# NEWS OF THE WEEK

#### In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

A member of the kaiser's cabinet is accused of grafting.

It is reported that Russian bankers will aid the revolutionists.

A. St. Petersburg paper says General Trepoff is to be minister of war. Harriman is believed to be secretly

buying up St. Paul railway stock. Heat in Chicago is oppressive. Deaths and prostrations are quite nu-

An Italian anarchist has been captured with a quantity of dynamite intended for the king.

merous.

Sarah Bernhardt has been refused a decoration of the Legion of Honor by France because she does not pay her debts.

the Pan-American conference, is lined up for arbitration and the peace of the Many witnesses are being called be-

ness methods.

Two electric cars collided head on near Vermillion, Ohio. Two persons were killed, another fatally injured and scores more or less seriously hurt. A mutiny in all Finnish forts has

been called by the Reds. E. A. Gage, a son of Lyman Gage,

committed suicide in Seattle.

Rear Admiral Train, commander in chief of the Asiatic squadron is dead. A fund of two and a half million dol-

lars is to be raised to build cottages for the homeless of San Francisco. The forts at Sveaborg, Russia, are almost in total ruins as the result of fighting between mutineers and loyal

San Francisco is threatened with an epidemic of typhoid, which the health board says is being carried by the common house fly.

The state law of New York restricting the labor by women and children to 10 hours a day has been declared unconstitutional.

The state auditor of Kansas says he Francisco losses in full.

Provision contractors on the isthmus have formed a trust and raised the prices 100per cept. The canal commission has ordered supplies, of \$500 and over bought under the open bid gystem.

Brigadier General William Bolton is

Mayor W. H. Moore, of Seattle, is seriously ill at Los Angeles.

The business of the Lewis and Clark exposition has been wound up.

T. W. Davenport, of Silverton, Oregon, father of Cartoonist Davenport, is

Fifteen hundred copper miners at Calumet, Michigan, have had their wages voluntarily raised \$2 per month.

Four men were killed and two wounded in a battle between a sheriff's posse and bandits in Knott county, Kentucky.

It has been charged that General Wood is drawing two salaries, one as governor and one as his regular pay in the army. The president says this is not so.

A San Francisco woman has just secored a divorce on the ground that her husband had not spoken a word to her for eight years, although living in the same house.

A Porto Rican merchant has sued Federal Judge Hunt, of Montana, for \$100,000 damages. It is claimed that at the time the judge was governor of the island he was instrumental in ruining the merchant's business:

The National Sculpture society is to establish an old age home for its mem-

is being done in South Dakota.

Judge James F. Tracey, of the Philippine Supreme court, will likely be the next vice governor of the islands.

John D. Rockefeller says there is more good than bad in the world, and that everything is for good in the end.

Fire in a Buffalo, N., Y., planing mill destroyed \$170,000 worth of prop-

Truck workers in San Francisco have struck for more pay and shorter hours.

The Pennsylvania railroad has cut passenger rates to 21/4 cents per mile. Mileage books will be irsued at the rate of 2 cents per mile.

Vast frauds have been unearthed in San Francisco's municipal affaire. figures for the fiscal year 1906 just pre-Examination of public records show that there has been an extensive graft has grown since 1896 but 20 per cent, in letting contracts and that city pay- imports have grown 57 per cent and rolls have been padded.

MANY TO MEET AT BOISE.

Interest High in Coming Session of Irrigation Congress.

North Yakima, Wash, Aug. 7. -During the first week of September the National Irrigation congress will be in session at Boise Idaho, with an attendance of several thousand delegates. State Commission Proposes Revision Exhibits of fruit and honey are being prepared by different localities and states. The premiums are liberal. It is expected that the governor of Washington will appoint 25 delegates, that each commercial club will appoint ten, and that each board of county commissioners will appoint five. It is believed that if a full delegation attends the convention it will be able to secure the next national congress at some point in this state. It is hoped that the variove fruitgrowers' associations and the on exhibition products of the orchard and apiary which will take silver cups and other premiums. The Yakima County Horticultural union is arranging to send elegant exhibits of fruits and honey. The delegation from that county will ask the convention to pass a resolution memorializing congress to appropriate \$300,000,000 for reclamation of arid lands in the West.

The State Beekeepers' association has secured a Bigelow observatory hive, stocked with pure bred Italian bees, for the purpose of giving object lessons in the apiary. It will be used at the monthly meetings of the association to es. It will be one of the interesting features of the display at the Washing-

All South America, as represented at ton State fair. The secretary of the fair has agreed to set apart one of the prominent conrners in the main pavilfore the grand jury at Chicago to tell ion for the apiary exhibit, and \$200 Assessors usually take the full time what they know of Scandard Oil busi- has been appropriated for premiums in to prepare their rolls, and very frethat division.

The three days' midwinter convention of the State Beekeepers' association will be held at the Agricultural college at Pullman next January, and the observatory hive will be in full operation to instruct the students of that college. The students of the Idanine miles from Pullman, are also invited to be present at that meeting.

The business of beekeeping is an adjunct of the orchard, bees being the best friend of the fruitgrower, for the reason that these insects cross pollenize the blossoms and increase the yield. These two industries go hand in hand, and are rapidly becoming valuable The county board of equalization consources of income

As an example of what organization does, a few years ago the Yakima County Horticultural union incorporated and sold its shares of stock at \$10; the past year the dividends were 70 per cent, a warehouse 50x180 feet has just been completed, the material being stone after the roll is completed. and the structure two stories and full This proposed law contains several Northern Pacific railroad and the other on the North Coast road. The shares first place, a taxpayer will not go before are now selling at \$20, and it is anticiwill cancel the polices of all insurance pated that the capital stock will have he has a real grievance, for the court companies who do not pay their San to be increased in order to accommodate the demand.

> Fruit Inspector Brown, of Yakima county, says that in five years from now he calculates that 12,000 cars per year will be shipped from the warehouse at North Yakima.

> > To Duplex Alaska Cable.

Washington, Aug. 7 .- The Signal corps headquarters in this city has been advised that the cable duplexing apparatus sent to Seattle for use on the Alaskan cable has been a complete success. As soon as the cable ship Burnside completes its work of laying cables between the forts defending the entrance to Puget sound, which probably will be in about a week, it will go to Alaska and install duplexing equipment at the Alaskan end, thus giving the Alaskan cable, which is now overtaxed, twice the present capacity.

Americans Caused Trouble.

Mexico City, Aug. 7 .- The Imparcial charges that the recently circulated handbills, warning foreigners to leave the country by September 16, were put out by an unknown American, who went from station to station distributing and posting the pretended proclamation. The Imparcial also asserts that certain railway camps in Texas and California have taken part in promoting the circulation of false and sensational reports.

Dooms Opium Using.

London, Aug. 7 .- In a dispatch fr m Pekin in which he discusses the opium trade the correspondent of the Times expresses the belief that China will ask India to consent to an annual reduction in the import to China which would have the effect of extinguishing the trade in ten years. As an evidence o good faith China will issue an imperial The St. Paul is laying steel for its edict condemning the use of opium and new Pacific coast extension. The work forbidding the employment in the government service of any opium eater.

Raise the Price of Bread.

San Francisco, Aug. 7 .- As a result bakers for an increase of \$3 a week in their wages, which has been granted by the master bakers, the latter will raise the price of bread in this city. The manner in which it will be done has not yet been agreed upon, but it is said that most of the bakers favor a loaf size of the present loaf.

Commerce Outstrips Population. grown more rapidly during the last decade than its population. Completed sented show that while the population

## OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

FOR EQUITABLE TAX.

of Present Law. Salem-With a view to securing s more equitable assessment of property in this state, the Oregon Tax commislaw governing the equalization of assessments by the county board. In this connection, the commission gives its flat disapp oval to the plan often locality in which the property assessed is located.

The proposed revision of the law re-State Beekeepers' association will have lating to equalization of the assessment is largely based upon inconsistencies in the present law, but also upon a laxity in the law by which wealthy property owners have been able to coerce county ourts into allowing an inequitable assessment to stand. The commission proposes a law which seems to have "teeth in it," and which will be effective if county officers are disposed to do their duty.

The inconsistency in the present law lies in the fact that the county board of equalization is required to meet on the last Monday in August, while the assessor is given until the first Monday in September to file his roll, or until teach the farmers and high school class- the first Monday in October if the county court makes an order to that effect. At the same time there is no authority of law for an extension of the time of meeting of the county board of equalization.

quently ask for and are granted the extension of time. . Commenting upon this condition of the laws, the commission says that "the board of equalization is thus required to meet perhaps six weeks before the assessment roll is completed, and as its functions lapse when it has been in session a week, it ho Agricultural college, which is only must have passed out of legal existence at a date before the assessor is required to have the assessment roll ready to

equalize. "Under the present system we hav practically two boards of equalization,' says the commission, "one meeting after the other, and having full power to undo the work of its predecessor tinues in session one week, and if it does not complete its work within the week, the county court, at its next regular session, completes the examina tion and correction of the roll.

The new law is to do away with this, making provision for the board meeting

ment upon the existing law. In the has power to raise his assessment, and his formal petition will serve to call the attention of his neighbors and the public generally to the representations he is making governing the value of his property. Placing the matter of equalization entirely in the hands of one board instead of two will centralize the responsibilty and give time and opportunity for careful and well advised

Fire Precautions at Asylum. Salem-Lest friends and relatives of the 1,420 patients confined in the insane asylum may be unduly concerned as to their welfare on account of the recent fire at that institution, an official

of the asylum says that none of the patients were in danger, and would not be even in case of a fire serious enough to destroy a considerable portion of the building. The facilities for getting patients out of the building are such that a disastrous fire need not cause the loss of a single life. In this particular the building could scarcely be improved.

Umatilla Canal Contract Let. Puget Sound Bridge & Dredging company, of Seattle, for the construction of irrigation project. The work of the contract involves the construction of 25 miles of canal from the Umatilla river, near Echo, to Cold Springs reservoir. and consists of 700,000 cubic yards of earth excavation, 6,000 cubic yards of concrete and 2,600 cubic yards of riprap. The bid was \$161,388.

mountains near Detroit is spreading sack; beets, \$1.25@1.50 per sack. rapidly, threatening heavy damage. Onions - New, red, 11/611/6 per The fire started near the Santiam river and spread into heavy timber. Two bundred acres of the finest forest in the new potatoes, 75c@\$1.25. Cascades is now burning, and the wind | Butter-Fancy creamery, 20@221/c is driving the flames into the heart of the mountains, where, if not stopped soon, immense damage will result, dozen of the demands made by the union Everything is extremely dry and the flames are spreading rapidly.

Wheat Yield About Normal. of Umatilla county has commenced. 20@221/c; geese, live, 8@9c; ducks, The threshing up to this time has been 11@13c. that most of the bakers favor a loss too limited to make a very close esti- Hops—Oregon, 1905, 11@12c; olds, just a trifle larger than one-half the mate of the yield, but from what has 9c; 1906 contracts, 12@15c per pound. been threshed on the reservation, and around Athena it is thought the yield in those districts will be about normal. and had it not been for the hot winds ness; mohair, choice, 28@30c per Washington, Aug. 7 .- The foreign and had it not been for the hot winds commerce of the United States has the yield would have been at least 25 pound. per cent above the average.

Flour Mills Closed Down.

La Grande-The flouring mills of La Grande, Island City and Union have closed down, having utilised all the old supply of wheat.

LAW UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

Household Goods Not Entitled to Ex.

emption, Says Supreme Court. Salem-By holding, in a decision just rendered, that the householder's tax exemption is unconstitutional, the Oresion has recommended a revision of the gon Supreme court has declared void statute that has been in force in this state almost continuously since 1859. Householders' exemptions have been allowed every year except 1904, when the exemption law had been repealed. agitated of having the assessment rolls the exemption law had been repealed. published in the newspapers in the It was re-enacted by the special session of 1908, but went into effect too late to be applicable to the assessment of

> Approximately \$8,000,000 has been exempted from taxation in this state from year to year, and legislators, county officers and the people generally have recognized the exemption as valid. Now the Supreme court has declared all these exemptions invalid.

This decision will make it necessary for county assessors in many counties to make a reassessment of property in their counties for 1906, for it is the practice of many assessors not to lict property that is exempt. In some and perhaps most of the counties the assessors list the exempt property and make the deductions afterward.

Clackamas Farmers Are Happy. Oregon City-There is an abundant yield of all hay and grain crops in Clacksmas county this year that surpass the average in quality. Early fruits and vegetables yielded heavily, while the vineyard, field and orchard with maturing crops, give the producer every assurance of increased prosperity with the harvest. In celebration of the large and satisfactory crops, a number of harvest festivals have been held and others are being arranged. It has been years since Clackamas county farmers were as prosperous and contented.

Raise Railroad Assessments. Salem-That railroad property in Oregon was assessed at only \$10,815,-915.41, when it had a commercial value of nearly \$70,000,000, is one of the important and interesting features of the report of the Oregon Tax commission, which will be presented for the consideration of the next legislature. These figures relate to valuations in 1904, which was the latest year for which the commission could secure reliable information.

an average of 90% bushels to the acre. Turner Bros. were expecting a good yield, but did not look for more than Half Million to Clackamas Roll.

Oregon City-By the decision of the Supreme court on the tax exemption tional on which next year's tax levy will be made. Revision will delay the task of completing the rolls which were received from the state authorities ten weeks later than the usual time.

#### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat - Club, 71c; bluestem, 73c; red, 69c; valley, 71c; new club, 70c; new bluestem, 72c; valley, 71c. Oats - No. 1 white feed, \$30; gray, \$29 per ton. Barley-Feed, \$23 50 per ton; brew-

ing, \$23.50 per ton; rolled, \$24@24.50. Rye-\$1 50 per cwt. Hay-Valley timothy, No. 1, \$11@ 12.50 per ton; clover, \$8.50@9; cheat,

\$6.50@7; grain hay, \$7@8; alfalfa, Fruits-Apples, \$1.50@2.25 per box Washnigton-The secretary of the apricots, \$1.25@1.35; cherries, 6@10c interior has awarded the contract to the per pound; currants. 9@10c; peach

es, 75c@\$1.10 per box; plums, \$1.25; Logan berries, \$1.35@1.40 per crate; the storage feed canal of the Umatilla raspberries, \$1.40@1.50; blackberries, 8c per pound; gooseberries, 8c. Vegetablee-Beans, 5@7c per pound cabbage, 13/@2c; corn, 15@20c pe dozen; cucumbers, 40@50c per dezen; egg plant, 10@15c per pound; lettuce, head, 25c per dozen; onions, 10@

rock excavation, 2,300 cubic yards of 12%c; peas, 4@5c per pound; radishes, 10@15c per dozen; rhubarb, 2@ 2%c per pound; spinach, 2@3c; toma-Fire in the Cascades.

Albany—A timber fire in the Cascade 90c@\$1 per ssck; carrots, \$1@1.25 per

> pound; new yellow, 1%@2c per pound. Potatoes - Old Eurbanks, nominal;

> per pound. Eggs-Oregon ranch, 21@21%c per

Poultry-Average old hens, 13@14c per pound; mixed chickens, 13@13%c; springs, 16 @ 17; roosters, 9 @ 10c; dressed chickens, 14@15c; turkeys, Pendleton-The harvest in all parts live. 15@17c; turkeys, dressed, choice,

Wool-Eastern Oregon average best,

Veal-Dressed, 5 1/4 @8c per pound. Beef-Dressed bulls, 3c per pound; ows, 4% @5%c; country steers, 5@6c. Mutton—Dressed fancy, 7@8c per pound; ordinary, 5@6c; lambs, fancy,

Pork-Dressed, 7@8%c per pound.

THREE HUNDRED DROWN.

Italian Immigrant Ship Strikes Ree Off Coast of Spain.

Cartagena, Spain, Aug. 6 .- A terrible marine disaster occurred Saturday Workmen in Russian Capital Reevening off Cape Palos. The Italian steamship Sirio, from Genoa for Barcelona, Cadis, Montevideo and Buenos Ayres with about 800 persons on board, was wrecked off Hormigas island. Three hundred immigrants, most of them Italians and Spaniards, were drowned. The captain of the steamer committed suicide

The bishop of San Pedro, Brazil, also was lost and another bishop was for a time among the missing. The remainder of the passengers and the officers and crew got away in the ship's boats or were rescued by means of boats sent to them from the shore. A number of fishermen who made attempts at rescue were drowned.

Those rescued from the vessel are now at Cape Palos, in a pitiable condition, being without food or clothing. The Sirio struck a reef of rocks known as Bajos Hormigas, and sank has been obeyed by 20,000 factory

island lies about two and a half miles to the eastward of Cape Palos. The Sirio, owned by the Navigaziono Italiana, left Genoa August 2. All the ship's books were lost. It is impossible at present to ascertain the full extent of the disaster. Nine-tenths of the passengers were Italians, and the remainder Spaniards. Ali the surviv-

ors have been landed at Cape Palos. The inhabitants provided them with clothing and nourishment. Thirty were landed at Hirmagas island, about one mile from the tragedy. Fishermen brought in the first news of the foundering of the Sirio, and it created consternation here. Boatloads of the shipwrecked passengers and crew began reaching shore shortly after the news became known.

All the stokers went down with the ship. They were unable to reach the deck in time to save themselves. Among the survivors at Cape Paios are many mothers who weep and wring their hands for lost children, while there are also a number of children who are unable to find their parents. These have been admitted to the city foundling asylum.

JONES AND POTTER TO JAIL

One Year and \$2,000, Six Months and \$500 Respectively.

Portland, Aug. 6 .- Willard N. Jones and Thaddeus S. Potter, convicted at midnight October 15, 1905, under an Yields 90 Bushels an Acre. indictment returned by the Federal Weston—A remarkably heavy yield grand jury charging them jointly with of barley has just been harvested on the farm of O. C. Turner, two miles north of this place. The yield from 14 sentences by Judge Hunt in the United facts becoming public.

Jones received a fine of \$2,000, in addition to a term of one year at the government prisen on McNeill's island. 70 bushels to the acre, which is a big Potter fared somewhat better, as Judge Hunt took several points into consideration, which, coupled with the fact that Francis J. Heney made a strong plea for leniency in his case, prompted his sentence of six months in the Multlaw, Assessor Nelson reports that there nomah county jail and a fine of \$500. will be added to the Clackamas county Tabe attorneys for both were given ten assessment rolls about \$400,000 addi- days to perfect any legal action looking to an appeal, and in the meantime Jones was required to give \$8,000 bail, double the amount of his former bond. while Potter was permitted to go upon his criginal security.

The particular offense for which the two men were convicted consisted in inducing a large number of Grand Army men to file soldier homesteads in the Siletz Indian reservation, under agreement to transfer title to Jones. Ira Wade, county clerk of Lincoln county, was tried under the same indictment, but in his case the jury returned a verdict of acquittal, the evidence not being considered sufficient to convict. John L. Wells, adjutant general of the G. A R., was also involved in the scheme of conspiracy, his influence being exercised in the direction of securing locators among the old soldiers. Wells confessed his share of diers. complicity in the fraudulent undertaking before the grand jury and was made a witness for the government. A general shake-up in the local G. A. R. was the result of the exposures, and Wells was compelled to resign.

Coal Companies Merged. Scranton, Pa., Aug. 6 .- It was reone of the largest deals in the history of the bituminous coal business was consumated last week, whereby a cor-poration known as the Pennsylvania, Beach Creek & Eastern Coal company, with a capital of \$8,000,000, acquired by a 999-year lease all the property and business of the Pennsylvania Coal & Coke company, the Beech Creek Coal

Says Trust Contro's Trade.

of electric light and water companies.

Chicago, Aug. 6 .- John Hill, Jr., has reopened his war on the owners of public warehouses in Chicago with the ducted by order of Major General Wood. the clutches of a trust. Mr. Hill says Wood, inspector general. At the reit to its death. The Interstate Common'h, and Mr. Hill says he expects to ported to the department. ee an investigation started.

Goes to Isthmus in November. Panama, Aug. 6 .- General Magoon this afternoon informed President Amaed a formal invitation to Mr. Roosevelt, that the sailors on the coastwise fleet to visit the city of Panama. have to unload their own boats. to visit the city of Panama.

### GENERAL STRIKE ON

spending to Call.

### SIGNS POINT TO A DICTATORSHIP

Grand Duke Nicholas to Lead Fight on Reds - Disturbances and Mutinien Continue.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 4 .- St. Petersburg is in darkness tonight. The employes of the electric lighting plants, always the earliest barometric record of political conditions, ceased work during the afternoon in obedience to the call for a general strike. This call already soon afterward, stern first. Hormigas hands in the capital. It will be impossible, however, to predict the success of this universal political strike until Monday, as the workmen in St. Petersburg and the provinces have two holidays-Saturday, which is the fete day of the dowager empress and a great religious feast, and their regular holiday of Sunday.

The pickets of cavalry and infantry were the most conspicuous features on the streets of St. Petersburg last night. Business houses generally have boarded up their windows as they did in the days of the great October strike. Practically all of the street cars in the city have stopped running, and the cab drivers are threatening to cease work.

In the meantime the fate of the Stolypin cabinet sways in the balauce and Russia is upon the verge of disorders which may lead to the reign of either the military or the proletariat. It can be stated definitely that the steps toward a dictatorship may be taken Sunday or Monday by the nomination of Grand Duke Nicholas to the chief command of all the troops in Russia. This would virtually place him in control of all the disturbed districts of the empire where martial law has been proclaimed.

Artillery in Open Revolt.

Warsaw, Poland, Aug. 4.—A portion of the troops in the Summer Rembertoff, near here, mutinied yesterday and are in open revolt today. The artillerymen have driven their officers out of their quarters. A squadron of Cossacks sent to overpower the mutineers was received with grapeshot. Details

Rebels Fire Big Woodyards. Harkov, Aug. 4-Fire broke out in several large woodyards in the vicinity of the prison today. This evidently was a device on the part of revolutionists, who hoped to free political leaders during the confusion. . The authorities are apprehensive of a renewed effort to the same end.

PUT OUT OF BUSINESS.

Insurance Commissioner Gives Body

Blow to Two Companies. San Francisco, Aug. 4 .- Insurance Commissioner Wolf sent notice today to the president and directors of the Fireman's Fund Insurance company and the Home Fire & Marine Insurance company, both of San Francisco, that unless they made good their deficiency in capital stock in four weeks he will request Attorney General Webb to proceed to ascertain why their licenses to

do business in California revoked. Both companies have been known to be in financial trouble since the fire. The Home Fire & Marine has announced that it will do no more business. The Fireman's Fund has reinsured its risks to the amount of \$372,584 750, carrying premiums amounting to \$4,-471,117 with the new Fireman's Fund corporation, which has been organized since the fire. Both companies have

thus confessed failure.
Wolf's order, it is expected, will permanently close their doors.

Subpenas for Standard Men.

New York, Aug. 4 .- Forty or more subpense for officers and employes of ported today on the best authority that the Standard Oil company have been forwarded to New York from Chicago. Several of the officials of the Standard Oil would not say whether they had received the subpense from Illinois. Inquiries were referred to M. F. Elliott, general counsel for the company, who said so far as he knew no attempt had been made to serve any of the officials. Mr. Elliott would not say what atti-& Coke company and the North River tude the officials would take in case the Coal & Wharf company, and a number subpens servers put in an appearance.

Investigation in Philippines.

Washington, Aug. 4.—An investiga-tion of alleged irregularities in the Philippine islands is now being condeclaration that the grain trade is in the inquiry being in charge of Colonel he now has evidence of the existence of quest of General Wood the War departan illegal combination among the ware- ment has made a special detail of offihouse men, and that he intends to fight cere familiar with the methids of business and conditions in the Philippines merce commission will meet here next to assist. No result has yet been re-

Stampeds to Windy Arm.

Seattle, Aug. 4 .- Rich strikes reported in Southearstern Alaska have attracted the longshoremen of Skagway, dor that President Roosevelt will visit Juneau and other towns. The men the canal zone in November. Senor who work along the front have stam-Amador, through Mr. Magoon, extend- peded to Windy Arm in such numbers