

NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

Three persons were badly injured by lightning near Walla Walla, Wash.

Indications are that the high price of wheat will raise the export prices of flour.

Latest census reports show that the Indian population of the United States is increasing.

The jury reform bill advocated by Wilson has been passed by the New Jersey legislature.

Associate Editor Mable, of the Outlook, says Japan wants no war with the United States.

A column of grasshoppers five miles wide and 18 miles long is devastating portions of New Mexico.

Bulgaria has issued an emphatic note of protest to the powers against the attitude of Greece and Serbia.

President Wilson denounces the "insidious and industrious" lobby which is opposing the tariff bill in Washington.

The Supreme court has decided that a patent does not give the patentee the right to fix the retail price of an article.

Mrs. Pankhurst has again been placed in jail, having sufficiently recovered her health to serve another portion of her three-year sentence.

Police and detectives of Atlanta, Ga., are at loggerheads over a murder case, and most interesting information is being given to the public by both sides.

Four Oregon balloonists made a safe landing in the Cascade mountains, after traveling 75 miles in a northeasterly direction from Roseburg. They reached a height of 12,000 feet.

An English aviator and his passenger plained 1200 feet to the earth and made a safe landing when their machine caught fire. The tank exploded an instant after they landed.

Miss Nellie O'Farrell, who was known as the "first wireless girl," has given up her profession and got married.

After 40 years the Canadian government has rewarded William H. Lang, a resident of Portland, for his participation in repulsing the threatened Fenian uprising at Cornwall, Ont., in 1873.

A sudden demand from the South raised the price of potatoes at Tacoma to \$12 per ton.

The first Hood River strawberries sold in Portland at 40 cents a box.

President Wilson has ordered an extensive shake-up in the Civil Service.

Prospects of a limited fruit crop in California will mean higher prices for Northwest growers.

Twenty-five persons, 15 of them Chinese, were injured in a train wreck on the Canadian Pacific near Calgary.

Three were killed and nine injured by the explosion of a coast defense gun at Fort Moultrie, Charleston harbor.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat — Track prices: Club, 94c per bushel; bluestem, \$1@1.02; fortyfold, 95@96c; red Russian, 92c; valley, 94c.

Oats — No. 1 white, \$32 per ton; stained and off grade, less.

Corn — Whole, \$28.50; cracked, \$29.50 per ton.

Millstuffs — Bran, \$24.50@25 per ton; shorts, \$26.50@27; middlings, \$31.

Barley — Feed, \$26.50 per ton; brewing, nominal; rolled, \$28.50@29.

Hay — Eastern Oregon timothy, choice, \$18@19; alfalfa, \$13@14.

Onions — Oregon, \$1.25 per sack.

Vegetables — Artichokes, 75c per dozen; asparagus, Oregon, 75c@1.25 per dozen; beans, 10@12c per pound; cabbage, 2 1/2@3c pound; cauliflower, \$2 per crate; head lettuce, \$2.50 per crate; peas, 7c per pound; peppers, 35@40c; radishes, 10@12c dozen; rhubarb, 1 1/2c per pound; spinach, 75c per box; garlic, 7@8c per pound.

Potatoes — Burbanks, 40@50c per hundred; new, 2 1/2@2 1/4c pound.

Green Fruit — Apples, nominal; strawberries, Oregon, \$3.50@4; Florin, \$1.75 per crate; cherries, \$1.50 per box; bulk, 12 1/2c per pound; gooseberries, 5c.

Poultry — Hens, 15c; broilers, 25c; turkeys, live, 19@20c; dressed, choice, 25c; ducks, old, 16 1/4@18c; young, 24@25c; geese, young, 14@16c.

Eggs — Oregon ranch, case count, 18 1/2@19c per dozen; candled, 20@21c.

Butter — City creamery cubes, 28c per pound; prints, 29@29 1/2c.

Pork — Fancy, 11@11 1/4c per pound.

Veal — Fancy, 13@14c per pound.

Hops — 1912 crop, 12 1/2@14c pound; 1913 contracts, 12@13c.

Wool — Eastern Oregon, 10@16c per pound; valley, 14@16c; 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@7.75; 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@8.50; heavy, \$6.50@7.40.

Sheep — Wethers, \$5@6; ewes, \$3.85@5.

GRASSHOPPERS MOVE SLOW

Pest in New Mexico Not Likely to Cover Much Ground.

Clovis, N. M.—The great army of grasshoppers which has invaded New Mexico on the east has reached Elida, Roosevelt county. The army is 20 miles long and four miles deep and the grasshoppers are literally stripping the country bare in their path.

They are moving westward across the central part of the state at the rate of a mile a day.

A mass meeting is to be held here at which funds will be raised and a plan devised for resisting the invading army before they reach Clovis.

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WILSON'S ATTITUDE IN DOUBT

Dislikes Exemption Clauses in Sundry Civil Bill.

Washington, D. C.—Whether President Wilson will sign or veto the sundry civil bill with its clause exempting labor unions and farmers' organizations from prosecution under certain funds set aside for the operation of the anti-trust laws still is an open question.

The President sent for Senator Martin, of Virginia, and Representative Fitzgerald, of New York, chairman of the two congressional committees on appropriations, and talked at length with them about the bill. At the conclusion of the conference White House officials were silent. The President was informed that the particular thing that was holding up the bill in conference was a dispute as to an appropriation for managers supervising national soldiers' homes. His visitors said they expected to reach an agreement by the end of the week.

It is considered likely that the President will make known in a few days just what his position will be toward the much talked of exemption clause.

The President has been informed that if he objects to the attaching of legislation to an appropriation bill he could accompany his signature with a memorandum of protest on that point. He likewise has been told that the exemption clause would not affect such substantive law and that prosecutions of any violations of the law by labor unions or by farmers' organizations could still be accomplished through other funds at the disposal of the department of justice.

TROUBLE IN MEXICO FEARED

Ambassador's Wife Making Hasty Preparations for Flight.

Mexico City—Considerable alarm was created in the American colony here Wednesday when it became known that Mrs. Henry Lane Wilson, wife of the American ambassador, was making hasty preparations to depart for the United States within a few days.

In some quarters the announcement is construed to mean that Ambassador Wilson has received information of serious impending trouble and that he is taking the opportunity at hand to remove his family from the danger zone. The ambassador himself declined to discuss this matter. At the ambassadorial mansion it was said that Mrs. Wilson was returning home on a visit to friends and relatives.

Lane Announces Purpose.

Washington, D. C.—To make the acquisition of homesteads as easy as possible in strict conformity with the law for bona fide settlers and genuine homesteaders and as difficult as possible for dummy entries and speculators is the announced purpose of Secretary Lane in beginning an investigation of the rules and regulations of the land office. A month ago Secretary Lane sent a special representative to South Dakota to investigate the specific charges against county land agents, and the above is the result.

Cotton Sellers Target.

Washington, D. C.—Demand for legal action against those who sold cotton to James A. Patten and others of the "cotton pool," indicted in 1910 for running a corner, was made in the senate Wednesday by Senator Smith, of South Carolina, who said he had been assured that the department of commerce, if the senate would pass a proper resolution, would investigate thoroughly the selling end of the famous pool.

Taft's Order Attacked.

Washington, D. C.—A resolution to abrogate ex-President Taft's order, putting all fourth-class postmasters into the civil service, was introduced by Senator Overman. He declared he had not conferred with President Wilson, or any cabinet officers about it, but believed the spirit of the civil service law had been evaded.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

OFFERS 52 SUMMER COURSES

O. A. C. Six Weeks' Session From June 16 to July 25.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—A faculty of 72 instructional experts is announced for the summer session of the Oregon Agricultural College, which opens June 16 and continues to July 25. The bulletin announcing 52 courses of study, just off the press, is a book of 48 pages, containing 52 illustrations of the work to be given and college activities.

Besides the 61 regular members of the college faculty who will remain for the summer work, there have been secured 21 additional men and women, each an authority in his particular line of work, to take charge of different branches of the work for teachers.

These include President J. H. Ackerman, of the Oregon Normal school at Monmouth; Miss Luna E. Bigelow, of the office of public roads of the U. S. Department of Agriculture; Supt. G. A. Briscoe, of the Ashland public schools; O. C. Brown, school superintendent of Douglas county; Supt. J. A. Churchill, of the Baker city public schools; T. J. Gray, school superintendent of Clackamas county; L. P. Harrington, state supervisor of industrial education; Mrs. Florence Kelley, general secretary of the National Consumer's League; J. K. Kerchen, manual training supervisor of the Portland schools; City Superintendent R. W. Rirk, of Corvallis; City Superintendent J. S. Landers, of Pendleton; N. C. Maris, supervisor of industrial education working with Mr. Harrington; State Secretary Cornelia Marvin, of the Library commission; A. J. O'Reilly, rural school supervisor of Linn county; A. G. Raab, city superintendent of North Bend; W. W. Rutherford, city superintendent of McMinnville; Mrs. A. A. Sanborn, supervisor of domestic art in Portland; H. C. Seymour, Polk county superintendent; A. C. Strange, city superintendent of The Dalles; Miss Lillian Tingle, domestic science supervisor in Portland, and Dr. Calvin White, secretary of the state board of health.

Prof. E. D. Ressler, director of the summer session, has put much thought and hard work into plans for making this session at the college a memorable one in its assistance to the teachers of the state.

URGES BETTER MANAGEMENT

Just Common Sense Applied Says Student Engineer.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—Scientific management is nothing more or less than the application of common sense to any business proposition, says C. B. Auel, director of standards, processes and materials for the Westinghouse Electrical company, in the first of a series of articles dealing with phases of scientific management, in the current number of the Student Engineer, just off the press at the Oregon Agricultural College. The articles were secured by J. K. Fairchild, Portland, a graduate of 1911, who is now with the Westinghouse company at East Pittsburgh. He has an article on "Production and Works Management," to which he appends a series of references for the study of works management.

The initial article of the issue is on "Forestry as an Engineering Science," by H. S. Newins, of Yale, now instructor in forestry at O. A. C.

Will R. Varner, of Enterprise, a graduate of last June, now with the Westinghouse company, has an article entitled "Value Graduation; What?" Another contribution is by Thomas D. Lewis, of the Packard Motor Co., on factory efficiency and production. Forms of railway maps are discussed by Ben A. Eddy, of Roseburg, a junior in the college; and L. E. Johnson, of Carlton, a senior, has written on the relative economy of a gas engine using kerosene and gasoline.

Prof. S. H. Graf, of the experimental engineering department, describes the new impact testing machine, his own invention, just built by the students. The frontpiece shows the machine, which is by far the heaviest piece which has yet come out of the college foundry. The magazine contains ten other illustrations, including engineering projects, works and diagrams.

Hood River Work Is Resumed.

Hood River—Work on the pipe line and new power house of the Pacific Power & Light company, which was stopped last week because of orders from the New York office of the concern, because of an alleged stringency in the bond market, has been resumed, between 50 and 75 men having been taken on. The company will develop 5000 horsepower at the new power house, and the foundation has been built for another power house with a like capacity, which will be built whenever the business demands it.

Fishermen Cross Columbia.

Hood River—Hood River fishermen are taking advantage of the Washington laws, which require no licenses for fishing on the streams of that state until after June 1, and every day large numbers of local anglers cross the Columbia and cast for steelhead and Dolly Vardens in the White Salmon and Little White Salmon rivers. The fishing seems better in the Washington rivers than on Hood River, and a number of big catches have been made there.

FARMERS' FREE SOCIAL GIVEN

Brownsville Warehouse Company Is Host to Public.

Brownsville — The second annual "Farmers' Social" was successfully given here last Saturday night under the auspices of the Brownsville Warehouse company, of which Charles Sterling is manager, and while arranged for agriculturists, many citizens of this place were present in addition to 400 farmers and their families.

The program was given in the large hay warehouse of the company, which was transformed into an opera house, and consisted of music, songs, addresses and finally the rendition of a drama by high school students. Mr. Lyons, of the warehouse company, described the methods pursued by the company in the past few years in building up a large market for the products of this section. During the past year the company had paid out over \$50,000 in cash to the farmers alone.

The unique method of entertaining the farmers was inaugurated last year by the company, at the close of a successful shipping season, and proved no less a success than the one given last week.

WILL GROW BETTER PRUNES

Association Thinks Results Might Easily Be Improved.

Salem—That the prune growers of the Northwest are determined to obtain better results in future is illustrated by the proceedings of a meeting of the Northwest Packers' association held recently in Portland, H. S. Gile, secretary, making public the proceedings here. The principal subject for discussion was the possibility of overcoming the mistakes of 1911, and, if possible, arriving at a basis by which the prune could be standardized. It is one of the great industries of the Northwest, and yields to Oregon growers alone about \$1,000,000 annually. The 1911 crop, for some unknown reason, did not keep well, and as a result has greatly injured the business. Representatives of various agricultural colleges attended the meetings in Portland and gave their views, which the growers say will be of great benefit to them. There will be concerted action in an effort to place the crop on a higher scale and obtain the best results.

Fine Fair Garden Planted.

Salem—That the floral decorations and landscape work will be the most elaborate at the state fair this year ever attempted in Oregon is the declaration of Hugh Bryan, state landscape artist. Three Portland firms will each exhibit 300 new varieties of dahlias, many of which have never been seen in this part of the state. Mr. Bryan has planned a bed to contain 1000 begonias, 600 of the tuberous variety and 400 Vernons. Mass planting of begonias on such a scale as is contemplated, except in international exhibits, has never been attempted in this country, and the bed will be one of the greatest attractions at the fair. The usual planting of asters, cannas, roses, geraniums, gladiolas, etc., on the principal court of the grounds, is being done.

Wool In Demand at Echo.

Echo—The second wool sale of the season in Eastern Oregon was held at Echo Saturday. Regardless of the fact that the duty on raw wool seems doomed to go, the bidding was as high as that of last year, in fact, a higher price was paid for the same grade of wool than was received for the 1912 clip. The sales totaled 318,000 pounds, at prices ranging from 12 cents to 14 1/2 cents a pound, as follows:

Antone Vey, 100,000 pounds to Crimmins & Pierce, at 14 cents; William Pedro, 48,000 pounds to Hallowell, Jones & McDonald, at 14 1/2 cents; John Kilkenny, 100,000 pounds to Dufour, at 11 1/2 cents; B. Doherty, 70,000 pounds to Green, at 12 cents. Joseph Cunha, who has 80,000 pounds, and William Slusher, who has 112,000 pounds, were offered 14 cents and 12 1/2 cents, respectively, but refused the offers.

Teacher-Murderer Convicted.

Salt Lake City — Caleb A. Inlow, former school principal and juvenile probation officer at Bingham, Utah, was found guilty in the Utah District court here of second degree murder. Inlow and his wife were charged with having killed Thomas E. White, a taxicab chauffeur, last October, to prevent the latter telling of alleged orerthefts committed by Inlow. It is expected Mrs. Inlow will be released without trial.

Buena Vista Crops Good.

Buena Vista—Polk County's showing for crops of grain, clover and fruit are excellent and in all districts farmers are optimistic concerning the season's prospects. In the hills of the prunes where the red soil is used for prunes and other fruits a heavy yield is expected. The yield of wool in the county this year was light and farmers do not approve of the present actions of the President concerning the reductions on wool.

FAYORS FEDERAL RAILROAD

Wilson Makes Known His Attitude on Alaskan Question.

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson told Senators Chamberlain and Jones Wednesday that he felt kindly toward the proposal for government construction of railroads in Alaska.

The two senators sought the President's views on securing Alaskan legislation during the present session. Wilson expressed his hope that a bill might be passed, but made it clear that, in view of the urgency for tariff reform, he would be unable as yet to recommend action, intimating that if the Alaskan question could be disposed of without interfering with those subjects, he would lend his support to a bill within the near future.

Senator Jones said, on leaving the executive offices, that he was confident a bill would be reported to the territories committee and probably acted on before the tariff was taken up.

Governor Ammons, of Colorado, and Senators Thomas and Shafroth called on the President to urge that the government pursue a more liberal policy toward opening agricultural lands in the West. They told the President that the withdrawal of lands from public entry had discouraged settlers, and that every effort of the government should be toward development of these regions.

GRASSHOPPER PEST APPEARS

Ninety Square Miles of Insects Devastate New Mexico.

Amarillo, Tex.—Traveling north-eastward a column of grasshoppers five miles wide and 18 miles long is reported in Northeastern New Mexico. Reports that the millions of grasshoppers seem to spread as they travel and also the appearance of small bodies of grasshoppers in sections of West Texas have caused fear of a general grasshopper pest in the Southwest, especially in Texas, Western Oklahoma and New Mexico.

The New Mexico column is reported between Elida and Texline.

It is reported they are entirely denuding the land of grass, as well as destroying all kinds of foliage. Stock, especially sheep, have been left in starving condition by lack of pasture after the grasshoppers passed.

Government, state and railroad experts have combined to fight the grasshoppers.

Health Board Has Puzzle.

Sacramento — The State board of health is confronted by one of its most difficult problems in recent years in having placed before it for decision the question of when do human bones cease to become a part of the human body. This question must be decided before the board can give its permission to Chinese at Auburn for a shipment of the bones of dead Orientals by freight and parcel post to San Francisco for exportation to China.

Arrangements are being made by Chinese throughout the different sections of California to send to China a large consignment of skeletons of Chinese who have died in this state. The law prohibits shipment of human bodies unless hermetically sealed in a metal casket.

In order to grant the request of the Placer County Chinese the board of health must rule that a skeleton in the form of dried bones is not a human body, or a part of a human body.

The object of the law is to safeguard health.

Settlers Forced to Pay.

Washington, D. C.—More than 10,000 farmers on reclamation projects of the West will be affected by the Supreme court's decision that they must pay to the government the cost of maintaining and operating the various reclamation projects, pending their completion.

The decision was in the suit by D. P. Baker and other farmers on the Sunnyside unit of the Yakima, Wash., project to have the reclamation service enjoined from cutting off the water supply to enforce collection of such charges.

Election Change Mooted.

Washington, D. C.—The new plan for national election and the assembling of congress was proposed by Senator Works in two bills. He would change election day from November to August and provide for annual sessions of congress from the first Monday of October to the first Monday in June. Congressmen would assume office in October, immediately after the election, and the President and Vice President would take office in November. The plan is not looked upon with favor to any extent.

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Bulgaria Fully Expects War.

Vienna—Bulgaria regards war as inevitable, according to dispatches from Sofia. Servia's demand for a revision of the alliance treaty is regarded as an ultimatum, and it is expected that the Bulgarian cabinet will flatly refuse the demand and insist upon compliance with the treaty. Eighty thousand troops are massed near Sofia, and other troops are being hurried forward in Macedonia.

Morgan Gift to Be Tax-Free.

Albany, N. Y.—The valuable collection of works of art, pictures, books and antiques of the late J. Pierpont Morgan will be exempt from the state inheritance tax, provided the collection is turned over "to a municipal corporation of the state for educational purposes by the heirs within two years." The Omrod bill, which so provides, was signed by Governor Sulzer Saturday.

Mines Tie Up Shipping.

Smyrna — Shipping is completely paralyzed in these waters on account of recent accidents due to mines. The companies have warned incoming steamers to remain away and outward-bound vessels are afraid to leave port.

37 DIE WHEN BIG PIER FALLS

Queen's Birthday Celebrants at Long Beach Victims.

Fifty Others Badly Injured—Part of Auditorium Crashes Down and Adds to Horror.

Long Beach, Cal.—Too frail to uphold the burden of nearly 10,000 human beings assembled for the festivities of the British Empire day celebration, the land end of the big double-decked pier in front of the city auditorium collapsed Saturday. Hundreds of persons on the top deck were dropped down on the heads of other hundreds crowded on the deck below. The lower deck then gave way and all were dropped down a chute of shattered woodwork to the tidewatered sands 25 feet below.

Thirty-three persons—mostly women—were killed by the shivered timbers or crushed to death by the falling bodies. Fifty more were seriously injured, while hysteria and paralyzing fright disabled scores.

A section of the auditorium also went down in the crash and the debris from it was added to the wreckage that fell on top of the dead and injured.

The victims were mostly subjects and former subjects of Great Britain resident in Southern California. The dead were taken to the National Guard armory, while the injured were hurried to various hospitals in this city and Los Angeles.

All the doctors in the city, reinforced by surgeons and nurses from Los Angeles, were called to care for the injured.

The Empire day parade, the principal feature of the celebration in honor of the late Queen Victoria's birth anniversary, had just ended and the participants, with thousands of visitors, were crowding up the steps of the pier and surging toward the auditorium when the pier floor sagged.

An instant later the supports gave way and the sound of breaking timbers mingled with the shrieks and cries of the victims as all went down into a mass of broken wood and writhing human forms on the sand.

Shanghai General Killed.

Shanghai—General Hsu Pao San was killed by a bomb while opening a box which was supposed to contain porcelain. He had set for a piece of porcelain, and when the box arrived he attempted to pry off the cover. A terrific explosion resulted, and he was hurled with great force to the opposite end of the room. A servant also was instantly killed. The general, who was known as "Tiger Hsu," was a strong supporter of President Yuan Shi Kai, and the object of bitter hatred to the Southern extremists.

Allies Approach Peace.

London—The allies informed Osman Pazim Pasha at a joint meeting of the Balkan and Ottoman peace delegates that they had no intention of asking for further modification of the peace terms already put forward. This announcement is regarded as an important step in the direction of peace, as the Turks announced that if any modifications were suggested it would leave the door open for further demands on the allies.

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