

NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

Wilson announces that no compromise on the tariff is possible.

Secretary Lane commits himself to Federal ownership of Alaskan railways.

All movements of American troops and warships are to cease while the Japanese controversy is on.

Companies writing tornado insurance in Omaha have been rushed with business since the recent disastrous storms.

The threat that any wage reductions will be rigidly investigated by the government caused a warm debate in the house.

A tank containing 500 barrels of gasoline exploded at Richmond, Cal., breaking many windows and causing much alarm for a time.

All French army proposals carried in the chamber of deputies, and all men whose terms have expired are being retained in the service.

Walter H. Page, newly appointed ambassador to England, is being opposed by 50,000 trade unionists in London, as being a bitter enemy to labor.

William J. Caihoun, retiring minister to China, says he fears the Chinese will take the whiskey to replace opium, which is prohibited by the new government.

Conferences of labor officials with the officers of the San Francisco Gas & Electric company were without result, and the strike against the company in that city is still on.

Canada claims \$500,000 from the United States on account of lumber stolen from Canadian forests having been used by the contractor in building army barracks in this country.

Japanese radicals are much aroused over the prospects that Governor Johnson will sign the anti-alien land bill, but the more conservative element believes the question may be settled amicably and honorably.

A 4-year-old girl at St. Joseph, Mo., threw herself flat on the track and lay still when she saw a freight train train approaching so fast she could not get out of the way. The engine and 12 cars passed over her, but she received only a slight scalp wound.

Oregon naval reserves destroyed the target in practice at Fort Canby.

A submarine collided with a small steamer at Norfolk, Va., sinking the latter.

More than 500 Huerta troops were left dead on the field after the battle at Guaymas.

Discovery of ancient manuscripts in Egypt gives additional light on doings of Bible days.

Taft refers to the Progressive recall plan as a "hair-trigger" reform leading to anarchy.

President Farrell, of the United States Steel corporation, says the association was not organized to control local trade, but to develop foreign business.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 90c; bluestem, 98c@99c; forty-fold, 92c; red Russian, 87c@88c; valley, 90c.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$31@32 per ton.
Corn—Whole, \$28.50; cracked, \$29.50 per ton.
Millstuffs—Bran, \$24@25 per ton; shorts, \$26@27 per ton; middlings, \$31 per ton.
Barley—Feed, \$26.50@27 per ton; brewing, nominal; rolled, \$27.50@28.50.
Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, choice, \$17@18; alfalfa, \$13@14; straw, \$6@7.
Vegetables—Artichokes, 75c per dozen; asparagus, Oregon, 75c@81 per dozen; beans, 12c@15c per pound; cabbage, 2c@3c; cauliflower, 35c@41 per dozen; celery, \$4 per crate; eggplant, 25c per pound; head lettuce, \$2.50 per crate; peppers, 35c@40c per dozen; radishes, 10c@12c per dozen; rhubarb, 16c@24c per pound; spinach, 75c per box; turnips, 85c per sack; parsnips, 85c; carrots, 85c.
Onions—Oregon, \$1.25 per sack; Bermuda, \$1.50@2.25 per crate.
Potatoes—Burhanks, 40c@50c per hundred; new, 3c per pound; sweet, 4c per pound.
Poultry—Hens, 16c; broilers, 25c@30c; turkeys, live, 19c@20c; dressed, choice, 25c; ducks, 17c@25c; geese, young, 15c@17c.
Eggs—Oregon ranch, case count, 18c per dozen; candled, 19c@20c.
Butter—City creamery butter cubes, 28c per pound; prints, 29c@29c per pound.
Pork—Fancy, 11c@12c per pound.
Veal—Fancy, 14c@14c per pound.
Hops—1912 crop, 10c@15c per pound; 1913 contracts, 13c@14c.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 10c@16c; valley, 14c@17c; mohair, 1913 clip, 30c@33c per pound.
Cattle—Choice steers, \$8.50@9; good, \$7.75@8.25; medium, \$7.25@7.75; choice cows, \$7@7.85; good \$6.50@7; medium, \$6@6.50; choice calves, \$8@9; good heavy calves, \$6.50@7.50; bulls, \$5.50@6.25.
Hogs—Light, \$8.50@8.65; heavy, \$7.45@7.55.
Sheep—Yearling wethers, \$6.25@7.50; ewes, \$5.25@6.75; lambs, \$7@8.

LEATHER FILLED WITH SALTS

Department Says 12,000,000 Pounds of Adulterants Used Yearly.

Washington, D. C.—Americans, with the possible exception of the barefoot boy, are walking around on not less than 12,000,000 pounds of glucose and Epsom salts, which constitute adulterants in sole leather. The assertion is made by the department of Agriculture, which has just concluded investigations of the leather industry, and has issued a bulletin entitled, "The Composition of Some Sole Leathers." The adulterants add nothing to the wearing value of the leather, says the department, and where present in large quantities may shorten the life of the leather.

"Sixty-three per cent of the leathers examined were weighted with glucose, with Epsom salts, or with both," according to the findings of the department's experts. "The quantity of loading varied from 1 to 7.3 per cent of Epsom salts, with an average of 3 per cent. The maximum quantity of glucose in the loaded leathers was 10.4 per cent, and the average 5.5 per cent. The maximum amount of these loading materials found in any leather was 16 per cent and the average where both were present was 8 per cent. The results obtained indicate that not less than 12,000,000 pounds of glucose and Epsom salts are sold annually to the American people as leather."

The "loading" is done to increase the marketable weight of the leather.

NAVY SECRETS ARE STOLEN

Not Especially Valuable, But Serious Leak Is Indicated.

Washington, D. C.—Special agents of the department of Justice, officers of a nationally-known detective agency and the local police have been called in by the Navy department to investigate a "leak" through which, during the last four months, several relatively unimportant plans of battleships and also minor documents have disappeared.

The first losses were discovered the night of March 4. Some minor structural plans of the dreadnaught Pennsylvania, now building, and other ships were among them. Documents not especially secret also disappeared.

Navy officials say they are not so much concerned over the importance of what already has been lost as they are to find the leak and prevent further losses. Each battleship has several sets of plans, which are sometimes widely distributed among the bureaus and contractors. The general plan is never much of a secret.

GREEKS EXPEL MISSIONARY

Relief of Distress Causes Suspicion of Americans.

Boston—The Board of Commissioners for foreign missions has received a cable dispatch from the United States consul at Saloniki saying the American missionaries, Rev. P. B. Kennedy and Mrs. Kennedy, have been expelled from their station in Korteza, Southern Albania, by Greeks and now are in Saloniki.

Secretary Barton, of the board, said Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy were sent to Korteza six years ago and have been conducting a school for Albanian girls there. They were in the city when the Greeks took possession.

"Mr. Kennedy," Mr. Barton added, "has given himself fully to the work of relieving the great distress prevailing in the city and in the neighboring villages. In the last letters received from him he reported that apparently the Greek officials were suspicious of this, as a guard was placed in front of his house and the names of all those who came to the house were kept."

Beef at New High Record.

Portland—Following the sharp advance in cattle prices at the stockyards, packers have announced an advance in the wholesale price of dressed beef to 14c a pound. This is the highest price ever quoted to butchers here. It is possible that prices will advance still further before the supply of grass cattle is sufficient to check the rise. The wholesale price of dressed pork has not been changed, but hams are half a cent higher, and bacon has advanced a full cent, as it usually does at the opening of summer.

Powers Occupy Scutari.

London—An international naval force has occupied Scutari and the Montenegrins have already begun the evacuation of the town. Official figures of the Bulgarian losses in the war, published at Sofia recently, give the following estimate: Killed, 330 officers and 29,711 men; wounded, 950 officers and 52,550 men; missing, 3193. A conference of the Austrian and Hungarian ministers will be held to arrange for further demobilization.

"Bad" News Is Set Aside.

St. Paul—"Never read bad news before breakfast," remarked J. D. Haley, an insurance agent, at an early hour one morning, after he had been called from his bed to receipt for a cablegram. He left the unwelcome message unopened and returned to bed. When he read the cable after breakfast he discovered that a fortune of \$100,000 had been left him by the will of a relative in London.

Butter Record Is Broken.

Utica, N. Y.—It is announced that Spring Farm Pontiac Lass, a cow owned by F. M. Jones, of Clinton, has broken the world's butter record. The previous record was a fraction over 288 pounds in 60 days, and the world-beating cow has exceeded this by 20 pounds, giving 308.877 pounds.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

ROAD FUND IS GETTING LOW

Work of Convicts on Columbia Auto Highway Nears End.

Hood River—The fund of \$10,000 donated for the Columbia River automobile road by S. Benson, the Portland lumberman who passed the winter in Southern California, has been depleted, according to County Judge George R. Castner. However, the work, done by state convicts, who began their task May 23, 1912, is almost completed. Governor West went from Salem to Wyeth, the nearest station on the line of the O.-W. R. & N. company, to inspect the work and to confer with Adam Shogren, who is in charge of the crew of convicts.

Up to the present time no agreement had ever been reached between the county officials and the railroad company. However, because of the contract that was signed recently between the railway authorities and the Multnomah county officials, the local commissioners think that they will soon come to an agreement with the railroad company.

Local citizens are urging that the Columbia River road be made to extend east from this city up the Columbia gorge to Mosier and thence on to The Dalles. At the present time a road crosses the range of hills separating the Mosier district from Hood River. The grades on this stretch are difficult.

County Roadmaster Marshall recently inspected the route up the side of the gorge, which he believes is feasible, but he declares the time for building it has not arrived.

O.-W. R. & N. ORDERS SURVEY

Condon-Fossil and Ukiah-Pilot Rock Routes Considered.

Surveys for two proposed rail lines, one from Condon, Gilliam county, to Fossil, Wheeler county, and the other from Pilot Rock, Umatilla county, to Ukiah, in the same county, have been ordered by the O.-W. R. & N. company, and crews will start to work on each project at once.

These surveys are to determine the cost of the work and upon the reports of the engineers will rest the probability of the eventual construction of either road. It is understood, however, that if the expense will not be too great both lines will be built.

"We don't know whether we ever will build either road," said J. P. O'Brien, general manager of the O.-W. R. & N. company. "We have these two projects in mind as among the most important in the development of Oregon, and if conditions justify we will authorize early construction work."

Curry County Is Progressing.

Gold Beach—The Brookings Lumber & Timber company, a Missouri corporation which is developing the large timber interests of Southern Curry county, has filed a mortgage with the county clerk here to secure a bond issue of \$850,000. The St. Louis Union Trust company, of St. Louis, Mo., is the trustee which is handling the bond issue.

The company is incorporated for \$1,500,000, and will spend over \$1,000,000 in building mill and other improvements in Southern Curry county, before they begin cutting lumber for the market. This is the beginning of an epoch of development for Oregon's backward county, yet in natural resources one of its richest.

Superintendent Ward stated that he hoped to have the plat of the new town of Brookings ready to file at the July term of the County court. Work is progressing rapidly on the logging road, millpond and wharf.

Garden Prize Offered.

The O.-W. R. & N. company will award a sterling silver cup to the school making the best score of points in its garden contest, gardens to be judged on the following basis: Largest average size vegetables, 20; largest variety, 20; quality, 20; quantity, 20; general character, 10; best story of how the garden was planted and results secured, 10. This prize is an open competition to all of the 23 schools having community gardens, without regard to size. This is the first new prize offered this season.

High Court to Organize.

Salem—The Supreme court, with its new members, Charles McNary, of this city, and William Ramsey, of McMinnville, will be organized the afternoon of June 7. The court will be divided into two departments, Chief Justice McBride presiding over both. The departments will alternate weekly in hearing arguments and rendering decisions.

Storage Plant Planned.

Medford—At a meeting of the members of the Rogue River Fruit & Produce association Saturday it was decided to build a cold and dry storage plant, to be available for the 1913 fruit crop. Twenty thousand dollars had been raised by the sale of first mortgage bonds, and it is planned to raise \$20,000 more by subscription.

Fish Oil to Be Manufactured.

Oregon City—The Columbia Fish Oil and Fertilizer company, of which H. W. Plach, of this city, is one of the principal stockholders, has been organized and is building a fish oil plant in this city.

BEAUTIFY RURAL CENTERS

Cross-Roads and School Grounds to Be Made Attractive.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—A movement to assist in the beautification of Oregon school grounds, county buildings, cross-roads meeting places, and all places of public gathering by the planting of judiciously chosen shrubs and vines has been begun by the extension division of the Oregon Agricultural college through A. L. Peck, professor of landscape gardening.

Already Prof. Peck has given his services, with much time and thought, to assisting in the solution of problems of the school grounds at Lakeview, Independence and elsewhere, helping with the planning and planting of the grounds about the Monmouth Normal where a large amount of work has been done. He took the teachers and children of the Monmouth public schools into the woods and fields to collect suitable native plants for the decoration of the school grounds.

"If people would only come to realize that it is not necessary to pay a fancy price in order to have beautiful shrubbery and vines," exclaimed Prof. Peck in discussing the work. "The Oregon grape is as handsome a shrub as one could wish. A man in California paid \$3 apiece for what we can have for the digging any day. Then there is the waxberry bush, the vine maple, red flowering currant, mountain spray and the sweet brier rose. For heavy massing there is the red-bark dogwood, and a number of other fine native bushes."

Recently Prof. Peck gave a talk at the East Portland library on "The General Landscape Treatment of the Modest City Lot." Whenever his college duties will permit, he is always glad to give his personal services, free of charge, for advice and assistance in planning the plantings for school grounds, property about country buildings, vacant city property, and especially the little cross-roads meeting places where there are, perhaps, a general store, a church, a Grange hall and carriage sheds.

"With foresight and an eye to beauty, such community centers may become very attractive," said Mr. Peck. "There should be a good place for games at these points, where the young men, instead of sitting on the store platforms smoking and chewing tobacco, may get together in the evening and pitch quoits, jump, run races and use simple gymnasium paraphernalia, such as the traveling rings and the horizontal bars. It would not only furnish fun; it would build them up bodily, mentally and morally. Something of the improvement probably would be carried home to the farm grounds, as well."

CHEAPER WATER FOR VALLEY

Santiam Company Hopes to Give Supply Within Year.

Salem—I. D. Turner, one of the incorporators of the Santiam Water company, announced that rights of way for the pipeline had been obtained one-third of the distance, and that the County court would be asked to grant a franchise along county roads for the remainder of the proposed route. He said that W. E. Pierce, of Boise, and Charles Theis, of Spokane, had agreed to provide \$300,000 for use in giving Salem, Stayton, Turner, Aumsville and Sublimity a pure water supply. They will be the principal stockholders of the company.

"We expect to have our plant in operation within a year," said Mr. Turner. "We own 100 acres on the hills three and one-half miles from Salem, where a reservoir will be built. The power will be sufficient to force water over Salem Heights. We propose to give the people water for half of what they are now paying, or, if by city wishes to have charge of the water business, we shall furnish it an adequate supply."

Rural Sidewalks Built.

Orengo—The committee building sidewalks into the surrounding country held a special meeting and found that they have raised enough funds to build more than three miles. Sidewalks will be built to Quatama, for the convenience of the school children; to Orengo Acres, and to the poultry ranches northwest of town; to Borwick Acres, and also to the small fruit and poultry tracts west of town. These funds are being raised jointly by the citizens of Orengo and the farmers. Five miles will be built now.

Lane County Aids Fairs.

Eugene—For the purpose of aiding fairs and agricultural shows in Lane county, the county court has appropriated \$2500. Of the total appropriated, \$1750 is for the Lane county fair, to be held at Eugene, and \$250 is given to each, the Junction City Pumpkin show, the Cottage Grove fair, and the Lane County Poultry show, which is to be held in Eugene late in the year.

Lane to Improve Roads.

Eugene—Bids for the construction of nearly eight miles of permanent macadam road will be called for by the County court immediately, and it is intended that the work shall be done this summer. The work includes five sections of road, and in every case the macadamized road is to connect with other macadam roads or streets.

SUFFRAGETTES GET MEDALS

"Fed By Force" Crosses Most Expensive Decoration.

London—How the militant suffragettes bestowed medals and other decorations on those who distinguished themselves in the "cause" was brought out in the hearing Wednesday of the "conspirators" who are being tried under the malicious damage to property act. A medal manufacturer testified about the decorations supplied to the Women's Social and Political Union. He said that medals inscribed "for valor" cost \$1.50 each; "hunger strike" medals, \$2.36, and "fed by force" crosses \$5.

The most distinguished decorations, known as "grille" brooches, cost \$10.50, he said. Bars were also supplied for addition to the ribbons on the medals when subsequent acts were considered worthy of special mention in dispatches. Testimonials recording acts of lawlessness by adherents of the militant organization were distributed among the rank and file by the leaders of the union.

"General" Mrs. Flora Drummond, the militant suffragette, is in a state of collapse and will be unable to appear at the resumed hearing. A doctor testified in court, owing to her illness, she had been removed to a nursing home. He said it would take two weeks for her to get into condition to undergo an operation which was necessary, and another two months before she would be able to be tried.

HILL SAYS RUSH IRRIGATION

Great Railroader Says Government Should Quit Business.

Washington, D. C.—"Hurry up and complete the reclamation projects already under way, and be sure you have competent men in the field," was the advice James J. Hill, the railroad magnate, gave to Secretary Lane at a reclamation hearing.

He reiterated his statement that it cost the reclamation service more than twice what it cost over services of private enterprises to reclaim the desert lands.

Mr. Hill based his statement as to the high cost of reclamation work on a report of the census bureau. Director Newell of the Reclamation service, and Senator Walsh, of Montana, questioned him about having personal knowledge of the Reclamation service. "I never built an inch of irrigation works in my life," said Mr. Hill, "but I know that when private enterprises in Canada can sell the land and water for \$30 an acre, and the water on reclamation projects in the United States costs \$45 an acre, there is some difference in the cost."

Director Newell replied that the government work was more permanent; that private enterprise was prone to take in too large an acreage for the water capacity and further, that the government could work only eight hours a day and private enterprise works ten.

Jury Reform Bill Is Beaten.

Trenton, N. J.—The senate defeated the jury reform bill passed recently by the house. Attached to it was an amendment providing for the referendum, and the statement was made that the bill as amended had been approved by Joseph P. Tumulty, President Wilson's private secretary.

The Democrats could muster only 10 votes in its favor, 11 being necessary to pass the measure. Both houses have adjourned for the week and the prospect for the passage of jury reform legislation at the extraordinary session of the legislature is not very bright.

Pupils Threat to Lynch.

New York—The streets around public school No. 14, in Brooklyn, were black with children just let out for luncheon Wednesday noon when an automobile truck belonging to a Jersey City coal dealer became unmanageable and charged a group of little girls on the sidewalk. Mable Balmer, aged 10, was killed, and Marcella Kelly, aged 4, was fatally hurt. Led by a few grown-ups, the children attacked O. L. Mount, the chauffeur, and were threatening to lynch him when police reserves rescued him.

Militants Invade Ireland.

Dublin—The recent outbreak of militancy is only a foretaste of a campaign which, according to information received by the police, the suffragettes have planned to carry out in Dublin for the purpose of showing their resentment at the action of the Nationalist members of parliament, whom they hold responsible for the defeat of the suffrage bill. Several expert militant firebugs are here from England. Five miles will be built now.

Suffragettes Burn Boat Club.

London—One of the bands of militant suffragettes, assigned to interfere with the pastimes of the men of the British Isles, celebrated Whit Monday, which is a general holiday, by burning down the headquarters of the Nottingham Boat club, on the banks of the River Trenton. The structure contained many valuable racing and other skills. The loss was \$10,000.

Political Scheme Is Seen.

St. Paul—That the farmers consider the government suit for the dissolution of the International Harvester company "just a political scheme to help get some fellows into office," was the statement of Frederick R. Crane, in charge of the agricultural development work of the Great Northern Railway, who was called as a witness for the defense at the hearing here.

BRYAN PLEADS WORLD PEACE

No War Without Due Deliberation Is Text of Speech.

United States Should Lead, Being Related by Blood Ties to Nearly All Nations.

New York—William Jennings Bryan, speaking at a dinner given in honor of the foreign members of the international conference that is arranging the celebration of 100 years of peace among English-speaking peoples, declared that "the new peace plan offered by President Wilson to all nations is the latest and longest step toward peace."

"It contemplates time for investigation and deliberation," he said, "and this makes the possibility of war remote."

Mr. Bryan's subject was "Progress Toward Peace." He said that the part of the United States in the cause must of necessity be large, because "more than any other nation it had a population which is attached by blood to nearly all other nations."

Peace for all time between the United States and Great Britain was the keynote of other addresses of the evening, delivered by Lord Weardale, chairman of the English delegation; Sir Edmund Walker, of Canada; Sir George Houston Reid, of Australia, and Judge George Gray, of Delaware. The function marked the last of many that have engaged the delegates here for the last week. Unstinted applause greeted all remarks that emphasized the cordial relations between the two nations and the cause of universal peace in general. The enthusiastic singing of "America" and "God Save the King" was one of the features of the evening.

CARRANZA TO HANG HUERTA

Constitutionalist Leader Declares He Will Capture Capital.

Washington, D. C.—A condition of affairs has developed in Mexico as a result of the revolt against the government of President Huerta, which is causing the Wilson administration deep concern.

It is not too much to say that officials here fear a repetition of the bloody scenes in the Mexican capital which resulted in assassination of President Madero and his brother and Vice President Suarez.

General Carranza, leader of the so-called Constitutionalist party, has openly declared that upon his capture of Mexico City he will hang the following Mexican officials: General Huerta, president of the republic; General Felix Diaz, nephew of the former dictator, Porfirio Diaz; General Blanquet, who aided in the downfall of Madero; General Mondragon, one of Huerta's lieutenants; General Garcia Granados, who was minister of the interior for a short time under Huerta; General Rodolfo Reyes, a Huerta supporter; Francisco de la Barra, minister of foreign affairs under Huerta.

All of these men, according to Carranza, participated in the conspiracy which resulted in the assassination of Madero. They will be treated with the same scant mercy that was accorded to Madero. Other officers now with Huerta will not be molested, providing it is shown that they did not personally participate in the plot against the life of the deposed president.

The important question is: Can Carranza and his allies "make good?" They believe they can, and their operations up to date indicate they have an excellent chance of success.

President Huerta has 10,000 men in the Mexican capital. He has no money save that which he receives in the way of customs receipts from Caribbean Sea and Pacific Coast ports. Comparatively nothing is crossing the border from Texas. The revolution has reduced the buying capacity of the Mexicans, so that imports have fallen off.

Twenty-Five Federals Executed.

Nogales, Ariz.—Twenty-five Federal officers, including an infantry and artillery colonel, taken prisoners during last week's fighting above Guaymas, have been shot at a public execution by order of the Constitutionalist commanders. The execution is admitted officially by state authorities. The official statement also admits the loss in killed of 200 state troops during the three days' fighting which resulted in the driving of the retiring Federals into the first station north of the gulf port town.

China Shows Gratitude.

Washington, D. C.—The gratification of the people of China over the recognition of their republic by the United States was described in a message received at the State department from the American legation in Peking. Deputations from commercial and other organizations, students and teachers held a popular celebration in honor of the United States and a parade stopped at the American legation waving the Stars and Stripes.

Report Hayti President Poisoned.

New York—Poison, administered in his food, caused the death on May 2 of President Auguste, of Hayti, according to a dispatch from Kingston, Jamaica, printed here. The story is based on news received in Kingston by mail from Hayti.