

NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

Oregon naval reserves destroyed the target in practice at Fort Canby.

A submarine collided with a small steamer at Norfolk, Va., sinking the latter.

More than 500 Huerta troops were left dead on the field after the battle at Guaymas.

Discovery of ancient manuscripts in Egypt gives additional light on doings of Bible days.

Taft refers to the Progressive recall plan as a "hair-trigger" reform leading to anarchy.

Collapse of a burning church tower at Stratford, Ont., killed the fire chief and a policeman.

Roosevelt at a Progressive dinner dinner assails both Republican and Democratic parties.

Representative Pepper has introduced a bill making it unlawful for any employer to try to influence his employes in politics.

Plans are made for a big peace celebration next December, which is the centennial anniversary of the signing of the treaty of Ghent.

President Farrell, of the United States Steel corporation, says the association was not organized to control local trade, but to develop foreign business.

Dynamite was found on the track of the Monongahela railroad just before an express train was due. The train carried money to pay a large number of miners.

It is announced that naval authorities have decided to use the battleships Oregon, Indiana and Massachusetts as targets for the more modern vessels of the navy to practice on.

A valuable gold hand-bag disappeared at a fashionable bridge party in Portland, and as no servants were in the room at the time it seems certain that a guest must have taken it.

President Wilson, unsolicited, gave a check for \$300 to a fund for an emergency hospital in Washington.

Ex-Senator Chauncey M. Depew acted as guide in showing a party of visitors about the capitol at Washington.

The California senate has a bill for a state moving-picture censor.

Montana water users want larger farms allowed under the reclamation act.

Government reports indicate a record breaking winter wheat crop.

Colonel George P. Harvey says J. P. Morgan was a thoroughly patriotic American.

A Portland woman is suing her divorced husband for breach of promise to re-marry her.

Protestant churches of New York plan a world-wide conference in the interest of church unity.

A Chicago University professor says the fads of women are largely responsible for the high cost of living.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 90c; bluestem, 98@99c; forty-four, 92c; red Russian, 87@88c; valley, 90c.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$31@32 per ton. Corn—Whole, \$23.50; cracked, \$29.50 per ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$24@25 per ton; shorts, \$26@27 per ton; middlings, \$31 per ton.

Barley—Feed, \$26.50@27 per ton; brewing, nominal; rolled, \$27.50@28.50.

Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, choice, \$17@18; alfalfa, \$13@14; straw, \$6@7.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 75c per dozen; asparagus, Oregon, 75c@81 per dozen; beans, 12@15c per dozen; cabbage, 2@3c; cauliflower, 35c@41 per dozen; celery, \$4 per crate; eggplant, 25c per pound; head lettuce, \$2.50 per crate; peppers, 35@40c per pound; radishes, 10@12c per dozen; rhubarb, 1@2c per pound; spinach, 75c per box; turnips, 85c per sack; parsnips, 85c; carrots, 85c.

Onions—Oregon, \$1.25 per sack; Bermuda, \$1.50@2.25 per crate.

Potatoes—Burbanks, 40@50c per hundred; new, 3c per pound; sweet, 4c per pound.

Poultry—Hens, 16c; broilers, 25@30c; turkeys, live, 19@20c; dressed, choice, 25c; ducks, 17@25c; geese, young, 15@17c.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, case count, 18c per dozen; candled, 19@20c.

Butter—City creamery butter cubes, 28c per pound; prints, 29@29c per pound.

Pork—Fancy, 11@12c per pound. Veal—Fancy, 14@14c per pound.

Hops—1912 crop, 10@15c per pound; 1913 contracts, 13@14c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 10@16c; valley, 14@17c; mohair, 1913 clip, 30@33c per pound.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$8.50@9; good, \$7.75@8.25; medium, \$7.25@7.75; choice cows, \$7@7.85; good \$6.50@7; medium, \$6@6.50; choice calves, \$8@9; good heavy calves, \$6.50@7.50; bulls, \$5.85@6.25.

Hogs—Light, \$8.50@8.65; heavy, \$7.45@7.55.

Sheep—Yearling wethers, \$6.25@7.50; ewes, \$5.25@6.75; lambs, \$7@8.

SUFFRAGETTES GET MEDALS

"Fed By Force" Crosses Most Expensive Decoration.

London—How the militant suffragettes bestowed medals and other decorations on those who distinguished themselves in the "cause" was brought out in the hearing Wednesday of the "conspirators" who are being tried under the malicious damage to property act. A medal manufacturer testified about the decorations supplied to the Women's Social and Political Union. He said that medals inscribed "for valor" cost \$1.50 each; "hunger strike" medals, \$2.36, and "fed by force" crosses \$5.

The most distinguished decorations, known as "grille" brooches, cost \$10.50, he said. Bars were also supplied for addition to the ribbons on the medals when subsequent acts were considered worthy of special mention in dispatches. Testimonials recording acts of lawlessness by adherents of the militant organization were distributed among the rank and file by the leaders of the union.

"General" Mrs. Flora Drummond, the militant suffragette, is in a state of collapse and will be unable to appear at the resumed hearing. A doctor testified in court that, owing to her illness, she had been removed to a nursing home. He said it would take two weeks for her to get into condition to undergo an operation which was necessary, and another two months before she would be able to be tried.

HILL SAYS RUSH IRRIGATION

Great Railroader Says Government Should Quit Business.

Washington, D. C.—"Hurry up and complete the reclamation projects already under way, and be sure you have competent men in the field," was the advice James J. Hill, the railroad magnate, gave to Secretary Lane at a reclamation hearing.

He reiterated his statement that it cost the reclamation service more than twice what it cost over services of private enterprises to reclaim the desert lands.

Mr. Hill based his statement as to the high cost of reclamation work on a report of the census bureau. Director Newell of the Reclamation service, and Senator Walsh, of Montana, questioned him about having personal knowledge of the Reclamation service.

"I never built an inch of irrigation works in my life," said Mr. Hill, "but I know that when private enterprises in Canada can sell the land and water for \$30 an acre, and the water on reclamation projects in the United States costs \$45 an acre, there is some difference in the cost."

Director Newell replied that the government work was more permanent; that private enterprise was prone to take in too large an acreage for the water capacity and further, that the government could work only eight hours a day and private enterprise works ten.

Jury Reform Bill Is Beaten.

Trenton, N. J.—The senate defeated the jury reform bill passed recently by the house. Attached to it was an amendment providing for the referendum, and the statement was made that the bill as amended had been approved by Joseph P. Tumulty, President Wilson's private secretary.

The Democrats could muster only 10 votes in its favor, 11 being necessary to pass the measure. Both houses have adjourned for the week and the prospect for the passage of jury reform legislation at the extraordinary session of the legislature is not very bright.

Pupils Threat to Lynch.

New York—The streets around a public school No. 14, in Brooklyn, were black with children just let out for luncheon Wednesday noon when an automobile truck belonging to a Jersey City coal dealer became unmanageable and charged a group of little girls on the sidewalk. Mable Balmer, aged 10, was killed, and Marcella Kelly, aged 4, was fatally hurt. Led by a few grown-ups, the children attacked O. L. Mount, the chauffeur, and were threatening to lynch him when police reserves rescued him.

Militants Invade Ireland.

Dublin—The recent outbreak of militantism is only a foretaste of a campaign which, according to information received by the police, the suffragettes have planned to carry out in Dublin for the purpose of showing their resentment at the action of the Nationalist members of parliament, whom they hold responsible for the defeat of the suffrage bill. Several expert militant firebugs are here from England.

Suffragettes Burn Boat Club.

London—One of the bands of militant suffragettes, assigned to interfere with the pastimes of the men of the British Isles, celebrated Whit Monday, which is a general holiday, by burning down the headquarters of the Nottingham Boat club, on the banks of the River Trent. The structure contained many valuable racing and other skills. The loss was \$10,000.

Political Scheme Is Seen.

St. Paul—That the farmers consider the government suit for the dissolution of the International Harvester company "just a political scheme to help get some fellows into office," was the statement of Frederick R. Crane, in charge of the agricultural development work of the Great Northern Railway, who was called as a witness for the defense at the hearing here.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

CONFER ON COMMONWEALTH

University of Oregon Arranges to Entertain Many Guests.

University of Oregon, Eugene—Students and faculty at the University of Oregon have completed arrangements for the entertainment of more than 500 guests from all parts of the state who will attend the Commonwealth conferences Friday and Saturday.

Unlike the merry throng of high school students who descended upon Eugene last week for the interscholastic athletic contests, and for social visiting with the university students while making their arrangements to enter as freshmen in the autumn, this week's delegations are composed of adults who are coming for the purpose of dealing in a serious way with problems of the greatest importance to the state of Oregon. Leaders in all lines of sociological, political and business activity will be present, both as speakers and audience.

Friday morning is to be devoted to Legislative and Administrative Efficiency, the afternoon to Co-operation and Credit, the evening to City Planning and State Planning.

Saturday morning, educators of national reputation will discuss the reorganization of the school system. At noon, the Oregon Society of Engineers will pour several hundred visitors into the campus from its special train.

After luncheon served by the young women students and alumnae, there will be two sessions, one by the editors of Oregon in the rooms of the department of Journalism, and one by the women guests of the university, at which more than a score of club women and working women will deliver five-minute addresses.

At four o'clock all meetings will adjourn, and the students will entertain the visitors with pageantry and scenes from Peer Gynt and Midsummer Night's Dream, given by students in costume under the trees of the campus. In the evening the visiting editors will be the guests of the student journalists honor society, Sigma Delta Chi, at a banquet.

A rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip is effective on all roads, and all persons interested are invited to attend.

Farm Data Being Printed.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—"The Oregon Farmer" is the title of a state booklet just sent to press by Dean J. A. Bexell, director of the Oregon Statistical Bureau, which conducted a preliminary agricultural survey of the state for the purpose of compiling accurate data on the results being obtained by agriculturists in the state. It is expected that C. C. Chapman, state immigration agent, who has charge of the publication of the 200-page book, will have it ready for distribution by the middle of June.

Besides the statistical data, the report will contain 14 leading articles by different authors, dealing with phases of the work in which each was especially interested. This is based on facts.

School Uniforms Advocated.

Albany—That all children attending public schools should wear uniforms while at school, the uniforms to be furnished by the state, is a proposal made in a resolution adopted by the Linn county council of the Grange in a session at the Sand Ridge Grange hall, J. H. Scott, president of the council, was instructed to present the resolution to the State Grange, at its next meeting in Albany.

Besides proposing uniforms for all public school children the resolution proposes free text books and the furnishing of warm noonday lunches to all students.

Hot Wave Helps Apples.

Hood River—With a continuation for a few days of the warm sunshine that is prevailing, the orchards of the entire district will be in blossom. For a week or more the unusually cold weather retarded the blooms of the lower valley.

Predictions as to the apple crop for the coming season vary. However, all experts seem to be agreed on the point that the Spitzenberg yield will be heavy. The indications in many orchards are that the Yellow Newtown crop will be light.

Work on Cut-Off Begins.

Work is now being done on the Natron-Klamath cut-off, which will provide the Southern Pacific with a new main line between Natron, Or., and Weed, Cal., shorten the distance between Portland and San Francisco and reduce the running time by about four hours. However, no new contracts are being let on that line. The worst part of the work yet remains to be done. It consists of about 80 miles through a rough country, and will cost more than \$7,000,000—nearly \$100,000 a mile.

School Tax Opinion Given.

Salem—According to an opinion by Assistant Attorney General DeLong a union high school district giving a high school course will not be subject to a tax to maintain a county high school. The opinion was rendered at the request of the clerk for school district No. 15 in Harney county.

BEAUTIFY RURAL CENTERS

Cross-Roads and School Grounds to Be Made Attractive.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—A movement to assist in the beautification of Oregon school grounds, county buildings, cross-roads meeting places, and all places of public gathering by the planting of judiciously chosen shrubs and vines has been begun by the extension division of the Oregon Agricultural college through A. L. Peck, professor of landscape gardening.

Already Prof. Peck has given his services, with much time and thought, to assisting in the solution of problems of the school grounds at Lakeview, Independence and elsewhere, helping with the planning and planting of the grounds about the Monmouth Normal where a large amount of work has been done. He took the teachers and children of the Monmouth public schools into the woods and fields to collect suitable native plants for the decoration of the school grounds.

"If people would only come to realize that it is not necessary to pay a fancy price in order to have beautiful shrubbery and vines," exclaimed Prof. Peck in discussing the work. "The Oregon grape is as handsome a shrub as one could wish. A man in California paid \$3 apiece for what we can have for the digging any day. Then there is the waxberry bush, the vine maple, red flowering currant, mountain spray and the sweet brier rose. For heavy massing there is the red-bark dogwood, and a number of other fine native bushes."

Recently Prof. Peck gave a talk at the East Portland library on "The General Landscape Treatment of the Modest City Lot." Whenever his college duties will permit, he is always glad to give his personal services, free of charge, for advice and assistance in planning the plantings for school grounds, property about country buildings, vacant city property, and especially the little cross-roads meeting places where there are, perhaps, a general store, a church, a Grange hall and carriage sheds.

"With foresight and an eye to beauty, such community centers may become very attractive," said Mr. Peck. "There should be a good place for games at these points, where the young men, instead of sitting on the store platforms smoking and chewing tobacco, may get together in the evening and pitch quoits, jump, run races and use simple gymnasium paraphernalia, such as the traveling rings and the horizontal bars. It would not only furnish fun; it would build them up bodily, mentally and morally. Something of the improvement probably would be carried home to the farm grounds, as well."

CHEAPER WATER FOR VALLEY

Santiam Company Hopes to Give Supply Within Year.

Salem—I. D. Turner, one of the incorporators of the Santiam Water company, announced that rights of way for the pipeline had been obtained one-third of the distance, and that the County court would be asked to grant a franchise along county roads for the remainder of the proposed route. He said that W. E. Pierce, of Boise, and Charles Theis, of Spokane, had agreed to provide \$300,000 for use in giving Salem, Stayton, Turner, Aumsville and Sublimity a pure water supply. They will be the principal stockholders of the company.

"We expect to have our plant in operation within a year," said Mr. Turner. "We own 100 acres on the hills three and one-half miles from Salem, where a reservoir will be built. The power will be sufficient to force water over Salem Heights. We propose to give the people water for half of what they are now paying, or, if the city wishes to have charge of the water business, we shall furnish it an adequate supply."

Rural Sidewalks Built.

Orengo—The committee building sidewalks into the surrounding country held a special meeting and found that they have raised enough funds to build more than three miles. Sidewalks will be built to Quatama, for the convenience of the school children; to Orengo Acres, and to the poultry ranches northwest of town; to Borwick Acres, and also to the small fruit and poultry tracts west of town. These funds are being raised jointly by the citizens of Orengo and the farmers. Five miles will be built now.

Lane County Aids Fairs.

Eugene—For the purpose of aiding fairs and agricultural shows in Lane county, the county court has appropriated \$2500. Of the total appropriated, \$1750 is for the Lane county fair, to be held at Eugene, and \$250 is given to each, the Junction City Pumpkin show, the Cottage Grove fair, and the Lane County Poultry show, which is to be held in Eugene late in the year.

Lane to Improve Roads.

Eugene—Bids for the construction of nearly eight miles of permanent macadam road will be called for by the County court immediately, and it is intended that the work shall be done this summer. The work includes five sections of road, and in every case the macadamized road is to connect with other macadam roads or streets.

ENGLAND FEARS MILITANTS

Royal Residence and Public Buildings Closed for Season.

London—The mystery of the bomb found in St. Paul's and other buildings has not been solved, nor has anything been discovered that would tend to throw light on it. The suffragettes neither admit nor deny their responsibility.

Miss Tyson, presiding at a suffragette meeting in the Helborn town hall, while remarking that it had not been proved that suffragettes had put the bomb in the cathedral, added that there still were persons who had not heard why the women wanted the vote and the only way to wake them up was by bombs.

Much indignation prevails among all classes of society that during the coming holiday period Windsor Castle will be wholly or partially closed, together with the Tower of London, the British and other museums, cathedrals and public buildings, owing to the fear of a suffragette outrage.

Scotland Yard published figures estimating the damage to property by suffragettes in the past three months at \$5,000,000, and figuring that, including the cost of protecting lives and property, militancy is inflicting a total cost of \$25,000,000 a year on Great Britain.

That a campaign of even greater violence is impending is the general belief. Votes for Women, the woman suffrage newspaper, edited by Mr. and Mrs. Fethick Lawrence, says:

"We see before the country a period of disorder such as has not been known for decades, perhaps for centuries. We see a prospect of violence being answered by violence in a terrible crescendo. We foresee the likelihood of crimes being sympathized with if not condoned and approved by many of the most respected law-abiding members of the community."

Another bomb outrage was attempted at Tottenham, in the northeast of London. The bomb was discovered before it had time to explode. It was found by a caretaker outside the door of a shop.

The authorities have secured evidence that many former constitutional suffragists also have joined the militant party since the defeat of the woman suffrage bill. There is no question that the number of militants is growing.

HOUSE PASSES TARIFF BILL

Democrats Clinch Victory by Vote of 251 to 139.

Washington, D. C.—The Underwood tariff bill, proclaimed by the Democratic party as the answer to its platform pledge to reduce the tariff, was passed by the house late Thursday.

The vote was 281 to 139, five Democrats voting against the bill and two Republicans for it. Four Progressives supported the measure and 14 opposed it, while one independent Progressive joined with the majority.

When Speaker Clark announced a vote in loud tones that revealed his satisfaction, exuberant Democrats here started a stuffed Democratic donkey over the heads of their colleagues in the rear of the chamber, a faint ripple of applause followed and the gavel fell on the first chapter in the history of President Wilson's extraordinary session of congress.

With the bill on its way to the senate, there was a rush of representatives to their homes. Adjournment will be taken in the house three days at a time until June 1. Republicans and Progressives, led respectively by Representatives Mann and Murdock, protested to the last against the measure.

Federal Aid Is Opposed.

Washington, D. C.—Opposition to government aid for Alaskan railroads was expressed to the senate territories committee by O. L. Dickinson, manager for Close Bros. and other English debenture holders of an existing route from Skagway to the interior. He declared that the companies in which his principals were interested would open a water and railroad route to Fairbanks on June 1. A government line, he said, would send them into bankruptcy. Close Bros. are partners of the Guggenheim-Morgan syndicate.

Powers Still Undecided.

London—The ambassadorial conference sat for two hours Friday, but reached no important decision. It is not expected that the conference will reconvene before May 20. In the meantime proposals defining the limits and status of the New Albania will be submitted to the European governments. The peace congress will assemble in London and presumably detachments from the international fleet will take possession of Scutari.

Guards Treasury Secrets.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary McAdoo took another step in his campaign to keep secrets of the Treasury department from going to outside interests when he forbade any treasury records being shown to anyone outside of the department, congressmen included, without his written permission, and announced that he intended to deal summarily with infractions of his new order.

Auto Power Runs Press.

Klamath Falls, Or.—Lights and power failed in Klamath Falls Thursday night and for 12 hours the town was without electricity. In the absence of power a local newspaper force tore a hole through the brick wall of the composing room, backed an automobile in and hitched it to one of the presses and the paper was issued only two hours late.

TRAIN DITCHED; FOUR KILLED

Speeding O.-W. R. & N. Leaves Track Near Tacoma.

Smoker is Telescoped by Steel Baggage Car—Seven Injured—Rails Spread.

Tacoma—Four are dead and seven are injured as the result of the derailment of Oregon-Washington local No. 362, bound from Portland to Seattle, near the Montamara Festo racetrack grandstand at Lakeview, a few miles south of Tacoma, Monday afternoon. The train was ditched while speeding at 65 miles an hour over a perfectly level stretch of track.

All of those killed were riding in the smoking car in the forward three seats, and were crushed beneath the steel baggage coach, which jammed its way 12 feet into the smoker. The remains were not recovered by the wrecking crew until after four hours of hard work.

Although officials of the Northern Pacific railroad, which owns the track, and of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company, were on the scene shortly after it happened and made an investigation that lasted all afternoon they were unable definitely to state the cause. General Superintendent Richards, of the Northern Pacific, said the probable cause was a spreading rail.

The engine and eight cars left the track, the engine plowing its way 200 feet before it turned over on its side and was buried five feet in the earth. Engineer Dunlap escaped uninjured as did his fireman. The wrecking crew reached the scene of the accident about 4 o'clock.

The accident happened on a straight stretch of track in a small cut with a bank about two feet high on each side.

SPAIN WELCOMES ALFONSO

Kaiser Does Not Relish Idea of French-Spanish Alliance.

Madrid—The Spanish people, proud of King Alfonso's personal popularity in France, greeted the sovereign on his return from Paris with unusual enthusiasm. Women strewed flowers in the king's path between the station and the palace. Governors and diplomatic dignitaries gathered at the station and the queen and queen mother also were there to welcome the king.

King Alfonso and the German emperor will meet in Holland on the occasion of the international regatta in the summer, according to the Tribuna. This is considered significant, in view of the present strong influence which the triple entente has over the king, possibly foreshadowing a Franco-Spanish military alliance, which the German emperor does not welcome.

Roosevelt May Be Crowned.

London—Theodore Roosevelt can have the throne of Albania, if he wants it. The suggestion already has been carried to the point where the colonel has only to signify his willingness to accept and the crown is his.

"If Roosevelt desires the kingship of Albania we will put him ahead of all others who have been named. I myself would certainly vote for him. Roosevelt is one of the most extraordinary men in the world, being by nature on a higher plane than mere princes."

This was the emphatic statement made by Ismail Kemal, provisional president of Albania and leader of the delegation from the Albanian people authorized to find for them a ruler acceptable to the ambassadorial conference of powers.

Friedmann Sued for \$100,000.

New York—There were two things which disturbed Dr. Friedmann and his manager, Moritz Eisner, Monday, even more than the unfavorable government opinion on the tuberculosis remedy. One was the fact that Dr. M. M. Sturm, formerly Dr. Friedmann's close assistant, has begun suit for \$100,000 for commission on the sale of the remedy to Mr. Eisner. The other was that the same Dr. Sturm had acquired in its entirety the secret of making and administering the tuberculosis vaccine.

Postmaster Limit Is Set.

Washington, D. C.—Fourth-class postmasters must be able to read, to count accurately the money they receive, to measure the oil cloth on the floors of their offices and to write at least a decipherable letter once in a while, in order to be taken under the wing of the civil service. In effect, they must have a reasonable understanding of "readin', writin' and rithmetic," according to instructions issued by the Postoffice department.

Typhoon Sweeps Islands.

Manila—The worst typhoon experienced in eight years struck the islands Sunday, causing many deaths and wrecking several small steamers and numerous lighter craft. The known fatalities at sea total 58, but the total death list from the storm is swelling with incoming reports. It is believed no Americans have lost their lives.

Hundred Killed in Wreck.

Saloniki—Two Bulgarian military trains collided between Drama and Buk. One hundred persons were killed and 300 injured.