

EVENTS OF THE DAY

Newsy Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

Less Important but Not Less Interesting Happenings from Points Outside the State.

Russia now wants a share in the Chinese railway loan.

The deficit of the German imperial government for 1908 is said to amount to \$30,500,000.

Two colored men have been hanged by a mob at Malesco, Ala., for murdering the sheriff.

Explorer Cook says he has data to convince the most skeptical that he was actually at the North Pole.

Jap grape pickers in California have demanded an increase in wages and may be replaced by Hindus.

A small tempest was caused by an Italian warship stopping while the Atlantic fleet was at target practice.

A sword fish has been caught off the Catalina islands, Cal., which weighed 141 pounds and measured eight feet in length.

More explosives have been found in the bunkers of British war vessels and members of the admiralty are in a state of ferment.

The latest creation in the millinery line is to be known as the Cook hat, in honor of the explorer. It is two feet high covered with black fur, while a white aigrette representing the pole bristles from the top.

China is planning the improvement of her army.

Count Zeppelin will continue preparations to fly to the North Pole.

President Taft says he will probably visit Alaska next summer.

A serious epidemic is feared in the flood stricken districts of Mexico.

German scientists say the finding of the North Pole is of secondary importance.

The American Locomotive company says it is rushed with order for new equipment.

An Indiana man has just died at the age of 96. He leaves 38 children and had outlived four wives.

Denmark believes Cook's story of the discovery of the North Pole and will give him a royal welcome.

Attorney General Wickersham says if the polar continent is worth holding this government will annex it.

Dispatches from Java say the volcano Smeru is in active eruption, causing great havoc. There has also been an earthquake with hundreds of fatalities.

Revolutionary cocked hats are to be worn by women next season.

Wilbur Wright has suggested that cities appoint an inspector of balloons.

The loss of life in the Monterey, Mex., flood is now estimated at 3,000.

A tornado devastated Dialville, a small town in Texas. Several persons were injured.

Supplies are being sent to Monterey, Mex., and the general condition is much improved.

Mrs. Florence Vandervort, a millionaire widow of Los Angeles, has married a poor man.

No lives were lost in the Nevada cloudburst and the property damage is placed at \$100,000.

Government scientists say Cook will have no trouble in proving that he actually reached the pole.

According to official reports the rice crop of China will be about 17 per cent above the average.

All Western roads have announced new schedules to the coast and each is trying to outdo the other.

The American warship squadron is in Chinese waters.

The international trade union council is in session in Paris.

A severe earthquake has been felt in the canal zone, but the big ditch was not hurt.

The steamer Ohio, wrecked off the Alaskan coast, is said to have hit an uncharted rock.

Hill says he has all the railroad connections he needs in the East and new work will be confined to the West.

The Cunard line steamers are to take a new route between Liverpool and New York which will shorten the time to five days.

A big Carey act project has been started in Colorado by which 250,000 acres of land will be reclaimed at a cost of \$2,000,000.

Pittsburg coal miners object to the new explosive, a flameless powder.

An epidemic of typhoid fever is raging at Cobalt, Ontario. The hospitals are full and tents have been erected to care for the overflow.

The steamer Mauretania has established a new record, having crossed from New York to Queenstown in four days, 14 hours and 2 minutes.

The Federal court has held the state corporation tax law in Colorado unconstitutional.

MORE MEXICAN FLOODS

Cloudburst Floods Rivers and Overflows Fertile Valleys.

Mexico City, Sept. 7.—A special dispatch received here from Morelia says that floods yesterday ruined a large section of the Zamora district. A terrible cloudburst in the mountains caused rivers and streams to overflow and miles of fertile valleys are under water.

Further details have been received here of the flood that swept the town of Tula, in the state of Tamaulipas, last Saturday. A wave between 45 and 50 feet high engulfed the lower half of the town. Two hundred houses and the San Juan bridge were carried away and many lives were lost. The storm raged for three days.

Terrible as are the conditions at Monterey, the correspondent declares they are just as bad at Tula and vicinity.

The entire northeastern section of the state is said to have been laid waste. Railroad and telegraphic communication was destroyed and the population of Tula, some 7,000 persons, was cut off from the rest of the nation for four days. It will be six or eight months before the highways can be restored. Thirty bodies have been recovered and many bodies of shepherds and mountaineers are being washed down into the valley below.

ROBBED MAILS WHOLESALE.

Man and Woman Caught in Chicago Head Big Gang.

Chicago, Sept. 7.—In the arrest of Allen Posner, 26 years old, and a young woman giving her name as Emily Snyder, 20 years old, who are in custody at the Harrison street police station, Postoffice Inspector Stuart believes he has part of a gang of mail thieves who have been operating in Chicago and other cities. Two men are being sought as accomplices of Posner and the Snyder girl in the theft of letters and chashing of checks found in stolen mail. Posner and a man named Gray and another man whose name is being kept secret are said to be under indictment in New York for a \$1,000 theft of jewelry. The Snyder girl is said to have come to Chicago with Posner four months ago.

It is charged that the pair operated by stealing letters from residence mail boxes after delivery by letter carriers. Posner is declared to have admitted cashing a number of stolen checks. According to the postal authorities, Posner and his associates stole \$1,000 worth of jewelry and other valuables which were brought to Chicago.

TUBERCULOSIS INCREASES.

Nathan Straus Says Plague is Gaining Against Fight.

Budapest, Sept. 7.—Nathan Straus, the New York philanthropist, who on Tuesday appealed to the international medical congress to stop the spreading of disease that results from the use of infected milk, today submitted detailed figures to that body to prove that tuberculosis, instead of being conquered, is on the increase.

He cited the official vital statistics of New York city, which was credited by Dr. Robert Koch with leading the whole world in the fight against tuberculosis. He showed that the increasing skill of the physicians in treating tuberculosis had reduced the death rate from this disease in proportion to the population from 2.42 per 1,000 in 1902 to 2.89 per 1,000 in 1907, and 2.29 in 1908, but he showed that the number of deaths from tuberculosis in proportion to the total number of deaths from all causes had increased from 13.04 per cent. in 1902 to 13.90 in 1908.

Cholera Loses Terrors.

Paris, Sept. 7.—Serum and vaccine for treatment of cholera has been discovered by Dr. Salambini, working under the direction of Professor Metchnikoff and Dr. Pierre Baux. Their serum has been tried in Russia in desperate cases and reduced the death rate, which was 50 per cent, to below 23 per cent. The vaccine is prepared by taking bacilli from the body of a cholera patient and making a culture thereof, which is injected subcutaneously into healthy persons. Local infection follows and immunity results.

Greek Princes Removed.

Athens, Sept. 7.—King George today will sign a decree placing Crown Prince Constantine and Prince Nicholas, at their own request, on the unattached list of the army and granting the other princes in the army two or three years' leave of absence to study abroad. Brigadier General Smolenski will replace Crown Prince Constantine as commander in chief and Colonel Cortbas will be appointed commander of the army corps at Athens.

Tornado Wipes Out Town.

Catania, Sicily, Sept. 7.—The village of Scordos was about wiped out today by a tornado. Five persons were killed and 50 injured. One hundred houses were completely demolished and many others unroofed. The tornado was accompanied by a torrential rain. The population took refuge in houses on the Quarter Santa Maria, where the statue of Santa Maria Maggiora fell, adding terror to the superstitious element.

Tennessee Stays Dry.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Sept. 7.—The legislative act prohibiting wholesale as well as retail sale of liquor in the state was upheld except as regards sales for shipment outside of the state, in an opinion handed down in Chancery court today by Chancellor T. M. McConnell.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

WOOL SEASON GOOD.

Yield is Large and Prices High and Growers Satisfied.

Portland.—The Oregon wool season of 1909, which has now been brought to a close, has been one of the most successful in the history of the state. The yield was large and the price high, and the growers are entirely satisfied with the result. It has also been a profitable year, so far as it has gone, for the dealers.

The wool clip of Oregon this year netted the farmers of the state about \$4,000,000. They have also received very good prices for their mutton, sheep and lambs, and are altogether in as prosperous a condition as the farmers in other parts of the state who have devoted their energies to raising grain.

It has been an ideal year for the Oregon sheep men with the weather right at every season to produce the best results. As a consequence, the output was larger than it has been in recent years and the quality was better. At the same time there was a sharper demand from buyers and prices were higher.

The quality of the wool was excellent. It was of better staple than last year, though of heavier shrinkage, owing to the dry spring. The average weight of the fleeces was placed at 9 1/4 pounds, the heaviest average ever known in the state. The wool sheared fully one pound to the fleece more than it did last year.

The highest price paid during the season in Eastern Oregon was 23 cents, which was realized on a part of one clip at Shaniko. The larger part of the best grades sold between 20 and 22 cents. Some scouring wools went at 18 cents, and other coarse grades moved at prices up to 17 cents. For the clip, as a whole, the average price was about 19 1/2 cents.

CLEARING UP LAND TITLES.

Special Agents Making Visit to Klamath County.

Klamath Falls.—H. P. Jones, a special agent of the general land office, and Peter Oden Applegate, state land agent, have arrived from Salem to inspect some lands about the lakes the titles of which are in question between the state and the United States.

The greater part of the lands in this section have long since been classified either as government or as belonging to the state under the swamp land grant of March 12, 1860, but there are some odds and ends still undetermined. The classification of these becomes very important, since the Klamath basin is now coming into its own and the rich alluvial lands about the lakes will soon be in great demand.

Messrs. Applegate and Jones went up the Klamath lake by launch to begin their examination of the low lands at the head of the lake and will probably spend several days in their investigations.

Remove Government Dredge.

Marshfield.—Captain Peters, who has had charge of the government dredge Oregon at work in Coos bay, has returned from Portland and announces that the dredge is to be removed in a week and taken to the Columbia river for repairs. The work started here is as yet uncompleted, but the efforts of the people to keep the dredge here were fruitless. It is quite likely now that the port commissioners will build a dredge of their own.

Complaints of Late Trains.

Salem.—A. F. Will, of Aurora, has complained to the railroad commission of poor train service maintained by the Southern Pacific at Aurora. The train due to arrive at 9:25 o'clock in the morning is from two to four hours late regularly, says Mr. Will, and that city had about as well not have any train as far as it is an accommodation to passengers and shippers.

Government to Build Dredge.

Pendleton.—The government has commenced advertising for bids for a \$10,000 bridge across the Umatilla river at Cayuse station. The appropriation for the structure was made last winter. The bridge will have a carrying capacity of 20 tons. The building of the bridge will form an important link in the construction of the proposed road to Wenaha springs.

Governor Benson Invited.

Salem.—There has been received at the governor's office a copy of the official call for the fourth annual session of the Dry Farming congress at Billings, Mont., October 26, 27 and 28. A feature of the congress will be Governor Benson's day, when the governor of a number of the Western states will be present.

Apple Fair for Hood River.

Hood River.—The apple growers of Hood river valley held a rousing meeting at the Commercial club rooms last week for the purpose of forming a permanent organization, and to lay plans for an annual apple fair. C. D. Thompson was elected chairman and W. H. Walton secretary.

Coos Plans Own Dredge.

Marshfield.—Now that positive announcement has been made that the government dredge Oregon is to be removed from this harbor, the port commission will probably at once begin construction of a larger and better dredge to be used permanently for improvements on Coos bay.

CROPS IN GRANT HEAVY.

Wheat and Fruit Will Bring Farmers Good Prices.

Prarie City.—For the first time in the history of the John Day valley the products of the soil will be thrown upon the market. With the coming of the railroad this fall the fruit and grain raisers will be able to send their supplies to Baker City and all railroad points.

According to reports received here there is a short fruit crop in many sections of Eastern Oregon. Grant county never had a better yield of all kinds of fruits and grains than this year. Heretofore apples have been fed to the hogs and fruit could be had for the picking. This summer contractors are buying the fruit in the orchards. It will be boxed and shipped to railroad points.

The flour mills of the John Day valley are paying \$1 a bushel for wheat. Although the yield is much in advance of previous years, there will not be enough wheat to supply local demands. The people of Grant county have immense tracts of land that have never been cultivated, and now that the land is contiguous to the railroad the wheat yield should be very materially increased.

Wheat of Grant county compares favorably with wheat raised in the lower counties. In fact, the Blue mountain wheat is of superior quality, especially where it has been irrigated.

Umatilla-Morrow Fair.

Pendleton.—The annual Umatilla and Morrow counties' fair which will occur here this month is causing considerable interest and activity. Preparations are being made for agricultural exhibits which will eclipse anything ever seen in this section of the state. Special features are being arranged for the entertainment of the crowds, the latest being a "broncho busting" contest for which a local firm has put up a handsome saddle as a prize. It is expected that the best riders in this section will be here.

Conserve Waste Water.

Arlington.—The John Day Power company, composed of Oregon and Washington irrigation enthusiasts, is preparing to develop the immense water power of John Day river, about 14 miles west of Arlington. The energy of this water, which has been idling away its strength for ages, will be converted into electricity and distributed over three or four counties. The company hopes to be ready by next spring to furnish Arlington and neighboring towns with electricity for lights and power.

Kozer Returns from East.

Salem.—Insurance Commissioner S. A. Kozer has returned home from his trip of investigation in the East. While in San Francisco Mr. Kozer spent several days with Governor Benson, who reports, "in better health than for some time." While in the East Mr. Kozer attended the national convention of insurance commissioners and also looked into the methods employed by the insurance commissioners of the Middle Western states.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem, 95c; club, 87c; red Russian, 85 1/2c; valley, 90c; Fife, 87c; Turkey red, 87c; fortyfold, 89 1/2c. Barley—Feed, \$26.50 per ton; brewing, \$27.50.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$12@16 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$17@18; mixed, \$15.50@16.50; alfalfa, \$13.50; clover, \$11@13; chest, \$13@14.50.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 34c per pound; fancy outland creamery, 29 @33c; store, 21@22c. Butter fat prices average 1 1/4c per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, candled, 30c per dozen. Poultry—Hens, 16 1/2c per pound; springs, 17c; roosters, 9@10c; ducks, young, 14c; geese, young, 10c; turkeys, 20; squabs, \$1.75@2 per dozen. Pork—Fancy, 11@11 1/2c per pound. Veal—Extra, 9 1/2c@10c per pound.

Fruits—Apples, \$1@2.25 per box; pears, \$1.25@2; peaches, 50c@\$1.10 per crate; cantaloupes, \$1.50@2; plums, 35@90c per box; watermelons, 1@1 1/2c per pound; grapes, 50c@1.75 per crate; casabas, \$1.50@2 per dozen. Potatoes—\$1 per sack; sweet potatoes, 8c per pound.

Onions—\$1.25 per sack. Vegetables—Beans, 4@5c per pound; cabbage, 1@1 1/4c; cauliflower, 75c@1.25 per dozen; celery, 50c@\$1; corn, 15@20c; cucumbers, 10@25c; onions, 12 1/2@15c; peas, 7c per pound; peppers, 5@10c; radishes, 15c per dozen; spinach, 5c per pound; squash, 5c; tomatoes, 50@75c per box.

Hops—1909 contracts, nominal; 1908 crop, 14@15c; 1907 crop, 11c; 1906 crop, 8c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16@23c per pound; valley, 23@25c; mohair, choice, 24@25c.

Cattle—Steers, top, 4.50@4.80; fair to good, \$4@4.25; common, \$3.75@4; cows, top, \$3.40@3.65; fair to good, \$3@3.25; common to medium, \$2.50@2.75; calves, top, \$5@5.50; heavy, \$3.50@4; bulls and stags, \$2.7@3.25; common, \$2@2.50.

Sheep—Top wethers, \$4; fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; ewes, 3/4c less on all grades; yearlings, best, \$4; fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; spring lambs, \$5.25@5.50.

Hogs—Best, \$8.75; fair to good, \$8 @8.50; stockers, \$6@7; China fats, \$7.50@8.

SUGGESTIONS FROM FARMERS.

Census Director Durand Invites Their Practical Co-operation.

Washington, Sept. 6.—The farmers of the United States are naturally very much interested in the census of agriculture and farms that will be taken April 15, 1910, as one of the subjects to be covered by the thirteenth decennial census. Many are showing their interest by writing to the census bureau for the purpose of making comments upon census information regarding agriculture as presented in the past. The director of the census welcomes all such suggestions and gives them careful consideration, as he is anxious to have the results of the coming census correspond as nearly as may be to the desires of the people most interested.

In addition to studying carefully these suggestions, the director has on his own initiative requested certain professors of economics and agriculture of the more important universities of the country, and other persons who have specialized in agricultural matters, to come to Washington for a short time for the purpose of studying carefully and criticizing plans now under way. Especially it is desired to obtain their opinion relative to the questions to be asked and their form, as the results to be obtained will so largely depend upon the character of the schedule and the manner in which the questions are propounded. These suggestions, coming from outside experts, are proving to be of great value, and it is believed that in consequence of this preliminary study more valuable and accurate data will be obtained than could otherwise be secured. After these special students and experts have made their preliminary studies, formal conferences are held in the office, in which the whole matter of the character of the schedule and the best methods of securing the information are thoroughly gone over.

The department is also seeking to secure the advice and co-operation, as far as possible, of the officers and experts of the department of agriculture, of the state agricultural colleges, farmers' societies and like organizations.

SANTA FE STIRS UP RIVALRY.

Officials Call Hasty Conferences on Schedules.

Chicago, Sept. 6.—The manager of the Santa Fe road has made a definite proposition to the Postoffice department to put on a new mail and express train between Kansas City and Los Angeles that will reduce the present running time by ten hours. This will require a trip of over 1,800 miles to be made in 50 hours, or at the rate of over 37 miles an hour, including stops.

When it became definitely known today that the Santa Fe had agreed to take ten hours off the latest schedule between Kansas City and Los Angeles, consternation reigned in the official ranks of the Western roads. Conferences were held on all sides, agents of competing lines were dispatched to Washington with instructions to learn at all cost the position the government is likely to take in the matter, and orders were hastily issued by the Rock Island and Southern Pacific for time-card meetings.

NATURAL BRIDGE FOUND.

Rock Span 274 Feet Long Discovered in Utah.

Salt Lake, Utah, Sept. 6.—With a span of 274 feet and more than 300 feet high, a natural bridge, said to be the largest known, has been discovered by members of the Utah Archaeological society, who have returned from an expedition along the Colorado river, in Northern Arizona and Southern Utah.

The bridge is located four miles north of the Arizona line in the state of Utah, six miles east of the Colorado river. On its top were found imbedded several fossils of remarkable size, indicating the presence in earlier times of giant animal life.

The party brought back photographs as well as a collection of rare pottery and baskets used by the cliff dwellers centuries ago.

Decisive Battle Is Expected.

Pera, Sept. 6.—The culmination of the border affairs between Turkish troops and the Montenegrins occurred near Cusink, a city in Turkish territory, where a pitched battle was fought, according to advices received here today. There were heavy losses on both sides and a number of casualties reported. Among those injured were five Turkish women. The Montenegrins fired upon the Turks, according to the dispatches. Armed forces are now facing each other on the frontier, and a decisive battle is expected.

Open Road to Promotion.

Omaha, Sept. 6.—D. C. Buell and G. W. Sievers, appointed at the instance of E. H. Harriman to conduct a technical school for instruction of Union Pacific railway employes, opened the institution today. More than 100 applicants were on hand, ranging from section hands to draughtsmen in the engineering department. The school is designed to fit employes of the road for better positions and is open to them without expense.

Many Lost in Java Flood.

Batavia, Java, Sept. 6.—It is estimated that 600 natives have perished in the floods in Southeastern Java. The damage to property and crops has been enormous.

WILL WELCOME COOK

Nation Preparing Home Coming for Arctic Explorer.

ADDS LARGE AREA TO DOMAIN

President Taft May Be Requested to Honor Man Who Hoisted Flag Over Polar Continent.

New York, Sept. 4.—Preparations already are on foot to make the home-coming of Dr. Frederick A. Cook an event of national, and possibly international importance. If plans outlined today by members of the Arctic club are carried out, the welcome Dr. Cook will receive in New York will be an ovation in which city, state and nation will take part, while prominent explorers—Cook's former rivals—from all parts of the globe, will gather to pay personal tributes to his achievements.

Members of the Arctic club hope President Taft may be present. "Such an honor would be no more than fitting," one declared, "in view of the fact that the explorer has placed the Stars and Stripes on the apex of the world and added perhaps 80,000 square miles to the nation's territory."

Among the explorers who are expected to take a prominent part are the Duke d'Abruzzi, Dr. Nansen, Captain Ronald Amundsen, General A. W. Greeley, Rear Admiral George Melville, Anthony Fiala and Captain Joseph E. Bernier.

Captain Bradley S. Osborne, secretary of the Arctic club, says the explorer is not expected here for several weeks.

"He is due in Copenhagen in three days," said Captain Osborne, "and if he came straight home would arrive in New York about the middle of September, but his friends believe that he may make several stops on the way. For one thing the geographers and scientists of Copenhagen will tender him a welcome. He may go to Christiana to meet Captain Amundsen discoverer of the Northwest passage; it is likely that he will visit Belgium where he has been decorated for his services to science and it is scarcely conceivable that the British geographical societies would allow him to pass them on his way home without an invitation to London."

WORRY HARRIMAN LINES.

Santa Fe Will Put Fast Train on Run to Coast.

Chicago, Sept. 4.—The management of the Santa Fe railroad has about decided to put into operation a new fast mail and express train to run between Kansas City and Los Angeles, with a view to capturing the bulk of the Southern California mail.

This adds another speed war to that recently declared by the Hill roads in the mail, express and passenger traffic to the Pacific coast, affecting a different territory between the East and California.

The entire Southern California mail is involved in the move, and this is said to bring about \$1,250,000 annual revenue to the railroads. The Santa Fe and Rock Island, in connection with the Southern Pacific, now have this business about equally divided.

The bulk of this mail comes from the St. Louis gateway by the Missouri Pacific. The reweighing period for all the territory west of the Missouri river and west of St. Paul begins next February and on this account every road in that territory is urging the disposition of the mails for the yearly period following the 10 days' weighing by the government. Formerly the Santa Fe carried the bulk of the Southern California mail, but several years ago the Missouri Pacific put on a fast train which captured the mail out of St. Louis and the Rock Island put on its Golden State Limited, which left Kansas City just after the arrival of the Eastern mails. At that time the Santa Fe was not in a position to change its schedule to wait for the mails.

Russians to Be Imported.

Honolulu Sept. 4.—The territorial board of immigration has decided to attempt the solution of the labor problem in the Hawaiian group by the importation of Russian families from Manchuria. L. C. Atkinson, agent of the board, called for Harbin today on the liner Siberia and is expected to make arrangements for the immigration of 50 such families to Hawaii. If the experiment proves successful, it is probable that many more Russian families will be induced to settle in the islands.

Canada Won't Retaliate.

Montreal, Sept. 4.—While it is true that there is resentment in this country over the new provisions of the Payne tariff affecting the pulp and paper industry, it is felt both at Ottawa and Quebec that nothing can be gained by imposing export duties. The government it is announced will not take any retaliatory action in this direction, and any legislation it may enact will be directed rather to a final settlement than to aggravating the difficulties.

Hammond Buying Mine.

Mexico City, Sept. 4.—A deposit of \$200,000 has been made in a bank here by John Hays Hammond to bind an option on the Santa Gertrude mine in the Pachuca district of Hidalgo. The proposed purchase price is \$9,000,000, Mexican money.