

# 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.

One senator was killed at Paris and one at Sebastopol Tuesday.

President Taft will be officially informed of his nomination August 1.

Prospects of a huge wheat crop are sending the prices down in the Chicago markets.

Lorimer has decided to go back to Chicago and go to work. He may seek re-election.

President Taft sent a message of congratulation to the American athletes at Stockholm.

England's protest against the proposed Panama bill finds considerable support in the senate.

Two Klamath fishermen claim a trout weighing 11 pounds jumped into their boat on Lake Ewauna.

Three women bathers were drowned near Santa Cruz, Cal., while one of them was trying to save the other two.

The United States circuit court of appeals has decided that an Indian tribal marriage according to rites of the tribe is a legal marriage.

More Pullman cars were taken to and from Portland during the Elks convention week than were handled at Los Angeles during the convention in that city in 1909.

The United States court has limited the liability of the steamer San Pedro to \$16,600 for sinking the steamer Columbia off the California coast in 1907, when 80 lives were lost.

A woman rancher in California was bitten by a rattlesnake while irrigating her alfalfa field. She killed the snake and then walked a mile to her house and applied home remedies.

Hetty Green, the richest woman in the world, has joined the church at the age of 78 years.

Denver authorities turned down a bill for autos used to haul voters to the polls.

Canal tolls issue leads to protest from England, and a diplomatic struggle is on.

Puyallup valley, Washington, is calling loudly for harvest hands and berry pickers.

Two women were killed and a third badly injured by being run down by a Milwaukee train near Seattle.

Burglars stole some wine and several boxes of cigars from the residence of Bishop Scannell, in Omaha.

A plague of gnats hit Wenatchee, Wash., and surrounding country, many horses being seriously injured by the pests.

A three-hours conference has been arranged between Champ Clark and his successful rival for the Democratic nomination.

The big new Austrian dreadnaught, built at a cost of \$12,000,000, is found to be practically useless, owing to faulty designing and construction.

It is estimated that 10,000 Elks were in line in the grand parade in Portland. Street cars and railroads leading to the city did the heaviest traffic ever known.

President Mohler, of the Union Pacific, announces that an order has been given for \$2,000,000 worth of new rolling stock for the Union Pacific and Oregon Short Line.

### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Fresh Fruits—Cherries, 2@10c per pound; apples, old, \$1.50@3 per box; new, \$1.50@1.75; peaches, 55@75c; currants, \$1.50@1.75; plums, 90c@1.25; pears, \$1.75@2; apricots, \$1.25; grapes, \$2.50 per crate.

Berries—Raspberries, \$1.50 per crate; loganberries, \$1.25@1.50; black caps—\$1.50.

Melons—Cantaloupes, \$2.75 crate; watermelons, 1@11c per pound.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 65@75c per dozen; beans, 8@9c per pound; cabbage, 1@11c; cauliflower, \$1.25 per dozen; celery, 5@6 per crate; corn, 30c per dozen; cucumbers, \$1 per box; eggplant, 25c per pound; head lettuce, 12c dozen; peas, 8@9c pound; peppers, 12@15c; radishes, 15@20c dozen; spinach, 4@5c pound; garlic, 8@10c; carrots, \$1.75 sack; turnips, \$1.25.

Potatoes—Jobbing prices: Burbank, old, \$1@1.25 per hundred; new, per pound, 1@11c.

Onions—California red, \$1.25 sack; yellow, \$1.50.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, 88@89c; club, 84@85c; red Russian, 84@85c; valley, 84@85c; 40-fold, 84@85c.

Hay—Timothy, \$14@16.50; alfalfa, \$1.25; clover, \$1; oats and vetch, \$12; grain hay, \$9.

Millets—Brass, \$25.50 ton; shorts, \$25; middlings, \$32.

Corn—Whole, \$39; cracked, \$40 ton. Oats—No. 1 white, \$34@35 ton.

Eggs—Case count, 24c; candled, 25c; extras, 27c.

Butter—Oregon creamery, cubes, or solid pack, 28c pound; prints, 29c.

Pork—Fancy, 10@10 1/2 pound.

Veal—Fancy, 13@13 1/2 pound.

Poultry—Hens, 12c pound; broilers, 17@17 1/2; ducks, young, 10@11c; geese, 10@11c; turkeys, live, 18c; dressed, 24@25c.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$6.75@7; good, \$6@6.50; medium, \$5.75@6; choice cows, \$5.75@6.25; good, \$5.50@6.75; medium, \$5@5.50; choice calves, \$7@8.25; good heavy calves, \$6@6.50; bulls, \$3.50@5.10; stags, \$4.75@6.

Hogs—Light, \$8@8.35; heavy, \$6.25@7.

Sheep—Yearlings, \$3@4.25; wethers, \$3.90@4.50; ewes, \$3@3.75; lambs, \$4.50@5.50.

### BURDENS ON SETTLERS.

Senator Borah Proposes to Shift Cost of Failures.

Washington, D. C.—Shall settlers on government irrigation projects pay for the mistakes of the reclamation service, or shall that loss be saddled upon the government? That question was raised in the senate a few days ago and will be more extensively presented on behalf of the settlers by Senator Borah, of Idaho, who is now at work upon a speech on the subject.

Under the reclamation act, all moneys spent out of the reclamation fund have to be paid back by the settlers, who acquire water rights. This means that the settlers not only are required to pay the actual cost of constructing the projects, but have to make up any losses, the losses being added to the costs. This makes the burden heavy upon the settlers when any mistakes are made, for under the prevailing system of book keeping the full expenditure is figured as cost.

This subject first arose in connection with a bill authorizing the sale of the government plant and project at Garden City, Kan., a project that proved to be an utter failure. This was a unique project, in that there was no flowing water to depend upon, and all the water for irrigation was to be pumped to the surface from an underground flow 20 feet below the surface. The government spent about \$300,000 on a big pumping plant, built its distributing system, and then found the project was an utter failure, for it could not get the water to the land at a cost the farmers could pay. The land owners under the project, however, had obligated themselves to repay the cost of construction, and being without water they were unable to raise crops or meet their payments. So the project has been abandoned, and it is now proposed to sell the government plant, release the settlers, and recoup the loss as far as possible. But there will be a substantial loss on the project at best, and the problem has arisen, upon whom shall this loss fall? It cannot fall upon the settlers on the Garden City project, for they have lost everything and cannot pay; in fact they never had water for irrigation, and the government did not keep its part of the contract. The fear has been expressed that this loss will be distributed upon other projects, and that settlers in other states will pay for the Garden City fiasco.

APPLE CROP 4000 CARS.

Wenatchee Will Ship More Than at Any Previous Season.

Wenatchee, Wash.—Four thousand carloads of apples will be shipped from Wenatchee valley this year, representatives of growers' unions say, after a trip through the valley. This is practically twice the crop of 1911, and the largest apple yield in the history of the valley. The increase is due largely to increased acreage.

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# INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

## INTERESTED IN OREGON.

Southern Pacific Will Invest \$8,000,000 in This State.

Portland—"It is only because the conditions in Oregon warrant vast railway expenditures and improvements that the Southern Pacific has planned to spend upwards of \$8,000,000 within the next few years," declared President William Sproule, of the Southern Pacific company, at a luncheon given in his honor by the board of governors of the Commercial club.

"It is very natural," said President Sproule, "that in appropriating money for investment in this state there must be a justification. I am in the city on official business, which is the general cause of my coming here or going elsewhere. The situation in Oregon in relation to the Southern Pacific is one of peculiar interest to myself because the question of what should be done here in respect to development are put up to me. It is on my own recommendation that things are done. In assuming responsibility for the large investments and appropriations in Oregon there of course is something to justify it.

"The railroad business is the same as all other business conducted on legitimate lines. The man who puts his money into it must be assured of a reasonable return on his investment, or at least the same return as is realized from other lines of business.

"Money is not placed into railroad projects unless there is a fair prospect of returns on the investment, and for that reason we must have something to go on before we can place the money we have to spend in development and improvements of railway facilities.

"Our confidence in Oregon is very apparent in our announced intention of making expenditures here. All we ask in return is for the co-operation of your business people to make possible the returns which we have to have. It is the ambition of my worthy corps of officials over the Oregon lines of the company to have the support of every community."

HOOD RIVER CLUB FORMED.

West Side Ranchers Will Co-operate for Mutual Improvement.

Hood River—A lively interest is being taken by the residents of the West Side of the Hood River in a series of discussions tending to create a greater diversity of industries in the district. The organization of West Side ranchers, known as the West Side Improvement club, has arranged for a number of talks to be given in the near future, when the cultivating season is over and the citizens have leisure.

Among the topics to be discussed are such subjects as "Hog Raising in the Orchard," "Poultry," "Garden Truck" and "Cover Crops." "It is the aim of the club," said one of its members, "to have every orchardist produce his own garden truck, his poultry and his own milk."

The club is also planning for a Chautauqua, to last about a week, in the cool region of the upper valley, where the ranchers and their families will repair to enjoy the fishing of the district and to discuss matters of interest among themselves.

Hawthorne Is Appointed.

Klamath Falls—Irrigation matters always receive instant attention in this dry region. Thomas Hawthorne, of Eugene, for several years in the reclamation service at Umatilla and on Klamath projects, has been appointed state engineer of the Paisley project, which is under the Carey act. The Warner and Chewaucum valleys contain much of the best sage land in this region and that section will be on the railroad when it is extended north from Lakeview. Paisley is about 100 miles northeast from Klamath Falls. An irrigation enterprise nearer home is in the Antelope valley, 15 miles northeast from this city.

Jackrabbit Bounty Fixed.

Burns—The Harney county court has determined to place a bounty of 2 cents per head on jackrabbits. The system under which this bounty will be paid will relieve the county clerk's office of the necessity of counting scalps. Rabbit drives will be organized in different localities and those participating will appoint a committee authorized to count and certify to the number killed and upon this certificate the bounty will be paid, the money to be used in paying the expenses of the drives.

Salmon Catch Fairly Good.

Astoria—There has been quite an improvement in the catch of salmon during the past few days and the deliveries at the packing plants, while not large, are fairly good. Some of the specimens weigh over 70 pounds. The quality is excellent and as the spawn has not commenced to mature the indications are good for the sport to continue. The catches on the up-river seining grounds are also much improved and there is a chance that the shortage in the pack may be overcome before the season ends.

Gooseberries Show Good Profit.

Salem—Gooseberries in Polk county hills are good money makers, according to a report of L. D. Gibson, who lives on the Oak Grove road a few miles from Salem. He is owner of an acre and one-half of gooseberries which brought him a check for \$617.10 for 30,855 pounds, or a net sum of practically \$500 for the patch. So fortunate has he been with the crop that he has set out two and one-half acres more.

Hood River Camping Point.

Hood River—The midsummer camping season has begun here. Many Portland people have joined the local vacationists in seeking an outing in the foothills at the base of Mount Hood. Numerous camps have been established in the Lost Lake region, where excellent fishing is to be found, and many visitors are passing through the valley to and from Cloud Cap Inn.

## CLEMENT HITS OREGON.

Lack of Corporation Law Cause of "Crookedness."

Salem—That Oregon is the stamping ground for crooked promoters from other states, who make it practice to come here to organize fake companies because the laws of Oregon do not give the state authority to look into the affairs of corporations is one of the declarations made by E. C. Clement, United States postoffice inspector.

Among other things, he told of one person alone who was issued for \$40,000 by the Columbia River Orchards company and the Oregon-Washington Trust company, in which these companies deliberately led him into a trap to secure the money and branding him as a "sucker" in letters which passed back and forth between those interested.

"I am now on the trail of certain men who did not dare organize in the state where they live, but have come to Oregon to file their papers and have already floated millions of dollars of worthless stock all over the West," he declared.

"The Columbia River Orchards company affairs furnishes a good illustration of the way in which grafters flock to this state to float their crooked enterprises. These people had to have a dummy corporation to act as a trustee. They couldn't organize it under the laws of Washington, so they came to Portland and organized the Oregon-Washington Trust company under the laws of Oregon. This company was supposed to hold \$125 worth of securities for every \$100 worth of the obligation of the Columbia River Orchards company. When the crash came, however, their alleged securities were absolutely worthless. Even the office furniture was not paid for and the stenographer was cheated out of her salary. The public was fleeced out of about two and a quarter millions of dollars on this graft, which would not have been possible if there had been a state law providing for the supervision of corporations, such as the proposed blue-sky law, which I earnestly hope may be adopted. I do not know of anything that would be of greater benefit to honest corporations than some such act to give the state control of crooked promoters and corporations."

TARIFFS PLACED ON FILE.

Roads Named on Which Interchangeable Mileage Books Are Good.

Salem—Tariffs for the new interchangeable mileage books have been filed with the State Railroad commission, to become effective August 15.

The mileage books will be good at the rate of one coupon a mile on the following roads: Camas Prairie; Chicago, Milwaukee Puget Sound; Corvallis & Eastern; Idaho, Washington & Northern; Northern Pacific; Oregon Electric; Oregon Trunk; O. W. R. & N.; P. R. & N.; Port Townsend Southern; Salem, Falls City & Western; Spokane & Inland; Spokane International; S. P. & S.; Southern Pacific in Oregon, including towns on Klamath Falls branch via Weed, Cal.; Tacoma & Eastern, and Washington, Idaho & Montana.

The roads on which mileage from mileage books will be accepted on the basis of the local fare are as follows: Coeur d'Alene & St. Joe Transportation company, Great Northern in British Columbia on local lines, Pacific & Eastern Reid Transportation company, and United Railways.

Brook Trout Planted.

Portland—The work of stocking Oregon streams with brook trout is going forward rapidly. Ten cans of trout fry were taken down the river to be liberated in streams near Scappoose. The work of distributing these fish is being shared by members of the Multnomah Anglers' club. Cans of fish are being transported to various points in automobiles belonging to club members. Another shipment of Eastern trout is soon to be taken into the mountains of the Cascade range for liberation in the lakes.

Rain Ruins Big Hay Crop.

Forest Grove—Heavy rains have destroyed thousands of dollars' worth of hay in this section, besides the late strawberry yield and the early cherries. Clover hay for the most part has been ruined, as the greater portion of the crop was cut at the beginning of the rainy weather. Much timothy hay also has been destroyed.

One farmer cut 100 acres during a period of fair weather but with the heavy rains he will suffer a total loss. The rains, however, were of special benefit to potatoes.

Fair to Get New Buildings.

Astoria—At the meeting of the board of directors of the Lower Columbia Fair association, the bid of Fred Elliott & Son of Gearhart, for the erection of four of the exhibit buildings was accepted and President G. L. Rees was authorized to enter into a contract with them at once. The buildings are to be completed by September 1. Mr. Rees was also appointed to arrange for the clearing of the grounds.

"Business Form" Is Lost.

Oregon City—The business form of government proposed for Oregon City in place of the present councilmanic form, was voted down at a special election by a vote of 342 to 65. Likewise the proposed bond issue to the amount of \$17,000 to erect a municipal elevator to take the place of the long staircases leading up to the residence section, was voted down by 222 to 175.

Hawley Secures New Routes.

Salem—After repeatedly having the proposal to establish rural route No. 7 from Oregon City rejected, Representative Hawley continued to collect facts and arguments from the people living along the Willamette river on the Clackamas county side, opposite the town of Willamette, and has at last secured a favorable decision from the department permitting the desired service.



## STANTON WINS

Author of 'The Game and the Candle', 'The Flying Mercury', etc.

Illustrations by FREDERIC THORNBURGH

### SYNOPSIS.

At the beginning of great automobile races the mechanic of the Mercury, Stanton, drops dead. Strange youth, Floyd, volunteers, and is accepted. In the rest during the twenty-hour race Stanton makes a stranger, Miss Carlisle, who introduces herself.

### CHAPTER II.—(Continued.)

"My father is president of a tire company," she idly remarked. "His tires are being used on some of the cars, the Mercury for one, I believe, and he wanted to watch their testing under use. So, after a dinner engagement we could not escape, we motored down here from the city. You see I have not viewed much of the race. I admit this does not look very perilous and I am a bit disappointed."

"I again hear short cryptic laugh, 'I shall hope better things of the famous Stanton; I want to admire him very much. But I am detaining you, and you were leaving! Every thanks for your patience.'"

"Hardly leaving, since the twenty-four hour race is not six hours old," he corrected briefly. "I am glad to have been of any use to you."

She returned his salute; then, upon the cool impulse of one accustomed to doing as she chose, put her question directly:

"Ah—I am Miss Carlisle; I would like to know who has been good enough to aid me in my ignorance."

"My name is Stanton," he replied, and went on:

From the shelter of the obscurity he looked back. She had taken a step forward into the light and her veil had slipped aside as she gazed after him with an expression of acute and eager interest. She could not have been older than twenty-four or five, with a finely cut, beautiful face framed in waves of fair hair.

Floyd was sitting on a camp-stool outside the tent, chatting with a group of men, when Stanton returned. The rest had brought back the mechanic's color and animation; in fact, he looked ridiculously young and irresponsible. But he sprang up readily at the driver's nod.

"Time," he asked, his gray eyes like burnished steel.