

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.

Floods are creating havoc in Spain and Portugal.

David Starr Jordan says the Rothschilds are the real rulers of Europe.

The British secretary of war is on an unofficial peace visit to Germany.

The State department assures Mexico that there is no intention of intervention.

Mayor Gaynor, of New York, doubts that the tariff is wholly to blame for hard times.

It is admitted in Peking that Yuan Shi Kai has a good chance of saving the throne of China from abdication.

Hetty Green, world's richest woman, is accused of trying to extort unfair interest from W. R. Hearst on a mortgage.

A woman telegraph operator testified that an attempt was made to bribe her to show telegrams in the Lorimer case.

Charles M. Schwab, ex-president of the U. S. Steel corporation, says serious consequence will follow a reduction of the tariff on metals.

Abe Ruef was allowed to visit his bed-ridden mother, 83 years of age, who believes "her boy" has been traveling in Europe for his health.

Heavy rains and the presence of many troops prevented any disturbances when Lord Winston Churchill made a political speech at Belfast, Ireland.

L. E. Lakin confessed to an Iowa minister that he killed a man at Rexburg, Idaho, four years ago, and had been tormented by his conscience ever since. He was acquitted of the murder on the ground of self-defense.

The Borah-Jones three year home-stand bill has passed the senate.

Steeplejacks sealed the walls of the burned Hotel Helena, at Helena, Montana, and recovered diamonds valued at \$6,000, a \$500 chunk of melted gold coin, and also the ashes of a roll of currency, from an upper room.

Idaho mining men are preparing to fight the reduction of the tariff on metals.

King George and Queen Mary have returned to England from their coronation trip to India.

Universal war is being made on the "tipping" system, and a Chicago judge has branded it as "illegal and un-American."

Fire practically destroyed St. Catherine's Home, in San Francisco. Thirty invalids were removed by attendant Sisters.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, 88¢@89¢; club, 86¢@87¢; red Russian, 85¢; valley, 86¢; forty-fold, 86¢@87¢.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$23 ton; shorts, \$25; middlings, \$30; rolled barley, \$38@39.

Barley—Whole, \$40 ton.

Corn—New, whole, \$34; cracked, \$35 ton.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$32@32.50 ton.

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

Cranberries, \$10@11.50 per barrel.

Potatoes—Buying prices: Burbanks, 90¢@1.20 per hundred.

Vegetables—Artichokes, \$1.25 per dozen; cabbage, \$1@1.15 per pound; celery, \$5@5.50 per crate; garlic, 8¢@10¢ per pound; hothouse lettuce, 50¢@1 per box; pumpkins, 1¢@2¢ per pound; spinach, \$1@1.25 per box; sprouts, 8¢; squash, 1¢@2¢ per pound; turnips, \$1@1.10 per sack; rutabagas, \$1@1.10; carrots, \$1@1.10; parsnips, \$1@1.10; beets, \$1.25.

Onions—Association price, \$2.25 per sack.

Apples—Fancy Rome Beauty, \$2.50 per box; choice Rome Beauty, \$2; fancy Yellow Newtown, \$2.50; fancy Spitzenbergs, \$2.75; Delaware Red, \$1.75; Winesap, \$2; Northern Spy, \$1.60; Baldwin, \$1.50@2; Ben Davis, \$1.25; Red Cheek Pippin, extra fancy, \$2.50.

Butter—Oregon creamery butter, solid pack, 33¢; cream, extra; butter fat, average buying price, 34¢ Portland.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, candied, 30¢@31¢ per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 7¢@8¢ per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 13¢@13.5¢ per pound.

Poultry—Hens, 14¢; springs, 13¢@13.5¢; ducks, young, 22¢; geese, 12¢; turkeys, live, 18¢; dressed, 20¢@22¢.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$5.75@5.95; good, \$5.00@5.75; choice cows, \$4.75@5; good, \$4.25@4.50; 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, \$6.25@6.75; smooth heavy hogs, \$5.75@6; rough heavy, \$5.50@5.75.

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

MAKE WASTE SALEABLE.

Mysterious Invention Beats Rubber for Insulation.

Philadelphia—An invention that will turn waste of the world into saleable commodities with illimitable commercial possibilities has been made by a Philadelphian, whose assertion that he can take any waste fibrous substance and by his secret process make of it a substitute for hard rubber equal to and, in many instances, superior to hard rubber itself, is backed by electrical and mechanical engineers of international note.

Before a score of experts from all the big electrical, mechanical and rubber manufacturing of the country this new substance was tested at the Philadelphia Commercial museum in December last. This test was surrounded with the utmost secrecy by those who participated in it and it was not until now that those tests, astonishingly successful, became known. Not only can the inventor make a substitute for hard rubber superior to it, but he can also make fiber, porcelain, cork and horn.

It was the rubber substitute and fiber that received the attention of the experts at the recent test. Among those who were present were George R. Henderson, of New York, a mechanical engineer of international reputation; Ernest S. Rowe, an electrical engineer of note; Herman Van Fleet, a mechanical engineer, who is identified with the Rockefeller interests, and Professor Worrall E. S. Temple, all of whom have staked their reputations on their findings.

FLAG DAYS DESIGNATED.

Chicago Mayor Wants Stars and Stripes Displayed Oftener.

Chicago—Mayor Carter H. Harrison is of the opinion that there is not sufficient display of the United States flag.

In a letter directed to those in charge of any city building the mayor names 12 days on which he says the flag should be displayed. These are: Lincoln's birthday, February 12; anniversary of the sinking of the Maine, February 15; Washington's birthday, February 22; anniversary of the battle of Lexington, April 19; Memorial day, May 30; flag day, June 14; anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill, June 17; Independence day, July 4; Columbus day, October 12; anniversary of the battle of Saratoga, October 17; anniversary of the surrender of Yorktown, October 19; anniversary of the evacuation of Yorktown, November 15.

EDISON IS YOUNG AT 65.

Chewing Tobacco Only Bad Habit; He Sleeps Dreamlessly.

New York—"I feel as young as when I was 25," was the comment of Thomas A. Edison, who has just passed his 65th birthday. His friends and neighbors were congratulating him and wishing him "many more years" of continued happiness.

At his home at Llewellyn Park, in West Orange, N. J., Edison declared that he could "run up six flights of stairs at a time" without getting out of breath.

"I've only one bad habit," he said, "and that is chewing tobacco. I always eat sparingly. Sleep? Why, four or five hours in bed every day is enough for me. But I sleep whenever I feel tired; sometimes I doze off at the laboratory. I never dream though; never."

WHITE PINE FOR EXPORT.

50,000,000 Feet of Washington and Idaho Timber Ordered.

Spokane—Representatives of the American Trading company, of New York, Shepard & Morse, of Boston, and Owen M. Brunner & Co., of Philadelphia, have placed orders in Spokane for 50,000,000 feet of special sawed white pine lumber, cut in Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho, for export to points in South America and South Africa. The local yard value of the lumber under contract is between \$750,000 and \$1,000,000. Some of the shipments will go by rail to the Atlantic seaboard, but the bulk will be sent abroad from ports on the Pacific Coast.

Mourners' Stone Police.

Paris—Thousands of Socialists, revolutionaries and anarchists attended the incineration of the Syndicist Aeronaut, who was prominent in the labor troubles here several years ago and who died while serving in a disciplinary battalion in Africa. The demonstration was the biggest of the kind since the funeral of Louise Michel, the communist and revolutionary agitator, who died in 1905. The anarchists, when returning from the cemetery, attacked the police with paving-stones and serious rioting resulted.

Chinese Rebuild Quarter.

Chicago—Chinese here are busy signing leases for places of business in new Chinatown. Within a short time the old Chinese quarter along South Clark street will be deserted by members of the race. Twenty new buildings, as a starter for the new homes of the celestials, all with the ornate lanterns and balcony-adorned fronts, are to be erected in the triangle formed by Archer and Wentworth avenues and Twenty-second street.

Cold Cars Lead to Fines.

Chicago—Street railway companies in Chicago were fined \$1,500 by Municipal Judge Blake for insufficient heating of streetcars. Witnesses testified that the temperature of the cars ranged between 41 and 44 degrees.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE

ROADS LEAGUE ORGANIZED.

Better Highway Construction Aim of Corvallis Meeting.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—The Oregon Roads league has just been formed at a meeting of good roads enthusiasts held at the Oregon Agricultural college. The purposes of the league are to collect and distribute knowledge of highway construction and to be a force in the good roads movement throughout the state. Sixty enthusiasts attended the organization meeting.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Judge Victor P. Moses, of Corvallis; first vice-president, C. C. Lemmon, of Hood River; second vice-president, B. W. Short, of Klamath; secretary, E. F. Ayers, of Corvallis. Nine directors were elected: as follows: H. M. Parks, Benton; J. R. Edwards, Lincoln; B. P. Cator, Benton, for three years; C. W. LeVee, Benton; C. D. Schell, Jackson; S. W. Laythe, Harney; for two years; V. R. Allen, Marion; Harry Ebsen, Clatsop; and Phil Streib, Jr., of Multnomah, for one year.

The new league will use Town and Country, a local publication, as its official organ in pushing the good roads movement. The dues are \$1 a year, which should be sent to the secretary.

CORPORATION LAW WANTED.

Olcott Calls Attention to Many Companies Now Defunct but Listed.

Salem—"We are accumulating some first-class evidence of the need of some kind of supervision of Oregon corporations," says Secretary of State Olcott. He continued: "For the past two months we have been sending out notices calling attention to the delinquency of corporations in paying license fees and filing the annual reports required by law.

"Within a week of the time that the first of these notices went out we began to receive by telephone, by postal card, memoranda on the margin of the form letters we had mailed, and in other ways, notices that 'this corporation has been out of business for a year,' 'in the hands of a receiver,' 'bankrupt,' 'busted,' 'never organized and stockholders are scattered so that we cannot hold a meeting to dissolve,' 'defunct,' and other melancholy comment in relation to corporations that were organized on wind, capitalized on hope and starved to death for want of suckers.

"Within the past 30 days we have received probably not less than 100 notes and letters of the kind indicated."

GINSENG CULTURE STARTED

Plant Said to Grow Well Near Boring and Gresham.

Production of ginseng at Boring, on the Estacada railway, and at Gresham, has been started in a small way, with the prospect that its cultivation will be enlarged. C. F. Cross, of Boring, has a considerable tract in ginseng, which, according to the reports he gives, promises to succeed well. Mr. Cross has set out 2,600 plants and has obtained results in several quarts of ginseng seeds, which commands \$6 and \$8 a quart. Mr. Cross started the cultivation of the plant as an experiment and he has succeeded so well that he will set out 500 more plants this spring. Harry Pulver, of Gresham, also is cultivating ginseng on a lot. He has about 500 plants and probably will set out more this year.

It is said that ginseng plants when matured and well cultivated will yield seeds worth several thousands of dollars in an acre. It is known that there is great profit in the cultivation of the plant. The experiments of Mr. Cross and Mr. Pulver will be watched with interest. Their plants are about 3 years old and it will be at least a year before they can tell how their crops will turn out.

COLLEGE ISSUES BULLETIN.

Valuable Treatise on Orchard Work to Be Had on Request.

Corvallis—The Horticultural department of the Oregon Agricultural college has just issued Bulletin No. 111, on "Orchard Management," by C. L. Lewis, horticulturalist. The pamphlet comprises 96 pages of the most interesting information obtainable on fruitraising, and is well worth studying by anyone interested in this branch of husbandry. It is furnished free to any address on request.

Albany Men Bore for Oil.

Albany—Final steps were taken at a meeting held in the rooms of the Albany Commercial club this week to form a company to bore for oil in Linn county. It is proposed to conduct thorough experiments to see if oil can be found in this part of the state. The name "Willamette Oil company" was chosen and the committee on organization was directed to prepare and file articles of incorporation at once. This committee consists of L. A. Wood, George Dorr, W. H. Marvin, E. V. Bloomfield and G. H. Crowell.

Portlander to Raise Poultry.

L. L. Howe, of Portland, purchased last week a 20-acre tract located four miles east of Clackamas Station on Clear Creek. The farm is well improved and was acquired from Edward Mendenhall from \$4,000. It is Mr. Howe's intention to operate a modern poultry farm.

TURKEY PASTURE SOUGHT.

Man Asks to Graze Birds in Deschutes National Forest.

Bend—J. Roy Harvey, supervisor of the Deschutes National forest, has received the most unusual application for a grazing permit since he has been connected with the service.

C. D. Schell, who has an irrigated tract of land near LaPine, has asked for a permit to graze 1,200 head of turkeys in the National reserve around Davis Lake and Crane Prairie. Mr. Harvey found nothing in his schedule of grazing fees applying to turkeys, and referred the application to Supervisor Cryder, of the Paulina reserve, in which the largest part of the grazing ground lies. It is probable that the application will have to go to Washington to be decided.

In the Davis Lake and Crane Prairie section there are many grasshoppers, and Mr. Schell plans to raise and fatten his Thanksgiving birds on these. They will be herded and taken care of by herders the same as sheep. Mr. Schell taught school in the Philippine Islands for six years. He came to Central Oregon from Ashland, where he was engaged in the fruit business.

WATER TO RESCUE WASTE.

Completion of \$150,000 Dam Marks Era in Reclaiming Vast Tract.

Klamath Falls—Water is now flowing over the Lost River diversion dam, constructed to reclaim particularly the bed land under Tule Lake, and to send Lost River's pour into the Klamath River, eight miles distant. The scheme worked was by building a dam which would back the water in the low Lost River until it flowed over the dam into a high-level canal, which would carry it about ten miles distance to the higher level of the Klamath River, thus keeping the water from spreading off toward the Tule Lake country.

While the water is being thus diverted, Tule Lake will have a chance to evaporate. The water is now going over the dam to the extent of about two inches in depth, or about 200 miners' inches per second, and the canal dug to carry it is running about a foot deep with water. The reclamation enthusiasts in the Klamath basin are exultant over the completion of the \$150,000 dam, as it is believed to mark an era of development in the work of bettering the land conditions in this section, and is the start of a solution of the problem of making tillable 40,000 acres now waste.

OREGON FIRST IS MOTTO.

Consumers League is Proposed at Meeting at Dallas.

Dallas—At a meeting attended by 200 persons, the first start was made toward organizing an "Oregon First" Consumers' league. Colonel E. Hofer, of Salem; L. Samuels, manager of the Oregon Life Insurance company; Charles Hoag, of the Manufacturers' association, and Charles Huckerstein, of Salem, made brief addresses, urging consumers and retailers to purchase Oregon made products in preference to any other, price and quality being equal.

The meeting was an open session of the Dallas Commercial club. More than 100 names were enrolled as charter members of the Oregon First Consumers' league.

Oregon Electric Works at Albany.

Albany—Work is progressing rapidly on the grading of the line of the Oregon Electric railway from Albany to Eugene, and by spring all will be ready for laying the rails on the Salem-Eugene division. The steamer City of Eugene brought up a 70-ton steam shovel and other equipment to be used on the cut just west of this city. Copenhagen Brothers, of Portland, have a two-mile contract near this city on the Albany-Eugene division, and will begin work immediately.

Moro Farmers Now Happy.

Moro—Farmers on John Day river east of Moro report a crew of 15 United States reclamation engineers camped and working on a 200-foot dam to be built at what is locally known as "Copper Mill." The dam is to generate electric power for the Umatilla project and irrigate Rock Creek farms and land between Arlington and Condon, all in Gilliam county. The proposed work will flood 15 fruit farms, including what is known as the McDonald Ferry property.

Klamath Falls to Win Library.

Klamath Falls—Prospects for a Carnegie library seem bright for Klamath Falls, as on the assurance of a representative of Andrew Carnegie, the County court made a levy for the support of a library which will raise even a larger amount than that demanded by the ironmaster to warrant his assistance.

Bend Project Work Due Soon.

Salem—The contracts between the Central Oregon Irrigation company and the Desert Land board have been finally signed up and the supplemental agreement regarding the big project near Bend is now in full force and effect.

INVESTIGATE CHARGES.

Everglades Land Scandal Declared to Be Unfounded.

Washington, D. C.—Thorough investigation of the charges that government reports on Florida everglade lands were suppressed by officials of the department of agriculture at the instance of land speculators and that department engineers were dismissed because of controversies in this connection was determined upon by the Democratic members of the house committee on expenditures in the department of agriculture.

A statement issued by Solicitor McCabe, of the department of agriculture, with the approval of Secretary Wilson, declares that the charges against the department are untrue and that "the effort to besmirch the secret of agriculture will fail."

SEALING TREATY DELAYED.

Proposed Addition of Restrictions Prevents Passage.

Washington, D. C.—An attempt to amend the international fur seal agreement so that it will prohibit any killing of seals by Americans on the Pribiloff Islands for 15 years occupied the house and was pending when that body adjourned Saturday.

Chairman Sulzer and the majority of the house committee on foreign affairs are opposed to any change in the treaty as agreed to by the diplomatic representatives of the White House, Great Britain, Russia and Japan. The bill to carry this agreement into effect has been brought for passage but a strong movement to insert restrictions upon American seal killing at the Pribiloff Islands prevented its passage.

AMERICAN TUBERS BARRED.

Canadian Authorities Fear Invasion of Black Warts.

Washington, D. C.—Canada is about to put up the bars against potatoes from the United States, fearing the dread black wart, according to department of agriculture officials. The wart does not exist here, but there is no quarantine law which would keep infected potatoes from Europe out of American ports, whence they might make their way into Canada.

The department of agriculture is particularly desirous of having congress pass at this session a bill already introduced which would regulate the importation of nursery stock and establish a strict quarantine against plant diseases and insect pests. Nurserymen, it is understood, have withdrawn their opposition.

INSECTS INCREASE COST.

Californian Says Plant Pests Influence Food Prices.

Washington, D. C.—An important factor in the high cost of living is the enormous sum the American government and the farmer are obliged to spend every year in fighting plant diseases and insect pests, according to James Mills, of Riverside, Cal., here in the interest of legislation aimed to help these conditions.

He consulted with Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, Dr. Howard of the bureau of entomology and other department officials who are interested in the fight against plant pests and diseases.

Woman Urged for Bench.

Washington, D. C.—President Taft's meditations on filling the present vacancy in the Supreme court were momentarily disturbed by a communication from the Woman Suffrage association of the District of Columbia, suggesting that a woman be appointed to the bench. On the ground that women are now voting in six states, while three more states are preparing to adopt woman suffrage, the president was urged to appoint Mrs. Eileen S. Mussey, Miss Emma M. Gillett or Mrs. Belva Lockwood.

Conferees Cannot Agree.

Washington, D. C.—The conferees of the two houses of congress on the joint resolution providing for the election of senators by direct vote have decided to report a disagreement. The report will not be made until friends of the resolution feel sure of the presence in the senate of all its supporters. The disagreement is over the Bristow amendment, retaining the supervision of congress over senatorial elections.

Democrats in Quandary.

Washington, D. C.—Democratic members of the ways and means committee were unable to determine whether the sugar or the chemical bill should have the right of way as the next tariff revision measure to be taken up in the house.

Another meeting will be held and the bill that is the more nearly complete at that time will be reported.

Resolution Not Personal.

Washington, D. C.—Representative Slayden, author of the anti-third term resolution, at the White House denied that it had been aimed at Theodore Roosevelt.

"The resolution was aimed at the dangerous and un-American proposition of the third term," said Mr. Slayden. "I mean a third term, whether consecutive or with an intervening term."

Hal J. Cole Named by Taft.

Washington, D. C.—President Taft sent to the senate the nomination of Hal J. Cole, of Washington state, to be register of the land office at Spokane.

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