

NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

Congress is ready to take final vote of the Underwood tariff bill.

Missouri Methodist ministers refuse to join the anti-smoking crusade.

Eight negro convicts were smothered to death in an airless cell in Richmond, Texas.

President Huerta fulfills his promise to aid Americans out of Mexico, by giving first-class passage.

Mrs. Russell Sage has distributed \$64,000 among institutions in Syracuse, N. Y., her girlhood home.

Loss of American life and property in Puerto Plata, caused the U. S. to send a cruiser to Santo Domingo.

Anti-Chinese demonstrations in Tokio are assuming serious proportions and the populace is calling loud for war.

U. S. Chemist, C. C. Moore, finds that Oregon's surplus potatoes could be manufactured into glucose starch or stock food.

William T. Jerome, prosecutor of Thaw, who was arrested in Coaticook, Que., for gambling, was promptly acquitted.

Mrs. Sadie Burton of Portland, Ore., was drowned when she plunged into the river to save her 5-year-old daughter. The child was saved by a workman.

A spelling-bee was broken up in Racine, Wis., when a swarm of honey bees, which had made its home in the school house during the summer vacation, began buzzing among the pupils.

Convicts in the Joliet, Ill., penitentiary, have started a movement for a national organization of paroled convicts, who would strive to hold paroled convicts to their parole promises.

Republicans won back lost ground in Maine when they elected John A. Peters to fill a vacancy in the Third congressional district by a plurality of 563. Wilson carried the same district last year by over 1,000.

Later estimates of the European hop crop are considerably reduced.

A small gasoline schooner was wrecked in Alaskan waters and five persons on board are believed to be lost.

The power boat Oregon Kid was swamped and sunk in 25 feet of water while far in the lead in a race at Buffalo, N. Y.

A plot has been discovered to overthrow the Nicaraguan government, and arms are being distributed to oppose the rebels.

Roosevelt advises ex-Governor Sulzer, of New York, to "explain fully."

Reports from the 259 state banks of Washington show an immense improvement over the corresponding period for 1912.

Ex-King Manuel, of Portugal, and Princess Augustina Victoria, of Germany, were married quietly at Sigmaringen, Germany.

Governor West, of Oregon, has commuted to life imprisonment the death sentence of Robert Morgan, who murdered his sweetheart.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 79¢ @ 80¢; stem, 85¢ @ 86¢; forty-fold, 80¢ @ 81¢; red Russian, 77¢ @ 78¢; valley, 80¢ @ 81¢.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$25.50 per ton. Corn—Whole, 33¢; cracked, 33¢ per ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$23.50 per ton; shorts, \$25.50 per ton; middlings, \$31 per ton.

Barley—Feed, \$24.50 per ton; brewing, \$26.50; rolled, \$27.25 per ton.

Hay—Fancy Idaho timothy, \$16 @ 17; fancy Eastern Oregon timothy, \$15 @ 16; timothy and clover, \$14 @ 15; timothy and alfalfa, \$13 @ 14; alfalfa, \$13; clover, \$8.50 @ 10; oat and vetch, \$10 @ 11; cheat, \$10 @ 11, Valley grain hay, \$10 @ 11.

Onions—Walla Walla, \$1.50 per sk. Vegetables—Beans, 3¢ @ 4¢ per pound; cabbage, 2¢ @ 2½¢ per pound; cauliflower, 2¢ per crate; corn, 10¢ @ 15¢ dozen; cucumbers, 20¢ @ 40¢ per box; eggplant, 5¢ @ 7¢ per pound; head lettuce, 35¢ @ 40¢ per dozen; peas, 5¢ @ 7¢ per pound; peppers, 6¢ @ 8¢ per pound; radishes, 10¢ @ 12¢ per dozen; tomatoes, 20¢ @ 25¢ per box; garlic, 10¢ per pound.

Potatoes—Oregon, \$1 @ 1.25 per hundred; sweet potatoes, \$2.25 per crate.

Green Fruit—Apples, 75¢ @ 82.25 per box; cantaloupes, \$1.25 @ 1.75 per crate; peaches, 40¢ @ 55¢ per box; watermelons, \$1.25 @ 1.50 per cwt.; plums 75¢ @ \$1 per box; pears, 50¢ @ \$1 per box; grapes, 75¢ @ \$1.15 per crate, 40¢ per basket; casabas, \$1.75 per dozen; nectarines, 75¢ @ \$1 per box.

Poultry—Hens, 16¢; Springs, 18¢; turkeys, live, 20¢ @ 22¢; dressed, choice, 25¢; ducks, 12¢ @ 14¢; geese, young 12¢ @ 13¢.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, case count, 27¢ @ 28¢ per dozen; fresh ranch, candied, 32¢ @ 33¢.

Cheese—Oregon triplets, 16½¢; Daisies, 17¢; Young Americas, 18¢.

Butter—Oregon creamy butter cubes, 34¢ per pound; butter fat, delivered, 34¢ per pound.

Pork—Fancy, 12¢ @ 12½¢ per pound. Veal—Fancy, 15½¢ @ 16¢ per pound.

Cattle—Prime steers, \$7.75 @ \$8.25; choice, \$7.50 @ 7.75; medium, \$7.25 @ 7.50; Prime cows, \$6.75 @ 7.00; choice, \$6.50 @ 6.75; medium \$6.25 @ 6.50; Heifers, \$6.25 @ 6.75; light calves, \$8.00 @ 9.00; heavy calves, \$6.75 @ 7.75; bulls, \$4.00 @ 5.50; stags, \$5.75 @ 6.25.

Hogs—Light, \$8.75 @ 9.00; heavy, \$7.50 @ 8.35.

Sheep—Wethers, \$3.30 @ 4.35; ewes, \$3.50 @ 4.00; lambs, \$4.00 @ 5.25.

HUERTA FULFILLS HIS PROMISE

Americans Aided to Leave By Assistance From Mexico

Vera Cruz.—When the steamer Tamaulipas sailed for New Orleans there was aboard a few Americans, part of whose passage has been paid by the Mexican government. If other Americans wishing to leave the country, whether destitute or not, apply to the local authorities they are promised first-class transportation to any American port to which they may wish to go.

There had been received at Vera Cruz no intimation that President Huerta expected to fulfill the offer made by the government to Americans last week, but instructions to port authorities followed a request telegraphed to Mexico City by a group of Americans who were dissatisfied with the accommodations Consul Canada was able to supply.

After a favorable answer had come from the capital, some of those who signed the petition refused to accept assistance on the grounds that as Americans they did not feel like accepting charity from the Mexican government.

The latest advices from the state department to Consul Canada are not regarded at the consulate as altering materially the previous instructions, and most of the transportation provided will continue to be second-class or steerage. The American consul has been the center of protests on the part of indignant refugees, who seem determined to leave the country at the expense of the United States, and first-class at that.

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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.

AUTOS SHOW IMMENSE GAIN

Motor Vehicle Registrations for August Are 508.

Salem.—The motor vehicle registrations made with Secretary of State Olcott during August were 508, as against 352 in August, 1912. The total fees from motor vehicles and chauffeur registrations from January 1 to date aggregate \$54,190, as against \$41,190.50 for the corresponding period last year. The total number of licenses issued to August 31, 1912, was 9706, while thus far during the present year they total 13,416, showing a gain in motor vehicle registrations during 1913 of approximately 37½ per cent.

Mr. Olcott stated that the total motor vehicle registrations for 1913 on the present basis will reach fully 14,000, and that the total fees for the year will be not less than \$56,000. This money, after deducting the expenses of administration, which will not exceed 20 per cent of the fees, will be distributed throughout the various counties this coming January, in proportion to the registrations from the counties. Multnomah county will receive the lion's share of the money, as more than 50 per cent of registrations are from that county.

TWO SAWMILLS WILL CLOSE

Dull Lumber Market Affects Business of Astoria Plants.

Astoria.—The dull condition of the lumber market is already having its effect on the mills in the Lower Columbia river district. The Crosssett Lumber company's plant at Wauna has closed indefinitely, and extensive improvements will be made. Much of the plant as originally built will be torn out and rearranged and new equipment will be installed so as practically to double the capacity.

There is also some talk of the company erecting another large mill adjoining the present plant to slab the logs, the timbers to be shipped via the Panama canal to the Atlantic coast, where they will be cut into lumber.

The Clatsop Mill company's plant in this city will be closed for about two weeks to make repairs. All the other local mills are to continue in operation, but in order to overcome the loss arising from the weak lumber market and the continued high price of logs, wages are to be reduced slightly. It is said this step will make the mills self-supporting.

Cadets Form New Rifle Club.

A rifle club in the military department of the Oregon Agricultural college will be organized this fall by Commandant P. J. Hennessey. The purpose of this new policy is to afford a means of practical training for the cadet corps and place them on a plane of proficiency in actual military service equal to that which they occupy in the inspector's reports of military evolutions and manual of arms. It is expected that such accuracy will develop in a rifle team of this regiment that they may be entered in competitive out-door and in-door shoots with like teams from similar institutions.

Arrangements have been made by Lieutenant Hennessey for the use of the Oregon National Guards range west of Corvallis. Not only the members of the cadet corps but the state and nation as well have always looked with favor upon those forms of military training that are absolutely necessary to efficient service in time of need.

When the regiment is reorganized Colonel Henry Odeen, of Portland, and Lieutenant Colonel R. M. Howard, of Corvallis, will be the student officers in charge.

Hood River Fruit Shipped.

Hood River.—Although he was unable to secure but 2 cents a pound for the fruit in the local market, D. P. Smith, who is a grower of small fruit on the West Side, has been shipping his plum crop to points in Wyoming, where he has received 10 cents a pound for his crop.

"The plums find a ready demand in the inter mountain district," says Mr. Smith. "My only trouble is in the deprivations of employees of the express companies. According to the reports that I have received from the merchants to whom I have shipped, not a single box of fruit has arrived unmolested."

Boy Kills Deer With ".22."

Albany.—Killing a deer with a .22-calibre rifle and short cartridges was the feat accomplished last week by 15-year-old Cecil Froman, son of Grant Froman, county recorder of Linn county. The boy was on an outing on the South Santiam river. He was going fishing down the river and took the little rifle along. As he approached the stream at the point he expected to fish, he saw a deer crossing the river and began to shoot, with the result that the buck fell dead. He fired four shots and three hit the animal.

Fruit Cooled Before Shipment.

Salem.—Government experts have started precooling experiments at the Fruit union in this city. A carload of prunes has been placed in the cooling room, and when they are thought to be the proper temperature they will be transferred to a refrigerator car, their destination being New York city, where an examination will be made by government representatives to determine the result of the experiment.

Walnut Crop is Large.

Los Angeles.—The largest yield known in recent years—four million pounds more than the average crop, almost two thousand tons greater than last year—is the season's output of walnuts in Southern California, now estimated at from 13,000 to 13,500 tons.

Girl Cuts Living Cost.

Ithaca, N. Y.—Miss Clara Loewis, of Tonawanda, Pa., who lived 20 weeks on \$10 last spring while a student in the Ithaca Conservatory of Music, has sent word to the faculty that she would be back here this fall and proposed to continue her way of living. In fact the young woman is hankering after a new record and says she will endeavor to cut the 50 cents a week margin by a few cents. Local tradesmen are praying that Miss Loewis doesn't start a "cutting-the-cost-of-living" fad among other students this fall.

Gerard Defers Worrying.

New York.—James W. Gerard has sailed on the Kron Prinzessin Cecilie to take up his duties as United States ambassador to Germany. When asked if he thought he could live on his \$17,000 salary, Ambassador Gerard, whose wife's father was Marcus Daly, the copper king, replied: "That is something I should worry about later on."

DALLAS HOP CROP IS UNHURT.

Picking Resumed After Few Days' Layoff On Account of Rain.

Dallas.—For the hopgrower in this section things do not look so gloomy as they looked the middle of the week. The sun is shining, and every indication points to a continuance of good weather throughout the rest of the picking season. The rain was of great benefit to the crop, and the delay in picking has done no damage. No fear is entertained of mold, and the lice are not bad. Every yard in this vicinity is picking. Pickers are more than plentiful, and many are unable to secure jobs.

It is not believed that the rain damaged the grain any. Most of the grain of the county has been harvested before this, but there is considerable that remains unthreshed, and some has not been cut yet. Farmers with grain to harvest are having threshers stopped to go into the hop fields.

The fruit of this section is in excellent condition, particularly the prune crop. Prune-growers are elated over the prospects of a bumper crop of exceptional quality, with good prices prevailing. The J. K. Armsby company is buying a great deal, and it is said that the price is ranging from 5½ to 6½ cents a pound. Dr. Mark Hayter, of Dallas, who owns a 35-acre tract of prunes, is much pleased with the prune outlook for this season.

CHILDREN SURE TO EXHIBIT

Superintendent Churchill Expects Greater Interest in Fairs.

Salem.—Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill is confident that the displays of the school children at the state fair this year will surpass those of previous years. There will be county and district exhibits and many individual displays.

Any child exhibiting in either the county or district classes is eligible for industrial fair prizes. Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction Carleton has been notified that Benton, Clackamas, Douglas, Jackson, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Polk, Yamhill and probably Tillamook counties will have county exhibits. He also has been notified that many other counties will have individual exhibits.

The state fair board has provided a building, 50 by 134 feet, for agricultural, manual training and domestic science displays, and a tent, 50 by 80 feet, for the poultry exhibits. McMinnville and Salem will have district exhibits.

VALE PROJECT IS NOW ASSURED

Financial Backing for Big Irrigation Scheme is Promised.

Vale.—Ten thousand acres more of fine bench land near Vale will be brought under irrigation through the completion of the Star Mountain project.

The Star Mountain reservoir is on Cottonwood creek, about 20 miles west of Vale, and the preliminary work of the engineers indicates that it will produce the cheapest water of any reservoir yet projected in Malheur county. Estimates are for water running from \$10 to \$25 an acre for a height of dam to cover 10,000 acres, and \$40 to \$60 an acre for a height to cover an additional 30,000 acres.

Wes Caviness has had the work in hand for the past two years, but has been unable so far to get the necessary capital interested in the enterprise. During the past few days, however, the Wells brothers, of the firm of Maney Brothers & company, contractors on the Bully creek and Jordan valley projects, have taken over the Star Mountain reservoir site and will push the work through to an early completion.

This assurance of the completion of the Star Mountain project will stimulate filings upon much of the lands recently opened for entry in the former petroleum reserve and the Harper reservoir reserve, since a large area of this land will be under the Star Mountain reservoir.

Sandy Fair is Arranged.

Sandy.—Arrangements have been completed for a district fair in this place under the auspices of Sandy Grange, October 3 and 4. The exhibits will be placed in Melning's hall. The fair will start on the morning of October 3 with a parade by the Sandy band, which will be followed by a baseball game, baby show and dance in Shelley's hall. Saturday at 10:30 there will be a literary programme. Later there will be horse races for cash prizes, closing with a dance at night. A long list of premiums is offered for exhibits for adults and juveniles.

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JAPAN WOULD WAR WITH CHINA

Government Formulating Terms to New Republic.

London.—A Tokio dispatch to the Mail says: "The government announces that it is formulating terms for presentation to China regarding the Nanking murders and insults offered to two Japanese military officers."

TARIFF MEASURE

PASSES SENATE

LaFollette and Poindexter Join