

NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

Governor Johnson, of California, signed the alien land ownership bill.

A small tornado wrecked a church and several residences at Valparaiso, Neb.

It is reported that London militants hire women of the lower classes to act as incendiaries.

The "price committee" of the Chicago Butter and Egg board has been permanently abolished.

Bryan's latest reply to Japan on the alien land ownership question is being kept a profound secret.

Employees of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company are said to be secretly forming a union.

England, France, Germany and Italy have all sent protests against the proposed new tariff bill to the United States.

Cincinnati streetcar men have returned to work, an agreement having been reached to settle their disputes by arbitration.

A striking telephone lineman was badly wounded by a revolver shot in a fight with Home Telephone employes at Oswego, Ore.

A cut to the starvation point in the wages of women workers in Illinois, provided an eight-hour law is passed, was threatened in open hearing before the state senate sub-committee on labor.

While at torpedo practice in Narragansett bay the dynamite cruiser Vesuvius was badly injured by a torpedo she had just launched, which turned in the water and struck the stern of the ship.

Mexican constitutionalists have succeeded in getting at least one army aeroplane safely across the border, together with a supply of gravity bombs, which it is believed they intend to drop on the government gunboat in Guaymas harbor.

A steel umbrella rib, swallowed about four months ago, was removed from the side of a cow belonging to Martin Horn, of West Kelso, Wash. The cow sustained no suffering, but a few days ago a large swelling appeared on her side, and the veterinarian who was called decided to operate immediately.

Walter H. Page, newly appointed ambassador to England, is being opposed by 50,000 trade unionists in London, as being a bitter enemy to labor.

Secretary Lane commits himself to Federal ownership of Alaskan railways.

All movements of American troops and warships are to cease while the Japanese controversy is on.

Companies writing tornado insurance in Omaha have been rushed with business since the recent disastrous storms.

The threat that any wage reductions will be rigidly investigated by the government caused a warm debate in the house.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 92@92 1/2; bluestem, \$1@1.01; forty-fold, 94c; red Russian, 90@91c; valley, 92. Oats—No. 1 white, \$31.50@32 ton. Corn—Whole, \$28.50; cracked, \$29.50 per ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$24.50@25 per ton; shorts, \$26.50@27; middlings, \$31. Barley—Feed, \$27.50 per ton; brewing, nominal; rolled, \$28.50@29.50.

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

Onions—Oregon, \$1.25 per sack; Bermuda \$1.50@2 crate.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 75c per dozen; asparagus, California, \$1.50 per crate; Oregon, 75c@81 per dozen; beans, 10@12c per pound; cabbage, 2 1/2@3c; cauliflower, \$2 per crate; eggplant, 25c pound; head lettuce, \$2.50 per crate; peas, 6@8c per pound; peppers, 35@40c per pound; radishes, 10@12c per dozen; rhubarb, 1@2c per pound; spinach, 75c per box; tomatoes, \$2.50@5 per box; garlic, 7@8c pound; turnips, \$1 per sack; parsnips, \$1; carrots, \$1.

Green Fruit—Apples, 50c@52 per box, according to quality; strawberries, Oregon, \$3.50@4; cherries, \$1.25@1.50 per box; gooseberries, 12c.

Poultry—Hens, 15c; broilers, 25@27c; turkeys, live, 19@20c; dressed, choice, 25; ducks, 17@25c; geese, young, 15@17c.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, case count, 18 1/2@19c per dozen; candled, 20c. Butter—City creamery butter cubes, 28@29c per pound; prints, 29@29 1/2c.

Pork—Fancy, 11 1/2@12c per pound. Veal—Fancy, 13 1/2@14c per pound.

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

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 10@16c; valley, 14@16c; mohair, 1913 clip, 30@35c.

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

Hogs—Light, \$8.25@8.35; heavy, \$6.50@7.30.

Sheep—Yearling wethers, \$6.25@7.25; ewes, \$5.25@6.25; lambs, \$7@8.

JAPANESE WOMEN IN CLUB

Fair Japanese of Seattle Will Be Thoroughly Americanized.

Seattle, Wash.—Madame Butterfly and Miss Purple Eyes are doomed. In their place looms the new Japanese woman of the club type, emancipated and progressive, who promises soon to reduce the little brown man to the conventional submissive state of the American husband.

Kimono have been cast aside for scant tailored suits; huge ornamented hairpins are replaced by Parisian model hats, and the wee little feet are expanding in the roomy recesses of booties of approved English cut.

But most significant of all, there has just been formed in Seattle a Japanese Women's club.

This stride in civilization was taken at a meeting of 35 Japanese women in the Y. W. C. A. rooms, at which the following officers were elected: Mrs. S. Yosioka, president; Miss Kigo Nte, vice president; Miss Kusanna, secretary, and K. Sakamoto, treasurer. Among the members is the daughter of the Japanese consul, Atsuko Takashi, and the wife of a Japanese banker, Mrs. S. Takashi.

Local American club women assisted their brown sisters to organize, after which tea was served.

LIPTON WILL COME FOR CUP

Challenge of Great English Sportsman Is Accepted.

London—Once more America will defend the America's cup. The classic yachting race was assured for September, 1914, when the New York Yacht club Wednesday sent by cable an acceptance of Sir Thomas Lipton's challenge.

The race will be sailed under the present rules of the New York Yacht club as to measurements, time allowance and racing conditions.

Sir Thomas lost no time after the receipt of the acceptance in laying plans for building the finest challenger he has ever sent across the Atlantic. Even as yet he does not know whether he will be allowed to tow the craft across the ocean or not, but he says this does not especially matter, as he would want to tow the yacht only in the event of a head wind, or a dead calm.

Relying entirely on the sportsmanship of the members of the New York Yacht club, the Irish sportsman refused to consider the possibility of being opposed by a bigger boat than the challenger he will send. He now has Charles F. Nicholson, yacht designer of Gosport, England, at work on models for the new yacht.

THOUSANDS WILL EMIGRATE

Pioneer Steamship Man Says Rush Will Follow Canal Opening.

Seattle, Wash.—"Tens of thousands of the most thrifty, intelligent and industrious people of Scandinavian countries are preparing to emigrate directly to the Northwest and Puget Sound when the Panama canal is opened," said Captain John L. Anderson, pioneer steamship man, who returned Wednesday from a three months' business trip in Europe. Captain Anderson emphasized the fact that \$4,000,000 had already been subscribed by Swedish and other capitalists to establish a direct line of modern steamships between Scandinavian ports and Seattle via the Panama canal to handle this traffic. He said it was impossible to describe the enormous proportions of the emigration movement of the people of the north.

Fight Use of Strong Spirits.

Berlin—German military authorities who for several years have carried on a campaign against the use of strong spirits in the army have decided to send a circular to all recruits in the future describing crimes committed within the military service traceable to the excessive use of alcohol and also showing punishment given the convicted men. The campaign waged by army officials already has proved decidedly successful and the use of distilled spirits among the soldiery has been diminished.

Protest Delegation Off.

Helena, Mont.—Governor S. V. Stewart, accompanied by a delegation from Northern Montana, left Wednesday night for Washington to protest formally to Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane against any diversion of reclamation service funds from Montana to projects of other Western states. At Great Falls Governor Stewart will be joined by prominent citizens who are particularly interested in the Sun River project.

Ancient Urn Is Uncovered.

Berlin—An urn containing a collection of gold articles attributed by experts to the seventh and eighth centuries before the Christian era was uncovered by well diggers on an estate in the vicinity of Eberswalde, about 27 miles from Berlin. The urn, which is among the most ancient finds ever made in Germany, contains 78 articles. These include bowls, bracelets and rings supposed to be of Phoenician origin and imported to Germany by way of the Baltic.

Sixty-Seven Burned to Death.

Shanghai—Sixty-seven farmers of Shen Chow Ting, in western Honan, who had resisted attempts of the soldiers to destroy their crops of opium, were burned to death in a building where they were holding a meeting, according to a dispatch received here by the North China Daily News. The dispatch adds that the soldiers started the fire.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

ROAD FUND IS GETTING LOW

Work of Convicts on Columbia Auto Highway Nears End.

Hood River—The fund of \$10,000 donated for the Columbia River automobile road by S. Benson, the Portland lumberman who passed the winter in Southern California, has been depleted, according to County Judge George R. Castner. However, the work, done by state convicts, who began their task May 23, 1912, is almost completed. Governor West went from Salem to Wyeth, the nearest station on the line of the O.-W. R. & N. company, to inspect the work and to confer with Adam Shogren, who is in charge of the crew of convicts.

Up to the present time no agreement had ever been reached between the county officials and the railroad company. However, because of the contract that was signed recently between the railway authorities and the Multnomah county officials, the local commissioners think that they will soon come to an agreement with the railroad company.

Local citizens are urging that the Columbia River road be made to extend east from this city up the Columbia gorge to Mosier and thence on to The Dalles. At the present time a road crosses the range of hills separating the Mosier district from Hood River. The grades on this stretch are difficult.

County Roadmaster Marshall recently inspected the route up the side of the gorge, which he believes is feasible, but he declares the time for building it has not arrived.

O.-W. R. & N. ORDERS SURVEY

Condon-Fossil and Ukiah-Pilot Rock Routes Considered.

Surveys for two proposed rail lines, one from Condon, Gilliam county, to Fossil, Wheeler county, and the other from Pilot Rock, Umatilla county, to Ukiah, in the same county, have been ordered by the O.-W. R. & N. company, and crews will start to work on each project at once.

These surveys are to determine the cost of the work and upon the reports of the engineers will rest the probability of the eventual construction of either road. It is understood, however, that if the expense will not be too great both lines will be built.

"We don't know whether we ever will build either road," said J. P. O'Brien, general manager of the O.-W. R. & N. company. "We have these two projects in mind as among the most important in the development of Oregon, and if conditions justify we will authorize early construction work."

Curry County Is Progressing.

Gold Beach—The Brookings Lumber & Timber company, a Missouri corporation which is developing the large timber interests of Southern Curry county, has filed a mortgage with the county clerk here to secure a bond issue of \$850,000. The St. Louis Union Trust company, of St. Louis, Mo., is the trustee which is handling the bond issue.

The company is incorporated for \$1,500,000, and will spend over \$1,000,000 in building mill and other improvements in Southern Curry county, before they begin cutting lumber for the market. This is the beginning of an epoch of development for Oregon's backward county, yet in natural resources one of its richest.

Superintendent Ward stated that he hoped to have the plat of the new town of Brookings ready to file at the July term of the County court. Work is progressing rapidly on the logging road, millpond and wharf.

Garden Prize Offered.

The O.-W. R. & N. company will award a sterling silver cup to the school making the best score of points in its garden contest, gardens to be judged on the following basis: Largest average size vegetables, 20; largest variety, 20; quality, 20; quantity, 20; general character, 10; best story of how the garden was planted and results secured, 10. This prize is an open competition to all of the 28 schools having community gardens, without regard to size. This is the first new prize offered this season.

High Court to Organize.

Salem—The Supreme court, with its new members, Charles McNary, of this city, and William Ramsey, of McMinnville, will be organized the afternoon of June 7. The court will be divided into two departments, Chief Justice McBride presiding over both. The departments will alternate weekly in hearing arguments and rendering decisions.

Storage Plant Planned.

Medford—At a meeting of the members of the Rogue River Fruit & Produce association Saturday it was decided to build a cold and dry storage plant, to be available for the 1913 fruit crop. Twenty thousand dollars had been raised by the sale of first mortgage bonds, and it is planned to raise \$20,000 more by subscription.

Fish Oil to Be Manufactured.

Oregon City—The Columbia Fish Oil and Fertilizer company, of which H. W. Plach, of this city, is one of the principal stockholders, has been organized and is building a fish oil plant in this city.

LOGANBERRY FARM IS LARGE

Tract of 71 Acres at Springfield Is Highly Developed.

Springfield—R. H. Pierce and R. L. Landis, owners of the Pierland tracts, near Pleasant Hill, a few miles southeast of this city, have just completed the planting of 71 acres of loganberries. This is said to be the largest single tract of loganberries in the world. It will require 350 pickers to gather the crop when the vines are in full bearing.

It is the intention of the owners to dry the entire crop on the premises, and arrangements now are being made to erect suitable evaporators for this purpose. As the loganberry yields about one-third of a crop, or approximately two tons to the acre, during the second season, the owners will begin immediately to make preparations to care for the [crop next year. Camp grounds for pickers will be prepared. In addition to this large tract of loganberries the company has also planted this year 40 acres of Italian prune trees and will dry the product on the place. It is also preparing to plant at once 20 acres of beans and will set out between the prune trees gooseberries and gather that crop till the trees become too large to permit the successful growth of the berry vines.

MANY YOUNG VINES MISSING

Big Shortage in Hop Plants Found on Investigation.

Buena Vista—A thorough investigation of hop yards in all parts of Polk county shows that a large per cent of young vines in the hills are missing and that the growth is short in the larger regions. On the east bank of the Willamette river, J. R. Cooper and Morrison & Percival, the leading hopgrowers of that section, report much shortage in plants.

After an investigation of Polk county hopyards, Mr. Linn, of the firm of Linn & Catlin, of Salem, in company with Dr. Stackberger, of the United States department of Agriculture, said:

"It is impossible to assign any reason for the shortage in the yards. The conditions of cultivation, the location of the yard or the soil, have apparently nothing to do with it. We always find the conditions changing every year. Still there are several thrifty new yards which show an encouraging report."

Orchard Sells for \$52,000.

Medford—One of the largest orchard sales of the present month, was closed last week, when A. K. Ware, of Medford, sold his highly developed property, lying one mile south of Medford, to J. B. Doner, of Uplands, Cal., for \$52,000. The tract contains 26 acres, which is in bearing apple and pear trees. It is improved with a beautiful residence. Mr. Ware accepted as part payment a hardware business at Uplands.

Mr. Doner also purchased the Kiser orchard, near Jacksonville, for \$45,000, giving in exchange an orange grove and property in Uplands. The orchard contains 65 acres and is in bearing apple and pear trees.

Mr. Doner announces that he will bring with him several families from Southern California, who will locate in the Medford district.

Cheese Factory at Work.

Deschutes—The first shipment Wednesday from the Laidlaw cheese factory to Portland of two tons of full cream cheese, as savory as any ever made in Oregon, marks the substantial progress of this section of Central Oregon.

Some time ago J. B. Wimer, of Laidlaw, installed a cheese factory. It is now turning out nearly a ton of fine Oregon cream cheese each week. The cheese is finding a quick market and a good price on account of the excellent quality.

Canby Heavy Egg Shipper.

Canby—Canby is coming to the front as an egg shipping center. During the month of April 2000 cases were sent out. As there are 30 cases to the case, this means 60,000 dozen, or 720,000 eggs, an average of 24,000 daily, which means an income to local farmers of approximately \$400.

In addition to this 19,500 pounds of butter was the output of the local creamery, further enriching the farmers.

Utility Act Supersedes.

Salem—In an opinion rendered by Attorney General Crawford it is held that the public utility act supersedes all city charters when it comes to the regulation of the rates of public utilities.

The opinion was given at the request of Medford, where the Home Telephone company holds a charter from the city, the company contending the Railroad commission had no jurisdiction over its rates because of this charter.

Orchard Holdings Increased.

Hood River—Alexander B. Brooke, of Cherryville, Or., has closed a deal with Charles A. Tucker whereby he became owner of a 10-acre orchard tract in the Central Vale district. Mr. Brooke, who will come here to make his home, has owned 17 acres in the Summit district for a number of years.

"WAR" AEROPLANE VANISHES

Whole Outfit, Including Bombs, Reported Safe in Mexico.

Nogales, Ariz.—The war aeroplane which crossed into Mexico near Naco Tuesday night was the same flying machine confiscated by United States Federal officials two weeks ago. The machine has disappeared from a ranch between Tucson and this point. With it disappeared Rubeen Hopkins, a United States deputy marshal of Tucson, who was left to guard the air craft.

The machine, in sections, was taken in three automobiles south to the international line and safely crossed in daylight. With it went high-power bombs of the gravity contact type that the insurgents expect to drop on the federal gunboat Guerrero, which lies in Guaymas harbor, ready to assist the garrison of the town in defending the only remaining point in Sonora state held by the central government.

The flying apparatus and bombs for aerial use went south on a special train. The attack on Guaymas has been postponed, it is explained, awaiting the aeroplane to offset the power of the gunboat.

The disappearance of the aeroplane, supposedly safe in the keeping of the Federal officers, led to a search for the missing deputy marshal. It is asserted that he was kidnapped. The Mexican customs collector of Nogales, Sonora, passed the incident with the remark: "It cost us a lot of money, but we got it."

The biplane was held two weeks ago, when Didier Masson and his mechanic, Thos. Deane, began setting up the machine at Pike's ranch, 20 miles below Tucson. Masson and Deane escaped with some necessary parts of the machine, and it was rumored that still another aeroplane had been smuggled over the line.

TO CLEAN CAPITAL'S SLUMS

Wife of President Gets Big Job Under Way.

Washington, D. C.—When bills transforming Goat alley and Snow's court, two of Washington's worst slums, into parks, are introduced in congress this week, Mrs. Woodrow Wilson will have accomplished more toward eliminating poverty, vice and disease in the capital than any other President's wife has ever done.

Her recent slumming trip, on which she was accompanied by Representatives Kahn and Curley, are the reason for the determination of congress to clean up Washington, whose alleys, rookeries and ancient tenements vie with the worst slums of New York. Led by Mrs. Wilson a mass meeting of Washington women will be held to consider these conditions further.

Three thousand women, many of them from the highest Washington society, are expected to enroll under the banner Mrs. Wilson has unfurled.

Society gasped at first; now it is interested. Never before has a President's wife gone slumming.

EGG PRESERVATIVE IS FOUND

California Educator Discovers Substitute for Cold Storage.

University of California, Berkeley—Professor Jaffa, of the agricultural department of the University of California, believes that he has found a successful method of defeating the cold storage egg and the price asked for it. It is somewhat similar to the old-fashioned method of salting eggs.

The discoverer of the new fluid preservative announced to the fraternities last year that he had found a new and successful method of preserving eggs which left no taste and showed the chemical composition of the egg to undergo absolutely no change.

Under varying conditions some 12 dozen were "canned" in December, being placed in the new solution and left to stand in the cellars. The first week in May they were raked out and found to be fresh and having no taste whatever, other than of eggs. The various boarding clubs are going in for the discovery on a large scale.

Young Heiress Sought.

Chicago—The Chicago police have been asked to search for Margaret Hawthorne, 25 years old, and, according to a telegram from a law firm in Hastings, Mich., heiress to a fortune of \$450,000 left by David Shafter at Vassar, Mich., who died five years ago. The young woman was the daughter of Almira and Harry Hawthorne, but they separated shortly after her birth. The child is supposed to have been left in this city, and the police fear she may be unaware of her own identity.

70,000 Acres to Be Sold.

Washington, D. C.—Mark Morris, of Grand Rapids, representing the Booth-Kelly Lumber company, has completed arrangements with the attorney general for final purchase from the government at \$2.50 an acre, of 70,000 acres of land included in the Oregon and California grant. This adjustment was made under the innocent purchaser clause of the bill authorizing the government forfeiture suit against the railroad company.

Fritchie Bodies Moved.

Frederick, Md.—The bodies of Barbara Fritchie, heroine of Whittier's poem, and that of her husband, John C. Fritchie, which were recently disinterred from the Old Reformed cemetery here and placed in the mausoleum at Mount Olivet, will be buried with appropriate ceremonies on Memorial Day, May 30.

FLEET IS MADE READY FOR SEA

Battleships Stripped of All But Fighting Equipment.

Old Vessels Repaired—Full Supply of Stores and Ammunition Hurred on Board.

Philadelphia—All the battleships of the Atlantic reserve fleet at the Philadelphia navy yard are being prepared for instant service, some of them for the first time since the Spanish-American war. The work is being done quietly, and officers of the yard deny they are taking any unusual action, but visitors to the yard note on every hand activities in the marine barracks and on the battleships and cruisers.

Seamen ashore said unusual preparations were being made. The ships are being stripped of all unnecessary equipment and much of the apparatus that is usually carried for the comfort and recreation of the bluejackets and officers.

Most significant is the fact that several of the older vessels, including the old cruiser Minneapolis and the battleships Ohio and Alabama, that have not been in service for years, are being overhauled, repaired and outfit for sea, and sea stores and ammunition are being taken aboard. These are not always kept on the vessels, but during the last few days have been taken on. An ammunition lighter lay near the Massachusetts during the night. Other ships, said the sailors, are in the course of preparation for sailing at the shortest notice.

JAPANESE HOUSE IS OF GLASS

Correspondent Says Foreign Ownership Is Barred in Nippon.

Berlin—The excitement of Japan over the California alien land ownership is well founded and comprehensive, according to an analysis of the American-Japanese situation sent by the Tokio correspondent of the Welt Korrespondenz Agency, printed in the semi-official Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung. The Japanese, however, he said are scarcely in a position to place difficulties in the way of California's land plans.

The correspondent says the Japanese are living in a glass house because foreigners are now barred from owning land in Japan—a feature of the situation which has heretofore been left unnoticed in Germany. The writer expresses the opinion that Japan will favor keeping aloof from the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco, which he regards as Japan's only weapon against the United States.

JAP SITUATION STILL TENSE

Imputation of Racial Inferiority Is Deeply Resented.

Washington, D. C.—Tension over the Japanese situation continues to excite attention in official and diplomatic quarters, but there were no specific developments at the White House, the State department or the Japanese embassy.

Nine of the 30 days Governor Johnson has under the California constitution to sign the alien land bill have elapsed, and the impression is beginning to gain ground here that the governor will avail himself of the full measure of time, even though he has declared his purpose to approve the Webb bill.

Secretary Bryan has not communicated with the governor since the receipt of his telegraphic message setting out his reasons for upholding the action of the legislature, but is simply waiting for the final act of signature before making reply to the Japanese note protesting against the legislation.

Tokio Still Shows Faith.

Tokio—Faith in the American people to see that justice is done the Japanese is the dominating note in the discussion of the California alien land ownership legislation. War talk is denounced as ridiculous and only calculated to embarrass the two governments, which are laboring for a peaceful settlement by diplomacy. It is conceded, however, that failure on the part of the Americans to respond to the Japanese appeal for a discontinuance of the alleged discrimination would lead to some estrangement.

Cruiser to Be Repaired.

Seattle, Wash.—The armored cruiser Colorado has arrived at the Puget Sound navy yard from San Francisco and will go into drydock immediately for a general overhauling. Repairs costing \$100,000 will be made to the warship. The armored cruiser Pittsburg, of the Pacific Reserve fleet, will not, as at first intended, take the Colorado's place on the active list, but will remain at the navy yard for further repairs.

Ocean Is Let Into Canal.

Panama—The waters of the Pacific ocean were let into the Panama canal Sunday. A giant blast of 32,750 pounds of dynamite was fired, demolishing the dike to the south of the Miraflores locks and allowing the water to flow into an extensive section, in which excavation practically has been completed.