

# THE QUICKENING

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CHAPTER XIII.—(Continued.)  
The mile walk down the pike, lit by white and ghostly under the starlight, was paced in silence, man and boy, striding side by side and each busy with his own thoughts. As they were passing the Deer Trace gates a loose-jointed figure loomed black against the pinnings, and the voice of Japheth Pettigrass said:

"Why, howdy, Brother Silas! Thought you'd gone back to South Tredgar. When are you comin' out to Little Zear again to give us another of them old-fashioned, spiritual times of refreshin' from the presence of the Lord?"

"Why do you ask that, Japheth Pettigrass? The Lord will deal with you, one day."

"Yes, I reckon so; that's what makes me say what I do. There's a heap of sinners laid round here, yet, Brother Silas. There's the Major, for one, and I know you're always countin' me in for another. I dunno but you might snatch me as a brand from the burnin'. If you could make out to try it one more lap around the course, I be thinkin' right p'inted about you."

But the preacher had cut in with a curt "Good-night," and was gone, with his broad-shouldered nephew at his heels; and the horse-trader went on, with the stars for his audience.

Pettigrass was groping for the gate latch when a hand fell on his shoulder, and a clutch that was more than half a blow twisted him about to face the roadward. He was doubling his fists for defense when he saw who his assailant was.

"Why, Tom-Jeff! what's allin' yer?" he began; but Tom broke in with gasps of rage.

"Japheth Pettigrass, what did you think you saw last Wednesday forenoon yonder at Big Rock Spring on the mountain? Tell it straight, this time, or I'll dig the truth out of you with my bare hands!"

"Sho, now, Tom-Jeff; don't you git so servigious over nothin'. I didn't see nothin' but a couple of young fiddlers playin' possum in a hole in the big rock. And I'll leave it to you if I didn't call Caesar off and go my ways, jes' like I'd like to be done by."

"Yes; and then you came straight down here and told my uncle! The hand he had behind his back when he came to the front clatching a stone snatched up from the mottling of the pike as he ran. 'If I should break your face in with this, Japheth Pettigrass, it wouldn't be any more than you've earned!'"

"I tell Brother Silas on you, Tom-Jeff! You show me the man 'at says I done any such low-down thing as that, and I'll frazzle a fifty-dollar sawship out on his ornery hide, and will, so. Say, boy, don't you certain believe that 'o me, do ye?"

"I don't want to believe it of you, Japheth," quavered Tom, as near to tears as the pride of his eighteen years would sanction. "But somebody saw and told, and made it a heap worse than it was."

"Who do you reckon it was told on you? Was there anybody else in the big woods that mornin'?"

"Yes; there were three men testin' the pipe-line. We both saw them, and Nan was scared stiff at sight of one of them; that's why I put her up in that hole."

Meanwhile, ruin was imminent. The affairs of the company were in the utmost confusion; the treasury was empty, and there were no apparent assets apart from the idle plant. Creditors were pressing; the discharged workmen, led by the white coal-miners, were on the verge of riot; and Major Dabney's royalties on the coal lands were many months in arrears.

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## CURRENT EVENTS OF THE WEEK

### Joings of the World at Large Told in Brief.

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

A German aeronaut is leading in the international balloon race.

Hurricane sweeps Florida, causing heavy property loss and many casualties.

A woman has been arrested as an accessory in the Los Angeles Times dynamiting case.

Roosevelt did some "explaining" in his political speeches and his friends fear he is losing ground.

At a banquet given in Chicago to steel magnates, it is estimated that seven billions of wealth was represented.

A donkey engine set fire to the new Madison street bridge in Portland and caused considerable damage. The bridge is not yet finished.

Walter Wellman and his crew of five men were forced to abandon their airship, en route to Europe from America, and were rescued by a passing steamer.

A Tacoma man has just celebrated his 100th birthday. He is in good health. He can trace his ancestry directly back to Sir Thomas Cox, first lord mayor of Cork, Ireland.

In a practical test on a sample Oregon ballot, one man required 15 minutes to mark his ballot, and fear is expressed that many will be unable to get into the voting places at the coming election.

Willard Stephen Whitmore, inventor of the papier mache matrix for making stereotypic printing plates, is dead. He received no benefit from his invention, although it is now in use in every civilized country in the world.

The political situation in Iowa is so complicated that both parties are worried.

Julia Ward Howe, authoress and philanthropist, is dead at the age of 91 years.

William Vaughn Moody, noted playwright and author of "The Great Divide," is dead.

The Portland Railway, Light & Power company declared a dividend of \$650,000 in one year.

No recount of the census of Portland has been ordered, and none is contemplated by the census officials.

A general rain and wind storm on the Gulf struck Havana and caused immense loss of life and property.

New York art dealers arrested for undervaluing imports, claim that they more often overvalue their goods, as they can then sell them for more.

The railroad strike in France has been called off and the employes granted a substantial raise. Paris was completely terrorized by the use of bombs.

An auto struck a go-cart in Spokane, and smashed it to splinters, but the baby was snatched from the cart by its mother and escaped without a scratch.

The first arrest has been made for setting fires. William Longfellow was captured by California officers for setting fire in the Klamath reserve.

A thoroughbred prize-winning bulldog in Spokane gave a fire alarm by persistent barking and what might have been a serious conflagration was averted.

The steam schooner Santa Monica, with about 40 passengers on board, was picked up helpless at sea and towed to Seattle. Her machinery had broken down.

A world-wide steel trust may soon be a reality.

Key West Suffers Heavily. The tropical hurricane that has been sweeping over the West Indies and Southern waters for five days took Key West in its grip and tore away the roofs of houses, shook a number of buildings from their foundations, blew vessels from their moorings and did other damage, the extent of which cannot yet be estimated. But three lives were reported lost, a negro and two children being drowned. The first mutterings of the storm were heard five days ago, when the wind rose and there was a deluge of rain.

Arizona Would Be Radical. Phoenix, Ariz.—Making up for time lost in getting ready for business, delegates in the constitutional convention introduced 28 proposals. One of these would render all public offices subject to recall. Two provide drastic incorporation regulations designed to curb speculation and stop the thriving trade in Arizona charters. Others will limit the number of bills introduced in the legislature and restrict the railroad commission of the new state to five members, who would not have free transportation.

Henny Mourned Greatly. Cordova, Alaska.—The stillness of Arctic night reigned throughout Cordova and the great Copper River valley for an hour on Tuesday, October 13, in respect to the memory of Michael J. Henny, founder of Cordova and builder of the two great Alaska rail ways. On the Copper River railroad, which is under construction, train service was suspended, and 2,000 men laid down their picks and shovels and attended memorial services.

Lava Floods Samoan Isle. Victoria, B. C.—The volcanic eruption of Mount Savi, on Upolu, Samoa, continues with unabated intensity, according to advices received by the government of New Zealand. Large streams of lava, flowing from the crater, have swept down upon the farm lands and many estates have been destroyed. No loss of life has been reported.

## HURRICANE SWEEPS FLORIDA

Sea Rashes Over Walls and Many Buildings Crumble.

Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 19.—Storms last night and tonight swept the entire Florida peninsula, doing damage estimated at several million dollars.

Forty thousand square miles of territory south of Jacksonville has been without communication with the outside world for more than 24 hours. Last reports told of hurricane winds and rapidly falling barometers. The orange crop in that territory and vast trucking industries probably are ruined.

Along the Eastern coast many lives are believed to have been lost and the property damage is believed to be great.

The maximum wind velocity, 70 miles an hour, was recorded here at 7 o'clock tonight, when the center of the disturbance appeared to have passed up the Atlantic coast toward Savannah. Maycock, at the mouth of the Johns River, endured a wind of 80 or 90 miles an hour and half the houses there have been wrecked. The population of Maycock is 700.

There has been no communication with any point south of Jacksonville, except St. Augustine, since late today, and all wires north but one were severed shortly before dark.

A heavy downpour accompanied by high winds is reported at St. Augustine houses in the business section were flooded at low tide with promise of immense damage to business property when the high tide came. The city is in darkness, a gale still blowing, and at 6 o'clock the seas were over the sea wall.

Not a word has come from Tampa since 4:20 a. m., and the telegraph companies do not expect to restore communication before tomorrow. The damage will be the greatest in the interior, where the storm came upon the people with little warning.

## WELLMAN AIRSHIP LOST; CREW SAVED BY STEAMER

New York.—The New York Times received a wireless saying that Walter Wellman and his companions aboard the airship that started to fly from America to Europe, were rescued by the Royal Mail steamer Trent.

News of the rescue came by wireless from Captain Downs, of the Trent, in a message which read:

"At 5 o'clock this morning we sighted Wellman's airship America in distress. They signalled by the Morse code that help was required.

"After three hours of maneuvering with fresh winds blowing we picked up Wellman and the entire crew and the cat. All are now safe aboard the Trent. All are well. The America was abandoned in latitude 35°43 north, longitude 68°18 west."

This point is east of Cape Hatteras, and half way to Bermuda.

The cat referred to was the America's mascot, placed aboard by Mrs. Vaniman, wife of the chief engineer of the airship. Captain Downs gave no other particulars.

## BALLOONS MAKE GOOD TIME

German in Lead, With Four Others Close By.

St. Louis, Oct. 19.—Heading straight for Ontario, across the Great Lakes, along the best balloon route in America, Captain von Abercron, the famous German pilot, with his balloon, Germania, is believed to be leading in the international race for the James Gordon Bennett cup which started from this city late yesterday afternoon.

Somewhere within the radius of 100 miles, over Lake Huron, dispatches indicate that the America II, the Swiss Helvetia and Azura, the French Isle de France and the German Hamburg III and Dusseldorf II are keeping close company with the leader.

H. E. Honeywell, in the St. Louis No. 4, landed tonight near Hillman, Mich. They had run out of ballast. Nothing definite had been heard at a late hour from Colonel Theodore S. Schaeck, in the Helvetia, or Lieutenant Messner, in the Azura.

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Crater Lake Gets Trout. Klamath Falls.—Fifty thousand young rainbow trout fry were placed in Crater Lake recently by Alfred Parkhurst, president of the Crater Lake company, which is operating a hotel and tourist resort at the rim of the lake. These fry were brought from the Oregon City hatchery in an automobile. Several times during the past five years a small number of fry have been put into this lake and now the waters teem with fish.

Big Squashes at Athens. Athens.—A 64-pound squash, grown by Andy Weaver and J. E. Froome of the Cass Cannon tract south of Main street, is the centerpiece for an attractive window display in the Musgrove Mercantile store in this city. It has a companion weighing 52½ pounds.

## INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

ATTENDANCE INCREASED.

CHICKS THRIVE IN SOUTH.

Students at O. A. C. 1011, and a Possibility of 2000.

Corvallis.—The attendance at Oregon Agricultural college has increased twenty-four per cent over that of last year. Up to date 1,011 students have matriculated. They are registered from every county in Oregon, eighteen states of the Union, and eight foreign countries. Benton county leads the list with 174 students, and Multnomah comes next with 127. Linn county sends 99, Marion 36, Lane 34, Douglas 33, Washington 23, Yamhill 13, Jackson 25, Clackamas 21, Clatsop 18, Umatilla 17, Polk 20, Lincoln 15 and other counties from 2 to 14.

Students have come to the college this fall from 23 foreign and 100 native sites located in all parts of the world. They come from such institutions as the universities of Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Columbia, and from the Agricultural colleges of Michigan, Colorado, Oklahoma and Kansas. One man from India who has degrees from the schools of India and the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, has registered here in order to get special work in horticulture. Dean Cordley, of the school of agriculture, reports an exceptional growth in that work. He states that the Freshman class has increased 63 per cent; the Junior class 50 per cent; the Senior class 90 per cent; special students 50 per cent and graduate students 100 per cent.

In speaking of the increase in attendance President Kerr said: "I am convinced that the total registration for the year will reach 1,800 and possibly 2,000. I am particularly impressed by the large growth in the school of agriculture and in the great number of graduate and special students who are coming to us from other institutions."

Big Sum Secured. State Land Agent's Sales for Two Years Bring \$629,697.

Salem.—Peter Applegate, state land agent, has submitted his first letter of transmittal to Governor Benson and in it is shown that gross sales during the time covered by his report, October 1, 1908, to October 12, 1910, amounted to \$629,697.30.

The letter of transmittal is as follows: "At the time I took charge of the office of state land agent the price for which the state selected indemnity lands was \$8.75 per acre. This price was advanced on October 12, 1909, to \$10 per acre; on February 4, 1910, to \$13 per acre; and on April 12, 1910, to the present price of \$15 per acre.

"The state pays filing, advertising and other fees incidental to indemnity selections whenever the selection is for ten acres or over. When a selection is for less than ten acres, the applicant pays the fees. The amount of these fees paid by the state during the period covered by this report is \$7,307.87, a cost of about 11 cents per acre on the 65,850.77 acres selected during this period.

43,683.64 acres were sold at \$8.75 per acre, 15,020.35 acres were sold at \$10 per acre, 4,968.89 acres were sold at \$13 per acre, 2,177.89 acres were sold at \$15 per acre. "The gross amount of sales is \$629,697.30.

"There are about 47,000 acres of land still on hand to dispose of, which is being used as base by the state at \$15 per acre.

Apple Market Sought. Commercial exploitation of Oregon's famous apples will be started at once by the Northwestern Fruit & Canning Co. in the Middle Western and Southern states. At a recent meeting of the exchange it was decided to put four salesmen in the field and to sell Northwest apples where they have never been heard of, but where they have never been sold before.

The campaign will be directed especially to the wholesale grocery trade, and it is expected that there will be opened up a wide territory heretofore undeveloped on Northwest fruit. The campaign will be the first of its kind ever inaugurated by the exchange in the interest of the industry.

Plans are being formulated for the co-operation of the exchange with its local constituents for the betterment of the pack and grade of apples and to bring about an improvement in the practical working conditions of the business.

Sawmill at Gold Beach. Marshfield.—Charles H. Barbot, of Appleton, Wis., who has been looking over the country, announces that he will build a sawmill near Gold Beach. He has gone to San Francisco to purchase the machinery and has obtained timber to supply the mill. In connection with the sawmill there will be a saw and wood factory, so the plant can turn out anything that is needed in the building line. Another improvement to be made in Curry county is a \$3,000 school house to be erected at Gold Beach.

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Medford Climate Ideal for Raising Poultry, Says Expert.

Medford.—Manager Malboeuf, of the Medford Commercial club, is in receipt of a letter from James Dryden, professor of chicken husbandry at Oregon Agricultural college, in which the professor lauds the climate and soil of the Rogue river valley from the chicken raising point of view, and urges that more enter the field of production. The letter in part is as follows: "I know of no place in the United States that is more favorable in a climatic way for the raising of poultry than the Rogue river valley. You have no extremes of temperature, a moderate rainfall, little snow and abundant sunshine. You have all the natural advantages of soil and climate. Poultry may be successfully kept in orchards, and there are advantages of such combination, but you have large tracts outside of your orchard land that are bringing in little or no revenue now, that might be devoted to poultry raising. I have in mind a farm of 120 acres, too poor for crop, that is producing over \$10,000 a year in poultry and eggs, and the same thing could be done on waste land in Southern Oregon that has practically no market value at the present time. I prepared a book for the Portland Commercial club on poultry raising in Oregon, which I believe is now being printed. In this I refer to conditions in Southern Oregon, and you may get some points from it that you can use to advantage in your community."

Farmers Plan Big Project. Sumpter.—The farmers of Burnt River valley in the vicinity of Unity held a public meeting at that place to discuss the development of a more extensive irrigation project for the valley. The plan as proposed is to bond the land to be watered to raise funds to build dams and reservoirs and make other improvements. It is thought \$100,000 will be ample to complete the work, and it will be an easy matter to raise that amount of money. There is much enthusiasm amongst the Burnt River farmers over the project.

Attendance is Larger. Salem.—Registration for the law school of Willamette university will be much larger than it was last year, according to Dean Charles L. McNary of that school. Students have registered from Massachusetts, North Dakota, Minnesota and Nevada. All of last year's faculty will be retained with the addition of Roy F. Shields, who will have charge of instruction in the department of sales. It is probable that the registration will go over 50.

Build Big Wool Warehouse. Lakeview.—Work has commenced on the big warehouse for the Lakeview Wool Storage company. The building is located directly west of the high school grounds, and will be 73x100 feet in size. It will have a capacity of 1,000,000 pounds. The building will be so arranged that every sack of wool that is stored can be inspected by the intending purchaser, and buyers will then be able to make an intelligent offer.

PORTLAND MARKETS. Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, 88c; club, 83c; red Russian, 82½c; valley, 87c; 40-fold, 85c. Barley—Feed, \$21.50@22 per ton; brewing, \$23. Millstuffs—Bran, \$25 per ton; middlings, \$33; shorts, \$27; rolled barley, \$24.50@25.50. Hay—Track prices: Timothy, Willamette valley, \$16@17 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$22; alfalfa, east, \$15@16; grain hay, \$14. Corn—Whole, \$23; cracked, \$33 ton. Oats—White, \$28. Green Fruits—Apples, new, 60c@ \$1.50 per box; pears, \$1@2; peaches, 85c@1 per crate; grapes, 75c@1.25 per box, 15c per basket; cranberries, \$8.10@9.50 per barrel; huckleberries, 75c per pound; quinces, \$1@1.25 per bush; watermelons, \$1@1.50 per dozen. Vegetables—Cauliflower, 50c@1.25 per dozen; celery, 50c@60c; corn, 12@15c; cucumbers, 25c@40c per box; eggplant, \$1@1.25 per crate; garlic, 8@10c per pound; green onions, 15c per dozen; peppers, 6c per pound; pumpkins, 1¼c; radishes, 15c@20c per dozen; sprouts, 7@8c; squash, 1¼c per pound; tomatoes, 16c@50c per box; carrots, \$1@1.25 per hundred; parsnips, \$1@1.25; turnips, 4@4.25. Potatoes—Oregon, \$1.25 hundred. Onions—Oregon, buying price, \$1.10 per hundred. Poultry—Hens, 17c; springs, 16@16½c; ducks, white, 17@17½c; geese, 11c; turkeys, live, 19@20c; dressed, 22½@25c; squabs, \$2 per dozen. Butter—City creamery, solid pack, 36c per pound; prints, 27@37½c; outside creamery, 35@36c; butter fat, 36c; country butter, 24@25c. Eggs—Oregon, candied, 34@35c per dozen; Eastern, 26@32c. Pork—Fancy, 15c per pound. Veal—Fancy, 85 to 125 pounds, 13@13½c per pound. Hops—1910 crop, 10@12½c; 1909, nominal; olds, nominal. Wool—Eastern Oregon, 13@17c per pound; valley, 17@19c; mohair, choice, \$2@3. Cattle—Beef steers, good to choice, \$5@5.50; fair to medium, \$4.50@5; choice spayed heifers, \$4.50@4.75; good to choice beef cows, \$4.25@4.50; medium to good beef cows, \$3.50@4; common beef cows, \$2@3.50; bulls, \$3.50@4; stags, good to choice, \$4@4.50; calves, light, \$6.50@7; heavy, \$3.75@5. Hogs—Top, \$9.75@10.15; fair to medium, \$9.50@9.75. Sheep—Best valley wethers, \$3.25@3.50; fair to good wethers, \$3@3.25; best Mt. Adams wethers, \$4@4.25; best valley ewes, \$3@3.50; lambs, choice, Mt. Adams, \$5.25@5.50; choice valley, \$5@5.25.

"What has become of our poets?" asked the literary editor, sadly. "Those that haven't starved to death are working for the advertising agencies," remarked the sporting editor.—Philadelphia Record.