

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.

The senate has voted for campaign publicity and a limit on election expenses.

A rival of Lumberman Hines says the latter boasted that he personally elected Senator Lorimer.

Canada is threatened with a coal famine, owing to the strike of miners at the Crow's Nest collieries.

Louisiana sugar planters declare the free importation of sugar would mean the death of that industry in the South.

Every boy and girl in Portland under 10 years of age will be given a free auto ride by the Portland auto club on July 26.

It is asserted that the alleged Controller Bay coal scandal in Alaska is purely a concoction of two or three professional muckrakers.

Tacoma city officers have neglected to collect about \$35,000 in city liquor licenses, besides \$3 each from the 82 drug stores who deal in ice cream, etc.

Portland citizens are prohibited from using city water for irrigation except for three hours each morning, owing to a shortage in the supply.

For the week beginning Aug. 15, New York women will abstain from ice cream, fancy cooling drinks, roof garden parties, etc., and turn over all the money saved to the suffragettes of California.

It is said the Hamburg-American Steamship company is negotiating for the purchase of a large tract of land at Portland, including 2,000 feet of water frontage, for the purpose of establishing a great trans-Pacific steamer service.

Wholesale lumber dealers are to be investigated by the government.

Forest fires in Northern Ontario are reported under control, with at least 400 dead.

Railroads are placing big orders for cars and locomotives.

A Salem, Or., minister has married members of three generations of the same family.

A potato price war occurred at Spokane and the tubers retailed at 30 pounds for 25 cents.

A San Francisco policeman died from the effects of being struck on the head by a baseball.

Governor Deenon, of Illinois, emphatically denies that he helped Lorimer's election to the senate.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, 94¢95¢; club, 81¢; Russian, 80¢; valley, 81¢; 40-fold, 81¢.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$24.50@25 per ton; middlings, \$31; shorts, \$25.50@26; rolled barley, \$29@30.

Barley—Choice feed, \$25.50@26 per ton.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$26@27 per ton. Hay—Timothy, new, \$10@12; old, \$18@21; alfalfa, new, \$12.50; clover, new, \$8.50@9; grain hay, new, \$11.

Fresh fruits—Cherries, 34¢@39 per pound; apricots, \$1.25@1.50 per crate; cantaloupes, \$2.50 per crate; peaches, 85¢@1.25 per crate; watermelons, 2¢@2½ per pound; plums, \$1.50 per crate; raspberries, \$1@1.65 per crate; loganberries, \$1@1.35 per crate; blackcaps, \$1.50@1.65; plums, \$1.50@1.75 per box; prunes, \$1.50@1.75 per box; blackberries, \$1.50@1.65; currants, 10¢ per pound; gooseberries, 7¢; new apples, \$1.75@2 per box.

Vegetables—Asparagus, 75¢@85¢ per dozen; beans, 6¢@10¢ per pound; cabbage, \$2@2.25 per hundred-weight; corn, 40¢@50¢ per dozen; cucumbers, \$1@1.25 per box; eggplant, 15¢ per pound; garlic, 10¢@12¢ per pound; lettuce, 30¢@35¢ per dozen; hot-house lettuce, \$1.25@1.75 per box; peas, 4¢@5¢ per pound; peppers, 12¢@15¢ per pound; radishes, 12¢ per dozen; rhubarb, 24¢@30¢ per pound; tomatoes, \$1.75@2 per box; new carrots, \$2 per sack; turnips, \$2; beets, \$2.

Potatoes—New Oregon, 24¢@2½ per pound; new California, 24¢@3¢.

Onions—Red, \$1.75; white, \$2 per hundred.

Poultry—Hens, 15¢@15½; springs, 18¢@20¢; ducks, young, 14¢@15¢; geese, 11¢; turkeys, 20¢; dressed, choice, 25¢.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, candled, 24¢@25¢ per dozen.

Butter—City creamery extra, 1 and 2 pound prints, in boxes, 26¢ per pound; less than box lots, cartons and delivery extra.

Pork—Fancy 9¢@10¢ per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 11¢@12¢ per pound.

Cattle—Prime hay-fed steers, 36¢@6.25; choice, \$5.75@6; fair to good, \$5.25@5.50; common, \$5@5.25; prime cows, \$5.25@5.50; good to choice, \$4.75@5; fair, \$4.50@4.75; choice heifers, \$5@5.50; choice bulls, \$4.25@4.75; choice light calves, \$7@7.50; good, \$6.75@7; choice heavy calves \$5@5.50; choice stags, \$5@5.50; good, \$4.75@5.

Hogs—Choice, \$7@7.25; good, \$6.70@7; choice to heavy, \$6.35@6.50; common, \$5@6; stock hogs, \$6.75@7.50.

Sheep—Choice spring lambs, \$5@6; choice yearlings, \$3.75@4; good, \$3.75@3.75; fair, \$3@3.50; choice ewes, \$2.75@3; good, \$2.50@2.75; fair, \$2.25@2.50; good to choice heavy wethers, \$3.50@3.75; old heavy wethers, \$3@3.50; mixed lots, \$4@5.

Hops—1911 contracts, 25¢ per pound; 1910 crop, 25¢; 1909 crop, 15¢@19¢; old, 8¢@10¢.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 9¢@16¢ per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 15¢@17¢ per pound; mohair, choice, 36¢@37¢ per pound.

BATTLESHIP MAINE EXPOSED.

Bottom of Craft is Bent Upward—Hull Deep in Mud.

Havana, July 19.—The process of removing the water surrounding the wreck of the Maine was virtually completed this afternoon, when the water in the cofferdam was lowered, leaving the wreck surrounded by islets of mud and slime. The depth at no place is greater than four feet.

The engineers are now confronted with the serious problem of removing the mud in which the remains of the battleship are embedded from a minimum of 37 feet to a depth that can only be conjectured.

Although the water is now only two feet lower than in previous pumping operations, revelations regarding the shattered hull have been vastly enlarged by the outspreading of the distorted frames and plating, especially in the forward section where the explosion was most felt.

The structure of the bow as far aft as frame 18 is now exposed, permitting an analysis of the plates, beams, ribs, etc., and it has been shown conclusively that they originally belonged to the structure of the double bottom, which is now elevated to a height of about 40 feet above the normal position, apparently giving confirmatory evidence of a tremendous exterior explosion.

To this view, however, the engineers decline to commit themselves, merely admitting the identification of parts of the bottom of the ship.

GOLD SECRETS TOLD.

Mining Men in Big Convention at Grants Pass.

Grants Pass, Or., July 19.—This city is filled today with mining delegates and representative mining men from Northern California and Southern Oregon counties. The largest body of mining men that has gathered for one purpose in years is now here to disseminate mining knowledge and stimulate interest through a course of lectures that are inviting and instructive.

The big meeting was called to order by O. S. Blanchard, who gave an address of welcome. It was responded to by President Young, of the miners' association, who presided over the afternoon exercises. The principal lecture work fell upon W. S. Bacon, of Kerby; Dr. J. F. Reddy, of Medford; George C. Bennett, of Hornbrook, and L. D. Mahone, of Portland. The exercises will continue tonight in the opera house.

Hundreds of persons today passed through the exhibit room and saw what is probably the largest collection of minerals ever put on display in Oregon.

Gold and copper mining men say that the wealth of Southern Oregon and Northern California is here shown for the first time, as it should have been shown years ago.

CHOLERA HARD TO DETECT.

Disease Does Not Develop for Days, Making Fight Difficult.

New York, July 19.—How difficult it is to exclude cholera was brought out in testimony heard today at the investigation of Dr. Doty's administration. Emil Lederer, in charge of the storage department of the Hamburg-American line, testified that the first case of cholera on board the Moltke did not develop until 22 days after the passengers had first been quarantined in Italy.

All the immigrants at Genoa, Palermo and Naples, where cholera is now epidemic, had been held five days in quarantine before they were embarked and there was no sign of cholera among them when the ship sailed.

Dr. Doty said tonight that the situation in this port was encouraging and fears of a cholera invasion are being allayed.

Convicts Catch Convict.

Reno, Nev.—When Jim Antone, embezzler, escaped from the road gang of convicts near Carson Wednesday afternoon, W. A. Wilson, serving 20 years for murder, A. B. Nelson, serving eight years for horse stealing, and James Lyle, serving 10 years for manslaughter, headed a posse and captured him in the mountains. Antone, when captured, was roundly abused by the others for breaking his word not to escape. The convicts swore a next man that they would capture the next man who escaped.

Island Revolt is Halted

New York, July 19.—Uncle Sam's first official "discourager of revolutions" landed here today to report a successful mission in Porto Rico. He is Joseph R. Darling, special agent of the department of justice, and he has just told of having held trial General Carlos F. Morales, ex-president of the Santo Domingo republic, and General Maurice Jimenez, ex-vice president. They are charged with violating the neutrality laws in attempting to organize a military expedition against their country.

Bells Workers' Signal.

San Diego, Cal., July 19.—Senor Jose De Garcia Cruz, for 50 years bellringer at San Juan Capistrano mission, at midnight rang the bells in the mission welcome arch at the Santa Fe station here, thus officially opening the ground-breaking celebration of the Panama-California exposition. John Barrett, director of the Pan-American union, arrived in this city at noon today in his capacity as the personal representative of President Taft.

Public Drinking Cup Unlawful.

Lansing, Mich.—Dr. Robert L. Dixon, secretary of the state board of health, has notified all railroads, steamship lines and other companies in Michigan which have for their purpose the conveyance of the public, that they must discontinue the use of public drinking cups in their conveyances or places of business.

New Comet Being Traced.

Chicago—Nightly observations of the latest "celestial tramp," known as Kies' comet, are being taken at the Yerkes observatory by Professor Edwin B. Frost and Professor Sherburne Burnham. The new comet was picked up by the observatory at Williams Bay, July 8.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

CALL FOR APPLES FIRM.

Northwest Fruit Expert Sees Great Demand in East.

Hood River — "Over-production shouldn't worry the Northwestern apple-grower," said C. R. Greisen, assistant editor of Better Fruit, who has just returned from a tour that carried him to all of the larger cities of the United States.

"The problem to be worked out is that of distribution. Out of the 53 cities that I visited, in an astonishingly large number I found few apples on sale. In such places as Omaha, Denver, Kansas City and Des Moines the few apples that were on the market were selling at prices ranging from \$2.75 to \$4 a box. Practically the same conditions were found in every city except New York and Chicago.

"These cities are crowded with box apples. Any amount of apples could be bought on the streets of Chicago for \$1.25 a box. Chicago has storage in transit privileges and a hardship is worked on cities of the surrounding territory, which should be able to distribute fruit to adjacent territory far better than it can be distributed from the one point. For that reason, St. Louis, which should be equally as good a distributing point as Chicago, is handling practically no box apples.

"It was certainly a pleasure for me to behold the wonderful apples on the streets in New York. The Hood River Newtowns looked as handsome as any Newtowns Hood River has ever placed on exhibit. However, Hood River must keep up the splendid pack that has made it famous for all the sections of the Northwest are putting up a good pack."

Mr. Greisen said that red apples will meet with a far better demand than the yellow varieties. The demand will be better both in this country and abroad, he said, and he advises growers to set more orchards to red apples.

LANE PREPARES FOR FAIR.

County Society Will Erect Booths and Rent Stalls to Concessionaries.

Eugene—Enlargement of the pavilion on the grounds of the Lane County Agricultural society for the better accommodation of the Lane County Fair this fall was authorized at the meeting of the board of directors, and the painting of all the buildings was also directed. This year the board, instead of renting ground for concessionaries, will erect a number of uniform booths on the grounds, and rent the stalls to the concessionaries.

More attention will be given this year than last to the stock exhibit, and a committee has been appointed for the purpose of interesting every owner of registered stock in Lane county to bring this stock to the county fair.

The different grades of the county have taken the matter up and already are preparing collective exhibits. The county court has signified its intention of repeating its donation of last year to the fair, the money to be used exclusively in premiums.

Difficultly over the location of the district fair for Lane, Douglas and Coos counties several years ago, and since then Lane county has been holding a fair of its own, each year somewhat better than the previous one, until the good grounds and track have been secured, and very creditable exhibits made. The fair this year will be held September 20 to 24.

CHERRY YIELD IS HEAVY.

Hood River Valley Crop Being Shipped to All Parts Now.

Hood River—Although the small amount of cherries grown in the Hood River valley was cut short severely in a great portion of the community, the crop is yielding very heavily in some districts, and the Apple Growers' union has made a large number of small shipments. A branch 16 inches in length, cut from a tree in the Maxwell orchards on the West Side, contained 103 large-sized cherries.

Although but few orchardists make a specialty of growing small fruits, such as strawberries, those who do so have met with great success this year. The local market is supplied and the union finds a ready market for the gratifying surplus.

O. A. C. Building to Be Ready.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—By the opening of the college year, September 22, the new mechanic arts building, which will contain the foundry, plumbing and wood working shops, will be completed and the equipment ready for use. These three laboratories will virtually double the capacity of the present shops, and will make it possible for the college to make for itself much of the furniture and equipment necessary for the various buildings.

Cherry Packing is Studied.

Eugene—T. A. Seufert, of The Dalles, an extensive cherry grower, is in Eugene to investigate the manner in which Lane county cherries are prepared for the confectionery trade. He has contracts covering large acreage near The Dalles, and this year will have 4,000 cases of the fruit to dispose of as against a usual crop of 40,000 cases. He hopes next year to "process" his cherries, and ship them East in barrels as is done here. The Eugene plant is handling three carloads a day.

Eagle Point Patronizes New Bank.

Eagle Point—The First State bank opened its doors in Eagle Point the first of the week, and at the close of the first day \$8,000 had been deposited. Eagle Point is a town of 400 people and the First State is the only bank in it. A new two-story brick building, costing \$4,000, was constructed for its occupation and the example caused two similar buildings to go up in a previously "brickless" town.

Coos to Have Fair Exhibit.

Marshfield—Coos county is to be represented with a fine exhibit at the State Fair at Salem this year. Hereafter Coos has only been represented by individual entries in the dairy products. The chamber of commerce will pay the expenses of a representative from this city to look after the exhibit and will start at once gathering products of all kinds.

FIRST QUERY: "WHO WINS?"

Fans in Far Off Pribiloff Islands Get Wireless Luxury.

San Francisco, July 15.—The United States government employees on the Pribiloff islands are rejoicing today because they have been connected with the outside world by means of the wireless telegraph. And the first news that they asked to be flashed over the waves was: "Get us the standing of the clubs in the big leagues."

This report was quickly followed by another one of the same kind, as they had been without baseball gossip so long they could not get enough of the fodder on which so many thousands of fans feast every day. Not until the operator at Honolulu had exhausted his supply of baseball knowledge did the men on the island of St. Paul permit him to inform them of the important happenings in the political and commercial worlds.

Navy electricians and wireless experts had been sent north by the government on board the United States ship Buffalo to install a wireless station on the island of St. Paul. With the aid of the wireless station the fans on these lonely islands will now be able to keep tab on their favorite club in the race for the pennant.

EIGHTY-BUSHEL WHEAT FOUND

Government Completes Threshing 400 Varieties of Grain.

Chico, Cal.—The threshing of 400 varieties of grain has been completed at the government's big plant introduction gardens at this place, says Superintendent Beagles. Some varieties of wheat yielded at the rate of 80 bushels to the acre. This is about twice the average yield of common wheat throughout California's grain growing districts. The varieties produced especially heavily are Frietas and Chul wheats. H. F. Blanchard is the expert in charge of experiments in this department.

The propagation and budding of deciduous fruits are now being followed. Corn breeding is also under way. The pistachio nut, which is largely used by confectioners, is being shipped to Newman, Fresno and other plants.

GRAIN BAGS RUN SHORT.

Price of Few on Hand Soars, and Farmers Are Worried.

Walla Walla, Wash., July 15.—With grain bags at 8 cents and hard to get at that price, farmers fear they will have a shortage here this year that may cause damage before it ends.

There are few sacks now in the city and the penitentiary output is contracted for a month in advance.

Local dealers yesterday shoved the price to 8 cents and the state board of control notified the penitentiary officials soon afterwards that the price at that place should be raised. This makes the fourth raise in price this year, and it is expected that others will follow.

Carnegie Fund Finds Use.

New York, July 15.—The custodian of the \$10,000,000 Carnegie Peace Foundation announced today a campaign of popular education to establish friendly relations between the United States and Japan. The division of intercourse and education has arranged an exchange "to give to each people better knowledge of the other and to help build up a public opinion in both countries that will resist all attempts to arouse antagonism."

Under this plan, Dr. Inazo Nitobi, president of the first high college of Tokio, and one of Japan's foremost educators, will be here early in October to spend about six weeks each at Brown University, Columbia, Johns Hopkins and the Universities of Virginia, Illinois and Minnesota, lecturing on Japanese history and current problems.

Forest Fires Still Menace.

Boston, July 15.—The forest fire situation in New England continues serious. In the Moosehead lake region, where many thousands of acres of timber have been destroyed by the fires. Some sportsmen's camps are threatened but few people or buildings are in danger. In the neighborhood of York Beach, Me., more than 1,000 acres of timber have been burned over and the fire is advancing in a northerly direction. The fires in the vicinity of Concord, N. H., and Hope, R. I., are under control.

Aeronaut Drops in Sea.

Asbury Park, N. J.—N. J. Roberts, an aeronaut who started in a dirigible balloon to go from New York to Philadelphia, was found unconscious near Deal, N. J. When revived he said that in the night he was forced to pull the rip cord of his gas bag when his gasoline gave out and he found he was being carried out to sea. He dropped into the ocean half a mile from shore and by the aid of a plank swam and floated ashore. Roberts had made a landing 15 miles from New York and lost control in a squall.

Twain Estate \$471,136.

New York—Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens) left actual property worth \$471,136. An appraisal of his estate places this value on securities and real estate bequeathed to his only surviving child, Mrs. Gabriellwitz, which died on April 21, 1910. Clemens left no real estate in New York. The value of his personal estate here was \$296,748. This does not include a trunkful of manuscripts, the value of which is not specified in the appraisal.

Luzon Swept By Typhoon.

Manila, July 15.—Northern Luzon has been swept by a typhoon. All the wires are down and the observers believe it is the worst experienced in years. Details, because of the lack of communication, have not been received.

France in Treaty Mood.

Washington, D. C.—France, it is announced, is virtually ready to sign a general arbitration treaty with the United States, similar to the one with Great Britain.

HUNDREDS DIE IN FOREST FIRE

Property Loss Reaches Millions in Ontario, Canada.

Roads Strown With Bodies of Those Overcome by Heat and Smoke—Miners Trapped.

Toronto, July 13.—The loss of life in the Porcupine district, Northern Ontario, from yesterday's forest fires is known to be several hundred, and the property loss will reach several millions of dollars.

Only three of the 83 employees of the West Dome mine have been accounted for, and 200 miners, muckers, etc., in the Dome mine have been suffocated. The mines burned include the Dome, North Dome, Preston East Dome, Vipond, Foley O'Brien, Philadelphia, United Porcupine, El Dorado Porcupine, Standard, Imperial, West Dome and Success.

Among the dead are Robert E. Weiss, manager of the West Dome, and his wife and child.

The Philadelphia mine's loss is about \$50,000; United Porcupine, \$20,000; Eldorado Porcupine, all buildings destroyed; Standard, about \$40,000; Imperial, about \$35,000; Success, probably destroyed; West Dome, about \$75,000.

In four short hours, beginning yesterday noon, the fire swept from the Standard mine to the shores of Porcupine lake, where it destroyed South Porcupine, Pottsville and part of Glen City, as well as many small buildings along the lake front.

The greatest havoc was wrought around the main mines, notably the West Dome and Big Dome. There the entrapped miners, cut off from escape, were forced to take to the shafts, and, panned in by flames, perished. This was notably true at Dome and West Dome.

The streets of South Porcupine are strewn with dead persons, horses, dogs and cattle. Along the mine roads are the bodies of those overcome while trying to escape.

Along the highway between East Dome and South Porcupine, over a comparatively open section, were found six charred bodies. In the ruins of South Porcupine were found the bodies of William Gohr and his clerk, Captain George Runbar and Tom Geddes.

The miners saw dense clouds of smoke yesterday to the southwest, where the fires were raging. They gave little heed. A small blaze started in good view of the Porcupine townsite, but it passed almost unnoticed because of the recent frequency of bush fires.

It was not until noon that the dense smoke clouds began to roll over the Porcupine district. Then the miners became alarmed and camps took on unusual activities.

Messengers were sent out and soon returned with warnings that the fire was traveling through the forests at rapid speed and was licking up many townships.

Shortly after noon the fire had covered an area of 25 miles in length and two miles in width. In half an hour the flames were raging on the spot. Hundreds fled before the flames, but dense clouds of smoke hung low and made progress difficult. Many fell exhausted before the fire as it swept over South Porcupine. The frame buildings burned fiercely.

Two minutes after the flames struck the outskirts the town was in ruins. All who escaped made for the water where all sorts of water craft—launches, canoes and skiffs—were pressed into service.

Women and children were first hurried into small boats and started off for Pottsville and Golden City, where they were temporarily safe from the flames. Many miners lost their lives in efforts to save others.

Each Must Own License.

Hoquiam, Wash.—If an ordinance proposed to the city council here, and to be introduced regularly at the next meeting by Councilman Bridges, should become a law, every person in Hoquiam who takes a drink of spirituous refreshments will have to own a license, which he will present to the bartender before he is served. Mr. Bridges proposes to make it a misdemeanor for a saloonkeeper to sell liquor to anyone, or for anyone to buy it, who does not hold such a license.

Gaynor Orders Ice Probe.

New York—Mayor Gaynor has taken a hand in the ice famine. The mayor directed that policemen be sent out to ascertain whether the Knickerbocker Ice company is restricting the amount of ice it brings to the city daily, in order to enhance prices. Prices have risen from 200 to 300 per cent in the course of the hot spell.

One hundred men and women stormed the office of the Foster-Scott company yesterday: "Ice, give us ice. Many had sick children, dying for want of ice."

Company Assumes Loss.

Minneapolis, Minn.—According to F. P. Wells, vice president of the company, F. H. Peavey & Company will assume the liabilities of the Peavey Grain company, of Chicago, which suspended operations recently when a shortage of \$1,200,000 was discovered after the sudden death of its president, James Pettit. Mr. Wells said that the assets of F. H. Peavey & Company amount to two and a half times its liabilities.

Grain Rate is Slashed.

Seattle.—The Great Northern has announced a permanent reduction in freight tariffs on all grain shipments from points in Central and Eastern Washington to Puget Sound terminals. The reduction is from a half cent to two cents a hundred pounds. The new rates become effective August 15, when the grain in Central Washington will start moving.

FRANCE CEMENTS TIES.

Compliments Exchanged at Fetes of St. Die.

St. Die, France, July 18.—The Franco-American fetes in honor of the naming of America continued today. The United States Ambassador, Robert Bacon, and M. LeBrun, the French minister of colonies, after an automobile trip through the picturesque outskirts of the town, proceeded to the city hall, where the municipality gave a banquet in honor of the distinguished guests.

Mr. LeBrun proposed the health of the American ambassador. He spoke in English, saying the French government was glad to take part in the fetes because it afforded France an opportunity of responding to the expressions of sympathy for France in America, which were especially numerous this year, and of deducting from this sentiment a certain guarantee that no material difficulty could affect the bonds of confidence and friendship which united the two countries.

Ambassador Bacon said in reply that his presence at the fetes as a representative of his government proved that the United States had forgotten neither her baptism nor the sword which France threw into the scale for her independence. The celebration closed with an aviation exhibition at the aerodrome. Twenty thousand persons saw brilliant flights by Fommer and Nieuport.

HUNT LOST BONANZA.

8,500 Acres Will Be Searched—Carefully With Pick and Shovel.

Reno, Nev.—With the filing, Saturday, of papers granting a 10-year lease from the Sierra Nevada Wood & Lumber company to Colonel W. S. Prosky and associates, covering 8,500 acres, partly in Washoe county, promised the second chapter in the famous tradition of the hidden bonanza that for years has been the vain hope of countless prospectors. With the prosecution of a thorough search over the entire estate during the next ten years is linked the extreme probability that a mine will be found again that has in the past promised wonderful native copper and gold—free gold in ore worth \$100,000 to the ton.

The mine to be sought is the old Barclay mine that for fifty years has been talk of miners in the West. The estate is a part of the Hobart estate and the lease is the final triumph of men who were successful with the Hobart estate managers. Mining magnates, senators and financiers, after years of effort, gave up before the blunt refusal of the land owners.

Sufficient financial backing is apparent and already five experienced prospectors are laying out the tract in sections, each of which will be gone over, literally with the point of a pick, before the ten years of searching are up, unless the discovery is made before then.

One man knows the location of the mine and he won't tell. It is possible that the same man who in the face of a history of defeat secured the first lease from the Hobart estate, may be able to secure from him the map he has jealously guarded for 40 years.

FRUIT SUPPLIES SHORT.

California Shipments Show Deficiency of 1160 Cars.

Sacramento, Cal.—Manager McKevitt, of the California Fruit Distributors, says that shipments of fruit from this state so far this season have been disappointingly small. On July 14, 1910, the total shipments amounted to 2,460 cars. On the same day this year the total had reached only 1193. Allowing for 100 more cars owing to the increase of the minimum weight per car from 24,000 to 26,000 pounds, would give a total of 1,300 as compared with 2,460 last year, or little more than half.