

NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

Threatened damage by rust is making wheat higher in Chicago.

A second province of China is reported to have seceded and joined the rebels.

A savings bank system will be inaugurated in the Portland public schools.

Bulgaria will make no further resistance against the claims of Greeks and Servians.

Seattle Socialists sent a memorial to President Wilson denouncing Secretary of War Daniels.

Much opposition to the Wilson-Bryan policy towards Nicaragua has developed in Washington.

Scientists believe they have found the oldest church in America on a small island off the coast of Yucatan.

It is believed in Washington that matters between the Huerta government and the Mexican revolutionists will reach a crisis very soon.

Japan claims to be embarrassed by the friendly advances of Mexico, fearing acceptance of them might be misunderstood by the United States.

Secretary Bryan was obliged to cancel several of his speaking dates and return to Washington to confer with the President on the Mexican situation.

Turkey is hurrying troops to occupy territory left vacant by the misunderstandings between the Balkan allies, and hopes to regain much of her lost ground.

A young society girl of Oakland, Cal., is working as a miner to rediscover a rich gold strike which at one time belonged to her grandfather, who was killed by a fall of rock while working his claim.

Oregon National Guard regiments having headquarters in Portland have received large supplies of clothing for use only in tropical climates, and believe firmly that they will be ordered into service in Mexico before fall.

A diplomatic scandal is believed to be brewing over the Mexican situation.

Great Britain expects to begin no new battleships for the next two years.

The first car of new-crop barley was received at Portland from Chard, Garfield Co., Wash.

King Constantine of Greece declares the Bulgarians commit all manner of atrocities in war.

Government forest fire officials believe the losses from fires will be less in 1913 than for many years.

Women are losing interest in politics in Los Angeles, but are reported to be making excellent officials.

Two Oregon towns have voted to supply their school children with books free, under the new law of the state.

Governor Sulzer, of New York, is accused of using his veto power to coerce legislators to vote as he directed.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 86c; bluestem, 90c; red Russian, 84c; valley, 86c.

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

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

Barley—Feed, \$24.25 per ton; brewing, nominal; rolled, \$28.50@27.50.

Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, old, \$18, new, \$22 per ton; alfalfa, new, \$13.50.

Onions—Walla Walla, \$1.25 sack.

Vegetables—Beans, 40¢ per pound; cabbage, 1¢@2¢; cauliflower, \$2 per cask; corn, 30¢ per dozen; cucumbers, \$1.10@1.25 per box.

Potatoes—New, 75¢@1.25 hundred.

Green Fruit—Cherries, 4¢@12¢ pound; apricots, \$1.35@1.50 per box; cantaloupes, \$2.25@2.75 per crate; peaches, 40¢@75¢ per box; watermelons, \$2.50 per cwt.; plums, 75¢@1.25 per box; raspberries, \$1.60@1.20 per crate; loganberries, \$1.15@1.25 per crate; blackberries, \$1.35@2 per crate; pears, \$2.25 per box; black caps, \$1.20@1.50.

Poultry—Hens, 15¢@15½¢; springs, 20¢@21¢; turkeys, live, 18¢@20¢; dressed, choice, 24¢@25¢; ducks, 10¢@12¢; geese, young, 12¢.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, case count, 23¢@24¢ per dozen; candied, 26¢@28¢.

Butter—Oregon creamery butter cubes, 20¢ pound; butter fat, delivered, 30¢ pound.

Pork—Fancy, 12¢ pound.

Veal—Fancy, 15¢ pound.

Hops—1912 crop, 14¢@16½¢ pound; 1913 contracts, 15¢@15½¢.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 11¢@16¢; valley, 18¢@19¢; mohair, 1913 clip, 31¢ per pound.

Grain bags—Selling price, 10¢ Portland.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$7.75@8.50; good, \$7.25@7.75; medium, \$7@7.25; choice cows, \$6.50@7.40; 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, \$9@9.65; heavy, \$8@8.65.

Sheep—Wethers, \$3.25@4.20; ewes, \$3@3.75; lambs, \$5@6.

CONVICT HAS DEADLY DEVICE

Lights Lamp, Rings Bell, Explodes Dynamite at Distance.

Salt Lake City—In the presence of electrical experts, Federal officers and detectives here was demonstrated what was declared to be perhaps the most remarkable death-dealing machine invented in recent years. The invention is the work of W. L. Cummings, 23 years old, who confessed to Federal and municipal officers when he was arrested that he had threatened to use it to destroy Miss Dorothy Bamberger, wealthy society girl, unless she gave him \$100.

Electricians took the machine into a steel and concrete vault in an office building. Another part of the contrivance, on which was mounted a bell and an incandescent globe, was placed in a closed room across a hall. Then the electric current of the machine in the airtight vault was turned on. On the unattached box in the other room the bell rang and the lamp glowed brightly.

In his acknowledged letter to Miss Bamberger, Cummings sent a diagram of his invention, saying that he would place a suitcase of nitro-glycerine in her room and explode it from a distance.

The demonstration, say the electrical experts, proves that he could have accomplished this.

Cummings said the attachment could be installed in locomotive cabs, where it would give a positive signal if a train ran past a closed block signal. In war, he said, mines could be exploded without wire attachment.

BETTER JOB OFFERED BRYAN

Secretary Can Command \$24,000 a Year as Press Agent.

New York—Arch Selwyn, managing director of a theatrical company, has written Secretary Bryan:

"Sir—If the newspapers are correct in quoting you as saying that your salary as secretary of state is insufficient for your means, that you are therefore compelled to add to your income by 'outside work,' I beg leave to offer you a position that will pay you twice as much as the United States government pays and which will call for your individual attention. In other words, I offer you \$24,000 as chief publicity promoter of (naming his company).

"The position is one of importance, and like your present high office is of world-wide influence, for the play is about to be presented not only in the United States, but in every civilized center of the world. The position is one that will call for the highest quality of intellect and resourcefulness, the combination for which we are willing to pay a good living wage."

Whaling in Great Luxury.

San Francisco—The Adventure, \$50,000 auxiliary schooner yacht, has arrived in port here on her way from Boston to the Arctic to demonstrate whaling de luxe. Millionaires, scientists and sportsmen will make the party that will penetrate the frigid waters on the coast of Wrangell island, Point Barrow and beyond, in search of adventure, data, pictures and the elusive bowhead, least known of the whale kind.

The terrors of the "chuck" known to ordinary whaling expeditions will not haunt the board of this cruise, for a French chef will take care of the cuisine. Where the harpoon points seaward from the bow, several moving picture machines will attempt to catch whales, polar bears and seals. Because it is cold in Northern waters a heating plant is fitted up aboard, but because part of the voyage lies through the tropics, the yacht also carries a special refrigerating plant.

Chinese Revolt Growing.

Pekin—The Chinese government is still dispatching troops to subdue the revolutionary movement in the disaffected Southern provinces, but has not withdrawn any soldiers from Mongolia.

President Yuan Shi Kai is anxious to proceed south to lead his troops, but his associates have persuaded him to remain in Peking, for fear that he might be assassinated on the way to the scene of hostilities.

It now is generally believed that General Sun Yat Sen, former provisional president of the republic, who has taken sides with the Southerners and who is now at Nanking, and General Huang Sing, former generalissimo of the revolutionary army, never intended to support President Yuan Shi Kai permanently, but only to use him to bring the revolution to a successful end.

Men Go Up With Factory.

Winchester, Mass.—The factory of the New England Fireworks company went up in a puff of smoke, the result of an explosion late Saturday afternoon. Manager Ernest Borelli and three workmen disappeared with the factory. Borelli was thought to have been killed, as portions of his clothing, his eyeglass case and some coins were found near by. The searching party later on discovered him in a clump of bushes a mile from the scene of the explosion, unable to remember what had happened.

Stefansson's Ship Sails.

Nome, Alaska—The power vessel Alaska, the second ship of Vilhjalm Stefansson's Arctic expedition, sailed for Teller, Port Clarence, Monday, loaded to the guards with supplies. She is in command of Captain William O. Nahmens. She will anchor near the Karluk, the principal vessel of the expedition, and await the coming of Stefansson, who will leave for Teller in a third boat. A farewell dinner was given to Stefansson.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

BANK DEPOSITS ON INCREASE

All Financial Institutions of State Show Healthy Condition.

Salem—According to the statement issued by State Superintendent of Banks Wright for the condition of business at the close of business June 4, deposits in all banks of the state increased \$1,188,490.56 over June 14, 1912. All banks of the state show a healthy condition.

In state, savings, private and foreign banks there was a decrease in deposits of \$2,220,116.78. In national banks there was an increase of \$3,408,607.34. In the Portland banks there was a decrease of \$479,260.04. Loans and discounts increased during the period in all banks \$7,913,499.72. The increase in state, savings, private and foreign banks was \$1,227,878.38; national banks, \$6,685,621.34, and in the Portland banks \$3,684,914.34. Overdrafts in state, savings and private banks decreased \$47,722.46, and in National banks decreased \$27,127.87, and decreased in the Portland banks \$7,584.21. The total resources in all banks during the period increased \$7,348,402.55. The total liabilities for all banks increased \$7,348,402.55.

FINE EXHIBIT IS INDICATED

Arrangements for Coming State Fair Well Advanced.

Salem—Arrangements for the coming State fair are far enough advanced to indicate that the exhibition will be the finest ever held in Oregon. A large number of race horses are on the grounds and are being trained.

The Great Northern railway has offered a large silver cup as a trophy for the best individual agricultural exhibit and the Northern Pacific will donate a cup for the best sow and litter of pigs. Other railroads are expected to donate prizes. The half-mile race track will be completed this week. By far the finest floral display ever had at the fair grounds has been arranged and many of the beds have been planted. Walks are being laid out, buildings repaired and many other things incidental to holding the fair are being done. Secretary Meredith says the interest taken by the farmers and orchardists is much keener than it was last year.

FIRE-BLIGHT FIGHT NOW ON

Grand Ronde Valley Folk Plan Vigorous Pest Campaign.

La Grande—Sums of money sufficient to employ four or five fire-blight experts to come to the Grand Ronde valley and combat a prevailing blight plague and to teach orchardists here the proper manner to fight the pest were asked of the county court here this week, after a meeting of 100 prominent orchard men. County Judge Henry favors the plan.

Two of the apple associations, at the same meeting, decided to join the North Pacific agency.

Fire blight hit the orchards from various angles this year, and in some places has burned large holes through the center of fine orchards.

When it became known that blight was prevalent here, the orchard men organized a campaign of education in its prevention. This particular type of blight has been practically unknown here up to this year, and it is not known how it gained a foothold.

Experts were brought here to investigate, and Professor Jackson, pathologist at Oregon Agricultural college, has passed several days in La Grande diagnosing the conditions, and placed before the meeting the best methods to pursue in fighting it.

Mutual Subscribers Hit.

Aurora—The state railroad commission has granted the petition of the United Telephone company to discontinue its exchange here and the business has been turned over to the Aurora Mutual Telephone company. It developed at the hearing that mutual companies renting phones to non-members, must also charge their members the same rate. Some of the rural companies rent phones to non-members, but charge no rent for the phones of members, who are assessed annually to meet expenses. According to the commission this is illegal.

Irrigation Experiments On.

Ontario—R. J. Lyman, who is associated with the division of irrigation of the department of agriculture of the government, has been here several days making experiments to determine the efficiency and cost of water raised by pumps. While not complete as yet, enough information has been secured to find a wide range of efficiency in the plants in this section, it running the lowest where the pipes are crooked or badly jointed, and the highest where the pumps are direct-driven, rather than belt-driven.

Woman Is Own Stock Buyer.

Vale—Mrs. J. H. Rowley, of Westfall, has shipped in a carload of thoroughbred Jersey cows from the Bonney stock farm in the Tygh Valley, Wasco county. Mrs. Rowley visited Tygh Valley and selected the cows herself, paying \$200 per head for them. She will add these to her large herd of dairy cattle at her ranch near Westfall.

NEW CATALOGUE IS ISSUED

Interesting Data in Agricultural College 1913 Prospectus.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—A number of new courses in forestry and mining, as well as a reorganization of the work offered in animal husbandry, are announced in the new catalogue of the Oregon Agricultural college. The 428-page book also carries full information regarding the buildings, equipment and student enterprises, as well as the faculty directory and roster of students.

There are nine new courses offered by the school of forestry, all covering practical phases. These courses are outlined to cover existing lumbering conditions in the West.

In the department of animal husbandry two additions have been made to the faculty, and the work so apportioned that each instructor will specialize in a separate branch.

Last year's enrollment at the Oregon Agricultural college, as given by the new catalogue, was 2431 students. In the lists are found residents of 39 states and territories, as well as 62 whose homes are in Armenia, Canada, Hawaii, India, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, Poland and Russia.

On Tuesday, September 23, the fall recitations will begin. The Friday, Saturday and Monday immediately preceding are set apart for registration and entrance examinations.

ASTORIA IS WATCHING MILK

Short-Weight Butter Charge Made Against One Dealer.

Astoria—It is not improbable that there is to be a big milk shakeup in Astoria that will put a stop to some flagrant abuses that are said to have been going on among the dairies in Clatsop county, both as to adulteration of milk and the unsanitary condition of the stables.

For the past few days a special deputy in the office of the state dairy and food inspector has been in Astoria investigating several cases. He has obtained a confession from one dealer; has evidence against several others, and within a few days will lay the cases before the prosecuting attorney.

Short weight butter again has made its appearance in Astoria, and one meat dealer has been brought to task. The Astoria creameries are not under investigation, but the butter shipped here from other parts of the state has been found short weight. Charges of selling adulterated milk will be preferred against two dealers of Seaside.

Morrow Stock Is Prolific.

Ione—That Morrow county does not have to take a back seat among the stock and swine counties of Oregon has been proved by various ranchers in this vicinity. Milt Morgan, who lives just below town, has a sow that gave birth to a litter of 16 pigs this week, which totals 83 that she has raised in one year.

Mrs. A. Mason, who farms a creek ranch above town, has a cow that deserves a pension. In 1910 this cow raised twin calves, and in 1911 one more. In 1912 she again brought twins and each of her heifers raised a calf. This year the old cow and both the oldest heifers each raised one calf. Ten calves originating from one cow in four years' time is a record that is hard to beat.

Industrial Education Grows.

The current session of the Oregon Agricultural summer school at Corvallis emphasizes the remarkable growth made within the last decade by the industrial features of education. Ten years ago it would have seemed absurd for a teacher to study such things as bread-making, sewing, basket-weaving and similar useful arts, but at the present session, according to Professor E. D. Ressler, head of the industrial education department, practically every teacher is taking industrial courses, either in whole or in part.

Klamath Has Good Roads.

Klamath Falls—The roads to Crater Lake are now in fair condition and the summer travel has begun in earnest. The roads to Lakeview, Bonanza, and Merrill, are like boulevards and the road to Ager, Cal., is in good condition, so that automobiles have no trouble in traveling anywhere in the country.

The county court recently bought two steel bridges to replace the wooden structures at Keno, across the Klamath river, and near Klamath agency across Williamson river.

Poultry Farm Is Started.

Eugene—Entering the poultry industry on a large scale, M. J. Thompson and R. R. Bly are erecting pens to care for 6000 hens on a 30-acre farm near Eugene. Mr. Thompson, who has exhibited prize-winning stock at Northwest poultry shows for several years, will have the superintendency of the farm. It is intended to market the poultry and eggs in Eugene and Portland.

Orchardists Object to Rate.

Salem—Declaring that the Central Railway of Oregon charges an excessive rate for shipping fruit between Cove and Union, a number of orchardists of that territory have appealed to the State Railway commission for relief. The rate is 20 cents for 100 pounds and for common freight 8 cents.

I. W. Ws. WARMLY RECEIVED

Threat to "Fly Red Flag of Anarchy" Brings Arrests.

Portland, Or.—"We will fly the red flag of anarchy over the marble palace up there!" (meaning the new court house) shouted Tom Burns, an I. W. W. speaker, haranguing from a soapbox at Sixth and Washington streets shortly after 9:30 o'clock Wednesday night.

The next minute a deputy sheriff, under orders from Sheriff Tom Word, stepped forward and pulled Burns from the soap box.

"You are under arrest," said the deputy.

Almost on the instant Sixth street, filled with a crowd of several hundred persons, only a comparatively small percentage of whom were I. W. Ws, became a scene of the wildest disorder. As Burns was pulled down, Rudolph Schwab, another agitator, one of the leaders of the strike now in progress at the Oregon Packing plant in this city, jumped on the box.

At the same time Word and five other of his deputies jumped forward. They were reinforced by a dozen patrolmen, who had been posted on the outskirts of the crowd under strict orders from Mayor Albee to preserve order at the meeting. The raid that ensued was made as the result of concerted action planned by Sheriff Word and Mayor Albee. Both were present in the crowd.

One of Word's deputies dragged Schwab off the box, and as he did so the agitator's place was taken by Mrs. O'Connor, a full-blooded Cherokee Indian, one of the strikers at the Oregon Packing plant. She began to wave her arm wildly, but a deputy took her by the arm and pulled her off. Word's orders that the next person to try to speak from the box would be arrested had been shouted forth, but right after Mrs. O'Connor's arrest, I. D. Ransley, who had harangued from the box earlier in the evening, leaped to her place.

Then what had been an uproar became half a riot.

Ransley was arrested. Then speaker after speaker who tried to follow him on the box was seized and placed under arrest.

In quick succession six more speakers were hauled down by police and deputy sheriffs and bundled off to jail in the police patrol wagon.

Sheriff Word himself stopped the procession of speakers after ten had been arrested, by seizing the soap box.

There have been few occasions in Portland when speakers have gone so far in violence of language and incendiary and seditious talk as Burns did before the sheriff and police stepped in and broke up the meeting.

TO BRING COUNTER CHARGE

Complaints Against Men to Be Presented to Arbitrators.

New York—With the passage by congress of the Newlands bill to provide an arbitration medium for settling the wage differences between 45 Eastern railroads and their 80,000 conductors and trainmen, a new phase of the controversy developed through the announcement by the railroads that they would ask the board which considers the demands of the employees to take up also the grievances of the roads against the men.

Chairman Elisha Lee, of the conference committee of managers, said that the railroads would demand arbitration which would take into consideration all questions of difference between the employers and the employees. He alluded to the wording of the letter in which the conference committee agreed to arbitrate under the Newlands legislation. The roads were willing to submit to arbitration by a board, as provided in the Newlands bill, "all questions of rates of pay and working conditions."

"The language of our letter is clear," said Mr. Lee. "We feel that it is right to ask for arbitration which takes into consideration the grievances of the railroads as well as the grievances of the employees."

When Chairman Elisha Lee's statement in behalf of the roads was conveyed to A. B. Garretson and W. G. Lee, heads of the conductors' and trainmen's organizations, respectively, they would not comment on the matter, but said they might make a statement later.

S. P. Trainmen Vote on Strike.

San Francisco—Nearly 5000 employees of the Southern Pacific railroad on lines extending from Portland, Or., to El Paso, Tex., members of the Order of Railway Conductors and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, are voting on the question whether or not to strike, as the result of a deadlock between company officials and the employees' general committee over vital issues.

The ballots will be returned to San Francisco by July 27 and will be canvassed immediately.

Sharks Get Swimmer.

Los Angeles—Sharks are believed to have caused the death of A. R. Blower, of Los Angeles, who went fishing recently in Los Angeles harbor and fell overboard from a launch. He was a good swimmer and treaded water, laughing and joking while the launch was being put about to rescue him. Suddenly he went down and was not seen again.

Ex-Senator in Sing Sing.

Ossining, N. Y.—Stephen J. Stillwell, ex-state senator, arrived at Sing Sing prison Thursday afternoon to begin serving the sentence of four months to eight years' imprisonment imposed on him for soliciting a bribe in connection with legislation at Albany.

FIFTY PERISH IN FACTORY FIRE

Women and Girls Trapped By Rush of Flames.

Many Escape by Jumping—Injured Rushed to Hospitals—Bodies Burn in Ruins.

Binghamton, N. Y.—Fifty persons were killed, according to late estimates, and many injured, a dozen mortally, in a fire which swept the four-story factory building of the Binghamton Clothing company Wednesday afternoon. The victims chiefly were women and girls.

At midnight 26 bodies had been recovered. In the city hospital and in private institutions are 30 injured. Some two score persons are known to have escaped as by a miracle from the building, which burst into flames like a tinder box and became a roaring furnace almost immediately after the first alarm was sounded.

About 125 persons were in the factory when the fire broke out. Those unaccounted for or most of them are believed still to be in the red-hot ruins of the structure.

Around the scene of the fire district, the greatest the city has ever known, thousands watched the workers in the glare of big searchlights, many in the strong being restrained only by the closely drawn police lines from rushing into the ruins to seek the bodies of relatives or friends.

Water in many streams was poured into the fiery pit that a few hours before was the cellar of the burned establishment. As the coals were cooled slightly from time to time in a spot upon which the streams were centered, men went forward to dig as long as human endurance would allow them to work. Occasionally a body was found and taken quickly away. It will take at least two days, the authorities believe, before the cellar can be cleared, and the whole truth be known.

OPPOSE NEW POSTAGE RATES

Congress Questions Latest Move of Postmaster General.

Washington, D. C.—Concerted opposition has developed in congress to Postmaster General Burleson's order reducing parcel post rates and increasing the maximum size of packages to be handled in the service. The order was issued Saturday, to become effective August 15, and Wednesday the senate postoffice committee requested Mr. Burleson to appear before the committee with an explanation of the authority for his act.

This is the first step in what promises to be a bitter contest. When the postmaster general has been heard the committee is expected to undertake to have withdrawn before August 15 any authority he may claim congress has given him to change rates and sizes.

It was contended in the committee that the proposed changes would entail an enormous loss to the government. Apparently there was no pretense of opposition in the committee as to whether the postmaster general should change rates, Democrats and Republicans agreeing that only congress ought to have this power.

\$625,000,000 IS NOT SUFFICIENT

Irish Secretary Says \$300,000,000 More Needed for Land Purchase.

London—Three hundred million dollars in addition to the \$625,000,000 already expended was the estimate given by Augustine Birrell, chief secretary for Ireland, of the sum necessary to complete the operation of land purchase in Ireland in accordance with the provisions of the land purchase acts of 1903 and 1909. These acts make it compulsory for a landlord to permit his tenant to purchase the land he cultivates.

Of the \$300,000,000 Mr. Birrell said it would be necessary to borrow only \$120,000,000 through the public issue of land stock. The rest will be financed by the National debt commissioners under a new bill, which will give compulsory powers to the government to make the vendors receive half the purchase price in 3 per cent stock.

Gould Lines to Extend.

San Francisco—Branch lines will be constructed within six months in California and Idaho, say officials of the Western Pacific railway, following a tentative discussion by the new men at the head of the Gould line. C. L. Stone, general passenger traffic manager, said on behalf of President B. F. Bush: "The Western Pacific has succeeded in obtaining a large amount of money which will be spent immediately in the construction of feeders. Definite location of the lines has not yet been decided upon."

Lad of 17 Steals \$22,000.

Lake Charles, La.—Herschel Pierce, a 17-year-old express wagon driver, confessed that he stole \$22,000 in currency from a Wells-Fargo chest in a railroad station here, last November, according to the police. His arrest followed the apprehension of his uncle, A. E. Amy, on Saturday. The police said Pierce told them he had no assistance in planning or executing the robbery, and that voluntarily he divided the currency with his uncle.