

NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

Women police of Chicago will have special fashions in dress.

A new "home rule" law for cities in Nebraska greatly curtails political pickings.

Troops are being withdrawn from the strike district in the Michigan copper regions.

Bulgaria now faces dire want and suffering as the result of the war with her former allies.

Plentiful rains bring great relief to the suffering people and burning crops of the Middle West.

Out of a venire of 165 chosen for the September term of court at Aberdeen, 67 are women.

Delayed salmon run in Alaskan waters begins and promises to be one of the best ever known.

A New York boy of 12 years swam 15 miles in 6 hours and 45 minutes, breaking all records for his age.

Several families had narrow escapes from death when two Salem, Or., lodging houses burned Monday night.

Three were killed and eight injured in a collision between a passenger train and two automobiles at Oakland, Cal.

An effort is being made to have a teachers' license at Arlington, Wash., revoked on account of the holder's alleged I. W. W. tendencies.

John Lind, personal representative of President Wilson, arrived safely in Mexico City and the situation seems much relieved temporarily.

A Marshallfield, Or., man who died last week kept all his savings in a tin box in his house in order to avoid paying alimony to his divorced wife. He left about \$4000 in cash.

English suffragists made a third attempt to storm the residence of Premier Asquith, but were beaten by police after a hard fight and their leader and nine others landed in jail.

King Ferdinand, of Bulgaria, tells his people that utter exhaustion of the nation forced the signing of peace treaties, and urges them to prepare their nation to take up the struggle again in the future.

By a new military service bill France has enlarged her standing army by 210,000 men.

The interior department has opened to entry 412,000 acres of dry farming land in Eastern Oregon.

Salvador is the first nation to sign the Bryan peace treaty.

The department of justice is accused of "investigating" judges in order to influence their decisions.

The government has opened bids for three new power lifeboats for the mouth of the Columbia river.

A Chilean coast steamer was wrecked off the coast of that country and all but one of her crew drowned.

A legislative investigating committee in New York will probably seek the impeachment of Governor Sulzer.

Senator Sherman declares our trade with China has been lost entirely by poor business policy in tariff making.

The administration at Washington admits that the Mexican situation is the gravest since the trouble over Cuba.

Portland, Or., judges have begun the imposition of jail sentences on all auto speeders convicted in their courts.

The forest service has found a way to control the beetle that has been threatening the destruction of pine and fir forests.

FAVOR GRADED TOBACCO TAX

Senator Declares "Dissolution" Helped Monopoly.

Washington, D. C.—That the tobacco trust, instead of being dissolved by the decree of the Supreme court of the United States, has increased its monopolistic control of tobacco manufacture, was asserted in the senate by Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, in discussing the tobacco schedule of the tariff bill.

Reading from statistics furnished by the secretary of the treasury, he declared that four concerns manufactured last year 71 3-5 per cent of all tobacco manufactured in the United States, that three of these concerns manufactured 90 per cent of the small cigars and three of them 88 3-5 per cent of all the cigarettes.

"If the American people are in earnest, and I believe they are," he added, "they want this monopoly curbed. If the United States senate is in earnest it ought not to permit any rule of a party caucus to restrain any senator from voting for a measure that would put a stop to defiance of a judicial decree and restore a condition of competition in the world in tobacco manufactures."

The tobacco schedule, which places a graduated income tax on tobacco production, was approved by the senate without comment. The metal schedule was completed with the exception of some paragraphs which the finance committee had passed for further consideration, and the sugar schedule was passed over because of the illness of Senator Ransdell, of Louisiana. The debate was then begun on the agricultural schedule, one of the sections most vigorously assailed by the senator from the minority.

Senator Groom, of North Dakota, opened this discussion and proposed in lieu of free listing cattle a rate of \$1.50 a head on cattle less than a year old; \$3 a head on cattle valued at not more than \$14, and 20 per cent ad valorem on cattle valued at more than \$14.

Senator Lane, of Oregon, said the principal reason for placing cattle on the free list was that there were not sufficient cattle in this country to supply the domestic demand.

The committee amendment placing cattle on the free list was sustained, 38 to 31, Senator Thornton, of Louisiana, voting with the Republicans against the amendment. This was the first time a Democrat had voted against the party amendments. All the progressive Republicans voted against free cattle.

Senator Catron, of New Mexico, opposed sheep, offering an amendment placing a tariff of 50 cents a head on sheep less than 1 year old and \$1 a head on sheep 1 year old. This was rejected, 32 to 37, and the committee amendment placing sheep on the free list was agreed to.

WAR AVIATORS MAKE PLEA

United States Declared to Be Behind March of Nations.

Washington, D. C.—Acting Secretary of War Breckenridge, Brigadier General Scriven, chief of the signal corps; Captain Beck, Major Russell and Lieutenants Milling, Arnold and Foulis, army aviators, pleaded for extension of the army aviation service before the house military committee Thursday. Mr. Breckenridge said it was not stretching vision to predict that powerful dirigibles would carry tons of explosives to drop on vulnerable spots. He said war aeroplanes were most efficient for scouting purposes. General Scriven declared that the United States was behind all other powers in military aviation.

MINE HORROR IS MYSTERIOUS

No Sign of Fire Found, Though 20 Are Killed in Explosion.

Tower City, Pa.—The first session of the inquiry only added to the mystery surrounding the death of the 20 men killed in the East Brookside mine explosion on August 2. Although most of the victims were terribly burned, the hearing disclosed that there was no sign of fire in the mine, which would have been the case in a gas explosion. The clothing of the men was not burned, although it was torn from their bodies, and the mine timbers were not even scorched. The lid was torn off the box in which the dynamite was kept, but the dynamite was not exploded.

Ships May Cross in Fall.

New York—That the first ship would pass through the Panama canal in October was the opinion expressed by Lieutenant Colonel Eugene Wilson, U. S. A., on his arrival here from Panama Wednesday, for a two months' vacation. Colonel Wilson is an assistant to Colonel Goethals in the construction of the canal. Colonel Wilson said that the two oceans would be joined in September and that by next spring the canal would be ready for the vessels of the world. The fortifications will not be complete.

Mother of Eleven Wants Aid.

Portland—Mrs. Maggie Hirschman, of 874 East Fifth street north, holds the record as being the mother of the greatest number of children of any woman who has applied to the Juvenile court for a widow's pension. She is the mother of 11 children, ranging in age from one year to 16 years. She is 37 years old. Her husband died in a hospital June 8. If Mrs. Hirschman is allowed a full pension she will get \$77.50 a month, \$10 for the first child under 16 and \$7.50 for each additional child under that age.

Rate Request is Unique.

St. Paul—The first application ever made in Minnesota by shippers for an increase in freight rates was denied Thursday by the State Railroad and Warehouse commission. The application, which is said to be unique in railway history, was made by Minneapolis and St. Paul wholesalers, who desired an order allowing the railroads to increase their carload rates on cereal products of grain, or reduce the less than carload rates on such cereals.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

STRAHORN TELLS OF PLANS

Oregon Coast Timber Country to Be Tapped By Road.

Eugene—A hitherto almost inaccessible section of the Oregon coast ultimately will be reached by the Portland, Eugene & Eastern, according to President Strahorn, who announces that the Alpine branch of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern will be extended seven miles and the Bellfountain branch ten miles this year, reaching almost to the crest of the Coast range.

It is the Bellfountain branch which is in time, to be extended into the Alsea river territory and thence to Waldport, on Alsea bay. The immediate purpose of the extensions is development of timber territory, for even now ten carloads of logs a day are being carried on the Bellfountain line and seven cars a day of piling and ties on the Alpine branch.

When Stephen Carver built his Corvallis & Alsea south from Corvallis he intended to cross the mountains, which at this place are comparatively low, into the Alsea territory, and the line into Monroe was a sort of branch for the accommodation of the Wilhelm flour mills. This little branch from Alsea Junction to Monroe has now become a link in the Portland-Eugene line of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern. The plan of reaching the Coast country, however, has not been given up, and in the course of time the rails will reach one of the rich dairying and fishing sections of the Coast country, and one of the prettiest vacation spots imaginable.

WORK ON BAYS AUTHORIZED

Tillamook and Nehalem Projects to Be Commenced Soon.

Washington, D. C.—Instructions were telegraphed Major Cavanaugh to make preparations for commencing the work of improvement of Tillamook and Nehalem bays, for which conditional appropriations aggregating \$400,000 have been made by congress.

The conditions incident to the appropriations require that one-half of the amount required for the projects be subscribed by local interests and be placed at the disposal of the War department prior to the commencement of work. The War department has been notified by the secretary of the treasury that the financial requirements were complied with, the actual deposit of the local fund being at the disposal of the department in a Cleveland banking house.

New O. A. C. Catalogue.

The annual catalogue of the Oregon Agricultural college for the year 1913-14 has appeared and is being mailed to prospective students. Among the more important changes in the courses are the modifications and additions in forestry and animal husbandry. There are nine added courses in forestry, including the important and practical subjects of a study of commercial timber trees, forest protection, logging preservation, bridge construction, logging railroads and logging management. The work of this course will be directed with special reference to present conditions in the Pacific Northwest. In animal husbandry the work has been expanded so that Professor Foster specializes in beef production, Mr. Simpson in hogs and Mr. O. M. Nelson, graduate of the University of Wisconsin and recently connected with the sheep experiment station there, in sheep.

Both Joins Commission.

Eugene—R. A. Booth, chairman of the Oregon Panama Exposition commission, joined the other members of the commission on the Shasta Limited when they reached this city en route to San Francisco to view the site of the Oregon building. It is the purpose of the commission to determine upon the type of building as soon as the site has been inspected and to make an effort to have the Oregon building the first one to be erected. Oregon has appropriated \$175,000 to cover the expense of the state exhibit.

Eugene Road Open Soon.

Eugene—The nearly-constructed Eugene-Corvallis section of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern railway will be thrown open to traffic before September 1, probably by August 20, according to statements made here during a recent interview by President Strahorn, of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern. First service is to be by steam, pending the completion of the electrification of the West Side lines of the Southern Pacific from Portland to Eugene, which are to be taken over by the Portland, Eugene & Eastern.

Oil Men Resume at Rickreall.

Rickreall—Work has again been resumed at the Whiteaker oil well prospect, about seven miles southwest of this place. Plenty of funds seemed to have been obtained to put the outfit in operation for a considerable length of time. The old casing at the well, which was broken, will be replaced by new pipe, and as soon as the improvements are made drilling will begin.

Prune Trees Splitting.

Rickreall—Owing to the size and quantity of the prunes in Polk county's orchards, many trees have split from the weight. This is considered early for prune trees to suffer this way, but the fruit has developed wonderfully within the past two weeks. It is believed that by harvest time the prunes will be larger than ever.

Polk County Rabbits Move.

Buena Vista—Jackrabbits in Polk county, and especially in this section, have disappeared. Two years ago the animals were so thick that teamsters and automobile drivers often ran over them on the highways. Where the rabbits have gone can not be ascertained.

YAQUINA BAY VERY PROLIFIC

Professor Sykes Finds Seven Kinds of Shellfish in Waters.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—That there are large numbers of various species of clams, oysters, crabs and shrimps lying in the waters of Yaquina bay and in its bordering mud flats is the conclusion reached by George F. Sykes, professor of zoology at the Oregon Agricultural college, who is engaged in taking a census of the shellfish in the Newport region. Seven different species have been identified by Professor Sykes and his assistants, as follows: Mya arenaria, the soft-shelled clam of Rhode Island; Cardium corbis, the cockle; Tapes staminea, the little hard shell; Macoma nasuta, the native bent-neck; Saxidomus sp., the large butter clam; Lutraria maximus, the American mud clam, and the razor clam of the beach.

The most abundant of these, says Professor Sykes, is the so-called Eastern clam.

It is also by far the most valuable commercially, although the others find a ready market.

Oysters were found growing far down the lower bay, as well as in the Oysterville region, where most of the natural and cultivated beds are found.

No attempt has been made by Professor Sykes to ascertain the kinds and quantities of shrimps and crabs, but he says the bay and its shores promise to become prolific grounds for the production of edible shell fish.

A year ago a preliminary survey of the bay was made and 20 or more species of marketable food fish were found, the most important of which are the chinook and silverside salmon, ling cod and black, red and orange rockfish, hake, herring and tom cod, starry flounder, kelp, perch and halibut.

WORK ON SAWMILL IS BEGUN

Seaside Plant Will Cater Mostly to Oriental Box Trade.

Seaside—Active work has commenced at the recently acquired sawmill site of Prouty Brothers, who are now operating a mill at Ferndale, Wash., near the British Columbia line. The ground is now practically cleared and the erection of the sawmill building will be commenced immediately. The capacity of the mill will be 30,000 feet per day, and practically the entire output of the mill will be used in the box factory that will be built as soon as the mill saws the necessary lumber.

It is expected that the mill will be in operation by the first of November. The machinery of the Ferndale plant will be shipped here and installed, as the timber holdings of the company are now exhausted. A free lease to the millsite, consisting of three and one-half acres on the banks of the Wahanna river, was given the company by A. Welch, the electric utility promoter. The site adjoins the electric lighting plant that supplies Seaside and Gearhart and is ideally located to saw the timber that has been constructed for from Olsen Brothers, a logging firm that is operating extensively in this vicinity. The lease from Welch is for a period of 50 years and the entire output of the mill will be used in the box factory that will be built as soon as the mill saws the necessary lumber.

Klamath Orchards Bearing.

Klamath Falls—Hood River and Rogue River valleys will have to look to their laurels as fruit producers, is the prediction of one man who has been in the country for 30 years. He points to the heavily-laden apple, plum and cherry trees; to the gooseberry, blackberry, strawberry, currant and loganberry vines which have borne to the limit each year, in proof of this prediction.

He says that because of the altitude people have been afraid to put in large orchards, but that the small orchards in this city and scattered ones all over the county have all done exceedingly well. The flavor of the fruit is equal to the very best in any section, and the trees and vines bear abundantly.

County Free From Fires.

Medford—Thanks to the July rains and the efficient service of the Federal rangers and members of the Jackson County Fire Patrol association, there has not been a dollar lost in forest fires in the county thus far this season. This is a record which has not been equaled in the history of the local forestry bureau. New trails and look-outs have been recently constructed throughout the wooded districts in the county, and 25 rangers are scouting for signs of smoke in spite of this record.

Coos to Have Brick Plant.

Marshfield—J. E. Walling left for Portland last week to close out his holdings there preparatory to moving to Coos Bay, where he has arranged to put in a brick plant. The plant is to be located on the railway about midway between Marshfield and Coquille, and he states he has found a high-grade clay which will make fine brick. Later he expects to turn out tile and sewer pipe and possibly vitrified brick. He will start with a \$25,000 plant and expects to have it in operation in the course of a few months.

Fish Company is Formed.

Bay City—The fishermen of Tillamook Bay have organized a co-operative company for which incorporation papers will be filed, to handle the salmon catch of its members and any resident fishermen who care to sell to this company. The capital stock has all been subscribed for. The new organization has a membership of 60, which embraces nearly all of the experienced fishermen on the bay. A fair run of salmon is on at present.



BY GUIDO VON HORVATH and DEAN HOARD

CHAPTER III.

The Ring.

Thursday afternoon at four o'clock the clay abode of the man whose death was mourned by the continent returned to ash. The mournful procession started toward the crematorium from the chapel of the Crystal Palace. Gardens had been devastated to furnish flowers; the streets were carpeted with blooms. Immediately following the coffin rode his only relative, the daughter of Hannibal Prudent, in an open carriage.

Her pale face spoke of sleepless nights and many tears, but her eyes now were dry, her classic face calm and her carriage like that of a queen. And a queen she was, not by the right of birth or inheritance, but by the divine might that inhabited her superb body.

Astra's mind was dazed from the loss of sleep and the pomp of the funeral ceremony, and her nerves were well-nigh exhausted by the time she arrived at her crystal home. As she slowly mounted the steps her loss overwhelmed her; she had not fully realized it before. She went on to the door and, throwing herself on a couch, sobbed bitterly. Her mind reverted to the past when the great man she had lost had played with the little girl of five years—with her; he was an old man even then; but oh, how dearly she had loved him.

Her meditations were terminated abruptly by the entrance of old John, who brought the card of Napoleon Edison. "I promised to receive him, did I not?"

"Indeed, madam," bowed the servant. She thought for a moment. "Take him to my father's library; I will see him there."

When Napoleon Edison entered the room he found Astra sitting before the broad desk. He stopped before her with a low bow.

"I have the honor to greet you, Miss Prudent."

The girl looked into the face of the tall, handsome man and saw in his large gray eyes an immeasurable courage. The strong, well-shaped nose curved over a pleasant mouth that softened the stern expression of the eyes. The high, broad forehead was shaded by dark brown hair. The broad shoulders and the sinewy, muscular form all gave evidence of strength, endurance and energy.

The girl did not answer for a few seconds; some strange power had cast its spell over her while she studied this man. She recognized him as the man who had been so prophetically at the continentalists' meeting in the old Hippodrome.

"Good evening, Mr. Edison," she said at last in her low, pleasant voice. The man thought it the sweetest voice he had ever heard. Then she added: "Will you kindly be seated?"

The young man sat down without speaking, and Astra asked: "You wished to see me; may I ask you, sir, why?"

The expressive face of the young man showed a shade of disappointment as he replied quickly: "It was under the impression that you expected me, madam, but it seems that I have been misled. However, I can tell my mission in a few words."

He rested his eyes on the girl's face and seemed still expectant, but the calm, beautiful face did not change. He continued: "The main object of my call is this. He took a small jewel box from his pocket, and opening it, placed it on the desk before Astra. Resting on the purple pad in the box was a sparkling white object, a small ring in the form of a spiral piece of scroll work woven into a shape that formed the letter 'A' to take the place of the jewel.

No jewel decorated the ring; the material it was made of was more brilliant than diamonds; it sparkled in all the colors of the rainbow, notwithstanding its smooth surface.

Astra could not repress an exclamation of surprise: "Ah, how beautiful!" She leaned over the desk, admiring the sparkling colors.

Edison smiled slightly and waited until the girl was ready to turn from the dazzling ring to him. She took the ring in her hand and saw that it was as transparent, clear and colorless as crystal; without that sparkling effect it would have been invisible.

She slowly laid it down again and looked questioningly at the man sitting before her. She did not know that while she was admiring the ring his eyes had rested on her yearningly, expressing love and admiration. Or was it adoration?

He smiled strangely at her and said: "If I read your questioning gaze aright, you want to know the meaning of my gift, a gift that I have brought from afar for the daughter of Hannibal Prudent." He placed a peculiar accent on the last four words.

fering to our continent will be accepted as freely as I am offering it."

"I can assure you of the value of the nominee for the presidential chair." She offered her hand again and Napoleon Edison kissed it reverently. He bowed once more and started toward the door. Miss Prudent hesitated a moment—a question was on her lips—but as she hesitated it was too late; the visitor was gone.

"Clyrnyth—Clyrnyth!" she sighed, more than uttered, and looked at the chair that had a short moment ago held that splendid man.

It seemed to her as though the stranger had carried away something—something?—what? She did not know. She sat down before the desk and taking the ring in her hand looked at it, and finally she slipped it on her finger. It fitted perfectly.

Then she looked at it more closely and saw some small tracings on it. She could not distinguish the lines with her unaided eyes, so took a magnifying glass and examined it curiously. As she did so, her lips as she deciphered the strange word "Clyrnyth."

By some coincidence Napoleon Edison, emerging from the portal, again encountered the man he had met three days before; the only difference was that this time he was leaving and Ambrosio Hale was coming.

The tall man with those ferret-like eyes, fox nose and brittle mustache was evidently surprised. As he passed the porter's gate he asked who the stranger was. The porter could not remember, but it was a name that made him think of Napoleon; whether it was Bonaparte or Caesar he could not recall.

Mr. Hale was received in the green room.

Astra had a peculiar dislike for that color, not in nature, but in furnishings and clothing, and generally received people she did not like in the green room. That room had a depressing effect on her mentality, and the people who visited her there soon left.

"I have come this time, my dear Astra, to congratulate you. I wanted to be the first. You are nominated by the continentalists, and there is no doubt but you will be elected; the secessionists' opposition on the other hand is hardly any opposition at all against you, my dear Astra."

He pressed the hand of the girl warmly. He knew that he had to win her love or he would never reach the goal he was longing for.

"I wish you would consider me your very best friend, my dear. Consult me any time you please. Your wisdom and judgment is great. The whole continent is looking at you as the deliverer; still, once in a while the word of an experienced statesman will help."

"Indeed, Mr. Hale, I assure you that if I ever need your kindly offered help I will call on you."

The intimate conversation did not last long, as other visitors arrived and spelled Ambrosio Hale's ardently longed for opportunity.

Before Astra fell asleep, she kissed the glittering ring on which the word Clyrnyth was faintly engraved.

That evening Napoleon Edison, accompanied by his short friend, sat in a compartment of the fourteen-hour Frisco Limited, flying toward the West; the train that was shot through the tube by compressed air was so perfect that not a rumble was heard, or a quiver felt.

Napoleon Edison bent over an outspread plan showing an object of peculiar construction. His companion watched him for a while, then fell asleep. Edison looked at the fat man's nodding head, and turned the light lower, so that it fell only on his blueprints.

He sat studying those lines that ran straight, curved and oblique; they formed a picture that was not intended—the outlines, the details of a serene, strong face—Astra's.

The train shot steadily toward the Golden Gate.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

No Standardized Dress.

It is a pleasure to stamp despatchfully on the praise of Prof. Walter Sargent of Chicago for the Chinese custom of "one established style of dress for women."

Life might be cheaper under such a dull, gray provision of costume. But it would certainly not be worth living. The whole trouble with costumes today is that they are too much alike. Instead of designing a dress that is becoming to her own dimensions, proportions and other endowments of nature, the average woman accepts the fashion of the hour, whatever it may be—large sleeves, small hips, no waist or whatever the fashion may decree.

What is needed is not more standardization, but more individuality in dress. A declaration of independence is the crying feminine need of the hour—not a uniform designed by any board of economists.—New York Tribune.

Bound to Have His Joke.

Jokes about the slowness of trains, especially here in the south, said an Atlanta railway man, also fire me a bit by their attentiveness; but I heard a new and good one not long ago. It seems that trains are always slow and far between on a branch line in Mississippi. Nobody knows this better than the people at the junction, except the newsdealer came to me grinning.

"A fellow from the other end of the line just said a funny thing," he remarked. "He had missed his train two hours. He came to me to buy some reading matter to while away the time. He asked for a joke book, and I didn't have any. Then he poked around for a while and said: 'Well, I guess I'll take a time table instead.'—Judge.

More Speed.

A group of clubmen were discussing the other night the speed and competition of modern city life—the grinding subway, the standing lunches, and the "parlors" where you get your hat cleaned while your shoes are being shined. "For all that," remarked one of the group—a well-known patent lawyer—"I was surprised to find a downtown barber shop with this sign in big letters over the door: "Quick shave—while you wait."



Some Strange Power Had Cast Its Spell Over Her While She Studied the Man.