

NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

Commissioner Caminetti, of the immigration service, is reported about to resign.

Silas Christofferson succeeded in flying across the Coast range of mountains in California.

Mrs. Samuel Allen, widow of a lumberman and the wealthiest woman in the Hawaiian islands, is dead.

A New York commission finds that girls in candy factories in that city average about \$5 to \$6 weekly.

Theodore Low DeVinne, dean of printers and author of several books on types and their uses, is dead.

A head-on collision of railroad trains in Mississippi injured 60 persons, five of whom are not expected to live.

It is believed the immigration bill will be vetoed by President Wilson on account of the illiteracy test clause.

John J. Kennedy, treasurer of New York state, committed suicide. His books were found in perfect condition.

Blackmailing letters demanding \$10,000 on pain of death have been received by Henry W. Longfellow, II, a descendant of the poet.

The steamers Portland and General Hubbard, both en route from Los Angeles to Portland, collided in the Columbia river, but neither was disabled.

The sixteenth anniversary of the destruction of the Maine in Havana harbor was fittingly observed Feb. 15, by services at Arlington national cemetery.

A woman who declared she was starving held up another woman on the streets of Bridgeport, Conn. She told the officers who arrested her that she had eaten nothing for a week.

Witness in copper strike inquiry declares miners are not allowed to average more than \$75 per month, and are forced to work under such conditions that they do not last more than five or six years.

Retail prices of eggs in Pacific Coast markets fell 5 cents, and there are prospects of a further drop.

Operators of Colorado mines admit buying arms and machine guns for use of the guards during the recent strike.

The Court of Appeals of New York has decided that a woman with a baby cannot be allowed to teach school in that state.

Pendleton, Or., is waging war upon the cigarette in every possible way.

It is reported that the king of Bulgaria will visit the United States in April.

President Wilson was obliged to remain in bed several days on account of a bad cold.

The premier of Russia has resigned, and the czar is reported to be "on the water wagon."

An American naval officer was fired on and slightly wounded by a Mexican on the streets of Vera Cruz.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 88c; 88c; bluestem, 98c; forty-fold, 89c; red Russian, 87c; valley, 89c.

Oats—No. 1 white, milling, \$24@24.50 ton.

Corn—Whole, \$33.50@34; cracked, \$34.50@35 ton.

Barley—Feed, \$22.50@23 ton; brewing, \$24; rolled, \$25.

Hay—No. 1 Eastern Oregon timothy, \$16.50; mixed timothy, \$14; alfalfa, \$14; clover, \$9@10; valley grain hay, \$12@13.50.

Millfeed—Bran, \$22 ton; shorts, \$24; middlings, \$30.

Vegetables—Cauliflower, \$2.25 crate; peppers, 12c pound; garlic, 12c; sprouts, 11c; artichokes, \$1.75 dozen; squash, 12c@12.5c; celery, \$3.50 crate; hothouse lettuce, 50c@75c box; spinach, \$1 crate; horseradish, 80c@10c; cabbage, 2c@2.5c pound.

Green Fruit—Apples, 75c@82.25 box; cranberries, \$12@12.50 barrel; pears, \$1@1.50.

Onions—Old, \$3.25@3.50 sack; buying price, \$3 sack at shipping points.

Potatoes—Oregon, 80c@90c hundred, buying price, 60c@75c at shipping points; sweet potatoes, \$2.25@2.50 crate.

Eggs—Oregon fresh ranch, 24@25c. Poultry—Hens, 15c@16c; springs, 15c@16c; turkeys, live, 20c@22c; dressed, choice, 25c@26c; ducks, 14c@18c; geese, 12c@13c.

Butter—Creamery prints, extras, 35c pound; cubes, 32c.

Pork—Fancy, 11c pound.

Veal—Fancy, 14c@14.5c pound.

Hops—1913 crop, prime and choice, 18c@19c; 1914 contracts, 14c@15c.

Pelts—Dry, 10c; dry short wool, 7c; dry shearings, 10c; green shearings, 10c; salted lights, 60c@75c; salted heavy, 75c@90c.

Wool—Valley, 16c@17c; Eastern Oregon, 10c@15c; mohair, 1913 clip, 26c@27c pound.

Cascara Bark—Old and new, 5c.

Cattle—Prime steers, \$7.60@8; 7.5c; choice cows, \$6.25@6.75; medium, \$6@6.25; heifers, \$6@7; light calves, \$8@9; heavy, \$6@7.50; bulls, \$4@5.60; stags, \$6@7.

Hogs—Light, \$7.75@8.65; heavy, \$7@7.65.

Sheep—Wethers, \$5@6; ewes, \$3.50@4.75; lambs, \$5@6.75.

Follow-Up Campaign for Alfalfa, Corn, Livestock

Spokane, Wash.—Governors Ernest Lister, of Washington, John M. Haines, of Idaho, and Oswald West, of Oregon, as well as the departments of education and state colleges of the three states, have endorsed plans made by the Holden Improvement committee for the follow-up campaign in the interests of alfalfa, corn and live stock in the Pacific Northwest.

The central feature in this campaign will be alfalfa week in the schools of the three states, commencing March 9. In a letter to R. R. Rogers, of Spokane, chairman of the Holden Improvement committee, Governor Lister says: "I am heartily in favor of the campaign. I feel the idea of having a special week for the public schools during which this line shall be made a leading feature is a good one. As a result of such a week not only the pupils of the public schools, but also the parents of the pupils would without doubt, receive great benefit."

Governor Haines commends highly the results of the original Holden campaign held last fall, and hopes that all parts of Idaho may be covered by the follow-up work.

Governor West announces his willingness to co-operate in the follow-up campaign in any manner suggested by the Oregon immigration agent.

That the alfalfa campaign has already had good results is stated by C. B. Kegley, master of the Washington State Grange, who says:

"During the recent campaign for alfalfa on every farm in the Pacific Northwest, the awakening for a better system of farming was very marked. I have traveled over much of the territory since and find the prevailing sentiment very favorable indeed. The State Grange of Washington especially appreciates the educational feature of the movement and extends effective support to the Holden Improvement committee from every possible angle."

Margaret Wilson to Wed. Is Washington Report

Washington, D. C.—It is persistently reported here that Miss Margaret Wilson, eldest daughter of the President has become informally betrothed to Boyd Fisher, of Princeton and New York, a well known social worker.

Strength is given to the report by the frequent week-end visits of Mr. Fisher to the White House and his constant appearance by the side of Miss Wilson here. It is known also that never a day passes during his absence from Washington that a letter is not sent him on White House stationery and one from him is in every day's White House mail.

Mr. Fisher was among the guests at the White House wedding and was the only man outside the immediate family and the bridal party invited to the bride's table in the private dining room.

Western Fuel Officials Are Guilty as Charged

San Francisco—F. C. Mills, superintendent; James B. Smith, vice president and general manager, and E. H. Mayer, weigher, officers and employees of the Western Fuel company, were found guilty of conspiring to defraud the government out of customs duties on imported coal. Edward J. Smith, checker, was acquitted.

The first indictments in the case were brought by the United States grand jury February 10, 1913, and were directed against John H. Howard, president of the Western Fuel company; J. L. Schmitt, Sidney V. Smith and Robert Bruce, directors; James B. Smith vice president and general manager; Edward J. Smith, his brother, and a checker employed by the company; Frederick C. Mills, superintendent, and E. H. Mayer, weigher.

They charged that the defendants entered into an unlawful agreement to defraud the Federal government in three ways.

Ohio Solons in Tumult

Columbus, O.—Scenes of tumult which at times bordered on riot marked the closing day of the special session of the legislature, which adjourned sine die late Wednesday night.

An altercation in the house between Representative Warnes, Democratic floor leader, and Representative Cooper, a Republican, was prevented by other members, who separated them in a quarrel over the automobile license tax bill, an administration measure, which finally was passed and sent to the governor.

Saloons Win in Oakland

Oakland, Cal.—An initiative ordinance doubling the statutory number of saloons in Oakland was carried at an election here. Four hundred saloons now are permissible. With 122 precincts reported, out of 168, the vote stood 13,040 for the new ordinance and 10,788 against it. The saloon license is reduced from \$1000 to \$650. The action was a repudiation of an ordinance passed by the city commission last October.

Geographers to Honor Goethals

Washington, D. C.—Colonel George W. Goethals, governor of the Panama Canal zone, will be the guest of honor and will receive the National Geographic society's medal of honor at its annual banquet here March 5. Secretary Bryan will be toastmaster.

7107 Banks Ask Admission

Washington, D. C.—Official count shows that 7067 national banks and 40 state banks and trust companies have made formal application to become members in the new Federal reserve banking system.

Wool Prices Will Be Higher Than Last Year

Baker—Woolbuyers are headed for Baker district, and according to leading sheepmen of Baker county they are coming to offer prices as high as or even higher than those of last year, despite the reduction in the tariff. Moreover, the buyers are coming this year in advance of the shearing season to contract for the unshorn supply, indicating that there is a shortage in the market and that the buyers are eager to snap up the product at the earliest opportunity. Sales made where shearing is early are reported as high.

Byron Gale, secretary of the Oregon Woolgrowers' association, predicts, on the basis of returns from other points, that prices in Oregon will range from 12 to 14 cents a pound. The buyers who have been heard from thus far indicate that they will be in this district in March to contract for the output before May or June.

A shortage in the markets of the world is said to be the cause of the prices being above normal, whereas in Baker and vicinity the crop is believed, Mr. Gale says, to be about the same as usual.

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Industrial School Club Contests Are Planned

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—Club membership in the newly-organized industrial school club contests is divided into three classes. Any Oregon boy or girl who is between the ages of fourteen and nineteen years on October 1, 1914, and has had less than five months training in domestic science, domestic art, or manual training, may become members of Class A. Those between the ages of ten and fourteen years at the time specified will be members of Class B. And those who have had more than five months' training in the foregoing subjects will constitute Class C.

The club winners contest at the state fair will be open only to the prize winners in classes A and B in county contests. The awards will be based upon the rules governing the respective club projects and will be made to the contestant scoring the highest general average in any club project.

Any boy or girl in Oregon who has enrolled in any club project and complied with the rules governing it, is eligible to enter the State Fair club project contest, regardless of having entered any other.

Any boy or girl in Oregon who enters an exhibit accompanied by a statement from parent or guardian certifying that the exhibit is actually produced by the entrant, is eligible to

enter the State Fair Juvenile Exhibit contest. Contestants may engage in more than one club project and enter more than one contest but are not allowed to enter the same work or exhibit for more than one prize in any club contest.

Girls and boys who are not able to enter school or county contests may compete in the project special contest or the juvenile exhibit contest, provided they have enrolled for any club project.

All contestants must be regularly enrolled on the special enrollment blanks provided. The blanks may be obtained from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Salem, from the State Agent of Club Work, Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, or from the teacher.

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Many New Features for Coming Rose Festival

Industrial and historical Oregon will play an active part in the coming Rose Festival. This will be the eighth annual Rose Festival, and for the first time in the history of this classic event the manufacturing concerns throughout the state will be represented in the pageant that will pass in review before the public.

The board of governors is having constructed fifteen floats to represent the Rose Festival, while at least as many more have been ordered, and already four have been completed. These floats will typify the historical growth of Oregon from its earliest days down to the present. It has taken the association's artist many months of close study and much reading of data pertaining to the early history of Oregon before he began the work of drawing designs typical of the rapid passing events which have made Portland and Oregon great as they are.

The Pageant of the Human Rosebuds will again be a feature of the Rose Festival. The board of governors has issued invitations to ten thousand school children, both boys and girls, and plans are being considered for safeguarding the tots while marching.

"Juice" to Aid Plants

Portland—Electricity will be used to improve school gardens at Woodlawn, a suburb of this city, if the plans of L. M. Lepper work out satisfactorily. This will be the first time such an attempt will have been made here. In England market gardeners use electricity to stimulate the growth of vegetables. The vegetables are said to be better, crisper and firmer. According to the plan employed the ground is wired and current turned on periodically. Bugs and pests are said to be killed, and production increased.

Wool Buyer Now Out

Pendleton—According to reports received by local sheepmen, R. F. Bicknell, a buyer of sheep and wool, is now in Morrow county endeavoring to contract for the 1914 clip at prices approximately 2 cents in advance of those paid last year. According to these reports some sales have been made, but most of the growers are refusing to contract. Bert Smith, of the J. E. Smith Livestock company, said local growers sold their wool last season at least 2 cents too low.

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