

NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

The New York legislature has defeated the state-wide direct primary bill.

Speakers at the International Peace congress declared against disarmament.

An expedition has gone to the Antarctic to recover the bodies of Captain Scott and his companions.

The art collections of the late J. P. Morgan were insured for \$23,000,000, the premium being \$102,800.

The chief clerk in the auditor's office at Los Angeles has been arrested, charged with embezzling \$60,000 in six years.

All the arguments presented by Western senators fail to shake President Wilson's views on free wool, sugar, lumber, etc.

J. C. LaFrance, arrested at Coquille, Or., for insurance swindles, laughed when he told of the tactics of detectives who shadowed him.

An African expedition has gone to the South seas to recover \$2,500,000 in gold lost on a reef by agents of "Oom Paul" Kruger during the Boer war.

Mercedes Madero, sister of the slain president of Mexico, was married in New York to Antonio Canalezo, a member of the Madero congress from Lower California.

President Wilson made strong speeches in New Jersey in favor of cleaner politics, declaring that while the case in hand was local, it was for the good of the entire nation.

The entire fire fighting force of Salt Lake City have resigned, owing to a dispute over wages. Employees of other departments are preparing to take the same action unless their demands for increased wages are granted.

Effective July 1, a reduction of 50 per cent in the rates for commercial messages not exceeding 10 words to all points in Alaska will be made by the United States signal corps operating the military cable between Seattle and Alaska.

Action of the Balkan allies and the forces defending Scutari puzzles all Europe.

Two parties of Japanese have gone to Sacramento to keep watch of anti-alien legislation.

The Nicaraguan government is constructing heavy fortifications about the city of Managua.

China's cabinet officers and the senate drift farther apart than ever over the question of a big national loan.

Governor Hatfield, of West Virginia, visited the scene of the miners' strike and advised the men to return to work.

Two British officers will accompany about thirty American officers on a 50-day ride over the battlefields of the Civil war.

Doubt is expressed whether the necessary number of acceptable recruits can be found in Germany to supply the proposed military increase.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 87c; 88c per bushel; bluestem, 98c/99c; red Russian, 85c; valley, 88c.

Oats—No. 1 white, 28.50c/29 per ton; valley, 28.50c/29.

Corn—Whole, 32c; cracked, 32.8c; millstuffs—Bran, 23c per ton; shorts, 25c; middlings, 30c.

Barley—Feed, 24.50c/25 per ton; brewing, nominal; rolled, 25.50c/26.50.

Hay—Eastern Oregon, timothy, choice, 16c/17 per ton; alfalfa, 12c/13; clover, 9c; straw, 7c/8c.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 75c per dozen; asparagus, Oregon, 1.25c; cabbage, 14c/15c; cauliflower, 35c/40c; celery, 14c per crate; house lettuce, 30c/35c; peppers, 35c/40c; per pound; radishes, 10c/12c per dozen; rhubarb, 2c/3c per pound; spinach, 75c per box; garlic, 5c/6c per pound; turnips, 85c per sack; parsnips, 85c; carrots, 85c.

Onions—Oregon, 75c/90c per sack; Bermuda, 2.25c per crate.

Potatoes—Burbanks, 40c/50c per hundred; Florida new, 5c/6c per pound; sweets, 4c.

Apples—30c/41.50 per box.

Strawberries—Florin, 33c/3.50 per crate.

Poultry—Hens, 17c/18c per pound; broilers, 35c; turkeys, live, 20c; dressed, choice, 25c; ducks, 18c/20c; geese, 12c/13c.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, 20c per dozen.

Butter—City creamery, cubes, 28c per pound; prints, 29c/29.5c.

Pork—Fancy, 11c/12c per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 14c/14.5c per pound.

Hops—1912 crop, 10c/15c per pound.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 14c/17c per pound; valley, 14c/18c.

Cattle—Choice steers, 7.75c/8.25c; good, 7.50c/7.75c; medium, 7.30c/7.50c; choice cows, 6.75c/7.35c; good, 6.50c/6.75c; medium, 6.30c/6.50c; choice calves, 8.80c; good heavy calves, 8.50c/8.75c; bulls, 5.85c/6.25c.

Hogs—Light, 8.75c/9c; heavy, 8.75c/9c.

Sheep—Yearling wethers, 6.25c/7.25c; ewes, 4.75c/6.25c; lambs, 8c/8.5c.

FEWER VARIETIES OF APPLES

West is Urged to Ship Only Two or Three Kinds.

Chicago—It is plain that the past year's experience has brought the Northwestern apple grower face to face with a crisis. How serious it may be no one can say definitely.

According to the report of the International Apple Shippers' association, the apples in cold storage in the United States on January 1, 1913, amounted to 6,283,645 boxes of Western apples, and 4,645,412 barrels of apples grown in Eastern states. This represents an increase of 3,379,641 boxes and 751,088 barrels over the amount in storage at the same time a year ago. Thus there was an all around big crop, although, as the figures indicate, the rate of increase in the East was trifling as compared with that of the West, which more than doubled its output of the year before.

In the Northeastern states the area under apples is increasing, but the output is gaining ground much more slowly. In the Middle West, on the other hand, the number of trees is actually diminishing. In Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and Arkansas, there are 10,000,000 fewer bearing trees today than there were three years ago. Western orchards are increasing rapidly, and it is here that co-operation and trained business sense must be brought to bear on the problems of production and marketing.

The apple orchards of the Pacific Northwest are at present producing more than 100 different varieties of apples. Of these 65 are listed as being shipped in car lots. Now the vast majority enter Eastern and European markets in competition with the same varieties grown much nearer the points of consumption. In most cases this is a hopeless competition; it is a struggle in which the western grower has all the odds against him.

In the first place, one of the largest apple dealers, who is recognized as one of the best authorities on the apple market in the country, states that while the Western apple is much superior to those grown in the East in general appearance, color, smoothness and shape, yet 90 per cent of the Eastern trade assert that the home grown apples are superior in flavor to those grown in the West. It is even maintained that in some of these varieties the East can beat us in appearance as well as in flavor. In the second place the big obstacle to competing with the Eastern grower, in varieties which he can produce as well as the Western grower, lies in the difference in freight rates.

JAPAN SEEKS COALING BASE

Wants Island 50 Miles From East End of Panama Canal.

New York—An alleged plot of Japanese to secure a naval coaling station in the Caribbean sea, within 50 miles of the Atlantic end of the Panama canal and in violation of the Monroe doctrine, became known Wednesday when the steamship Sixaola docked here. George T. Burns, agent of the Caribbean Guano company, who was a passenger, said that the Japanese government was negotiating for the purchase of Roncador island.

"The island," said Burns, "is now the property of the Caribbean Guano company. It has a superb harbor and would make a good coaling base for any navy. Ostensibly the Japanese are negotiating through a steamship company, of which a man named Arai is the head, for a harbor for a steamship line which shall communicate with ports on the eastern coast of the United States and South America."

"The harbor is perfectly fitted to make a coaling station. The water is sufficiently deep and the channels are straight enough to admit the largest warships, while at the same time there is sufficient protection for the smallest submarine or torpedo boat to be perfectly protected from any stress of weather."

It was recalled that Mr. Arai was head of the steamship company that tried to get a station in Lower California about two years ago.

Ship Found Under Gotham.

New York—The hull of an old ship was unearthed Thursday 40 feet under the street at Fifteenth street and Tenth avenue by workmen digging a foundation for a new building. The old hull, which apparently had been burned, was fully a block from the water front. One explanation advanced was that years ago the water extended that far up. The hull at one time was a good-sized fishing schooner.

The dirt will be dug off the deck and the hull raised.

Fruit in Oregon Caught.

Pendleton, Or.—A hard freeze Monday night is believed to have wrought havoc in the big fruit and vegetable section around Milton and Freewater, in the East end of this county. Owing to previous warm weather and the lateness of the season, some of the largest orchardists had removed their smudge material, which had been kept in readiness for just such occasions all spring. Peaches and cherries are believed to be almost a total loss.

Ship is Near Destruction.

Boston—Several thousand pounds of powder were close to a lively fire on board the navy supply ship Celtic at the Charlestown navy yard Wednesday. The flames spread to the magazine door and it took the entire crew, with help from the yard, to save the ship from destruction and prevent a possible loss of life. The blaze started among oil barrels in the forward hold.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

HIGHWAY CHANGE OPPOSED

Grants Pass Men Want Pacific Route Left as at Present.

Grants Pass—Eighty-five enthusiastic business men gathered at luncheon here Wednesday for the purpose of discussing the proposed change of the Pacific Highway from Southern Oregon to Eastern Oregon. It was the sentiment of those present that the Pacific Highway should remain a permanent factor through the Rogue River valley; that with the Siskiyou on the south, the Coast range on the west and the Calapoosias on the north the natural scenery of the country affords the most attractive stretch that could be covered in a day by automobile in Oregon.

That such attractions as the Josephine County caves, and historic Table Rock, Mount Laughlin and Crater Lake, and miles of mountain streams and good roads warrant the support of all organizations and counties in Western Oregon was declared.

IMPROVEMENTS FOR INDIANS

Chemawa School Appoints Full-Blood Indian Librarian.

Chemawa—Superintendent Wadsworth has received notice that within a short time he will receive a new range for use in the kitchen at the Salem Indian school, a new electric dough mixer which has been needed in the bakery for many years, and a power lawn mower for use on the spacious lawns at the school.

The new auditorium is to be supplied with modern equipment, consisting of a drop curtain, another for use in connection with the moving picture machine, and three different sets of scenery.

The library which was established a few weeks ago is to have an appropriation of \$300 with which to purchase books for the use of the red children. Paul Kinnook, a full-blood Indian from Alaska, has been appointed librarian.

Incorporation Held Legal.

Salem—The Supreme court held that the incorporation of Bay City, which, it is believed, will in a few years become an important shipping point, is legal. The high court sustained a decision of Circuit Judge Galloway, of Tillamook county.

W. E. Proctor, of Bay City, brought the suit as a relator in the name of the state to have determined the legal status of the municipality. The boundary lines in the petitions for the election and those given in the court records were not the same, and it was feared the discrepancy invalidated the election.

"Now that we are certain we have a city," said Mr. Proctor, "the work of building and extending streets will be started. Much sewer and street improvement has been held up pending the decision."

Bar Admittance Expensive.

Salem—At the coming examination for students who wish to be admitted to the bar there will be none who will be admitted unless they receive at least a per cent of 70 on examination papers, according to a statement by Supreme Court Clerk Moreland.

Nor will there be any under 21 years of age who will be allowed to take the examination at the coming quiz, and it will cost \$20 instead of \$10 to be an applicant.

The examination will be held June 3, the day the law goes into effect, and the same day that the new Justice of the Supreme court goes into office.

Milwaukie May Get City Delivery.

Milwaukie—This place will have a trial mail delivery in the near future, according to reports received here. Application was made for delivery of mail by carrier from the Milwaukie postoffice, and Representative Hawley secured a promise that an inspector will be sent to investigate and report on the establishment of trial city delivery. Milwaukie has from 1200 to 1300 people, and it is considered certain that the place will secure permanent city delivery when an investigation has been made.

Railroads Will Raise Fill.

Chemawa—The Southern Pacific Railway company is planning on raising six feet the fill across Lake Labish in order to increase the efficiency of the road and at the same time lighten the labor of the trainmen. For many years difficulty has been experienced in handling heavy trains over this part of the road. Trains going in either direction and stopping at this station found it difficult to get over the grade when stopping in the low places at either side of the station.

Railroads Ordered to Appear.

Salem—Calling upon several railroads of the state to appear before it on May 14 to justify its present regulation relative to block signals, passing tracks, switches and operation of trains, the State Railroad commission issued orders to the Southern Pacific, Portland, Eugene & Eastern, Salem, Falls City & Western, Oregon Electric, O. W. R. & N., Walla Walla Valley Traction company and the Pacific Railway & Navigation company.

MEDFORD PLANS CANNERY

Merchants and Growers of Rogue Valley Behind Move.

Medford—As an auxiliary to the irrigation movement plans were formulated Saturday at a joint meeting of members of the commercial club and the Merchants' association to secure a cannery factory in the valley.

The merchants of the city will be asked to subscribe \$2000 and the fruit growers will furnish \$5000. A committee, consisting of John H. Carlin, W. F. Isaacs, George T. Collins, P. S. Steenstrup and E. A. Welch was named, to solicit subscriptions from the merchants and active work has been started. It is expected that the \$2000 will be readily secured.

As soon as this money is obtained a mass meeting of ranchers will be called, the outline of the proposed cannery presented and the \$2000 will be loaned without interest to the proposed association.

The cannery will be similar to the one now operating at Puyallup, Wash. Ranchers may subscribe for stock at \$10 a share to any amount, but each subscriber will have but one vote. The profits of the association above operating expenses will be divided among the growers.

A large board of directors and a small executive board will be named, and if the cannery is built a practical man from Puyallup will be secured to take active charge.

LATE HARVEST IS ADVISED

Oregon Growers Told How to Market Pears Successfully.

Washington, D. C.—If the pear-growers of the Rogue River valley, in Oregon, will delay picking their fruit for at least two weeks beyond the usual picking season, and then properly cool and store their fruit prior to shipment, they can, in the judgment of the department of agriculture, extend their marketing season six or seven weeks and get better prices in the East, after the California pears are gone.

This conclusion is reached by A. V. Stubenrauch and H. J. Ramsey, who were sent to the Rogue River country last fall to make experiments to determine just how the Oregon pear-growers can handle their fruit in order to market it to best advantage in the East. Their report, which contains much technical information for the pear-growers of the Rogue River valley and other sections of Oregon where pears are grown commercially, has just been published in Bureau of Plant Industry Circular No. 114.

Crop Contracts Secured.

Hood River—The management of the Apple Growers' association, Hood River's new amalgamation of apple marketing agencies, is now securing the signatures of growers to contracts for the shipment of the year's apple and strawberry crops. The greater portion of next week will be passed by the members of the association in holding a series of meetings in the important sections of the valley, where all of the details of the new selling concern will be explained.

P. S. Davidson has been elected president of the new association and C. W. Hooker, secretary, the latter having been a member of the board of directors of the Apple Growers' union.

Clatsop Pupils Progressing.

Astoria—L. R. Harrington, state field worker for the juvenile industrial fair branch of the Oregon Educational department, passed the past week, in company with County Superintendent O. H. Byland, visiting schools in this county, with a view of arousing the interest of the pupils and parents in the work.

Mr. Harrington is familiar with this branch of school work and he succeeded in enlisting pupils and parents in the industrial work. He complimented the county superintendent and the teachers on the progress that has been made and predicted that Clatsop county will rank high among the counties of the state in its exhibits, both agricultural and industrial, at the local and state fairs.

Ashland Farmers to Exhibit.

Ashland—Agriculturalists in this locality are preparing to enter the lists of Eastern land show exhibits, on recommendation of the Oregon Development league. Inasmuch as the State Immigration commission bears the expense of forwarding and exhibiting these displays, it is planned to gather a large collection of dry farm and other products from this district during the coming summer and have them classified in a systematic manner to forward East in due season.

Students Study Engines.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—Advanced students of farm-power machinery at the college are studying four types of traction engines which recently have been shipped to the college for demonstration purposes.

The students are testing their engines on the campus and college farm.

Eight-Hour Day to Be Urged.

Salem—Plans to initiate a bill providing for an eight-hour day generally for women were announced by Colonel E. Hofer and a mass meeting will be held here to promote the move.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC IS LOSER

2,373,000 Acres Forfeited by Violating Terms of Grant.

Portland—Lands in Oregon aggregating 2,373,000 acres, held by the Southern Pacific by virtue of grants made by congress to its predecessor, the Oregon & California Railroad company, in 1866 and 1870, were declared forfeited to the United States government in a decree pronounced by Judge Charles E. Wolverton, of the United States District court.

The decree was based on the fact, which Judge Wolverton assumed to have been proved, that the railroad company violated the terms under which the grant was made, in not selling the lands to actual settlers at \$2.50 an acre, in selling lands at a higher price than \$2.50 an acre, and in selling more than 160 acres to one person.

Judge Wolverton's decision is another step in the upward march of the celebrated case toward the United States Supreme court. The entrance of the decree will be suspended for a few days to allow for the clearing up of some minor matters connected with the case.

As soon as the decree is formally entered the Southern Pacific will appeal the case to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, which means that it will be tried in the Ninth Circuit District at San Francisco. This court convenes the first Monday in October, 1913, and the case probably will be assigned to a hearing for the following November.

45 INCHES IS BAGGAGE LIMIT

Railroad Restrictions on Size of Trunks Effective June 1.

Washington, D. C.—Restrictions on trunk baggage and baggage of extreme length or width will be placed in effect about June 1, according to plans now being made by the Interstate Commerce commission.

It is understood that these new regulations, which will limit the size of the trunks that will be handled by the railroads to 45 inches in length, will work no hardship on the traveling public, but will serve to check effectively the tendency of commercial salesmen and the houses that employ them to carry queer-shaped trunks and baggage of unusual proportions. It is probable that the commission will stipulate that baggage exceeding 72 inches in any dimension will not be accepted for checking at all. The charge for handling baggage over 45 inches in length, width or height will be equivalent to five pounds of excess weight for each inch of excess measurement.

These regulations were adopted by the railroads nearly two years ago, but agitation of the trunk manufacturers has postponed their enforcement.

POKING FUN AT SUFFRAGISTS

England Laughs at Threats of Rich American Contingent.

London—London papers are poking fun at Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, the American suffragette sympathizer, over her declaration that she would not spend a penny in London because of the treatment of English suffragettes by the government. William Waldorf Astor's Pall Mall Gazette exclaims: "O si sic omnes."

The Star compares Mrs. Belmont to a little boy who went into the garden to eat worms.

The Evening News says: "Despite Mrs. Belmont's refusal to scatter her millions among the inhabitants of this country the government will maintain more or less a firm attitude."

Mrs. Belmont, who is staying at a London hotel, said: "I mean just what I say when I declare that if New York fails to awake, we shall introduce militant methods of the type used in England."

"I also meant what I said before leaving America about spending no money in England. But I was compelled to stay in this hotel because I found spring cleaning under way in my daughter's home."

Old Age Pension Bill Up.

Washington, D. C.—The progressive old age pension bill to provide \$1 to \$4 a week for all those more than 65 years old whose incomes are under \$10 a week, was introduced in the house by Representative Kelly, of Pennsylvania. His plan would pension those with incomes of less than \$6 a week at \$4 a week; incomes of from \$6 to \$7 at \$3; between \$7 and \$8, \$2 a week, and from \$8 to \$9, \$1 a week. The bill would disqualify all criminals, lunatics and inmates of almshouses.

Balkan Allies Are Fighting.

London—A Bucharest dispatch, dated April 24, to the Daily Telegraph, expresses the conviction that immediately peace is signed between the allies and Turkey, a new war will commence between Serbia, Bulgaria and Greece. A Bulgarian correspondent says that large concentrations of opposing troops are in readiness for these new campaigns, and adds that he has heard from reliable sources that fighting has already occurred.

Veteran to Get Big Job.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Lane has advised Senator Kern that no man would be appointed commissioner of pensions who is not a Civil war veteran. This would eliminate many candidates.

AUSTRIA MOVES AGAINST ENEMY

Reported to Have Entered Montenegro With Large Force.

Essad Pasha, Defender of Scutari, Proclaims Himself King of Albania—Coup Complete.

Cettinje—Essad Pasha, the defender of Scutari, who surrendered the town to the Montenegrins and was permitted to depart with his troops, has proclaimed himself king of Albania at Alessio.

London—According to a report published in Berlin, an Austrian naval division has left Trieste with 10,000 troops, with the intention of occupying Antivari Duleigno and San Giovanni di Medua, and advancing against Cettinje.

The Strassburger Post asserts that the German emperor has received a telegram saying the Austrians already have entered Montenegro. This probably is premature, but little doubt is felt that Austria is determined to move alone unless the ambassadorial conference at London resolves upon European action.

Essad Pasha, the hero of Scutari, who had a picturesque and adventurous career, made a dramatic move in proclaiming himself king of Albania and is said to be marching into the interior of Albania with 40,000 men. He was received with enthusiasm at Alessio and is proceeding to Tirana to be proclaimed and take possession.

Essad Pasha is an Albanian chieftain of the type which earned for the Albanians a reputation for barbaric simplicity approaching savagery. He was always opposed to the young Turks' repressive measures in Albania. In Vienna and Paris his surrender of Scutari is regarded as having been an arranged matter with King Nicholas, who approved his plan to proclaim himself independent prince of Albania.

The whole scheme of the alleged storming of Scutari and the marching out of Essad Pasha's army with their arms is now regarded as a move to deceive Europe. Essad is said to have joined Djavid Pasha's army of 9000 men, and if he has the support of Serbia and Montenegro it will be a severe blow for Austria.

WORLD RECORD HEN IS DEAD

At Age of 25 Years Had Laid Over 4500 Eggs.

Pasadena—Theodosia Roosevelt, so named because of her evident antagonism toward race suicide, said to have been the oldest hen in America is dead at the home of her owner, Mrs. Elizabeth Grinnell, of Pasadena. She was 25 years old.

Theodosia numbered among her friends many of the notables who have passed their winters in Pasadena in the last quarter century, among them Mrs. Russell Sage, who, on her last visit to this city, made three calls at the Grinnell home to pet Theodosia.

The aged hen laid approximately 4500 eggs in her long and useful life, besides mothering many broods of incubator-hatched chickens. Statisticians figure that the eggs laid by Theodosia, at the average price of only 25 cents a dozen, were worth \$93.75. The accepted cost of keeping a hen in these parts is \$1 a year, making Theodosia's net earnings \$68.75. At a capitalized value of \$1.25, she has made 3000 per cent on her valuation for her owners.

Poultry experts admit their accepted theories of the extreme egg possibilities of a hen have been shattered by the exceptional Theodosia, who in her lifetime laid several times the number of eggs that naturalists and poultry college experts would have said any hen could attain to.

Hyde Park Again Bedlam.

London—Hyde Park again was turned into a bedlam by the suffragettes and their opponents last Sunday afternoon. The women, declining to recognize the police order that no suffrage meetings were to be held in the park, appeared in a wagon and addressed a small crowd. Immediately youths commenced to gather and an attempt was made to drag the wagon to the Serpentine for the purpose of ducking the women. Mounted and foot police intervened just in time to save the women from rough handling.

High Columbia Forecast.

Wenatchee, Wash.—High water records for 15 years will be broken by the Columbia river this spring, say old river men. B. W. Jones, official forecaster for the Columbia & Okanogan Steamboat company, who has accurately gauged the rise of the stream for two decades, says that the 45-foot record of 1909 will be exceeded by 10 feet at least. The river is rising at the rate of two feet a day and is already over 20 feet above low water.

Funeral Cargo Planned.

San Francisco—It is reported that arrangements are being made here by the great Chinese mercantile concern, the Six Companies, to send from California to China at a date yet to be fixed the mortal remains of between 5000 and 6000 Chinese, the skeletons of nearly all of the Chinese who have died in the state within the past 50 years. The transfer, it is said, will be made in a single shipload.