

NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

Fourteen men were killed in a mine explosion in Pennsylvania.

Senators of each party are claiming credit for the country's prosperity.

Smallpox has made its appearance on Coos Bay, Or., and authorities have taken strenuous measures to stamp it out.

The fruit crop of the Milton-Freewater district of Oregon and Washington now in sight is estimated at 400 carloads.

Reductions of express rates costing the companies \$26,000,000 yearly are ordered by the Interstate Commerce commission.

Eighteen giant frogs, two feet long, have been brought from the Philippine Islands and will be presented to Golden Gate park, San Francisco.

John W. Drummond, son of the American tobacco magnate, is tired of high life and is living the simple life in the foothills near San Diego, Cal.

The National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage declares that eight per cent of the women are trying to force woman suffrage on the other 92 per cent.

Pictures of missing persons and fugitive criminals are to be thrown on the screens in moving picture shows. It is said many have already been found in this way.

Bound for San Francisco by way of the Panama canal, a 28-horse power and sail boat started out Monday from Todd's head, the most easterly point of the United States.

Eastern express companies are planning to take orders from city buyers and place them with shippers, receiving the supplies when ready and delivering them to the customer.

Secretary McAdoo has called the bankers of 59 cities to confer as to the distribution of the \$50,000,000 which he proposes to deposit in the banks of the country with which to move crops.

A Louisiana senator predicts ruin from the new tariff.

Wilson announces determination not to recognize the Huerta regime in Mexico.

Trial of German army officers in connection with fraud in buying arms and ammunition is begun.

An effort to stop Sunday baseball in the Portland public parks has been rebuffed by the city commissioners.

The grand lodge dance of the Chipewas Indians at Minnesota agencies has been forbidden, as the medicine men have too much influence over the Indians.

Divorced women are to be allowed pension under the widow's pension act, according to a decision of the Cowlitz County Superior court of Washington.

Secretary McAdoo promises to deposit twenty-five to fifty millions of government money in national banks of the South and West to help move the season's crops.

Women delegates from all parts of the country presented their pleas to congress, the senate listening for two hours to their pleas.

Night mail service will be established August 16 on the Owl train of the O.-W. R. & N., between Portland and Puget Sound points.

A San Francisco embezzler reaped profits of \$70,000 by judiciously investing \$30,000 which he had stolen in small amounts from his employers. He will be prosecuted for his stealings, however.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Track prices: New club, 78c per bushel; new bluestem, 82c; new forty-fold, 79c/80c; new red, 76c/77c.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$29 per ton; new, \$26.50/25.50. Millstuffs: Bran, \$24.50 per ton; shorts, \$26.50; middlings, \$31.00. Barley—Feed, \$24.00/24.50 per ton; brewing, nominal; new feed, \$23.50/24; rolled, \$26.50/27.50.

Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, old, \$18 per ton; new, \$22; alfalfa, new, \$13.50.

Poultry—Hens, 14c/14c per pound; springs, 20c; turkeys, live, \$1.80/2.00; dressed, choice, 24c/25c; ducks, 12c/15c; geese, young, 12c.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, case count, 23 @24c per dozen; candled, 28c/30c. Butter—Oregon creamery, choice, 32c per pound; butter fat, delivered, 32c. Pork—Fancy, 12c/12c per pound. Veal—Fancy, 15c/15c per pound. Onions—Walla Walla, \$1.50 sack.

Vegetables—Beans, 4c/6c per pound; cabbage, 2c/2c; cauliflower, \$2 per crate; corn, 25c/30c dozen; cucumbers, 20c/40c box; eggplant, \$4c/10c pound; head lettuce, 35c/40c dozen; peas, 5c/7c; peppers, 8c/10c; radishes, 10c/12c dozen; rhubarb, 1c/2c pound; tomatoes, 50c/\$1.10 box; garlic, 10 pound.

Potatoes—New, 75c/\$1.25 hundred. Green Fruit—Apples, new, \$1.25/2.50 box; apricots, 75c/\$1.25 box; cantaloupes, \$2.50/3.00 crate; peaches, 25c/\$1.10 per box; watermelons, \$2 per cwt.; plums, 75c/\$1.75 box; raspberries, \$1.10/1.25 per crate; loganberries, 75c; pears, 25c/30c.

Hops—1912 crop, \$1.50/18c pound; 1913 contracts, 20c/20c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 11c/16c; valley, 18c/19c pound; mohair, 1913 clip, 31c.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$7.75/8.05; good, \$7.25/7.75; medium, \$7.00/7.25; choice cows, \$7.00/7.75; good, \$6.25/6.50; medium, \$5.00/6.25; choice calves, \$8.00/9.00; good heavy calves, \$6.50/7.50; bulls, \$4.00/6.

Hogs—Light, \$9.25/9.75; heavy, \$8.25/8.70.

Sheep—Wethers, \$3.25/4; ewes, \$2.50/3.50; lambs, \$5.50/5.75.

RUSH WORK ON TARIFF BILL

Spend Much Time on Rates for Automobiles and Parts.

Washington, D. C.—Senate Democrats succeeded Thursday for the first time in speeding up on the tariff bill, making considerable progress in the metal schedule despite protests of Senators Oliver, Smith of Michigan, Cummins and Smoot against many of the rates.

Chief opposition centered in the rates on automobiles, which the committee fixed at 15 per cent on cars valued at \$1000 or less; 30 per cent on cars valued at more than \$1000 and less than \$1500; 45 per cent on cars valued at \$1500 and over, and 30 per cent on automobile parts. Senators Cummins and Smoot both insisted that the rates on completed cars would be useless, because all foreign cars would be brought in at the 30 per cent rate, in parts.

Efforts of Senator Oliver also were unavailing to increase the rates on iron products. His argument was that bar iron was more costly of production than conversion of steel from pig iron. Before consideration of the schedule began Senator Saulsbury, of Delaware, discussed the tariff generally, predicting success for the bill and assailing protection and socialism as "twin evils and ill-omened birds."

Senator Brandegee sought to amend the automobile rates by making the rates on chassis equal to the rates on finished cars—45 per cent on chassis or high-priced cars and 30 per cent on chassis cars valued at \$1000 or less than \$1500 and 15 per cent on chassis of cars valued at less than \$1000. The amendment was lost, 46 to 21. Senators Bristow, Crawford, Cummins, Gronna, Sherman and Sterling, of the minority, voted with the Democrats against it. The committee rates were then approved.

The 25 per cent rate on bicycles and motorcycles also was agreed to. Axes at 10 per cent, blacksmith tools and bolts at 10 per cent, and nuts and washers at 5 per cent encountered no effective opposition. Other rates approved were nut locks, 25 per cent; chains of iron and steel, 20 per cent; sprocket chains, 25 per cent; welded steel tubes, pipes, etc., 20 per cent; sword blades and side arms, 30 per cent.

An amendment by Senator Gallinger to substitute the Payne-Aldrich rates for the proposed rates on table knives and such cutlery was voted down, 45 to 17. The committee rates of 25 per cent and 30 per cent prevailed.

WOMEN "COPS" SWORN IN

Chief Tells Female Aides Not to Use Too Much Force.

Chicago—Eight of Chicago's ten new police women were sworn in Wednesday. The others failed to appear and sent no word to Chief McWeeny. The finest of Chicago's "finest" were instructed in their new duties by the chief and his first deputy. Mrs. Gertrude Howe Britton, of the Juvenile Protective association, also addressed the police women. She said that Chicago's young boys and girls were particularly the object of their care and watchfulness.

Chief McWeeny delivered a long list of "don'ts" to be observed by the new minions of the law. Some of them were: "Don't stretch the truth. "Don't be too stern; have compassion. "Present all cases fairly and squarely. "Don't be nosy. "Don't complain about long hours. "Don't use too much force in making arrests. "Don't talk more than necessary; let your commanding officers do most of the talking."

Plea for Old Frigate Made.

Washington, D. C.—The old frigate Constellation, built in Baltimore in 1797 when President Washington laid the foundations of the American navy, and under Captain Thomas Truxton the victor of decisive fights with the French frigates La Insurgente in 1799 and La Vengeance in 1800, which established the United States as a maritime power, came into the records of congress again as a living part of the nation's establishment.

An appropriation of \$50,000 was asked by Representative Lathrop, of Maryland, for the "repair and fitting out" of the historic old ship, the oldest in the navy. The Constellation is now at Newport. The resolution would provide for her transfer to Baltimore for public exhibition.

Lightning Doesn't Awaken.

La Crosse, Wis.—George R. Barber, well-to-do Mindoro business man, is a sound sleeper. Last Wednesday night there was a terrific storm at Mindoro, 15 miles above here, and a bolt of lightning struck the room in which Barber was sleeping, tearing the plaster from the walls and splintering the bed on which he lay. The landlady rushed to his room, expecting to find him dead, but found him sleeping and uninjured.

When awakened he complained of unpleasant dreams.

Strike Settlement Called Off.

Duluth, Minn.—Although the strikers at the Allouez ore docks had signified a willingness to go to work again, and the company had made all the concessions the strikers had asked, an Industrial Workers of the World leader succeeded in stopping the negotiations for ending the strike and the strikers finally voted to remain out. The men who had been brought here to act as strikebreakers quit in a body. The dock officials had granted all demands made by the strikers, and also an increase in pay of 15 cents a day.

Seven Thousand Women Strike.

New York—Seven thousand women employed in East Side knitting mills struck Thursday, demanding shorter hours, higher pay and more sanitary working conditions. It is estimated that more women are involved in the strike than in any other labor disturbance in New York since the great shirtwaist strike of 1909. Several thousand men went out in sympathy with the women workers.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

General News of the Industrial and Educational Development and Progress of Rural Communities, Public Institutions, Etc.

FRUITMEN WILL VISIT EAST

Condition of Crops En Route Will Be Studied by Distributors.

Hood River—Wilmer Sieg, sales manager, and H. F. Davidson, president of the North Pacific Fruit Distributors, will leave soon for Spokane, where they will attend a meeting of the officials of the distributors and then proceed to Minneapolis, Chicago and Cleveland, at the latter of which places the National Apple Shippers' convention will be held. They will be joined at Spokane by J. H. Robbins, general manager of the distributors.

After the convention Mr. Davidson will proceed to New York, where he will arrange for an office for the fruit distributors. Mr. Robbins will go to the Southwest, where he will make a study of crop conditions. Mr. Sieg will return home by way of Omaha and will visit Colorado points to make a study of the crop conditions there.

Hood River is arranging to make an apple display at the convention. The green fruit of different varieties will be taken back and the dealers will be able thus to make a prediction as to the size of the fruit on maturity.

"The crop conditions throughout the country," says Mr. Sieg, "are indefinite, and in the sections where they have the greatest quantity of apples the quality is poorest. It looks now as if the Northwest were going to have a reasonably good market, but it all depends on the judgment in getting the opening price. We will follow out our intentions as now, and place a reasonable yet profitable price on our commodities, we will be able to create a consumptive demand that will allow us to advance the price from time to time."

WATER PROJECT IS FEASIBLE

Engineer Lewis Approves Proposed Dead Ox Flat Proposition.

Salem—Irrigation projects in Malheur county are proceeding satisfactorily, according to John H. Lewis, state engineer, who has returned from a trip of inspection through that county. He thinks the Dead Ox proposition, designed to irrigate 27,000 acres, feasible, but will make a further investigation before giving a definite decision.

The engineer inspected the work on Willow Creek and Malheur River and tributaries, where three surveying parties are measuring private ditches which divert water from the main streams. This information will be furnished the water board to be used in determining rights of property owners on the stream. Testimony will be taken by the superintendent of the eastern division next spring.

Polk Cherry Trees Hit.

Rickreall—As a result of attacks by slugs, aphids and borers, hundreds of young cherry trees in Polk county orchards have died. A large orchard east of this place on the Salem road presents a queer yellowish color, and the leaves have dropped off, as do the leaves on a maple tree in the fall.

A complete perforation has taken place and the destructive work of the pests has attracted passers-by to such an extent that numerous inquiries have been made as to what is doing the damage. Despite the sprayings that have been given the orchards by the anxious growers, the pests kept on coming into the orchards until the leaves were so badly eaten that they dropped off the trees.

Governor West Assures Fishermen.

Medford—Governor West while here recently with Secretary of the Navy Daniels en route north, assured local fishermen that he would make a personal effort to see that the new state law requiring fish screens in irrigation ditches preventing the destruction of numberless trout fry, be enforced. He also said he would either accompany the Medford good roads delegation to Eureka, Cal., August 21, or would accompany the party escorting Secretary of the Interior Lane to Crater Lake on August 22.

It would be a candidate for Governor again Governor West emphatically stated he would not consider the proposition under any circumstances.

Water Helps Crops.

West Stayton—There has not been a day for the past two weeks that irrigation has not been used in this district. One settler who did not get his potatoes in until June 22 has succeeded by irrigation in bringing them to fine condition and within four days after he irrigated his pumpkins they grew as much as five feet, while at the same time non-irrigated plants appeared dormant. Another farmer declares that within four days after irrigation his crop shows an increase of 25 per cent.

Projects to Be Inspected.

Salem—The state desert land board has decided to make a tour of inspection of all irrigation projects in the state starting August 18. Among the projects to be inspected are the Columbia Southern, Deschutes Land company and the Paisley project. It will take the commission several weeks. Announcement also was made that the work on the Columbia Southern project was proceeding rapidly, and the state would finish its work next year. The state has appropriated \$450,000 for the work.

Fry to Be Planted in Hood River.

Hood River—The first 60,000 trout fry from the state hatchery at Bonneville was brought here on the state's fish car, "The Rainbow." William Stewart and W. L. Clark met the car here. It was immediately switched to the line of the Mount Hood railroad company and taken to Parkdale, where the fry were distributed in the middle and east forks of the Hood River.

COVE GROWS FINE CHERRIES

Experimental Farm is Great Aid to Farmers of Vicinity.

Cove, an Eastern Oregon village ten miles north of Union, is the center of a district that nestles in among the mountains and grows remarkably fine cherries. This is the substance of the report of Professor W. S. Brown, of the horticultural department of the Oregon Agricultural college, who has just returned from that section. Cove holds a cherry fair annually and Professor Brown was called there to judge the cherries. He finds that the region is particularly adapted to the growing of fine specimens of the leading varieties. The annual cherry fairs attract a great deal of attention, and this year the little place was overrun with growers and visitors. The fair is held in a little grove donated by the Episcopal church. In addition to a fine program, two bands, two baseball games and other sports enlivened the occasion. On the night preceding the fair the alumni of the O. A. C. gave an enjoyable dance, which was participated in by some two hundred. The hall was beautifully decorated in the colors of the college. Crops in general in some sections of Brown's visit are in very good condition. Fall wheat is nearly ready to cut, and the outlook is good for this and all cereal and hay crops. Many weeds are springing up in that country, however, and immediate steps should be taken to control and eradicate them.

Before returning Mr. Brown spent a day with Mr. Robert Withycombe, director of the Union Experiment Station. Of his visit Mr. Brown says: "Mr. Withycombe is a royal good fellow and seems to know everybody by their first names up in that part of the state. He is doing a remarkable work for the people of that section. Among some of his most interesting experiments is that of forming new varieties of wheat, barley, rye, and other cereals by different crosses. He has some remarkably promising hybrids which he has sown extensively for the first time this year. The experimental farm now comprises some six hundred and twenty acres, mostly very fine land, and is the largest experimental farm in the Northwest."

EUGENICS PLANS COMPLETED

Entries for State Fair Commence and 400 Expected.

Salem—Plans for the Eugenics exhibition to be conducted in connection with the forthcoming state fair were completed at Salem recently when O. M. Plummer, superintendent of the eugenics department, Dr. Mary V. Madigan and Mrs. W. W. Williams, chairman of the child welfare department of the Oregon Mothers' Congress, met with Secretary Meredith, of the state fair board.

Arrangements were made for the erection of a frame building 40x80 feet just inside the main entrance of the state fair grounds. This structure will house the eugenics exhibit and the display of the child welfare department, and will connect with the playground that have been fitted up there.

Mr. Plummer anticipates that more than 400 children will be entered in the eugenics exhibit this year. More than 100 in cases and in prizes have been offered. Entries already are coming in. Every part of the state is represented.

Road Fund is Allotted.

Salem—Announcement is made by Governor West of his recommendation to the Interior department for the distribution of the 10 per cent road fund provided by the department. Through the sale of timber lands in forest reserves. The governor, whose recommendations are always accepted, has suggested that the money be distributed as follows:

McKenzie wagon road, \$5000; Grouse creek road, \$1000; Desolation wagon road, \$2000; Cook & Green wagon road, \$1000; Bend-Sparks Lake road, \$1000; Paisley-Chewaucan road, \$1250; Murderer's Creek-Sproul road, \$1250; Cove-Minam road, \$900; Prineville-Mitchell road, \$1000; Gates-Quartzville road, \$780.

The Cook & Green wagon road is a part of the Oregon-California highway and the McKenzie wagon road connects the Willamette valley with Eastern Oregon.

Loganberries Are Dried.

Rickreall—Several prune driers have been engaged during the past few weeks in Polk county drying the crops of loganberries for the first time. This is considered a new method in drying the excellent fruit for market and the product sells at a high price. Last year only 6 per cent of the demand for dried loganberries were filled. Three methods have been used in caring for the crop—bottling the juice, canning the berries and drying them. Of the three the drying is found to be by far more profitable.

Hundreds Work on New Line.

North Bend—The Tillamook this week brought in a large shipment of construction equipment for Hauser & Hauser, who have the Coos Bay and the contract for the construction of the Southern Pacific line between here and Eugene. Among the machinery which will be utilized in handling the dirt that will have to be moved in constructing yards in and tracks through North Bend. Porter Brothers now have about 2200 men at work on the line.

Polk Clover Acreage Big.

Buena Vista—What is considered to be the largest acre of clover ever planted in Polk county is now growing in the various districts adapted to that crop. The many fields present a clean appearance and no pests are molesting the crop.



The Isolated Continent

A ROMANCE OF THE FUTURE

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SYNOPSIS.

For fifty years the continent of North America has been isolated from the rest of the world by the use of Z-rays, a wonderful invention of Hannibal Prudent. The newspaper was reproducing some funny pictures made by a Chicago artist in the early days of the twentieth century. "I have never seen such amusing brain products in my life," he said.

Edison smiled at the amusement of the man he called Santos. Taking his arm, he led him to the elevator. This time they went to the subway tube and, after making some inquiries of the guard, Edison bought two tickets for New York. It took two hours for them to make the journey between Washington and New York.

After they left the train, the two elbowed their way through excited and mourning crowds. Santos could hardly keep pace with the long strides of Edison. They turned into Forty-second street from the avenue and hurried into the Hippodrome, an immense, but very old structure, a relic of the nineteenth century.

The continental party had gathered in this building and a somewhat stout woman was speaking when the two strangers entered. The audience listened to the woman with intense attention; her pleasant, strong contralto voice filled the great hall and she brought out important points in her address with decisive strokes.

Edison and Santos stopped and listened. "To whom do we owe all these blessings? To whom must we give thanks for the thousands of other things that add comfort to home life, travel and national existence? To whom but the man whose soul has left the clay and entered the land of peace: Hannibal Prudent, ex-President of the United Republics of America."

"I know that many of the sectionarists and internationalists say we are isolated from the countries that gave us our ancestors; I know that the sectionarists think the isolation was an outrage against our further development in art, literature and science. They think those things, but we continentalists know differently."

"It is true no Italian singers can be imported to please the ears of the wealthy; it is true that we cannot add ancient pictures to our collections of masterpieces; it is true that the yachts of our rich cannot make a tour of the Mediterranean; but compare our losses with our gains!"

"Since the isolation we have created our American art! Does not that alone pay for our isolation?"

"Our singers sing the airs of our country; our artists paint pure, beloved objects and scenes known to all of us."

"Look at our magnificent, lofty architecture, our terraces and roof gardens at our reversible street covers, at the swaying gardens, tube and aerial roads. These are our own—these are not influenced by foreign education. We created them ourselves."

She stopped for a moment, stretched out her shapely arm and continued: "Before the isolation of our continent, we were a mixture of all the nations of the world; today we are a nation complete in ourselves. There are no English, Irish, Dutch, German, Italian or Spaniards left. These nationalities have merged and produced the citizen of America."

Her voice sank lower and vibrated with emotion. "A new man has sparkled through the country, a bit of news even more heart-breaking than the news of the departure of the greatest man our country has produced. I mean the news that our stronghold is near its breakdown, that European scientists have discovered the way to invade our isolation. I pray that the news is untrue, but should it be true, then we will have to prepare for defense."

"Compatriots, true citizens! Who can fill the executive chair more satisfactorily than the one who, throughout her whole life, has been prepared for it? I call to you and ask you to give your best judgment for the cause and with one heart and one thought nominate for the continentalist candidate the daughter of Prudent, Astra Prudent."

Here she was interrupted by a heavy voice thundering: "No female rule for me."

That was all he could say, as his voice flattened out behind a healthy slap delivered resoundingly on the disturber's mouth. The hand and arm that administered this rebuke belonged to Napoleon Edison. With a strong jerk he turned the surprised man toward the door and he was carried on and on as if he were a wreck being tossed by stormy waves. When order was restored, the speaker continued:

"With all my heart I trust Miss Prudent will be the nominee of the continentalists. Those who agree with me, kindly stand up!"

As one body the audience rose and 50,000 voices thundered "Hurrah! for the continental nominee!"

Then the orator sat down. Astra, in her own room in the crystal palace, saw and heard through the electro-stylograph the whole proceedings of the New York continental party in the Hippodrome. She had raised her hand to disconnect her machine when a man from the audience asked for the right to speak.

According to the rules of the party, all who desired had the right to make an address, so this request was readily granted. Since no one asked for this man's name, it was not disclosed. He walked calmly forward, closely followed by a short, fat man who stopped only when his tall friend mounted the platform. This tall man was dressed in a gray traveling suit, instead of mourning, but on his arm was a broad black band.

All the attention of the great audience was centered on the athletic figure and the sunburnt, frank face of the young man. He advanced, instead of showing the details he so plainly said as if she were sitting in one of the boxes, and she was thrilled as his eyes seemed to look straight into hers.

"Ladies and Gentlemen," he began. "I have a message to deliver to the political party in which I believe; do not ask me how I happen to be the instrument that was selected to convey this message to you, but I beg of you to seriously consider my words. You have all heard or read about the warning that came to our dear dead, the ex-President, Hannibal Prudent."

There was silent emotion in his voice when he mentioned that name. "That warning is only too true. Our enemies, defeated fifty years ago, have found a way to break through our isolation; they have across these fifty years planning revenge! We can, through Hannibal Prudent's efforts, put off their invasion for one year, which will give us a little time to prepare for defense. Continentalists, my brothers in conviction, spread strength and faith through the mighty land, as God has given us, just as he did fifty years ago, a man to liberate this country from the oppressor's hand. God, in his infinite goodness, has given us another instrument to repel the storming enemies."

His voice filled the great hall; his words were convincing through the sincerity of the orator. As he opened his mouth to speak again, the large holo-board began to show many colored zig-zag sparks and the audience watched it in apprehension; the whole atmosphere was charged with an inexplicable feeling of expectation. Not a person moved until the man on the platform stepped quickly down to the operating table of the electro-stylograph and adjusted the instrument into the right receiving socket. The sparking ceased and blurred, but discernible, a picture appeared.

As the audience stared the pictures became somewhat clearer, as they saw what appeared to be tremendous sea monsters lying immovable on the bosom of the ocean. The huge bulks of metal, showing unknown forms of warfare, were pointed menacingly at the silent audience, which was representative of the fifty years just past; the comparison showed clearly that the science and genius of the Europeans had only produced a perfection of death-dealing instruments, while the Americans had advanced in science, art, literature and a general development of the human race.

The great audience, which had been so enthusiastic, now sat as motionless as a bird that has been charmed by a snake, intently watching the wonderful picture that moved and changed incessantly; huge airships of improved type, in the style of Zeppelin, glided brightly, as they moved with ponderous grace.

Every conceivable form of mono and bi-plane came gliding by; and each and every form of locomotion carried unmistakable signs of their destiny—a machine of destruction.

As the pictures vanished a sigh issued from every heart and a rustle of relaxation stirred the multitude. Many turned toward the instrument, hoping to see the man who had last spoken, but he was gone.

By the time the people who had been favored by a sight of the enemies' destructive forces, began to leave the hippodrome, that young man was on his way to the capital. He was none other than Napoleon Edison.

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Garnets by the Ton.

Garnets are generally classed as precious stones, and a fine gem may be worth from \$5 to \$25 a carat, according to variety and size, but it is not necessarily true that the owner of a garnet mine is a millionaire because his mine produces garnets by the ton. In fact, the bulk of the garnets produced are measured by the ton, but these of inferior quality are used for abrasive purposes. In 1912 the production of abrasive garnet, according to the United States Geological Survey, amounted to 4,182 short tons, valued at \$137,890, so that the average price for a ton of garnets was not quite \$33, or considerably less than double the price of a ton of hay.

The production of garnets in 1913 showed an increase of 105 tons in quantity and \$16,052 in value compared with 1911. The three garnet-producing states are New York, New Hampshire, and North Carolina.

Then He Ran for His Life.

"These new, extremely narrow skirts the women are wearing," said the box office man, "remind me of a crowded theater."

"How so?" inquired the press agent. "Because," replied the box office man, "they seem to be 'standing room only.'"



Astra Had Long Ago Discovered Some Bestial Trait in Him.