law abiding citizens are unable to traverse the streets and a reign of robbery and rapine is in progress that will not be checked until troops are sent to aid the police.

So far all appeals to the government at St. Petersburg have fallen apparently upon deaf ears and this fact has emboldened the disturbing element to add murder to its other crimes. Five storekeepers have been murdered during the past 12 hours and hundreds of shops have been looted. The rioters raided the alcohol depot, and after filling themselves up on the fiery fluid, paraded the streets, shouting threats against the Jews and factory owners and storekeepers.

Three police officers have been murdered since Tuesday morning, the Terrorists apparently having seized upon the confusion as offering a magnificent opportunity to eliminate the hated members of the police who have been active in working against them.

There is one regiment of infantry in the local barracks at Libau, but it is mutinous and the officers some days ago took from the men all their ammunition, as it was feared that they intended to mutiny.

FIRST INSURANCE TRIAL.

Test Case Upon Earthquake Clause Set for Trial.

San Francisco, Aug. 15.—The first of the insurance cases involving the earthquake clause was set for trial today by Superior Judge Hebbard. The case is that of the Rosenthal Shoe company against the Williamsburg City Fire Insurance company. The attorney for the insurance people asked that the case be not set for trial until opportunity could be given the judges mutually to arrange with the insurance companies for a test case. He said that the insurance companies would demand a jury trial in each case, and unless proper arrangements were made for a test case the courts would be occupied for years in hearing insurance litigation.

The attorney for the plaintiff declared that there were points of fact in this connection that could not be settled by a test case. The court then asked the insurance attorney if he waived a jury trial, and was answered, "No." The judge then asked, "Do you demand a jury trial?" but could not get a direct answer.

The attorney for the shoe company then announced that to save time he would formally demand a jury trial. The case was set for August 27.

HAD PREPARED FOR FLIGHT.

Stensland Took House Furnishings and a Woman With Him.

Chicago, Aug. 15.—Testimony indicating that extensive preparations for flight were made by Paul Stensland, president of the Milwaukee Avenue State bank, and that a woman entered into these preparations, were secured today, through the cross examination of Miss Allen McCracken, housekeeper for Stensland. It was learned that Stensland took with him in trunks and boxes sheets and other bedding, towels, window curtains, carpets, rugs and a silver dinner set. Some of this is said to have been traced to Baraboo, Wisconsin.

The large trunk that is being traced is said to be three feet high and bound with iron. The box traced to Wisconsin weighed 375 pounds when it was placed on an express wagon at the Stensland home on the day of the flight. Telegrams have been sent all over the world to trainmen to look for the big trunk.

Another warrant charging Cashier Hering with forging a note for \$10,000 in the name of Marius S. Kirby was issued today.

Car Service Stopped.

New York, Aug. 15.—Following the arrest tonight of three division inspectors of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company on charges of assault, the company shut off entirely all of its surface lines leading to Coney island, taking the position that this was the only way to stop the rioting which has been in progress since Sunday morning at the points where a second fare was demanded by the company's employees. The elevated and express trains to the seashore were augmented. The inspectors were released on bail.

Rebel Headquarters Broken Up.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 15.—The authorities attach great importance to the capture of revolutionists at Moscow and vicinity. They believe they have broken up the headquarters of the military fighting organization and arrested the leaders. In addition to seizing their clandestine printing establishment and a large supply of bombs and explosives, including Shimose powder, the authorities secured elaborate plans to be used in the event of an uprising.

Freight Tunnels Under Chicago.

Chicago, Aug. 15.—The freight bores of the Illinois Tunnel company will carry merchandise of all kinds in carload lots for the first time today. This movement will mark the practical completion of the Illinois Tunnel company's system of underground freight railroads, construction of which has begun five years ago, and which has cost its owners about \$30,000,000.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

HOP CROP INJURED.

Drouth and Poor Cultivation Will Put Yield Below 120,000 Bales.

The long continued drouth and the poor cultivation in many sections are beginning to tell on the Oregon hop crop. Last year the state produced about 112,000 bales. It is beginning to look now as if this figure would not be exceeded this year, notwithstanding an increase in acreage of about 10 per cent. Estimates made by reliable dealers of the coming crop range all the way from 100,000 to 120,000 bales. At one time in the spring it was thought about 140,000 bales would be produced, but two months with practically no rainfall anywhere in the hop belt has had a telling effect on the vines. Scanty cultivation in many of the yards has caused even more damage than the dry spell. Prices were so low last year that some of the growers lost heart and neglected to cultivate their properties. They will be rewarded this year with less than half the production of their neighbors who attended to this important matter. An immense quantity of hops was sold on contract in the spring at the bare cost of production, and these sellers, almost without exception, failed to cultivate their yards.

It is estimated that up to the present time about 80,000 bales of the coming crop are tied up by contracts. Although the crop will fall short of early expectations, it will still furnish employment for all the pickers that can be secured. It will be what the growers call a "top crop," and will be easy to pick.

Much Hay in Tillamook.

Tillamook—Tillamook had another bumper hay crop this year, and with fine weather the past month it has been harvested in good shape. Most every barn in the county is filled to its full capacity, and there will be an abundance of feed next winter for the dairy herds, with the probability that it will not be all used before the next crop is harvested. The dairy business in Tillamook is increasing every year, and the dairymen are very prosperous, as they do not have to buy mill feed for their cows, but grow enough on their farms, and this with the green pasture keeps the cows in good condition.

To Meet at Hood River.

Pendleton—Judge S. A. Lowell, president of the Oregon Irrigation association, has set October 11 and 12 as the date for the holding of this year's convention of the association. Hood River is to be the place of meeting. By holding the convention on the above dates the meeting will take place during the biennial fruit fair, which is to be held at Hood River during October. Arrangements for the holding of the convention are now being made by the people of Hood River, and it is expected that a large delegation will be present from Eastern Oregon.

Dynamite Makes Hay Grow.

Pendleton—J. B. McDill, superintendent of the county poor farm, has harvested the second crop of alfalfa, and the yield will amount to about 180 tons. A portion of the land on this place was underlaid with a limestone crust about a foot beneath the surface, which detracted from the strength of the soil. Breaking up with dynamite was tried as an experiment upon some of the land, and has proved successful. The limestone crust beneath the surface prevents the crops from taking deep root, or the soil from retaining moisture.

State Aids Pendleton Fair.

Pendleton—President Leon Cohen, of the District Fair association, has received word from Salem that the formal application for \$1,500 appropriation had been favorably acted upon and the money was available. The fair is to be held here in September and \$1,500 was appropriated by the legislature for cash prizes for educational, agricultural, horticultural and stock exhibits. In addition \$250 worth of printed matter for advertising purposes will be turned out by the state printing office.

Coke for Takilma Smelter.

Grants Pass—The first load of coke for the Takilma smelter has left here. Captain J. M. McIntire, who has the contract for hauling, states that he has been offered more teams than he can use, as the teamsters would rather haul coke and matte than lumber. From now on until the rains put a stop to hauling the big freight teams will be kept busy taking coke to the smelter and returning with matte. It takes five days to make a round trip.

State Loses \$1,000,000.

Salem—That the state school fund would be \$1,000,000 better off if the purchasers of school sections in the Blue mountain forest reserve could be induced or compelled to relinquish their claims to the land, is the conclusion reached by State Land Agent Oswald West, after a careful examination. The land was bought from the state at \$1.25 per acre. If the state now had it, it could be used as base and would bring \$7.50 per acre.

Wants Cement Factory Site.

Oregon City—The Oregon City board of trade is in correspondence with a cement manufacturer of Kansas City, Mo., who is looking for a location on the coast with a view to establishing a plant. He represents that the plant will employ more than 250 men, with a monthly payroll of about \$25,000. An effort will be made to secure the factory for this city.

PLAN TO IRRIGATE.

Extensive System Planned for Grand Ronde and Indian Valleys.

La Grande—Two big irrigation systems, which will cover the entire Grand Ronde and Indian valleys and a portion of land in Wallawa county, are being projected by local companies.

The organization to be known as the Grand Ronde Water company, is a corporation which will promote a \$2,000,000 irrigation project and besides furnishing water for irrigation on a large scale, the company expects to provide power for lighting where it is wanted. The water will be taken from the Big Miwam, which forms the boundary between Union and Wallawa counties. The preliminary surveys for the big canal were made last year, and at the present time the engineers are engaged in making the final surveys and doing the cross sectioning.

The canal will take the water through a deep canyon. Its head is in section 35, township 3 south, range 42 east. After cutting through the high divide in township 1 north, range 41 east, it will be an easy matter to cover the Indian valley country and swing into the Grand Ronde. The main canal to the divide will be 34 miles long. The lateral distributing canals as planned will be 60 miles in length.

The promoters estimate that it will take four months' time for the large force of engineers now at work to complete the final survey. Construction work will be commenced as soon as the survey is finished.

Teachers Scarce in Lane.

Eugene—The regular quarterly examination for teachers' certificates was held in this city last week by County Superintendent W. B. Dillard, assisted by Professor M. H. Arnold, Professor D. C. Baughman and W. G. Martin. There were 61 applicants for county certificate and several for state papers. This is a smaller class than the average, and Superintendent Dillard thinks there will be a scarcity of teachers in the county this fall. Several outlying districts were unable to secure teachers for the spring term, and the outlook for the fall term seems even worse.

Fortune in Five Years.

Baker City—The largest land deal made in Baker county in a quarter of a century was closed a few days ago when Earl F. Cranston sold 720 acres in Powder valley within ten miles of Baker City, to Brown, Phillips & Geddes, owners of the Baker Packing company, for \$35,000, reserving this year's crop estimated in value at \$5,000. Five years ago this land was bought from the government at \$2 an acre and was a sage brush desert.

Large Deal in Sheep.

Pendleton—One of the largest and most important sheep deals that has been consummated in this locality for some time took place recently when A. Smythe & Sons, of Arlington, sold to C. Oxman, the well known Chicago buyer, 18,000 head of mutton sheep at \$3.50 a head, which is the maximum price. The amount involved in the transaction is \$63,000. Smythe & Sons will winter over about 25,000 head the coming winter.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 68@69c; bluestem, 70@71c; valley, 71@72c; red, 66@67c.

Oats—No. 1 white feed, \$26; gray, \$25 per ton; new crop, \$22 per ton.

Barley—Feed, \$23 per ton; brewing, \$23.50; rolled, \$24@24.50.

Rye—\$1.50 per cwt.

Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, \$11@12.50 per ton; clover, \$7@7.50; cheat, \$6.50; grain hay, \$7; alfalfa, \$10.

Fruits—Apples, common, 50@75c per box; fancy, \$1.25@2; apricots, \$1.25@1.35; grapes, \$1.75@2 per crate; peaches, 75c@1; pears, \$2; plums, fancy, 50@75c per box; common, 50@75c; blackberries, 5@6c per pound; crab apples, 7c per box.

Melons—Cantaloupes, \$2 @ 3 per crate; watermelons, 1@1.50 per pound.

Vegetables—Beans, 5@7c; cabbage, 1@2c per pound; celery, 85c@1 per dozen; corn, 15@20c per dozen; cucumbers, 40@60c per box; egg plant, 10c per pound; lettuce, head, 25c per dozen; onions, 10@12.50c per dozen; peas, 4@5c; bell peppers, 12.50c per dozen; radishes, 10@15c per dozen; rubarb, 2@2.50c per pound; spinach, 2@3c per pound; tomatoes, 60@90c per box; parsley, 25c; squash, \$1.25 per crate; turnips, 90c@1 per sack; carrots, \$1@1.25 per sack; beets, \$1.25@1.50 per sack.

Onions—New, 1.50@1.75c per pound.

Potatoes—Old Burbanks, nominal; new potatoes, Oregon, 75@90c.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 20@22.50c per pound.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 21@22c per dozen.

Poultry—Average old hens, 13@23.50c per pound; mixed chickens, 12.50@13c; springs, 14c; turkeys, live, 16@22c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 20@22.50c; geese, live, 8@10c; ducks, 11@13c.

Hops—Oregon, 1905, nominal, 13c; olds, nominal, 10c; 1906 contracts, 16@17c per pound.

Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 16@20c per pound, according to shrinkage, valley, 20@22c, according to fineness; mohair, choice, 28@30c per pound.

Veal—Dressed, 5.50@8c per pound.

Beef—Dressed bulls, 3c per pound; cows, 4.50@5.50c; country steers, 5@6c.

Mutton—Dressed fancy, 7@8c per pound; ordinary, 5@6c; lambs, fancy, 8@8.50c.

Pork—Dressed, 7@8.50c per pound.

INSURANCE MONEY HELPS.

Rebuilding Operations in San Francisco Begin With Vigor.

San Francisco, Aug. 14.—The rebuilding of San Francisco has begun in earnest. There is little talk, there is little boasting, but there is a vast amount of work. It may be observed on every hand. It has suddenly grown to large proportions, due to increased payments by the insurance companies. These payments now total \$50,000,000—enough to warrant a decided step in advance in reconstruction. But still the \$50,000,000 represents only 20 cents on the dollar of the amount due the policy holders of the city. The thirty days' grace allowed by law, after the three months allotted for the filing of proofs of loss, have elapsed and the insurance corporations must now pay or flatly refuse.

The \$50,000,000 has not been paid with the same cheerfulness with which the premiums were collected, in fact, it is not an exaggeration to say that a very large part of the amount has been "wrung" from the companies. It is still a question as to the sum which the policy holders will collect in the end. It is organization that has carried them to the point already attained, and it will be organization that will carry them further. There is very little single handed fighting against the companies. Most of the individual suits filed are test cases to determine the validity of certain doubtful clauses and to decide how far the "earthquake clause" will prevail. The policy holders have been merged into a gigantic organization, which has employed a corps of lawyers and will either force the companies to do the "square thing" or else announce their perfidy to the world.

DOES NOT COVET TASK.

Nicholas Declines Post of Commander of Russian Army.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 14.—Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholasievitch, the Associated Press is informed by a member of his entourage, has declined to accept the post of commander in chief of all the troops of the empire, "where martial law exists," which was tendered to him August 4.

Whether this was decided before or after the attempt on the life of the grand duke at Krasnoye-Selo on August 10 is not known, but the ostensible reason is that Grand Duke Nicholas believes that such a post should not be given to a grand duke, but more to a military man. He advocates the appointment of General Linievitch, formerly commander in chief of the Manchurian army, but the emperor has not finally decided the matter.

The activity of the Terrorists in the provinces included, beside the usual harvest of assassinations in Warsaw, an attempt on the life of General Karateli, chief of the gendarmerie of Samara province, and the wounding of Captain of Police Ivanoff, of Libau, by a youth who fired three times at him on the street.

WILL TALK IRRIGATION.

Expert Engineers Meet in Conference at Boise September 3.

Washington, Aug. 14.—The fourth annual conference of the engineers of the United States Reclamation service will be held at Boise, Idaho, September 3 to 8, the fourteenth irrigation congress also being in session at Boise at that time.

This conference is in continuation of the general policy of holding annually a meeting of the principal engineers of the Reclamation service for the purpose of discussing matters of administration and economics of work. The bringing together of these engineers and prominent citizens of the West makes possible an interchange of views and a discussion of data leading to results of very great value in the furtherance of the purposes of the reclamation act.

Each of the engineers, experts and specialists in the various lines will submit a brief paper embracing some point of general interest, such as detailed methods of cost, keeping, of designing, construction, maintenance, or operation. Owing to the advanced condition of many of the irrigation projects now under construction it is expected that this conference will be of more than usual interest and importance.

Offer for Cunard Liners.

London, Aug. 14.—The Standard this morning states that the directors of the Cunard line on Saturday received a deputation from the Hungarian government offering terms to the company for the acquisition of the emigrant trade between Fiume and New York. The proposals involve the purchase of the Cunard steamships Slavonia, Ultonia and Carpathia, for over \$250,000, and a payment of an indemnity for the annulment of the contract between the Cunard line and the Hungarian government, which still has seven years.

Sultan Not in Danger.

Constantinople, Aug. 14.—Officials inform callers at the palace that the sultan was suffering from the effects of a chill during the past week, but that he has now completely recovered. His physicians, however, advised his majesty not to risk exposure to the open air, and hence the abandonment of the selamluk Friday. The local press is forbidden to publish anything concerning the state of the sultan's health or of the abandonment of the selamluk.

Are Granted Hearings.

Washington, Aug. 14.—In order that the food manufacturers of the country may have opportunity to make suggestions concerning regulations for the enforcement of the new pure food law, hearings will be held at the department of Agriculture from September 17 to 23.

RAILROADS TO HELP

Immunity for Testifying Against Standard Oil Company.

EVIDENCE INSURES INDICTMENT

Railroad Men Have No Hesitancy in Uncovering All Transactions With Oil Octopus.

Chicago, Aug. 14.—Immunity for different railroad officials from prosecution for violating interstate commerce laws in giving rebates to the Standard Oil company is the price which the Federal authorities are paying for testimony upon which they will try to secure the conviction of the Standard Oil company and some of its officials. It was announced today by local railroad men that they will have no hesitancy in uncovering all the transactions between the roads and the oil combine to the local Federal grand jury, because they are sure that by so doing they will be themselves exempt from prosecution.

When the oil combine prosecution was first launched, it was found by the Federal authorities that railroad officials familiar with the facts declined to come forward. An inquiry addressed to such officials brought forth an announcement of the railroad men's position by the different general counsel of the roads. Open notice was served that the officials of the roads would not give information because in so doing they would be placing themselves and their own railroads in danger of indictment and prosecution. After consultation between counsel for the railroads and the government the silence of the railroad men was broken and proof is now forthcoming upon which indictments will be voted by the grand jury.

It was explained by one of the leading local railroad attorneys today that the definite understanding has been reached between their clients and the department of Justice that, in return for proof upon which to indict and convict the oil combine and its officials, the railroads will not be molested with any prosecution, so far as the giving of rebates to the Standard Oil company is concerned.

EVEN STOLE COLLATERAL.

Limit to Stensland's Crimes Not Yet Found by Inspectors.

Chicago, Aug. 14.—The belief that large amounts of collateral given as security for notes in the Milwaukee Avenue bank have been stolen practically became a certainty last night, when a note for \$9,000, known to be genuine, was found in Stensland's house at Byron street and Lawndale avenue. Search was made for the collateral security, but it could not be found.

The discovery opened up a field for almost unlimited speculation as to how far the looting proceeded before Stensland disappeared. If the real estate and other securities in the bank have been stolen or are found to be worthless, the amount of money left to pay the depositors probably will be reduced as low as 25 per cent.

Assistant State's Attorney Olson was informed yesterday afternoon that President Stensland has large land holdings in Mexico, and that he may be in the Southern republic now. The information came in the shape of a letter from an acquaintance of Stensland. Mr. Olson said that it will take only 24 hours to run down the clew.

Greatest of Naval Reviews.

Washington, Aug. 14.—Orders for the formation of the Atlantic fleet to be reviewed by President Roosevelt at Oyster Bay, September 3, were issued at the Navy department today. The president will be aboard the Mayflower, and the fleet which he will review will be the strongest, if not the largest in numbers, ever assembled under the United States flag. It will consist of 43 vessels, carrying 1,178 guns, commanded by 812 officers, with 15,255 men. Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans will be commander-in-chief.

More Damage by Texas Flood.

Houston, Tex., Aug. 14.—The work of repairing the Southern Pacific tracks at Sanderson is proceeding rapidly, and unless there are further rains traffic will be resumed Thursday evening. The cloudburst of yesterday washed away 6,000 feet of track and 1,000 feet of bridges in Meyers and Willow Springs canyons, near Langtry, in addition to the six miles already gone. One Mexican fell into a swollen stream and was drowned yesterday.

Railroads Offer Bribe.

St. Paul, Aug. 14.—A meeting of the State Warehouse and Railroad commissioners was held today for the purpose, it is stated, of acting on a proposition from the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Soo Line railroads, which agree to reduce the freight rate on wheat 1 cent a hundred pounds provided the commission will call off the present investigation and agitation of freight rates on commodities. The proposition was rejected.

Custom Houses for Manchuria.

Peking, Aug. 14.—The Japanese minister has informed China that Japan is ready to establish a customs service at Port Dalny and urges China to make similar arrangements at the frontier stations in Northern Manchuria, so as to place the traffic on the Japanese and Russian railways on an equality.