

DOINGS OF THE WEEK

Current Events of Interest Gathered From the World at Large.

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

New York policemen are to have a thorough course in wrestling.

Pekin is in fear of wholesale massacres when abdication of the throne becomes an actual fact.

An Indianapolis grand jury has taken up the pursuit of Schmidt and Caplan, alleged dynamiters.

A Russian and a Hungarian arrested as spies in Germany, have been sentenced to three years imprisonment.

Cuban veterans have agreed to support President Gomez in maintaining order and Cuba's revolutionary crisis seems passed.

Woodrow Wilson, governor of New Jersey, says many of our laws are archaic, and that politics fail to keep pace with industrial demands.

Being convinced that Banker Morse has but a short time to live, President Taft commuted his penitentiary sentence to expire immediately.

The United Mineworkers of America have endorsed President John Mitchell and rejected a resolution committing the organization to Socialism.

Fifty thousand women members of the Ulster Unionists' association have called upon their sisters in Great Britain to aid them in defeating the home rule bill.

Without warning and without any known cause, the boiler of the river steamer Sarah Dixon, blew up near Martin's point, in the Columbia river, killing her captain, first mate and fireman.

According to a ruling by City Attorney Long, of San Francisco, civil service in San Francisco county applies to every county official and employe except city attorney, district attorney and public administrator.

Investigation of Bell Telephone affairs seems likely to disclose a big monopoly.

An official will be sent to investigate charges against Governor Frear, of Honolulu.

The late Chief Justice Harlan left an estate of \$13,000, of which \$7,200 was life insurance.

President Taft is not averse to Hitchcock's proposal of government ownership of telegraph lines.

Chico, Cal., felt a slight earthquake, which is believed to have been more severe in the mountains. Representative Borland, of Missouri, would build a national road, 60 feet wide, from New York to San Francisco and Olympia.

A bomb was thrown at Premier Yuan Shi Kai, of China, killing two soldiers and the horses attached to the carriage, but not injuring the premier.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, 85c; club, 81c; red Russian, 80c; valley, 82c; forty-fold, 82c. Millstuffs—Bran, \$23 per ton; shorts, \$25; middlings, \$30; rolled barley, \$37@38.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$30.50 ton. Hay—No. 1 Eastern Oregon timothy, \$17@18; No. 1 valley, \$15@16; alfalfa, \$13@14; clover, \$12; grain hay, \$14.

Barley—Feed, \$36@37 ton. Corn—New, whole, \$33 per ton; cracked, \$34; old, whole, \$36; cracked, \$37.

Cranberries, \$10@11.50 per barrel. Potatoes—Buying prices: Burbanks, 90c@1.15 per hundred; sweet potatoes, \$3 per crate.

Vegetables—Artichokes, \$1.25 per dozen; cabbage, 14@14c per pound; cauliflower, \$1.90@2 per crate; celery, \$5.25 per crate; garlic, 8@10c per pound; lettuce, \$2.50@2.75 per crate; peppers, 8@10c per pound; pumpkins, 10@14c per pound; squash, 14@14c; sprouts, 7@8c; turnips, \$1.25 per sack; rutabagas, \$1.25; carrots, \$1.25; parsnips, \$1.25; beets, \$1.50.

Onions—Association price, \$1.75 per sack. Butter—Oregon creamy butter, solid pack, 38c; prints, extra; butter fat, 1c less than solid pack prices.

Poultry—Hens, 12c; springs, 12c; ducks, young, 18c; geese, 11c@12c; turkeys, live, 17c; dressed, choice, 20c@22c.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, candled, 35c per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 84@9c per pound. Veal—Fancy, 134@14c per pound. Choice steers, \$6@6.25; good, \$5.75@6; choice cows, \$5@5.35; good, \$4.40@4.60; choice spayed heifers, \$5.35@5.50; good to choice heifers, \$5@5.25; choice bulls, \$4.25@4.50; good, \$4.25@5; choice calves, \$7.50@8; good, \$6.75@7.

Hogs—Choice light hogs, \$6.80@7; good to choice hogs, \$6.40@6.60; smooth heavy hogs, \$5.75@6.

Sheep—Choice yearling wethers, \$4.50@4.85; choice killing ewes, \$3.85@4.25; choice lambs, \$5.50@5.75; good to choice, \$4.50@5; culls, \$3.75@4.

LAUNCH WRECKED; 5 DROWN.

With Engine Disabled, Boat is Driven on Coos Bay Bar.

Marshfield, Or.—Five men were drowned just at dark Saturday evening when the little gasoline launch North Star No. 1, control of which had, in some unknown manner, become lost, capsized on the Coos Bay bar. Those who perished were: Joe Yonkers, skipper; Frank Tanner, married; Ira Albee; Con Ferri; William Brainerd, married and father of four children.

Though it is impossible to learn the cause of the disaster, it is believed by members of the lifesaving crew that the engine broke down and it was impossible for Yonkers to manage his boat in the strong current and ebb tide.

The four men who, with Yonkers, went down to a watery grave, were the last of a score of passengers who had taken passage from Marshfield for Empire. At the latter place late in the afternoon all but the five men went ashore, and the craft continued its journey toward South Slough, a tributary of the bay.

Suddenly the launch's progress ceased and it started to drift. Finally it was seen to strike the jetty, where it turned over. The lookout on the bar immediately rushed word of the disaster to the lifesavers, but it was too late to help the men in peril, and the strong current carried the North Star No. 1, still capsized, far out to sea.

In the attempt of the lifesaving crew to get within rescue distance, one of the members of the crew was washed overboard and with difficulty was recovered.

The work of the lifesavers was, therefore, distracted from the North Star to the rescue of one of their own number, after which it was found impossible to reach the rapidly-disappearing ill-fated boat, as she grew dimmer in the oncoming darkness.

T. R. IS NOT CANDIDATE.

Says He Would Not Accept Nomination If Offered.

Washington, D. C.—President Taft's serenity in the face of a wide-spread propaganda for the nomination of Theodore Roosevelt for the presidency is now explained by the statement that Colonel Roosevelt recently told a member of the Taft cabinet that he would not accept, if nominated.

Careful observers have noted that since just before Christmas, Henry L. Stimson, secretary of war, has paid at least three visits to Oyster Bay. Mr. Stimson was Mr. Roosevelt's unsuccessful candidate for governor of New York last year. Secretary Meyer, who was the only Roosevelt cabinet officer retained in the Taft cabinet, has conferred with Mr. Roosevelt within the past two weeks.

It has been a matter of quiet comment in Washington that if relations between Oyster Bay and the White House were severely strained, it would be difficult for any cabinet officer to be visiting Mr. Roosevelt frequently, and nearly impossible for Secretary Meyer or Secretary Stimson to do it, they having been so close to him formerly.

CUBAN POLICY APPROVED.

Taft's Action Thought Right Course by European Leaders.

London—President Taft's course in the matter of the Cuban note is commended throughout Europe, save in a few quarters. The sole criticism is that "a wise step has been taken belatedly." In Fleet street circles it is alleged that the British foreign office, two months ago, was informed that the political activity of certain Cuban military men was likely, if unchecked, to precipitate "one of those demoralized situations."

By a bitter Berlin censor of the American policy in foreign affairs, a journal that does not conceal its hopes of a breakdown in the Knox-Grey arbitration proposals, charges the United States with "playing a slow but sure game for the absorption of Cuba."

Gompers Issues Challenge.

Washington, D. C.—Senator Heyburn, of Idaho, is challenged by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, in the American Federationist, to produce in court of law any evidence which he may have of any illegal acts performed by Gompers. The editorial is based upon the occurrence in the senate when Heyburn declared that "no communication should be received from Mr. Gompers, because of the facts disclosed in the McNamara trial and subsequent thereto."

Ballooning in Dire Peril.

Los Angeles—Two amateur balloonists who attempted to make a moonlight flight had a thrilling experience for a few hours while their craft was being blown far out to sea. After reaching a height of 10,000 feet, the balloon started out to sea and traveled many miles before a change in the wind brought it back to land. As soon as they saw the earth the gas bag was cut and a landing made in the Venice hills.

Citrus Fruit Yield Heavy.

San Bernardino, Cal.—The citrus fruit crop of Southern California this season will be approximately 36,500 cars, according to the statement of J. S. Leeds, of Chicago, head of the Santa Fe Refrigerator dispatch.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE

NEW CLOVER PROLIFIC.

Farmers of Tillamook County Make Valuable Discovery.

Tillamook—Considerable interest is taken in a new plant, a native of Tillamook county, which is called a perennial clover, and it is asserted by those who have experimented with it that it will produce from 30 to 50 tons of feed to the acre. It is a species of the alsike, with alsike food values. It perpetuates itself from node buds and bulbs, and has no bloom, flower, seed or sex. It grows in the winter as well as in the summer, and frost does not interfere with or stop its growth. To procure seed, the clover is cut in a feed chopper. It will thrive on any land on which red clover will grow, and on land too wet and too cold to grow red clover. One plant produces from 200 to several thousand plants. May planting will yield a crop in July.

It is said by those who are growing it that it produces green feed summer and winter in enormous quantities. A sample of the clover was sent to the department of agriculture at Washington, D. C., and J. M. Westgate, agronomist, writes that it is one of the most interesting specimens that has come to the attention of the department, and a specialist will be sent to Tillamook to investigate and report on this new perennial clover discovered in the southern part of the county.

BEE TETS GOOD.

Government Experiments in Klamath County Encouraging.

Klamath Falls—W. H. Heilman, of the Klamath project of the United States reclamation service, has achieved some fine results from his efforts to encourage the sugar-beet industry in Klamath county, the samples of what Mr. Heilman induced the farmers to grow being pronounced by Mr. Orton, sugar-beet expert of the department of Agriculture at Washington, as "almost phenomenal." Mr. Heilman is in Washington now to do work for the reclamation service and incidentally work for co-operation of government officials in having the sugar-beet industry in Klamath county given as much impetus as possible.

Last spring he was able to begin definite work with sugar beet experiments among the farmers in Klamath county, and distributed 200 pounds of beet seed, which he had obtained from the department of agriculture. Captain O. C. Applegate, a pioneer Klamath county developer, also supplemented the distribution work. From tests made of the beets grown by the farmers Mr. Heilman says, in a letter, that the Klamath district "has demonstrated very clearly that it is in the sugar-beet belt of the country."

FARM THRIFT IS AIM.

Corvallis Club to Emphasize Intensive Land Methods.

Corvallis—Promotion of intensive farming in Benton county will absorb much of the activities of the Corvallis commercial club in the current year. Special attention will be given to the development of the small fruit industry. At the first meeting of the new board of officers it was determined to press this campaign, which was outlined at the annual business meeting of the club members.

The Commercial club, which has a membership of nearly 300, is in excellent condition financially, and is declared an efficient force in the up-building of the community. There is a strong and increasing sentiment among the members that the advertising of this country's resources in the East should be carried on by co-operative work of the various commercial bodies of the Willamette valley and of the state, and that the individual activities of the club should be confined to local public improvements and the developing of local industries.

Fruit Trade Great.

Eugene—Business handled amounting to nearly \$250,000 and the sum of \$51,996.41 paid growers were the principal items of the report of Manager J. O. Holt to the stockholders of the Eugene Fruitgrowers' association at its annual meeting here. This was an increase of over \$6,000 in the amount paid the growers over the figures of last year. The manager also reported a gain of 28 in membership of the association the past year, and substantial improvements made to the packing plant.

Oregon Apples to Germany.

La Grande—Apple shipments from the Grande Ronde valley have been made to Germany, which country promises to become a large market for the product. Mr. Imbler having shipped several cars early in the season. Last week two cars of Rome Beauties and other varieties were shipped from Elgin by Sherman Chapple. Both orders were secured through the Northwestern Fruit Growers' exchange.

Newport May Have Shipyard.

Newport—George Walker of Toledo, builder of the Newport, Truant and various dredges and small boats, is looking for a suitable location for a shipyard in Newport. Mr. Walker has watched the steady growth of shipping in Yaquina Bay and is convinced that the demand for new ships and repairs in Newport will justify establishing a yard here. He has received a number of offers of waterfront property.

POULTRY PROFITS LARGE.

Stanfield Man Makes Big Financial Success at Business.

Stanfield—F. M. Curtis, living five miles west of Stanfield, a prominent poultry breeder, is increasing his incubator plant. He is preparing to install a mammoth plant of 6,000-egg capacity. Heat will be provided by means of a boiler and hot water. All the old oil-burner 400-egg machines which he now has will be discarded. Not quite five years ago Mr. Curtis settled on the land where he now lives, taking it as a homestead from the government. At that time he had lots of faith and hope in the chicken business, but not many chickens and very little cash. The first year he erected his small home and outbuildings, dug a well, cleared a portion of his land of sagebrush and prepared it for cultivation.

But his small flock of chickens were good layers and eggs brought from 25 cents to 60 cents a dozen at the stores, and so he made expenses from the start and increased his stock. In the succeeding years he has entered the business of raising the fanciest breeding stock and during the last two years has rather made a specialty of furnishing "day-old chicks." Last year he had orders for day-old chicks or eggs for hatching from nearly every state in the Union, from Alaska, Canada and Mexico. Many orders were received in excess of the number he could fill.

This year he has booked orders for about 70,000 day-old chicks, which he expects to be able to supply. These day-old chicks sell for 12 1/2 cents each, and some of them for 15 cents. Mrs. Curtis and he have been doing all the work on the place, but this year he will have one assistant to do the heavy work, while Mrs. Curtis and he superintend the plant. Next year they may locate closer to the railway station; if not, they intend to use an automobile to facilitate the handling of orders.

Mr. Curtis says that there is lots of room in the poultry business in Oregon, and opportunity is favorable for anyone to succeed.

Last year 3,000,000 baby chicks were shipped into California, Idaho, Washington and Oregon. Of this number only about 50,000, or one-sixtieth, were hatched on the Coast, the remainder coming from east of the Rocky mountains. With the mild, dry climate of Umatilla county, which permits poultry to exercise out of doors every month in the year, with alfalfa easily available to furnish green feed the year around, with wheat and other grains available at primary cost from the adjacent large dry-land wheat ranches, and the cost of housing and shelter at the minimum, all natural conditions have been propitious for the success of this Stanfield poultryman.

STATE SCHOOL THRIVES.

Training Institution Head Makes Annual Report.

Salem—Superintendent Looney, of the state training school, has prepared his annual report and submitted it to the governor. He announces that many of the boys who left the school are doing well and are self-supporting, and that the school is accomplishing much for the welfare of its inmates. In his report he says:

"There were 92 boys in our care at the beginning of 1911; released during the year, 65; away on leave of absence, 7; admitted, 68; escaped, not returned, 4; returned on account of poor home condition and also for breaking parole, 20. Four of these youths came back of their own accord, as they had no work and no suitable place to stay for the winter. Two were placed with farmers, who kept them during the summer and as soon as the fall work was finished returned them to the school, showing that they took them to get all the work out of them they could and then were through with them. The highest number in school at any time during the year was 106.

In January we had one case of diphtheria, but since then have had no serious contagious illness of any sort. Four boys were operated on for adenoids during the past year and their health greatly benefited as a result. Work on the trades building was finished in October. We have installed machinery and are ready for work.

Help Fruit Growers.

Corvallis—Requests are coming from fruitgrowers' associations and from individual fruitmen to the Oregon Agricultural college asking information as to the manufacture of their own lime-sulphur solution. All who wish information on this subject and explicit directions for the erection of a manufacturing plant or the construction of a small home plant, may secure it by addressing the college, which will send an expert when possible to confer with the association or individual and advise them.

Nearly 9,000 Acres of Timber Sold.

Astoria.—A deed was filed for record here whereby the Whitney company, limited, sells to the Columbia River company 8,948 acres of timber lands in the Blind Slough district, as well as its logging railroad, machinery and other equipment, the consideration named being nominal. The latter corporation is a subsidiary of the first and was organized for the purpose of handling all the Whitney company's timber interest in Clatsop county.

RIVER BOAT BLOWS UP.

Steamer Dixon's Boiler Kills Three and Wrecks Vessel.

Kalama, Wash.—The boiler of the river steamer Sarah Dixon exploded four miles above here at 11:15 Thursday night. The pilot house was ripped from the superstructure and the vessel soon sank. Three lives were lost. The dead are Captain Fred R. Stinson, First Mate Arthur Monical, and Fireman Silas Knowles.

Nine persons escaped from the sinking steamer and in a boat under command of Pilot D. Conway were hurried down the river to this city.

C. G. Oasley, watchman of the steamer, said that the boat was opposite Martin's Island when the explosion occurred. A number of the crew were in bed and left the vessel in scanty night wear.

"The Sarah Dixon left Portland in the afternoon for Beaver Slough and reached Martin's island with no unusual circumstances in the voyage," said Watchman Oasley. "The captain and mate were in the pilot house when the blast occurred and were instantly killed. No one saw either of them or the fireman, who was in the engine-room, after the explosion happened."

"After the people on board saw that the deck was ripped open by the blast and that the Dixon was in danger of sinking, there was a wild rush for the life-boats.

"All of the nine persons got into the one boat from the after part of the steamer and rowed to Kalama. None of us were well clothed and before we got here we were all suffering from the cold."

THIBET DEEP IN BLOOD.

World Will Be Shocked If Whole Truth is Told.

San Francisco—J. C. Ogden, a Christian church missionary, of Los Angeles, has arrived in San Francisco with his wife and child, after a desperate 1,000-mile journey through the wilds of China and Thibet, in which all three narrowly escaped with their lives.

The missionary and his wife were compelled literally to wade through blood in the journey from Batang, Thibet, to the French province of Tong King, China. They arrived here on the Japanese liner Nippon Maru.

"The story of the isolated provinces in Northern China is one that will shock the world, when it is told," said Ogden. "I was sent to Thibet six years ago as a missionary. The warlike Thibetans have taken up arms and are using the revolution in China as an excuse for plundering and pillaging. There is far more to be feared, as far as the missionaries are concerned, from the Thibetans than there is from the Manchus and Chinese.

"The border between China and Thibet is overrun with wild and lawless bands."

JAP POACHING MUST HALT.

United States Revenue Cutter Puts on Warpaint for Honolulu.

Seattle—With augmented batteries transforming her into a miniature battleship, the United States revenue cutter Thetis came over from Bremerton to take on stores and prepare for departure to her home station at Honolulu.

At the navy-yard at Bremerton her battery of two one-pounders was altered to four three-pound machine guns. These, it is thought, will render the Thetis a formidable vessel for her class and will command the respect of Japanese poachers who, for years, have been guilty of poaching and ruthlessly destroying plumage birds on the islands in the Hawaiian group, where the Thetis will operate during the winter.

Banker Morse is Pardoned.

Washington, D. C.—President Taft commuted to expire immediately, the 15-year sentence for violating the National banking laws under which Charles W. Morse, the New York banker and "ice king," has served two years in the Federal prison at Atlanta, Ga.

The commutation of sentence, which gives Morse immediate freedom but does not restore his civil rights, was granted upon recommendation of Attorney-General Wickersham and Surgeon-General Torney, U. S. A.

Boy Kicks Up Gold Nugget.

Medford, Or.—While stumbling along Foothills Creek one afternoon recently, Ed. Koster, a boy 14 years old, kicked up a bright piece of metal and, taking it home, discovered that it was a gold nugget valued at \$30.18. The find has caused considerable excitement, and since that time the boy and about the entire population of the Foothills Creek mining district have been tramping over that vicinity in search of further treasure.

Army Wants Civilians.

Washington, D. C.—For the first time in the history of the army engineer corps, an effort is being made to fill vacancies by the appointment of civilians. Other branches of the military service insisted that the engineers were drawing too large a proportion of the best men in the academy, and congress directed the appointment of civilians to a certain extent.

DEFENDS TRIBUNALS

Taft Says Many People Not Ready for Self Government.

Believes Majority Needs Curbing—Words "Judicial Recall" Are Inconsistent.

New York—With a denunciation of the principle of judicial recall, delivered to the Bar association of the state of New York at its banquet Saturday, President Taft concluded a busy evening which he employed chiefly in speechmaking at three different functions. After a plea for simplification of legal procedure, which he argued with much earnestness before the company of lawyers, Mr. Taft waxed more incisive in coming to the topic on which he evidently felt deeply.

"We do not believe that all people are fitted for popular government," he said. "Some of us don't dare say so, but I do, and the question whether a people is fitted for popular self-government depends upon the restraint that the minority can place upon the majority to see that justice is done.

"We of the bar are called upon to decide whether we are going to protect the judiciary and continue it independent of a majority during a time that it is deciding questions of law and justice.

"The judicial recall—the words themselves are so inconsistent that I hate to utter them! Are we going to make our constitution a liquid thing so that a majority can flood the halls of justice, decide every action and override every principle of this government, the greatest God ever made? "You must bear in mind that this matter of judicial recall is being agitated the country over, that the men speaking for it are many. What I call your attention to is that it is necessary that good people like you should speak the truth that is in you in favor of courts and their independence and the restraint of the constitution that were imposed by the wisest ancestors any people ever had."

In reference to the simplification of legal procedure the president said he had had a feeling that the bar and the bench "owed to the people greater effort toward making the administration of law effective and just by expediting justice."

"I am glad to know," he said, "that there is now a profound effort to study where it is that we can shorten litigation so that delay won't make just judgment unjust."

Referring to the French code, the president said that there, as with us, there was a "tendency to assume that litigants were made for the courts and the exercise of the refinements of reason rather than vice versa.

"There is much the same tendency there as with us," he continued, "to keep the antagonists pawing in the vestibule of justice."

AVIATORS THRILL CROWD.

Aeroplane Badly Beaten By Motorcycle in 100-Yard Dash.

Los Angeles—Before a crowd of 10,000 persons, the third international aviation meet opened here Saturday. Forty-nine aviators were entered in the 16 events scheduled for the day, and most of them appeared in the air. No records were broken and no accidents occurred.

The first event, that of a fast flight around the field, was participated in by a dozen or more flyers.

A motorcycle, a man, a horse, an automobile and an aeroplane contested in a handicap dash of 100 yards. The motorcycle won easily, the man second, horse third, automobile fourth and the aeroplane a bad fifth. The program included shooting at pigeons, fancy dipping and diving and races.

Fare to Northwest, \$25.

Omaha—The Union Pacific railroad officials in this city have announced a resumption of its low colonist rates to the Northwest, effective for six weeks of March and April next, during which time the fare from the Missouri river to all Oregon and Washington points will be \$25.

Each day of the colonist rates a through train of tourist sleeping cars, with special dining car service and greatly reduced dining car prices, will be run through from Omaha to Portland.

Royal Visitors to Avoid Capital.

London—The fact that the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, with their daughter, the Princess Patricia, are not to visit Washington while they are in the United States is causing some comment here, although it is believed there must be some good explanation for their decision. It is usual when royal personages visit a foreign country, even if semi-officially, to pay their respects to the head of the nation.

Butter Prize of Thieves.

New York—The high price to which butter has soared has made it the prize loot of city thieves. It has developed that gangs of clever operatives have stolen thousands of dollars' worth of the commodity in the last few weeks, a load valued at \$1,000 having been taken in one instance in daylight from a truck in the wholesale district.