

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.

Party lines are being sharply drawn in the tariff controversy in congress.

Judge Alton B. Parker takes Roosevelt to task for fomenting popular distrust of the courts.

Political candidates were numerous at the meeting of the Woman's Good Roads congress in Tacoma.

New spring hats for women are exceedingly high in shape, as well as price, with little or no brims.

Heavy buying of Montana oats by Eastern dealers has brought the Northwest price to up \$32 per ton.

The mayor of Portland has vetoed the proposed ordinance ousting oil storage tanks within the city limits.

Five explosions in Kansas City are being investigated by officers who believe they were caused by the same parties who destroyed the Los Angeles Times.

Government attorneys surprised the defendants in the packing house trial by producing the original "margin sheets" on which the combine figured the selling price of its products.

Friends of a woman arrested at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, showered her and the deputy sheriff with rice when they went to take the train for Tacoma, thus concealing for the time, the true state of affairs.

A guinea pig was found alive in its wire cage in the ruins of the Equitable building in New York City, having survived the fire which practically destroyed the contents of the building, and lived 16 days without food or water.

Harriman line officials were in close conference all day, and claimed to have been discussing only railroad business, but it is believed they also considered the advisability of compromising with their striking shopmen.

Democrats propose 30 to 50 per cent cuts in the steel tariff.

The railway linking Key West with the Florida mainland is now in operation.

The Japanese foreign minister reiterates Japan's friendship for the United States.

Portland East Side business men propose that the state buy the Home Telephone system.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen accuses Premier Yuan Shi Kai of trickery, and some of the premier's closest friends say they do not know what his ultimate objects are.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, 85c; club, 82c; red Russian, 81c; valley, 82c; forty-fold, 82c.
Millstuffs—Bran, \$23 per ton; shorts, 25c; middlings, 30c; rolled barley, 37c.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$31@31.50 per ton.

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

Barley—Whole, \$40 per ton.
Corn—New, whole, 33c; cracked, 34c; old, whole, 33c; cracked, 33c.
Cranberries, \$10@11.50 per barrel.

Potatoes—Buying prices: Burbanks, 90c@91.15 per hundred.
Vegetables—Artichokes, \$1.25 per dozen; cabbage, 14c@15c per pound; cauliflower, \$2.50 per crate; celery, \$5.25 per crate; garlic, 8c@10c per pound; pumpkins, 14c@15c per pound; sprouts, 8c; squash, 14c@15c per pound; turnips, \$1.25 per sack; rutabagas, \$1.25; carrots, \$1.25; parsnips, \$1.25; beets, \$1.50.

Onions—Association price, \$2 per sack.
Apples—Fancy Rome Beauty, \$2.50 per box; choice Rome Beauty, \$2; fancy Yellow Newtowns, \$2.50; fancy Spitzenbergs, \$2.75; Delaware Red, \$1.75; Winesap, \$2; Northern Spy, \$1.60; Baldwin, \$1.50@2; Ben Davis, \$1.25.

Butter—Oregon creamery, solid pack, 38c; prints, extra; butter fat, 38@40c f. o. b. Portland.

Poultry—Hens, 13c; springs, 12c; ducks, young, 20c; geese, 12c; turkeys, live, 18c; dressed, choice, 22c.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, candied, 30c per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 84c@85c per pound.
Veal—Fancy, 134c@14c per pound.
Hops—1911 crop, 43c@44c; olds, nominal, 1912 contracts, 25c; three years, 19c; five years, 16c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon 9@16c; valley 16@17c; mohair choice 35@37c.

Cattle—Choice steers \$6@6.20; good, \$5.75@6; choice cows, \$4.90@5.10; 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@4.25; choice calves, \$7.50@8; good, \$6.75@7.

Hogs—Choice light hogs, \$6.50@6.65; good to choice hogs, \$6.25@6.50; smooth heavy hogs, \$5.75@6.

Sheep—Choice yearling wethers, \$4.50@4.85; choice killing ewes, \$4@4.25; choice lambs, \$5@5.60; good to choice, \$4.50@4.75; culls, \$3.75@4.

FLYERS WIN BIG MONEY.

One Death and One Bad Accident Total of Los Angeles Meet.

Los Angeles—The Third international aviation meet at Dominguez field was brought to a close Sunday after nine consecutive days of flying. Approximately \$30,000 will be distributed in prizes to the flyers. The greatest winners are Lincoln Beachey and Phil O. Parmelee. Weldon B. Cooke, of Oakland, won endurance honors for the meet, with Farnum T. Fish, the Los Angeles boy aviator, second.

Beachey and Parmelee supplied the thrills, the former volplaning from a height estimated at 5,000 feet and later darting through the air with his hand outstretched far from the controlling wheel.

Blanche Stuart Scott, the only woman aviator at the meet, made a flight in street costume as part of a moving picture drama and later engaged in "ocean rolling" and "kangaroo hopping."

The record broken at the meet was for fancy flying—that for cutting three figure eights in succession. Parmelee made the performance in 1:05 1-2.

Perhaps the most noteworthy event of the meet was the night flying, in which the practicability of the aeroplane in warfare was demonstrated to the satisfaction of the United States army and navy officers.

12 DIE IN ICE JAM.

Ferryman Refuses to Risk Trip and Small Boats Are Lost.

Cairo, Ill.—Twelve persons are believed to have been drowned two miles south of here at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon when a rowboat in which they were brought to this city from Bird's Point became lost in an ice jam.

The passengers were part of the 135 who left the noon cotton belt train at Bird's Point, Mo., and were left without conveyance across the river, because the railroad ferryman refused to risk his steamer in the ice and heavy fog.

Three boatsmen were hired to bring the passengers to this side of the river. Two of them took five passengers each. Frank Jones, said to be an experienced boatsman, permitted 12 to get into his boat. The two lighter ferries were about 50 yards ahead of Jones when they heard shouts for help, and, turning, saw Jones battling frantically with a monster floe that was sweeping his craft beyond control. The heavy fog then hid the lost party from view and nothing has since been heard of the ferryman or his passengers.

Most of those in the lost boat are thought to have been in a party that boarded a train at Lilburn, Mo., but their identity has not been established.

Searching parties on both sides of the river are patrolling the shore, but their search seems fruitless.

HAYWOOD CONDEMNED.

Labor Denounces Defender of McNamara As Traitor.

Denver—William D. Haywood, ex-secretary of the Western Federation of Miners, who is in Lawrence, Mass., working in the cause of the striking textile workers, was denounced by the Denver trades and labor assembly as an enemy of organized labor.

The resolution attacking Haywood was adopted after evidence had been presented that Haywood had been quoted correctly in the newspapers recently when he made statements attacking the American federation of labor because of its withdrawal of support from the McNamara following their plea of guilty in the Los Angeles dynamiting case. Haywood's remarks were branded as incendiary and unworthy of a man connected with organized labor.

N. W. Hilton, the Denver attorney who a short time after the arrest of the McNamaras was connected with their defense as counsel, in a speech to the local labor assembly denounced Clarence Darrow, the McNamaras' attorney, declaring that he had sacrificed his clients to his own interests.

Wu Threatens Hostilities.

Pekin—The Pekin government is trying to obtain an extension of the armistice, but Wu Ting Fang, republican minister of justice at Shanghai, has telegraphed, threatening to renew hostilities unless abdication is accomplished. Three thousand more of Yuan Shi Kai's troops have arrived in Pekin, bringing the total up to 7,000 men. Tiah Lang, former Tartar-general at Nanking, who has been opposed strongly to Premier Yuan, has fled from Pekin and is supposed to have gone to Tien Tsin.

Wabash to Be Improved.

New York—Simultaneously with the statement that Frederick Delano, president and one of the receivers of the Wabash railroad, was in New York arranging for an issue of \$5,000,000 receiver's certificates for improvements, the "independent" committee of the road's refunding and extension bondholders announced that they had agreed to finance the improvements and would seek the immediate foreclosure of the mortgage.

French Fight Tribesmen.

Rabat, Morocco—A French column, commanded by Colonel Simon, has had a severe engagement with the tribesmen who are in the habit of attacking the posts on the Rabat-Meknes road. Many tribesmen were killed or wounded, and the French lost four killed and 15 wounded.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE

IRRIGATION MEET POPULAR.

Call to Congress Here Wins Response From All State.

Portland—Answers to the call issued last week for an irrigation congress to be held in Portland, February 19, 20 and 21, are being received in steadily increasing volume at the Commercial club promotion bureau in Portland, which indicates a widespread and active interest in the coming meeting.

William M. Colvig, president and manager of the Medford Commercial club recently to inquire about the coming congress and declared that Medford would issue an invitation urging the congress to meet for its second annual session in Medford.

William Pollman wrote from Baker acknowledging the receipt of the call for the congress and said he would come to Portland at an early date to communicate with officers of the Oregon Development league regarding the delegation of representatives to be sent from his territory. Other letters and communications of a similar nature have also been received. John H. Lewis, state engineer, and H. C. Brodie, assistant secretary of the Desert land board, will both be in attendance throughout the sessions.

Full information as to the extent of the attendance from all sections of the state is expected to be in within the next two weeks and officers of the Development league will make complete plans for the program of the congress at that time.

ROSE SHOW PLANS MADE.

Society to Engage Army for Three Days in Festival Week.

Portland—Special plans have been laid by the classification committee of the Portland Rose Society in the office of Alfred Tucker, secretary, in the Sherbrook building, to capture the exhibits for the annual show from the small householders. A tentative option has been taken on the army for June 12, 13, and 14, days in the latter part of Rose Festival week. More than \$4,000 will be expended on the show, which it is hoped to make self-supporting, not only by the membership fees but by admission charges.

The harmonious relations existing between the society and the Rose Festival association have been cemented and an agreement has been made by which the Rose Show shall be an entirely exclusive function, but one that will have any possible deficit defrayed by the Rose Festival funds.

Floral displays by nurserymen of a character other than roses will be barred from the show, but a special provision has been made that nurserymen, being professional exhibitors, may display both hothouse and field roses. Unusually fine trophies will be hung up for these exhibits.

Asylum Will Use Oleomargarine.

Salem—Hereafter oleomargarine instead of butter will be used at the State asylum for the insane. In this connection the agent for the oleomargarine company secured the contract principally by "slipping one over" on Superintendent Steiner.

Surprisingly he succeeded in replacing the butter supply in the superintendent's refrigerator with oleomargarine and the family used it unknowingly for several days. When this became known to the superintendent he tried the same plan on officials and members of the staff with like success.

Superintendent Steiner says that the change from butter to oleomargarine will result in a saving of several thousands of dollars on the maintenance fund. The oleo can be secured for 21 cents a pound, and butter is now at practically 40 cents. The maintenance fund is now about \$9,000 ahead of the appropriation, but Superintendent Steiner says radical measures will have to be used to keep out the red figures during the coming year.

Eugene Plans Big Fair.

Eugene—In the expectation of securing the district fair for Eugene this year, the Lane County Fair board is planning for an extra large fair this fall, and E. M. Warren has been appointed to attend the meeting of the second Southern Oregon Fair board at Roseburg. Two years ago, failing to get the fair, Eugene organized a county board, provided grounds and held a very creditable exposition. A larger fair was held last year. The county court gave \$2,000, and this, it is expected, will be repeated this year.

Foreclosure Suit Is Big.

Cottage Grove—Probably the largest foreclosure suit ever brought in Lane county was taken under advisement by Judge Harris, in the circuit court at Eugene this week. The case is the Trust Company of America vs. the Oregon & Southeastern railroad, and is for \$300,000. The trust company holds the bonds of the railroad issued under a first mortgage for the amount stated. The road runs from Cottage Grove to Diston, a distance of 20 miles.

Eugene Secures Big Plant.

Eugene—A. C. Mathews is clearing the ground for a building 100 feet square to be erected for the Cement Tile company of Grants Pass, which is to move its plant here. Land has been leased from Mr. Mathews adjoining his rock crusher, on the river bank.

EXTEND WEST SIDE ROAD.

Salem, Falls City & Western to Bridge Willamette.

Salem—Resolutions of the board of directors of the Salem, Falls City & Western were filed with the secretary of state, showing a contemplated extension and branch of that road, which promises to be one of the most important pieces of railroad construction, for this particular section at least, that has been contemplated for some time.

Under the resolution the road plans an extension from Salem to Oregon City, via Silverton, Molalla and Mulino. The resolution also contemplates a branch from this extension to Stayton.

The Salem, Falls City & Western now operates from Black Rock to West Salem, which is directly across the river in Polk county from this city. Last year the road secured a franchise into the city to operate along Union street to a point past Capitol street and at the time it was rumored that the move had in view an extension to Silverton and Abiqua. At the same time the franchise was granted the road secured permission from the state and the War department to construct a bridge across the Willamette river from West Salem to Salem, to be used as a connecting link for its line from West Salem into this city.

MACHINES CUT EXPENSE.

Secretary of State Olcott Installs Labor-Saving Devices.

Salem—Secretary of State Olcott has installed two labor-saving machines that will greatly increase the efficiency of this department and at the same time save the state considerable money. One is a camera especially designed for photographing records, and the other is a rapid addressing machine.

In the past it has been the practice to record articles of incorporation with a typewriter, requiring comparing, correcting and checking, all of which was very slow and expensive.

The addressing machine will save the state from \$1,000 to \$1,300 in the mailing of the initiative and candidates' pamphlets for the 1912 primary and general elections.

FARMERS TO POOL CREAM.

Crabtree Residents to Have Creameries Bid for Product.

Albany—Farmers residing in the vicinity of Crabtree, Linn county, have perfected an organization to pool their cream for sale to the creameries. They will thus sell all of the cream of the members of the organization to the creamery making the highest bid. In this way the farmers expect to receive a higher price for the product.

It is said that the creamery men, too, are satisfied with the arrangement, for it will afford a regular supply to the creamery which makes the successful bid and lessen the operating expenses of all. At the present time there are five cream routes running out of Crabtree, two each for two Portland creameries and one for a Corvallis creamery. The competition for cream thus is keen, and one creamery may secure the bulk of the cream of that vicinity one day, and practically nothing the next.

LAND AGREEMENT LAGS.

Desert Board and Irrigation Firm Bicker Over Points.

Salem—Although the essential features of the agreement between the Desert Land board and the Central Oregon Irrigation company have been practically decided upon, it became evident at the meeting of the board that the actual signing of the agreement may be yet far away.

Verbal agreements have been reached on practically every part of the proposition between the board and representatives of the company, but in some manner written statements as to what these agreements really are do not seem to coincide with what is agreed on orally.

Lands May Be Irrigated.

Klamath Falls—Farmers living near Merrill, whose acres are not irrigated, are considering the advisability of organizing an irrigation district. If this is perfected water will be furnished by a private company, instead of by the government. Owners of the marsh land have been in consultation with experts regarding the best way to work in conformation with the state reclamation laws. They propose to reclaim their lands by diking and pumping out the surplus water.

Benton Fruitgrowers Elect.

Corvallis—At the annual election of officers of the Benton County Fruitgrowers' association held here, the following persons were elected to serve the ensuing year: President, W. S. Brown; secretary, J. A. Kerr; directors, W. F. Groves, George Armstrong and Charles Pernol. A purchasing committee was appointed through whom all the spray material used by members of the association will be bought.

Many Turn to Frustrating.

Falls City—Preparations are being made here for more extensive orchard and berry planting this spring than ever before. Falls City people are turning from the uncertainties of the lumber business to agriculture, gardening and fruit raising.

BORAH PLEADS FOR BILL.

Idaho Senator Quickly Retorts to Objection of Bailey.

Washington, D. C.—After two hours' general debate the senate agreed to vote Tuesday on Senator Borah's bill to create a children's bureau in the department of commerce and labor, and on amendments suggested by Senators Works and Pomerene to limit the circulation of the bureau's reports.

Senator Bailey criticized what he said were Mr. Borah's efforts to put children on a level with pigs.

"The effort is to raise them to the level of pigs," responded Mr. Borah. Mr. Borah has contended that the government expenditure of millions of dollars for information concerning the condition of hogs and cattle justified the \$30,000 asked for the children's bureau.

Mr. Bailey said it was mere "fadism," and that there was even too much legislation in the interest of livestock, adding that at the present rate "we soon will be sending a schoolmaster into every district."

According to Colonel Watson, that is just what you are about to do," Mr. Borah rejoined. Mr. Bailey replied that his "part of the party" had no such intention.

Senator Overman, of North Carolina, criticized reports of child labor investigators. Some of those reports, he said, were obscene.

"They told of children chewing tobacco," said he. "Was not there a strong opposition to that investigation from the cotton mill owners of the state?" demanded Senator Dixon.

Mr. Overman said he had not heard of it.

Sensors Heyburn and Thornton also opposed the bill. Senator Hitchcock spoke in favor of it.

"GAG" RULE CHARGED.

Ex-Postal Clerk Accuses Postmaster-General of Tyranny.

Washington, D. C.—Charges that the postmaster general and other postal officials suppress facts and misinform congress as to the safety of the lives of clerks in the railway mail service were made before the house committee on postoffices by Urban A. Walter, of Denver, formerly a railway mail clerk and editor of a postal journal.

Specific regulations of the postoffice service, he said, forbid clerks to discuss wrecks. He charged that "the postmaster general has not stopped short of misinforming the committee and the public," as to conditions under which clerks work.

Mr. Walter exhibited a letter file in which he said he had 500 letters from mail clerks reporting unsanitary and unsafe mail cars, and said the positions of the authors would be placed in jeopardy if the names were published.

"It is a remarkable situation that this 'gag' law of the department should keep congress from getting at the facts," said Chairman Moon. "We can subpoena these men, but we cannot protect their jobs if they testify."

BIRD HAVENS DESIGNATED.

Auklets in Alaska, Prairie Chickens in Nebraska, Protected.

Washington, D. C.—Three new national bird reservations, two in Alaska and a third in Nebraska, have been created by President Taft and placed under the department of agriculture.

On Foster Island, one of the Alaska reservations, the rhinoceros auklet breeds. The island contains one of the most extensive bird collections in Southeastern Alaska.

"The Nebraska reservation is in the heart of the prairie chicken country, and furnishes the only refuge which has been established for this fast-disappearing game bird," said Dr. Henshaw, head of the Biological survey.

This makes a total of 55 bird reservations established to date, eight of them in Alaska.

Cabinet Men Will Tour.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary of the Interior Fisher and Postmaster-General Hitchcock, the only two members of President Taft's cabinet who have not visited the Panama canal, have been ordered by the president, to make a tour of inspection. They will leave here about the middle of February. On account of the numerous questions which will arise on the opening of the Panama canal, the president is desirous of having every member of the cabinet familiar with conditions on the isthmus.

Bill Boon to Foresters.

Washington, D. C.—On motion of Senator Dixon the senate adopted an amendment to the house bill for relief of employees of the bureau of mines, providing that hereafter any employee of the forest service injured while on duty shall be compensated by the government for such time as he loses as a result of his injury and granting one year's pay to the family of any forestry employee who may be killed in the service.

Judge Mack Continued on Court.

Washington, D. C.—Judge Mack, of Chicago, junior member of the court of commerce, has been designated by the chief justice of the Supreme court to serve for five years more on the commerce court bench. The commerce court judges rank officially as circuit judges and are under the jurisdiction of the chief justice.

TO ABANDON POSTS.

Secretary Would Concentrate Men at Strategic Points.

Concentration is Keynote of New Plan—Greater Economy and Availability Gained.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary of War Stimson, acting upon an exhaustive report from the general staff, has decided that no less than 16, and probably 18, existing army posts should be abandoned at once, in order to put an end to the "extravagance and inefficiency resulting from improper distribution of the mobile army."

The posts condemned are Apache, Arizona; Boise Barracks, Idaho; Brady, Michigan; Clark, Texas; Geo. Wright, Washington; Jay, New York; Lincoln, North Dakota; Logan, H. Roots, Arkansas; McIntosh, Texas; McKenzie, Wyoming; Madison Barracks, New York; Meade, South Dakota; Niagara, New York; Ontario, New York; Wayne, Michigan; Whipple Barracks, Arizona; William Henry Harrison, Montana; and Yellowstone, Wyoming.

Of Fort Apache, it is said a possibility of Indian trouble near this post still exists, and that Fort Jay might be retained as headquarters of the eastern military prison.

There is another formidable list of posts which, while not recommended for immediate abandonment, are declared not to be situated with a view of securing economy of administration and supply or a full measure of military effectiveness. Consequently their garrisons will not be increased, and ultimately they will be withdrawn to such points of concentration as congress may designate. These points are Ethan Allen, Vermont; Plattsburg Barracks, New York; Robinson, Nebraska; Missoula, Montana; Logan, Colorado; Douglas, Utah, and D. A. Russell, Wyoming.

The latter post is shown to have cost to date \$4,925,486. It is said not to be situated with a view to maximum economy or strategic effectiveness.

The principal object is to dispose of the present small army with distinct reference to its mission in case of war. This first involves adequate forces for foreign garrisons, which cannot be reinforced from the United States after the outbreak of hostilities. With the rest of the army a mobile force is to be organized and distributed among about eight great strategic points in the United States, instead of scattered in 49.

MOB LYNCHES GENERALS.

Ecuadorans Vent Feelings Against Imprisoned Rebels.

Guayaquil, Ecuador—A mob broke into the Quito penitentiary in spite of a double guard and lynched Generals Eloy Alfaro, Flavio Alfaro, Medardo Alfaro, Ulpiano Paez and Manuel Seriano, prominent revolutionists.

General Eloy Alfaro was a former president of Ecuador. His brother, General Flavio Alfaro, was former minister of war and commander in chief of the revolutionary forces. General Medardo Alfaro is believed to have been brother to the two Alfaros, and Generals Paez and Manuel Seriano were the leading lights in Ecuador's latest revolution.

The revolution, although it had been a long time breaking, began a few days after the sudden death, on December 22 last, of President Emilio Estrada.

The first of the drastic measures taken by those who opposed the revolution was carried into effect last Thursday at Guayaquil, when General Pedro Montero, who was proclaimed president by the troops after the death of Estrada, was shot and beheaded by a mob that later burned his body. The shooting of Montero took place in the courtroom, where the general had just been tried by court-martial and sentenced to 16 years' imprisonment for his connection with the revolt.

Thirty Indictments Expected.

Indianapolis—The Federal grand jury which has been investigating the dynamiting conspiracy will begin immediately what is expected to be the last week of its work. Within a week, it is believed the jury will be ready to consider the indictments. Reports about the district attorney's office are that at least 30 indictments have been drawn up. District Attorney Miller said that the indictments, if any are returned, will be secret, the names of those indicted being withheld until arrests are made.

Loot From Bank \$4,000.

Vancouver, B. C.—It is learned that the two unmasked holdup men who robbed the Hillcrest branch of the Royal Bank of Canada, last week, got away with \$4,000 instead of only \$1,999, as given out at first by the bank officials. Had the holdup occurred a day sooner a much larger amount would have been lost, as on that day the branch had \$15,000 on hand, but the money was transferred to the main bank at the close of the day.

Consul Asks for Warship.

Perim—The British consul at Hodeida, a seaport town of Arabia, on the Red Sea, has sent a request to his government for the dispatch of a warship to that port. His action was due to threats by the Italian vessels to bombard the town.