

# NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

## Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

A new strike of miners in the West Virginia coal fields is reported.

Northwestern farmers are not disposed to sell new wheat at present.

Mrs. Pankhurst has been again liberated from jail as the result of a hunger strike.

Last year's potatoes are selling at 10 cents a bushel in carload lots on the Kansas City market.

Roosevelt and his two younger sons, Archie and Quentin, will spend two months roughing it in the West.

The 25th anniversary of the Kaiser's accession to the throne was celebrated throughout Germany as a general holiday.

American troops have put hostile Moros to flight and captured their stronghold in the Philippine mountains.

The steamship Yukon is stranded on the rocks off Sannak island and all hope of saving her has been abandoned.

Street speakers arrested in connection with strike riots at the Oregon City paper mills were discharged by request of the city attorney.

The Supreme Court has given decisions against the railroads in various cases, favoring Minnesota, Oregon, Missouri, Arkansas and West Virginia.

A bag of gold nuggets and dust estimated to contain \$10,000 awaits any heirs who may be found to the estate of Mrs. Ann M. Bernhart, who died recently in Davenport, Iowa.

President Wilson, in conference with Democratic leaders, has decided to leave it to public opinion whether currency reform shall be taken up at the present session of congress.

Gary says that under the old book-keeping systems the profits of the Steel trust were not always what they appeared to be.

Fierce heat descending suddenly upon the Middle West has caused 21 deaths and innumerable prostrations. Thousands of head of stock died in transit to the Chicago stock yards, and the loss will fall almost entirely upon the shippers.

Torrential rains are causing disastrous floods along the Fraser river in Manitoba.

Union Pacific plans for unmerging were taken under advisement by the Federal court.

Two men were drowned while attempting to cross the Salmon river, in Idaho, on an improvised raft.

Brazil is encouraging the settlement of her lands by Japanese, as there are not enough natives to develop them.

Mrs. Woodrow Wilson and daughters, and perhaps the President himself, will visit the West within a few months.

Governor Hatfield, of West Virginia, refuses to give senate committee records of trials of strikers by court martial.

## PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 93@94c; bluestem, 97c@1.01; forty-fold, 94c; 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@27 per ton; brewing, nominal; rolled, \$28.50@29.50.

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

Onions—New red, \$1.25 per sack.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 75c per dozen; asparagus, Oregon, 50@75c per dozen; cabbage, 1 1/2@2c pound; head lettuce, \$2.50 per crate; peppers, 30c pound; radishes, 10@12c per dozen; rhubarb, 1@2c pound; spinach, 75c per box; garlic, 7@8c pound.

Potatoes—New, 2 1/2@3c pound.

Green Fruit—Apples, new, \$1.50 per box; old, nominal; strawberries, 90c @ \$1.15 per crate; cherries, 8@12c per pound; gooseberries, 2@3c; loganberries, \$1.50 per crate.

Poultry—Hens, 14c; springs, 23@24c; turkeys, live, 18@20c; dressed, choice, 24@25c; ducks, old, 12@13c; young, 15@18c.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, case count, 20c per dozen; candled, 21@22c.

Butter—City creamery, cubes, 23c per pound; prints, 29@29 1/2c.

Pork—Fancy 11c per pound.

Veal—Fancy 1 1/4@1 1/2c per pound.

Hops—1912 crop 12@16c per pound; 1913 contracts 14c per pound.

Wool—Eastern Oregon 10 1/2@16 1/2c per pound; valley, 14@16c; mohair 1913 clip 30@33c.

Cattle—Choice steers \$7.75@8; good \$7.25@7.50; medium \$7@7.25; choice cows \$6.50@7; good \$6.25@6.50; medium \$6@6.25; choice calves \$8@9; good heavy calves, \$6.50@7.50; bulls, \$4@6.

Hogs—Light, \$8@8.30; heavy, \$7@7.50.

Sheep—Wethers, \$4@5.25; ewes, \$4@4.75; lambs, \$5.55@6.75.

## CHILDREN EXEMPT FROM TAX

Committee Would Allow \$500 for Each Youth.

Washington, D. C.—An additional exemption of \$500 for each child of a family in the income tax section of the tariff revision bill was determined on by the senate finance subcommittee and the change will be recommended to the majority members of the committee.

The subcommittee is also seriously considering recommending changing the \$4000 exemption in the Underwood bill to \$3000. This, it is argued, would greatly increase the revenue and with the additional exemptions proposed for children would not impose hardship upon the heads of families. Senator Simmons, chairman of the finance committee, said that the Democratic caucus of the senate would be called for Thursday, whether the finance committee majority had concluded with the schedules or not.

Senator James, of Kentucky, who made the sugar tariff speech in the senate defending the stand of President Wilson, has taken a vigorous position in the finance committee against the imposition of a countervailing duty on meat and cattle, and announced that he would carry the fight to the Democratic senatorial caucus if he failed to swing the committee into line.

When the majority members of the finance committee resumed consideration of the proposed countervailing duties on agricultural products, Senator James emphatically declared that the public was entitled to unrestricted free cattle and meat. He did not oppose the action of the Democrats in placing wheat and flour on the free list with the countervailing duty added, but he opposed such a duty on cattle and meat so strenuously that final action was deferred.

## BELIEVES WAR IS INEVITABLE

Gen. Wood Says Individuals Cannot Prevent Conflict.

Pittsburg—Asserting that war must come at some time and declaring that every young man should have a year's military training, Major General Leonard Wood, chief of staff of the United States Army, discussed "our military policy to preserve peace," at the annual commencement exercises of the Carnegie Institute of Technology here. "I do not wish to introduce a spirit of criticism against the peace policies which are being instituted by your founder, Mr. Carnegie," said General Wood, "but I want to impress on you that as much as we want to avoid war, we can't do it. Knowing that it is among us, we of the army are training men to handle it as skillfully as possible. We know that it is arrant nonsense to say that the day of war is over. Wars are not made by individuals, but by the pressure of public events.

"If war were forced on us tomorrow it would be necessary for this government to call 600,000 men immediately. For this army we would need between 16,000 and 17,000 officers. Yet we have only 4000 officers prepared to command. We would be obliged to send our troops to the front in a state of unpreparedness. The inevitable result would be that disease would cause more havoc than would actual warfare."

## MONTANA TO FIGHT WEEVIL

Extends Quarantine to Forage, Fruit and Truck.

Helena, Mont.—To guard against the introduction of the alfalfa weevil into Montana, Governor Stewart has issued a proclamation declaring a quarantine against all of the state of Utah, Bear Lake, Idaho and Bannock counties in Idaho, and Uintah and Lincoln counties in Wyoming, prohibiting the importation of alfalfa and forage crops of all kinds, whether loose or baled, alfalfa seed and nursery stock unless accompanied by a certificate of fumigation; fresh fruits of all kinds at the time of harvest, and potatoes and garden truck until October 1. The quarantine becomes effective July 1.

## Arson "Trust" Cases Up.

Chicago—Charges that Assistant State's Attorney Edwin J. Raber had solicited a bribe of \$1000 from Joseph Clarke, an insurance adjuster, were made in the opening of the trial of Edward and Paul Cobitz and Clarke, charged with arson. Attorney P. H. O'Donnell, for the defense in his opening statement declared that Raber repeatedly had solicited a bribe from Clarke, and that it was when Clarke finally was handing him this money he was arrested, charged with attempted bribery.

## Alaska Road Agreed On.

Washington, D. C.—The senate territories committee agreed on a bill for government construction of railroads in Alaska. It probably will be reported to the senate by Senator Chamberlain, will provide for \$40,000,000 in bonds to finance the undertaking and leave the entire control to the President. The committee decided against the plan of Senator Jones for a commission of five members to supervise the construction.

## Beef Prices Are Higher.

Chicago—The price of cattle Wednesday reached a new high mark for a normal year, selling at \$9.20. Receipts were 18,000 against average receipts of 25,000. The market recalled attention to the recent bulletin of the department of Agriculture on the beef shortage.

# OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

## STONE MAY REPLACE WOOD

Discovery of Quarries May Cause Shanties to Dissapeor.

Silver Lake—Stone houses may replace the regulation two-room shanties which now form the abodes of homesteaders on virtually every quarter section in Christmas Lake and Silver Lake valleys. This is made possible by the discovery by F. R. Bass of a half dozen stone quarries on the side of Table Mountain. Table Mountain and the Connolly hills divide the two valleys and the quarries are easily accessible from either side of the slope.

The substance uncovered by Mr. Bass appears to be stone in the making. It is a mixture of clay and sand, which, although not moist, hardens like cement when exposed to the air. It is easily sawed or chiseled out in cubes of the proper size for building purposes.

Old-timers of the valley say there are similar quarries to the south and northwest of the town of Silver Lake. No stone has been taken from these diggings for so many years that their location was almost forgotten until Mr. Bass made the discovery on Table Mountain. The fireplace, chimneys and foundation of the old house on the SO ranch, owned by "Hi" Adams, of Portland, were built of stone taken from one of these workings; the same is true of the buildings on the UR ranch, owned by William H. Hayes, of California; also the Chrisman and Martin homes in the town of Silver Lake. But all of these buildings were constructed a quarter of a century ago. New settlers have erected chimneys of stovepipe, sheet iron or tile, imported at considerable expense.

The quarries found by Mr. Bass are within the Fremont national forest reserve and already several homesteaders at the foot of Table Mountain are preparing to build stone houses.

## RABBITS DESTROYING CROPS

Christmas Lake Outlook Is Fine But for Work of Rodents.

Ficksburg—The fine outlook in Christmas Lake valley for crops this year, will depend upon the state government of Oregon. Rabbits have done much damage, and at the rate of increase noticeable, before harvest time comes there will be little to garner unless strenuous methods are adopted to inoculate the rodents. The Ficksburg Development club hopes to be able to secure the assistance of the state veterinarian or some competent official from the State Agricultural college to start the good work.

The area sown to grain and other products shows a considerable increase over any season in the history of this new country, but the rabbit plague seems to keep abreast of the settlers. Drives were held in various sections during the past winter, but owing to the large area necessary to be covered, they proved failures from an extermination standpoint, as the animals would escape in such numbers that it seems hopeless to finish them in this manner. It is rumored that unless something is done, various settlers may take the matter into their own hands and inoculate the rodents with some disease that may be dangerous to man and beast if it gets abroad. The need being great and from people that will suffer greatly if their crops are destroyed, it is believed the state will co-operate and the inoculation process be carried on in a manner that will insure the destruction of the animals doing the damage, and at the same time safeguard the settlers and their livestock.

## Three Camps to Employ 125.

Coquille—The Smith-Powers Logging company, one of the largest concerns of its kind on the Coast, is making preparations to open two camps three miles above this city, where it has about 50,000,000 feet of timber. The right of way for a logging railroad to extend two miles into the timber from the main line is now being cleared and the road will be constructed forthwith. The logs will go to the C. A. Smith sawmill at Marshfield.

Aason Bros. have entered into a contract to log 18,000,000 feet of timber immediately adjoining Coquille on the east for the Coquille Mill & Mercantile company, of this city, and they are now extending their logging road to the timber. The three camps will give employment to about 125 men.

## Referendum Bill Unconstitutional.

Salem—Circuit Judge Galloway has decided that the Day bill, providing for a special election for referendum measures next November, is unconstitutional. The decision is far from clearing the situation. The decision was in connection with one declining to compel the secretary of state to file petitions for reference of the bill regulating the practice of dentistry. Judge Galloway held that the petitions were irregular in that they did not contain a copy of the bill, but only the caption.

## Washington Crops Promising.

Hillsboro—Never in the history of Washington county have grain and grass crops been so promising at this season of the year. Farmers are now preparing for clover harvest three weeks in advance of former years. In doing this they hope to evade the late June rains, and get a good harvest, and then cut a second crop for the seed in August. Last year many farmers netted \$35 per acre for clover seed.

## CHERRY TO RULE AT SALEM

"Cherrians" Prepare Fine Carnival for July 3 to 5.

Salem—A cherry fair and carnival upon a more elaborate scale than ever before attempted in this city will be given July 3, 4 and 5. An old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration will be held. These and the Salem Chautauqua, which will be held July 3 to 8, inclusive, are expected to attract the capital city's largest crowd. The business men have contributed liberally for the cherry carnival, and the farmers and fruitgrowers have promised to compete more extensively than ever before for the prizes, which will be the handsomest ever offered.

To advertise the carnival and bring to the minds of the people of the city and county a realization of what it means to them, "The Cherrians," an organization similar to "The Rosarians" of Portland, has been formed. It is composed of progressive men of the city, and they will see that no stone is unturned to bring people to this city from all parts of the state.

That the cherry carnival is second in importance only to the Rose Festival of Portland, has been proved by the success of the exhibitions of the past, and the prospect for a greater one this year than ever before has aroused the residents of this city and county to a sense of public duty as never before. Many carnival attractions will be in evidence and the streets of the city during the fair will be suggestive of a great exposition, with the usual side features.

## OREGON PROGRESSIVE STATE

Recognizes Necessity of Business Methods Among Farmers.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—Oregon is the first state in the union to set its official seal upon a public recognition of the necessity of promoting better business methods among the farmers through the public schools. The new text book, "Principles of Bookkeeping," by Dean J. A. Bexell, of the school of commerce of the Oregon Agricultural college, has been placed on the list of books adopted for the Oregon public schools for the next six years. It is intended for the eighth grade and rural high schools, and is an adaptation to such educational work of his previous thorough work in farm business methods for older students now widely used by progressive farmers.

## Eighteen Berries Fill Box.

Hood River—Some of the largest strawberries ever seen in this city were displayed this week in the show windows of a local jewelry store. They were grown by Oscar Vanderbilt on his East Side place, and 18 of them filled a box. The new variety is known as the Goodell berry.

Mr. Vanderbilt declares that his earlier berries were larger than those on exhibition. "It is not just a few of them that reach such size," he said, "for all of the fruit is simply monstrous. It keeps well, too—just about as well as the Clark Seedlings, for which the valley has become so famous. I put several boxes in my refrigerator the other day and they were in fine condition four days after."

Mr. Vanderbilt has been receiving numerous applications for plants of this large variety of strawberries.

## Trout Planting Is Begun.

Shipment of trout from the Bonneville hatcheries and of pheasants from the state game farms at Corvallis has already been begun by the state fish and game warden.

The fish hatcheries have this year between 7,000,000 and 10,000,000 trout, and of these two carloads of about 180,000 have already been sent out. One carload went to Cottage Grove and the other to Corvallis. For shipment of these trout the new car especially designed for the purpose is being used and is proving very satisfactory.

About 1500 birds have already been hatched at the state game farm and nearly 5000 eggs are now setting. Of the pheasants, the great majority are to be sent for the stocking of the ranges in Eastern and Central Oregon, since the Willamette valley is already well supplied with these game birds.

## Campus Chautauqua Site.

Salem—The Willamette University campus has been selected as the place for holding the first Salem Chautauqua, July 3 to 11, inclusive. There is a fine grove on the campus and the Chautauqua management considers it an ideal place for the meeting of the association. The campus has been fenced and the senior class will present its class play in the grove. Although the Chautauqua will be the initial one for Salem, no other association in the state will furnish a better entertainment this year.

## Crop Conditions Good

Salem—Luther J. Chapin, government agricultural expert, who has but recently returned from a trip through a large part of the county, says that crop conditions are unusually good and the prospects are for a record yield. The first crop, he says, will be much better than was expected earlier in the season. Mr. Chapin declares that the opportunities offered fruit growers and agriculturists in this county and the entire Willamette Valley are unsurpassed.

## MAKE WAR ON STANDARD OIL

Immense Shipments of Gasoline Reach Pacific Coast.

San Francisco—A new battle between the Rothschilds and the Standard Oil company started here when the Dutch tank steamer Kessler arrived Sunday from Sumatra with 3,000,000 gallons of gasoline. This gasoline, which is the best grade of paraffine oil produced in the Orient, is the first consignment of many which will be used to wrest from Standard Oil its American monopoly exercised for the last decade.

For the first time in its history Standard Oil will be fought by interests controlling wealth equal to itself. The cargo consigned to the American Gasoline company, the corporate name under which the Shell Petroleum and Royal Dutch Petroleum companies controlled by the Rothschilds, will operate on the Pacific Coast.

The years of struggle for control of the trade in the Orient has now shifted to this country, and a battle royal is expected when high-grade paraffine base gasoline from the Orient is distributed on the Pacific Coast at 16 1/2 cents a gallon.

The Kessler proceeded to Martinez, where a \$1,000,000 plant has been established.

On July 1 wholesalers and retailers of the state will be stocked. Other big tank steamers are already on the way here and the company will also refine oil and export California petroleum.

## ETERNAL PEACE NOT DREAM

Ambassador Hints Invaders Would Have Warm Reception.

New York—The crowning episode of an all-day celebration here of the 25th anniversary of the reign of William II, emperor of Germany, was a speech delivered in the Hotel Astor by Count von Bernstorff, German ambassador, at a kommers attended by nearly 2000 German-Americans. Deep-lunged "Hochs" crashed out when the ambassador said proudly:

"Although the emperor has kept the peace for 25 years, it is not possible for us Germans to dream a dream of eternal peace. For 100 years no enemy has set foot on German soil."

Gliding into less explosive topics, Count von Bernstorff did not add that no enemy would win German territory for the next 100 years, but there was not a shadow of doubt that his enthusiastic listeners supplemented the speech in their own minds. They cheered, and when the band played "Heil Dir im Siegeskranz," the German national anthem, 2000 glasses were lifted in a toast to the Kaiser's health.

## BOOTH'S SWEETHEART DIES

One of Last Acts Is to Write Ology for Lincoln's Assassins.

Birmingham, Ala.—In a corner of a cemetery at Birmingham, Ala., practically unscathed, was buried Sunday the body of the woman whose name will be handed down in history as the last sweetheart of John Wilkes Booth, the actor, who killed Abraham Lincoln.

She was known as "the woman of many lovers," but the crowning affection of her life was the soulful-eyed, handsome, dashing, fiery tragedian whose deed shocked the whole world.

One of the last acts of this woman's life was to publish an autobiography in which she bared the great love of her life and sought courageously in even this late day to lift some of the stain which clings to Booth's name by mitigating his deed.

To Louise Wooster, this woman, even to the last, Booth was a kindly and affectionate gentleman. To her he was an out and out Unionist to whom she attributes the assassination as an inspiration growing out of his belief that Lincoln alone was responsible for the terrific conflict just closed, and that once he was removed strife would be ended.

## Would Help Roads Unmerge.

Philadelphia—The statement was made here Monday, and came from a reliable source, that the Pennsylvania railroad in due time will acquire all of the \$126,000,000 of stock in the Southern Pacific, now held by the Union Pacific, if the government accedes to the proposed plan of allowing the Pennsylvania to exchange \$38,000,000 of the Southern Pacific stock held by the Union Pacific for the \$42,000,000 par value of stock of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, now held by the Pennsylvania.

## Bulgaria Is Willing.

Sofia—The Bulgarian government has replied to the Serbian invitation for demobilization urging in effect that the allies adopt the Bulgarian arbitration proposal.

Bulgaria, the note adds, is ready for demobilization, but suggests in order to prevent further attempts at pressure it is necessary the contested districts should be occupied by mixed garrisons. The Greek government has submitted to Bulgaria a proposal for demobilization similar to that proposed by Serbia.

## Money Tight In Germany.

Berlin—The most optimistic of Germany's money market and the general financial situation are obliged to admit that the present conditions are critical. Mortgages which were hitherto regarded as gilt-edged are becoming daily more unpleasable. Money is difficult to get for first mortgages, ever at an appraisalment of 40 per cent of the value, while money for second mortgages simply cannot be obtained.

# FARMERS WILL RAISE CATTLE

Nebraskans Promise Aid to Reduce Cost of Living.

Organized Efforts Will Be Directed by State Authorities—Big Profits Are Expected.

Lincoln, Neb.—To do their part in reducing the high cost of living, 200 Nebraska farmers have pledged themselves to devote their time, talents and energies to increasing the production of beef cattle in this state, and to follow the instructions of the university experiment station, which for several years has made a special study of raising cattle for beef by the best methods.

"The fact that the population of the country is increasing, while beef cattle are decreasing, has aroused the nation to a realization that the high cost of living can never be lowered until this state of affairs is mended, and that the farmers are responsible for the work is just as apparent as that present conditions exist," said Dean Burnett, addressing the farmers' convention at a beef feeders' meeting held at the State University farm.

Dean Burnett produced figures to show that Nebraska can raise beef at a profit equalled by no other state in the Union, with the possible exception of Kansas.

"The small farmer is especially adapted to the raising of beef," he said.

"The market has changed in late years, so that now the demand is for higher beef. These days the farmer may get almost as high prices for cattle 12 and 15 months old as in former years for four-year-olds. This is in favor of the farmer, as the cattle can be sold sooner and raised much more cheaply."

## EXTINCT VOLCANO FORTRESS

Americans Store Supplies and Prepare for Long Siege.

Boston—American troops in the Hawaiian Islands have taken possession of the crater of a large extinct volcano situated on the coast, and are working night and day to convert it into a fortress capable of withstanding a long siege. Ammunition and food supplies are being stored within it, guns are being mounted, a water supply has been arranged for and gardens have been planted on the slopes of the crater to provide food and thus render the place self-sustaining in case it is besieged for any great length of time.

This information reached Boston from an authentic source in Honolulu, and the communication further said that Americans residing in the Hawaiian Islands, including troops, are much exercised over the Japanese situation.

The communication says that Americans have moved into the crater, bag and baggage; that living quarters are being prepared within, and that guns are being mounted all around the rim, so that a fortress capable of resisting an attack either from land or sea will confront any forces that may try to attack the place.

## Cooking to Cut Living Cost.

Topeka, Kan.—Through the teaching of domestic science and economy in the home, Kansas gained \$1,000,000 last year, and the amount will be increased at the rate of \$500,000 a year until practically there will be no waste food in the entire Sunflower State. That is the aim of the Agricultural College, and the state is spending \$40,000 a year to help in cheating the garbage can.

Seven hundred girls completed the domestic science course at the Agricultural College last week, and the college has just closed its movable cooking schools, which were attended by 11,000 women during the ten weeks which they were operated.

## Soldiers on Long Hike.

Newport, R. I.—To give a better idea of the advantages of the army of the United States, Louis A. Mohr, late sergeant of the One Hundred and Ninth company, Coast Artillery, stationed at Fort Grabo, and Sergeant Karl Rittman, of the Eighth company, Rhode Island guard of Pawtucket, left Monday afternoon on a 3500-mile hike to San Francisco.

Mayor William MacLeod presented them with letters to the mayor of Newport, Ky., and Mayor Rolph, of San Francisco.

## Bulgaria Again Shaken.

Sofia—The earthquakes of Sunday were renewed again in many parts of Bulgaria. Two violent shocks occurred at Crabovia, where much damage was done. The seismic disturbances at Tirnova continued throughout the night and the rumbling of the earth had not ceased next morning. At that place many people were killed and churches and private buildings were damaged. Thousands are homeless and destitute.

## Women to Study Politics.

Chicago—Special classes in politics for women are to be opened in some of the churches as soon as Governor Dunne signs the woman suffrage bill passed by the legislature last week. The first of these classes was announced by the People's Liberal church.