

NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

A Chicago detective was killed in a fight with a much-wanted auto bandit whom he had trapped.

Portland's city jail is so crowded there are not enough bunks, so the prisoners sleep by turns.

Inquiry into the alleged Telephone trust has been turned over to the Interstate Commerce commission.

Governor Blease, of South Carolina, will not permit the state militia to attend the inauguration of Wilson.

Heavy snows are again falling in the Cascade mountains and transcontinental roads fear another blockade.

A general reception will take the place of the inaugural ball when Woodrow Wilson takes office March 4.

Governor Wilson has introduced in the state legislature of New Jersey seven bills for the regulation of trusts.

Clothing makers at Rochester, N. Y., are on strike, claiming they were compelled to finish work left undone by the New York strikers.

Mrs. Edyth Ellerbeck Read, member of the Utah legislature, died from nervous prostration brought on by her strenuous campaign last fall.

Prof. Campbell, of Lick Observatory, California, announces that the North Star is three separate stars, revolving around a common center.

Nearly two-score new locomotives will be received by the O.-W. R. & N. company for distribution over the system before June 1, in accordance with a general order for 189 engines recently placed by the Harriman officials.

Joseph Tuffree, who would have been 103 years old in less than a month, is dead at his home in Marshalltown, Ia. Tuffree is said to have been the oldest member of the order of Elks in the world, having joined the organization on his 100th birthday anniversary.

A tepee 150 feet high, 50 feet in diameter at the base and 16 feet at the top, built of logs, will be the exhibit of Washington at the Panama-Pacific exposition, if a plan of Senator Bethel, of Lincoln county, is adopted.

Though blinded by an oil cup explosion while in the clouds over Hempstead Plains, N. Y., Miss Benetta A. Miller retained her nerve, guided her aeroplane to the ground, 1800 feet below, and alighted without injuring herself or the machine.

Thousands of Orangemen and Unionists held demonstrations in Belfast and burned a copy of the home rule bill.

The English house of commons passed the home rule bill and the house of lords passed it on first reading.

Because he married beneath his station, the Grand Duke Michael, of Russia, has been stripped of his rank by his brother, the czar, and all his property placed in the hands of a guardian.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 85¢ per bushel; Bluestem, 92¢; forty-fold, 86¢; red Russian, 83¢; valley, 86¢.

Barley—Feed, \$24 per ton; brewing, nominal; rolled, \$25.50@26.50.

Hay—Timothy, choice, \$16@17; mixed, Eastern Oregon timothy, \$12@15; oat and vetch, \$12; alfalfa, \$11.50; clover, \$10; straw, \$6@7.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$22 ton; shorts, \$24; middlings, \$30.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$26.50@27 ton.

Eggs—Fresh locals, candled, 29¢ 30¢ dozen.

Butter—Oregon creamery, cubes, 37¢ pound; Oregon, 38¢@39¢.

Poultry—Hens, 13¢@14¢; broilers, 13¢@14¢; turkeys, live, 20¢; dressed, choice, 25¢; ducks, 13¢@14¢; geese, 12¢.

Pork—Fancy, 10¢ pound.

Veal—Fancy, 14¢@14½¢ pound.

Hops—1912 crop, prime and choice, 19¢@20¢ pound; 1913, contracts, 15¢.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 14¢@18¢ pound; valley, 21¢@22¢; mohair, choice, 32¢.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$7.30@8; good, \$7@7.30; medium, \$6.50@7; choice cows, \$6.50@7; good, \$6@6.50; medium, \$5.50@6; choice calves, \$8@9; good heavy calves, \$6.50@7.50; bulls, \$3@5.50.

Hogs—Light, \$7.25@7.50; heavy, \$6@6.50.

Sheep—Yearling wethers, \$5@6.25; ewes, \$4@4.55; lambs, \$3@4.75.

Fresh Fruits—Apples, 50¢@15.0¢ per box; pears, \$1.50@2; grapes, Emperor, \$5 per barrel.

Potatoes—Jobbing prices: Burbanks, 50¢@60¢ per hundred; sweet potatoes, 8¢ per pound.

Vegetables—Artichokes, \$1.50 per dozen; cabbage, 1¢ per pound; cauliflower, \$2.75 per crate; celery, \$5.50 per crate; cucumbers, 75¢@82¢ per dozen; eggplant, 10¢ pound; head lettuce, \$2.50 per crate; peppers, 10¢ per pound; radishes, 35¢ per dozen; sprouts, 10¢ pound; tomatoes, \$2.25 per box; garlic, 5¢@6¢ pound; turnips, 75¢ per sack; carrots, 75¢; beets, 75¢; parsnips, 75¢.

Onions—Oregon, \$1 per sack.

INVENTS NEW "COLD LIGHT"

French Scientist May Revolutionize Electric Lighting.

Paris—M. Dussaud, a French scientist, who has discovered a means for the production of what he terms "cold light," has made public some details of his discovery, which it is thought may revolutionize electric lighting. He has constructed an electric lamp in which the light is concentrated on a single point and thence is projected through a lens, magnifying a thousand fold. Thus he has succeeded in concentrating a 2000-candle power light on one point, and in passing 32 volts into an eight-volt lamp, with which the ordinary light would burst.

Experiments with this lamp have established that the new light absolutely is without danger, as no heat is given off and it required 100 times less current than the ordinary lamp. It can be worked by a tiny battery or sufficient motive power can be obtained from a jet of water from an ordinary faucet or even a squirrel turning a cage. The light has been tried with great success in the Biarritz light house, and M. Dussaud is working on its application to searchlights for the ministry of war.

PARCEL POST CHICKEN ON ROAD TOO LONG

Portland—A chicken that had spoiled in transit arrived in Portland Wednesday by parcel post from an interior town in Nebraska. The package was properly wrapped, directed and had 34 cents in stamps attached, but the four or more days' travel in steam-heated postal cars had spoiled the pullet for eating purposes and it was delivered to the city garbage crematory in post haste. Of such disposition of parcel post matter no record is kept, as the sender transmits, the package at his own risk and the postoffice authorities are expected to use only the same care as is given other classes of mail matter.

"FREE MEAT" IS PROPOSED

Measure Blocked by Taft Veto Will Come Up Again.

Washington, D. C.—"Free meat," proposed by the house Democrats at the last session of congress but blocked by a presidential veto, was indicated as part of the extra session of congress' tariff revision program at the hearing before the house committee on ways and means.

Members of the committee emphasized the majority sentiment in favor of free meats and a strong trend toward free cattle in accord with the general policy of Democrats last year to transfer the necessities of life, including sugar and lumber, to the free list.

Protest against putting cattle and meats on the free list was made by S. H. Cowan, of Fort Worth, Tex., as spokesman for the cattle industry west of the Mississippi river. Mr. Cowan said that such a plan, if adopted, would mean a flood of cheaper meats from the South American ranges, and pictured a ruin of the industry in Texas.

ICE FLOE FRIGHTENS INDIANS

Colorado River Jammed So That Work Is Suspended.

Los Angeles—Work on the big government dike near Fort Mohave has been practically suspended, according to official reports, because the Indian laborers employed on the project decline to risk their frail boats among the ice floes that are rushing down the Colorado river. These Indians are adepts at shooting the rapids, which abound in the big stream, but the ice has so filled the river that they fear to trust themselves to the turbulent currents. This is the first time that ice in such quantities has ever been seen on the Colorado river in this latitude.

Chinese Loans Faltering

New York—American members of the Chinese six-power loan syndicate were unable to confirm Pekin cables saying negotiations with the Chinese government have been abandoned because of the European money stringency. Private advices from various continental sources, however, were generally to that effect. It was said in reliable quarters that the French bankers in the syndicate were among the first to withdraw, basing their action on the uncertain financial conditions arising from the Balkan trouble.

City Chauffeurs Wanted.

San Francisco—Municipal chauffeurs, 20 of them, at \$140 a month each, is the proposal submitted to the Board of Supervisors by the Civil Service and Fire commissioners. The commissioners recommended that the chauffeurs be employed as experts for one year to teach firemen how to drive and care for the motor-driven fire apparatus. The fire department recently resolved never to buy another horse-drawn engine.

Taft to Allow Hearing.

Washington, D. C.—Before deciding how he will act upon the immigration bill pending in congress, President Taft will give a hearing to some prominent Jews opposing its passage. The president has not made up his mind as to the merits of this measure. He is anxious that opportunity for a hearing be given to all and as soon as the bill is sent to him he will arrange for a hearing in the White House.

DOINGS OF OREGON'S LEGISLATURE

A Brief Resume of Proceedings of the People's Representatives at the State Capital, Bills Introduced, Passed, Rejected, Etc.

LANE IS ELECTED SENATOR

Stand-Patters, Bull Moosers, Progressives and Democrats Unite.

Salem—Scarcely a ripple of excitement was attendant upon the election by the state legislature of Dr. Harry Lane, of Portland, as the junior United States senator from Oregon. Standpatter, Bull Moosers, Progressives, Democrats and anti-statement No. 1 senators practically united on the Democratic candidate with the exception of three members. Scarcely more than the usual crowd was in the visitors' seats behind the rails.

Two in the senate and one in the house declared their opposition to Lane, and Ben Selling, of Portland, was accorded three complimentary votes.

Senators Bean and Calkins, both of whom did not take Statement No. 1, voted for Ben Selling, as did Representative Meek, who also did not take Statement No. 1. Representative Beland, who did not take the statement, explained his vote and cast it for Harry Lane.

BIG PLUMS FOR MULTNOMAH

Democrats Get Chairmanships on Five Important Committees.

State Capitol, Salem—James D. Abbott, of Multnomah, is chairman of the ways and means committee of the house of representatives. Multnomah county also drew another important assignment in the appointment of J. T. Latourette to the chairmanship of the judiciary committee.

Westerlund, of Jackson, one of the leading orchardists of the Rogue River valley, is chairman of the committee on horticulture. Reams, of Jackson, is chairman of the committee on railroads. The chairmanship of the committee on printing, likely to be important by reason of the proposal to repeal the law placing the printer on a flat salary, passed in 1911, went to Eaton of Lane.

Speaker McArthur gave the important chairmanships of expositions and fairs, judiciary, labor industries, resolutions and ways and means to Multnomah county. Multnomah gets 12 chairmanships out of the 41.

The important chairmanships going to outside counties are: Assessment and taxation, banking, education, fisheries, game, insurance, irrigation, railroads, revision of laws and roads and highways.

Democrats were given chairmanships on the committees on agriculture, forestry and conservation, game and railroads. All other chairmanships go to the Republicans. No member has more than one chairmanship nor more than four committee places.

FIGHT OVER VETOED BILLS

Measures Killed in 1911 Come Up for Reconsideration.

State Capitol, Salem—War to the finish will be declared between conflicting factions of the state senate when the governor's vetoed bills come up for final disposition, and determination will be reached as to whether Governor West or Treasurer Kay will have a dominating influence in that body.

When the judiciary committee met for a final consideration of vetoed senate bills the two that affect the administration vitally were given long consideration. These are bills which were introduced in 1911 by Wood, of Washington. One provides that it shall be unlawful for any official, trustee, manager, director or superintendent or board of commissioners of any public institution to create a deficiency.

In event of a deficiency where the life of the institution is imperiled a board of emergency including the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer, with the speaker of the house, president of the senate and the chairmen of the two ways and means committees, may meet and cover such an emergency. Any other means of covering an institutional deficiency carries a heavy penalty under the bill. The other Wood bill prevents the secretary of state from auditing a claim for which there is no appropriation.

West is opposed to these two bills. Kay is heartily in favor of them, according to numerous statements made in the judiciary committee meeting.

Change in Registration Act.

State Capitol, Salem—To provide that when an elector has once registered in a precinct, he need not register again until he changes his residence is the main object of a bill which was introduced in the senate by Carson, of Marion. The bill also provides that all who did not register in 1912 must register with a notary public, justice of the peace or county clerk. In addition to these provisions the bill also prohibits anyone from voting in the state unless he is registered, as in the act provided.

Requires Physical Examination.

State Capitol, Salem—No marriage license will be issued in the state unless the application is accompanied by a certificate from a practicing physician that the male party to the marriage has been examined by such physician at least 12 hours prior to the ceremony and that he is physically fit to enter into such marriage contract, should a bill introduced by Senator Dimick become a law.

APPROPRIATION BILLS BIG

\$1,078,700 Asked for, With Several Millions More Coming.

Salem—Appropriation bills making demands on the state treasury to the extent of \$1,078,700 have been introduced in the Oregon legislature during the first week of the session. This is a double record breaker, as it is the first time that appropriation bills have ever been introduced during the first week.

This does not include the big appropriation bills which are to come and which will probably carry about \$4,500,000, or perhaps more. Should this pace be kept up for two or three weeks there is a possibility of the appropriation bills running riot, but many of the bills that have been introduced will be badly slaughtered or the appropriations which they carry will be sliced with no gentle hand.

The actual total of the appropriations which are included in the bills so far introduced is \$1,578,700, but two of the bills are duplicates, each carrying an appropriation of \$500,000 for the Panama-Pacific exposition.

It seems to be a pretty well settled fact that this appropriation will not get past the \$250,000 mark at the outside, although some of the members are boosting for \$300,000. A great number of them have settled on \$200,000 as the proper figure, while others are even anxious to go lower than that.

The appropriation of \$15,000 for the biennial period, which has been introduced in connection with McArthur's bill establishing a state board of control, is really a substitute appropriation for a similar amount which is carried in the State Purchasing board appropriation bill, which was passed two years ago. In event the McArthur bill goes through, it will virtually do away with the State Purchasing board by placing the duties of that board with the state board of control.

A few of the bills have been introduced for agricultural experiment stations. One of these is for Coos county, while another bill makes provision for an agricultural test farm also in Coos county. Further requests are made for an experiment station in Clatsop county and an experiment station in Malheur county.

The appropriation of \$3000 a year which is carried for the salary of the governor's secretary is practically a duplicate of the present cost to the state for that office. Now he acts as clerk of several boards of the various institutions. In event the Board of Control bill goes through these duties would be taken from him and his salary dropped to \$1200 a year, the object of the bill being to keep his salary at the present mark.

The appropriation of \$50,000 carried in the public levee bill, according to the plan stated by the introducers of the bill, will not come as a dead loss to the state. The introducers state that the \$50,000 is inserted in the bill to provide for reimbursing the railroad company in event it is determined that the Southern Pacific has any vested rights in the levee property on which is located the West Side station.

Several \$50,000 appropriations are included in the list of bills which have been introduced. Among these are included an appropriation for the State Bureau of Mines, one for the establishment of a state reformatory at Salem; another for investigation of the water resources of the state, another for an industrial accident commission, and another to reimburse certain Indian War veterans.

These are by no means the last of the bills to come which will carry appropriations in addition to the appropriations of magnitude which will be included in the institutional bills by the ways and means committee.

The State Board of Agriculture contemplates introducing a bill providing for \$100,000 for the construction of a pavilion at the State Fair grounds, as well as asking for the usual appropriation for premiums and some money to pay for State Fair deficiencies.

In addition numerous other appropriation requests will be thrown into the jackpot during the next week or so.

To Protect Wage Workers.

Salem—Drastic provisions are contained in a bill which will be introduced by Senator J. C. Smith, of Josephine, early in the next week of the session. The bill makes provision that all corporations, firms or individuals employing working men or working women at a regular salary or rate of wages, or purchases supplies for the maintenance of the business, shall before entering into such employment or making such purchase maintain a cash reserve to meet all accounts for wages or supplies.

Initiative Draws Fire.

Salem—The initiative and referendum and the corrupt practices act are being made in prospect the subject of numerous mandatory acts at the present session of the legislature, but according to indications the majority of the amendments to these acts which have already been proposed will meet with scant favor from the committees to which they have been referred.

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