

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.

Roosevelt and his party dine with king and queen of Italy.

President Taft gave a dinner at the White House to conservationists.

It is reported that Roosevelt still has confidence in Taft and his policies.

Premier Asquith's policy in the house of commons won by a vote of 357 to 251.

Two hundred taxicab drivers in Chicago are on strike, and the remaining 300 are expected to join them.

An aviator at Alameda, fell 80 feet with his biplane into San Francisco bay, but was rescued by a skiff.

The incident between Colonel Roosevelt and the Vatican at Rome grows in importance and promises to become world-wide.

George H. Williams, ex-mayor of Portland, member of the constitutional convention of Oregon, and eminent pioneer lawyer of the coast, is dead.

Unemployed in Tacoma to the number of 50 refused to do longshore work for less than 40 cents an hour, and were chased off the dock by policemen.

Dr. D. K. Pearson, a Chicago philanthropist, aged 90 years, says he has aided 47 struggling colleges, which are now all thriving, and will now give his pocketbook a rest.

In a case of Nebraska and Arkansas against the railroads, the Supreme court of the United States has decided that the roads have some rights that must be recognized.

J. J. Hill called to pay his respects to President Taft. He says farmers in the Northwest are a month ahead of time with their spring work on account of the fine weather.

A Berkeley, Cal., man offered to contribute \$100 toward paying off a church debt if the women of the church would remove their hats during services. The women refused.

The political situation in England is extremely tense.

Roosevelt will be as closely guarded as any king during his visit in Rome.

Secretary Ballinger will bring suit against Collier's Weekly for attacks upon him.

At least six bankers will be indicted as a result of the Pittsburg graft scandal and investigations.

A guide who helped Cunningham locate illegally on Alaska coal claims, being charged at the small fee paid him, has told all he knew about the matter.

Eight cases of smallpox have developed in the town of Charleston, Wash., near the Puget Sound navy yard, and all schools, saloons and billiard halls have been closed.

Decollette dresses will be barred from the Eucharist congress in Montreal next September, which will be attended by Cardinal Vanutelli, papal delegate from Rome.

Donald Graves, 14 years old, was shot through the right eye at his home at Long Beach, Cal., by Jesse Franzen, aged 11 years, and died two hours later. The two lads were playing Indian with a .22-calibre rifle.

A plan is being formulated by the heirs to the millions of Russell Sage, to make a systematic war on loan sharks by establishing loan agencies where people in stringent circumstances can borrow at reasonable rates of interest.

Maintaining utmost secrecy until the hour of attack, government secret service agents made raids simultaneously on bucket shops in New York, Philadelphia, Jersey City, Baltimore, Cincinnati and St. Louis. In all 16 arrests were made. Five millionaires are said to have been caught in the dragnet, extending from the Missouri river to the Atlantic.

Admiral Fournier of France predicts war between the United States and Japan.

A Seattle woman is believed to have poisoned nearly 50 valuable dogs in that city.

Pinchot refuses to say whether or not he was summoned to meet Roosevelt in Erwin.

Nat Goodwin, the noted actor, has purchased a ranch of 859 acres near San Jacinto, Cal., for \$45,000.

More than 3,000 white and negro men, women and children, employed in the American Tobacco company's stemmeries in Louisville, Ky., have struck for higher wages.

President Taft says the policy of returning men to congress for successive terms makes the East more powerful in that body.

The French government is conducting extensive experiments in aviation and is considering the appropriation of at least \$4,000,000 for aeronautics.

Three hundred thousand coal miners in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas have quit work, pending settlement of a new wage scale.

Coal miners of the East demand an immediate increase in wages or a strike will follow.

The department of agriculture has forbidden the feeding, or "floating," of oysters in brackish water, previous to sending them to market, believing it a fruitful source of typhoid infection.

The Young Egyptian company has published a protest against Colonel Roosevelt's speech at Cairo, declaring that his remarks were offensive to the whole nation and were made only with the object of pleasing his official hosts.

MILLIONS TO FIGHT SHARKS.

Plan is to Charge Only Legal Rates on Furniture Security.

New York, April 4.—Mrs. Russell Sage has inaugurated a state-wide plan to thwart the loan sharks who fatten upon the necessities of the poor. She has returned from her trip across the continent to put into immediate effect measures to save the unfortunate from the exactions of the usurer.

The Sage millions will capitalize a chain of model loan establishments which will advance money to the poor on their household goods at the legal rate of interest.

The plan has been prepared by the Sage Foundation, in cooperation with Otton H. Cheney, state superintendent of banks, and awaits only Mrs. Sage's final approval.

Mr. Cheney, who has been waging a bitter war upon the loan sharks, said today:

"When the Sage Foundation enters this field not only will it accomplish a most worthy mission, but at the same time it can be made financially profitable. The concerns which take unfair advantage of the unfortunate who are financially embarrassed will be either driven out of the business or forced to conduct their business on the same fair basis as the Sage Foundation."

Mr. Cheney said he believed the poor who have to resort to the securing of loans on their furniture should be cared for in preference to the class that secures advances on salary.

AVIATOR SWOOPS TO DEATH ON ROCKS.

San Sebastian, Spain, April 4.—Another French aviator has met death while making a flight in an aeroplane. Hubert Leblon, who, prior to his taking up aeroplaning was a noted automobilist, was killed while making an exhibition flight here yesterday.

He was circling the royal palace of Miramar at a height of 140 feet when his motor broke. He attempted to glide back to the shed, but the machine turned and swooped with terrific force against the rocks. The aviator was crushed.

Mrs. Leblon witnessed the accident and when the body was recovered from the sea, she rushed shrieking towards the ambulance to which it was being carried. She threw herself upon the lifeless form, kissing it repeatedly and refusing to be led away. As the weather was stormy, Leblon's flight was unexpected and only a few people assembled to see the start. After the start, however, an enormous crowd quickly gathered and followed the body to the police hospital. There was an examination, but the doctors were only able to confirm that death must have been instantaneous.

ITALIANS CHEER ROOSEVELT.

Seen in Theater at Naples—Receives Grand Ovation.

Naples, April 4.—Ex-President Roosevelt was given a tremendous reception at the Theater San Carlos, where he attended a performance to-night. The Americans in the boxes started the cheering, which was taken up by a great body of students seated in the third gallery. Colonel Roosevelt rose and bowed his acknowledgments, which only served to increase the tumultuous applause.

During an intermission students to the number of 200 marched to the rear of Colonel Roosevelt's box, where they were presented to the ex-president by Professor Boggianno, of the University of Naples, who, in a graceful speech, recalled the colonel's parting injunction to President Taft, that the greatest problem for the United States was the maintenance of a moral well-being and strength of the people. Professor Boggianno said that this was also the greatest problem for all countries.

Colonel Roosevelt, replying, appealed to the students to aspire to the highest ideals, but warned them that their aspirations must be coupled with practical methods.

"Life is a struggle," he said. "You must not keep in the clouds. Your ideals must be such as can be realized."

Pet Dog Funeral Elaborate.

Chicago, April 4.—Beth, a blooded cock spaniel which has won many blue ribbons at bench shows, is dead, but if there is any post mortem satisfaction for a departed canine in an elaborate funeral, Beth must have it. Wrapped in an embroidered opera coat, her casket lined with the trophies of her show victories, Beth was buried yesterday, sorrowing friends witnessing the ceremony. Beth was the pet of Miss Suzzette Newton, the young daughter of Mrs. California Newton.

Fund is Pledged to Cook.

New York, April 4.—On the authority of Captain E. F. Osborn, one of the most active supporters of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the explorer, it was announced tonight that about \$175,000 had been guaranteed toward a fund to help Dr. Cook prove his claim to discovery of the North Pole. "A prominent Western man," said Captain Osborn, "has pledged \$100,000 of this sum, and Eastern friends of the explorer the remainder. More will be forthcoming if needed to complete the vindication of Cook."

Switchmen Ask Increase.

Cincinnati, April 4.—Committees representing 900 switchmen employed in the Cincinnati division visited officials of the roads today to present demands for changed working conditions and higher pay. Based upon the Chicago rate, the men affected are the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis; the Chesapeake & Ohio; the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton; the Cincinnati Southern and the Baltimore & Ohio Western.

Students Have Hat Bonfire.

Delaware, O., April 4.—Cheering for the ancients, who never had bald heads, or ought never to have had them, by two students of Ohio Wesleyan university, last night made a bonfire of their hats. Dancing around the bonfire, they swore never again to imperil the hair of their heads by wearing hats.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

CRATER LAKE ROAD ASSURED.

Uncle Sam Approves Plans, and May Give Substantial Aid.

The Crater Lake road will be built. Government approval of the project has been secured by Will G. Steel, a recognition appropriation of \$5,000 made, Engineer B. F. Heidle sent by the government to Medford, and the promise given that 50 per cent of the work will have been accomplished by July 1 of this year. The Medford Commercial club's subscription of \$25,000 for the construction of the road is well under way and there will be no further delays. Mr. Steel has just returned from Washington. He represented the Medford Commercial club and intervened on its behalf with Secretary of the Interior Ballinger and other government officials.

"The government's approval of the Crater Lake road in effect nullifies the decree handed down by the Supreme court last month," said Mr. Steel.

"I found about the halls of the capitol a feeling of resentment that even so august a body as the Supreme court should deem the Crater Lake national park a local affair, any more than Yellowstone national park should be so considered."

Secretary Ballinger asked me how much money we would be wanting from the government for the Crater Lake project. I told him we would need eventually about \$2,000,000, including making of trails and various other improvements. He assured me of his belief that we would get that much, at the same time stating frankly that had it not been for the indomitable energy and persistence of the Medford Commercial club nothing further would ever have been done, following the Supreme court's unfavorable decree.

"I received an official communication stating that the United States fish commission would place 50,000 rainbow fry in the Crater lake, to add to the stock of fish already there."

Crater Lake road, completed, will be 87 miles long. Engineer Heidle will give his time not only to making a survey of all roads now planned, but in making a survey of all roads and trails to be constructed at any future time.

Klamath Falls Depot Finished.

Klamath Falls.—The finishing touches have been put on the magnificent depot erected by the Southern company in this city. No date for the formal opening of the building has been announced and will not be until word is received from San Francisco.

When it was announced that the railroad company had decided to erect in this city a depot that would cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000 few people believed that that amount would be invested in the structure.

But instead of a \$20,000 structure the company has given the city one that will cost nearly \$40,000, and one that surpasses in elegance anything of its kind in the west. The fact that the Southern Pacific has seen fit to give Klamath Falls such a fine building is indicative of what that company expects this city to be. The depot is the direct outcome of the petition that was sent to Chief Engineer Hood, asking that this city be favored with what the company expected Klamath Falls to be.

Wheat Raiser Pays \$50,000 for Walls.

Medford—Sam Stine, of Walls Walla, has purchased the Welch farm of 480 acres in Antelope valley, adjoining the Von der Hellen tract at Wellen, for \$50,000. The entire tract will be planted to orchard. One hundred and fifty acres are being set out and the balance will be planted next winter to apples and pears with peach fillers. The land is similar to that of the famous Bradshaw orchard near by, and is under the Fish Lake ditch. It is planned to make it one of the finest commercial orchards in the valley.

Model Farm in Jackson County.

Medford—The Oregon Good Roads association has offered to build a model road one mile long free in Jackson county. The association asks only that the county officials furnish the labor necessary for the building of the road. Colonel Frank Ray has offered to give the crushed rock necessary for the building of the road. The association believes that by building a model road its superiority and advantages will make everyone a good roads advocate.

Restore Lands to Entry.

Washington—The Ontario Commercial club has wired Senator Bourne to endeavor to induce Secretary Ballinger to restore to all forms of public entry all lands previously withdrawn for the Malheur irrigation project under the Federal reclamation act. Bourne is looking into the matter to ascertain the facts. The subject has been discussed many times and the opinion in Malheur county has been different in the past as to the wisdom of abandoning the government project entirely.

Warships for G. A. R. Encampment.

Washington—Senators Bourne and Chamberlain have requested the secretary of the navy to send one or two warships to Astoria for the twenty-ninth annual encampment of the G. A. R. of Oregon, June 21 to 24, and have been assured that the request will be granted if possible. Definite action will be delayed a few days to determine whether the ships will be available at that time.

Plenty of Water at Athens.

Athens—Either because of the recent election or because of the abundant rainfall, the springs which supply the city of Athens with water are gushing forth with abundance. The big reservoir is running over and the sound of the pump has ceased. The Athens people are delighted to have abundance of soft water.

Medford Raises \$25,000.

Medford—The \$25,000 for the Carter Lake highway that was expected to be signed for this city has been subscribed after the subscription paper was in circulation only two weeks. Now that Medford has pledged \$25,000 towards the road's construction, people of the entire state will be asked to lend their aid to the enterprise.

THINNING NEAR AT HAND.

Hood River Will Need 2,000 to 4,000 Hands Soon.

Hood River.—At the annual meeting of the Hood River Applegrowers' Union, it was stated that the crop this year would reach 35,000 boxes and that in four weeks from 2,000 to 4,000 employees would be necessary to thin the fruit.

A resolution adopted fixed the price of marketing the apples this year at 10 cents a box, instead of 5 cents, in order to handle the big crop properly. Strong recommendations were made for improvements in pack and grading. Although the big meeting of the growers was unanimously in favor of adopting a plan to pay the directors for their services for the coming year, which never has been done before, the directors declined to accept any remuneration and fought the motion on the floor until it was lost.

A letter from Representative Hawley, read to the meeting, said that the Lafean bill had not been reported and was considered dead. The new board of directors elected consists of C. H. Sproat, L. E. Clark, C. Dethman, E. H. Shepard, G. W. McCurdy, J. L. Carter, G. W. Simons and O. L. Walters.

Water for 73,000 Acres.

Salem.—At a meeting of the desert land board recently State Engineer Lewis and Attorney General Crawford were authorized to enter into a contract with the Almorat-Evans company for the reclamation of 73,000 acres of arid lands in what is known as the Powder River valley project. Negotiations have been pending for a year since the first announcement of the project was made.

The total cost of the project will be \$3,800,000. It is, in fact, two separate projects combined, and the segregation to be reclaimed lies in Baker county within easy access from the main line of the Oregon Railway & Navigation company. About 40,000 acres only is government land, the rest being in private ownership. The work will go ahead as soon as the necessary withdrawals can be secured from the Interior department.

The largest project includes a dam in Thief valley 110 feet high and a concrete and solid rock distributing canal nine miles long, with a carrying capacity of 500 cubic feet of water per second. The other division will bring water through Creston hill by means of a cement lined tunnel two miles long from Balm creek. All the smaller feed canals will be cement lined.

Cars Must Stop Where Promised.

Salem—Judge William Galloway on the circuit bench has rendered a decision in which he holds that the right of way contracts made with farmers in Marion county by the Oregon Electric Railway company, by which the company promised to stop cars on farms through which the line passes, as part of the consideration, are valid and must be performed. Proceedings were brought by Frank Ford, who granted the Oregon Electric right of way for the consideration of \$600 and a promise to stop cars on his ranch.

Ready Active at Elgin.

Elgin.—The following deals were reported last week: David Lind to A. Hill, 11-acre orchard tract south of Elgin for \$3,500; S. M. Slough to Walter Blais, of Portland; the Union Estate company to S. M. Slough one and one-half blocks in North Elgin; Hackett Lumber company, one block in Hindman's addition to L. Davis. Walter Hill sold his 63-acre ranch and Mrs. Baker her 60-acre ranch.

Will Build Two Hotels.

Klamath Falls.—Work is to be begun in the near future on a three-story hotel in the Hot Springs addition. The building permit for the structure has been granted. This, together with the \$50,000 hotel planned by the Livermores, will give the city ample accommodation in the hotel line.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, \$1.02; club, 95c; red Russian, 94c; valley, \$1.40; 40-fold, 97c; 98c.

Barley—Feed and brewing, \$24.50@27 ton.

Corn—Whole, \$34; cracked, \$35 ton.

Hay—Track prices: Timothy, Willamette valley, \$20@21 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$23@24; alfalfa, \$16.50@17.50; grain hay, \$17@18.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$27.50@29 ton.

Fresh Fruits—Apples, \$1@2.50 per cwt; berries, \$8@9 per barrel.

Potatoes—Carrot buying prices: Oregon, \$50@60c per hundred; sweet potatoes, 30@35c per hundred.

Vegetables—Asparagus, 30c per pound; cabbage, 14@15c; rhubarb, 40c; spinach, 1c per box; sprouts, 9c per pound; turnips, 1c per sack; rutabagas, \$1@1.25; carrots, 85c@1; beets, \$1@1.25; parsnips, 50c@75c.

Onions—Oregon, \$1.75 per hundred.

Butter—City creamery, extra, 33c; fancy outside creamery, 32@33c per pound; store, 20c. Butter fat prices average 1c per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, 23@24c per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 13@13.5c per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 11@11.5c per pound.

Lamb—Fancy, 15@16c per pound.

Poultry—Hens, 19@20c per pound; broilers, 27@28c; ducks, 22@23c; geese, 12c; turkeys, live, 22@25c; dressed, 25@29c; squabs, 35c per dozen.

Cattle—Best steers, \$5.25@6.75; fair to good, \$5.50@6; strictly good cows, \$5.50@6; fair to good cows, \$5@5.25; light calves, 8@9; heavy calves, \$4@5; bulls, \$4@5.50; stage, \$4.50@5.50.

Sheep—Best wethers, \$3@3.50; fair to good, \$2.75@3; good lambs, \$3@3.25.

Hogs—Top, \$11.10@11.15; fair to good, \$10@11.

Hops—1909 crop, 17@18c per pound; old, nominal; 1910 contracts, 15c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16@20c per pound; valley, 20@25c; mohair, choice, 25@26c.

Hides—Dry hides, 16@17c; good, 15@16c; light calves, 8@9; heavy calves, \$4@5; salted hides, 7@8c; salted calf skin, 14c; green, 1c lb.

GLASS TRUST PROBED.

Imperial Company is Said to Control 83 Factories in Eleven States.

Pittsburg, April 2.—It was learned tonight that after three months' investigation, Federal officers are ready to present to a special grand jury here next Monday evidence that the Imperial Window Glass company is a trust in violation of the Sherman act.

The corporation formed under the laws of West Virginia, is said to control 83 large window glass factories in 11 different states.

The company has offices in Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, North Carolina, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Many prominent glass manufacturers from these states are said to have been served with subpoenas to appear before the grand jury as witnesses.

United States District Attorney Jordan said tonight:

"The investigation of the Imperial Window Glass company has been under way for 90 days, and agents of the department of justice have visited every one of the 83 plants operated under the charter of the company."

The company was incorporated in West Virginia early this year, and its alleged control of the window glass business is to be investigated with intent to show that it is a monopoly in restraint of trade.

"The Imperial Window Glass company is a holding organization, the manufacturers pooling their output and selling through the company exclusively. Prices have been compared with those of the American Window Glass company and there is but slight difference."

JAPANESE SPIES MAY NOT BE PUNISHED.

Washington, April 2.—The War department has turned over to the local Philippine government the prosecution of the two Japanese alleged to have been engaged in securing plans for the fortifications of Corregidor, Manila harbor, through the bribery of Joseph G. Saxe, an American soldier.

This has been done in the hope that the local authorities in Manila may be able to find some section that will serve to bring about punishment of the offenders, whom the United States code does not touch.

It is quite evident, however, that the charge of bribery will not hold, as the Supreme court has ruled that the bribe must be offered to an official. Of course, Private Saxe can and probably will be tried by military court martial, but it does not seem probable that there will be any ray of punishing the Japanese if found guilty.

POWER SITES ARE WITHDRAWN

Washington and Idaho Lands Withdrawn by Ballinger.

Washington, April 2.—In aid of proposed legislation affecting the disposal of waterpower sites on the public domain, Secretary Ballinger today temporarily withdrew from all forms of disposition 5,823 acres along the Lemhi River, Idaho, and 4,175 acres along the Columbia river in Washington.

Approximately 42,750 acres of land in Montana was designated for settlement under the enlarged homestead act. This land, it was said, was not susceptible of successful irrigation at a reasonable cost from any known source of water supply. This makes a total of 28,882,400 acres in Montana designated for settlement under the act.

The coal lands withdrawn from the public domain, it was announced, include large areas within unopened Indian and military reservations. As such withdrawals are without effect, Mr. Ballinger has cancelled them to clear the record. These lands were already withheld from entry because they were within Indian or military reserves, and their inclusion within coal land withdrawals was a duplicate of their reservation. The total area involved in the correction of the records was 811,354 acres, located in reservations in New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, North Dakota, Washington and Montana.

Electro-Vigor is Barred.

Washington, April 2.—The postmaster general today issued a fraud order against the Day Hall Electro-Vigor company at Seattle and denied it the use of the mails. A short time ago a similar order was issued against this company at San Francisco, Denver and Chicago, on the ground that it was a "fake" concern. When the company sought an injunction restraining the postmaster-general from issuing the order the court denied the injunction and held the department's action was proper.

Prices Blamed on Tariff.

Washington, April 2.—Increases in the price of olive oil and macaroni are laid at the door of the Payne-Anderson tariff law by Wallace Pierce of Boston. Pierce said the duty on paper was responsible for an increase of half a cent a pound in the price of macaroni, because the macaroni was wrapped in paper.

In a similar way, olive oil was higher on account of the duty on tins. He testified that there had been a general upward tendency in the price of groceries in the last ten years.

Storm in Texas Serious.

San Antonio, Texas, April 2.—An almost incessant rain for the last three days has put the streams in this section of Texas on such a rampage as has not been recorded in 20 years.

At Friotown, southwest of here, the Rio river drove a dozen families from their homes.

In Uvalde county, 1,200 goats perished from the cold and rain.

At Fort Davis and Maifa, Two Inches of Snow has Fallen and Fruit is Killed.

Curtis Firm Insolvent.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 2.—An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed here today against the Herring-Curtis company of Hammondport, N. Y., manufacturers of flying machines. Three creditors allege insolvency.

Glenn H. Curtis, the aviator, is vice-president and general manager of the company.

JUDGE WILLIAMS PASSES TO REST

Grand Old Man of Oregon Has Crossed Dark River.

End Came as He Had Often Wished, in Harness and in Full Possession of Faculties.

GEORGE H. WILLIAMS.

Of no diatemper, of no blast he died,
But fell like autumn fruit that mellowed long,
E'en wondered at because it fell not sooner.
Age seemed to wind him up for four score years,
Yet slowly ran he on seven winters more,
Till, like a clock, worn out with beating time,
The wheels of weary life at last stood still.

Portland, April 5.—With the same serenity that had marked the later years of his long and useful life, Judge George H. Williams early yesterday morning passed to the Great Beyond.

Sunday night Oregon's grand old man had retired at the usual hour, after a quiet day spent in good health



and spirits. At the rising hour the empty tenement of clay was found reclining as he had gone to sleep, the face as placid as that of a slumbering child.

There was no evidence of a struggle as the spirit left the body, no indication that there had been the slightest degree of suffering. Judge Williams had died in the manner he had often wished—by "simply slipping away."

For a week Judge Williams had been unusually cheery, and for five months he had been freer from physical suffering than for several years. For a long time prior to last fall he had been inconvenienced by an internal disability more or less chronic, yet it was of such a nature that his active interest and participation in business affairs was not impaired, and not even his most intimate friends realized the pain he had suffered.

15TH AMENDMENT WILLIAMS'

Oregon Jurist Last of "War Senate," and Close Friend of Lincoln.

"The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States, or by any state, on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude."

The foregoing is the Fifteenth Amendment to the constitution of the United States, adopted by congress in 1870 and later ratified by the states. The text of the amendment was prepared by the Oregon statesman, George H. Williams, and was presented and adopted with only a minor change in wording.

Judge Williams was one of the last, if not the last, member of the "war senate," and had been a warm personal friend of Lincoln and also of Grant. Sent to the senate from Oregon in 1864, he soon became a power in the administration forces. He was the originator of the "reconstruction act," which he later, as attorney general in Grant's cabinet, enforced.

Cotton Mills Closing.

Boston, March 31.—Fifty per cent of the spindles in Southern cotton mills are idle, according to statistics assembled by the American Wool and Cotton Reporter. The figures show the curtailment now in progress not only in the South, but in all sections of the country, is more extensive than has ever been known in the history of the trade, even taking into consideration the panic year of 1907. Mill after mill is closing down entirely until new cotton arrives or market conditions improve.

Invasion Now Boomerang.

Ottawa, Ont., April 5.—There is much rejoicing in the columns of the Canadian press over the continued and very extensive invasion of the Canadian Northwest. But there is also a considerable outflow of Canadians to the United States. This Canadian movement toward the United States is particularly noticeable in the province of Quebec. On every day of last year, as an average, that province lost 52 of its inhabitants by emigration, the majority of whom left for homes in the United States.

Mad Mullah is Raging.

Aden, Arabia, April 5.—The ferocious campaign of the Mad Mullah against the sultanates under British protection continues unchecked. Eight hundred of the tribesmen friendly to the sultanates have been slaughtered, vast areas laid waste and towns razed. It is believed here that this will lead to another expedition against the "Mad Mullah," who has caused the British government much anxiety for many years.

FACTS IN TABLOID FORM.

Nearly two hundred million people in India are dependent on agriculture for their living.

Seven years ago there were two thousand students in China, and in 1907 there were 175,352.

In the last ten years 325,000 people have emigrated from England and become Canadian farmers.

In the rural districts of England and Wales the death rate is about 23 per cent lower than in the urban districts.

Twenty tons of outfit feathers, valued at more than \$500,000, were recently carried by the Mauretania to New York.

The Koh-i-noor diamond originally weighed eight hundred karats, but by successive cuttings has been reduced to 106 karats.

At the end of the last fiscal year in the United States 273 life-saving stations had been established, of which more than two hundred were on the Atlantic and gulf coasts, sixty-one on the coasts of the Great Lakes, seventeen on the Pacific coast and one on the Ohio River at Louisville, Ky. More than six hundred persons are numbered in the crews and there were 328 disasters in which the service took an active part.

According to report a section of the amphitheater in King Arthur's round table field in Monmouthshire, England, has been partially exhumed. The Archaeological Society has made five excavations around the walls and the searchers found the main entrance, the sand which formed the bed of the arena, and a corner stone. From inscriptions on the stone they trace the date of the theater back to 110 A. D., or eighteen hundred years.

At the Court Theater at Darmstadt a Christmas play in five acts, entitled "Bonifacius," was performed a few weeks ago. The plot is laid in the Black Forest; the time the eighth century. The subject treated is the conversion of the heathen by St. Bonifacius. The play was well received and it now becomes known that the author, on the bills as E. Mann, is the grand duke of Hesse, who is hailed by the German press as the latest recruit to the ranks of royal dramatists.

The year 1909 will always be remembered as the year in which the effort to maintain finished steel prices collapsed, but in the light of the history since made it will be well to remember that the year is also conspicuous as witnessing a healthy and reasonable reaction toward fair prices with an absolutely open market, but with a spirit of fairness and good will pervading the trade which never before existed under similar outward conditions.—Iron Trade Review.

There is no incident of Christmas benevolence within our knowledge of such far-reaching scope for future good as the gift of money by the University of Pennsylvania in furtherance of his plans for a study, treatment and prevention of tuberculosis. Mr. Phipps, who has now expended \$2,000,000 with a view to the extirpation of this most destructive of maladies, has made sure of the future effectiveness of his object by putting its direction in charge of a capable institution already organized to make the most competent use of the weapons placed in its hands.—Philadelphia Record.

Nearly one million new farms have been created in the United States during the last ten years.