

NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

Castro accuses Holland of barbarism and savagery.

Bronson Howard, the great playwright, is dead.

Harriman has started for the Pacific coast, still talking of higher freight rates.

One hundred sheep were killed by a single bolt of lightning near Bridgeport, Cal.

Railroad presidents will confer with shippers on rates. The meeting will be held at Chicago.

The Kaiser has rewarded a soldier who did not recognize him with promotion for strict attention to duty.

A number of earthquake shocks have occurred in Algeria, doing much damage to property and causing some loss of life.

A Connecticut man murdered his wife and grandchild, but was killed by his son before going further with his butchery.

A strike of machinists on the Canadian Pacific is on and it is expected other men will be affected and the road tied up.

A German inventor has a dirigible balloon in which he made a successful flight of 24 hours, returning to the starting point.

The great Paris strike has ended in a failure.

Wheat is booming in Chicago and has gone above the \$1 mark.

Employees of all the paper trust's mills have gone on a strike.

A man has been killed in Nevada by a friend who mistook him for a deer.

Great preparations are being made for the reception of the battleship fleet at Auckland.

Governor Hughes, of New York, is preparing for a more vigorous fight against betting men.

Eastern politicians say Hearst's Independence party has less chance of winning than the Socialists.

The United States and Great Britain are to unite and bring pressure to bear on Belgium for reforms in Congo.

George A. Pettibone, leader of the Western Federation of Labor, died in a Denver hospital as a result of an operation for cancer.

Detective Burns, employed on the San Francisco graft cases, is securing a salary of \$625 a month and his 26 assistants \$150 each.

Harriman says there should be an increase in freight rates in order to secure good service. He favors a readjustment rather than a general increase.

The pope will create ten new cardinals next fall.

The French government is relentless in its fight against labor rioters.

An immense power has been gained by Harriman through his alliance with Gould.

Roosevelt has reinstated a number of West Point cadets to be disciplined by the faculty.

The sultan has appeared on the streets unattended for the first time during his reign.

Castro has dismissed all Dutch consuls and vice-consuls in Venezuela and demands apology for insults.

F. D. Spaulding, a wealthy automobile manufacturer of San Francisco, perished in the Yuma desert.

Suit has been commenced against the Cleveland Traction company for violating its charter granted by the city.

Samuel E. Moffat, an editorial writer on Collier's magazine, is dead. He was a nephew of Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain).

One miner was killed and two fatally injured in an explosion of gas in a coal mine near Scranton, Pa. A number of men were slightly hurt.

Bryan is busy on his speech of acceptance.

Officials of the Philippine railroad are making arrangements to extend it.

Dismissals of consuls may cause a quarrel between the United States and Honduras.

Reports are being received at Republican headquarters of babies named after Taft.

Gould has got money from Harriman to pay his railroad debts, and lost control of the Wheeling road.

Hot weather set fire to a great coal pile at Reno, Nev.

M. R. Preston will not accept the Socialist nomination for president, and August Gillhaus has been named.

Panama is afraid the United States wants to annex the country and Roosevelt has sent a reassuring message.

Eastern railroads have begun an attack on a law passed by the last congress limiting the hours of continuous service of employees.

SENATOR ALLISON DIES.

Death Comes as Shock, as Few Were Aware of Illness.

Dubuque, Iowa, Aug. 5.—Senator William Boyd Allison died in his Locust street home at 1:33 o'clock yesterday afternoon. With him at dissolution were members of his household and a physician. In a bulletin announcing his death Doctors Hancock and Lewis gave heart failure as the cause. The announcement of the senator's death came as a shock to his neighbors, as few were aware of his illness. Though for the past two years Senator Allison had been in declining health, and though he suffered the loss of much vitality during the present summer, no news had gone out from his home indicating the gravity of his illness.

Senator Allison suffered from the worst form of prostatic enlargement and a kidney affection made relief even more difficult to afford. As is usual in such cases, the senator suffered frequently from periods of faintness and weakness. These spells have frequently occurred of late. The last of them had its beginning on Friday and finally resulted in the patient's death.

CLOUDBURST IN ARIZONA.

Bisbee Suffers to Extent of \$100,000 From Water.

Bisbee, Ariz., Aug. 5.—A cloudburst this afternoon did about \$100,000 damage in Bisbee. One side of Main street, including the postoffice, in less than ten minutes was caloged from 200 yards of stores, costly saloons and business houses to a mass of wreckage by rocks, water and mud that came tumbling down off the mountain side. Postmaster M. E. Cassidy and Sheriff Jack White, who were in the postmaster's office, narrowly escaped with their lives, as did the force of 18 girls employed in the postoffice, when the inrush of water, almost without warning, struck the building.

Huge boulders and tons of dirt slid into the first floor of the postoffice where the force was at work. Considerable mail was washed away or damaged by mud and water. Miss Clara Larsen, of Chicago, was rescued from five feet of water into which she had fallen by Miss Barr, another clerk. Thousands of tons of rock and dirt were washed down the mountain side into the streets, where it was piled up from five to 20 feet high.

TWENTY LOGGERS MISSING.

Mill Men May Have Perished in Fire About Hosmer.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 5.—Up to this evening 18 bodies had been found in the ruins caused by the fire at Fernie.

The logging crew of the Elk Lumber company, consisting of about 20 men, is still missing. They were at work on the mountain north of Hosmer and nothing has yet been heard from them. Some believe that the entire party has perished in the flames.

The only possible way of escape open to them was to cross the mountain range. If they succeeded it will be several days yet before they could possibly reach Fernie by a circuitous route. No human being would undertake to reach them across the burned area at the present time.

Fire Devours Michel.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 5.—For three days the people of Michel have fought for their homes with death at the door. This afternoon they were beaten at the game. The city, the second in size in the devastated district of East Kootenay, started to burn in real earnest at dusk this evening.

Nothing can save it from lying a heap of ruins even more complete than Fernie by tomorrow morning. The background of Fernie in every direction, except the openings up and down the valley, is a mountain. There is one main street running through the center of the town and the railway runs down the center of the street. Two rows of houses on each side have their back yards abutting against the mountain.

Respond to Japan's Call.

San Francisco, Aug. 5.—The chamber of commerce at a meeting today considered the invitation received from the Tokio chamber of commerce, which was sent with the sanction of the Japanese government, for the commercial bodies of this and other cities to visit Japan with a view of improving the trade between the two countries. It developed that many inquiries had been received by the local chamber from Eastern cities, and a committee was appointed to ascertain how many desired to make the trip.

Edison Will Do What He Likes.

New York, Aug. 5.—To gratify a life-long wish, Thomas A. Edison, the great inventor, has decided to quit temporarily his laboratory and go on a roving commission to the Pacific coast, where he will engage in scientific research free from all commercialism. The change does not mean that he will cease work at all, but that he will devote himself purely to science. Edison, accompanied by his wife, will leave late in August for the journey.

Monument of Great Quake.

San Francisco, Aug. 5.—The new Relief Home for the aged and infirm, erected at a cost of \$450,000 from the surplus money contributed for the relief of sufferers by the earthquake and fire of April 18, 1906, was formally dedicated today and turned over to the city. It is located on the Alms house tract south of the Golden Gate.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

GOOD ROADS MEET.

Every County in State Will be Represented This Year.

Portland—Nearly every county in Oregon will be represented at the good roads conference to be held in Portland, August 11. Among the most distant will be Lake county, which will send delegates to counsel with the men from Eastern and Western Oregon on the best remedies for existing road conditions.

Courty Judge B. Daly, of Lakeview, has written to the Portland Commercial club, assuring the management that his county will be represented. He said:

"We have not been saying much, but we have been up and doing until we now have 300 miles of good roads in Lake county as can be found in any county in Oregon. Lake county, with its 5,000 acres of land to every voter, has already a per capita income of over \$250 per man from the livestock industry alone. When we get railroad facilities to ship to the markets the splendid products of our orchards, farms, mines and forests, then watch Lake county grow."

Homesteaders Ruled Off.

Klamath Falls—Decisions have been handed down by the United States land office at Lakeview, in reference to several contest cases between homesteaders and those placing timber and stone filings. In each case the homesteaders have lost. In the case of O. B. Newton vs. Nell Boyd-Yaden, homestead entry was refused, on account of the land being heavily timbered and residence not maintained. In this case filing had been made five years ago, and the land had been lived upon by claimant and commutation made, but the patent had never been issued.

Railroad Accidents in June.

Salem—According to reports received at the office of the railroad commission at Salem, four persons were killed by the railroads during the month of June in this state. No passengers or employees were in the number. Thirteen passengers were injured, one trainman, one yardman, two other employees, and one other person. One passenger train was derailed, two freight trains were derailed. There was one collision between passenger train and one collision between a passenger train and a freight train. The summary of accidents for June is comparatively low.

Big Hay Crop in Tillamook.

Tillamook—The hay harvest will be completed this week, with the exception of oat hay. The weather has been fine the past two weeks for hay-making, but previous to that the heavy fogs at night made curing somewhat slow. Another bumper hay crop is in the barns, and the large dairy herds in Tillamook county are well provided for the next winter, and as the meadows are green and will remain so all summer with abundance of green pasture, the cheese factories are receiving a much larger amount of milk than in previous years.

Smut Eats Up Machines.

Pendleton—Smut has caused the destruction of two threshing machines in Umatilla county during the past week, and another was burned, but the origin of the fire in the third instance is uncertain. Those who lost machines are Isaac Christopher, Frank Brotherton and J. Hudeman. The Christopher and Hudeman machines were blown up by the explosion of smut dust, a fire following in each instance. The other machine burned while being moved from one field to another.

Hop Crop Worth Picking.

Salem—Salem hopmen do not agree with Joseph Harris that the hop crop will be larger than the demand and that the crop will not all be picked. Dealers interviewed estimate the crop at from 90,000 to 120,000 bales, and indicate their belief that there will be few, if any, growers who will not pick their hops. The dealers agree that the crop will be good if the weather continues favorable. No one will venture an estimate as to price.

Bandon Booklets Out Soon.

Bandon—The booklets and other literature ordered by the Bandon Commercial club will be ready for delivery about August 20. C. H. Warren, manager of the Warren Publicity company, of Portland, was asked to help raise the necessary funds. Mr. Warren and the committee succeeded in raising more than was needed and the Commercial club has decided to double the order to 10,000 booklets.

Will Drain Union Lands.

La Grande—The board of regents of the Oregon Agricultural college held a meeting at Union last week, and steps were taken to introduce scientific draining in this valley, where the lowlands are now worthless, due to excess of rainfall. Estimates will be invited on draining and tiling 100 acres located at the experiment farm, near Union, and will thus introduce into this valley the first attempt at draining wet lands on scientific plans.

Gobbling Up New Wheat.

Pendleton—Wheat has advanced another two cents in the Pendleton market, with the result that probably 200,000 bushels have changed hands within the past two days. The purchases are being made on a basis of 75 cents, and it is not recalled when the prices were so good and so much wheat changing hands so early in the season.

CAN'T SELL WORMY APPLES.

Fruit Inspector Will See That Laws Are Strictly Enforced.

Salem—County Fruit Inspector Armstrong states that the state law prohibiting the marketing of wormy and scaly apples, pears and other fruits, which was not enforced last year on account of the light yield of fruit in some sections, will be rigidly enforced this year.

The yield is abundant and there is no reason, declares the inspector, for any grower to bring bad fruit to market. Mr. Armstrong states that the movement will be state-wide, under the direction of the state horticulturist, W. K. Newell, of Portland, and the district commissioners.

Open Bids at Klamath.

Klamath Falls—Bids were opened recently for extension of the South Branch canal of the Klamath project. This work comprises seven miles of main canal, which will connect the present canal with the Adams ditch in the vicinity of Merrill. Two bids were received for the entire contract, and other bids were received on schedule covering portions of the work. The board of engineers will decide upon awarding the contract in a few days. All of the bidders are prepared to rush work as soon as the contract is let, and in all probability water for the Adams system will be carried through the main canal next year.

Dairying Exhibit to be Feature.

Portland—An immense dairying exhibit will be the feature of the coming Oregon state fair in September, if plans of the Dairy association officers are carried out. These plans now promise to be more than fulfilled. Mrs. S. A. Yoakum, vice president of the association, who has been touring the Willamette valley in the interest of the exhibit, came to Portland from Salem and departed for Tillamook county. She is said to be doing much good in arousing the enthusiasm of dairy cow owners.

Hold for 80-Cent Wheat.

Pendleton—Many large wheat crops have already passed into the hands of the buyers, but in most instances the growers are holding for 80 cents. If that price is reached it is generally believed that the bulk of the crop in this country will be sold or contracted for within a very few days. From reports received up to date, it is evident that the average yield for the county will be in the neighborhood of 30 bushels to the acre. This is about ten bushels short of last year's crop.

Teachers' Institute Dates.

Salem—The following dates for annual teachers' institutes have been set: Coos county, Myrtle Point, August 18, 19, 20 and 21; Wallahe county, Enterprise, August 26, 27 and 28; Wasco county, The Dalles, October 6, 7 and 8; Columbia county, Rainier, October 6, 7 and 8; Washington county, October 12, 13 and 14; Polk county, Dallas, October 14, 15 and 16; Klamath county, Klamath Falls, October 21, 22, 23 and 24.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 87c per bushel; forty-fold, 88c; red Russian, 85c; bluestem, 90c; valley, 87c. Barley—Feed, \$23.50 per ton; rolled, \$25.00; brewing, \$26. Oats—No. 1 white, \$26.50 per ton; gray, \$26. Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$14 per ton; Willamette valley, ordinary, \$11; Eastern, Oregon, \$16.50; mixed, \$13; alfalfa, \$11; alfalfa meal, \$20.

Fruits—Apples, new California, \$1.25@1.75 per box; cherries, 30@10c per pound; peaches, 40c@51.25 per crate; prunes, \$1 per crate; Bartlett pears, \$1.75 per box; plums, 40c@50c per box; grapes, \$1.50@1.75 per crate. Berries—Raspberries, \$1 per crate; loganberries, \$1 per crate; blackberries, 60c@81.

Potatoes—New, \$1@1.25 per hundred; old, Oregon, 75c per hundred; sweet potatoes, 6 1/2c per pound. Melons—Cantaloupes, \$2@2.75 per crate; watermelons, 90c@91.25 per 100 loose; crated, 1 1/2c per pound additional; casabas, \$2.75@3 per dozen. Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.50 per sack; carrots, \$1.75; beets, \$1.50; beans, 7c per pound; cabbage, 2c per pound; corn, 25@30c per dozen; cucumbers, \$1 per box; egg plant, 10c per pound; lettuce, head, 15c per dozen; parsley, 15c per dozen; peas, 4c per pound; peppers, 8@10c per pound; radishes, 12 1/2c per dozen; spinach, 25c per pound; tomatoes, 75c@81 per crate; celery, \$1.25 per dozen; artichokes, 75c per dozen.

Butter—Extras, 27 1/2c per pound; fancy, 25c; choice, 20c; store, 18c. Eggs—Oregon extras, 25c per dozen; firsts, 23@24c; seconds, 22@23 1/2c; thirds, 15@20c; Eastern, 23@24c.

Poultry—Mixed chickens, 11c per pound; fancy hens, 12c; roosters, 9c; spring, 14c; ducks, old, 8c; spring, 12@12 1/2c; geese, old, 8c; goslings, 10@11c; turkeys, old, 18@19c; young, 20@24c. Veal—Extra, 8@8 1/2c per pound; ordinary, 7@7 1/2c; heavy, 5c. Pork—Fancy, 7c per pound; ordinary, 6c; large, 5c.

Mutton—Fancy, 8@9c. Hops—1907, prime and choice, 4 1/2@5c per pound; olds, 2@2 1/2c; contracts, 9@10c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 10@16 1/2c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 15@15 1/2c; mohair, choice, 18@18 1/2c.

MANY FAMILIES SEPARATED.

Property Loss at Fernie Not Less Than \$2,500,000.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 4.—A special from Fernie, B. C., to the Spokesman-Review, says:

It is feared that the loss of life will reach beyond 100, but there are so many living people without homes or shelter or food to be looked after that up to the present no effort has been made to ascertain the number of those who lost their lives.

In the district swept by the flames there is estimated to have been some 7,000 people. Two thousand of these people have been sent west to Cranbrook and Elko, some 1,500 fled from the flames to the northward and reached Hosmer and other places along the line.

The Great Northern train took all the people it could carry up the line, fighting its way through sheets of flames before reaching a place of safety.

Scores of families were separated, husbands not knowing where their wives and children were, and in some instances it was ascertained this morning that members of the same family were in Cranbrook, Fernie and Hosmer.

The lowest estimates of the amount of the loss is placed at \$2,500,000, and as nearly as can be ascertained the insurance carried will amount to something like \$1,500,000. Of the 7,000 people who had been housed yesterday, 3,000 have been taken away. It is estimated by the committee appointed that there will be 3,500 who will have to be furnished with temporary shelter and food.

DEATH LIST GROWS.

Seventy-Four Said to Have Perished in Destruction of Fernie.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Aug. 4.—As a result of bush fires the town of Fernie, B. C., is wiped off the map as a child cleans a slate. Michel, 14 miles distant, is in flames and the fate of Hosmer and Sparwood, intervening towns, is in doubt, they being cut off from communication.

Over 100 lives are known to have been lost, 74 of them in Fernie.

A territory of 100 square miles is a seething mass of flames. Through it are scattered hundreds of lumbermen and prospectors, so that the actual loss of life will not be known for days.

The properties of the Canadian Pacific and Great Northern railways are destroyed, the bridges and rolling stock burned so that it is impossible to enter or leave the burning area.

There is no possibility of estimating the loss of life and property which will result, for the flames are driven by a half gale, making it impossible to put up a fight against their advance.

The conflagration is the greatest which has ever reached Canada and ranks only with the San Francisco disaster.

For the past month forest fires have been raging in the mountains of Elk river valley country, but they have not been considered serious. Saturday morning a heavy wind sprang up from the west and early in the afternoon the flames appeared over the crest of the mountains to the west of Fernie. This ran down the mountain side and before a fire guard could be organized had entered the town.

FLEET PASSES TUTUILIA.

Natives Gaze on Great Battleships at Close Range.

Suva, Fiji Islands, Aug. 4.—The United States Atlantic fleet at 8 p. m. Saturday was in latitude 15:43 south, longitude 17:24 west, being distant from Auckland 1,500 miles. At 6:30 o'clock in the morning the fleet changed its formation from line of squadron to single column, and at 7 o'clock passed the end of eastern end of Tutuila island, Samoa, and steamed close in along the coast, giving the people of the island an excellent view of the ships.

The station ship Annapolis passed close to the fleet off Pago Pago. The usual honors were rendered.

At 9 o'clock the fleet resumed its course for Auckland in line of squadron formation. It had reduced its speed to nine knots. The weather is fine, though hot. The collier Ajax arrived at Suva today.

Cars of Coal on Fire.

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 4.—The Great Northern officials have received word from their division superintendent at White Fish, Mont., that 65 cars of coal and coke and three bridges belonging to the company have been destroyed by the forest fires at Fernie. The big bridge just west of the depot at Fernie and No. 3 and No. 4 bridges across the Elk river between Hosmer and Michel have been wiped out. The Canadian Pacific has lost two depots, a water tank and all of its cars at Fernie. A hurricane is blowing.

Forced to Run Gauntlet.

Deadwood, S. D., Aug. 4.—Accused of wife beating on the public streets, George Corey, of Terry, a small mining camp near here, almost lost his life today at the hands of a mob. Corey had been arrested and placed in jail. A mob quickly formed and broke into the jail. The man was taken to the highway, where he was forced to run a gauntlet of men with blacksnake whips. Many men were in favor of lynching him, but the women prevented this.

Die of Heat in Mine.

Virginia City, Nev., Aug. 4.—Half a mile beneath the surface of the earth and 8,000 feet from the mouth of the Suro tunnel, C. Pucillini was discovered dead this afternoon with his four mules, killed by the heat in the tunnel's depths.

THIRD IN STRENGTH

Japanese Navy Will Be Greatly Increased by 1911.

MANY NEW SHIPS ARE BUILDING

German Navy League Discovers Large Addition to Program—Soon Have 21 Battleships.

Berlin, Aug. 4.—The Japanese navy will take third place in 1911, according to the bulletin made by the German Navy League in its August report.

"Notwithstanding the assertions of Japan's bad financial position," the article says, "the so-called program of 1907 appears to provide for considerable more construction than has been reported. From a fully well informed quarter it is affirmed that Japan, besides building the three battleships, Aki, 'A,' and 'B,' and the four armored cruisers, Kurama, Ibuki and 'E' and 'F,' has appropriated money for four additional battleships, each of 12,800 tons, and for five armored cruisers of 18,500 tons.

Through these increases Japan will push forward in 1910-1911 to third place in the world's navies, Japan's position with great ships now being:

Ready, 14 battleships with a tonnage of 191,400, and 12 large cruisers with a tonnage of 113,000; building, three battleships with a tonnage of 60,800, and four cruisers with a tonnage of 66,900, to which must be added those vessels embraced in the latest information, namely, four battleships with a total of 83,200 and five cruisers with a tonnage of 92,500."

HEAT RECORD SMASHED.

Temperature in Chicago Registers Highest in Eight Years.

Chicago, Aug. 4.—August heat records for the past eight years were smashed at 10 a. m. today, when the mercury reached the 94 degree mark, which it had not attained since August 5, 1900. Having reached this mark the liquid metal rested for a time, being at the same mark at 2 p. m., but started up the tube later, determined to break all records for the year—94 degrees, made July 23—the hottest day since July 21, 1901, when a mark of 103 degrees was set. In spite of the high mark reached by the mercury, there was less suffering in the city than there was on some of the days last week when the temperatures were in the 80s. Then, however, there was great humidity. Today it was dry at a 15-mile wind was blowing from the southwest. This kept the number of deaths and prostrations down.

Four deaths and 26 serious cases of prostration had been reported up to 10 o'clock. Tonight a cooling breeze came off the lake, which lowered the temperature to 87 degrees. The police killed 24 unmuzzled dogs.

LEARN LANGUAGE FIRST.

Foreigners Ignorant of English Are Denied Final Citizenship.

Denver, Colo., Aug. 4.—A sensation was created in the Federal court today when Judge Lewis, in throwing out half a dozen naturalization cases, held that a foreign-born person must speak the English language before he can secure citizenship.

"I cannot allow final papers to be given," said the court, "where the party seeking the same is unable to speak the English language. He cannot understand the laws of this country, its constitution or any of the acts that go to prove his citizenship. He may have homesteaded upon land, but he must read and write English before he can secure his final papers and come before the court with a native citizen who can swear he has known the subject for a period of five years."

Standard's Foes in Europe.

Basle, Switzerland, Aug. 4.—Reports received here today from representatives of the International Oil syndicate, which proposes to buck the Standard Oil company all over Europe, state that the outlook is bright and that the product of the new concern will find a ready market as soon as an effort is made to push the trade. The syndicate managers are rapidly completing arrangements for an alliance with the great Russian oil firms. These firms, it is understood, have expressed a readiness to sell out.

Conservatives Win in Cuba.

Havana, Aug. 4.—Election returns throughout Cuba indicate a general victory for the conservatives, who have carried most of the important cities. The liberals elected Azueta governor of the province of Havana, but the conservatives were victorious in the city of Havana. The liberals showed their greatest strength in Eastern Cuba. So far no reports have been received here of serious trouble at the polls.

Robbers' Swag Fifty Thousand. Chicago, Aug. 4.—Terrorizing the postmasters of Northern Michigan for ten years and stealing more than \$50,000 from the government, George Ross and Frank Roach are under arrest today. The bandits were captured by Postal Inspectors Frasier and Clark in a hut in the woods near Escanaba. When they were captured Ross and Roach had \$10,000 worth of stamps and postal orders in their possession.