

NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

150,000 garment workers have been ordered out on strike for better wages.

A complete reorganization of the Mexican federal army has been commenced.

A baby weighing just 17 ounces was born at Aurora, Ill. It is healthy and perfect.

The Volunteers of America fed 12,000 hungry men and women in Chicago December 29.

California's Progressive legislators have invited the regulars to join with them in legislation.

A portrait of "Aunt Delia" by a noted Boston artist was presented to President Taft as a New Year's gift.

Portland had a total rainfall of 2.21 inches Sunday, causing much property loss by slides on the hills west of the city.

Roosevelt is preparing a magazine article in which he states that Japan, not Russia, first sued for peace in the Russo-Japanese war.

Turks appear inclined to present more moderate demands in the peace conference, and the allies show anxiety to close negotiations.

Idaho will call a convention to take up the matter of a state highway and branches, in conjunction with the same movement in adjoining states.

The London Times devoted an entire page to presenting the condition of the city's poor, and declares that the increase of pauperism is "dismaying."

Thomas Harding, aged 91, is dead at his home in Redland, Ore. He was famous as a newspaper writer and was the author of the poem entitled, "Remember the Maine."

The United States army officer who wrote a satirical poem on the exploits of the German-trained Turkish army says he had not the slightest idea his verses would create international complications.

A Chicago policeman, on discovering the basement of a church to be on fire while Sunday school was in session, quietly notified the teachers, who had the organist play "Onward, Christian Soldiers," while the pupils marched to safety.

Railways are making preparations for immense business in 1913.

Standard Oil stock took a sharp advance in the New York market.

A government attaché says plenty of fuel is the chief need of Alaska.

General Wood plans for a big military display at the inauguration of Wilson.

A 3-year-old child was burned to death in a Christmas tree fire at Rio Bonita, Cal.

Prune packers of Vancouver, Wash., are preparing a shipment of four carloads to go direct to Germany.

Archduke Ferdinand, of Buglaria, plans for a new Slav empire under the rule of the Hapsburg royal family.

Admiral Dewey at 75 years of age says he stays young by keeping regular hours and avoiding midnight banquets.

The council of the city of Portland has forbidden the use of firecrackers by the Chinese in celebrating their coming new year.

Chicago citizens have formed a law enforcement league to "help" the police enforce the existing laws.

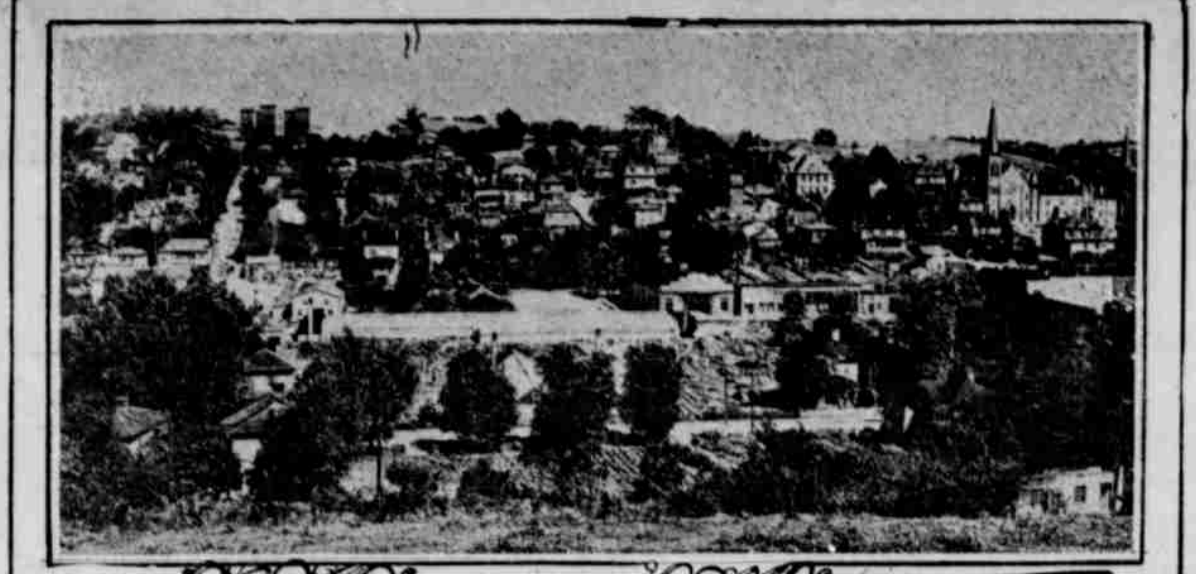
Two bodies of Mexican federalists fought each other for possession of a village, each thinking the other was a rebel force. Several were wounded before the error was discovered.

The widow of Victor L. Mason, of London, who was killed by a fall from an airplane, has sued an accident insurance company for the face value of a policy held by her husband, insuring him against violent death.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 80c; bluestem, 84c; 40-fold, 81c; red Russian, 78c; valley, 81c.
Barley—Feed, \$22.50@23 per ton; brewing, nominal; rolled, \$25.50@27.50.
Corn—Whole, \$36 per ton; cracked, \$37.
Millstuffs—Bran, \$22.50 per ton; shorts, \$24.50; middlings, \$30.
Hay—Timothy, choice, \$17@18; mixed Eastern Oregon timothy, \$12@15; oat and vetch, \$12; alfalfa, \$11.50; clover, \$10; straw, \$6@7.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$25@26 per ton.
Fresh Fruits—Apples, 50c@51.50; box; pears, 75c@81.50; grapes, \$1.50; Malaga, \$8 barrel; cranberries, \$10.50@12 barrel; casabas, \$2.50 doz.
Potatoes—Jobbing prices: Burbanks, 60@65c hundred; sweet, 2 1/2c dozen.
Onions—Oregon, 90c@91 sack.
Eggs—Fresh locals, candled, 32c dozen.
Butter—Oregon creamery, cubes, 37c pound; prints, 38c@39c.
Poultry—Hens, 14@14 1/2; broilers, 14 @ 14 1/2; turkeys, live, 24 @ 25c; dressed, choice, 27c; ducks, nominal; geese, 16c.
Pork—Fancy, 94@10c per pound.
Veal—Fancy, 34@4c per pound.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 48c per pound; valley, 2 1/2 @ 2 3/4; mohair, choice, 32c.
Cattle—Choice steers, 7 @ 7.25; good, \$6.50@6.75; medium, \$6@6.35; choice cows, \$6@6.50; good, \$5.50@5.75; medium, \$4.50@5.25; choice calves, \$7.50 @ 8.75; good heavy calves, \$6@7; bulls, \$3@5.50; stags, \$3@5.
Hogs—Light, \$7.25@7.60; heavy, 4.25@6.75.
Sheep—Yearling wethers, \$4.25@5.35; ewes, 2 1/2 @ 3 1/2; lambs, \$5@6.75.

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HAWAII MAKES GREAT STRIDES

Governor of Islands Reports Progress and Prosperity.

Commerce, Homesteading, Transportation, Public Works, Health, Etc., Improve.

Washington, D. C.—Hawaii has enjoyed greater prosperity and progress during the last year than during any other in its history, according to Governor Frear's annual report, submitted to the Secretary of the Interior. The preceding four years had been notable for their prosperity, says the governor, but this year witnessed even greater strides forward.

PRESIDENT-ELECT AT HOME

Staunton, Virginia, Gives Noisy Welcome to Wilson.

Staunton, Va.—Virginia enthusiastically welcomed home Governor Wilson, the eighth of her native sons to be chosen president of the United States. From the moment the president-elect crossed the state line at Alexandria in the afternoon, after he had a ten-minute glimpse of the national capital, until 9 o'clock, when he reached the little parsonage where he was born 56 years before, the reception was one of great enthusiasm, noisy demonstration and spectacular display.

MEXICAN SHOPMEN STRIKE

Higher Wages and Shorter Hours Demanded by 7000.

Laredo, Tex.—Seven thousand shop employees of the National Railway of Mexico struck Friday because of the refusal of the management to grant an eight-hour day and an increase in wages. The strike was called simultaneously at Nuevo Laredo, San Luis Potosi, Mexico City and Aguas Calientes. At Nuevo Laredo 100 skilled mechanics and 100 other employees walked out. The shops are closed.

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While Officials Deliberate, General Changes His Mind.

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WIRELESS SENDS WORLD NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

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OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

FREE BULLETINS BY O. A. C. FOR USE OF FARMERS

A list of 14 bulletins and circulars issued by the Oregon Agricultural college which are now available to all who will write to the extension division for them is as follows:

- BULLETINS:
 - No. 102—Digestibility of Kalo, Vetch Hay, Stenmed and Unsteamed Silage. Withycombe-Bradley.
 - No. 103—Mortality of Incubator Chicks. Perot.
 - No. 111—Orchard Management. Lewis.
 - No. 112—Soils of Oregon. C. E. Bradley.
 - No. 113—Orchard Irrigation Studies in Rogue River Valley. Lewis, Kraus, Rees.
- CIRCULARS:
 - No. 12—Three Species of Plant Lice in Oregon. Wilson.
 - No. 13—Orchard Sprays and Spraying. Cordley-Jackson.
 - No. 18—Swine Husbandry. Withycombe-Potter.
 - No. 19—Oregon Station Trap Nest. Dryden.
 - No. 20—The Pollination Question. Kraus.

OREGON TIMBER ATTRACTS Eastern Capitalist Surveys Yellow Pine of John Day Valley.

Prairie City—L. B. Unkar, of New York, representing a syndicate of capitalists interested in the lumber industry, visited the John Day Valley this week for the purpose of investigating the extent and quality of the yellow pine forests covering the foothills that skirt the valley for 65 miles. Mr. Unkar will investigate all the available yellow pine forests of Eastern Oregon during his trip, with regard to accessibility, cost of logging and manufacturing into lumber and transportation to the Eastern markets. It is recognized by lumber experts that the Eastern Oregon pines available, much of it, for manufacture into the best grades of finishing lumber. The supply of this material is becoming scarce in the Middle West and Eastern states, while the demand for it is increasing.

CONTRACT WILL BE LET SOON

Work on Line South From Portland Will Begin Next Spring.

Oregon City—Mark Woodruff, an official of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern Railroad, is authority for the statement that work on the 49 miles from Portland south will be commenced in the spring. The contract for the 40 miles has not as yet been let, but it is on President Strahorn's desk and will be shortly dealt with. Owing to rumors of difficulties encountered by the right-of-way department of the company, Mr. Woodruff was questioned. He says that the company is not finding any greater difficulties than usual and that there will be comparatively few condemnation suits brought. The old Willamette Falls carline will soon be a thing of the past. Property along the line has advanced.

Ashtand Creek Water O. K.

Ashtand—Word just received from the state board of health is to the effect that samples of water from Ashtand creek, submitted recently to that body for analysis, are free from contamination with typhoid germs. This is welcome news to this community, in view of the doubts which some have entertained as to the purity of the municipal water supply. In the meantime a few wells on private property will be investigated, in furtherance of a determination of the board of health to adopt every necessary precaution.

Plans for Poultry Show Grow.

Union—The Union Poultry association is making extensive preparations for the 1913 show, which promises to be the best in the history of that organization. The 1912 show far overshadowed the hopes of the association, and the members feel encouraged. Already some preliminary meetings have been held, committees assigned to work, and the date will be fixed soon, probably some time in January. Union is the center of the poultry-raising industry, and many fine blooded birds are owned here.

Experiment Farm Urged.

McMinnville—A movement has been started to have a walnut experiment station here and several joint organizing committees have been selected for a meeting to consider what legislation will be necessary. The County court has set aside ten acres of the best land of the county farm for this experiment station. This tract is west of this city and is ideal land for this purpose.

State School Fund Needed.

Salem—It is probable that the legislature will be asked to sanction the use of \$10,000 from the state school fund to be used for paying the expenses of the school system.

CLEAR LAKE IS WONDERFUL

Ideal Source of Water Supply for Valley Towns.

Albany—Clear Lake, which the state board of health is planning to utilize as a source of water supply for the cities and towns of the Willamette valley and the state institutions at Salem, is situated in the southeastern part of Linn county, about 77 miles southeast of Albany. It lies about two miles from the Willamette Valley & Cascade Mountain Wagon road and is about four miles from the summit of the Cascade mountains. The main body of the lake is about two miles long and three-fourths of a mile wide. Connected with the main body of the lake by a neck of water on each side of a small island, is a smaller body about one-half mile long and one-fourth of a mile wide. The lake is remarkably deep, so deep, in fact, that no one who has ever visited it has had a line long enough to measure its depth. The water is so clear that the bottom of the lake may be seen in some places, notwithstanding it is many hundreds of feet deep. The bottom is irregular and there are evidently high cliffs at various places, though they appear as small precipitous formations from the surface. A most peculiar feature of the lake, which makes it unique among all the lakes of the state and probably of the country, is that it contains at least 50 petrified trees, standing upright. The trees are in the north end, or smaller portion, of the lake. Most of the trees stand in groups, only a few feet apart. Some of these trees appear to be so close to the surface that they could be reached with an oar, but it is evident from attempts that have been made to reach them by lines that they are hundreds of feet below the surface of the water, though the portion of the lake where they stand is not so deep as the remainder of the lake. The water of the lake is remarkably cold. So penetrating is its coldness that a person cannot keep his hand in it very long at a time. A large spring, which bubbles up on one side of the lake and which is one of the leading sources of the lake's water supply, is even colder than the lake itself. It is a practice among people who have visited the lake before to offer to wager those visiting it for the first time that they cannot keep their hand in this spring for one minute. This has been tried many times, but, so far as known, the feat has never been accomplished. So cold is the water of this spring that if one allows his hand to remain in it for 20 seconds pain becomes apparent both in the hand and arm as well.

Teach How to Grow Vegetables.

Four vegetable growing courses will be given at the Oregon Agricultural College short course, Jan. 6 to Feb. 7. Commercial vegetable growing, marketing, vegetable and flower forcing, and home gardening will be covered. "A large per cent of the vegetables we consume, except onions and potatoes, are imported," says Prof. C. I. Lewis. "The state should be an exporter of vegetables instead of shipping in hundreds of carloads. Opportunities for production here are unsurpassed, and the demand constant."

Portland Schools Censured.

Washington, D. C.—Directors of the public schools of Portland are mildly criticized in a report just issued by the department of agriculture, which deals with public school gardens in the leading American cities, and Spokane, by way of contrast, is highly commended for the steps it has taken to instruct public school children in agriculture. The censure of Portland is mild and indirect, but is offset by praise bestowed upon the young men's association, which is doing work similar to that of schools in some other cities.

Fort Rock Sees Activity.

Fort Rock—A surveying outfit forming part of the Harriman system has been working through here for several weeks setting stakes along the right-of-way surveyed for the proposed Oregon & Eastern railway, which is to run from Vale, where it taps the Oregon Short Line, to Crescent. There it will join the Natron cutoff of the Southern Pacific. It is currently rumored that actual construction work will be going on through here before next fall.

Himalaya Berries Grow.

Newport—Carl Herren, a Newport lapidist, is exhibiting branches of Himalaya blackberries in his window, which were grown in his garden without glass and are ripe and of excellent flavor. Mr. Herren was induced to grow the berries for the purpose of exhibiting them at the Petting Place.