

DOINGS OF THE WEEK

MEN OF THE HOUR IN THE CHINESE CRISIS.

Current Events of Interest Gathered From the World at Large.

General Resume of Important Events Presented in Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

Russian and Persian troops have had a battle near Tabriz.

Alaska delegation says that territory can support millions of people.

Senator Borah plans a new irrigation loan which will help the Umatilla project.

Indicted packers in Chicago declare the public was benefitted by their business methods.

President discusses currency, army reforms, parcels post and other topics in a message to congress.

A telephone rate war has begun in California and is expected to extend over the entire Pacific coast.

Hop interests of America, backed by J. Ogden Armour, are planning a big combine to handle the crops in future.

The powers are now trying to induce the Chinese rebels to accept terms offered by the government and end the war.

C. L. Smith, newly appointed agriculturist for the O.-W. R. & N. Co., will visit many farms along the line to gather practical information.

A government engineer has approved the proposed expenditure of \$800,000 for the improvement of Tillamook bay, on the Oregon coast.

A boiler explosion in a sawmill at Apiary, near Ranier, Or., killed two men and injured two others, a fifth man digging himself out of the wrecked building without a scratch.

President Taft, while quietly making purchases in a crowded bookstore, was jostled by an army lieutenant, who was entirely unconscious that had bumped against his commander-in-chief.

President Taft officially abrogates the Russian treaty, but ratification is held up in the senate by Heyburn.

The river Avon, in Wales, is out of its banks and a large territory flooded.

In a Kansas City trolley-car wreck four persons were killed and seven injured.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen has been elected president of China by a revolutionary convention.

Secretary McVaugh urges congress to take up currency and banking reform legislation at once.

Suit has been filed by the government to dissolve the Pacific Coast Plumbing Supply association.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, 81¢@82¢; club, 79¢; red Russian, 78¢; valley, 80¢; forty-fold, 79¢@80¢.
 Corn—Whole, 37¢; cracked, 38¢ ton. Millstuffs—Bran, 23¢ per ton; middlings, 33¢; shorts, 24¢; rolled barley, 37¢@38¢.
 Oats—No. 1 white, \$30.50@31 ton. Hay—No. 1 Eastern Oregon timothy, \$18@18.50; No. 1 valley, \$15@16; alfalfa, \$13@14; clover, \$11@12; grain, \$12@13.
 Barley—Feed, \$36@37 ton.
 Fresh Fruits—Pears, 50¢@51.50 per box; grapes, \$1.25@1.50; cranberries, \$12@13 per barrel; casabas, 1.50 per crate.
 Apples—Jonathan's, \$1.50@2.25 per box; Spitzenberg, \$1@2.50; Baldwin, \$1.50; Red Cheek Pippin, \$1.25@1.75; Northern Spy, \$1.25@1.75; Winter Bananas, \$2@3; Bellflower, 1.10@1.35.
 Potatoes—Buying prices: Burbanks, 85¢@1.20 per hundred.
 Onions—Jobbing price, \$1.50 per cck.
 Vegetables—Artichokes, 90¢ per dozen; cabbage, 10¢ per pound; cauliflower, \$1.90@2.25 per crate; cucumbers, \$1.25@1.75 per dozen; celery, California, \$4@4.25 per crate; green plant, 12¢ per pound; garlic, 60¢ per pound; lettuce, \$2.50 per crate; peppers, 8¢@10¢ per pound; impkins, 10¢ per pound; sprouts, 9¢ per pound; squash, 1¢@1¢; tomatoes, \$1.75 per box; carrots, \$1 per sack; turnips, \$1; beets, \$1; parsnips, \$1.
 Butter—Oregon creamery butter, 1d pack, 36¢; prints, extra; butter 1, 1¢ less than solid pack prices.
 Poultry—Hens, 12¢; springs, 11¢; ducks, young, 17¢@18¢; geese, 12¢; turkeys, live, 20¢@21¢; dressed, 22¢@23¢.
 Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, candled, 1¢ per dozen; case-count, 35¢ per set.
 Pork—Fancy, 8¢@8½¢ per pound.
 Veal—Fancy, 14¢@14½¢ per pound.
 Cattle—Choice steers, \$5.75@6; d, \$5@5.50; choice cows, \$4.60@5; d, \$4.25@4.50; choice spayed heifers, \$5@5.25; good to choice heifers, \$4@4.50; choice bulls, \$4.25@4.50; d, \$4@4.25; choice calves, \$7@8; d, \$6.75@7.
 Hogs—Choice light hogs, \$6.55@7; good to choice hogs, \$6.25@7; fair, \$6@6.25; smooth heavy s, \$5.25@5.50.
 Sheep—Choice yearling wethers, \$5@4; choice killing ewes, \$3.25@3.75; choice lambs, \$4.90@5.10; 1 to choice lambs, \$4.75@4.90; 2, 3, 3¢@4.



ABOVE, DR. WU TING FANG, WHO REPRESENTS REPUBLIC IN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS, AND YUAN SHI KAI, WHO CONCEDES NECESSITY FOR REPUBLIC. BELOW, ANOTHER PICTURE OF DR. WU, WITH HIS FAMILY.

REDUCE WOOL DUTY

President Recommends Revision, Leaving Rate to Congress.

Believes Difference Between Cost at Home and Abroad Is Proper Basis for Tariff.

Washington, D. C.—President Taft sent a message to congress Thursday recommending a downward revision of the tariff on wool. Accompanying the message was the report of the tariff board. Neither the message nor the report attempts to fix the rate of duty, but the president recommends that the proposed revision adhere to a policy of protection based upon the difference in cost of production at home and abroad.

The message says that the present method of assigning the duty on raw wool operates to exclude wools of high shrinkage in scouring, but of fine quality, from the American market, and thereby lessens the range of wools available to the domestic manufacturer, and that the duty on scouring wool of 33 cents is prohibitory and operates to exclude the importation of clean, low-priced foreign wools of inferior grade, which are, nevertheless, valuable material for manufacturing and which cannot be imported in the grease because of their heavy shrinkage. Such wools, if imported, might be used to displace the cheap substitutes now in use, the president says, and continues:

"These discriminations could be overcome by assessing a duty of ad valorem terms, but this method is open to the objection, first, that it increases administrative difficulties and

tends to decrease revenue through under-valuations, and, second, that as prices advance, the ad valorem rate increases the duty per pound at the time when the consumer most needs relief and the producer can best stand competition, while if prices decline the duty is increased at the time when the consumer is least burdened by the price and the producer most needs protection.

"Another method of meeting the difficulty of taxing the grease pound is to assess a specific duty on grease wool in terms of its scoured contents. This obviates the chief evil of the present system, namely, the discrimination due to different percentages, and thereby tends greatly to equalize the duty. The board reports that this method is feasible in practice and could be administered without great expense.

"They should be reduced and so adjusted to the rate of wool as to bear their proportion to the real rate levied on the actual wool imports. "The duties on many classes of wool manufacture are prohibitory and greatly in excess of the difference in cost of production here and abroad. "The findings of the board show that in this industry the actual manufacturing cost, aside from the question of the price of material, is much higher in this country than abroad; that in the making of yarn and cloth the domestic woolen or worsted manufacturer has in general no advantage in the form of superior machinery or more efficient labor to offset the higher wages paid in this country. The findings show that the cost of turning the wool into yarn in this country is about double that in the leading competing countries and that the cost of turning yarn into cloth is somewhat more than double. Under the protective policy a great industry, involving the welfare of hundreds of thousands of people, has been established despite these handicaps.

"In recommending revision and reduction, I therefore urge that action be taken with these facts in mind, to the end that an independent and established industry may not be jeopardized."

New Treaty is Considered.

St. Petersburg—Having accepted in an equable spirit the notification of the American ambassador that the treaty of commerce and navigation entered into by the United States and Russia in 1832 would be abrogated on January 1, 1913, officials of the Russian government are now directing their attention to the question of a new treaty. It is recognized that diplomacy of the most experienced kind will be required, especially on the American side, if negotiations for a new treaty are to proceed.

Would Change Homestead Law.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Fisher, of the department of the interior, is not disposed to favor an out-and-out three-year homestead bill, such as that introduced by Senator Borah, of Idaho, but rather inclines to the view that the homestead period should remain five years, as at present, but with the provision that the homesteader need not maintain his residence upon his land the first two years after initiating his entry.

Dynamite Left in Garden.

Los Angeles—Twenty-two sticks of high-power dynamite were found in the shrubbery near the residence of Arthur Letts, owner of two of the largest department stores in Los Angeles, by a gardener. After an investigation, the police announced that they believed the dynamite had been placed in the yard by someone who wanted to get rid of it.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY

CHURCHES.

Church of the Visitation, Verboort—Rev. L. A. LeMiller, pastor. Sunday Early Mass at 8 a. m.; High Mass at 10:30 a. m.; Vesper at 3:00 p. m. Week days Mass at 8:30 a. m.
 Christian Science Hall, 115 Fifth st., between First and Second ave. South—Services Sundays at 11 a. m.; Sunday school at 12 m.; mid-week meeting Wednesdays at 7:30 p. m.
 Free Methodist church, Fourth st., between First and Second Avenue. J. F. Lease, Pastor. Sunday School at 10 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.
 Seventh Day Adventist Church, 3rd street—Sabbath school 2 p. m., preaching 3 p. m. each Saturday. Midweek prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m. A cordial welcome. H. W. Vallmer, Elder.
 Catholic Services, Rev. J. R. Buck, pastor. Forest Grove—Chapel at cor. of 3rd street and 3rd avenue south. 1st and 4th Sundays of the month, Mass at 8:30; 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month, Mass 10:30. Cornelius—1st Sunday of the month, Mass at 10:30; 3rd Sunday of the month, Mass at 8:00. Seghers—2nd Sunday of the month, Mass at 8:00; 4th Sunday of the month, Mass at 10:30.
 M. E. Church, Rev. Hiram Gould, pastor. Second street, between First and Second avenues. Sunday school at 10 a. m.; Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting Thursday at 7:30 p. m.
 Christian Church, corner Third st. and First Ave. Rev. C. H. Hilton, pastor. Bible school at 10 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.; Prayer meeting Thursday at 8:00 p. m.

Congregational Church, College Way and First ave. north. Rev. D. T. Thomas—Sunday school 10 a. m.; Morning service 11 a. m.; evening, 8:00 p. m.; Junior C. E. at 3 p. m.; Senior C. E. at 6:30 p. m.

LODGES.

Knights of Pythias—Delphos Lodge No. 36, meets every Thursday at K. of P. Hall. Chas. Staley, C. C.; Reis Ludwig, Keeper of Records and Seal.
 G. A. R.—J. B. Mathews Post No. 6, meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p. m., in K. of P. hall. John Baldwin, Commander.
 Masonic—Holbrook Lodge No. 39, A. F. & A. M., regular meetings held first Saturday in each month. D. D. Bump, W. M.; A. A. Ben Kort, secretary.
 W. O. W.—Forest Grove Camp No. 98, meets in Woodmen Hall, every Saturday. A. J. Parker, C. C.; James H. Davis, Clerk.
 Artisans—Diamond Assembly No. 27, meets every Tuesday in K. of P. Hall. C. B. Stokes, M. A.; John Boldrick, Secretary.
 Rebekahs—Forest Lodge No. 44, meets the first, third and fifth Wednesdays of each month. Miss Alice Crook, N. G.; Secretary, Miss Carrie Austin.
 I. O. O. F.—Washington Lodge No. 48, meets every Monday in I. O. O. F. Hall. Wm. Van Antwerp, N. G.; Robert Taylor, Secretary.
 Modern Woodmen of America—Camp No. 6225, meets the second and fourth Friday of each month. Sam Marshall, Consul; Geo. G. Paterson, Clerk.

Rosewood Camp, No. 3835 R. N. A., meets first and third Fridays of each month in I. O. O. F. Hall. Mrs. M. S. Allen, Oracle; Mrs. Winnifred Aldrich, Recorder.
 Gale Grange No. 282, P. of H., meets the first Saturdays of each month in the K. of P. Hall. A. T. Buxton, Master; Mrs. H. J. Rice, Secretary.

CITY.

Mayor—J. A. Thornburgh.
 Recorder—R. P. Wirtz.
 Treasurer—E. B. Sappington.
 Chief of Police—P. W. Watkins.
 Street Commissioner—E. B. Sappington.
 Health Officer—Dr. J. S. Bishop.
 Councilmen—Chas. Hines, George S. Allen, V. S. Abraham, Carl L. Hinman, O. M. Sanford and John McNamer.

CITY SCHOOL.

School Directors—M. Peterson, Mrs. Edward Seymour, H. T. Buxton.
 Clerk—R. P. Wirtz.
 Justice of the Peace—W. J. R. Beach.
 Constable—Carl Hoffman.

COUNTY.

Judge—R. O. Stevenson.
 Sheriff—George G. Hancock.
 Clerk—John Bailey.
 Recorder—T. L. Perkins.
 Treasurer—E. B. Sappington.
 Surveyor—Geo. McTee.
 Coroner—E. C. Brown.
 Commissioners—John McClaran, John Nyberg.
 School Sup't—M. C. Case.

S. P. TIME TABLE.

North Bound.
 Sheridan No. 4.....8:27 a. m.
 Corvallis No. 2.....4:53 p. m.
 South Bound.
 Corvallis No. 1.....8:44 a. m.
 Sheridan No. 3.....6:30 p. m.

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Death of the Old Year

FULL knee-deep lies the winter snow,
 And the winter winds are wearily sighing,
 Toll ye the church bells sad and slow,
 And tread softly and speak low,
 For the old year lies a-dying.

Old year, you must not die,
 You came to us so readily,
 You lived with us so steadily,
 Old year, you shall not die.

He lieth still; he doth not move,
 He will not see the dawn of day,
 He hath no other life above,
 He gave me a friend and a true, true love,
 And the New Year will take 'em away.

Old year, you must not go;
 So long as you have been with us,
 Such joy as you have seen with us,
 Old year, you shall not go.

He froth'd his bumpers to the brim,
 A jollier year we shall not see,
 But tho' his eyes are waxing dim,
 And tho' his foes speak ill of him,
 He was a friend to me.

Old year, you shall not die,
 We did so laugh and cry with you,
 I've half a mind to die with you,
 Old year, if you must die.

He was full of joke and jest,
 But all his merry quips are o'er,
 To see him die, across the waste,
 His son and heir doth ride post-haste,
 But he'll be dead before.

Every one for his own,
 The night is starry and cold my friend,
 And the New Year blithe and bold, my friend,
 Comes up to take his own.

How hard he breathes! Over the snow
 I heard just now the crowing cock,
 The shadows flicker to and fro,
 The cricket chirps; the light burns low,
 'Tis nearly twelve o'clock.

Shake hands, before you die,
 Old year, we'll dearly rue for you,
 What is it we can do for you?
 Speak out before you die.

His face is growing sharp and thin,
 Alack! our friend is gone,
 Close up his eyes; tie up his chin;
 Step from the corpse, and let him in
 That standeth there alone,
 And waiteth at the door.
 There's a new foot on the floor, my friend,
 And a new face at the door, my friend,
 A new face at the door.

—Tennyson.

A Healthy and Wise New Year

"Resolution No. 1—I will try to become more intelligent concerning my body," says Dr. Jean Williams in Woman's Home Companion for January, "looking with greater respect upon my physical resources and trying to realize more fully that upon them the force and success of my life largely depend."

"Resolution No. 2—I will arrange, if possible, to supply sufficient pure air for every breath I take, thus better to combat every source of disease that might attack me, to improve my chance for long life and to increase my efficiency."

"Resolution No. 3—I will be kinder to my digestive organs, avoiding all excess and not asking them to struggle with food for which they have repeatedly shown antagonism."

"Resolution No. 4—I will treat my brain and nervous system with greater consideration, and 56 hours of each week shall be devoted to sleep."

"Resolution No. 5—I will try to do in eight hours as much hard work as I should do in one day."

"Resolution No. 6—I will devote at least two of the 24 hours to such exercise as I find most beneficial."

"Resolution No. 7—I will give my moral support to every effort, public or private, in behalf of the betterment of health conditions."

confession and fasting." A lively peal of bells is often rung at the end of the Sunday morning service, and is called "Pudding Bell." Perhaps its purpose is to announce to the stay-at-homes that service is over and that the pudding may come out of the oven. Every night at 9:05 "Great Tom," the great bell of Christ Church college at Oxford, booms out its ponderous note 101 times. This particular number was chosen in accordance with the number of students at the foundation of the college.

Shakespearean Mottos for the New Year

Heaven grant us its peace.—Measure for Measure.

Let each man do his best.—King Henry IV.

Time is the nurse and breeder of all good.—Two Gentlemen of Verona.

Take from my mouth the wish of happy years.—King Richard II.

Time shall unfold what plaited cunning hides.—King Lear.

That it shall hold companionship in peace with honor as in war.—Coriolanus.

Be of good cheer; They shall no more prevail than we give way to.—King Henry VIII.

This lies all within the will of God, To whom I do appeal.—King Henry V.

There's the rosemary and rue; these keep Seeming and savour all the winter long.—Winter Tale.

Be just and fear not; Let all the ends thou aim'st at be thy country's Thy God's and truth's.—King Henry VIII.

The Message of the Bells

The metal tongue of the big bell rings out many changes to our modern ears. In many parts of England the bell which tolls the old year out is called the "Old Lad's Passing Bell." In western England the bells peal merrily on "Oak Apple Day," to celebrate the escape of Charles at Boscebel. Another bell, rung at the beginning of Lent, is known as "Pancake Bell," because, in old-time phrase, it "summons people away from their pancakes to