

# NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

## Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

The first Hood River strawberries sold in Portland at 40 cents a box.

President Wilson has ordered an extensive shake-up in the Civil service.

A sudden demand from the South raised the price of potatoes at Tacoma to \$12 per ton.

Prospects of a limited fruit crop in California will mean higher prices for Northwest growers.

Twenty-five persons, 15 of them Chinese, were injured in a train wreck on the Canadian Pacific near Calgary.

Three were killed and nine injured by the explosion of a coast defense gun at Fort Moultrie, Charleston harbor.

No amendment to the income section of the Underwood tariff bill is likely to be proposed by the senate finance committee.

Sudden illness of the Japanese emperor with pneumonia alarms the nation and diverts attention from the California land question.

An expert figures that the amount of popcorn expected to be sold during the Panama-Pacific exposition in San Francisco would pave Market street, in that city, to a depth of one inch.

The Humanitarian club, a philanthropic organization of St. Louis business and professional men, admits that it has never considered the question of wages of employees of any of its own members.

O. W. R. & N. officials ran a special train from Sweeney, Idaho, to Wallace, while the regular crew was sent to the dining car to eat a sumptuous dinner and afterwards smoke good cigars provided for the officials.

Witness at the trial of Lawrence textile mills strikers aver that dynamite was "planted" by hirelings of the mill owners, and the latter attempt to place the blame upon one of their number who is now dead.

Governor Johnson, of California, signed the alien land ownership bill.

A small tornado wrecked a church and several residences at Valparaiso, Neb.

It is reported that London militants hire women of the lower classes to act as incendiaries.

The "price committee" of the Chicago Butter and Egg board has been permanently abolished.

Bryan's latest reply to Japan on the alien land ownership question is being kept a profound secret.

England, France, Germany and Italy have all sent protests against the proposed new tariff bill to the United States.

Cincinnati streetcar men have returned to work, an agreement having been reached to settle their disputes by arbitration.

A striking telephone lineman was badly wounded by a revolver shot in a fight with Home Telephone employes at Oswego, Ore.

### PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 92¢; 92½¢; bluestem, \$1.01; forty-fold, 94¢; red Russian, 90¢; valley, 92¢. Oats—No. 1 white, \$31.50; No. 2, \$30.50. Corn—Whole, \$28.50; cracked, \$29.50 per ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$24.50; 25¢ per ton; shorts, \$26.50; middlings, \$31. Barley—Feed, \$27.50 per ton; brewing, nominal; rolled, \$28.50; 29.50.

Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, choice, \$17.18; alfalfa, \$13.00; straw, \$6.07.

Onions—Oregon, \$1.25 per sack; Bermuda \$1.50; 2 crate.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 75¢ per dozen; asparagus, California, \$1.50 per crate; Oregon, 75¢; \$1 per dozen; beans, 10¢; 12¢ per pound; cabbage, 24¢; cauliflower, \$2 per crate; eggplant, 25¢ pound; head lettuce, \$2.50 per crate; peas, 6¢; 8¢ per pound; peppers, 35¢; 40¢ per pound; radishes, 10¢; 12¢ per dozen; rhubarb, 1¢; 2¢ per pound; spinach, 75¢ per box; tomatoes, \$2.50; 5 per box; garlic, 7¢; 8¢ per pound; turnips, 1¢ per sack; parsnips, \$1; carrots, \$1.

Green Fruit—Apples, 50¢; 52¢ per box, according to quality; strawberries, Oregon, \$3.50; 4; cherries, \$1.25; 1.50 per box; gooseberries, 12¢.

Poultry—Hens, 15¢; broilers, 25¢; 27¢; turkeys, live, 19¢; 20¢; dressed, choice, 25¢; ducks, 17¢; 25¢; geese, young, 15¢; 17¢.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, case count, 18¢; 19¢ per dozen; candied, 20¢.

Butter—City creamery butter cubes, 28¢; 29¢ per pound; prints, 29¢; 29½¢.

Pork—Fancy, 11¢; 12¢ per pound. Veal—Fancy, 13¢; 14¢ per pound.

Hops—1912 crop, 10¢; 15¢ per pound; 1913 contracts, 13¢.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 10¢; 16¢; valley, 14¢; 16¢; mohair, 1913 clip, 30¢; 33¢.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$8.50; 9; good, \$7.75; 8.25; medium, \$7.25; 7.75; choice cows, \$7.75; 8; good, \$6.50; 7; medium, \$6.50; 6.50; choice calves, \$8; 9; good heavy calves, \$6.50; 7.50; bulls, \$6.25; 6.50.

Hogs—Light, \$8.25; 8.35; heavy, \$6.50; 7.30.

Sheep—Yearling wethers, \$6.25; 7.25; ewes, \$5.25; 6.25; lambs, \$7; 8

### GOV. JOHNSON IS SURPRISED

Northwest Advertising Men Approve Action of California.

Sacramento—Disguised as Japanese, the Portland delegation to the Pacific Coast convention of advertising men here caused Hiram Johnson, governor of California, to miss fire on a speech for the first time in his life. The governor had just signed the alien land ownership bill and it occurred to Delegate Woodruff to burlesque the event.

Governor Johnson was called up on the telephone and asked to receive the delegation. He fixed 12:15 as the time of the visit. At the right time the tip went out from headquarters and all the admen in the city massed in front of the Sacramento hotel to take part. Headed by the Los Angeles band and with little Mildred Tucker, mascot of the delegation, in the lead, the Northerners emerged on the streets wearing kimonos and Japanese hats, their faces streaked with paint and carrying umbrellas. They were followed to the state house by hundreds of other delegates and citizens of Sacramento.

The Portland visitors marched into the private office of the governor, as he was signing bills, and greeting him with a bow, uttered something that sounded like "Ohio." Then the leader stepped to the front and proceeded to read the following address:

"Oh hi rum: English talk not easy for lowly Japanese, but Augustness, you berry smart man. While we have admiration much for Highness Teddy, humble Japanese think much more better about you. We also smart nation. White man make \$10 month from land. He spend \$15 a month. Japanese man make \$25 month from same land and save him all. But you have too much smartness for Japanese. You sign bill before Japanese get all land. Now we never get Japanese governor of California. But Augustness, we now offer you saki, and say you let us live in California and be your boss. We let you live in Japan and be your boss, too."

Then the governor went out on the street and had his picture taken with the delegates. As he held Mildred Tucker in his arms he remarked: "This is what we are saving California for."

### WELCOME PEACE CENTENARY

Peace Society Speaker Believes His Forces Are Gaining.

London—"Welcome to such promising incidents as the new regime of peace in America and the celebration of the centennial of peace between Great Britain and the United States," was the prominent phrase of a resolution adopted by the 97th annual meeting of the Peace Society at the Mansion House.

The president of the board of education, Joseph Albert Pease, was the principal speaker.

"It is a matter of much congratulation," he said, "that within a few months we shall be able to celebrate with nearly 100,000,000 Americans a century of peace. Moreover, the strained relations which have existed between Great Britain and Germany have disappeared." He closed with a warning against "one of the great dangers of today, namely, the fact that an enormous number of persons are peculiarly interested in the production of armaments, which threaten to become a vested interest and get control of the nation, as the liquor trade did a few years back."

A message from Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, to the meeting, said that though some influences were working for war, "I am conscious that there are also greater influences working for peace."

### Citizens Will Study.

Philadelphia—Headed by Mayor Blankenberg, a delegation of more than 100 leading citizens left here for the University of Wisconsin to take a three days' course on advanced municipal government in that institution. Mayor Riddle, of Atlantic City, also is a member of the party. The pilgrims will be joined in Chicago by Mayor Magee, of Pittsburg; ex-State Senator Flinn and delegations from Boston and New York. The heads of many educational institutions are accompanying the party.

### Culebra Cut Conquered.

Washington, D. C.—The Cucaracha slide, greatest of the earth movements in the famous Culebra cut, will be entirely removed by the end of this year, in the opinion of Colonel D. D. Gaillard, the engineer in charge of the Culebra district of the Panama canal, who has just arrived in Washington. He believes that, in spite of all the difficulties caused by the earth slides, the Culebra cut will be finished sooner than some other parts of the canal.

### Nine Drown in Storm.

Cordova, Alaska—Nine men were drowned Sunday night when a storm blew a piledriver and a barge ashore near Katala. The men were building a fish trap for the Northwestern Fisheries company at the mouth of the Martin river near Katala. A furious storm came up and broke six anchors with which the piledriver and barge were made fast. They were driven 18 miles along the shore, where they struck on the beach.

### Henry M. Flagler Is Dead.

West Palm Beach, Florida.—Henry M. Flagler, associate of John D. Rockefeller, railroad builder and banker, died at his country home here Thursday. He began life as clerk in a grocery store. His greatest achievement was the extension of his railroad from Miami, Fla., to Key West.

## OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

### OFFERS 52 SUMMER COURSES

O. A. C. Six Weeks' Session From June 16 to July 25.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—A faculty of 72 instructional experts is announced for the summer session of the Oregon Agricultural College, which opens June 16 and continues to July 25. The bulletin announcing 52 courses of study, just off the press, is a book of 48 pages, containing 52 illustrations of the work to be given and college activities.

Besides the 51 regular members of the college faculty who will remain for the summer work, there have been secured 21 additional men and women, each an authority in his particular line of work, to take charge of different branches of the work for teachers.

These include President J. H. Ackerman, of the Oregon Normal school at Monmouth; Miss Luna E. Bigelow, of the office of public roads of the U. S. Department of Agriculture; Supt. G. A. Briscoe, of the Ashland public schools; O. C. Brown, school superintendent of Douglas county; Supt. J. A. Churchill, of the Baker city public schools; T. J. Gray, school superintendent of Clackamas county; L. P. Harrington, state supervisor of industrial education; Mrs. Florence Kelley, general secretary of the National Consumers' League; J. K. Kerchen, manual training supervisor of the Portland schools; City Superintendent R. W. Kirk, of Corvallis; City Superintendent J. S. Landers, of Pendleton; N. C. Maris, supervisor of industrial education working with Mr. Harrington; State Secretary Cornelia Marvin, of the Library commission; A. J. O'Reilly, rural school supervisor of Linn county; A. G. Raab, city superintendent of North Bend; W. W. Rutherford, city superintendent of McMinnville; Mrs. A. A. Sanborn, supervisor of domestic art in Portland; H. C. Seymour, Polk county superintendent; A. C. Strange, city superintendent of the Dalles; Miss Lilian Tingle, domestic science supervisor in Portland, and Dr. Calvin White, secretary of the state board of health.

Prof. E. D. Rossler, director of the summer session, has put much thought and hard work into plans for making this session at the college a memorable one in its assistance to the teachers of the state.

### URGES BETTER MANAGEMENT

Just Common Sense Applied Says Student Engineer.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—Scientific management is nothing more or less than the application of common sense to any business proposition," says C. B. Auel, director of standards, processes and materials for the Westinghouse Electrical company, in the first of a series of articles dealing with phases of scientific management, in the current number of the Student Engineer, just off the press at the Oregon Agricultural College. The articles were secured by J. K. Fairchild, Portland, a graduate of 1911, who is now with the Westinghouse company at East Pittsburg. He has an article on "Production and Works Management," to which he appends a series of references for the study of works management.

The initial article of the issue is on "Forestry as an Engineering Science," by H. S. Newins, of Yale, now instructor in forestry at O. A. C.

Will R. Varner, of Enterprise, a graduate of last June, now with the Westinghouse company, has an article entitled "Value Graduation; What?" Another contribution is by Thomas D. Lewis, of the Packard Motor Co., on factory efficiency and production. Forms of railway maps are discussed by Ben A. Edly, of Roseburg, a junior in the college; and L. E. Johnson, of Carlton, a senior, has written on the relative economy of a gas engine using kerosene and gasoline.

Prof. S. H. Graf, of the experimental engineering department, describes the new impact testing machine, his own invention, just built by the students. The frontpiece shows the machine, which is by far the heaviest piece which has yet come out of the college foundry. The magazine contains ten other illustrations, including engineering projects, works and diagrams.

### Hood River Work Is Resumed.

Hood River—Work on the pipe line and new power house of the Pacific Power & Light company, which was stopped last week because of orders from the New York office of the concern, because of an alleged stringency in the bond market, has been resumed, between 50 and 75 men having been taken on. The company will develop 5000 horsepower at the new power house, and the foundation has been built for another power house with a like capacity, which will be built whenever the business demands it.

### Fishermen Cross Columbia.

Hood River—Hood River fishermen are taking advantage of the Washington laws, which require no licenses for fishing on the streams of that state until after June 1, and every day large numbers of local anglers cross the Columbia and cast for steelheads and Dolly Vardens in the White Salmon and Little White Salmon rivers. The fishing seems better in the Washington rivers than on Hood River, and a number of big catches have been made there.

### CONFERENCE IS SUCCESSFUL

Meeting at Eugene Accomplishes Much Good for State.

University of Oregon, Eugene—"How to make Oregon a better state to live in" was the underlying idea of the Fifth Commonwealth conference in this city, which is now furnishing material for discussions and practical work by the students in many courses.

The conference was the most enthusiastic and the best attended in the history of the University, more than 500 visitors having come from Portland alone. The speeches and discussions were many and dealt with the most complex problems of modern life, but the audiences were large and attentive session after session, many of the listeners taking notes.

The life of the state was analyzed in its various phases with a view to possible improvement and treated as follows:

Political life; business life; state planning and city planning; educational readjustment.

Saturday afternoon the conference divided into three sessions, treating respectively of "The Woman and the Community," "The Press and the Community," and "The Engineer and the Future of Oregon." The women met in Villard hall and were addressed by more than a score of the leading women of the state. The editors, in the rooms of the department of Journalism, were addressed by D. C. Sanderson of Freewater, the editor of one of the most successful county weeklies in the Northwest and an ardent believer in the mission of the country paper. The engineers met in the gymnasium and heard and discussed papers read by State Engineer John H. Lewis, United States Engineer Fred H. Henshaw, and W. K. Newell, president of the state board of horticulture. The engineers predicted great changes ahead for Oregon in the next few years, and warned the state to be ready, professionally and educationally, to take advantage of the coming opportunities to be brought about by cheaper power production and other impending developments.

### MANY YOUNG VINES MISSING

Big Shortage in Hop Plants Found on Investigation.

Buena Vista—A thorough investigation of hop yards in all parts of Polk county shows that a large per cent of young vines in the hills are missing and that the growth is short in the larger regions. On the east bank of the Willamette river, J. R. Cooper and Morrison & Percival, the leading hopgrowers of that section, report much shortage in plants.

After an investigation of Polk county hopyards, Mr. Linn, of the firm of Linn & Catlin, of Salem, in company with Dr. Stackberger, of the United States department of Agriculture, said:

"It is impossible to assign any reason for the shortage in the yards. The conditions of cultivation, the location of the yard or the soil, have apparently nothing to do with it. We always find the conditions changing every year. Still there are several thrifty new yards which show an encouraging report."

### Cheese Factory at Work.

Deschutes—The first shipment Wednesday from the Laidlaw cheese factory to Portland of two tons of full cream cheese, as savory as any ever made in Oregon, marks the substantial progress of this section of Central Oregon.

Some time ago J. B. Wimer, of Laidlaw, installed a cheese factory. It is now turning out nearly a ton of fine Oregon cream cheese each week. The cheese is finding a quick market and a good price on account of the excellent quality.

### Canby Heavy Egg Shipper.

Canby—Canby is coming to the front as an egg shipping center. During the month of April 2000 cases were sent out. As there are 30 dozen to the case, this means 60,000 dozen, or 720,000 eggs, an average of 24,000 daily, which means an income to local farmers of approximately \$400.

In addition to this 19,500 pounds of butter was the output of the local creamery, further enriching the farmers.

### Utility Act Supersedes.

Salem—In an opinion rendered by Attorney General Crawford it is held that the public utility act supersedes all city charters when it comes to the regulation of the rates of public utilities. The opinion was given at the request of Medford, where the Home Telephone company holds a charter from the city, the company contending the Railroad commission had no jurisdiction over its rates because of this charter.

### Orchard Holdings Increased.

Hood River—Alexander B. Brooke, of Cherryville, Or., has closed a deal with Charles A. Tucker whereby he became owner of a 10-acre orchard tract in the Central Vale district. Mr. Brooke, who will come here to make his home, has owned 17 acres in the Summit district for a number of years.

### "WAR" AEROPLANE VANISHES

Whole Outfit, Including Bombs, Reported Safe in Mexico.

Nogales, Ariz.—The war aeroplane which crossed into Mexico near Naco Tuesday night was the same flying machine confiscated by United States Federal officials two weeks ago. The machine has disappeared from a ranch between Tucson and this point. With it disappeared Rueben Hopkins, a United States deputy marshal of Tucson, who was left to guard the aircraft.

The machine, in sections, was taken in three automobiles south to the international line and safely crossed in daylight. With it went high-power bombs of the gravity contact type that the insurgents expect to drop on the federal gunboat Guerrero, which lies in Guaymas harbor, ready to assist the garrison of the town in defending the only remaining point in Sonora state held by the central government.

The flying apparatus and bombs for aerial use went south on a special train. The attack on Guaymas has been postponed, it is explained, awaiting the aeroplane to offset the power of the gunboat.

The disappearance of the aeroplane, supposedly safe in the keeping of the Federal officers, led to a search for the missing deputy marshal. It is asserted that he was kidnapped. The Mexican customs collector of Nogales, Sonora, passed the incident with the remark: "It cost us a lot of money, but we got it."

The biplane was held two weeks ago, when Didier Masson and his mechanic, Thos. Deane, began setting up the machine at Pike's ranch, 20 miles below Tucson. Masson and Deane escaped with some necessary parts of the machine, and it was rumored that still another aeroplane had been smuggled over the line.

### TO CLEAN CAPITAL'S SLUMS

Wife of President Gets Big Job Under Way.

Washington, D. C.—When bills transforming Goat alley and Snow's court, two of Washington's worst slums, into parks, are introduced in congress this week, Mrs. Woodrow Wilson will have accomplished more toward eliminating poverty, vice and disease in the capital than any other President's wife has ever done.

Her recent slumming trip, on which she was accompanied by Representatives Kahn and Curley, are the reason for the determination of congress to clean up Washington, whose alleys, rookeries and ancient tenements vie with the worst slums of New York. Led by Mrs. Wilson a mass meeting of Washington women will be held to consider these conditions further.

Three thousand women, many of them from the highest Washington society, are expected to enroll under the banner Mrs. Wilson has unfurled. Society gasped at first; now it is interested. Never before has a President's wife gone slumming.

### EGG PRESERVATIVE IS FOUND

California Educator Discovers Substitute for Cold Storage.

University of California, Berkeley—Professor Jaffa, of the agricultural department of the University of California, believes that he has found a successful method of defeating the cold storage egg and the price asked for it. It is somewhat similar to the old-fashioned method of salting eggs.

The discoverer of the new fluid preservative announced to the fraternities last year that he had found a new and successful method of preserving eggs which left no taste and showed the chemical composition of the egg to undergo absolutely no change.

Under varying conditions some 12 dozen were "canned" in December, being placed in the new solution and left to stand in the cellars. The first week in May they were raked out and found to be fresh and having no taste whatever, other than of eggs. The various boarding clubs are going in for the discovery on a large scale.

### Young Heiress Sought.

Chicago—The Chicago police have been asked to search for Margaret Hawthorne, 26 years old, and, according to a telegram from a law firm in Hastings, Mich., heiress to a fortune of \$450,000 left by David Shafter at Vassar, Mich., who died five years ago. The young woman was the daughter of Almina and Harry Hawthorne, but they separated shortly after her birth. The child is supposed to have been left in this city, and the police fear she may be unaware of her own identity.

### 70,000 Acres to Be Sold.

Washington, D. C.—Mark Morris, of Grand Rapids, representing the Booth-Kelly Lumber company, has completed arrangements with the attorney general for final purchase from the government at \$2.50 an acre, of 70,000 acres of land included in the Oregon and California grant. This adjustment was made under the innocent purchaser clause of the bill authorizing the government forfeiture suit against the railroad company.

### Fritchie Bodies Moved.

Frederick, Md.—The bodies of Barbara Fritchie, heroine of Whittier's poem, and that of her husband, John C. Fritchie, which were recently disinterred from the Old Reformed cemetery here and placed in the mausoleum at Mount Olivet, will be buried with appropriate ceremonies on Memorial Day, May 30.

## FLEET IS MADE READY FOR SEA

### Battleships Stripped of All But Fighting Equipment.

Old Vessels Repaired—Full Supply of Stores and Ammunition Hurried on Board.

Philadelphia—All the battleships of the Atlantic reserve fleet at the Philadelphia navy yard are being prepared for instant service, some of them for the first time since the Spanish-American war. The work is being done quietly, and officers of the yard deny they are taking any unusual action, but visitors to the yard note on every hand activities in the marine barracks and on the battleships and cruisers.

Seamen ashore said unusual preparations were being made. The ships are being stripped of all unnecessary equipment and much of the apparatus that is usually carried for the comfort and recreation of the bluejackets and officers.

Most significant is the fact that several of the older vessels, including the old cruiser Minneapolis and the battleships Ohio and Alabama, that have not been in service for years, are being overhauled, repaired and outfitted for sea, and sea stores and ammunition are being taken aboard. These are not always kept on the vessels, but during the last few days have been taken on. An ammunition lighter lay near the Massachusetts during the night. Other ships, said the sailors, are in the course of preparation for sailing at the shortest notice.

### JAPANESE HOUSE IS OF GLASS

Correspondent Says Foreign Ownership Is Barred in Nippon.

Berlin—The excitement of Japan over the California alien land ownership is well founded and comprehensive, according to an analysis of the American-Japanese situation sent by the Tokio correspondent of the Welt Korrespondenz Agency, printed in the semi-official Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung. The Japanese, however, he said are scarcely in a position to place difficulties in the way of California's land plans.

The correspondent says the Japanese are living in a glass house because foreigners are now barred from owning land in Japan—a feature of the situation which has heretofore been left unnoticed in Germany. The writer expresses the opinion that Japan will favor keeping aloof from the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco, which he regards as Japan's only weapon against the United States.

### JAP SITUATION STILL TENSE

Imputation of Racial Inferiority Is Deeply Resented.

Washington, D. C.—Tension over the Japanese situation continues to excite attention in official and diplomatic quarters, but there were no specific developments at the White House, the State department or the Japanese embassy.

Nine of the 30 days Governor Johnson has under the California constitution to sign the alien land bill have elapsed, and the impression is beginning to gain ground here that the governor will avail himself of the full measure of time, even though he has declared his purpose to approve the Webb bill.

Secretary Bryan has not communicated with the governor since the receipt of his telegraphic message setting out his reasons for upholding the action of the legislature, but is simply waiting for the final act of signature before making reply to the Japanese note protesting against the legislation.

### Tokio Still Shows Faith.

Tokio—Faith in the American people to see that justice is done the Japanese is the dominating note in the discussion of the California alien land ownership legislation. War talk is denounced as ridiculous and only calculated to embarrass the two governments, which are laboring for a peaceful settlement by diplomacy. It is conceded, however, that failure on the part of the Americans to respond to the Japanese appeal for a discontinuance of the alleged discrimination would lead to some estrangement.

### Cruiser to Be Repaired.

Seattle, Wash.—The armored cruiser Colorado has arrived at the Puget Sound navy yard from San Francisco and will go into drydock immediately for a general overhauling. Repairs costing \$100,000 will be made to the warship. The armored cruiser Pittsburg, of the Pacific Reserve fleet, will not, as at first intended, take the Colorado's place on the active list, but will remain at the navy yard for further repairs.

### Ocean Is Let Into Canal.

Panama—The waters of the Pacific ocean were let into the Panama canal Sunday. A giant blast of 32,750 pounds of dynamite was fired, demolishing the dike to the south of the Miraflores locks and allowing the water to flow into an extensive section, in which excavation practically has been completed.