

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.

James A. Patton lost about \$1,200,000 in one day speculating in wheat.

Census figures show the average salary of ministers to be about \$663 per year.

A Colorado cowboy carried his wounded partner 37 miles on horseback to receive medical attention.

Thieves have stolen the Minnesota coat of arms from the noted Hill statue in the exposition grounds at Seattle.

A French submarine was accidentally sunk by colliding with a warship and her entire crew of 27 men were drowned.

Deposed Alaska officials claim their removal was due to the Guggenheim interests, because of activity in prosecuting grafters.

Roosevelt says he would like to see football rules change so as to eliminate some of the dangers, but does not favor abandoning the game.

Miss Mathilde Townsend, considered the most beautiful heiress in Washington, turned down several foreign counts and married a plain American.

The "jet" of light on Halley's comet, discovered by Harvard observers, has entirely disappeared. The comet will be visible in the West until about June 10.

Governor Hughes of New York, signed the bills to enable the state to accept the gifts of land and money offered by Mrs. E. H. Harriman, and others, for a park embracing the Hudson River Palisades, and providing for \$1,500,000 bond issue by the state for improving the land.

A strike of all union teamsters in Portland seems certain on June 1.

Glenn H. Curtiss will try to fly from Albany to New York with but one stop.

A collision between a bark and a large steamer in the English channel cost 22 lives.

Trouble with the wild tribes of Liberia is at an end, the leading chiefs having sworn allegiance to that government.

One hundred and twenty-five cases of champagne which were a part of the estate of Harry K. Thaw are missing and cannot be located.

A delegation of ministers failed to persuade the San Francisco authorities to refuse a permit for the Jeffries-Johnson fight on July 4.

A Chicago scientist has succeeded in isolating and studying an original ion of electricity, and supports the "ionic hypothesis" advanced by Faraday in 1830.

An explosion of some mysterious gas during a chemical experiment in New York suffocated the experimenting chemist and seriously affected two others who witnessed it.

Fred Kohler, "reform" police chief of Cleveland, Ohio, appointed by Mayor Tom Johnson and hailed by Roosevelt as "the country's best police chief," has been charged with habitual drunkenness, gross immorality, incompetency, etc., and will likely be ousted from office.

Railroads are boosting freight rates on sugar and coffee.

President Taft has signed a proclamation reducing the Idaho forest reserves by 100,000 acres.

A man convicted of sugar frauds and pardoned has returned voluntarily to testify against the sugar trust.

Louis W. Hill and party have completed their 1,500-mile tour through Oregon and say that no state contains greater possibilities.

The American Aeronautical association has been organized. It will be entirely independent of the Wright Brothers' Aero Club of America.

An anarchist threw a bomb at the monument erected to victims of the attempt against King Alfonso on his wedding day. No one was injured but the anarchist himself, who then committed suicide.

In order to win a \$4 wager to buy groceries, an Arkansas man leaped from a 50-foot bridge into the creek below and started to swim ashore, but was drowned. The wager was given to his family.

The department of justice is hunting for an alleged lumber trust.

A Marshfield, Oregon, man has raised his own tea supply for several years. He says the Pacific Coast can raise tea just as good as Japan or China.

A severe wind storm did much damage in Clay county, Kansas.

Army engineers approved the plan for free government locks at Oregon City.

Jewish families to the number of 890 have been expelled from several large cities in Russia.

STEAMER HIT IN FOG.

Eighteen Drown as Vessel Plunges Beneath the Waves.

Port Huron, Mich., May 25.—Families and friends of the missing 18 members of the crew of the steamer Frank H. Goodyear, which sank yesterday off Point Aux Barques, Lake Huron, after being rammed amidships by the steamer James B. Wood, tonight practically gave up hope that any of the missing persons have been rescued.

The steamer Sir William Siemens, said to have picked up some of the missing crew, passed detour today and made no report of any survivors aboard.

Four of the rescued members of the crew, including Captain F. P. Heminger, have gone to the Goodyear's headquarters in Cleveland and Mrs. Emma Bassett, the only other survivor, is still in Port Huron.

The collision occurred at 5:20 in the morning, in a heavy fog. The Goodyear was struck amidships on the starboard side and the bow of the Wood was punctured.

In a moment it was seen that the Goodyear was doomed, as she began rapidly to fill with water. Everyone on board was supplied with a life preserver and every effort was made to man and launch the small boats. The water poured into the hold so fast that the heavy hatches were forced from their frames by the pressure from underneath and shot into the air in every direction, spreading injury and death among the terrified crew and passengers.

With his infant child in his arms, Steward Bassett had almost reached safety in one of the lifeboats when one of the tumbling hatches snatched the baby from his arms. The little one fell into the lake and was drowned, despite the frantic efforts of its father to rescue it.

Many of the Goodyear's crew were killed by the falling hatches before they had a chance to jump into the water.

When the Goodyear settled beneath the surface of the water it was evident she was practically broken in two, the action of the water having completed the destruction begun by the blow received in the collision. The Goodyear was a modern steel steamer 436 feet long, and carried a crew of 23 men.

NEW COMET TAIL IS SEEN.

Harvard Group Sees Jet of Light Shooting From Nucleus.

Cambridge, Mass., May 25.—When the party at the Harvard astronomical observatory obtained last night for the first time an adequate view of Halley's comet an interesting discovery was made by Professor O. C. Wendell. He saw a jet of light for two or three minutes projecting toward the southwest from the nucleus, that is, somewhat towards the sun, while the tail itself was streaming away to the east, or toward the sun.

Photometric measurements of the nucleus in the comet were also made by Professor Wendell, which indicated that the nucleus was of 6.57 magnitude, that it is slightly below the limit of visibility.

The total light of the comet was set at two and a half magnitudes by Leon Campbell and assistants, who made special measurements. The tail is said to be about three degrees long.

Mischief Sinks Drydock?

Manila, May 24.—In connection with the sinking of the drydock Dewey, naval officers here say it would be an easy matter for some mischievous person to tamper with the powerful valves, which are operated by electricity. If one were so inclined, they say, he might easily sink the vessel and cause the loss of the Dewey.

Legislature Boards Cars.

Baton Rouge, La., May 25.—In a special train of 14 coaches, including sleepers and baggage cars, both the upper and lower houses of the Louisiana general assembly started today for Washington, to present claims of New Orleans for the Panama exposition, to be held in 1915. The delegation is headed by Governor Sanders. At New Orleans the delegation was joined by Mayor Martin Behman and a large committee of citizens.

Channel Swallows 22.

Cowes, Isle of Wight, May 25.—Twenty-two persons were drowned as the result of a collision today between the steamer Skerryvore and the German bark J. C. Vinnen, in the English channel. The Skerryvore sank. Only two of the crew of the steamer were rescued, one of whom died a short time later. The bark put in here but later left for Southampton. Apparently she was not injured. As far as known, no passengers were on either vessel.

Chinese Destroy Church.

Shanghai, May 25.—Native riots occurred at Chuan Chia, northwest of Changsha, last Saturday. A considerable portion of the city was burned. The Lutheran church was destroyed by fire. There is general unrest and anti-foreign sentiment is spreading.

Quake Causes Near-Panic.

Reggio, Italy, May 25.—A heavy earth shock occurred here this evening, causing the people to rush into the streets. No damage was done.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

NEED OF TRANS-STATE LINE

Hill Examines Timber in Central Oregon and is Much Pleased.

Crescent—Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway company, spent one night and a portion of one day at Crescent, looking over the town and the surrounding country. Mr. Hill's visit was unheralded and unexpected, but the citizens gave him a cordial welcome and he declared that he had enjoyed his visit immensely. The party passed through the Klamath Indian reservation, where engineers, it was announced, will shortly be surveying the Oregon Trunk line from its present terminus at the reservation, through Klamath Falls. He carefully went over the line from this point to the reservation, stopping at the camp of Engineer Kyle, five miles above this point. He spent some time examining the big timber tracts, and was pleased over the prospects of tonnage. He also spoke approvingly of Crescent, which will be a freight and passenger division point.

"The Oregon Trunk line is expected to reach Madras by January 1," said Mr. Hill. "Work in the canyon is progressing satisfactorily and I anticipate we will have no difficulty in making Madras on the date set. It will likely be a year before the road reaches Crescent, but early next summer I believe I may safely say that trains will be running through here. I am not in a position to say when the line will be completed to Klamath Falls."

Mr. Hill was not prepared, he said, to say where the east and west road will intersect the main line of the Oregon Trunk through the Deschutes valley. He said that his visit to Burns and the eastern part of the state had caused him to reach a determination to have an east and west line. Several lines, he added, will be surveyed and the one best adapted for the needs of the company will be adopted.

Hill Admires Blooded Horses.

Merrill—Louis W. Hill and party paid Merrill a visit while on their tour of inspection of the interior sections contiguous to the route of the Hill road. The party was entertained at luncheon in the handsome ranch home of N. S. Merrill, the pioneer farmer of this part of the country, whose place is just outside the town limits. The ladies of the town served the lunch and all the business men and townspeople were there to greet the distinguished guests, who were accompanied from Klamath Falls by two dozen prominent citizens of that place.

The party filled seven autos. Mr. Hill made a brief address, saying he had not been entertained in any finer ranch home in the whole state than that in which he met the Merrill people, and predicted that the lands in this valley would be doubled in value within two years.

The annual horse rodeo had just been completed in this part of the country before Mr. Hill's arrival, and after the luncheon was over the party assembled on the lawn, where the fine horses and mules of the Merrill ranch were passed before them for inspection. Then the autos were boarded and a run of ten miles down to Tulle lake was made, where a visit was paid to the "Poplar Farm" owned by J. Frank Adams, the most noted horseman of this section, and his fine horses and brood mares afforded a sight for the railroad man to understand where so many of Oregon's extra good horses are bred.

Jeffries Wants Hood River Apples.

Hood River.—The commercial club received from Jas. J. Jeffries a request for a quantity of Hood River apples. Jeffries was through Hood River on his theatrical trip—he was accompanied by some admirers with a box of Spitz. When he got down in his training camp at Rowardennan, Cal., he began to long for the flavor of the apple he got in Hood River. He told everybody around him that he had never eaten anything that had so pleased him and he wanted some more. An admiring friend who had been to the camp was told by Jeffries of his wish and the friend told him he would be in Hood River soon and would send him a box. The friend says that next to his wife there is nothing he likes better than a Hood River Spitz.

Farmers Fence Much Land.

Klamath Falls.—Within 30 days there will not be a farm, with one exception, between this city and Midland that will be unfenced. It is a matter of but a year or so when it was possible to drive from Klamath Falls to Midland following any of the roads. Few realize the great change that has taken place in this part of the Klamath basin, but some idea may be gained from the improvements that have been made in fences alone.

Burn Brick at Redmond.

Redmond.—Within four months there will be 400,000 brick burned within three and one-half miles of Redmond and placed on the market here, according to the statement of C. J. Bean, of the Advance Construction company, of Portland. Mr. Bean states that machinery will be shipped at once.

Berries Ripening Fast.

Hood River.—The warm weather of the past few days has ripened the berries at a very rapid rate. Pickers are coming into the valley in large numbers, but not near enough have arrived yet to care for the crop.

DAKOTANS COME TO OREGON.

Parties at Intervals Up to July 16—Thousands Are Interested.

Washington—Dr. H. W. Coe of Portland, who is here, has a telegram from Fargo, from F. E. Ball, vice-president of the Columbia Land company, saying:

"A party of 30 left yesterday for Stanfield, Or. Minot sends a special May 31, Grand Forks a special June 2, Valley City a special to Hermiston June 2, and Fargo a special June 7 and another July 16."

Coe says there will be several cars intervening. The special mentioned as having left Fargo was No. 15. The landseekers will be taken to Stanfield and Hermiston on a six days' tour, stopping at North Yakima, Seattle, Portland and Hood River to show them what sort of country they are going into.

Coe says 600 persons have left Fargo since August and that 1,000 more will go before the summer ends. Coe is here to offset reports injurious to the Umatilla reclamation project, which have been carried to the officials. He has succeeded in confirming previous claims that the Umatilla project is one of the best the government has inaugurated.

Woodburn-Springfield Line Soon.

Albany.—The Woodburn-Springfield branch of the Southern Pacific railway will be completed and in operation by June 1. About four years ago the Santiam river changed its course at Crabtree and washed out the railroad bridge and put the line out of commission. The interstate commerce commission ordered the company to put the line in shape and run a schedule of trains, so a new line was started from Crabtree to Lebanon to supply the missing link, which will be completed within two weeks.

High School Ready by Autumn.

Newberg.—Work on the high school has begun by the contractor, E. G. Anderson. The work must be finished in six months. The building will cost \$30,000. The building is to be 130x77 feet and 45 feet in height, the roof to be flat and constructed of tar and gravel. The material is to be of Newberg red face brick, trimmed with white pressed brick. The basement is to be fitted with a modern gymnasium and swimming tank.

Reconstruct Waterworks.

Mount Angel.—The water works of the city are being reconstructed and improvements to the extent of \$3,500 being made in them. About 8,000 feet of four and six inch steel pipe is being laid, to replace the wooden pipe, a number of new hydrants are being put in and an electric motor will be installed to pump the water into the large town tank.

Bridge Row River.

Eugene.—The county court has made a contract for a steel bridge over the Row river east of Cottage Grove, with the Penn Bridge company, for \$8,600. The company will commence the work at once.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, 86¢@87¢; club, 82¢@83¢; red Russian, 80¢@81¢; valley, 85¢.

Barley—Feed and brewing, \$21.50@22.50 per ton.

Corn—Whole, \$33; cracked, \$34 ton.

Hay—Track prices: Timothy, Willamette valley, \$20@21 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$22@25; alfalfa, \$16.50@17.50; grain hay, \$17@18.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 29¢ per pound; fancy outside creamery, 28¢@29¢; store, 25¢. Butter fat prices average 1 1/2¢ per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, 23¢@24¢.

Pork—Fancy, 12¢@12 1/2¢ per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 10 1/2¢@11¢ per pound.

Lamb—Fancy, 8¢@10¢ per pound.

Poultry—Hens, 18¢@19¢ per pound; broilers, 27¢@30¢; ducks, 18¢@23¢; geese, 12¢; turkeys, live, 20¢@22¢; dressed, 25¢; squabs, \$3 per dozen.

Fresh Fruits—Strawberries, \$1.75@2.75 per crate; apples, \$1.50@3 per box; gooseberries, 6¢ per pound.

Potatoes—Carload buying prices: Oregon, 40¢@50¢ per hundred; new California, 2 1/2¢@3¢ per pound; sweet potatoes, 4¢.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 60¢@75¢ per dozen; asparagus, \$1.25@2 per box; cabbage, 2 1/2¢@2 1/2¢ per pound; celery, \$3.50@4 per crate; head lettuce, 50¢@60¢ per dozen; hothouse lettuce, 50¢@1 per box; green onions, 15¢ per dozen; radishes 15¢@20¢ dozen; rhubarb, 2 1/2¢@3 1/2¢ per pound; spinach, 8¢@10¢ per pound; rutabagas, \$1.25@1.50 per sack; carrots, 85¢@1; beets, \$1.50; parsnips, 75¢@1.

Onions—Oregon, \$2 per hundred; Bermuda, \$1.50@1.75 per crate; red, \$1.75 per sack.

Hops—1909 crop, 12¢@15¢, according to quality; old, nominal; 1910 contracts, nominal.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 14¢@17¢ per pound; valley, 16¢@18¢; mohair, choice, 32¢@33¢ per pound.

Cattle—Beef steers, hay fed, good to choice, \$5.75@6; fair to medium, \$5@5.50; cows and heifers, good to choice, \$5@5.50; fair to medium, \$4.25@4.75; bulls, \$3.50@4.25; stags, 4.50@5; calves, light, \$6@7; heavy, \$4.50@5.50.

Hogs—Top, \$10.25@10.55; fair to medium, \$9.25@9.55.

Sheep—Best wethers, \$4@4.25; fair to good wethers \$3.50@4; best ewes, \$3.25@3.50; lambs choice \$6@7; fair \$5@6.

DOMAIN IS GIVEN BACK.

Thousands of Acres Are Made Available in Western States.

Washington, May 23.—Temporary withdrawals from the public domain for power sites were made by Secretary Ballinger today of approximately 3,440 acres along the John Day river, in Oregon; 5,547 acres along the Wind river in Wyoming; 8,620 acres along the Price river, in Utah; and 600 acres along the Blue river, in Colorado. Large tracts of land in Montana and New Mexico were designated for settlement under the enlarged homestead act.

About 69,130 acres in the former state were placed within the terms of that act and approximately 57,236 acres in the latter were so designated as not being susceptible of successful irrigation at a reasonable cost from any known source of water supply.

An aggregate of nearly 100,000 acres have been thrown out of national forests in Oregon and added to the unreserved public domain by the latest proclamations issued by the president in carrying out the plan recently adopted for rearranging the forest boundary lines.

The following shows the total eliminations from each of four national forests in that state: Malheur, 4,485 acres; Whitman, 61,756 acres; Deschutes, 16,152 acres, and Umatilla, 69,518 acres.

The total eliminations in the entire country amount to 721,714 acres, and the total additions to national forests aggregate 199,003 acres.

DUO TO SURRENDER.

Nicaraguan Rebels Surrounded and Supplies Captured.

Bluefields, Nicaragua, May 23.—"Have enemy completely surrounded and cut off from ammunition and provisions. Expect surrender at any time."

This was the message that came to General Juan Estrada, leader of the insurgent forces, from General Mena today.

The Estrada forces, under Mena, according to the plan which had been decided upon, executed their first move yesterday afternoon at Rama.

General Almendra allowed General Chavarrias, of the Madriz forces, to close upon Rama, when he moved a small body of his forces in a feint to attack Chavarrias' forces. At the same time General Mena, at the head of an insurgent detachment, made a forced march from Muelle de Bueys, a distance of 40 miles west of Rama, and attacked Chavarrias' ammunition and provision train.

The entire train, with 200,000 rounds of ammunition and a large amount of provisions, was captured, and General Chavarrias' supplies. General Chavarrias now holds a position facing Rama, with General Almendra close behind him.

COOL HEADS AVERT PANIC.

Blaze Devours Circus Tent, But 15,000 People Are Unhurt.

Schenectady, N. Y., May 23.—Barnum & Bailey's "big top," the main tent of the circus, caught fire here today from a cigar stump and burned like an overturned hot air balloon.

Fifteen thousand people, who filled the seats to overflowing, fled out like school children at drill.

Spectators first smelled the smoke, and discovering the fire, began to beat it with their coats. The blaze leaped above their heads and the next effort to conquer it came from circus employees, who began to tear out huge patches of canvas. Their efforts met with no better success, for the fire, eating upward, soon worked its way to the top of the tent.

Energetic men and cool women in the crowd, aided the employees, assumed direction of the audience and orderly files were soon moving steadily from the exits. When a woman fainted or a child shrieked, shouts of reassurance and strong arms were instantly ready for support.

Not a soul was hurt, not an animal injured. The total damage is estimated at \$10,000.

Giant Merger for Chicago.

Chicago, May 23.—Railway interests of Chicago are considering the advisability of organizing a \$100,000,000 corporation for the purpose of consolidating under one ownership and under one management all of the belt railroads, all of the switching railroads, and all of the so-called terminal railroads in and about Chicago.

This gigantic financial undertaking, which undoubtedly would effect for Chicago an annual economy aggregating many millions, is in its first stages—that of careful study and consideration.

New Gold Strike is Made.

Weaverville, Cal., May 23.—Gold in large quantities has been reported in the Jewel Creek canyon near Minersville and all the ground in the immediate vicinity of the little stream has been staked out by prospectors. Charles Jewel, who had been prospecting on Jewel creek for some time, struck a pocket which yielded \$6,000 in seven days. Some of the pans he washed gave him as high as \$100. Many have gone to the scene of the strike.

Strikers Return Monday.

New York, May 23.—All the striking employes of the International Paper company returned to work this morning. Terms of agreement were entered into between officers of the company and the officers of the pulp makers' and paper makers' unions.

KING GEORGE V PARDONS MANY

Ancient Customs of New Rulers Freely Indulged In

Remission of Sentences Extends Also to Army and Navy—Will Insist on Action by Parliament.

London, May 24.—A demonstration of a monarch's greatness of heart and his sympathy with the multitudes of his subjects characterized this, the second day of the real reign of King George V.

It was announced officially that the king was graciously pleased to grant remission of sentences to prisoners in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland who tomorrow have still more than a month's sentence in prison to serve.

These remissions are of from one to three months, according to length of sentences.

Similar orders were issued to the board of admiralty by the king's direction. To all persons in the navy who are under sentence of imprisonment for terms of not exceeding three months for disciplinary offenses, including drunkenness and desertion, will be granted remission of the remainder of their sentence.

A similar act of clemency has been issued in the case of soldiers.

Kaiser Wilhelm will leave tomorrow afternoon on board the yacht Hohenzollern. He lunched today with the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and later with King George indulged in a long automobile ride about London.

The political truce hoped for will probably not continue as long as was expected. When parliament meets this week speeches by John Redmond and others of the factions combined with the Liberals will indicate an intention to press the issue of the Lord's veto and Ireland's demand as soon as possible.

It is announced that King George intends to maintain royal racing stables at Newmarket and a breeding stud at Sandringham and that he will patronize racing on the same extensive scale as his father.

PRINCETON EXPECTS GIFT OF \$10,000,000

Salem, Mass., May 24.—While the value of immense gifts bequeathed to Princeton by the will of the late Isaac C. Wyman is estimated at \$10,000,000, its exact amount is unknown, even to the trustees. John M. Raymond, an attorney of this city, who is one of the trustees, does not think the estate would exceed \$10,000,000, and he was not prepared to say whether it would equal it.

"There are millions enough," he admitted, "to take care of the needs of the proposed graduate college for which, under the terms of the will, the money is designed."

CHERRIES \$6,000 A CAR.

California Growers Are Obtaining Record Prices.

Stockton, Cal., May 24.—Cherry growers are making more money this season than at any time they have been in the business.

The present crop of Black Tartarins is about marketed and this week Royal Ann will begin to arrive and buyers promise 7 cents for that variety, though they may have to pay higher prices for Black Tartarins. The past few days at 5 cents a pound, and at times the price went up to 8 cents, finally reaching the top figure of 9 1/2 cents yesterday.

If the Royal Ann prices drop, growers look for the canneries to get into the market, but just now the only buyers are the shippers, who are taking all the cherries offered. At these high prices cherries are worth \$6,000 a car.

Strange Airship Seen.

Springfield, O., May 24.—Residents of this city returning home tonight were greatly surprised to see flying overhead some great air craft carrying a bright red light. The craft was so far above the earth that it could not be distinguished, but the whirr of the engine could be distinctly heard. It was believed to be one of the Wright Brothers' machines, as it came from the East and was making toward the West at a very fast rate of speed. Grille Wright said he knew nothing of the machine, however.

Meteor Follows Comet.

Fort Smith, Ark., May 26.—A metallic substance, believed by many to be a meteor, was brought here today from the farm of James J. Johnson, near Rock Island, Okla., 20 miles southwest of here. Members of Johnson's family say the specimen fell Sunday night, burying itself 20 feet in the ground. They say the metal was still warm when it was found. The substance is about the size of an anvil and weighs 150 lbs. It is as hard as steel.

Snow Sweeps New Mexico.

Albuquerque, N. M., May 24.—Northwestern New Mexico is in the grip of a heavy snow storm tonight. The storm, evidently a continuation of the one which swept Southwestern Colorado, yesterday, is centered at Folsom. It is expected that great loss of livestock will result.