

NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

A Democratic caucus has agreed on income tax provisions.

Eleven boys were drowned at Lawrence, Mass., when a fragile bridge collapsed.

President Wilson takes three days' rest aboard the Presidential yacht Mayflower.

Plentiful rains and fine crop reports from the Northwest lower wheat prices at Chicago.

Remnants of General Ojeda's federal army have arrived at Guaymas in deplorable condition.

The Supreme court has agreed to the dissolution plan of the Union and Southern Pacific merger.

San Francisco's postmaster has resigned at the request of Postmaster General Burleson.

The attorney general of Minnesota has decided that cigarettes cannot be sold on trains in that state.

Bulgarians attacked Greeks and Serbians on all sides, and a general war between the former Balkan allies begins.

In a speech in Portland, ex-Vice President Fairbanks lauded the United States for the manner in which it had performed its Christian duty towards Cuba and the Philippines.

A ball player at Baker, Or., was struck on the forehead by a pitched ball and lies unconscious in the hospital with a badly fractured skull and small hope of recovery.

A system of elective studies is being introduced in Oregon high schools, enabling students to take only those branches which they will need in their chosen trades or professions.

While flying over the federal lines at Guaymas, Didier Masson, the French aviator employed by the Mexican rebels, was fired upon and was seen to suddenly lurch and descend within the federal lines.

The German National Association of Chambers of Commerce has begun an active war on the American Tobacco trust.

The recent lobby inquiry is believed to have done much good, and is now to be extended to investigate fresh charges.

Duke Ludwig, of Bavaria, aged 82 years, is seeking divorce.

Alaskan natives are becoming wealthy raising reindeer.

Governor Dunne has signed the Illinois woman suffrage bill.

The Oregon board of pardons declares the "honor system" a failure.

The hotel St. Denis, one of the oldest and most noted in New York, is bankrupt.

Investigations reveal an elaborate effort to "bunco" Wall Street by certain financial interests.

The Arctic exploration ship Karuk has left Victoria, B. C., for Nome, where Stefansson and his party will join her.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 90@92c per bushel; bluestem, 95@96c; forty-fold, 92c; red Russian, 90c; valley, 92c.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$29@30 per ton; stained and off grade, less.

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

Barley—Feed, \$23.50@24; brewing, nominal; rolled, \$28.50@29.

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

Onions—Red and yellow, \$1.25 per sack.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 75c per dozen; asparagus, Oregon, 50c@51; beans, 5@6c pound; cabbage, 14@2c; cauliflower, \$2 per crate; corn, 40c per dozen; cucumbers, 90c per box; eggplant, 25c pound; head lettuce, 35@40c per dozen; peas, 3@5c pound.

Green fruits—Apples, new, \$1.25 per box; old, nominal; strawberries, 50@75c per crate; cherries, 4@10c per pound; apricots, \$1.25@1.50 per box; cantaloupes, \$1.75@2.50 per crate; peaches, 90c@1.25 per box; raspberries, \$1.75 per crate; loganberries, \$1.75@2 per crate.

Poultry—Hens, 13@13½c per pound; springs, 18@20c; turkeys, live, 18@20c; dressed, choice, 24@25c; ducks, 12c.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, case count, 23@24c per dozen; candled, 25@26c.

Butter—City creamery, cubes, 28c per pound; prints, 30c.

Pork—Fancy, 10½@11c per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 14@14½c per pound.

Hops—1912 crop, 13@15c pound; 1913 contracts, 14@14½c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 10½@16½c per pound; valley, 18@19c; mohair, 1913 clip, 31c.

Grain Bags—Portland, 9½@9¾c.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$8@8.75; good, \$7.25@7.75; medium, \$7@7.25; choice cows, \$6.50@7.50; 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, \$8.50@9.15; heavy, \$7.50@7.90.

Sheep—Wethers, \$4@5; ewes, \$3@4.50; lambs, \$5@7.

HUNDREDS DIE FROM HEAT

Mississippi Valley and East Suffering Severely.

Chicago—Reports received up to Wednesday night showed that at least 112 persons died Wednesday as a result of the heat wave in the Central West, which has continued uninterrupted for six days. It extended from Denver to Pittsburg, and as far north as Lake Superior.

From 96 degrees at Pittsburg, the temperature through the whole Middle West ranged well into the 90s. Marquette, usually cool, on the shore of Lake Superior, recorded 92 degrees and culminating with 102 degrees in Chicago. This gave Chicago a record for the day of being the hottest place in the United States except for Tucson, Ariz., where the temperature also was 102.

Fatalities due to the heat were reported at Hibbing, Minn.; Biwabik, Minn.; Milwaukee, Racine, Lacrosse, Wis.; Peoria, St. Louis, Grand Rapids, Cleveland and Chicago. In Chicago alone there were 47 deaths officially reported. From different points in Wisconsin 13 deaths were reported.

Drownings, electrical storms, high winds and intense heat were the features of the weather near Duluth.

Heat prostrations were beyond count.

Forty-six persons are known to have died here as a result of the intense heat. This number includes only the cases reported by the coroner and the police, and it is expected will be increased by reports of private physicians.

Of these deaths, 39 were the direct result of heat, five persons committed suicide, directly traceable to the heat, and two deaths were of children seeking relief.

BIG CHRISTIAN MEET OPENED

Ten Thousand in Portland Turn Out in Rain.

Portland, Or.—In the presence of 10,000 people the second World's Christian Citizenship conference opened Monday afternoon in Multnomah stadium. The sessions will continue for eight days. A thin drizzle of rain which started at the opening hour failed to daunt either participants or audience, and the out-of-door exercises were carried out as scheduled. Addresses of welcome were made by Governor West; Charles E. Wolverton, judge of the United States District court; T. J. Cleeton, county and probate judge of Multnomah county, and H. R. Albee, mayor-elect of Portland. Response was made by the presiding officer of the conference, Dr. James S. Martin, of Pittsburg.

Two addresses featured the opening day's proceedings, "I Am for Men," by the Rev. Robert F. Coyle, D. D., of Denver, and "Government of the People," by the Rev. James T. McCarty, D. D., of Pittsburg.

Ministerial and lay delegates to the conference spoke in various churches Sunday.

MONDELL HELPS ENTRYMEN

Bills Are Introduced Relating to Homestead Lands.

Washington, D. C.—A bill providing for a second homestead or desert land entry to all qualified entrymen having lost or abandoned a former entry has been introduced by Representative Mondell. The bill would make cancellation of the former entry on account of fraud or the sale of the former entry at a price greater than the filing fees, the only disqualification.

Mr. Mondell has also introduced a bill providing complete title to entrymen who have accepted limited titles to lands withdrawn on account of minerals but later restored as non-mineral.

Cigarettes Under Ban.

St. Paul—Cigarettes cannot be sold on trains in Minnesota, according to an opinion given by the state attorney general's office. The decision was handed down in reply to a question. A law adopted at the last session of the legislature provided for the sale of cigarettes by licensed dealers. The attorney general's office in its decision declared that the new law only provided for the sale of cigarettes at one place and a definite municipality, while trains travel through any number of towns.

Tobacco Trust Target.

Berlin—The German National Association of Chambers of Commerce has called on its members to support actively the campaign to check the progress of the American Tobacco trust in Germany and to educate the business world and German consumers up to the dangers arising from a possible trust monopoly. Two large defensive organizations of non-trust tobacco men have been formed already and business men are urged by the association to join them.

Four Sisters Drown.

Elkhart, Ind.—Four girls, sisters, were drowned here when the three elder girls sprang into St. Joseph's river in a vain attempt to save a younger sister. Grace Schwyn, 7 years old, fell into the river while picking cherries from a limb which overhung the water. The other girls, Alice, 16; Clara, 13, and Ida, 11, attempted to save her and themselves were all drowned. The bodies were recovered.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

RABBIT ARMY MARCHING ON

Pests Reach Edge of Umatilla Alfalfa District.

Pendleton—The destructive invasion of the jackrabbit army is moving eastward, according to reports received from the damaged district of Umatilla county. The general trend of the attack follows the course of the lands between Juniper and Cold Springs canyon.

James Culter, whose ranch is located about two miles west of Holdman, reports that the pests have already reached his place. Reports from scattered districts indicate that the rabbits are moving toward the grain lands near Myrick, Helix and Fulton.

Experts aver that the grain will be ripe, thus turning away the rabbits before they are able to eat their way as far as Myrick, Helix and Fulton. The animals, as soon as the grain becomes too ripe to eat, are expected to attack the green alfalfa fields, it is said, and farmers of the districts are alarmed.

Parties who returned from the damaged grain districts report heavy losses by homesteaders over an area of 200,000 acres.

OUTSIDE WORKERS EXEMPT

Attorney General Gives Opinion on Ten-Hour Law.

Salem—Attorney General Crawford has rendered an opinion regarding the ten-hour law passed by the recent legislature, which, if upheld by the courts, will have a far-reaching effect. He holds, in substance, that the law only applies to workmen actually employed within a mill, factory or manufacturing plant. Persons employed by the owners of the plants and who work outside the buildings are exempt from the provisions of the law, according to the attorney general. Almost half the employees of a sawmill and a large number of paper mills and other manufacturing plants work outside.

Mr. Crawford holds that watchmen who perform chores, such as keeping fires up, foremen and superintendents, are exempt from the provisions of the act. Engineers, firemen and other workmen who might be affected by fumes, gases, etc., are within the provisions of the law, says the attorney general.

The opinion was given at the instance of Labor Commissioner Hoff, and it is probable that the Supreme court will be asked to construe the law.

Oregon Products Lauded.

Roseburg—"Oregon Products" was the topic discussed at the first annual "Made in Oregon" banquet held at the First Presbyterian church in Roseburg recently. The banquet was given by the ladies' auxiliary to the Roseburg Commercial club, and was attended by several hundred citizens. The menu was made up of Oregon products. Professor J. W. Groves, of the local public schools, acted as toastmaster, and many men and women of local prominence responded. Each speaker urged the use of Oregon-made goods.

Soldiers' Home Praised.

Salem—The Soldiers' Home at Roseburg is reported to be in excellent condition by M. S. Shrock, deputy dairy and food commissioner, who has just made an inspection of the institution. Mr. Shrock said: "I went out to the Soldiers' Home at Roseburg and inspected the kitchen, dining room and store rooms. It is the neatest place I have found by great odds. It scored 97.3 out of a possible 100. I think it might be well to say by way of comparison that all of the other eating houses which I have scored averaged about 65 to 66."

Incorporation Is Opposed.

Salem—About 20 farmers have employed legal counsel in this city to file suit to prevent the incorporation of West Woodburn. The farmers appealed to Governor West, declaring that the object of making a city out of the community is to enable two men to establish a saloon. Forty residents of the territory have signed a petition that the saloon be opened. The farmers oppose incorporation because much of their land would be in the city limits and they would have to pay city taxes.

Damage to Cherries Slight.

The Dalles—The heavy rains of last week slightly damaged some of the cherries in this vicinity, the fruit being cracked. The moisture which was experienced, however, amounting to about an inch, was of general benefit to all forms of vegetation, especially spring grain and potatoes, an advantage which more than counterbalanced the small damage to the cherries.

Umpqua Fishways Inspected.

Roseburg—R. E. Clanton, state game and fish warden, and F. J. Hughes, chairman of the state game and fish commission, inspected the fishways in the Umpqua river this week. An engineer has been employed by Mr. Clanton and the several dams in this vicinity will be provided with additional fish ladders.

"CATERPILLAR" IS AT WORK

Harney County Land to Be Turned By Big Machine.

Burns—What is considered by many as the most important event that has occurred in the development history of Harney county took place this week, when L. M. Baldwin and Fred Holloway arrived in Burns with their 60-horse power "caterpillar" engine and equipment of 12 gang plows of 14-inch cut each, harrows, seeding outfit and disc harrows, which go to make up the big land-opening plant which it is intended to be.

The advent of this \$10,000 bunch of farming machinery in one lot was considered of so much interest that several auto loads of Burns business people went out four miles and escorted them into the city. Upon the arrival of the cavalcade in the city, several cameras were directed on it, and a number of good pictures were taken.

The engine is a powerful puller, as there is no waste of energy. The endless chain or belt, which is fastened in sections so as to operate after the manner of a roller-top deck, runs on the ground, having corrugations that take hold wherever they touch, so there is no slipping or going backwards, and every ounce of power is utilized.

Behind the engine were fastened as trailers four heavy wide-tire wagons, loaded with plows and other machinery, tanks of distillate and everything necessary for the intended task of putting the prairies into cultivable shape, also camping and cooking materials, the four wagons carrying about 12 tons.

This entire outfit came from Bend, nearly 150 miles, on the power of the engine, in less than six days of travel, this being the longest trip ever made by a "caterpillar" on its own power. After furnishing food for much admiration and speculation to a large crowd of those who liked it and those who didn't, the "train" started for the scene of its first operations near the agricultural experiment station, where Messrs. Baldwin and Holloway have a large tract of land of their own, and the trip was made over some soft roads without difficulty, and in 36 hours after its arrival it was busy turning over the sod.

The 12 plows in the gang will turn over 14 feet every round, and by working double shifts, making about 16 hours per day, it is expected to plow 50 to 60 acres a day, and when all the paraphernalia is used this can be plowed, harrowed, seeded and disked at the same time. Beside plowing their own land, it is the intention of these gentlemen to break up land for the Oregon & Western Colonization company, for the Hanley company and for many others who will find this the cheapest way to get it done.

Bay City Has Sensation.

Bay City—Excitement runs high at present over the finding of what is supposed by some to be ambergris. Thursday some of the fishermen brought in a few pounds of the substance and showed it around town. At night men were seen coming home from all directions on the day, and as near as can be learned about 1000 pounds of the same substance has been cached awaiting a report from chemists on samples sent out.

From reports received in Bay City from other points on the Coast, both north and south, much of the stuff is being found, which creates the impression that it is not ambergris.

Road Right of Way Fixed.

Ashland—Fears that the new road over the Siskiyou will leave the ranchers in that vicinity off the right of way are groundless, inasmuch as there will not be any great change made. Out of Ashland the new road will leave the old one near Barron, in this county. At Steinman the new highway will cross the old one and keep to the east of the toll road until Hill, Cal., is reached. These changes are necessary in order to secure a reduced grade which will not exceed 6 per cent in favor of the new road.

Roseburg Road to Be Repaired.

Roseburg—After inspecting the Myrtle Point-Roseburg stage road, the county court decided to plank that portion of the highway extending from the summit of the mountain and down the canyon to the Coos county line. The work will be done by contract and will cost in the neighborhood of \$5000 a mile. When planked the road will be in shape for traffic during the winter as well as the summer months.

Estate Valuation Protested.

Salem—W. M. Gregory, attorney for the Mary Penney estate, protested to Treasurer Kay, against his action in increasing the valuation of the property from \$87,000 to \$300,000. The Olds, Wortman & King store, in Portland, is situated on a part of the property. The case will be heard in court early next week.

Big Sawmill Is Burned.

Hood River—Entailing a clear loss of slightly more than \$100,000 the big sawmill and 1,000,000 feet of lumber, of the Oregon Lumber company, were destroyed at Dee Saturday morning, the flames for several hours menacing the entire town. It is not known whether or not the company will rebuild.

FRUIT CROP PLANS ARE LAID

Refrigerator Service Head Prepares for Season's Traffic.

Portland—Plans for handling the fruit crop of the Northwest now are being made by the Pacific Fruit Express, the refrigerator service of the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific systems.

C. M. Sechrist, vice-president and general manager of the company, with headquarters at San Francisco, and J. W. McClymonds, Pacific Coast agent at San Francisco, were in Portland recently to prepare for the season's business in the Northwest.

"We figure that the fruit output of the Northwest will be equal to that of last year—about 10,000 cars," said Mr. Sechrist. "Some parts of the territory will have a lighter crop than last year, but the increased acreage will take care of that."

"In Southern Oregon we find that both the crop and the acreage will be greater than a year ago."

"We are building 3000 new refrigerator cars to handle fruit. This will give us approximately 13,000 cars for use on the lines that we serve. They will be distributed liberally over the Northwest."

"Arrangements have been made for improving our icing service throughout the Northwest. We will add to the capacity of our plants and make possible greater speed in icing cars in transit. I hope that we will be able to improve our service every year."

"California will ship its usual quota of deciduous fruits. The orange crop, however, will be short."

"Considering the Pacific Coast fruit situation as a whole, 1913 will be a good year, showing its usual increase and presenting even brighter future prospects than usual."

HOLMES TESTS ALASKA COAL

Director of Federal Bureau of Mines Goes to Alaska.

Washington, D. C.—Dr. Joseph A. Holmes, director of the Federal bureau of mines, left Wednesday for Seattle, Wash., to take personal charge of the expedition which is to sail from that city from Alaska to get 100 tons of coal from the Matanuska fields to be tested by the navy.

The trip will be made on the steamer Admiral Sampson with 30 men, horses and mining equipment under the direct charge of George W. Evans and John T. Ryan, mining engineers. Arriving at Knik, in the South Central part of Alaska, the party will proceed by pack train 60 miles to Chickaloon in the vicinity of the coal field. It is expected that the desired quantity of coal will be obtained by fall. It will be taken over the ice next winter to tidewater.

Eight hundred tons of coal taken from the Bering river coal field a year ago is now at Stillwater and will be taken from the Bering river within the next two months. This coal also will be tested on the Maryland.

NATION BUYING UP FORESTS

Reservation Commission Approves Ohio Watershed Purchases.

Washington, D. C.—The first forest upon the watershed of the Ohio river to be acquired for the government was approved for purchase by the National Forest Reservation commission. It is included in what is known as the Monongahela area, at the head of the Monongahela river, and embraces two tracts aggregating 20,567 acres, for which an average price of \$30.06 an acre is to be paid.

Four areas in all were approved, the total acreage being 113,909, the largest purchase ever passed upon by the commission at one time. Besides the Monongahela, the commission acted favorably upon the White Top area, 10,437 acres, located near the Junction of Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee, at an average price of \$5.18 an acre; the Natural Bridge area, near the famous Virginia natural bridge, 3420 acres, at \$6.64, and the Shenandoah area, 79,464 acres, at the extreme headwaters of the James and Shenandoah rivers, at \$3.01.

Postal Bonds Are Bought.

Washington, D. C.—A check for \$1,116,880 was transmitted to the treasurer of the United States by Postmaster General Burleson in payment for postal savings bonds to that amount which had been applied for by postal savings depositories in the various states. This is the fifth issue of postal savings bonds. The amount applied for at this time shows an increase of \$41,900 over the preceding issue made on January 10 last. Most of the bonds are desired as a permanent investment.

Idaho Grain Is Suffering.

Lewiston, Idaho—If there is not fair weather within the next few days serious damage to the grain crop in the Lewiston-Clarkston valley and surrounding grain belt will be felt. The local weather bureau says the heaviest ever recorded by his office. Already much of the grain in Asotin county, Washington, and some in Nez Perce county, Idaho, is beginning to show rust.

Dolphin Gets Off Reef Safely.

Seattle, Wash.—The steamship Dolphin, of the Alaska Steamship company, which went ashore near Alert Bay, B. C., Sunday morning, got off the reef with the aid of a tug and the Dolphin's main engine. She is now in Alert Bay and her pumps are able to keep the water in check. The passengers were transferred to the Canadian Pacific steamship Princess May and are on the way to Skagway.

ARMIES MEET AT GETTYSBURG

Civil War Veterans by Thousands Attend Reunion.

Hot Sun Causes Many to Fall—First Death on Field Due to Heat—Arrangements Perfect.

Gettysburg, Pa.—Gettysburg stepped 50 years backward Sunday into history and looked again on an army of blue and an army of gray, meeting at her doorstep. From early morning until long after sundown the veterans in blue and gray trooped into the little town which has slept peacefully among its hills since Lee and Meade turned their legions southward long ago.

More than 30 special trains came into the village during the day and thousands of veterans who tramped up from the Shenandoah on their former visit rode in comfort from Harrisburg, Baltimore and Washington. Instead of the roar of guns that greeted them in the other days they entered into the quiet Sunday calm of a country town. Only the flags flying from every window, the city of tents in the distance, and the crowds told that Gettysburg had come out of the usual into the extraordinary once more.

From the station of the two railroads that enter the village is a long mile to the camp of 5000 tents where the veterans are housed. Thousands shouldered suitcases and walked under a scorching, cloudless sky. Several succumbed before they found their tents. There was no complaining, however.

Every possible arrangement for the comfort of the united armies has been made. The camp of brown army tents is under the direction of officers of the regular army. The streets of Gettysburg are under the scrutiny of the Pennsylvania constabulary, and for the care of the sick the Red Cross has made extensive preparations.

The camp itself lies on ground that has been baked as hard as a brick and dried into dust by winds that sweep the hills, but its sanitation, its water supply, and its plan for the feeding of thousands of men, have been made with the utmost care.

Augustus D. Brown of Livermore Falls, Maine, was the first veteran to die on the field. He was taken suddenly ill and died just as the army surgeon reached him. The heat probably caused his death.

CUPID MAY YET BE DRIVEN

Compulsory Marriage, Drawing by Lot, Proposed in Trieste.

Trieste, Austria-Hungary.—There has been such a decline of recent years in the marriage rate of Trieste that one of the civic dignitaries suggests the institution of a system of compulsory matrimony. It is proposed that on a given date in each year all spinsters who have attained their 25th year and bachelors who have attained their 30th years should be required to present themselves before the syndic in whose jurisdiction they reside.

The names of those who on medical examination prove to be thoroughly sound would be sorted according to sex, placed in separate urns, and then drawn two at a time.

The couples whose names are drawn together would, at the conclusion of the draw, be united in marriage forthwith by the syndic.

Launch Goes to Rescue.

San Diego, Cal.—Colonel C. R. Rader's crack oceangoing launch Paxinosa sailed from here Tuesday for Esperanza, 40 miles south of Guaymas, Mexico, where 200 women and children are waiting transportation from the revolution-awful district. The Paxinosa will carry refugees from Esperanza to the mouth of the Colorado river, where they will take automobiles for Yuma. Captain J. N. Ross will be in command. The Paxinosa is one of the most famous oceangoing launches on the Coast.

Convicts Leave No Trace.

Leavenworth, Kan.—An all-day search for Richard Osborne and Walter Layman, convicts, who made a daring escape from the Federal prison early Monday developed no trace of the men. Both men have escaped from McNeil's Island, the government prison on the Pacific Coast. The two men were cellmates. They sawed the bars off their cell and off a door 10 feet away, leaving dummies reposing in their cots.

Oregon Pine Rounds Horn.

New York—The American steamship Santa Cruz, in from Seattle and Pacific and Atlantic ports en route, docked here Sunday, creating the impression that the Yankee merchant marine might be coming back on the installment plan. Captain Crossly said he had had a fine voyage and that finally he hoped to take his ship through the Panama canal pretty regularly to and from the Pacific Coast.

Jordan Begins Peace Tour.

New York—David Starr Jordan, accompanied by Mrs. Jordan and their son, Eric, left Monday afternoon on the Atlantic transport liner Minne-waska on his world tour in the interest of universal peace. Dr. Jordan, who is chancellor of Leland Stanford University, expects to be gone a year or more and will lecture in Europe, Asia and Australia.