

CURRENT EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Doings of the World at Large Told in Brief.

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

The British coal strike situation continues to improve.

Eleanor Sears, a Boston heiress, will play in a men's polo game.

Senator Lorimer was vindicated by a special investigating committee of eight senators.

Two ocean-going vessels will be built at St. Helena, Or., by the McCormick interests.

Striking mill workers and I. W. W. members continue rioting at Aberdeen, and city officials and police are powerless.

Sir Edward Gray, in the house of commons, says England is not acquisitive and that the Monroe doctrine is not worrying her in the least.

After a conference in Cleveland, it appears almost certain that a big strike of bituminous coal miners will take place throughout the East.

Charles A. Prouty, chairman of the Interstate Commerce commission, declares the public have a right to receive notice in advance of any contemplated railroad strike.

By purchasing two trucks to show its intention and ability to do its own street oiling, the city of Portland obtained bids of \$35 a mile for that work, against \$66.50 previously bid.

The persistent opposition of General Aubert is delaying the movement of Mexican rebels on the City of Mexico. He has only a small force, but keeps the rebels busy by fighting and strategy.

An auto containing six persons plunged off the approach to the Calapooia bridge, near Albany, Or., and landed bottom-up on a heavy growth of underbrush. None of the occupants of the car were fatally injured, and only one received broken bones.

Flood damage grows in Mississippi and Ohio river valleys.

Governor Hunt, of Arizona, spent a night in prison like an ordinary convict, to get a better idea of what prison life means.

San Francisco makes big plans to welcome Secretary Knox on his return from his Central American tour.

Alleged bribe-takers in the legislature of New Mexico say they were scared into signing resignations.

Kaiser Wilhelm met with a most enthusiastic welcome on the occasion of his visit to the king of Italy at Venice.

An English scientist would turn coal into gas without taking it from the mines, using the gas for fuel and power.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem 92c; club, 88@89c; red Russian, 87@88c; valley, 88@89c; forty-fold, 89c.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$20 per ton; shorts, \$21.50; middlings, \$30.

Corn—New, whole, \$34; cracked, \$5 per ton.

Hay—No. 1 Eastern Oregon timothy, \$11@12; No. 1 valley, \$13@14; alfalfa, \$12.50@13; clover, \$9; oat and vetch, \$11@11.50; other grain hay, \$9.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$34 per ton.

Cranberries—\$10@11.50 per barrel.

Potatoes—Buying prices: Burbanks, \$1.50@1.75 per hundred.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 75@90c per dozen; asparagus, 1.50@1.75 per crate; cabbage, 1 1/2@2 1/2c per pound; cauliflower, \$2.25 per crate; celery, \$5.50@6 per crate; garlic, 8@10c per pound; hot-house lettuce, 50@75c per box; peppers, 12 1/2c per pound; rhubarb, California, \$1.50@1.75 per box; spinach, \$1.15@1.25 per box; sprouts, 8c; turnips, \$1@1.10 per sack; beets, \$1.50; rutabagas, \$1@1.10; carrots \$1.

Onions—Association price \$2.25 per sack.

Apples—Yellow Newtowns \$2@2.50; Spitzenbergs \$1.75@3; Baldwin \$1.50@2; Ben Davis \$1@1.75; Red Cheek Pippins \$2@2.50; Gano \$1@1.75; California Newtowns, \$1.75@2 per box.

Butter—Oregon creamery, solid, 33 1/2c; prints, extra.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, 21c per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 8 1/4@9c per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 12@12 1/2c per pound.

Poultry—Hens—17c; springs, 16c; ducks, 20c; geese, 12c; turkeys, live, 20c; dressed, 23@24c.

Hops—1911 crop, 39c; olds, nominal; 1912 contracts, 26c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 14@16c per pound; valley, 16@17c; mohair, choice, 32c.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$6.50@6.60; good, \$6.25@6.40; medium, \$4@6.25; choice cows, \$4.50@5.60; good, \$5.25@5.50; medium, \$5@5.25; choice calves, \$8.50@8.75; good heavy calves, \$6@6.50; bulls, \$4.25@5; stags, \$4.75@6.

Hogs—Light, \$6.90@7.20; heavy, \$6@6.75.

Sheep—Yearlings, \$5.50@6; wethers, \$5@5.45; ewes, \$4.50@4.75; lambs, \$5.75@6.25.

FLOODS LEAP LEVEES.

Many Have Narrow Escapes and Livestock is Abandoned.

St. Louis—Thousands of flood spectators witnessed the thrilling rescue of a family of seven, from a sinking houseboat in the swirling currents of the Mississippi River here.

A houseboat in which a man, his wife and five children lived, was torn from its moorings by driftwood that was carried from flood points above. Soon after being swept into the current the frail craft dragged over sunken snags, stove in its bottom and began to sink.

Two motorboats rushed to the rescue and after fighting off the heavy drift, reached the side of the boat just as the water was sweeping over the deck. It sank within five minutes after the last occupant had stepped to safety.

The river has reached 29.9 feet, a rise of 4.10 feet in 24 hours. This mark is .9 feet below flood stage and the water has inundated the railroad tracks along the levee. Half a dozen expensive power boats have been lost, but unless an unlooked-for rise occurs, no great damage is expected at St. Louis except to small shipping.

Conditions in the flooded district at Cairo are serious and the situation is growing graver every day. Both the Mississippi and the Ohio are rising at Cairo and although the city proper can stand several feet more, anxiety is felt for the levees above and below the mouth of the Ohio.

The Drinkwater levee on the Mississippi side has broken, despite the efforts of more than 1,000 men, and the water is sweeping over a three-mile stretch of levee and flooding the southeastern section of Missouri.

When it became apparent that the levee could not be saved the workmen turned their attention toward residents in the district, thereby saving many lives. Farmers and their families fled to safety, leaving livestock to its fate and hundreds of cattle and hogs are floating toward the Gulf. Boats carried persons out of the Drinkwater district all day Sunday.

The Iron Mountain trains were caught between the Bard's Point and Charleston floods and the passengers had to be taken off in boats. All traffic between Cairo and Charleston, Ky., has been annulled.

CONTINUES QUEST OF POLE.

British Ship Returns, But Explorer Remains for Winter.

Wellington, N. Z.—Captain Robert F. Scott's vessel Terra Nova, which carried the British expedition to the Antarctic, has arrived at Akaroa, a harbor in Bank's peninsula, N. Z. but has not brought back Captain Scott or the members of his expedition. The commander of the Terra Nova brought instead the following brief message from Scott:

"I am in the Antarctic for another winter in order to continue and complete my work."

The latest news sent back by Captain Scott to his base at McMurdo Sound showed that on January 3 he had reached a point 150 miles from the South Pole and was still advancing. It was clear that had the explorer delayed sending back notification of his progress until he actually reached the Pole, word from him could not have been received by the Terra Nova before she was compelled to leave, owing to the setting in of winter and the freezing of Ross Sea.

300 CHILDREN RETURN.

Lawrence Textile Workers Hold Celebration to Great Tots.

Lawrence, Mass.—Coming from homes in New York, Philadelphia and other cities, 300 children of textile operatives who participated in the recent strike have returned to Lawrence. Their arrival was made the occasion of a great demonstration in celebration of what the mill workers considered a notable industrial victory.

More than 20,000 operatives thronged the streets, half of them participating in a monster parade. As the procession passed the jail where Joseph J. Ettor and Arturo Giovannitti, former leaders of the strike, are held awaiting trials on charges of being accessories to murder, the marchers burst into deafening cheers, cooing only long enough to sing "The Marseillaise."

Lighted Hats in Demand.

Chicago—An active demand for "incandescent hats," the first of which was displayed here several days ago at the convention of dressmakers, has caused a leading electrical company to get out several designs, all operated from small dry batteries in the crown of the hat. One new design is being exposed in the windows. It contains tiny orange bulbs about the size and shape of small tangerines and connected with green wires looped with orange and other blossoms in decorative fashion.

Sites at Fair Selected.

San Francisco—The Philippine Islands and the state of South Dakota were added to the list of site-holders on the grounds of the 1915 exposition. Governor Vessey, of South Dakota, with exposition commissioners from his state, took precedence in the ceremonies and immediately after the South Dakota flag had been planted on the reservation selected for their state building, the Philippine commissioners, received a deed to their lot.

Treaty Signed by Sultan.

Paris—A dispatch to the Matin from its Fez correspondent says that a treaty establishing a French protectorate over Morocco was signed by the Sultan.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

APPLE DAY PLANS MADE.

Hood River Entertains Lavishly the First Week of May.

Hood River—With the Commercial Club, Automobile Club and business organizations of the city exerting every effort to make the occasion the biggest of its kind that the Hood River Valley has ever witnessed, the little apple city is planning to entertain hundreds of guests which are expected here during the first week of May, when the orchards are in full blossom. From present indications the blossoms will be in full bloom by the first week of May and there will be more of them than ever before.

The board of directors of the Commercial Club have settled on definite plans. Letters have been written to the O. W. R. & N., North Bank, and river boat line officials, asking their co-operation. It is planned to have special trains run from Portland. Members of the Automobile Club will meet the visitors at the station and give them excursions through the orchards.

BEE EXHIBITS FOR FAIR.

Cash Prizes Will Be Given for Best State Fair Exhibits.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—In a letter from Secretary Frank Meredith, of the State Board of Agriculture, in charge of the state fair exhibits, to Prof. H. F. Wilson, of the entomology department at the Oregon Agricultural college, a list of twenty-three cash prizes amounting to about \$110.00, to be offered at the coming State Fair for exhibits in apiculture. It is through the efforts of the State Beekeepers' association that space for the exhibits and the funds for the prizes have been secured.

The entries will close September 1, and the entry fees have been fixed at ten per cent of the first premium. The exhibits must be in place by 6 a. m. September 2, and it has been decreed that all exhibits must have been produced in the apiary of the exhibitor during the year 1912.

Premiums will be restricted to exhibits from within the state of Oregon.

No premiums will be paid unless there is competition, and none will be awarded where the exhibits are not individually worthy. The judge will in no case give first prize to a second grade product, even though there are only two exhibits. The honey must be pure nectar, sugar or syrup honey being barred, and the judges will open the packages to satisfy themselves on this point. Sections less than three-fourths full will also be barred.

EUGENE-COOS LINE RUSHED.

Grade Work Westward Will Be Commenced This Week.

Eugene—Upon the arrival of four carloads of mules, Fuller & Company, sub-contractors on the Southern Pacific line to Coos Bay, began grading operations westward from Eugene. This company has had perhaps 200 men scattered along 13 miles of right of way all winter, clearing the land ready for the grading work with the setting of weather this spring. Power graders will be put to work as soon as possible.

Twohy Bros., contractors, have made a good start on the 2300-foot tunnel at Noti Pass, and this week completed the transportation of ten wagon loads of compressor machinery, so that the tunnel men may use air drills.

Deeds for sections of right of way west of Noti Pass are being filed every few days.

Bumper Crop Expected.

Hood River—Although the Hood River valley will have a much larger crop of strawberries this year than last, according to estimates of growers and buyers who are already beginning to contract for the crops, the production next year will probably be the valley's greatest output of this fruit. Reports from every part of the valley indicate that a great many plants are being set. Especially will a great many new tracts be set in the Upper valley. The fruit here is later, but is of excellent quality.

Building for Raising Bugs.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—An insectary has just been built in the college orchard at O. A. C., for the purpose of studying the life history of a large number of insect pests infesting the orchards, truck gardens, and flower beds of Oregon, with a view to finding the most effective methods of combating them. A long list of experiments have been planned by the entomology department for the coming season.

Work on Big Dam Started.

Astoria—The Bidwell-Hayden company, to whom was given the contract for building the big dam for the 100,000,000-gallon reservoir at the head-works of Astoria's water system, have taken out a donkey engine and two large boilers to be used in connection with their operations. The firm will operate a rock crusher. The actual construction work will be commenced as soon as the camp is completed.

Bridge Over the Grand Ronde.

La Grande—Steel for the new bridge spanning the Grand Ronde river at Riverside park is expected any day. The bridge will be 15 feet in length and will have a walk on either side six feet wide.

OREGON GOAL OF MANY.

Chicago Man Says Agriculturists Are Coming Here to Live.

Portland—"In the 13 cars on the train by which I came into Oregon," said R. E. Kimball, a Chicago builder who has come to Portland to establish himself in business, at the Commercial club, "there were between 300 and 400 persons, all of whom were bound for Portland or other cities of the state."

"Although the colonist season is not far advanced, wherever I went it appeared that the stream of travel toward Oregon was on the increase, and Portland and Oregon were mentioned oftener by people westward bound than any other city or state."

Mr. Kimball said that while the letter issued by the Central Labor council warning people away from Portland and this state had been widely circulated and had attracted a great amount of attention, he did not believe that it had had the effect of deterring many immigrants from coming, unless it might have been a few who are members or sympathizers of the unions. The agricultural class of immigrants apparently ignored the letter.

PATENTS HELD UP.

Land Agent's Suspicious Delay Operation of Hawley Bill.

Washington, D. C.—A new obstacle has arisen which may delay the issuance of patents to Siletz homesteaders under the Hawley bill. Chief of Special Agents Sharp, at Portland has telegraphed the general land office that he "thinks" he has found evidence that options have been given on some Siletz lands and that "possibly" some of these options may be on lands affected by the Hawley bill. He has suggested the advisability of delaying issuance of the patents while he can look into the matter.

Sharp also reports that he does not know whether those who are supposed to have offered options are prepared to take them up and the understanding here is that land agents may have undertaken to buy up these lands without having the capital on hand to make the purchase if their offer is accepted. If the Interior department acts on Sharp's suggestions, issuance of patents under the Hawley bill may be delayed indefinitely.

FISH TO BE PLANTED.

Many Mountain Streams To Be Filled With Brook Trout.

Pendleton—State Fish and Game Commissioner Cranston has received a letter from George W. Bowers, commissioner of fisheries, department of commerce and labor, Washington, D. C., saying that in his opinion the spring-fed mountain streams and lakes of Oregon are adapted to the cultivation of the brook trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*), and that the introduction of this species in such waters may be undertaken with reasonable assurance of good results. This is the fourth year that brook trout have been experimented with in Oregon streams, especially in Eastern Oregon, but State Commissioner Cranston had become a little doubtful as to the wisdom of further experimenting with this particular variety of trout. The results thus far obtained have not been up to his expectations. Mr. Cranston says, however, that since receiving the above reply to his inquiry he is making preparations to stock suitable streams with this species.

Nehalem Jetty Favored.

Washington, D. C.—Based on the favorable report of the army engineers, the senate committee on commerce will incorporate into the river and harbor bill an appropriation of \$100,000 to begin the construction of the jetties at the entrance of Nehalem Bay, a project to cost in the aggregate \$632,350. The scheme is that the government pay one-half the cost, the Port of Nehalem the other half. The report is now before the commerce committee and will form the basis of favorable action by that committee.

Rail Line to Tap Newport.

Salem—Supplementary articles of incorporation, which were filed with the secretary of state by the Valley & Siletz road, provide for the construction of a railroad from Independence to Newport. In the original articles the company proposed to build a railroad from the upper dam on the Luckiamute river to Simpson. Under the new plan this will give Portland a direct connection with Yaquina bay on the West Side.

Hawley to Help Commission.

Salem—In reply to a recent telegram from the State Railroad commission, asking that steps be taken to pass through congress a bill prohibiting the ownership of steamship lines by railroads, Representative Hawley writes that he will vote unless good and sufficient evidence shall prove some modification is advisable.

Pendleton Crops Hopes High.

Pendleton—Crop prospects continue bright throughout this section. Temperatures have been low for several weeks. Grain has continued to make a good growth, while fruit buds have been kept back until there is no danger of late frosts. No fall grain was frozen out.



W. H. HOLLIS
Of Washington County.

I wish to announce my candidacy for nomination to the office of senator for the senatorial district comprising Washington, Tillamook, Yamhill and Lincoln counties, subject to the will of the Republican voters, at the primary election, April 19, 1912.

W. H. HOLLIS.
(Paid Advertisement)

SURVEYOR

I wish to announce that I will be an independent candidate for election in November to the office of county surveyor for Washington county. My name will not be before the primary nominating election, but will file as independent candidate for election.

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J. W. GOODIN

North Plains, Oregon. Candidate for Republican nomination For County Judge.

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For Sheriff

The undersigned, a member of the Republican party and residing at Hillsboro, announces himself a candidate for Sheriff before the Republican primaries to be held in Washington county, April 9, 1912. If nominated and elected I pledge myself to conduct the office as economically as possible and extend every courtesy to citizens having business with the office.

J. C. APPL-GATE,
Candidate for Sheriff.
(Paid Advertisement.)

FOR STATE SENATOR

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Will support an economy that will keep down expenditures and apply the acid test to all appropriations and see that when made they have been judiciously expended and sufficient for which appropriated, thus avoiding deficiencies.

New boards and commissions have been unnecessarily created and some of these should be abolished, rather than more created. I believe in a judicial reform that will insure more speedy justice, prevent delays and save money for the taxpayers of Washington county.

W. D. WOOD.

For County Clerk

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of county clerk of Washington county, Oregon, subject to the approval of the Republican voters at the primary election to be held April 19, 1912. If I am nominated and elected, I will give my undivided attention to the duties of the office and conduct the same in a courteous, economical and business-like manner.

H. A. BALL,
Candidate for County Clerk,
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