

NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

A house committee proposes to build mail cars for government use.

Party lines were entirely forgotten in a currency debate in the senate.

Mr. and Mrs. Sayre, the White House newlyweds, have arrived in London.

A terrific snow storm, accompanied by a 60-mile gale, swept the New England states.

The president of the Missouri Pacific says low rates threaten the solvency of the railroads.

Democratic leaders regard Wilson's nomination for president in the next campaign as certain.

It is claimed the Coast artillery is short of men necessary to properly man the fortifications.

Cincinnati was practically "dry" for several days, owing to the breaking of a 60-inch water main.

An international campaign to preserve the game birds and animals of the world has been started at Bern, Switzerland.

Portland, Or., gave a "municipal" band concert, charging 10 cents admission, and took in \$66. The expense was \$200.

A theatrical manager at Oregon City, Or., held a "fake" baby lottery, and the house could not hold the crowds who bought tickets.

Vilhjalmar's Stefansson's Arctic exploration vessel, the Karuk, is drifting helplessly in an ice pack somewhere in the Arctic, with 25 of the crew on board.

A terrific storm Nov. 30 dashed water against the lenses of the light on Tillamook Rock, off the Oregon coast, 132 feet above average high water, breaking one of the glasses.

Remnants of the Mexican federal garrison of Chihuahua together with many other rebel troops and officers and many civilians, have reached Ojinga, across the Rio Grande from Presidio, Tex., after a desperate march of 185 miles through a region parched by heat and devastated by the warring armies.

Dr. Anna Shaw has been re-elected head of the North American Woman Suffrage association.

Denver, Colo., is completely tied up by a heavy snowstorm and blizzard.

Mrs. Pankhurst arrived in England and was arrested on board the steamer before she could land.

Fruitgrowers of North Yakima, Wash., won about \$1000 in prizes at the Spokane Apple show.

A tremendous fall of snow extends over the entire Rocky Mountain section of the United States.

Civil and military authorities in Germany have a serious clash over a trifling matter in the town of Zabern.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 83c per bushel; bluestem, 93c@94c; 40-fold, 84c; red Russian, 81c; valley, 83c.

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Barley — Feed, \$24 @ 24.50 ton; brewing, \$25; rolled, \$26.

Millfeed — Bran, \$20.50@21 ton; shorts, \$22.50@23; middlings, \$29@30.

Hay—No. 1 Eastern Oregon timothy, \$16.50; mixed timothy, \$14; alfalfa, \$14; clover, \$9@10; valley grain hay, \$11@13.

Onions — Oregon, 2.50 sack; buying price, \$2.10 f. o. b. shipping points.

Vegetables—Cabbage, 1@1 1/2c pound; cauliflower, \$2.50 crate; cucumbers, 40@45 dozen; eggplant, 10@12c pound; head lettuce, \$2.25@2.50 crate; peppers, 5@7c pound; radishes, 10@12c; per pound; head lettuce, \$2.25 box; garlic, 12@15c per pound; sprouts, 11c; artichokes, \$1.50@1.75 dozen; squash, 1@1 1/2c pound; celery, \$3.50@4 per crate; beans, 8@10c pound; rhubarb, 3@4c pound; turnips, \$1.25 per sack; carrots, \$1.10; parsnips, \$1.25.

Green Fruits — Apples, 60c@62.25 box; pears, \$1@1.50; grapes, crates, \$1.50@1.75; cranberries, \$11 barrel.

Potatoes—Oregon, 80c@81 per hundred; buying price, 70c@80c at shipping points.

Poultry—Hens, 14@14 1/2c; springs, 13@14c; turkeys, live, 18c; dressed, choice, 23 @ 25c; ducks, 12 @ 15c; geese, 12@12 1/2c.

Eggs—Oregon fresh ranch, 40@41c dozen; storage, 29@34c.

Butter—Oregon creamery, prints, extras, 37@38c; cubes, extras, 34c; cubes, firsts, 32c.

Fork—Fancy, 10@10 1/2c pound.

Veal—Fancy, 14c pound.

Hops—1913 crop, prime and choice, 20@21c; 1912 crop, nominal.

Cattle — Prime steers, \$7.75@8; choice, \$7.50@7.75; medium, \$7@7.50; choice cows, \$6@6.50; medium, \$5.75 @6; heifers, \$6@6.75; light calves, \$5@5.75; heavy, \$6@7.75; bulls, \$5@6; stags, \$5.50@6.50.

Hogs — Light, \$7.25@8.10; heavy, 6.50@7.25.

Sheep—Wethers, \$4@5; ewes, \$3.25 @4; lambs, \$4@6.

San Francisco Chinese Uphold Rebel Cause

San Francisco—If the radical wing of the revolutionary party in China succeeds in its plans to start an uprising for the overthrow of President Yuan Shi Kai it will receive financial aid and moral support from the San Francisco Chinese, who filled the war chests that overthrew the Manchu dynasty.

Two thousand members of the Young China association, at a secret meeting in Chinatown, adopted resolutions endorsing the plans of the radical wing for immediate civil war. The San Francisco Chinese also cabled a promise to send their reserve fund when it should be needed.

News of the radicals' action spread like wildfire throughout the section. Coincident with the news of the Young China association's action has come the disclosure of a split in the revolutionary forces in China.

Officials of the Young China association, which financed and directed the war against the Manchus from this city, explained that the revolutionary party in China was divided into radicals and conservatives. The radicals favor immediate rebellion to overthrow President Yuan Shi Kai, whom they charge with seeking to set himself up as emperor. The radicals are directed by Dr. Sun Yat Sen, former provisional president of China, who, though in Kobe, is in complete touch with the situation.

City's Work Arranged to Benefit Workingmen

Portland—For the benefit of laborers and others unable to secure work during the winter months, the city commission has decided to change its heavy construction season in the water and sewer departments from Summer to the winter months. In accordance with the policy, as much of the sewer and water main laying will be put through between now and spring as possible, and work will be shut down during the summer, either partially or altogether.

The change in season has been brought about by labor conditions which members of the commission say are bad. Mayor Albee says there is not a day that he does not receive letters, telephone calls or personal calls from persons who cannot get work and have families to support.

Washington College Seeks New Smut-Defying Wheat

Walla Walla, Wash.—That the State college experiment station is trying to grow wheat which will resist smut, was told at the college extension school here. G. Schaefer said that the college has secured an Alaskan wheat which resists smut, but which has a low yield and milling quality. It has been crossed with Washington wheat of high yield and milling quality, and it is hoped the hybrid will have the good qualities of both.

L. C. Crow, of Pullman, president of the State Farmers' union, said the organization in five years had saved farmers over \$3,000,000, an average of \$1500 for the 2000 members. He said on wheat sales they had saved \$2,500,000, 3 cents each on sacks or \$750,000, and the warehouse charges have been reduced from 75 cents to 50 cents a ton.

Teamsters Resume Work.

Indianapolis—Two thousand union teamsters who have been on strike for a week will return to work, according to union officials. Several more team-owners signed union contracts within the past few days, it was reported at the labor temple.

No action was taken at the union meeting for a general settlement of the strike, and only employees of the team-owners who have signed agreements to pay the union scale and not discriminate against union men will be permitted to return to work.

Woman War Nurse Dies.

Santa Barbara, Cal.—Mrs. Mina Finger, said to have been the only woman in the United States entitled to a pension for personal services during the Mexican war, died here Saturday. She was 78 years old. Mrs. Finger ministered to the sick and injured during the Mexican war, in which her husband fought as a United States soldier. The government awarded a medal to Mrs. Finger in 1876.

Auto Judgment Is \$15,000.

Oakland, Cal.—The heaviest damage ever awarded as the result of an automobile accident in California was given to Mrs. Francesca Birglia by a jury in Judge Harris' department of the Alameda County Superior court. The verdict was \$15,000 in a suit for \$25,000 directed against Charles H. Spear, whose automobile ran down and killed Mrs. Birglia's husband.

Daniels Reports Saving.

Washington, D. C.—An additional saving on the purchase of material for the new battleship Pennsylvania was announced by Secretary Daniels in connection with the award of a contract for the purchase of four stern tub shafts, which has been placed with an independent Baltimore company. The bid was little over half of that of the lowest submitted by three great steel companies.

Income Tax to Be Collected.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary McAdoo says the income tax will be collected while suits are pending attacking its validity, and should the Supreme court decide against the law, the money will be returned.

Oregon's Corn Show Opens Visitors' Eyes

Pendleton—With 150 entries and more than 5000 ears of corn on exhibit, the Corn show opened in this city. There were exhibits from every county in Oregon penetrated by the O.-W. R. & N. company, under whose auspices the show was held.

C. L. Smith, agriculturist for the railroad, declares the corn on display compared favorably with any displayed at any show in the country, and says the exhibit demonstrates that there is no section of Oregon in which

corn cannot be satisfactorily grown. Some of the largest ears of corn ever exhibited in the United States were here from Baker county.

With most of the entries were reports of yields per acre and cost per bushel. On irrigated land the production runs as high as 85 bushels per acre, and on dry land from 25 to 45 bushels. The most successful yields are all from seed produced in Oregon. The universal experience is that seed imported from the East does not do well until acclimated.

Farmers in Convention Demand Square Deal

La Grande—Farmers from many parts of Oregon, Southern Idaho and Eastern Washington who are members of the National Educational and Co-operative Union of America convened in their fourth annual convention here. Former Mayor Hall welcomed the visitors and speeches in response were made. The session was featured by committee deliberations and speeches by a national officer.

In the evening the La Grande Commercial club was host at a reception, after which there was an address on "Marketing" by Professor McPherson, of Oregon Agricultural college.

Three hundred members were in attendance, with state officials from

three states.

Members of the union marched in a body to the meeting place headed by the La Grande band.

Arthur Swift, state president of the union and vice-president of the national organization, presided. Mr. Burkholder, of Coquille, in his address said: "The farmers' union will be felt as a great power in the commercial world as well as in the political world and will be recognized by the greatest politicians of the country."

President Crowe, of the Washington organization, spoke, and was followed by L. M. Rhodes, of Tennessee, who said that all the farmer wants is a square deal, and he will get it.

Oregon Boosters Make Big Showing at Chicago

Chicago—Oregon made good Saturday at the United States Land Show in the Coliseum in the prediction that it would show the Middle West the true meaning of the term "boosting." It was Oregon day at the exposition and if anyone doubted it that doubt was soon dispelled by the Amalgamated Association of Oregon Boosters, not incorporated.

Representatives of nine commercial clubs, development leagues and commissions and special commissioners appointed by Governor West united in celebrating the day.

All day long the aisle near the exhibit of the Oregon State Immigration commission was crowded with visitors. The Oregon boosters gave 14 illustrated lectures in the Great Northern railway lecture hall and the regular exhibition halls.

Two men who attracted considerable attention were William Hanley, the Harney county ranchman, and D. M. Lowe, special representative of the Ashland Commercial club, who has an exhibit of 314 products grown on his Rogue River Valley ranch. Colonel Hanley gave two lectures, interesting the visitors with personal stories of how homesteaders are "making good" in Oregon.

In the evening the Oregonians serenaded the different exhibits, accompanying from booth to booth the Rotary Quartet, of Chicago, singing Oregon songs. The Royal Rosarians and the Eugene Radiators, in uniform, accompanied the singers. D. M. Lowe, wearing overalls and carrying a little pig and a hoe, was also along. Sprigs of mistletoe and fir were distributed to the women and envelopes containing small grains to the men. All were treated to Hood River apple cider.

Rogue River Fish Pack Is Not Up to Average.

Wedderburn—The fishing season on Rogue River closed by law on November 20, but few fish were caught during the month. The fall run of fish did not come up to expectations nor that of former years when the late R. D. Hume operated the cannery here.

The Macleay Estate company put up nearly 6000 cases of canned salmon and 187 tierces of mild cured fish during the past season. The law opening Rogue river to commercial fishing went into effect June 4, this being the first commercial fishing done in Rogue river since it was closed in 1910. Under the new law, the season commences next year on April 15.

New Line May Be Delayed.

Eugene—Recent rains along the coast are causing concern to engineers in charge of the construction of the Willamette-Pacific railroad from Eugene to the Siuslaw, giving rise to the fear that it will be impossible to finish some of the concrete abutments before the rivers rise. Without all the abutments it will be impossible to finish track to the tidewater by the first of the year, as had been hoped for. A landslide at the western portal of the Noti tunnel makes necessary to send out a steamshovel.

Troutdale Gets Woman Mayor.

Troutdale—Oregon and the West won another woman mayor when Mrs. Clara Latourelle Larsson, daughter of the late Joseph Latourelle, one of the pioneers of Oregon, was elected head of the Troutdale city government with only five votes to spare. Her opponent was S. A. Edmondson.

Pendleton Gets Thanks.

Pendleton—Expressing her thanks for the Pendleton Indian bathrobe sent her as a wedding present, a letter was received by the Commercial club from Mrs. Francis B. Sayre. The wedding present was the gift of the association in behalf of the citizens of Pendleton.

Plans to Reorganize Agriculture Department

Washington, D. C.—Reorganization of the department of agriculture forces is foreshadowed in Secretary Houston's first annual report. A plan to be submitted to congress in the fiscal year estimates for 1916, proposes to carry out the work of the department in five or six main groups, such as research, state relations, rural organization, forest service, weather and regulation. Such a plan, Secretary Houston believes, will promote co-ordination.

Plans for redistributing the country for the enforcement of the pure food law are announced, and the secretary announces his intention to ask for authority to prepare amendments to the pure food law to improve the food supply, protect the public health and promote uniformity in food legislation.

Free distribution of seeds by members of congress should be discontinued, the secretary recommends. He would substitute a constructive work in distributing new seeds and plants.

Conditions vary widely in the United States, says the report, because farmers do not equally need better credit arrangements and all sections are not similarly circumstanced. The secretary believes there does not appear to be need for unique or special legislation or for legislation which shall aim to give the farmer credit on easier terms than other members of society. What is needed is the creation of conditions and machinery which will put him on credit foundations to secure money at the same rates as those which prevail for other classes and for other sections.

To gain information to enable the department to serve rural women better, the secretary has addressed letters of inquiry to the women of 55,000 selected farms, covering every county.

Analysis of the small part of the letters as yet digested shows that farm women desire assistance in all phases of home management, especially as to ways of obtaining running water, labor-saving arrangements and better hygienic and sanitary conditions. The overwork of women and children and difficulty of securing domestic help are mentioned by several of the writers. The department believes that intelligent help to women in matters of home management will contribute directly to the agricultural success of the farm. It proposes, therefore, to ask congress for means and authority to make more complete studies of domestic conditions on the farms.

Will Protect Foreigners in City of Mexico

Mexico City—Foreigners must not be interfered with if fighting occurs in the federal district. This indication is contained in the general army orders issued Monday. These orders specifically say that in the event of fighting the officers in command of the government troops must understand that the lives and property of all foreigners are to be respected; that no moneys or supplies are to be exacted from them and that they must be permitted to leave the scene of the fighting at any time.

The government has disregarded the warning of the Zapata forces that they would shoot any railway employes in case the operation of trains on the Cuernavaca line was attempted after December 1, and as a result a pitched battle has taken place between Cuernavaca and Iguala. Luis Valdez, a Mexican who was naturalized in Texas and is a member of the Order of Railway Conductors, who was in charge of the train, was shot and seriously wounded, while another conductor, a Mexican, also was wounded.

The Zapata forces had made arrangements to dynamite the train, but through miscalculation they fired on the train just before it reached the mine. The train stopped and a fight ensued in which several of the escorting soldiers were killed.

Stick to Farm Is Advice.

Washington, D. C.—"Stick to the farm and keep out of politics," was the admonition given to 1200 boy and girl congressmen from Ohio by Speaker Clark at a reception tendered the young farm experts here by the Ohio congressional delegation. Speaker Clark said legislators who amounted to anything in this country were either born or brought up in rural districts. Senator Pomerene said: "If I were a girl I would rather be able to bake a good loaf of bread than dance the tango."

Dispose of Dead Timber.

Spokane—Arrangements for disposing of the timber damaged in the 1910 forest fires in the Pacific Northwest are being made by the Federal government, according to Louis L. Sharp, chief of field division of the department of the interior, who was in Spokane recently. Mr. Sharp said that there are vast areas of such timber, which must be marketed at once to get anything out of it, and which if used now will have considerable commercial value.

'Diva's Plume Home-Made.

London—Among passengers taking the boat train at Euston to sail on the Mauretania for New York recently was Mme. Luisa Tetrazzini, the famous operatic star, who wore a hat which was apparently adorned with aigrettes of the most expensive variety, but turned out to be, on closer inspection, merely chicken feathers.

New Indian Tribes Found.

Philadelphia — Three tribes of Indians hitherto unknown, have been discovered by the University of Pennsylvania Amazon expedition in regions of Brazil never before penetrated by white men, according to a letter received at the university museum last Saturday from Dr. Farsbee, head of the expedition. The Indians call themselves Porocoto, Ajamaru, and Zapacua. Dr. Farsbee obtained vocabularies of their language. Archaeological specimens of rare interest also were found.

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ADVANCE LIMIT OF PARCEL POST

50-Pound Packages Carried in First Two Zones.

Weight Limit in Outer Zones Increased to 20 Pounds—Books May Go at Parcel Rates.

Washington, D. C. — Postmaster General Burleson's policy to increase the weight limit of parcel post packages in first and second zones from 20 to 50 pounds, to admit books to the parcel post and to reduce rates in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth zones, was approved by the Interstate commerce commission.

The maximum weight of parcels to all zones beyond the second was increased from 11 to 20 pounds.

The commission's "consent" to the proposed change was transmitted in three letters from Chairman Clark to Postmaster General Burleson. The approved changes in rates and weights, to be in effect January 1, 1914, are as follows:

To reduce the rates in the third zone from 7 cents for the first pound and 5 cents for each additional pound to 6 cents for the first pound and 2 cents for each additional pound.

To reduce rates for the fourth zone from 8 cents for the first pound and 6 cents for each additional pound, to 7 cents for the first pound and 4 cents for each additional pound.

To reduce the rates for the fifth zone from 9 cents for the first pound and 7 cents for each additional pound, to 8 cents for the first pound and 6 cents for each additional pound.

To reduce the rates for the sixth zone from 10 cents for the first pound and 9 cents for each additional pound, to 9 cents for the first pound and 8 cents for each additional pound.

"It seems obvious," says the commission, "that the service to the public will be promoted by these changes, provided the revenue from the service is not less than the cost thereof. Your experiences and statistics seem to show clearly that the revenue will not be less than the cost of the service."

Santo Domingo Affairs Cause Battleship Trip

Washington, D. C.—Reports recently emanating from official sources have said that the United States steamship Dolphin, which sailed Monday for Santo Domingo, is being sent there in connection with the "observation" of elections to be held in December, ostensibly for the purpose of insuring fairness in the elections. It is said on reliable authority, however, that the State department is confronted with a grave situation in the conduct of its affairs in Santo Domingo.

It is learned that certain funds of the Dominican government, held temporarily in the custody of an official appointed by the President of the United States, have been transferred from the Bank of St. Mitchells to the Banco Nacional without authority from Washington.

The American minister of Santo Domingo, James Mark Sullivan, wrote to the receiver general of customs, Walter Vick, authorizing him to make this transfer of funds. The owner of the Banco Nacional, N. M. Jarvis, was a friend of Mr. Sullivan's before his appointment as minister.

The power to grant such authority lies solely with the officials of the bureau of insular affairs of the War Department. It was said at the bureau of insular affairs that the transfer was not made on orders.

SCIENTIST HAS NEW THEORY AS TO ORIGIN OF LIFE

Berlin—Professor Branca, the famous paleontologist, has advanced what he terms a new theory of the origin of life. He does not accept the theory of spontaneous generation as a scientific solution nor the Biblical explanation which pre-supposes a miracle and is therefore unacceptable. His theory is that life is as old as the lifeless matter of which the stars and planets are composed. Life, he holds, has been "vaccinated" into the earth by life germs from other planets through meteorites.

The scientist maintains that this hypothesis is strongly supported by indications of the existence of life in all the planets.

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