

NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

A light frost caused some damage to the Florida spring vegetable crop.

All the books of the Henry Siegel company, of Boston, were seized by the district attorney.

Jobless men at Los Angeles offer to begin their march to Sacramento if provided with blankets.

It is said that 70 per cent of the British army officers in Ulster would resign rather than fight the Ulstermen.

The government stables at Fort Riley, Kan., were burned, causing the loss of 41 valuable blooded cavalry horses.

Newport, Or., a town of 1500, has not had an arrest in seven months, and the city jail is deteriorating rapidly from lack of use.

A bill has passed the senate and now goes to the house, providing that plants, seeds and cuttings may be mailed at fourth-class rates.

Fire which started in the Duke tobacco factory at Durham, N. C., did damage estimated at \$1,000,000 and threatened the entire city.

A Spokane man dreamed of the location of a gold mine near Nelson, B. C., and has gone there and staked out a claim and is working it.

Gifford Pinchot openly condemns the "radium lobby" and the "men who are preventing the relief of human misery to make money out of it."

The sporting editor of the San Francisco Examiner, who died recently, is said to have left a fortune of \$175,756, exclusive of his wife's community share.

John Wanamaker, ex-postmaster general, praises President Wilson's stand on the Mexican question, declaring hordes of manufacturers and speculators are ready to reap a harvest in event of war.

Postmaster Myers, of Portland, believes the new parcel post regulations will bring the farmer in direct communication with the city consumer, and go a long way toward cutting out the middlemen.

Brush fires cause considerable anxiety to suburban residents both east and west of Portland.

Harold F. McCormick, son-in-law of John D. Rockefeller, is serving on a municipal court jury in Chicago.

The government has gladly welcomed overtures for re-opening of negotiations from President Huerta.

The New York City street-cleaning department estimates that the recent snow storm cost that city \$2,500,000.

The Western Union Telegraph Co., failed to obtain an injunction against striking messenger boys in Milwaukee, Wis.

A crisis is impending in affairs in Ireland on account of the Home Rule opposition, and it is believed bloodshed is inevitable.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 91¢@92¢ per bushel; bluestem, 99¢@1.01; forty-fold, 92¢; red Russian, 90¢; valley, 91¢@92¢.

Oats—No. 1 white, milling, \$23.50 per ton.

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

Barley—Feed, \$22@22.50 per ton; brewing, \$23@23.50; rolled, 25.

Hay—No. 1 Eastern Oregon timothy, \$17; mixed timothy, \$14; alfalfa \$14; valley grain hay, \$12@13.50.

Milled feed—Bran, \$23 per ton; shorts, \$25; middlings, \$31.

Vegetables—Cauliflower, \$2.25 per crate; cucumbers, \$1.75@2 per dozen; eggplant, 25¢ per pound; peppers, 20¢; radishes, 25¢@35¢ per dozen; head lettuce, \$2.50 per crate; garlic, 15¢ per pound; sprouts, 10¢@11¢; artichokes, \$1.25 per dozen; celery, \$3.50@4.50 per crate.

Green Fruits—Apples \$1@2.50 per box; cranberries \$12@12.50 per barrel; pears \$1@1.50 per box.

Onions—Old \$4 per sack; buying price \$3.50 per sack at shipping points.

Potatoes—Oregon 75¢ per hundred; buying prices, 40¢@50¢ at shipping points.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, 19¢ per dozen.

Poultry—Hens, 17¢@18¢ per pound; broilers, 27¢@30¢; turkeys, live, 19¢@20¢; dressed, choice, 25¢@26¢; ducks, 14¢@18¢; geese, 10¢@11¢.

Butter—Creamery prints, extra, 28¢@29¢ per pound cubes, 23¢@24¢.

Pork—Fancy, 10¢@10½¢ per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 14¢@14½¢ per pound.

Hops—1913 crop, prime and choice, 17¢@18¢ per pound; 1914 contracts, 15¢.

Wool—Valley, 14¢@18¢; Eastern Oregon, 12¢@17¢; mohair, 1913 clip, 26¢@27¢.

Cascara bark—Old and new, 5¢.

Grain bags—In car lots, 8¢.

Cattle—Prime steers, \$7.50@8.25; choice, \$7.30@7.50; medium, \$7@7.25; choice cows, \$6.25@7; medium, \$6@6.25; heifers, \$6@7.25; light calves, \$8@9; heavy, \$6@7.50; bulls, \$5.50@6; stags, \$4@7.50.

Hogs—Light, \$8@8.85; heavy, \$7@7.85.

Sheep—Wethers, \$5@6.25; ewes, \$3.50@5.10; lambs, \$5@7.

Rioting Begins in Belfast; King Severely Criticized

Belfast—A party riot occurred in Oromac Square early Wednesday morning. Stones and other missiles were thrown and revolver shots were fired. A large force of police dispersed the rioters. Many persons were slightly injured and several were arrested.

London—Westminster continues to be a seething caldron over what the Liberals now denounce as the "mutiny of the army aristocrats" against the democratic government.

The fact has been established from all obtainable evidence that General Hubert Gough and the other officers of the Third Cavalry brigade demanded and obtained written assurances, which had been drafted by a lawyer, that they would not be ordered to fight Sir Edward Carson's Ulster volunteers, and that these assurances were obtained largely through the personal intervention of the king.

Before they left London they sent messages to their brother officers in Ireland that they had found support "from the highest quarters." On their arrival at Carragh camp they were welcomed by a guard of honor and related the outcome of their summons to the war office.

The throne, which has traditionally kept out of party controversies, both because of aloofness and as a point of honor with public men and newspapers, is involved in the discussion as it has never been before during King George's reign, or that of his most diplomatic father.

The section of the Liberals who opposed what they denounced as a surrender to the military oligarchy are criticizing the king with the greatest freedom. They resent his action in summoning to the palace Field Marshal Lord Roberts, who, in his speeches, advised the officers that they might properly refuse service in suppressing the Ulster irreconcilables and criticize His Majesty for dealing personally with Field Marshal Sir John French, chief of the general staff, and General Sir Arthur Paget, commanding the forces in Ireland, who should have been dealt with, they think, only by the secretary of state for war.

Coast Fisheries May Cut Cost of Living

San Francisco—The department of commerce is going to do much during the coming summer for the benefit of the Pacific Coast. Something of the department's plans was outlined before the San Francisco chamber of commerce in a speech recently by Secretary Redfield.

Two great undertakings, at least, already have been determined on—a survey of the fisheries off the Oregon and Washington coast, to determine how much they may contribute to the food supply of the Coast, and a more careful survey of the Alaskan coast to increase the safety of shipping in the Far North.

Secretary Redfield spoke of what the department had done through its bureau of fisheries to cheapen the cost of living in the East by promoting the consumption of mussels and the introduction of the edible scallop, found in great quantities outside New York harbor and almost unheard of until about a year ago. The steamer Albatross, now lying in San Francisco Bay, will leave next summer for the Northwest coast, he said, to investigate the halibut and other fishing possibilities of the Pacific waters.

"I believe that we may add as greatly to the food supply of the Pacific Coast in this way," he said, "as the fishing banks of the Atlantic Coast have contributed to the food of the East."

Scandal Is Charged In Dealings With Mexico

Washington, D. C.—Charged that the treaty between the United States and Mexico creating the water boundary commission "involves a scandal," and that the state of Colorado has suffered direct damage of \$17,250,000 because of the prohibition of 1896 under the treaty of use of the flood waters of the Rio Grande in that state, were made Wednesday by Senator Thomas, of Colorado.

The senator urged his resolution to give the state of Colorado leave to file a claim with the State department to determine the ownership of the flood water.

Miners Reject Proffer.

Chicago—Final refusal of the United Mineowners of America to accept the terms offered by the bituminous coal mine owners of Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois brought to an end here Wednesday the joint wage scale conference of the men and employes. Although the present wage agreement will expire within one week and there is no understanding at present under which the men have agreed to "continue work, union leaders assert that a strike is not imminent.

Town of 20,000 Now Farm.

Seattle, Wash.—The site of Dyea, Alaska, which in the days of the Klondike boom contained 20,000 inhabitants, has been filed on as farming land by three homesteaders. One is an Indian woman, another a young man who is founding a fox farm.

School Industrial Clubs Making Great Progress

Salem—Although the work of organizing industrial clubs in the public schools has been in progress only a short time, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill announces that the results are far better than had been expected. He said that 4363 pupils had been enrolled by clubs and that applications for membership were being received at a rate of 150 a day. There are 10 subjects in which the school children may compete for prizes, the names and the number of pupils enrolled in each being as follows: Canning and preserving, 274; cook-

ing and baking, 563; dairy herd record, 36; corn raising, 383; manual arts, 236; pig raising, 151; potatoes, 296; poultry, 472; sewing, 1045; vegetable gardening, 777; total, 4363. "When we stop to think," said Mr. Churchill, "that most of our school girls will be housekeepers in a few years, and half our boys will be farmers, the value of this industrial work can readily be appreciated."

The report was made to Mr. Churchill by Professor Griffin, of the Oregon Agricultural college, who is co-operating with the state department of education in this work.

Loganberry Growers Form Permanent Organization

Salem—A permanent organization of loganberry growers of the state was perfected here this week. More than 200 growers attended the meeting and it was the consensus of opinion that through organization adequate markets could be obtained.

Officers were elected as follows: President, W. L. Bentley, of Woodburn; vice president, Alex. La Follette; brook, secretary, Fred S. Bynon, Salem; treasurer, L. H. Roberts, Salem; directors, Britt Aspinwall, Brooks; H. E. Crowell, Dundee, and the president, vice president and treasurer.

The constitution provides that the

directors shall perfect a plan of operation at once, the industry to be developed by sending samples of fresh and dried berries to all parts of the country and the preparation of adequate statistics for the information of growers. Because of the big increase of acreage devoted to the fruit this year, it was feared that it might be impossible to find markets. Assurances have been received, however, that there will be an adequate demand. Arrangements have been made to sell quantities of the berries in parts of the country where they heretofore have been unknown.

Portland's Stockyard Prices Go Way Up

Portland—There has been a falling off in receipts of livestock at the Portland Union stockyards, and as a consequence prices of all classes of stock are advancing. Fancy steers sold by the carload at North Portland this week at \$8.10 and \$8.25 a hundredweight, the highest prices that have prevailed since early last September.

Not since June, 1913, have sheep and lamb prices been as high as at present. Ewes are selling at the yards at \$5, and wethers at \$6, while the best unshorn lambs are worth \$7 a hundredweight.

Hog prices also are climbing up again, the market showing a gain of 20 cents over last week's quotations. The best swine are bringing \$8.85. Higher prices than this, however, have been realized this year.

Grange Asks Governor for "Good Roads Day"

McMinnville—McMinnville Grange No. 31 has adopted resolutions calling on Governor West to proclaim April 10 a good roads day for Oregon.

The letter to the governor says in part: "McMinnville Grange No. 31 has voted to ask you to designate April 10 a holiday to be known as Good Roads day for Oregon and that you request all citizens to go on the highways and work to improve the roads under the direction of the county courts and supervisors of the several districts. Also that an assistant supervisor be appointed for every section of the road where necessary."

Broccoli Brings Big Price in Chicago Market

Roseburg—In return for broccoli sent to Chicago local growers have received word that the product sold readily for \$3.50 a dozen heads in the Eastern markets.

A carload of broccoli is being assembled and will be shipped to Chicago during the next few days. Little broccoli has been grown in Douglas county in the past and it was only a few months ago that the farmers decided to raise the product to any extent. It is estimated that about 40 acres of it are in cultivation in the county.

1000 Men Will Get Work.

North Bend—Between 700 and 1000 men will be put to work on the 17 miles of Willamette Pacific railway between Coos Bay and the large tunnel at Black creek by the middle of April. Orders have been given for shipments from Portland and San Francisco.

There are now 200 men on the work and the grade has been completed out from Coos Bay for a distance of three miles. Lemm Bros. and Shay have contracts for 2900 feet of tunnel work within the territory named, and their men are arriving daily.

Railroad Pays Its Taxes.

Roseburg—The Southern Pacific company has paid into the treasury of Douglas county \$115,445.21, including the personal tax of the company in Douglas county. The amount tendered by the Southern Pacific company included the rebate of 3 per cent, which was paid under protest. The Southern Pacific claims the old law is still in effect. It is not believed the company will pay the taxes on its lands held in Douglas county pending settlement of the government's suit to cancel the grant.

Salem Has Fly Market.

Salem—The war on flies in Salem assumed concrete form when the Commercial club announced that it would pay 25 cents a hundred for the pests. "The market quotation may not hold at 25 cents," said Fred S. Bynon, secretary of the club. "We had to make some offer and decided on this for a start. If our offer is found to be too high it will be reduced and if not high enough to get the results it may be raised."

New Railway Line Taps Rich Farming District

Immediate completion of the Willamette Valley Southern railway from Oregon City, via Beaver Creek, Mulino and Molalla to Mount Angel and the actual operation of the road before the end of the present year was assured when the Portland Railway, Light & Power company agreed to guarantee a \$700,000 bond issue necessary to finance the project.

In consideration for this arrangement the Willamette Valley Southern will purchase its electric power from the Portland railway and will interchange its traffic with that road at Oregon City.

The Willamette Valley Southern already has about seven miles of road completed. The remaining distance to Mount Angel is 25 miles. This can be built with the \$700,000 accruing from the sale of the bonds.

Under terms of a mortgage filed at Oregon City the road can be bonded for \$3,000,000, but this entire issue will not be sold.

Stock of the Willamette Valley Southern is held by farmers and other residents of the district to be served. Some large blocks also are held in Oregon City. F. M. Sift and Grant B. Dimick, both of Oregon City, are president and secretary, respectively. The Portland company, it is understood, has not acquired any of the stock. Franklin T. Griffith, president of the company, denies any intention of acquiring any of it.

Governor West Plans Limit on State Taxes

Salem—Governor West said that he would prepare an amendment to the constitution to be initiated at the coming election limiting the state tax levy to \$2,000,000 on the present assessed valuation, which would compel the legislature to exercise the strictest economy in making appropriations. He said the measure would be prepared in ample time for it to be thoroughly discussed before it was voted upon. He would hold the levy to 2 mills a year.

The governor declared that the amendment would not interfere with permanent road building, for there already is a constitutional amendment applying to that. He also thinks limits should be made to the county tax levies the same as he proposes for the state.

Governor Charges Fraud.

Salem—Alleging that the original purchasers acquired the land through fraud, Governor West has furnished Attorney General Crawford a statement regarding methods with which the Pacific Livestock company obtained title to about 27,000 acres of state school, swamp and indemnity lands in Harney county. He asked the attorney general to recover the land for the state. The governor furnished exhibits, his object being to show that the land was obtained through "dummy" applications.

Fly Eddy Issued at Salem.

Salem—Mayor Steeves has issued a proclamation warning the residents of the city that all garbage piles and other fly-breeding attractions must be removed immediately. The mayor says scientific research has revealed that the house fly is a dangerous agency for the spread of disease and that the pest must be exterminated in this city. The Commercial club is still doing a good business buying flies from children at 25 cents a hundred.

Home Credits Do Much Good.

Buena Vista—According to reports coming from patrons of the Buena Vista school the home credit system is doing much to unite the school and home. For the past two years the plan has been in operation in this school and the results have been gratifying. Not only do the students do better work at home, but their school studies have been brought higher.

Parcel Post to Take Place of Middlemen

Washington, D. C.—Preliminary steps were taken by the Postoffice department Monday to perfect its plan for reducing the cost of living by having the parcel post carry products of the farm directly to the door of the consumer.

Ten cities were selected to begin work of establishing direct connections between producer and consumer. Postmaster General Burleson having already issued an order permitting the use of crates and boxes for butter, eggs, poultry, vegetables and fruit shipped by parcel post. Orders have gone to the postmasters at Boston, Atlanta, St. Louis, San Francisco, Baltimore, Detroit, La Crosse, Wis., Lynn, Mass., Rock Island, Ill., and Washington, directing them to "receive the names of persons who are willing to supply farm products in retail quantities by parcel post."

Printed lists of these names, showing kind and quantity of commodity available, will be distributed among town and city patrons.

"By the use of these lists," First Assistant Postmaster General Roper said, "the city consumer will be able to get in touch with a farmer who will fill his weekly orders for butter and eggs and other farm products. The consumer will receive the produce fresh from the country and the personal relationship established will no doubt tend to improve the quality. The farmer will be relieved of carrying his produce to market, as the rural carrier will make daily collections at the farmer's door of these retail shipments to city consumers."

BILL INCREASES PAY OF ARMY MEN BY \$1,121,000

Washington, D. C.—An increase of \$7,564,000 in the army appropriation bill was made by the senate military affairs committee in reporting the measure to the senate. The amended bill carries an appropriation of \$101,755,000.

The most important new item is \$135,000 to construct a military cable from Washington State to Alaska.

The committee urges an increase of \$1,221,000 in the pay for enlisted men, that the army may be maintained at its present full strength of 85,000. \$2,000,000 is asked for ammunition for the militia field artillery and \$1,350,000 for field guns. Another addition would provide \$50,000 for airships.

Roosevelt Party Loses Equipment and Specimens

New York—The loss of all the equipment of Theodore Roosevelt's party in the unexplored wilds of Central Brazil is reported in a cable message from Anthony Fiala, a member of the party, to the New York Times. The message, dated at Santarem, Brazil, follows:

"We have lost everything in the rapids. Telephone my wife of my safety."

The rapids mentioned are presumed to be those of a tributary of the Amazon river.

Members of the Roosevelt family here had received no advices from Colonel Roosevelt, but expressed no concern for his safety.

In fact, Mr. Fiala's silence on the subject was held to indicate that the loss was confined to the equipment and the archaeological and other specimens gathered by the expedition.

It was said by the Times that any personal injury to the colonel was to be cabled immediately and fully.

Higher Wages Opposed.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Daniels told the house labor committee he opposed the Maher bill to fix arbitrary rates of pay for government machinists in navy yards.

"The wages paid by the government," said Secretary Daniels, "are as good, or a little better, on the average, than in private yards. But if we make the wages too high it will not benefit the men, because congress requires that we send our work where it can be done cheapest and if private yards are paying less money they will get the business."

Llama Will Sail Again.

New York—The llama which arrived here last Sunday by the steamship Verdi from Buenos Ayres, consigned to William J. Bryan, will be deported on the Verdi, not back to South America, but to England. At least it will start for England, but before now, it is said, dead llamas have been found floating in from the three-mile limit after they had been rejected by the livestock quarantine inspectors. Members of the crew think that the inspector is mistaken in saying the animal had the foot and mouth disease.

Highway Bill Reported.

Washington, D. C.—The house bill providing for highway work in conjunction with the states was favorably reported to the senate by the agricultural committee. It would also appropriate \$1,000,000 for 1914 and authorize an appropriation of \$4,000,000 for 1915, with additional yearly increases until 1921, when the amount authorized would be \$10,000,000.

Long Fall Kills Aviator.

Basel, Switzerland—An aviator named Borrer was killed here Sunday. His machine had reached a great height when it suddenly dipped forward. The spectators watched the maneuver with intense interest, thinking the aviator was about to loop-the-loop. Borrer was 19 years old.

1914 WHEAT CROP LARGEST KNOWN

Pacific Northwest to Surpass All Records This Year.

Prospective Crop Estimated at 70,000,000 Bushels—Increase Over 1913 14,000,000 Bushels.

Portland—The states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho will produce a bumper crop of wheat this year, and unless all signs fail, the yield will be a record-breaker. Experienced grain men predict an output of at least 70,000,000 bushels of this cereal in the Pacific Northwest.

These views are based on the remarkably fine condition of the winter wheat crop in the three states. From the date of planting to the present time, all conditions of climate, soil and moisture have been ideal. From every point in the Northwest comes a uniform report of perfect growing weather and fine stand.

The increase in acreage has been more extensive than expected, averaging perhaps close to 10 per cent throughout the entire territory.

The Northwest last year turned off a wheat crop of about 56,000,000 bushels. The record yield heretofore has been 65,000,000 bushels.

This year the three states will come up to this latter figure and without doubt will exceed it.

Spring wheat sowing is now in progress in all sections, and general conditions could not be better for this operation. Prospects for barley, oats, forage and fruits of all kinds are entirely satisfactory.

In the Columbia river counties of Oregon, the indications are the best in years. Sherman county has a 40 per cent increase in winter wheat acreage and there is promise of a 5,000,000-bushel crop. Gilliam has also a large gain in planting and farmers expect more than 3,500,000 bushels of wheat. Wasco has record prospects and Umatilla will improve on its 5,000,000-bushel crop of last year. Union reports a 15 per cent gain in sight.

Throughout the winter wheat sections of Washington, the outlook is a rosy one. Lincoln county, the banner wheat county of the West, which last year produced more than 8,500,000 bushels, gives indications of a crop this year 25 per cent heavier.

The Walla Walla country, the grain sections around Dayton, Prosser, Ritzville and Prescott, will have, from present prospects, record crops. Big Bend reports are favorable, and so is the outlook in the Goldendale district.

Similar reports come from the central section of Idaho. The Lewiston country has increased its acreage 15 per cent and the grain is having a remarkable growth. Caldwell growers are going in for corn and have enlarged their acreage 100 per cent over last year.

Pet Ants Are Barred From United States

Washington, D. C.—Mrs. C. W. Morse's pet ants cannot be admitted to the United States. No stretch of the immigration laws will permit these undesirable alien insects to enter. They will be deported at the expense of the steamship company that brought them over.

This is the dictum of the bureau of entomology of the United States department of agriculture, as announced by Dr. Leland C. Howard, chief entomologist, who said:

"Of course it is not a question of Mrs. Morse's ants being pets, for the law is absolute. They are insects and under the law no foreign insects may be imported into the United States."

Miss Tyler Loses Office.

Norfolk, Va.—After serving 20 years as postmistress at Courtland, Va., Miss Mattie Tyler, grand daughter of John Tyler, 10th president of the United States, has lost her position by order of President Wilson. An order was issued recently that all postmasters at fourth-class offices must pass civil service examinations. Miss Tyler declined to take an examination. There were four applicants and B. A. Williams made highest average. Miss Tyler wept when the news was taken to her.

Volcano Begins Eruption.

Tokio—A severe eruption of the volcano on Suwanose island, south of Kyushu, began here Sunday. The flames rose 500 feet above the mouth of the crater. An expedition has been sent to give relief to the 280 inhabitants of the island.

The long extinct volcano Chokai, near Sakata, is also in eruption. This mountain is inhabited by fishermen.

New York Has More Snow.

New York—With the two recent heavy falls of snow still in evidence in the outlying sections of the city, another 24 inches fell Sunday, 24 hours after the official entry of spring. Seven thousand men were put to work to clear the principal streets.

Wool Loses By Grading.

Washington, D. C.—American wool growers could add 3 cents a pound to the value of their product if they were to send it to market graded and put up as attractively as are Australian wools, according to estimates of experts of the department of agriculture.