

NEWS OF THE WEEK

General Resume of Important Events Throughout the World.

Mrs. Adlai E. Stevenson is dead.

A woman has landed a big political plum in the shape of the Denver land office.

Oscar Bider, a Swiss aviator, crossed the Alps Christmas day in an aeroplane.

It is said that 200,000 Bulgarians are starving, and deaths among them reach 50 a day.

President Wilson is settled in his mid-winter vacation home at Pass Christian, Miss.

A man 60 years old lost his way in a blizzard raging over Southern Illinois and was frozen to death.

An aeroplane to carry 20 passengers is being built in Russia. It has sleeping accommodations for passengers.

Many large cities are showing great activity in their efforts to obtain reserve banks under the new currency law.

State Senator Troy, of Chincum, Washington, made the governor a Christmas present of a fine thoroughbred Jersey cow.

Mexican federals are fortifying Ojinaga, across the Rio Grande from Presidio, Texas, and a fight to a finish is expected when the rebels attack the place.

The "Common Counsel Club," recently organized in Washington, D. C., is believed to have for its main object a second term for President Wilson.

The state forester of Washington will furnish fir tree seed to all farmers who will plant it on their waste land, hoping thereby to raise a perpetual supply of Christmas trees.

Judge Bingham, a justice of the peace at Oak Grove, Or., was arrested for wife-beating and placed in a cell alongside of a man whom the judge had sentenced for the same offense a few months before.

The Rockefeller family gave \$5 and \$10 gold pieces to all the telephone girls and railway employes in their home city of Tarrytown, New York, and turkeys and "trimmings" to the employes of their estates.

Madame Schumann-Heink, noted prima donna, has sued for divorce.

Snow is blocking trains in the Blue mountains of Eastern Oregon.

The 293d anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims was celebrated in the Old North Church, Boston.

President Huerta saved the London & Mexico bank of Mexico City from failure by calling a holiday.

The Northwestern Electric company began its service in Portland, Or., bringing the first genuine competition to the city in that line.

Refugees en route from the troubled zones of Mexico to the United States border are held up by Villa's forces and made to pay heavy tribute.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 85c; bluestem, 95@96c; forty-fold, 85@86c; red, Russian, 84c; valley, 85c.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$25.50 per ton.

Corn—Whole, \$36; cracked, \$37.

Barley—Feed, \$24 per ton; brewing, \$25; rolled, \$26.50@27.50.

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, \$12@13.

Onions—Oregon, \$2.75@3 per sack, buying price; \$2.50 f. o. b. shipping points.

Vegetables—Cabbage, 14@15c per pound; cauliflower, 75c@1.25 per dozen; eggplant, 10@12c per pound; peppers, 6@7c; head lettuce, \$2.25@2.50 per crate; garlic, 12@15c per pound; sprouts, 10c; artichokes, \$1.75 per dozen; squash, 14@15c; celery, \$3@3.50 per crate; turnips, \$1.25 per sack; carrots, \$1.10; parsnips, \$1.25; beets, \$1.25.

Green Fruit—Apples, 50c@52.50 per box; cranberries, \$11@11.50 per barrel; pears, \$1.25@1.75 per box.

Potatoes—Oregon, 80c@1 per hundred; buying price, 70@80c at shipping points.

Poultry—Hens, 14@15c; springs, 14@15c; turkeys, live, 20c; dressed, choice, 25@26c; ducks, 12@15c.

Eggs—Oregon fresh ranch, 39@42c per dozen; storage, 28@33c.

Butter—Creamery prints, extras, 34@35c per pound; cubes, 28@32c.

Pork—Fancy, 10c per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 14c per pound.

Hops—1913 crop, prime and choice, 20@21c; 1914 contracts, 18@18c.

Wool—Valley, 16@17c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 11@16c.

Mohair, 1913 clip, 26c.

Cattle—Prime steers, \$7.50@8.10; choice, \$7@7.50; medium, \$6.75@7; choice cows, \$6@6.50; medium, \$5.75@6; heifers, \$6@6.85; light calves, \$8@9; heavy, \$6@7.75; bulls, \$4@5.75; stags, \$6@6.50.

Hogs—Light, \$7.25@7.75; heavy, \$6.50@6.85.

Sheep—Wethers, \$4@5.50; ewes, \$3.50@4.35; lambs, \$5.50@6.50.

Pelts—Dry, 10c; spring lambs, 40@60c; shearings, 30@50c.

Cascara bark—Old and new, 5c.

National Conference for Betterment of Race

Battle Creek, Mich.—Hygienists, who are trying to improve living conditions to favor the individual, and eugenists, who propose to up-build the individual to withstand unfavorable living conditions, will merge theories and efforts to produce a better race of men. Leading authorities on eugenics and eugenics will take part in the National conference on race betterment to be held in Battle Creek, January 8-12, 1914.

Despite the broad scope of work undertaken by the conference, it is not expected that any quibbling reforms will be advocated, although radical recommendations are anticipated. Whatever reforms the conference hopes to enact will be effected through a gradual process of evolution, under the direction of a permanent National Race Institute to be founded during the forthcoming meeting.

The present tendency toward race deterioration will be given full consideration by the conference. The evidences of this tendency, such as the decreasing birth-rate, increasing insanity, the high infant mortality and mental inefficiency will be made subjects of general discussion with a view to suggesting methods of checking the downward trend of the race.

Various remedial agents, such as the sterilization of the criminal insane, health certificates as a condition precedent to marriage, better care for delinquent youth and more rational marriages will be discussed.

The conference will also establish general standards of physical and mental perfection, through experimental tests with several hundred children from the public schools.

Apple Growers to Save by Collective Purchasing

Spokane, Wash.—Based on reports of the 1913 experiences of fruit growers of the Spokane country, apple producers of the four Pacific northwestern states will save nearly \$100,000 by purchasing apple boxes co-operatively next year.

Orris Dorman, president of the Spokane Fruit Growers' company, a co-operative selling organization, states that his association last season purchased boxes for 8 1/2 cents a box, saving from 2 to 2 1/2 cents on each, or about 20 per cent.

With a good yield in 1914 the North Pacific Distributors, the co-operative marketing organization handling 60 per cent of the product of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, expects to ship about 8,000 cars, necessitating the purchase of about 5,000,000 boxes. If two cents per box is saved by co-operative buying the growers will have to pay \$100,000 less for boxes than if they purchased individually.

"We do not claim the makers charged too much for boxes before," states Mr. Dorman, "as under the methods of bad collections they were obliged to figure on a long wait for their pay and in some cases they were never paid. They have told us that they prefer selling to a well-financed organization, even if the price is 20 per cent lower than to an individual."

Women Jurors Smoked Into Signing Verdict

Seattle, Wash.—Four women jurors, who confessed in affidavits that they returned a verdict of guilty in the case of Theodore Pappas, accused of blackmailing Nick Pantages, brother of Alex Pantages, the vaudeville manager, when they believed him innocent, because one of their number was sick and wanted to go home, now say that they were "smoked out" by the men jurors.

"Because we stood out for acquittal," said one of the women, "the men got angry and one of them said, 'let's smoke them out,' and smoke us out they did. They all lighted either cigars or cigarettes and in that close jury room the smoke made us sick. So we signed the verdict."

When the women's affidavits were presented last Monday Judge J. T. Ronald refused to set aside the verdict on the ground that a juror cannot impeach his own verdict. The women now say they will swear to a statement that they were "smoked out."

Heart Sewed Up, Man Lives

New York—With six stitches taken in his heart Friday night, Vincenzo Lauro, victim of a stabbing affray, is expected to live. When taken to the Holy Family hospital in Brooklyn the surgeons decided that the operation was necessary. Because of the weakened condition of the patient, no anesthetic was given, but cocaine was used locally, the ribs above the heart were cut through and six stitches taken in the heart tissues. At last report the patient was improving so fast that the surgeons declared he would recover.

Siege of Tampico Lifted

Brownsville, Tex.—The attack on the Mexican gulf port of Tampico has been abandoned and the constitutionalist force which has been operating in the oil region near there will invest Monterey, capital of Nuevo Leon, about the first of the year. This was the official announcement Saturday from the Matamoros headquarters of the Constitutionalists.

Express Business

Hartford, Conn.—The effect of the operation of the parcel post is shown in the annual report of the Connecticut Public Utilities commission. Every express company reporting to the commission showed a falling off in receipts. In one instance the decrease in operating income was \$89,872.

College Short Course Will Interest Farmer

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—One of the principal features of the present revelation in agricultural industries is that of farm accounting. Progressive farmers have learned that it is impossible to stop the small leaks that rob the industry of much of its profits without first finding and locating the leak. There is no sure and exact way to do this aside from systematic farm accounting. Many farmers are aware of this fact but are not prepared by training or otherwise to practice a system of bookkeeping. They will be given an opportunity to learn the necessary steps in farm accounting at the winter short course of the Oregon Agricultural College, January 5 to 31.

The course in farm accounting given by the school of commerce during the short course will emphasize simplicity, accuracy and economy of labor. The accounts will include cost of production, investment and returns;

household and personal accounts; labor records; milk records; poultry records; the farm plot; office methods; and business organization.

The newer phases of rural economics, co-operative buying, producing and marketing on the farm, will receive special emphasis. Progress made in these subjects both in Europe and America will be explained in lectures and illustrated by lantern slides. Co-operative manufacturing will receive especial consideration in a manufacturers' convention to be held on January 14 and 15, to devise ways and means of locating factories for the care of surplus products and by-products in every community in Oregon.

In addition to this special work the practical phases of every large industrial operation in Oregon will be treated by college experts and their assistant instructors. Special railroad rates of one and one-third fare will be granted by all the principal Oregon roads.

Newberg Growers to Displace Middleman

Newberg—Inspired by an account given by Senator Paulhamus of what has been accomplished for the farmers of the Puyallup valley of Washington, 600 fruitgrowers gathered at the Newberg opera house and subscribed stock necessary to purchase a cannery and finance fruit-selling operations next season. Growers will market direct to the consumer.

An offer of Senator Paulhamus to market strawberries, gooseberries, peaches and loganberries through the

selling machinery which he has created through 12 years of operations at Puyallup was accepted.

The Puyallup-Summer association will be equally benefited through this arrangement for the reason that it markets only two classes of fruit, red raspberries and blackberries. When assorted car lots are ordered, Senator Paulhamus has found himself unable to accept the business, but through his connection with the association at Newberg it will now be possible to market the berry crop in any quantity.

Mills Are Big Help to District About Banks

Banks—This section of Washington county shows an increase in business activity. Banks are thriving in anticipation of early operation of a lumber mill here. The Eccles company forces for the mill are on the ground and part of the site is cleared. Work has started on the Buxton Lumber company's new sawmill.

A force of 20 men was put to work on the site, about a mile from Buxton. More than 50,000,000 feet of timber is standing in this vicinity and the capacity of the mill is scheduled at 75,000 feet daily. A flume will be constructed and a spur track about one-half a mile long will be laid.

A smaller mill, it is said, will be erected on the site of the Davies mill, two miles northwest of Banks. Three surveyors are on the ground, but refuse to divulge their plans.

Three families employed by the Eccles company are seeking houses in Banks. Two rooming houses are planned and one large boarding house is being fitted up near the station.

\$4286.46 Left in Treasury From 1913 State Fair

Salem—Frank Meredith, secretary of the State Fair board, announces that from the proceeds of the fair of 1913 all debts have been paid, and that there is a balance in the treasury of \$4286.46. All records for attendance were broken, which was largely due to the propitious weather fair week, and the exhibits were finer than usual. The balance is probably the largest in the history of the association, and with good weather next year there is every reason to believe that it will be augmented.

Mr. Meredith said that outstanding warrants aggregating \$3886.26, a loan of \$1000 and \$714.13 interest on indorsed warrants, totaling \$5600.99, had been paid. Arrangements already had been started for the 1914 fair, which will be on a larger scale than any heretofore held.

Accidents in State 338

Salem—Labor Commissioner Hoff reports that there were 338 accidents, 10 of which were fatal, to persons employed in Oregon industries in November. Sawmill workers head the list with 44 accidents, paper mills second with 38, and machine, foundry and boiler shops third with 37. Thirty-two persons were injured by railroad trains and 14 were injured while engaged in railroad construction.

Twenty-six loggers were injured, four of them fatally. Eleven persons engaged in construction work were hurt and one died.

Bridge Work Under Way

Eugene—The bridge-building equipment of Williard & McCreary was moved to the second Noti crossing last week, and erection of the only large bridge yet to be built east of Noti tunnel will be begun at once. Laying of track through the tunnel and down the Siuslaw watershed can now be begun. The first Noti crossing was completed this week, and while track was being laid for the mile between the two bridges across Noti, the contractors placed the steel for the first crossing over the Long Tom river.

December Strawberries Ripe

Newport—Peter Schirmer, the Burbank of Lincoln county, came into town Saturday with several crates of delicious strawberries. Mr. Schirmer grows strawberries outdoors every month in the year and by carefully crossing several varieties he has obtained one called the Schirmer strawberry, which will bear fruit in cold weather.

Probe Power Project for Five-Mile Rapids

The Dalles—The joint legislative commission which has been authorized to investigate the Dalles power project, as it is known officially, visited the scene of the proposed electrical power plant at Five-Mile rapids, on the Columbia river, making arrangements to have preliminary borings made for tests. The committee is composed of Senators Day, of Portland, and Smith, of Grants Pass; Representatives Forbes, of Bend, and Abbott, of Portland, and State Engineer Lewis, of Salem. Besides creating the commission, the last legislature appropriated \$15,000 for the use of the committee in its work of ascertaining whether the proposed project is feasible.

Secretary Lane, of the United States Interior department, is co-operating in the work, the government having also set aside \$15,000 for the investigation. The proposed development of electrical power on the Columbia, five miles above this city, by the state and Federal government, is arousing more interest among department officials at Washington than any other federal project, according to State Engineer Lewis, who recently conferred with officials at the national capital. It is estimated that the plant could be constructed within two years at a cost of approximately \$23,000,000.

Manager of Klamath Project Up and Doing

Klamath Falls—J. G. Camp, project manager for the reclamation service, has been visiting farmers all over the project. His last trip of inspection, made in an automobile, was along the shores of Tule lake, where the lake bed is being gradually uncovered by evaporation. The land belongs to the government, and it is his intention to recommend a system of leasing these lands to settlers until the unit is thrown open to homesteaders when completed.

He is now visiting certain sections where drainage is needed and some of the lands have become seeped or alkaline, and he will recommend that such lands be freed from charges until rendered fit for cultivation again.

Cinnabar Discovery Reported

Ashland—Discovery of cinnabar has been reported by C. B. Watson, of this city, in the Meadows mining district on Evans creek, 17 miles north of Gold Hill, in Jackson county. There are also indications of copper on the same claim. Mr. Watson discovered evidences of cinnabar in this locality last summer. He has brought a large amount of ore samples to Ashland for inspection, in addition to a number which have been forwarded direct to the smelting process.

Taxation Values Boom

Astoria—The segregation of the valuations of the holdings of public service corporations as fixed by the state tax board shows that \$411,041 of the total amount is taxable within the limits of the city of Astoria.

This makes the total of the assessable property in the city \$5,536,398, or about \$2,000,000 more than it was on last year's roll.

Oakland Ships 2000 Turkeys

Oakland—The Christmas shipment of turkeys sent out of Oakland numbered 2000 birds. This, added to the 10,000 shipped Thanksgiving, makes 12,000 raised this year in the vicinity of Oakland. The local price was 20 cents as against 22 cents paid for the Thanksgiving shipments.

Boy Corn Growers Get 232 Bushels An Acre

Washington, D. C.—The visit to Washington of a small army of boy and girl agricultural club winners, has opened the eyes of experts of the department of agriculture to what can be done in the way of increasing the yield of corn per acre.

The four prize winners and their corn records are: Walker Lee Dunson, of Alabama, 232.7 bushels on an acre at a cost of 19.9 cents per bushel; J. Ray Cameron, of North Carolina, 190.4 bushels at 33.29 cents; Edward J. Wellborn, of Georgia, 181.72 bushels at 30 cents; J. Jones Polk, of Mississippi, 214.9 bushels at 21.4 cents.

"Think what it would mean if every farmer could approximate the maximum yield of corn which your boy champion, Mr. Dunson, has secured," said Secretary Houston to the corn growers. "When you consider that, according to the experts, only about 12 per cent of the land is giving reasonably full returns, you can understand the tremendous value of the demonstrations you have made."

Railroads Assured of Consideration--Prouty

New York—Fair treatment of the railroads and decision of their applications for increased rates are assured, according to Charles A. Prouty, of the interstate commerce commission in a letter received here. Regarding his speech before the Lotus club, Mr. Prouty says:

"I have already resigned as a member of this commission, but you are correct in your prophecy that the railroads will be fairly treated. When they show that they are entitled to an advance in transportation charges, that advance will be granted, but the commission must have facts."

"It clearly appeared in the investigation I conducted into the affairs of the New Haven railroad that if that company had never spent a dollar outside of its legitimate railroad operation it could today easily pay a dividend of 8 per cent and carry a handsome profit."

Economy Campaign Is Urged

Washington, D. C.—Difficulties experienced by postal officials in teaching the people to "save and economize" are set forth by Third Assistant Postmaster General Dockery in his annual report made public Thursday. To minimize the problem Mr. Dockery recommends inauguration of a campaign of education by which the people might be brought into closer touch with the postal savings service.

A statement showing the growth of the postal savings system is contained in the report. At the close of the first six months of operation there were 11,918 depositors with \$677,145 placed to their credit. On June 30, 1913, at the close of two and a half years, there were 331,006 depositors with \$33,818,870 to their credit.

Leaps Through Train Window

Nebraska City, Neb.—Vincent Adams, a federal prisoner who escaped from the United States prison at Fort Leavenworth eight months ago and was recaptured a few days ago at Missouri Valley, Iowa, leaped through a train coach window and escaped Thursday afternoon. The train was going at the rate of 40 miles an hour. Adams was handcuffed and officers chased the fugitive through the snow nearly four miles, recapturing him. He was practically uninjured either by the broken glass or the fall from the train.

De La Barra Guest of Japan

Tokio—Senor De La Barra, Mexican minister to France, arrived here Wednesday. He was received as a national guest, with much honor. Ostensibly he came to thank the mikado for Japan's participation in Mexico's national exposition two years ago. Really, it was rumored, he sought a Mexican-Japanese alliance. This was denied at the foreign office, but no one believed the foreign office would admit it even were it true.

William Krause Released

Washington, D. C.—Word has reached the State department from the City of Mexico that, at the instance of Nelson O'Shaughnessy, the American charge, the federal government has ordered the unconditional release of William Krause, an American, who had become involved in some of the plotting incident to the present revolution. Krause is now with his family in the Mexican capital.

Brain Gone, Patient Lives

Paris—Before the Academy of Science, Dr. Robinson reported a case in which life was sustained when a great part of the brain had been destroyed. The case was that of a man 62 years old, treated for a year for an apparently slight wound of the occiput.

During this time the patient showed no signs of brain trouble, but the autopsy revealed the presence of an abscess which had reduced the brain tissue to a mere shell.

Volcano Kills Hundreds

Sydney, N. S. W.—Incoming steamships report that 500 natives died in the recent terrific volcanic outburst at Ambrin Island, New Hebrides.

Suffragists Open Headquarters

Washington, D. C.—Permanent suffragette headquarters have been opened in this city to keep the lawmakers reminded of the fight for equal rights.

Congressman Pepper Dead.

Clinton, Iowa—Congressman Pepper, of Iowa, died here early Thursday of typhoid fever.

STORM HITS COAST

Shipping Driven Ashore by Blizzard and Barge Crews Perish.

Summer Resorts Wrecked and Millions of Dollars Damage Done—Snow Breaks Record.

New York—Two men drowned in East River and ten men—the crews of two barges wrecked on the New Jersey coast, given up as lost—is the cost in human lives of the storm which swept over this city and this vicinity early Saturday.

At Seabright, N. J., a fashionable summer resort 30 miles south of here, most of the houses have been either wrecked or are under water. Several hotels and fine residences were among those undermined and badly damaged. Seventy families are homeless.

The damage done to property is estimated at \$1,000,000, most of it borne by Seabright and other points along the northern section of the New Jersey coast. Most of the damage was due to bulkheads giving way under the onslaught of waves lashed into fury by a gale which at one time reached a velocity of 90 miles an hour.

The two three-masted barges whose crews have been given up as lost were in tow of the seagoing tug Edgar F. Luckenbach. While the storm was at its worst the barges broke away and then drifted inshore midway between the lifesaving stations 15 and 16, six miles south of Seaside Park, N. J. Only the masts of one of the barges was visible next morning and on it was the form of a man. Both mast and man soon disappeared.

Much damage has been done to the pound net fishing along the New Jersey coast for some distance south from Sandy Hook. The estimated loss to the various plants is \$100,000. At Arverne the water swept in so far that cottages were flooded and the owners were forced to move out.

Bulkheads were smashed, tons of lumber were washed up on the beach and other damage was caused by the storm which raged around Atlantic City. The five miles of meadows between the city and the mainland resembled a turbulent sea.

A heavy snow fell in depths varying from five to 18 inches throughout this part of the state.

In this city about five inches fell, but the record mark was set in Whitehall and 14 inches fell in Glens Falls.

Government Will Test Medical Use of Radium

Denver—Through representatives here of the National Radium Institute it was learned that property has been purchased on which a laboratory will be constructed for research work under the direction of the United States bureau of mines.

It is said the results of the research work will be devoted entirely to the aid of scientists in determining the remedial and curative effects of radium on human ills.

Philadelphia—Carnotite, from which radium is produced, has been discovered along the base of Mount Pisgah, near Mauch Chunk, Pa., according to an article in the Public Ledger. Dr. Howard A. Kelly, of Johns Hopkins university, visited Mauch Chunk and examined the deposits. Dr. Wherry declared that the carnotite contains about 2 per cent uranium oxide. From a ton of this oxide 108 milligrams of radium can be produced.

Major General Reports Desertions on Increase

Chicago—The number of deserters in the second division of the United States army, including those apprehended and punished, is greater than the number of reservists in the division, according to the annual report of Major General William H. Carter. The report said that in one quarter there were only 257 men still available for the reserve, out of a total of 941 separated from the service in that period. Of the desertions Major General Carter wrote:

"These are unpalatable facts and are recited only that those engaged in the problems of creating a reserve may have the benefit of the experience of this division."

Gould and Sons Fight Fire

Lakewood, N. J.—George J. Gould, Kingdon Gould and George J. Gould, Jr., all recently elected members of the Lakewood fire department, responded to their first alarm Saturday when there was a small blaze at the Lillian Court hotel. The Goulds aided materially in subduing the flames. Mr. Gould and his sons hurried to the fire in an automobile. Kingdon manned the chemical hose, while Mr. Gould and George Gould, Jr. kept the lines clear. Lord Decies accompanied the three "recruits."

Aeroplane to Try Ocean Flight

St. Joseph, Mo.—William Bastar, of this city, announced Saturday that he and Jack Vilas, an aviator, would attempt a flight across the Atlantic ocean from New York City to Liverpool early next spring. Bastar is associated with Vilas in the building of an aeroplane, especially constructed for this flight. They will attempt to capture the \$50,000 offered by a London newspaper for the first successful flight across the Atlantic.