

NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

Japan has accepted, in principle, Bryan's plan for universal peace.

A fight between bears in the Portland zoo resulted in the death of one of them.

Indications are that the 1913 hop crop of Oregon may not equal that of last year.

The senate finance committee has proposed to take meats and flour from the free list.

General Joseph B. Leake, one of the youngest brigadier generals of the civil war, is dead.

Barbers and bootblacks of Boston are on strike and many non-union shops have been stoned.

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

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

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

Barley—Feed, \$26.50 per ton; brewing, nominal; rolled, \$28.50@29.50 per ton.

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

Onions—Oregon, \$1.25 per sack; new, \$1.25.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 75c per dozen; asparagus, Oregon, 75c@\$1.25; beans, 10@12c per pound; cabbage, 2@3c; cauliflower, \$2 per crate; eggplant, 25c pound; head lettuce, \$2.50 per crate; peas, 7@8c.

Potatoes—Burbank, 40@50c per hundred; new, 2@3c per pound.

Green Fruit—Apples, nominal; strawberries, Oregon, \$1.75@3.25 per crate; cherries, 12@14c per pound; gooseberries, 2@4c per pound.

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

Eggs—Oregon ranch, case count, 19c per dozen; candied, 20c.

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

Pork—Fancy, 11@11c per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 13@14c per pound.

Hops—1912 crop, 9@14c per pound; 1913 contracts, 12@13c per pound.

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

Cattle—Choice steers, \$8.25@8.50; good, \$7.75@8.25; medium, \$7.25@7.75; choice cows, \$7.25@7.50; good, \$6.50@7.75; 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, \$7@7.50.

Sheep—Wethers, \$5@6; ewes, \$3.85@5; lambs, \$5.55@7.

IDAHO FRUIT MEN WILL AID

North Pacific Distributors Association Gets Another Backer.

Boise, Idaho—Declaring for the immediate organization to perfect selling plans whether the Wenatchee district or others refuses to join the movement, the officers and directors of the Idaho-Oregon Fruit Growers' association went on record here as back of the North Pacific Distributors' association. The conference was attended by representative growers of Southern, Southwestern Idaho and Eastern Oregon and included J. H. Lowell, Roswell; M. J. Higley, Buhl; H. M. Dorman, Caldwell; J. M. Johnson, Nampa; E. H. Smith and R. H. Woods, Payette; B. F. Tuining, Fruitland; W. N. Yost, Meridian, and H. E. McElroy, Boise.

Fruitgrowers of the intermountain country are enthusiastic in their praise of the work of the North Pacific Fruit Distributors' association and believe, particularly in Southern Idaho and Eastern Oregon, that the success of the rapidly-growing fruit industry of the West largely depends on the work of the big selling agency which has been perfected.

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OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

LONG CREEK ROAD USABLE

Expense of Construction of 30 Miles Estimated at \$50,000.

Prairie City—The preliminary survey made by William Narkus and E. C. Jones, under direction of the citizens of this place, for a new road extending through the mountains in a northwesterly direction to Long Creek, a distance of 30-odd miles, was completed Saturday. The viewers pronounced the project of building this road entirely feasible at a reasonable cost.

The object in building this new road is to open up to Prairie City the entire Northwest section of Grant county, a trade that has hitherto gone out by way of Austin by means of a much longer haul. Work on the road will begin at once and be rapidly pushed to completion.

The expense of construction, about \$50,000, will be borne in large part by the county. It is reported that the Sumpter Valley Railway people will aid the enterprise in every possible way.

CUTWORMS BECOME EPIDEMIC

Condon Merchant Looks for Little Effect From Austrian Beef.

Portland—The late spring has caused an epidemic of cutworms in the wheat fields of Eastern Oregon, according to Lester Wade, a young merchant of Condon, who was in Portland for several days on a business trip.

The same reason is responsible for a shortness of range grass and the feeding of cattle, he says, is progressing slowly. In spite of these drawbacks, however, Mr. Wade is optimistic that the summer will be successful from an agricultural standpoint.

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