

## NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

### Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

Carbajal, new president of Mexico, has freed all political prisoners.

A trolley car in Norfolk, Va., strikes a freight train, killing four persons.

Huerta's family arrived safely at Puerto Mexico, where they will embark for a foreign port.

The home of a Eugene, Or., boot-black, was mysteriously set on fire for the sixth time in one week.

The new president of Mexico, Carbajal, is to resign in favor of General Carranza, the constitutional leader.

After attending Secretary Lane's 50th birthday anniversary dinner, President Wilson became ill with indigestion.

Victor Berger, Socialist ex-congressman, declares equal wages for both sexes will practically solve the vice question.

Two sisters who were born joined together, back to back, were cut apart by a surgeon, in Paris. The operation was successful.

Mrs. Pankhurst, the London militant suffragette, was captured as an ambulance was about to take her to address a meeting.

Twelve Baker county, Or. farmers lynched an unidentified man who had attempted a criminal assault on an eight-year-old girl.

Secretary Bryan, in a public statement, openly endorses woman suffrage, declaring he asks no political privilege he would not grant his wife.

Electrolysis has destroyed a number of telephone cables at Oregon City, Or., and it is feared the same agency may render the suspension bridge cables in that city useless.

Bandits held up two auto stages in California and secured \$12.50 from the passengers, but missed \$300 which two women dropped to the floor of the tonneau when they were getting out.

Delegates to the general conference of the Methodist Protestant Church of America, in session at Columbus, O., accepted the report recommending a merger with the United Brethren Church of America. This practically settles a ten-year agitation for a union of the two churches, which would affect about 500,000 persons. The United Protestant Church is the name which has been selected for the new organization.

### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 78c; forty-fold, 79c; bluestem, 83c; red Russian, 77c; Turkey red, 80c.

Millfeed—Bran, \$23; shorts, \$26; middlings, \$31.

Oats—No. 1 white milling, \$22@22.50 ton.

Barley—Feed, \$21@21.50 ton; brewing, \$22.50; rolled, \$28.50.

Hay—Choice timothy, \$16@17; mixed timothy, \$12@15; valley grain hay, \$10@12; alfalfa, \$12.

Vegetables—Cucumbers, 50 @ 90c dozen; eggplant, 15c pound; peppers, 20c; radishes, 15@17c dozen; head lettuce, \$1.75 crate; artichokes, 85c dozen; celery, 90c@1.10 dozen; tomatoes, 50c@\$.50 crate; spinach, 5@7c pound; rhubarb, 2@3c pound; cabbage, 1c pound; asparagus, \$1@1.50 dozen; peas, 5@6c pound; beans, 4 @ 6c; corn, 30@35c dozen.

Onions—Red, \$3.25; yellow, \$3.25 sack; Walla Walla, \$3.25.

Green Fruits—Apples, old, \$1@1.75 box; new, 75c@1.50; cherries, 5@8c pound; apricots, \$1.10@1.15 box; cantaloupes, \$2@2.75 crate; peaches, 50 @ 90c box; plums, 75c@1.25; watermelons, 1@2c pound; casabas, \$2.25 dozen; pears, \$2.25@2.50 box; blackberries, \$1.50 crate.

Potatoes—Oregon, new, 1@1 1/2c pound.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, case count, 23@23 1/2c; candled, 25@26c doz. Poultry—Hens, 15@15 1/2c; springs, 18@22; turkeys, live, 20@22; dressed, choice, 25c; ducks, 11@12 1/2c; geese, 10@11c.

Butter—Creamery prints, extra, 25c per pound; cubes, 19 1/2@21c.

Pork—Block, 11@11 1/2c per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 14 1/2@15c per pound.

Hops—1913 crop, prime and choice, 14@16c; 1914 contracts, nominal.

Wool—Valley, 18@21c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 16@20 1/2c; mohair, 1914 clip, 27 1/2c.

Cattle—Prime steers, \$7@7.25; choice, \$6.75 @ 7; medium, \$6.50 @ 6.75; choice cows, \$6.25@6.50; medium, \$6@6.25; heifers, \$6.25@6.75; calves, \$6@8; bulls, \$3@5; stags, \$5 @ 5.50.

Hogs—Light, \$8@8.50; heavy, \$7@7.50.

Sheep—Wethers, \$4@4.75; ewes, \$3.25@4.25; Yearling lambs, \$4.50@4.85; spring lambs, \$5.50@6.

## U. S. Will Help Oregon Forest Fire Fighters

Salem—State Forester Elliott has announced that the Federal government would co-operate this year with his department by appropriating \$10,000 for use in patrolling timber lands at the headwaters of navigable streams. The foresters said that the money would be used when the danger from fire appeared to be greatest. It will provide about 60 fire-fighters.

"I am pleased," said Mr. Elliott, "over appropriating \$25,000 for patrolling the forfeited land of the Oregon and California Railroad company. The bill has passed the senate and I understand the chances of its passing

the house are good. Since the lands are in litigation they cannot be taxed for any purpose, but must be patrolled whether they contribute their share to the fire patrol fund or not. There are about 2,300,000 acres which are alternate sections."

Mr. Elliott said the various associations for fire patrol throughout the state were ready to do their part in fighting fires this summer. Reports from wardens from all sections, he said, indicated that the period of danger from fires had arrived, and that as complete a force as possible would be put to work at once.

## Home Credits System Wins Both Pupils and Parents

Buena Vista—That the home credit system has succeeded in bringing about a closer relationship between the schools and homes of Polk county and an interest in the industries of the farm heretofore unparalleled is shown by attendance records and statistics compiled for some of the rural schools where the plan has been in operation.

Under the rules of the system credit is given at school for work done at home outside of school hours, including the walking of long distances to school and regular attendance.

Credit is given for washing dishes, milking cows, doing chores, sleeping with windows open and proper care of body. The result has been a healthier appearance by the pupils.

The parents also declare that more work was done at home during the term and that the child's attitude toward the common every-day duties of farm life are changed, with the realization by the children that the performance of all duties is a real part of their education.

At Buena Vista and Fairview systems of industrial education were begun, which, it is asserted, will compel a continuation of home credit giving in all future terms. When the system was first inaugurated the parents

looked upon it as a mere experiment, but they are now its most enthusiastic supporters.

A typical home credit school is that at Fairview, in South Polk county. The pupils took up the work in the fall of 1912 and were successful throughout the term in adhering to the rules. The children thus pleased their parents, who demanded that the system be employed during the next term.

The plan has been changed from time to time. The pupils must earn 800 credits before taking a holiday instead of 600. The number of minute credits for milking cows was increased from five to 15 for each cow and a reasonable amount of credit was allowed for all work not named in the list of chores. Children living over a mile and a half from school were allowed credit for the distance they had to walk in proportion to the others and 5 per cent instead of 10 was added at the end of the year on their final averages. Two prizes were offered by the district, \$3 and \$2, respectively. Children seldom took advantage of the holiday for the 800-minute credit, as they were taught that a day lost meant the loss of a day's work as well. Tardiness on the part of any pupil meant the loss of so many credits already accumulated.

### Big Salmon Run Reported.

Astoria—All classes of fishing in the lower harbor is doing well and quite a number of gillnetters are getting as high as 500 or 600 pounds to the boat. The present week should be one of the best of the season, as the salmon entering the river are large and the tides are favorable for fishing. The water is a little muddy, more than it has been for some time, but it is not bad enough to interfere materially with fishing operations. Several of the gillnetters, drifting about the mouth of the river, report snagging their nets on the submarine mine that was planted some time ago on the edge of Peacock Spit. One gillnetter returned with his net in four pieces as a result of fouling that obstruction.

### Carver Franchise Urged.

Milwaukie—The Milwaukie Commercial club met recently at the home of the secretary, Mrs. Maggie Johnson, and decided to assist Stephen Carver in obtaining a franchise for the Portland & Oregon City Railway company through Milwaukie and for a grade crossing over the Southern Pacific at Oak street. The matter was referred to the club railway committee, which will confer with Mr. Carver this week. The franchise is pending in the council, but will not come up for final action until the August meeting.

The club decided to appeal to the State Railway commission for a stop at Washington street on the Oregon City branch of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company.

### Streetcar Line Talked.

Baker—Promoters here are busy with a proposal to build a streetcar system in Baker and to Eagle valley, a rich farming community, 45 miles out of this city in the northeastern part of the county.

Joseph Kries, of Portland, conferred with prominent men here relative to forming a company to back the scheme. Mr. Kries is said to have among his backers John B. Yeon, and others connected with the Eagle River Electric company. The farmers have already been sounded on the proposal, and have welcomed it heartily.

Prominent bankers and other leading citizens of Baker who have conferred with Mr. Kries were inclined to regard the project as feasible and the backing to be sound.

### Albany Gets Concrete Bridge.

Albany—A concrete bridge, 66 feet long and 26 feet wide, is being constructed on Ninth street over the Lebanon-Albany canal. This bridge is erected preparatory to the paving of this thoroughfare and while this work is in progress the Oregon Power company also is building a cofferdam in the canal here to control the supply of water in the canal.

## Flying Boat About to Begin Across-Ocean Flight

Hammondsport, N. Y.—Lieutenant Porte, pilot of the Rodman Wanamaker flying boat, expects to start for New Foundland not later than August 1 with the America.

As the America now stands, without installing the third motor, it is believed she can carry Lieutenant Porte and George Hallett, his aide, with fuel and oil for 24 hours and another hundredweight of provisions and accessories.

In order to make the trip, the two engines in the America must pound their hardest for 20 consecutive hours, at the least calculation. This will endanger the light framework and eat up at least two-thirds of the fuel. In case an adverse head wind is encountered most of the way, the remaining one-third of the fuel will be exhausted before the boat could reach the Azores.

Assuming that the air currents are favorable, that nothing happens to mar the working of the machinery and that the fuel holds out, Porte and Hallett must drive a course as true as a bullet through 1200 miles of ocean and air and pick out the tiny Azores. They must give unflagging attention to driving and balancing their craft and at the same time find their way over the vast waste with certain death beneath them at all times unless they hit the mark.

Porte and Hallett put their chief trust in starting with a favoring breeze and the swiftness of their flight. Both men believe the craft and its engines will stand the strain. They are willing to take all the risks, modestly accepting the rewards of pioneers if they succeed and passing like men of they fail.

The America is pronounced by all experts a perfect marvel in aero-yacht building. Her hull weighs only 550 pounds, and endures most surprisingly the immense pressure of water met while the great 3000-pound machine is ripping through the water at a rate of 62 miles an hour. No motorboat has yet been constructed whose bow can withstand such tremendous head-on pressure. The wings of the boat were manufactured at the National Physical Laboratory at Tennington, England, and are considered the final word. They will maintain an equilibrium of the twin-propeller hydroplane when it is forced to fly with one propeller dead, owing to the disablement of one engine. The America, which has twin engines, has demonstrated its ability to remain in flight with one engine out of commission.

## Tablets in Museum Tell Story 7500 Years Old

Philadelphia—Although it was thought the discovery of the Nippur tablets, giving the oldest extant version of the creation, flood and fall of man, produced the oldest documents in existence in which human writing was shown, it develops that this is not the fact.

There are four tablets which are esteemed to be the oldest human writing in existence, and one of them is at the Pennsylvania University museum. It is only three inches square, is imperfect, and is assigned with some probability to about 7500 years ago, although it is impossible to make a close estimate.

The writing is in ideograph characters, the picture writing of all primitive peoples, and with great labor was translated by Professor Barton, of Bryn Mawr. These conventionalized pictures from a document dealing with the clearing up a landed estate and the exact purpose of it is not wholly clear, although it tells of killing locusts and restoring the property. It may have served the purpose of a deed.

It is known that in this irrigated land of plenty, where wheat was said to have reproduced two-hundred-fold, any failure of crop was laid to demonology and it was important to remove the spell of witchcraft. Apparently the spell had been lifted from this piece of land.

No other human writing has been found older than the four specimens mentioned.

### Abbott Spy for Germany.

Bernay, France—Abbott Huertebout, cure of Fontaine La Louvet, has been arrested on the charge of espionage and has confessed that he acted in the interest of Germany. A railway agent from whom he sought information regarding mobilization acted as a go-between, bringing about the arrest. Photographs, plans and data in the possession of the abbott have been seized.

### Girl is Plague Victim.

New Orleans—The sixth case of bubonic plague was discovered here Monday. The victim is Helen Soell, 10 years old. She was stricken Thursday. Her home is 10 blocks from where the first plague case developed June 27. A force of men directly under the supervision of Dr. Oscar Salomon, began inspecting all freight leaving the city by rail. Before each car is sealed it is known definitely that it contains no rats.

### Warehouse Dock Site Bought.

Astoria—George W. Sanborn purchased from the Kamm estate, of Portland, a tract of 110 feet of water frontage adjoining the Sanborn wharf and located between Eighth and Ninth streets.

## FARMERS AGREE TO HOLD WHEAT

### Kansas Growers Ask Big Price for 100,000,000 Bushels.

Present Price of 60 Cents Thought Too Low—Dollar a Bushel Popular Slogan.

Topeka, Kan.—Kansas farmers will hold 100,000,000 bushels of wheat this year, or 25,000,000 bushels more than the entire crop of 1913, according to W. H. Mitchell, National vice president of the Farmers' Society of Equity.

Mr. Mitchell is organizing the farmers of Kansas and urging them to hold their immense crop for higher prices. Sixty-cent wheat in Kansas has become the rule and has turned the thoughts of the farmer to the possibility of holding his grain. When the organizers arrive in a community they find little opposition to the idea of holding the grain, Mr. Mitchell said.

"I do not believe more than one-fourth of the wheat grown this year will be sold," said Mr. Mitchell.

Grain bins of frame and cement construction are being rushed all over the state, and in many places wheat is being piled on the ground by the farmers who refuse to accept present prices for it. The Farmers' Society of Equity is campaigning for dollar wheat, but the Kansas members will sell their grain for less than that figure, it is generally believed. Most of them are preparing to hold for higher prices than the 60-odd cents now offered, however.

The money order section of the country town postoffices in Kansas prove that this year is an exception with the harvest hand, as well as the wheat-growing farmer, for the harvest hand is sending his money home. This is probably due to two causes. One is that the harvest hand has learned the value of money, and the other, the farmer has learned that he must protect his helpers to be sure of getting them when they are needed.

For years the popular diversion with a certain crowd of men who followed the harvest was "harvesting the harvest hand." Gamblers began in Kansas and worked with the harvest to the Canadian border. Some of them even worked in the fields, to be better enabled to separate the harvest hand from his money. There was every sort of game that would be easily transported and quickly hidden. The layouts were not of the fancy kind, but they brought quick action on the wagers made, and the quick action resulted in shifting the money from the worker to the gambler.

This year a dozen men have been arrested for attempting to defraud harvest hands.

## Gen. Orozco Starts New Revolution in Mexico

Mexico City—Pascual Orozco and General Francisco Cardenas, with 4000 men, began a new revolutionary movement Monday. Orozco is operating north of Aguas Calientes, and Cardenas is preparing to invade the state of Michoacan.

Fugitives who arrived here from Contreras and Tizpan, villages a few miles from Mexico City, reported a serious movement by the forces under Zapata. Contreras was attacked by the Zapatistas early in the day. The garrison, consisting of only 17 federals, was driven off, and several thousand Zapatistas started pillaging and burning the houses. Tizpan is only about 12 miles from here, and connected directly with the capital by an electric railway.

Many of the inhabitants of villages in the federal district are fleeing to the capital for protection. Federal troops were dispatched from the capital to check the advance of the marauders.

### City Plans Pageants.

New York—The tercentenary of the beginning of chartered commerce in New York and the opening of the Panama canal will be celebrated in a series of pageants in Parks of this city from August 12 to October 12, according to plans of the celebration commission just announced. Boys and girls from the public schools are beginning work on costumes and other accessories to the celebrations. The legislature has voted \$100,000 to help meet the expenses of the festivities.

### Grasshoppers in Force.

Pendleton, Or.—Not within the memory of the "oldest inhabitant" have grasshoppers been as numerous or as destructive as at present in the west end of Umatilla county. Reports are that they will greatly reduce the yield of the third cutting of alfalfa. In some cases they have attacked orchards and by eating off the leaves of the trees have stopped the growth for this year.