

NEWBERG GRAPHIC

E. H. WOODWARD, Publisher

NEWBERG.....OREGON

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.

Detroit, Michigan, is endeavoring to stop Sunday ball games.

Michigan forest fires are destroying much valuable timber and imperiling the lives of many.

Nearly 25 square miles have been swept by the forest fire in San Gabriel reserve, California.

Thaw may be punished for contempt by failing to attend a meeting of his creditors at Pittsburg.

Moving picture machines have been added to the talking machines to help along in the political campaign now on.

Following a decision of the department, immigration officers at Boston have refused Mormons the privilege of landing.

Serious trouble may result over conflicting fish laws enacted by Oregon and Washington covering the Columbia river.

In international auto races at Brighton Beach, N. Y., the American cars won first and second places and an Italian third.

The United States gunboat Vixen was run down by a tug boat and badly damaged. The accident occurred in the Delaware river.

Thomas A. Edison is at present touring the Pacific coast.

Forest fires are burning in Canada just across the line from Maine.

A 20-story office building costing \$30,000,000 is to be erected in Chicago.

The American battleships Maine and Alabama have left Port Said for Naples.

The forest fire near Los Angeles continues to do heavy damage. One town has been wiped out.

Four troops of cavalry, together with people of that vicinity, are fighting forest fires near Sturgis, S. D.

A hurricane swept Turks island, British West Indies, destroying the capital and killing many people.

Official statements show that the cholera situation in St. Petersburg and throughout Russia is much worse.

The number of unemployed in London was strikingly illustrated when 3,000 men surrounded a hospital which had advertised for a porter at \$4.50 a week and meals.

A general investigation of the Pullman company, its schedule of rates and its alleged discriminations, is to be made by the Interstate Commerce commission at Chicago.

The Pacific fleet has left Honolulu for Samoa.

The battleship fleet has arrived at Albany, West Australia.

Russia was almost united in the celebration of Tolstoi's 80th birthday.

Great Britain has just launched a battleship larger than the Dreadnaught.

Germany will reject the note on Morocco and relations with France are strained.

H. B. Miller, American consul general at Yokohama, is on his way home for a vacation.

A forest fire is raging in the valley west of Los Angeles and several small towns are threatened.

In a suit against the Standard Oil in New York the company has been ordered to produce letters containing evidence of bribery.

The extra session of the Iowa legislature has adjourned to meet November 24, when another effort will be made to elect a United States senator.

Governor Hanley, of Indiana, charged the Indianapolis school board \$25 for addressing a graduating class last June. The fact has just become public through the auditing of the bill.

A Los Angeles preacher 76 years old has just married a woman of 31.

Kansas City negroes fear a race war, and are arming for the conflict should it come.

A rumor of an attempt to shoot President Roosevelt is found to be without foundation.

Methodists of Illinois are joining in the fight against the re-election of Cannon to congress.

A New York man has committed suicide because the anti-betting law drove away his business.

A crank who wanted to see the president has been sent to an asylum. He claimed to have located all the bad men in Boston, and wanted Roosevelt to let him have 10,000 troops to capture them.

Several oil tanks at Leadville, Colo., made a spectacular blaze, beside causing considerable loss to property.

Fort Riley, Kan., troops are out on a practice march of 130 miles. When strung out in marching, the column was almost five miles long.

A woman 70 years old was trapped under a horse's hoofs in Chicago. Reckless driving is given as the reason, and the driver has been arrested.

Count Tolstoi opposes a public celebration of his birthday.

SWITCH CAUSES DISASTER.

Thirty-Four Passengers Injured in Wreck in East.

Meadville, Pa., Sept. 15.—Thirty-four persons were injured in the wreck of Erie train No. 4, Chicago to New York express, at Geneva, Pa., a small station eight miles west of here. The wreck, railroad officials believe, was due to persons having a grievance against the company opening a switch shortly before the passenger train arrived. The injured were brought to this city and 23 were taken to a Spencer hospital. Five, after having their injuries dressed, were discharged, while 18 still remain at the hospital.

Thirty-one of the injured were passengers and three railroad employes. A majority of the former were Italian and Greek laborers. It is not believed any of the victims will die.

The train is due here at 12:50 A. M., but was an hour late and was running over 50 miles an hour. Upon striking the open switch the entire train left the track, the locomotive turning over upon its side. Two of the cars, a combination smoker and baggage car and a day coach were demolished. A majority of the injured were riding in the combination car.

FIVE KILLED IN DISASTER.

Collision Between Regular and Excursion Trains.

Chicago, Sept. 15.—It is reported that a wreck has occurred on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, at Chesterton, Ind., 50 miles from Chicago. Wrecking apparatus and a special with physicians have been sent to the scene.

Reports from Chesterton, Ind., were to the effect that five persons were killed and more than 20 injured. The wreck was caused by a collision between a passenger train which left Chicago at 11:30 P. M., and which ran into the rear of an excursion train bound for Indianapolis via the Lake Erie & Western. At the offices of the railroad here it was said that but two or three passengers were injured.

Owing to the isolation of the place, definite reports were difficult to obtain. Conflicting reports were given by the few persons that could be found to talk about the wreck. The number of casualties were given all the way from two injured to five dead and twenty injured.

GERMANS SEEK NO FIGHT.

Von Buelow Declares His Nation Has No Chip on Shoulder.

London, Sept. 15.—The Standard yesterday morning printed a long interview with Prince von Buelow, the German chancellor at Norderney.

With reference to British apprehension in the matter of German naval aggression, the chancellor things that it would be more natural and excusable if the Germans were apprehensive of being attacked, pointing out that Great Britain has not been invaded since the time of William the Conqueror. Continuing, Prince von Buelow said: "I can assure you that nobody of any sense or influence in Germany dreams of picking a quarrel with the English; much less is there any such insane idea as that of invading England."

Car Wrecks Ambulance.

San Francisco, Sept. 15.—The ambulance of the Harbor Emergency Hospital was run into by a Folsom-street electric car Sunday night and William Hefferman, hospital steward, and Robert Doefner, driver, were seriously injured. Doefner's condition is said to be critical as he is suffering a fractured skull as well as other injuries. The ambulance was crossing Folsom street when the car bore down on it at a high rate of speed, striking the wagon in the center, hurling it a distance of 25 feet and completely wrecking it.

Carry Cargoes of Salmon.

San Francisco, Sept. 15.—Four vessels bringing full cargoes of salmon from the Alaska stations have arrived. The first to come in was the ship Llewellyn J. Morse, Captain Hemming, after a passage of 20 days from Nushagak with 40,047 cases of salmon. She was followed by the ship Indiana, Captain Olsen, 25 days from Nushagak, with 48,000 cases of salmon. Late in the afternoon the ship Star of Italy and the Bark Charles B. Kenney passed in, both having full cargoes.

Forest Fires Abating.

Duluth, Sept. 15.—Clouds and an absence of wind gave the Mesaba Range a day of quiet Sunday and the forest fire ceased to be a menace in this locality. No rain has fallen and the situation will be serious until moisture puts an end to the smoldering fires. Grand Marais, on the north shore of Lake Superior, is considered safe owing to the back-fires around the little town. The woods for nearly 100 miles along the north shore are ablaze and millions of feet of standing timber is still in danger.

Trouble in French Congo.

Brussels, Sept. 15.—Passengers who arrived at Antwerp Sunday from the Congo report serious troubles in the French Congo, where natives revolted and in sections surrounded a number of whites. A relief force was sent to the aid of the whites and several engagements were fought, many being killed.

Steal Valuable Gems.

San Bernardino, Cal., Sept. 15.—One of the most daring thefts occurring in mining camps of this county in years has just been reported to the sheriff, turquoise gems valued at \$5,000 having been removed from a cache in a shack at the Wood & Co.'s gem mines, 12 miles north of Hart.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

SMITH TRANSFERS TIMBER.

Minneapolis Man Turns in \$1,000,000 Holdings to Corporation.

Albany—The vast Linn county timber holdings of C. A. Smith, of Minneapolis, have all been transferred to the Linn & Lane Timber company, organized in Hennepin county, Minnesota. The transfers embrace approximately 50,000 acres. The consideration named in one deed is \$80,000 and only a nominal consideration is mentioned in the others, but the value of the land transferred is about \$1,000,000.

The land embraces all of the old holdings of Frederick A. Kriba, of Portland, and some additional land later acquired, by the Smith interests with scrip. Several hundred acres were held jointly by Smith, Charles J. Swanson and Nils O. Warner. Other parties had interests with Smith.

The Smith holdings were all choice timber land, and some sections are unexcelled in the world. A large portion of this land runs from 10,000,000 to 12,000,000 feet of timber to the quarter section.

Road Wants Astoria Franchise.

Astoria—At the last meeting of the city council a franchise was asked for by the Oregon Coast railway for running electric lines through a number of streets in the city limits. The communication was referred to a committee for examination and for a report at a later meeting. The company desires the franchise to eventually be tendered to the Astoria, Seaside & Tillamook Railroad company if the Oregon Coast railway "makes good." There is no suspicion of the Oregon Coast company, but for the protection of all local interests this form of procedure will be adopted.

Fire Destroys Sawmill.

Rainier—Years of hard work by C. C. Wilson, principal proprietor of the C. C. Wilson Lumber company, were lost last week when the sawmill of this company, 250,000 feet of lumber, five cars of lumber in the dry kiln, \$5,000 worth of machinery put in this summer and other equipment were destroyed. Mr. Wilson's loss is \$47,000. His insurance is \$13,000, which will meet his outstanding debts, leaving him where he was when he began to build up the big plant years ago.

Line Nearly Completed.

La Grande—Regular traffic into Wallowa county over the newly constructed Wallowa county extension will begin September 21, according to a statement from headquarters, but this event will be preceded by a popular excursion on the 20th, when the O. R. & N. will run excursion trains to Wallowa from here. This will inaugurate the service. The track has now been laid to Wallowa town, the construction reaching that point tonight.

Coquille Jetty Completes.

Portland—Assistant United States Engineer Polhemus announces that the jetty project at Coquille has been completed and that there is now 12 feet of water on the bar to the bay where a few years ago the depth was only four feet. The improvement is considered remarkable. The work done this year at Coquille consisted of extending the north jetty about 200 feet to a point in line with that of the south jetty, thus narrowing the entrance.

Revised Livestock Rate.

Salem—H. M. Adams, general freight and passenger agent of the Astoria & Columbia River railroad, has informed the Railroad commission at Salem that a revised schedule on livestock will be put in force on that road September 22. The new rate from Portland to Warrenton will be \$37.12 for a 36-foot car, where before it was \$44 for a 34-foot car. There was a complaint against the old rate.

Governor Appoints Delegate.

Salem—Clara Bewick Colby, editor and publisher of the Woman's Tribune, of Tremont Place, has been appointed a delegate to the international congress on moral education to be held in London, England, from September 25 to 29. The governor's commission was issued and mailed to Mrs. Colby in England, where she is at this time.

Fair at Mayville in October

Condon—Extensive preparations are in progress for the grange fair to be held at Mayville, October 8 and 9, under the auspices of the granges of Gilliam and Wheeler counties. Committees have been appointed to take charge of the sports and of the amusements. C. J. Quinn, master of the Mayville grange, is chairman.

Express Rate Reduction.

Klamath Falls.—A reduction in express rates to and from Klamath Falls has been ordered, but on account of an error in filing the schedule with the interstate commerce commission, the change will not go into effect until October 1.

Mount Hood Mill Resumes.

Dec.—After being closed down for over a month, the Mount Hood Lumber company has started up again. The plant of the company is equipped with electric power and is up to date in every respect. Two hundred men will be given employment.

Disburse Over Million.

Astoria—All the fishermen employed during the recent season by the local canneries and cold storage plants have been paid off and a local banker estimates that the amount distributed among the men was not less than \$1,500,000.

BUILD OWN ROAD.

Coos Bay People Becoming Tired Waiting for Harriman.

Roseburg—If Harriman will not agree to take action on the Coos Bay-Drain road, at the forthcoming conference between the railroad king and the delegation of Coos Bayans at Roseburg, negotiations will be opened with the several capitalists who are anxious to finance an electric line from Roseburg to Coos Bay. The conditions are such that any further development of the Coos Bay country and dependent coast points will be retarded unless a road is assured.

The Coos Bay people have named the following committee of business men to attend the meeting here: C. A. Smith, Dr. A. C. Straw, L. J. Simpson, C. E. Mills and W. P. Evans, with J. E. Oren and W. H. Powers as alternates.

Water Big Tract.

Grants Pass.—Arrangements and plans for the building of a huge irrigating canal, which will take its water from Rogue river, just above the Golden Drift company's dam, and water over 12,000 acres of arid lands above and below Grants Pass have been made, and construction work will soon begin. Tired of waiting for outside capital to become interested in the project, and upon the government for aid, local business men, ranchers and fruitgrowers have decided to build the big canal themselves.

Irrigate Arid Land.

Pendleton.—Seven thousand acres of Umatilla arid land was mortgaged recently by the Western Land & Irrigation company to the Marion Trust company, of Indianapolis, to secure a gold bond issue of \$150,000, to be used in the construction of canals and ditches and in other ways preparing for extensive farming a vast area in the southern part of this county. The mortgage was said to be the largest instrument filed here for years, the filing fee being \$37.40.

Trains Running by September 21.

La Grande—General Superintendent Buckley, of the Harriman lines in Oregon and Washington, made a trip over the Wallowa extension and upon his return said that a regular train service will be established between La Grande and Joseph September 21. The train, according to Mr. Buckley, will probably be a mixed one, carrying passengers, express, mail and freight. The road will be rushed into the town of Wallowa this fall.

New Hospital Proposed.

Dallas.—Rev. Father H. J. McDevitt, of Portland, is in Dallas endeavoring to secure the establishment of a Catholic hospital in this city. A conference was held with the leading business men and physicians, all present promising to give their hearty support to the movement. Several sites for the location of the proposed institution have been offered, and it is generally considered that the establishment of the hospital is assured.

Yamhill Exhibit for State Fair

McMinnville.—Yamhill county will have an exhibit at the state fair. The display will be made under the direction of the Yamhill County Development association, and is being arranged by Colonel J. C. Cooper, of this city. It will comprise as complete an assortment of grains, grasses, fruits, nuts, etc., as can be gathered at once.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Turkey, 88c per bushel; forty-fold, 90c; club red, 90c; fire, 88c; bluestem, 92c; valley, 88c.
Barley—Feed, \$24.50 per ton; rolled, \$27@28; brewing, \$26.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$27@27.50 per ton; gray, \$26@26.50.
Hay—Timothy, Willamette Valley, \$14 per ton; Willamette Valley, ordinary, \$11; Eastern Oregon, \$16.50; mixed, \$13; clover, \$9; alfalfa, \$11; alfalfa meal, \$20.
Fruit—Apples, new, 50c@51.75 per box; peaches, 30c@75c per box; pears, 75c@1.25 per box; plums, 65c@75c per box; grapes, 85c@1.50 per crate; figs, \$1 per box.
Potatoes—90c@95c per hundred; sweet potatoes, 2@2 3/4 per pound.
Melons—Cantaloupes, \$1@1.50 per crate; watermelons, \$1@1.25 per 100 loose; crated, 1/4c per pound additional; casabas, \$2 per dozen.
Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.50 per sack; carrots, \$1.75; parsnips, \$1.75; beets, \$1.50; artichokes, 65c per dozen; beans, 5c per pound; cabbage, 2c per dozen; cauliflower, \$2.50 per crate; celery, 75c@81c per dozen; corn, 25c@30c per dozen; cucumbers, 30c@40c per box; egg plant, \$1.25@1.50 crate; lettuce, head, 15c per dozen; parsley, 15c per dozen; peas, 6c per pound; peppers, 8c@10c per pound; pumpkins, 1c@1 1/4c per pound; radishes, 12 1/2c per dozen; spinach, 2c per pound; sprouts, 10c per pound; squash, 40c per dozen; tomatoes, 35c@50c.
Butter—Extras, 31 1/2c per pound; fancy, 27 1/2c; choice, 25c; store, 18c.
Eggs—Oregon extras, 27c@28c; firsts, 25c@26c; seconds, 22c@23c; thirds, 15c@20c; Eastern, 24c@25c per dozen.
Poultry—Mixed chickens, 11@11 1/2c per pound; fancy hens, 12@12 1/2c; roosters, 10c; spring, 13@14c; ducks, old 12@12 1/2c; spring, 14@15 1/2c; geese, old, 8c; young, 10c; turkeys, old 17@18c; young, 20c.
Veal—Extra, 8@8 1/2c per pound; ordinary, 7@7 1/2c; heavy, 5c.
Pork—Fancy, 8 1/2c per pound; ordinary, 6c; large, 5c.
Mutton—Fancy, 8c@9c.
Hops—1907, prime and choice, 4 1/2c@5c per pound; old, 1@1 1/2c; contracts, 7@8c.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 10@16 1/4c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 15@15 1/2c; mohair, choice, 18@18 1/2c.

BREAKS MORE RECORDS.

Great Aeronaut Exceeds Former Feats in Three Particulars.

Washington, Sept. 14.—In two flights at Fort Myer Saturday afternoon, Orville Wright, in the Wright flyer, broke three records. Staying up nine minutes and six and one-third seconds in the first flight, in which Major George O. Squiers, acting chief signal officer, accompanied him, Mr. Wright broke the record for a two-man flight, which he established on Tuesday. The first flight was at 4:29 o'clock.

In the second flight, which started at 5:17, Mr. Wright broke the record for time and distance of a heavier-than-air flying machine, which he established by remaining in the air for one hour, fourteen minutes and twenty-four seconds. In this flight he also went higher than an aeroplane has ever gone, rising to an altitude of 280 feet.

Mr. Wright also maintained a higher speed than in his other flights at Fort Myer, traveling around the drillgrounds at the rate of 38.75 miles an hour on the first flight, when Major Squiers accompanied him.

The distance of this flight was 5.88 miles. In Saturday's flight, Mr. Wright broke the world's record for time and distance for the fifth time last week.

A crowd of 5,000 persons gathered to witness the flights and their enthusiasm knew no bounds. It was all the cavalry, detailed to guard the aeroplane from damage, could do to keep the crowd back. They cheered Mr. Wright until he went away in the signal corps automobile.

AIRSHIPS ARE CRUDE.

Edison Criticizes Both Dirigible Balloon and Aeroplane.

Seattle, Sept. 14.—Thomas A. Edison, the noted inventor, who is taking a vacation on the Pacific coast, says that neither the dirigible nor the dirigible balloon will successfully solve the question of navigating the air. Asked if, in giving up the commercial side of his work, he would make a study of the airship, he said:

"It is likely that I shall pay some attention to the navigation of the air. I have done so in the past, but I had not the time to make serious effort. I am firmly convinced that the time is near at hand when it will be possible to sail through the air as easily and as safely as we now go by land or by water."

"I have little faith in the aeroplane or the balloon as a means of aerial navigation. The aeroplane of the Wright brothers depends too much on the personal equation. Place some other man in that caraplane and it would not work. It depends upon the skillful handling of the machine by the inventor."

"It is also unlikely that the efforts of inventors who have pinned their faith to the dirigible balloon will meet with success. When you have something that is lighter than air it is apparent even to the layman that it is a toy of the winds. It is wafted about like a thistle-down when a strong wind is blowing. The aeroplane and the dirigible balloon will be improved, I have no doubt, but I look to see the application of a principle different from either in the successful airship."

MORE CARS IN SERVICE.

Decrease of 30,371 in Number Idle Helps Railroads.

Chicago, Sept. 14.—Another big boost toward prosperity is indicated by a weekly report of the car efficiency committee of the American Railway association, which was issued Saturday. The total of surplus cars on railroads of the United States and Canada has been reduced to 222,632, a decrease of 30,371 since the last report. Of this decrease, 21,723 are boxcars and 7,259 coal and gondola.

The decrease in boxcars is the largest since the maximum surplus of 413,605 was reached. An increasing activity in repairing cars is shown by a reduction of 7,662 in the number of bad-order cars.

Small shortages are reported on a few railroads, the shortages totaling 1,418. Regarding this condition, Arthur Hale, chairman of the committee, says:

"Whenever these shortages are of such a nature and extent as to justify action by the committee, conditions are brought to the attention of the roads reporting a surplus, and arrangements are made to transfer equipment to the roads having use for it."

Race Trouble Feared.

Seneca, Kan., Sept. 14.—A clash between whites and blacks is feared here following an attack on Samuel Murphy, a farmer, by two negroes, Jim and Allie Johnson, Friday night. The negroes assaulted a white boy who taunted them about a horse race they had lost, and Murphy interfered in behalf of the lad. A mob quickly pursued and overtook the negroes, and armed with ropes were bent on a lynching, which was only avoided by the pluck of a deputy sheriff, who, gun in hand, stood in the door of a vacant house and held the mob at bay.

New California Regiment.

San Francisco, Sept. 14.—Recruiting is in progress for the organization of a new regiment of the national guard of California, to be stationed at San Francisco, in conformity with a movement which has been started by representatives of commercial bodies of this city. The action of the business men of San Francisco in reorganizing the national guard has the sanction of Governor Gillett, who is ready to equip the organization as soon as it is mustered in.

New Jap Man to England.

Tokio, Sept. 14.—Taka Akira Kato, proprietor of the Tokio Daily, an influential Japanese paper, has been appointed ambassador to England, to succeed Count Komura, who was recently recalled from England to assume the post of minister of foreign affairs in the new cabinet. Kato is an influential citizen of Japan. He has twice been minister of foreign affairs.

ONLY RAIN CAN SAVE

Large Tract in Minnesota Being Swept by Fire.

NAVAL TRAINING SHIP GIVES AID

Grand Marais, Long in Peril, Among Minnesota Villages Surrounded by Wall of Flames.

Duluth, Minn., Sept. 12.—Unless a heavy rain falls within the next 48 hours, the total destruction by forest fires of every town on the north shore of Lake Superior in Cook county is almost certain. No rain has fallen in this district since July 10 and everything in the woods is as dry as parchment. Last evening the walls of fire, with a heavy wind behind them, extended all the way to the settlements.

Wild-eyed and shaking with fear, the inhabitants are gathered along the shore prepared to take to the lake in small craft should the worst come. Within less than two miles of Grand Marais, a town of 1,500, there is in flames a tract of spruce and brush over three miles in length. A strong land breeze from the northwest is at present shooting the fire along the outskirts of the town, giving the village a lease of life.

The training ship Gopher, which brought the naval militia to aid in fighting the fire, is in the harbor and is taking women and children aboard. The ship was welcomed with tears of joy on her arrival, and only the aid of the militia has saved the town up to this time.

Conditions at Pigeon River Indian Reservation, at Big Bay, Chicago bay, Cascade, Cofton and Nutson, are similar to those existing at Grand Marais. Beaver bay, on Lake Superior, 80 miles northeast of Duluth, is reported to be in peril.

NEW COINS DEFECTIVE.

St. Gaudens Twenties Do Not "Stack" With Old Ones.

San Francisco, Sept. 12.—Activity at the San Francisco mint in the coining of the St. Gaudens gold pieces has been suspended. The first few days' output amounted to \$430,000, but the double eagles, it has been found, will not "stack" with the old coins of the same denomination. In a stack of \$400 the new coins are half the thickness of a piece short. While the double eagles again bear the legend "In God We Trust," it has been learned that the trust is not of ten-dollar dimensions. Superintendent Sweeney received a telegram from Washington saying, "Coin eagles with 'In God We Trust.'" In due time a letter was received by him from Washington authorities which read, "We wired you as follows: 'Coin eagles with 'In God We Trust.'" This we beg leave to confirm."

BEATS OWN TIME.

Wright Flies Aeroplane for Over 70 Minutes.

Washington, Sept. 12.—In a flight lasting one hour, ten minutes and 26 seconds, Orville Wright late yesterday surpassed all his previous exploits for a time and distance flight for a heavier-than-air machine.

Two flights were made at Fort Meyer, Va., yesterday, the first being of ten minutes and 50 seconds' duration, for the purpose of showing what rate of speed he had been traveling during his long flights of the past three days. Yesterday's test demonstrated, according to the aviator's calculations, that the speed of the aeroplane during the record-breaking flights of Wednesday and Thursday was 39.55 miles an hour. The majority of those who witnessed the long flight were roused to great enthusiasm when the aviator for the third successive day broke his previous record.

Hop Situation Quiet in South.

Ukiah, Cal., Sept. 12.—The strike situation here has quieted down considerably during the past few days and today there was no violence reported from the hop fields. A number of ranchers finished picking their crops today. Some of the growers, however, began on their crops today and this will prolong the season. The fruit cannery is short handed and it is feared that there will not be enough help to put up the fruit crop unless more men can be imported from San Francisco.

Quake Loss Very Light.

San Francisco, Sept. 12.—On August 18 a story was sent out under date of Eureka, Cal., telling of an earthquake at that place on that date. A careful investigation of the damage done has determined that the extent of the loss was exaggerated. Instead of being \$2,000, the damage probably did not exceed \$200 or \$300. The dispatch came to the Associated Press from a source which was believed to be entirely reliable.

Chinese Boycott Things German.

Tokio, Sept. 12.—The Chinese student of Tokio have decided to boycott German goods and German schools. No reason is assigned for the action.