

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.

Philadelphia's registration is 17,208 less than four years ago.

Turks continue active preparations for war with the Balkan states. California women suffragists held the first political convention ever held exclusively by women.

A revenue cutter in San Francisco bay fired upon a smuggling launch, but was unable to stop or overtake her.

President Taft and party on a vacation through Vermont were entertained by a son of Abraham Lincoln.

Prosecutions in the dynamite cases charge that it was at one time planned to blow up the locks on the Panama canal.

At the capture of Leon, Nicaragua, by Americans, 3 were killed and 4 wounded, while the rebel loss was over 50.

Postal inspectors have found part of the \$200,000 stolen from a registered mail sack en route from Havana to New York.

Enrique Maza, a Cuban newspaperman, who recently assaulted Hugh S. Gibson, the American Charge d'Affaires, was sentenced to two and a half years' imprisonment.

Instead of going to church last Sunday the neighbors of Mrs. Marguerite Field, a noted writer of Los Angeles, gathered and built her a new house, to replace the one destroyed by fire a week before.

The clerk of the Cleveland Juvenile and Insolvency court will summon a jury composed entirely of ball-players to serve during the winter, saying they are trained to think and act without hesitation and should make good jurors.

The first farm survey ever attempted west of the Rocky mountains is in progress in the Waldo hills and Howell prairie for the section of the Willamette valley, Oregon.

Aviator Walsh was killed while attempting the "spiral glide" at Trenton, N. J.

One was killed and 55 injured when a runaway streetcar in Pittsburgh jumped the track and struck a telephone pole.

Eight were killed and many injured in a train-wreck in Connecticut.

Railroads count on a much heavier colonist travel to the Coast this year than last.

Mine owners at Ely, Nev., have decided to close the mines for the winter on account of the strike.

Bulgarian troops have crossed the Turkish frontier and a battle is reported in which 400 were killed.

The board of health of Vancouver, Wash., has abolished public drinking cups and glasses of every description.

A Los Angeles court has decided that loan sharks cannot collect the wages of a victim when his wife and children need it.

Thirty-four young married couples returning from their honeymoon on an Atlantic liner, formed an "Anti-Nag" league for the purpose of avoiding any future family jars.

President Elliott, of the Northern Pacific will pay \$10 per box for the best 10 boxes of apples exhibited at the Northwestern Products exposition at Minneapolis Nov. 12 to 23.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 76¢; 77¢; bluestem, 80¢; forty-fold, 75¢; valley, 77¢.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$21 ton; shorts, \$23; middlings, \$29.

Hay—Timothy, choice, \$17.18; No. 1, \$16; oat and vetch, \$12; alfalfa, \$12; clover, \$10; straw, \$6.67.

Oats—White, \$24.50; 25 ton; gray, feed, \$24; gray milling, \$25.50; 26.

Fresh fruits—Apples, 60¢@1.50 box; peaches, 50¢@60¢; pears, 75¢@1.50; grapes, 75¢@90¢; cranberries, \$9.50 barrel.

Melons—Cantaloupes, \$1.75@2 crate; watermelons, \$1 hundred; casabas \$1.25@1.50 dozen.

Onions—Oregon, \$1.10 sack.

Potatoes—Jobbing prices: Burbanks, 60¢@75¢ hundred; sweet potatoes, 1¢@2¢ pound.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 75¢@85¢ doz.; beans, 6¢; cabbage, 16¢@14¢ pound; cauliflower, 50¢@1 doz.; celery, 35¢@75¢; corn, 75¢@1 sack; cucumbers, 50¢ box; eggplant, \$1.25@1.50 box; head lettuce, 20¢@25¢ doz.; peppers, 6¢@8¢ pound; radishes, 15¢@20¢ doz.; tomatoes, 50¢@75¢ box; garlic, 50¢@60¢ pound; carrots, \$1.25 sack; turnips, \$1; beets, \$1.10; parsnips, \$1.25.

Eggs—Oregon extras, 35¢ doz.; candled, 36¢; case count, 35¢.

Butter—Oregon creamery, cubes, 35¢ pound; prints, 36¢.

Pork—Fancy, 11¢@11½¢ pound.

Veal—Fancy, 13¢@14¢ pound.

Poultry—Hens, 11¢@12¢; broilers, 11¢@12¢; ducks, young, 12¢@14¢; geese, 11¢; turkeys, live, 18¢@22¢; dressed, 25¢.

Hops—1912 crop, prime and choice, 17¢@19¢ pound.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$6.75@6.90; good, \$6.25@6.65; medium, \$6.00@6.25; choice cows, \$6.00@6.25; medium, \$5.50@5.75; choice calves, \$7.00@7.25; bulls, \$4.50@5.25; stags, \$4.75@5.25.

Hogs—Light, \$8.25@8.60; heavy, \$7.67@7.75.

Sheep—Yearlings, \$4.25@4.75; wethers, \$3.60@4.30; ewes, \$2.75@4; lambs, \$3.85.

AVIATOR SETS MARK.

American Endurance Hydroplane Flight Record is Made.

Annapolis, Md.—A new American record for an endurance flight was made here in a hydro-aeroplane by John H. Towers, a lieutenant of the Navy aviation corps. He was continuously in the air for 6 hours, 10 minutes and 35 seconds. The best previous American record, made by Paul Peck, was 4 hours 23 minutes 38 seconds.

The distance covered by Lieutenant Towers was approximately 289 miles, with six miles to a lap. When the best previous record was made, Peck covered 176 miles. The course just covered was not a measured one, however, and Towers' distance record is not official.

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\$200,000 PACKAGE DISAPPEARS FROM MAIL POUCH

New York—Postoffice inspectors of two countries, secret service men and the W. J. Burns detective agency are investigating the mysterious disappearance of a registered mail package containing \$200,000, consigned from Havana to the National Park bank, of this city.

The loss was discovered last Wednesday or Thursday, when a registered mail pouch from Havana was opened in the New York postoffice. When and where the package disappeared, whether in Havana, aboard ship or the train which brought it or thereafter, no one has been able to discover.

Postoffice authorities are working zealously on the case in the two republics, as a matter of course, while private detectives have been set to work by the shipper, whose name is not revealed. The National Park bank has no more than a normal interest in the case, as by no possibility can the loss fall upon it.

MRS. SAGE BUYS BIRD ISLE.

Refuge for Migratory Flocks in Gulf Purchased for \$150,000.

New York—Announcement is made that Mrs. Russell Sage has purchased Marsh Island, off the coast of Louisiana, and will make of it a bird refuge for all migratory birds. It is Mrs. Sage's intention to dedicate the island in perpetuity to this purpose.

The plans of administration have not yet been made. Mrs. Sage will place the control in whatever hands seem best. It has not been decided yet whether these hands will be those of the Federal government, the State of Louisiana or some association organized for the purpose.

The island cost Mrs. Sage about \$150,000. It is in the gulf some 200 miles southeast of New Orleans. Its length is about 18 miles and the width nine miles at the broadest part. The area is approximately 75,000 acres. The birds will be given absolute protection from poachers of every description.

ICE INVASION PREDICTED.

Scientist Says All Human Skill Will Be Needed to Fight Glaciers.

Ithaca, N. Y.—"I have no doubt that we are now in an inter-glacial period similar to those which have already existed, and in future the human race will have to use all its knowledge in another fight for its life against the encroaching ice," said Professor Nathaniel Schmidt, of the history department at Cornell.

Speaking of the ice age, he added: "I wish to call attention to recent discoveries in Switzerland of four distinct periods of glaciation, and to the fact that Professor Winchell, of Minnesota, has been able to produce definite proofs that Kansas has gone through the same four periods. This is important, because it proves the contemporaneity of the glacial ages in both hemispheres."

Uniform Changes Anger.

Washington, D. C.—Naval officers are up in arms against the latest order of the department making changes in their uniforms. Each officer will have to spend \$500 to \$550 for new uniforms and changing old ones. The order, say the officers, imposes financial hardship on every one. A number of officers here, tired of continually having their uniforms altered at the whims of bureau chiefs, will try to get a bill through congress forbidding changes in naval uniforms without express authority from congress.

Fire Breaks Out Afresh.

Kellogg, Idaho—After apparently being conquered, the fire in the Bunkers Hill & Sullivan mine broke out afresh and now threatens to exceed its former proportions. Five helmeted rescuers were caught on the 1200-foot level, but by using their supply of oxygen they managed to escape through a side tunnel. They had been searching for the body of F. A. Bentz, a missing pumpman. The fire was thought to be under control, but when rescuers entered the mine looking for Bentz, the flames broke out afresh.

Fairbanks to Get Service.

Seattle—President Dickson, of the White Pass & Yukon railway, announces that the Yukon River steamship service of the company, which now extends between White Horse and Yukon Territory, will be continued next year to Fairbanks, Alaska, 800 miles northwest of Dawson. The people of Fairbanks have appealed to President Taft and Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh to open Fairbanks as a sub-port of entry.

Grapefruit Crop Large.

Washington, D. C.—Reports on the Florida citrus fruit crop say that the initiative is its worst enemy and that the belief that remedy lies in the proposed measure, making necessary a majority vote of all electors at any election to change the constitution.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

LINN TIMBER ALL SAFE. 840 ACRES SELL \$350,000.

No Forest Fires Occurred in County This Summer.

Albany—For the first time in more than a quarter of a century Linn county has passed through a summer without a forest fire.

Though this was partially due to heavy rains the system of protection established by the new fire patrol association is credited also for this record. This association was formed last spring by the owners of timber land in Linn county and established a complete patrol system.

John Marrs, chief fire warden, had 21 patrolmen and lookouts and a system of telephone lines connecting all of the lookout stations with his headquarters at Lacomb. Besides maintaining this system, 35 miles of new trails were built this year, and 50 miles of telephone lines were established through the timber. They also repaired 100 miles of old telephone lines. All of this work has been done in addition to that accomplished by the government forest service.

This protection cost the timber owners three cents an acre. Heretofore each timber company or owner of large holdings has maintained his own rangers and there was no definite system of co-operation. With all united the fire protection has been placed on an efficient system.

VALE PROJECT ON SOON.

Bully Creek Irrigation Work Has Sufficient Funds.

Vale—Word has just been received here that available funds have been secured from Eastern concerns sufficient to construct the Bully Creek irrigation project, which has been hanging fire for several months. This news comes from D. M. Brogan, who is now in the East and to whose untiring efforts this project has been made possible. Mr. Brogan, of this place, who is connected with Mr. Brogan in this enterprise, left for Boise to let the contract to parties there. Work will begin as soon as possible.

This bit of news, while the details are not yet fully known, has caused much interest here. The dam will be constructed in the canyon about two miles above the town of Westfall, and the reservoir, when completed, will furnish water for about 40,000 acres of now arid land, all of which is in the immediate vicinity of Vale. Twenty thousand acres have been signed up for water. This enterprise, in connection with the railroad work, will make Vale one of the busiest centers in Eastern Oregon.

LOGGING ROAD NEAR READY.

Rail Line for Crossett Timber Company Presages Activity.

Astoria—C. L. Houston, who has the contract for building about five miles of railroad for the Big Creek Logging company, leading from tide water to Knappa to the Crossett Timber company's holdings, expects to have the road completed in about two weeks. The company has established its camps and has a force of men at work felling and cutting timber so that it will be ready to commence hauling logs in about another month. The Big Creek Logging company is a subsidiary of the Crossett company, and the latter owns approximately 2,500,000,000 feet of standing timber in that district, sufficient to keep its camp running for 50 years and still take out 50,000,000 feet of logs annually. This timber tract is among the largest and most valuable individual holdings of the kind in the state.

Line Wants Orders Modified.

Salem—The Sumpter Valley Railroad company, which filed an injunction suit to restrain the railroad commission from enforcing its recent order reducing the passenger and freight tariffs on its road, also filed with the state railroad commission a petition to have the commission's order modified. Where the commission ordered the use of the Spaulding scale in measuring lumber, the company asks for permission to use the Scribner scale, saying this latter is the one in common use along its road. It also asks to have the rate on logs fixed by weight instead of measurement.

Many Fish Distributed.

Oregon City—S. S. Mohler, of this city, who left here in May, and who has been distributing 110,000 fish in 90 different lakes, for the government, returned to his home in this city. Mr. Mohler's trip was very successful, only a few of the fish having perished on the trip. One trip covered over 60 miles, and only five of the fish were dead when the destination was reached. The work has been very satisfactory to the government. Although hardships were encountered, the trip was made without mishap.

Melons Profitable Crop.

Junction City—Robert Harper, a prosperous farmer who lives near this city, has raised a bumper crop of watermelons and cantaloupes this season. On one acre he cleared over \$300, doing little or no cultivation. Last spring he planted a mixture of watermelons and muskmelons. For the past ten days he has been selling these melons. The muskmelons average nearly 25 salable melons to the hill, and a banner hill shows 47 melons. He raised 1200 watermelons and a total of 6000 muskmelons on this acre.

Grange Defines Stand.

La Grande—Indorsement of the so-called majority amendment to the constitution, to be voted on at the November election, was given by Blue Mountain Grange No. 345, at its last meeting. The grange unanimously adopted the resolution, in which it held that the present excessive use of the initiative is its worst enemy and expressed the belief that remedy lies in the proposed measure, making necessary a majority vote of all electors at any election to change the constitution.

Largest Tract at Medford Bought by Oakland, Cal., Company.

Medford—The largest real estate transaction of 1912 was consummated here when A. A. Davis this week sold to the M. T. Minnie Realty company, of Oakland, Cal., 840 acres of land for \$350,000. Two hundred acres of the land adjoins the Medford city limits on the East, and until recently was used as a golf course by the Medford Country club. The balance is orchard property five miles northeast of Medford on the Pacific & Eastern Railroad, 430 acres being in young apple and pear orchard from two to five years of age.

The new owners will plant the balance to orchard, subdivide and sell it in small tracts.

The orchard property which brought \$400 an acre consists of a square mile of land, bisected by the railroad. The entire tract is under water. It is ideally located for orchard purposes. The land is well drained. Included are the buildings at Davis and the townsite. The Minnie company will carry out Mr. Davis' original intention of subdividing and selling in small tracts. The property is laid out with roadways for division into five, seven and ten-acre tracts. Mr. Davis purchased the property five years ago at a fraction of its present value, but asserts he can do the same thing over again and probably will.

ELECTRIC LINE PROMISING.

Grand Ronde Citizens Pleased Over Prospects Now.

La Grande—Grand Ronde citizens are much pleased over the prospects for an electric line which is to gridle the valley. Much talk has been going on the rounds the past few years of the feasibility of such a line and several parties of capitalists have had the matter under consideration, though nothing of moment has been done until lately. A survey extending from La Grande to Cove, thence to Imbler and back via Alicel and Island City having just been completed.

The surveying party worked with the utmost secrecy, and no definite information could be gained. Rumors, however, have it that the company which owns the Boise and Idaho Interurban lines is the one interested in this new project. The route as projected covers only the level portion of the valley. However, it is understood that Summerville, lying in the extreme north end of the level valley, and Elgin, lying a little further north across a small range of hills, will bid for the line to be extended to their towns.

PROJECT UNIT UNDER WAY.

Reclamation in Lost River Country to Start Immediately.

Klamath Falls—The contract for the second unit of the United States reclamation work on this project has been let. The bids were opened August 20, and forwarded to Washington, D. C., and the contract has now been completed by the secretary of the interior.

It is believed that the season is so late that only enough work will be done this fall to comply with the terms of the contract, which requires 10 per cent of the whole excavation to be done by December 31, 1912.

The work is divided into seven schedules and covers more than 300,000 cubic yards of excavation.

The steel flume across Lost river is being built by the Reclamation service, as is the connecting canal from the end of the main canal on the first unit. The flume structure is done and the steel on the ground.

OLD LAND'S YIELD LARGE.

Tract Farmed Since 1850 Produces 11 Bushels an Acre.

Albany—The remarkable record of a yield of 11 bushels of clover seed an acre on land which has been farmed since 1850, was established this season by Ed Meeker, ex-county recorder of Linn county, on his farm seven miles north of this city. He raised an average of 11 bushels an acre on a field of 10½ acres. The land on which this clover was raised is part of the old donation land claim which John Meeker, the present owner's father, took up.

Linn County Apples Abundant.

Albany—Linn county will market five or six times as many apples this year as in 1911. County Fruit Inspector Rumbaugh estimates that the total yield of marketable apples in the county will be close to 20,000 bushels. Last year's crop was light and there is a good average yield this season. The prune crop in this county is light this year and Rumbaugh estimates that the yield is only 25 or 30 per cent of a normal crop. In some orchards half an average crop has been harvested.

Indian Demands School Rights.

Klamath Falls—William Crawford, a quarter-blood Indian, has asked for a mandamus to be directed to the directors of school district No. 7, at Fort Klamath, to compel them to admit the children of the complainant to the public school. He cites that he has offered the hotel room across the hall and played billiards with three of his fellow-drivers. He was less forbidding, less caustic of speech than formerly. Floyd had taught him the art of companionship. Before the game ended, the four players found themselves very good company and drank a good night in Apollinaris, to the landlady's tacit disgust.

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SYNOPSIS.

At the beginning of great automobile races the mechanic of the Mercury, Stanton's machine, drops dead. Stanton, young Jesse Floyd, volunteers, and is accepted. In the rest during the twenty-four hour race Stanton meets a stranger, Miss Carlie, who introduces herself. The Mercury wins the race. Stanton receives a letter from Miss Carlie, which he ignores. Stanton meets Miss Carlie on a train leaving Medford, and she tells him to follow in auto. Accident by which Stanton is hurt is mysterious. Floyd, at lunch with Stanton, tells of his boyhood. Stanton again meets Miss Carlie and they dine together. They have a conversation. Stanton tells Stanton of his dinner. Stanton becomes very ill and loses consciousness. On recovery, at his hotel Stanton receives invitation and letter from Miss Carlie. Stanton and her meet Miss Carlie. Stanton becomes suspicious of Miss Carlie. Stanton's car is delayed.

CHAPTER XI—(Continued).

The assistant manager stared in a reproach touched with hysteria. His collar was white, his eye-glasses dangled by their cord.

"Buy them? Buy enough racing tires fitting the Mercury to last you for a three hundred mile road race, and get them here by to-morrow morning?"

"What's the matter with you, Stanton?"

"Well, since there is nothing to do but eat, come to dinner, Floyd," said the other.

"Isn't dinner, it's supper," corrected his mechanic. "This is the country and you had your dinner at noon. But I'll come, anyhow."

At the table in the course of the meal, a small tea-pot was set before Stanton.

"Chocolate, sir," he was apprised.

"Why, you had none at luncheon?"

"The pompadour waitress giggled.

"No, sir. But the gentleman sent a boy after some and came down, and saw the cook, and cook's that fond of nonsense, and she fifty-four next December—"

Stanton looked across into Floyd's mischievous gray eyes.

"I hadn't anything better to do," was the malicious explanation. "And I was afraid your nerves would go to pieces if you didn't get your usual drug and then you'd wreck us to-morrow."

"He'd coax a bird off a tree, sir," tittered the departing maid.

"Give me your cup and have some," Stanton briefly commanded.

"Going to throw it at me, like you did that jug of water on the first night we raced together?" teased his companion, obeying.

Stanton's head lifted slightly, the regard in which he enveloped Floyd was almost savage in its leap of intense and tenacious passion. Such a glance from man to woman would have been a declaration, from man to man it was not a thing to be voiced. Floyd himself faltered before it, started into pallor.

"You can throw it at me, if you like, and square up," was all Stanton said, and reached for the sugar-bowl with his customary nonchalance.

"Thanks; it's boiling. I guess I won't. Floyd acknowledged. But he did not look at the other, and his manner was troubled.

The meal was ended and the evening had commenced, when a telegram came in from New York.

"Car marked Ruby Co. consigned to Mercury Co. Coney Island, left here last night."

Mr. Green uttered a howl and felt for the telephone.

"They've shipped the car to Coney Island instead of to Long Branch," he raged. "The tires must be out at the Beach track, or near it."

"Don't telephone; send some one out there to get them," advised Stanton practically.

"I've got to be here, and I can't get our New York men in time, now."

"Well, I'll go then. Coney Island has got to be raked fine and the tires brought here as soon as they are found."

"You? You? Traveling and wearing yourself out on the eve of a grueling race? No. Go to bed and get your rest, please, Stanton. I'll send some one."

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"I am ready," he signified.

The Mercury camp was a scene of animated preparation, twenty minutes later, when Floyd emerged from the dense press of arriving spectators and gained the enclosure. The assistant manager almost received him in his arms, the rest of the force clustered around. Gay, blithe, triumphant, here, if it wasn't for you," he declared, once.

"I'm awfully bright," Floyd agreed, but he did not smile.

The machines were preparing to go to their stations for the start, Stanton was in his seat at the wheel, when Floyd came over, and leaning against the car, looked up into the driver's face.

"What have I done?" he asked him.

Both men were still unmasked, their privacy of speech was secured by the uproar around them. Stanton looked grimly back.

"Lied to me. You were not kept away from New York by work with Green, or any other work, for the last two weeks."

A tinge of scarlet streaked Floyd's pallor, he bent his head.

"Yes, I lied to you," he admitted.

Stanton's gauntleted hand closed on his wheel.

"There was no need. Your time was your own, Floyd; I claimed no control over you. I don't know why you did it, to be rid of me for a while, I suppose, but the reason doesn't matter. Last night I thought a good many wild things about