

NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

A Democratic caucus refused to put cattle on the free list.

Republicans are said to be planning to "get even" on Wilson's appointments.

Jose Fernandez, a prominent Liberal leader of Cuba, was assassinated in a Havana cafe.

Mrs. Emmaline Pankhurst is reported to have had a relapse since her liberation from prison.

Dr. Friedmann continues to treat tuberculosis sufferers, and only one of those treated so far has died.

Mexican rebels are preparing to capture the only remaining government stronghold in Sonora province.

Republican leaders plan a meeting in Chicago soon to arrange for the rehabilitation of the party throughout the country.

Texas has sued the Standard Oil company for \$100,000,000 as penalties for alleged violations of the anti-trust laws of that state.

Three Minneapolis men, graduates of the University of Minnesota, are held prisoners of war by federal troops in Lower California.

London police have started a thorough search for a missing Tennessee man, whose hat and purse were found on the banks of the river Thames.

President Wilson made an address of welcome to the Continental Congress of Daughters of the Revolution at its 23rd annual session in Washington.

Two hundred thousand men in Belgium joined the strike for manhood suffrage inaugurated by the Socialists. The government plans resistance to the utmost.

A bomb made of a milk can filled with gunpowder, and operated by clockwork, was found in the Bank of England, in London, and it is believed to be the work of suffragettes.

Thirty-five states have ratified the direct election amendment to the constitution, but 13 of them have so far failed to give official notice to the government at Washington.

J. P. Morgan's funeral will be devoid of eulogy, as he requested.

Mexican armies have been warned to stop shooting across the border.

An appeal will be made to President Wilson for a system of Federal loans to farmers.

Mohair and wool shearing begins throughout Oregon and Washington.

Eastern Oregon has entered a strong protest in congress against free wool.

An American naval expert declares this country is wholly unprepared for a war at sea.

A snowfall of five to 15 inches is reported from Western Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska.

One of Dr. Friedmann's tuberculosis patients has died, despite the use of his new serum.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 86¢; 87c; bluestem, 98c; red Russian, 85c; valley, 87c.

Oats—No. 1 white, 27¢@28¢ per ton; valley, stained, 24¢@25¢.

Corn—Whole, 27¢; cracked, 28¢ ton; Millstuffs—Bran, 21¢@22¢ per ton; shorts, 23¢@24¢; middlings, 30¢.

Barley—Feed, 23¢@23.50¢ per ton; brewing, nominal; rolled, 25.50¢@26.50¢.

Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, choice, 15¢@17¢; mixed, 10¢@13.50¢; oat and vetch, 12¢; alfalfa, 12¢@13¢; clover, 9¢; straw, 7¢@8¢.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 90¢@1¢ per dozen; asparagus, 6¢ per pound; cabbage, 1¢; celery, 22.50¢ per crate; head lettuce, 22.50¢ crate; hothouse lettuce, 75¢@1¢ per box; onions, green, 20¢@25¢ per dozen; rhubarb, 5¢ per pound; spinach, 75¢ per box; sprouts, 10¢; garlic, 5¢@6¢ per pound; turnips, 90¢@1¢ per sack; parsnips, 90¢@1¢; carrots, 90¢@1¢.

Onions—Oregon, 85¢@90¢ per sack; Spanish, 25.50¢ per crate.

Potatoes—Burbanks, 45¢@50¢ per hundred, new, 8¢@10¢ per pound; sweet potatoes, 4¢ per pound.

Green Fruit—Apples, 30¢@35¢ per box; according to quality; strawberries, Florin, 33¢@3.60¢ per crate; Louisiana, 33.50¢ per crate.

Poultry—Hens, 16¢; broilers, 30¢@35¢; turkeys, live, 20¢; dressed, 25¢; ducks, 18¢@20¢; geese, 12¢@12.50¢.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, 19¢@20¢ per dozen.

Butter—Oregon creamery butter cubes, 33¢ per pound; prints, 34¢@35¢.

Pork—Fancy, 12¢@12.50¢ per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 13¢@14¢ per pound.

Hops—1912 crop, 10¢@16¢ per pound; 1913 contracts, 14¢ per pound.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, nominal; valley, 16¢@20¢ per pound.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$8@8.15; medium, \$7.50@7.75; choice cows, \$6.75@7.15; good, \$6.50@6.75; medium, \$6@6.50; choice calves, \$8@9; good heavy calves, \$6.50@7.50; bulls, \$5.50@6.25.

Hogs—Light, \$9@9.35; heavy, \$8@8.75.

Sheep—Yearling wethers, \$6.25@7.25; ewes, \$4.75@6.25; lambs, \$7@8.

AIR CRAFT SEEN OFF COAST

Dirigible Balloon Takes Observations and Disappears South.

Seaside, Or.—A dirigible balloon moving rapidly was seen sailing over the ocean near here and south of the mouth of the Columbia river Wednesday morning about 5:30 o'clock.

Several persons who had risen early to catch the train for Portland and persons at the Moore hotel watched the air craft until it disappeared from sight behind Tillamook Head.

Charles A. Runo and wife, of Worcester, saw the balloon from their windows, which overlooked the ocean. It came from the direction of Fort Stevens. When they first noticed the car it moved swiftly towards the Washington shore, where it seemed to stand poised for a couple of minutes, taking observations, then in a sweeping circle it headed towards Tillamook Head and passed out of sight around the light house.

This is not the first time the balloon has been sighted along the beach between here and Fort Stevens. About three months ago it was reported from Columbia Beach and at other points. An effort was made at that time to learn whether the officers at Fort Stevens were experimenting with a dirigible war balloon and taking observations, but nothing came of the inquiry.

The balloon is believed to be a war dirigible by Captain John Anderson, whose sea experience has taught him the use of marine glasses, and who had the craft under observation for ten minutes. He said he could make out three men aboard, and that one of the three was peering through a telescope. One seemed to be taking notes, and the other was at the helm.

TWO CITIES MAKE PROTEST

Underwood Bill Arouses Citizens of Factory Centers.

Gloversville, N. Y.—Business was suspended in Gloversville and Johnstown—the center of American fine glove manufacturing—for six hours Thursday, while the populace of the two cities united in a demonstration of protest against the Underwood tariff bill, as it affects the glove and glove leather industries. The demonstration was planned by Gloversville merchants.

Gloversville was the scene of the demonstration, special cars and trains bringing to this city one of the largest crowds that ever gathered. Five thousand glove workers, women as well as men; merchants, professional men, saleswomen and clerks, tradespeople—people of all kinds, participated in the parade. Four mass meetings were held, protesting resolutions adopted, and petitions, addressed to President Wilson, circulated.

Glove factories and leather mills ceased working, every place of business in the two cities, including all lines of trade, was closed and practically the entire population of the two cities joined in the demonstration.

A committee of representative citizens will go to Washington and it is possible a delegation of glove workers also will be sent to the National capital to appear before congress or the President.

TAX ON ESTATE IS \$3,000,000

New York State to Receive Great Sum Under Inheritance Law.

Albany, N. Y.—New York state will receive between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000 inheritance tax from the estate of the late J. P. Morgan, according to preliminary estimates made by attaches of the state controller's office.

The estimate is based on a report that the total estate will be about \$100,000,000. The tax is expected to be one of the largest ever paid.

A reduction of 5 per cent is allowed if the tax is paid within six months after the estate is appraised.

Because of the various enterprises in which Mr. Morgan was interested, it will be necessary to employ a number of experts to appraise the estate, which consists mainly of stocks, bonds and works of art.

"Soldiers' Roll" in Peril

Washington, D. C.—Thirty-three veterans of the Union army in the Civil war, who composed the "Old soldiers' roll" of the senate, are in danger of demotion and reduction of salary, and Republican senators are up in arms. Under resolution of the senate these old soldiers are "to continue in their positions until cause for their removal shall have been reported and approved by the senate and their removal directed," and Republicans assert that changes made in the roll violate this resolution.

Tennessee Ratifies Direct Election.

Washington, D. C.—Formal notice of the ratification by the Tennessee legislature of the Constitutional amendment providing for the direct election of United States senators was received at the State department recently. Thirty-six states, the number necessary to make the amendment effective, have acted favorably, but 13 of them have not complied with Secretary Bryan's request for immediate official notice.

Titanic Horror Year Ago.

New York, April 15.—The first anniversary of the sinking of the steamer Titanic, was the last day on which claims against the White Star Steamship company, owners of the ill-fated ship can be filed in the United States district court for loss of life or property. Damages in excess of \$12,000,000 have been demanded.



KING NICHOLAS
Montenegrin Ruler Who Now Stands Alone in His Defiance of European Powers.

JAPANESE ISSUE FOUND DELICATE

Federal Government Can't Stop State Legislation.

American Citizens Can't Own Land in Japan—California Promises to Use Care.

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson expressed Saturday the hope that the pending legislation in California by which aliens ineligible to American citizenship would be prohibited from owning land would not prove objectionable to Japan. He realizes that Japan is inclined to view such legislation as a contradiction of the spirit of her treaty with the United States.

While officially unable to interfere in the situation, he expressed confidence that the California legislature, cognizant of possible international difficulties, would enact a law that would prove acceptable to Japan.

The President talked informally about the question in his semi-weekly conference with the newspaper men, indicating the delicate points involved. While the present treaty with Japan stipulates that citizens of each country, while traveling in the other, shall have a right to own houses and factories and shops, and to lease land, it says nothing about the right to own land.

On the other hand, though the old laws of Japan against foreign ownership of land have been abrogated, the imperial edict necessary to put in force newly enacted laws has not been issued, so that American citizens cannot own land in Japan.

While the administration does not construe the treaty as giving Japanese specifically the right to own land, it feels that the agreement does guarantee that Japan shall be treated on the basis of most favored nation citizens under the same clause as is contained in many American treaties with other governments.

The President said that while these points had been discussed, the difficulties really proceeded from the domestic constitutional arrangements in the United States. He declared that while nobody for a moment, could challenge the constitutional right of California to pass such land laws as she pleased, insofar as the Federal government had gone beyond its powers or domestic authority in making a treaty, just so far was it liable to damages, but it really was helpless in the situation.

Reassuring word that the California legislature would so frame its laws as to save the Federal government from any diplomatic embarrassments has come indirectly to the national capital and the administration does not believe it is likely to be confronted with any serious situation.

Blow to Christianity Seen.

Tokio—Baron Saburo Shimada and other prominent Japanese Christians say they are convinced that the passage of the land bill by the California legislature will prove almost a death blow to the Christian propaganda in Japan. Count Okuma, former foreign minister and now president of Waseda University, urges the missionaries to voice a strong protest against the bill. Several newspapers here sarcastically declare the bill, which they say will discriminate against and ruin Japan, was "framed by Christians."

CURRENCY REFORM OFFERED

Many Bills Before Congress Lacking Official Endorsement.

Washington, D. C.—New currency reform bills were introduced in the house Friday by Representatives Prouty, of Iowa; Nelson, of Wisconsin, and Palmer, of Pennsylvania. Congress now has before it nearly a dozen bills, covering all branches of banking and currency reform, but none of these bear the indorsement of the official committees of the two houses or of President Wilson.

Representative Glass, who probably will introduce the measure, about which money reform debate will center in the house, conferred with Secretary McAdoo, of the Treasury department, who has been gathering information from banks on certain phases of the financial situation.

Mr. Glass said at the end of the conference that there would be no difference of opinion between himself and the secretary of the treasury over the bill that he would finally introduce in the house.

An effort will be made in the senate to secure further hearings, particularly on the subject of the money stringency at crop moving times and the "sectional demands" for money. Senator Hitchcock, a member of the banking and currency committee of the senate, said he would ask for hearings at which more detailed facts could be secured as to local demands for money and local problems that should be considered while congress finally takes up the work of reforming currency methods.

Three general bills are now before the senate. The Weeks bill embraces the plan of the monetary commission for a national reserve association or central bank, through which all banks would secure their note currency. The Hitchcock bill proposes 20 distinct reserve associations, each with the power to issue notes to its members and to buy and sell commercial paper. The Jones bill proposes 16 sub-treasury districts, each sub-treasury being empowered to issue currency to banks on approved bonds.

Fight Made on Tammany.

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson was formally requested by anti-Tammany leaders of the New York State Democracy not to recognize Tammany in Federal appointments. They explained that their organization needed the moral support of the administration in its fight for progressive principles. They went away with the impression that the President would go slow in the matter of making out his appointment list, and that it would be some time before his attitude would be known.

Bryan Spurs Governors.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Bryan dispatched identical letters Saturday to the governors of states which have acted favorably on the constitutional amendment providing for the direct election of senators and have not yet reported the fact to the State department. The secretary suggested prompt notification in order that he may issue the usual formal notice of the adoption of the 17th amendment.

Taft to Give Nine Lectures.

New Haven, Conn.—Announcement was made recently that Professor William H. Taft will deliver a course of nine lectures at Yale University this spring on the general subject "Questions of Modern Government." The lectures will be given Monday and Friday afternoons in May, beginning May 2.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

WOMEN PROMINENT AT POLLS

Elections Are Largely Influenced By New Suffrage Vote.

Dallas — The election here Monday resulted in a complete rout of the administration forces by the so-called insurgents, when G. Van Orsdel, Democrat, was elected mayor by a majority of 25 votes over R. L. Chapman, Republican. The amendments to the city charter proposed by the present city council were lost. It is said that the new administration is in favor of hard-surface pavement and other important civic improvements.

The vote was the largest ever cast in a Dallas election, a total of 789 ballots being turned in to the various booths, 292 of these being from the fair sex.

Mrs. Fonso Manston was the first woman to cast her vote.

St. Johns — Active part taken by the women in the municipal election in St. Johns constituted a feature of unusual interest, and the newly-elected mayor, Charles Bregeson, declared that he owed his election to the women, since they held the balance of power.

The total vote was 1087, of which approximately 377 votes were cast by women. It was a common sight while the polls were open to see women with their babies in their arms go to the polling places and cast their votes, or to see a grandmother and granddaughter enter the polls side by side and secure their ballots. The women appeared to be well informed and their work at the polls was exceedingly businesslike.

Cornelius — With women casting half the vote in the recent election, the anti-saloon forces triumphed with a majority of nine.

This is the first time the town has gone into the dry column, though the margin has always been small. The total vote cast was 267.

Dufur — In the annual election for municipal officers the successful candidates were: J. H. Fitzpatrick, mayor; T. E. Griffith, recorder; W. M. Pickering, and Owen Jones, councilmen; P. W. Knowles, treasurer; T. W. Glavey and H. C. Dodds, water commissioners. The votes was the largest in the history of the city and nearly every woman who was eligible exercised her right of suffrage.

HOP STUDIES ARE PUBLISHED

Tartar and Pilkington of O. A. C. Issue Important Bulletin.

Oregon Agricultural College—Results of two years of experimental work with hops in the chemical laboratories of the Oregon Agricultural College experiment station are now appearing from the college press in bulletin No. 114. H. V. Tartar, assisted by B. Pilkington, has carried on the work along special lines which thorough study of local conditions and of literature on the subject have shown to be of most immediate use.

The six special points on which their investigations bear are the fertilizer requirements of the hop plant, methods for the chemical analysis of the hop, the changes in composition of the hop during the ripening period, the effect of kiln drying at 145 degrees on the composition of the hop, a comparative study of the composition of Oregon hops and those of other localities, and a comparison of commercial and scientific methods of hop valuation.

BIG MILL SITE IS PURCHASED

North Star Lumber Co. to Have Oregon Plant Ready Soon.

Minneapolis, Minn.—The North Star Lumber company, of Minneapolis, which owns extensive timber lands on the watershed of the Umpqua river, in Oregon, has purchased a mill site and booming grounds at Reedsport, at the mouth of the Umpqua river, where a sawmill and lumber manufacturing plant of 125,000 feet, ten-hour capacity, will be established.

The company expects to have the plant in operation by the time the Willamette Pacific railroad is completed between Eugene and Reedsport. The company owns a string of between 70 and 80 retail yards in North and South Dakota, Iowa and Minnesota. The product from the Reedsport plant will supply these various yards.

Entire Family Lost in Flood.

Hood River—Mrs. H. L. Dean, wife of a young horticultural expert who arrived here last week to take charge of the clearing operations of the Green Point Orchard company, was prostrated on receiving news from Columbus, O., that her entire family had perished in the flood that swept through that city recently. Mr. Dean had made vain attempts to get in communication with relatives and has been anxiously awaiting news, which, however, did not come until the water had receded and the bodies were found.

Good Farm Brings \$23,000.

Troutdale — William Hursell has sold his farm of 15 acres, located south of this place, to Ralph Ackley. The price was \$23,000. The tract is a well-improved farm, one of the best in the neighborhood. Several sales have been made in Troutdale recently and realty conditions are improving right along.

WATER STOCKS GRAVEL PIT

Willamette Furnishes Railway Co. With Ballast.

Corvallis — Contrary to the experience of flood districts of the east, Corvallis announces the recent high water stages of the Willamette river have been a blessing and a benefit to at least one industry. The raging Willamette re-stocked the famous gravel pit, owned by the Portland, Eugene & Eastern railway company.

Instead of abandoning the ground as having been worked out, the engineers of the big interurban electric system now under construction in the Willamette valley have found that new gravel has been washed down stream, filling the old excavation in the bottom of the river and making enough gravel available to complete the work of re-ballasting the entire West Side system of the Southern Pacific company and making the tracks ready for fast-moving electric trains.

The new electric company is now sending 40 cars of gravel a day to the old steam lines on the West Side, and has completed ballasting of the line from Corvallis to Monroe, which is pronounced by experts to be the best piece of railroad track in the state.

RECORD CROP IS PREDICTED

Acreeage Reduced in Sherman and Wasco, but Yield Promising.

The Dalles — Although the crop of cereals in Wasco and Sherman counties this year will not surpass the crop of 1912, owing to the fact that the acreage is less because of summer fallowing, reports received by the Business Men's association indicate a yield per acre that will break all records for this section. E. H. French, president of the banking firm of French & Co., has returned from an automobile trip to the southern part of this county. He predicts that should the favorable conditions continue all records will be broken. Farmers who come to the city support the prediction.

The fruitgrowers are also looking forward to a harvest of record-breaking crops of cherries, peaches, pears, apples, prunes, grapes and other fruits. Several hundreds of acres of cherries will come into bearing this year.

CHEESE FACTORY WORKING

First Day's Run at Seaside Plant Takes 2000 Pounds of Milk.

Seaside — The Clatsop County Co-operative Cheese company, which started work Monday, handled 2000 pounds of milk, from which eight pounds of Pasteurized cream was saved for city distribution and from which was made what is known as six triplets and two Young America cheeses.

In addition to making the cheese and bottling the cream, the first day's output of this new concern was 200 quarts and 100 pints of Pasteurized milk.

By heating the fluid to a certain temperature and keeping it at that point for 30 minutes, any tuberculous matter in the milk is killed and none of the nourishment destroyed.

One of the trucks operated by the cheese factory goes up the Necanicum valley for nine miles, while the other wagon goes north several miles beyond Gearhart.

Mt. Hood is Glacier Laden.

Oregon City — There has been so much snow in the Cascades and along the slopes of Mount Hood during the past winter that it has become packed into a glacial mass, is the report of Fred Lund, a prospector and trapper. Mr. Lund came down to order some supplies for his camp on the south fork of the Upper Clackamas, and declares that never before has he seen such conditions.

"The snow on the mountain is packed into a solid sheet of snow-ice that least four feet thick. The surface meltings have congealed and formed an almost unbreakable crust on top of the drifts, and from my camp I traveled entirely above the trails, being unable to break through the drifts." Mr. Lund had intended to freight in a large amount of material early this spring but owing to conditions in the mountains has abandoned all such plans until summer.

Big Filing System Needed.

Salem—What will probably be the most elaborate filing system in the state is being arranged by S. A. Kozier, assistant secretary of state, to be used in connection with registration under the Gill law. Under that law, which goes into effect June 3, the secretary of state must keep an accurate list of all the registrations in the state. Mr. Kozier says that for the registration filing system alone much larger space will be required than the entire filing space now given to the secretary of state's office.

Anvil is High on Beach.

Forence—Two-thirds of the cargo of the stranded schooner Anvil was removed when the tide Monday moved the craft high and dry on the beach. Lines are being run and efforts made to get the boat back into deep water. The schooner now lies about 400 yards from the end of the north jetty, close to the sea wall. The crew walked to shore dry shod.