

# NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

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

The senate has ordered an inquiry into Wilson's tariff lobby charges.

Many witnesses testified as to Roosevelt's sobriety during his hunting trip in Africa.

The house is puzzled over the problem of equalizing the duty on cattle, wheat, oats, and their products.

The Union Pacific board of directors has offered two new plans for the unmerging of the Western railroads.

A postoffice investigating committee attacks ex-Postmaster General Hitchcock's administration as one of false economy.

Residents of Copperfield, Ore., worked all night to subdue a fire which did \$30,000 damage to the business part of the town.

Judge Gary, chairman of the Steel corporation, says he believes the corporation has set a good example for the business world.

Heavy rains have caused floods about Duluth and Superior, which have done much damage to railroads and other property.

The city park board of Portland led the contract for meat for the animals at the park at a rate about two cents a pound higher than ever before paid.

Reactor's hotel and restaurant, one of the largest and most famed in New York, has failed owing about \$500,000, with assets of about one-tenth of that sum.

High cost of living has forced several prominent clubs of San Francisco to raise the price of initiation and membership from one to four times the original.

Two girls aged 18 and 20 are walking from Detroit, Mich., to San Francisco, "for the fun of it." One man has bet \$500 they will be married before they get back.

Stricken with heart failure and thinking he was about to die, a Montana man confessed to the murder of General Meagher, of Montana, in 1867, and two murders in Oregon in 1874 and 1883, but upon recovering he denied all three crimes.

Three persons were badly injured by lightning near Walla Walla, Wash.

Indications are that the high price of wheat will raise the export prices of flour.

Latest census reports show that the Indian population of the United States is increasing.

The jury reform bill advocated by Wilson has been passed by the New Jersey legislature.

Associate Editor Mable, of the Outlook, says Japan wants no war with the United States.

President Wilson denounces the "insidious and industrious" lobby which is opposing the tariff bill in Washington.

The Supreme court has decided that a patent does not give the patentee the right to fix the retail price of an article.

## PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 94c per bushel; bluestem, \$1.02; forty-fold, 95c; red Russian, 92c; valley, 94c.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$32 per ton; stained and off grade, less.

Corn—Whole, \$28.50; cracked, \$29.50 per ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$24.50/25 per ton; shorts, \$26.50/27; middlings, \$31.

Barley—Feed, \$26.50 per ton; brewing, nominal; rolled, \$28.50/29.

Hay—Eastern Oregon Timothy, choice, \$18/19; alfalfa, \$13/14.

Onions—Oregon, \$1.25 per sack.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 75c per dozen; asparagus, Oregon, 75c/81.25 per dozen; beans, 10c/12c per pound; cabbage, 2 1/2c/3c pound; cauliflower, \$2 per crate; head lettuce, \$2.50 per crate; peas, 7c per pound; peppers, 35c/40c; radishes, 10c/12c dozen; rhubarb, 1c/2c pound; spinach, 75c per box; garlic, 7c/8c per bunch.

Potatoes—Burbank, 40c/50c per hundred; new, 2 1/2c/3c.

Green Fruit—Apples, nominal; strawberries, Oregon, \$3.50/4; Florida, \$1.75 per crate; cherries, \$1.50 per box; bulk, 12c per pound; gooseberries, 5c.

Poultry—Hens, 15c; broilers, 25c; turkeys, live, 19c/20c; dressed, choice, 25c; ducks, old, 16c/18c; young, 24c/25c; geese, young, 14c/16c.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, case count, 18c/19c per dozen; candled, 20c/21c.

Butter—City creamery cubes, 28c per pound; prints, 29c/29 1/2c.

Pork—Fancy, 11c/11 1/2c per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 13c/14c per pound.

Hops—1912 crop, 12c/14c pound; 1913 contracts, 12c/13c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 10c/16c per pound; valley, 14c/16c; 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, \$7.75/8.25; good, \$6.50/7; medium, \$6.50/7; choice calves, \$8/9; good heavy calves, \$6.50/7.50; bulls, \$6.25/6.50.

Hogs—Light, \$8.25/8.50; heavy, \$6.50/7.40.

Sheep—Wethers, \$5/6; ewes, \$3.85/5.

## SOUTH FAVORS PROTECTION

### Increase of Manufacturing Interests Changing Sentiment.

Washington, D. C.—Not a little consternation prevails in the Democratic camp at Washington because of the fact that Southern manufacturers and producers, dissatisfied with the terms of the Underwood bill, are appealing to Republican senators for relief. This is something that has been done before, but never in the past has the appeal from the South been as strong as now, due to the fact that the South is becoming more and more a manufacturing section.

Aside from the two senators from Louisiana, none of the Southern Democrats in the senate expect to break with their party when it comes to voting on the tariff bill, yet it is true that many Southern senators are protectionists at heart, though they do not so style themselves. They speak of advocating "tariff for revenue," but their preference is always for a tariff on the products of their particular states, and they are not much concerned about getting revenue from the products of other states or sections.

While no one expects the South to replace any of its sitting Democratic senators with Republicans, there is a general fear among senators from that section, and especially among those whose terms expire in two years, that they may be replaced by other Democrats who will be less inclined to vote against local interests.

## IDAHO BRIDGES THREATENED

### False Piers Carried Away at Lewiston and Trains Halted.

Lewiston, Idaho—All the false piers of the Northern Pacific Clearwater bridge at Spalding have been swept away by the high water and its bridge at Kamiah is also out of line. The Holbrook Island bridge at Lewiston over a branch of the Clearwater is also expected to go out at any minute. Hundreds of cords of drift are piled against the Spalding bridge and dynamite is being used to loosen the jam. No trains are passing over the bridge and Superintendent Burt, with two pile-drivers and a work train is on the scene directing the work. Both the Snake and Clearwater are rising rapidly and untold damage may follow if present weather conditions continue.

## KINDLY LETTERS SELL BEST

### Martha Washington's Brings \$300; Mrs. Lincoln's Complaint \$50.

New York—The bitter letters which Mrs. Lincoln, widow of Abraham Lincoln, wrote more than 40 years ago, when in despair of getting congress to pass an appropriation for her assistance, were sold at auction Thursday. Most of the letters went to dealers for less than \$50. A letter in which Mrs. Lincoln offered to sell a black lace dress which cost over \$2500, brought \$30. The most acrimonious letter of all, one in which Mrs. Lincoln wrote that General Grant and his wife treated her with "utter heartlessness," brought \$50, the best price of the lot. A letter of Martha Washington, a simple, kindly letter to an old friend, with love and kisses and remembrances, sold for \$300.

## Mrs. Wilson After Slums.

Washington, D. C.—Washington's slums will be cleaned out, if the influence and active work of the White House family count for anything. Mrs. Wilson made several quiet trips of inspection through the capital's unsightly alleys this week, and joined other prominent women, including the wives of several senators and representatives, in attending a meeting of the women's department of the National Civic Federation. There a letter was read from the President approving the movement for wiping out disreputable alleys and providing sanitary homes at lower rentals for the poor.

## H. M. Flagler's Will Filed.

St. Augustine, Fla.—Henry M. Flagler's will was filed Thursday and under it J. R. Parrott is to retain the head of the Florida East Coast railroad so long as he may desire. The estate is estimated to be worth between \$60,000,000 and \$70,000,000, and most of it goes to the widow. The son, Harry, will receive 5000 shares of Standard Oil company of New Jersey stock. J. R. Parrott, W. H. Beardsley and William Keenan, a brother of Mrs. Flagler, are named trustees under the will.

## Suffrage Bill Is Vetoed.

Madison, Wis.—Governor McGovern on Thursday vetoed the bill ordering a referendum in 1914 on the question of extending the ballot to women in Wisconsin. The governor objects to the bill on the ground that, suffrage having been defeated by a majority of 92,000 in Wisconsin last November, another referendum on the subject so soon would be unwise and would result only in a more emphatic rejection.

## Commoner Editor Is Choice.

Washington, D. C.—Richard L. Metcalf, editor of the Commoner, at Lincoln, Neb., has been recommended by Secretary Bryan to be a member of the Philippine commission. It is believed that the appointment soon will be made.

## Bomb in Public Library.

Shedfield, England—An ingeniously constructed bomb, bearing the inscription, "Votes for women," was found in the public library here Thursday. The bomb was plunged into water.

# OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

## LONG CREEK ROAD USABLE

### Expense of Construction of 30 Miles Estimated at \$50,000.

Prairie City—The preliminary survey made by William Narkus and E. C. Jones, under direction of the citizens of this place, for a new road extending through the mountains in a northwesterly direction to Long Creek, a distance of 30-odd miles, was completed Saturday. The viewers pronounce the project of building this road entirely feasible at a reasonable cost.

The object in building this new road is to open up to Prairie City trade the entire Northwest section of Grant county, a trade that has hitherto gone out by way of Austin by means of a much longer haul. Work on the road will begin at once and be rapidly pushed to completion.

The expense of construction, about \$50,000, will be borne in large part by the county. It is reported that the Sumpter Valley Railway people will aid the enterprise in every possible way.

## CUTWORMS BECOME EPIDEMIC

### Condon Merchant Looks for Little Effect From Austrian Beef.

Portland—The late spring has caused an epidemic of cutworms in the wheat fields of Eastern Oregon, according to Lester Wade, a young merchant of Condon, who was in Portland for several days on a business trip. The same reason is responsible for a shortness of range grass and the feeding of cattle, he says, is progressing slowly. In spite of these drawbacks, however, Mr. Wade is optimistic that the summer will be successful from an agricultural standpoint.

Mr. Wade, who conducts a retail store in Condon, is also an extensive feeder of cattle at his ranch. He looks for little material effect from the importation of Australian and Mexican cattle for beef, declaring the native animals far superior for the fancy trade at least.

## ORENCO SCHOOL IDEA NOVEL

### Children Have Elaborate Flower Gardens on Vacant Lots.

Orengo—Most cities and towns are satisfied when they have prepared school gardens for their children, but not so with Orengo. In addition to having school gardens of early and late vegetables at their homes the children have started an elaborate flower garden on a vacant block.

Plans for this garden were prepared free of charge by Charles P. MacDougall, a landscape architect of Portland. Winding walks are laid off between the beds of flowers with borders of tall growing flowers around the outer edges. Although the entire school has only about 100 pupils of all grades, about 75 are engaged in this flower garden work.

Along the front of the block in letters 10 feet in height, and extending 250 feet parallel with the Oregon Electric line are laid out in flowers "Orengo School Gardens."

## Cherry Fair Dates Set.

Salem—A movement was inaugurated at a big mass meeting under the auspices of the Board of Trade and the Chamber of Commerce, to have the most elaborate cherry fair this year ever held in Salem. The fair will be July 4 and 5, and a Fourth of July celebration will be held in connection with it. The management of the Chautauqua, which starts June 3, also will co-operate with the fair management.

## Rate Fight Is Planned.

Astoria—Dr. Alfred Kinney, president of the committee of direction of the Port of Astoria, has announced the appointment of the executive board of 21 members, which will have direct charge of the energetic campaign for equitable rail freight between this port and interior points. The committee will also direct the efforts for the immediate dredging of a 40-foot channel to the sea, and the erection of modern port-owned docks, for the construction of which \$800,000 in bonds are to be issued.

## Pure Seed and Disease Laws.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—The new laws on pure seed and on contagious diseases in Oregon are the subjects of important articles in the new issue of the Oregon Countryman, just off the Oregon Agricultural College press. Dr. James Withycombe designates the new livestock sanitary law as one of the best efforts for constructive legislation enacted in this state for some years. Prof. H. D. Scudder urges every farmer to read the provisions of the new seed law.

## Price of Wool Descends.

Pendleton—Smythe Bros. have disposed of their Arlington wool clip to J. P. Dufour, receiving 15 1/2 cents for coarse wool and 12 1/2 cents for fine wool. The total clip was 260,000 pounds. This is one of the largest individual clips in Eastern Oregon. For a similar clip last year Smythe Bros. received 18 cents for coarse and 13 1/2 cents for fine wool. Tariff agitation is said to be the cause of general depression in the wool market.

## FARMERS' FREE SOCIAL GIVEN

### Brownsville Warehouse Company Is Host to Public.

Brownsville—The second annual "Farmers' Social" was successfully given here last Saturday night under the auspices of the Brownsville Warehouse company, of which Charles Sterling is manager, and while arranged for agriculturists, many citizens of this place were present in addition to 400 farmers and their families.

The program was given in the large hay warehouse of the company, which was transformed into an opera house, and consisted of music, songs, addresses and finally the rendition of a drama by high school students. Mr. Lyons, of the warehouse company, described the methods pursued by the company in the past few years in building up a large market for the products of this section. During the past year the company had paid out over \$50,000 in cash to the farmers alone.

The unique method of entertaining the farmers was inaugurated last year by the company, at the close of a successful shipping season, and proved no less a success than the one given last week.

## WILL GROW BETTER PRUNES

### Association Thinks Results Might Easily Be Improved.

Salem—That the prune growers of the Northwest are determined to obtain better results in future is illustrated by the proceedings of a meeting of the Northwest Packers' association held recently in Portland, H. S. Gile, secretary, making public the proceedings here. The principal subject for discussion was the possibility of overcoming the mistakes of 1911, and, if possible, arriving at a basis by which the prune could be standardized. It is one of the great industries of the Northwest, and yields to Oregon growers alone about \$1,000,000 annually. The 1911 crop, for some unknown reason, did not keep well, and as a result has greatly injured the business. Representatives of various agricultural colleges attended the meetings in Portland and gave their views, which the growers say will be of great benefit to them. There will be concerted action in an effort to place the crop on a higher scale and obtain the best results.

## Fine Fair Garden Planted.

Salem—That the floral decorations and landscape work will be the most elaborate at the state fair this year ever attempted in Oregon is the declaration of Hugh Bryan, state landscape artist. Three Portland firms will each exhibit 300 new varieties of dahlias, many of which have never been seen in this part of the state. Mr. Bryan has planned a bed to contain 1000 begonias, 600 of the tuberous variety and 400 Vernons. Mass planting of begonias on such a scale as is contemplated, except in international exhibits, has never been attempted in this country, and the bed will be one of the greatest attractions at the fair. The usual planting of asters, cannas, roses, geraniums, gladioli, etc., on the principal court of the grounds, is being done.

## Wool In Demand at Echo.

Echo—The second wool sale of the season in Eastern Oregon was held at Echo Saturday. Regardless of the fact that the duty on raw wool seems doomed to go, the bidding was as high as that of last year, in fact, a higher price was paid for the same grade of wool than was received for the 1912 clip. The sales totaled 318,000 pounds, at prices ranging from 12 cents to 14 1/2 cents a pound, as follows:

Antone Vey, 100,000 pounds to Crimmins & Pierce, at 14 cents; William Pedro, 48,000 pounds to Hallowell, Jones & McDonald, at 14 1/2 cents; John Kilkenny, 100,000 pounds to Dufour, at 14 1/2 cents; B. Doherty, 70,000 pounds to Green, at 12 cents. Joseph Cunha, who has 80,000 pounds, and William Slusher, who has 112,000 pounds, were offered 14 cents and 12 1/2 cents, respectively, but refused the offers.

## Bandon Wharfage Improved.

Bandon—Many changes are being made along the waterfront here this summer. The warehouses are increasing their facilities for the handling of freight. The passenger traffic in and out of port and up-river is taxing the capacity of the steamers. The Coquille River Transportation company has just added a new, modern steamer with a capacity of 120 passengers. The old wharves of the A. F. Easterbrook company are being torn down, that their entire waterfront may be equipped with new docks.

## Buena Vista Crops Good.

Buena Vista—Polk County's showing for crops of grain, clover and fruit are excellent and in all districts farmers are optimistic concerning the season's prospects. In the hills of the county where the red soil is used for prunes and other fruits a heavy yield is expected. The yield of wool in the county this year was light and farmers do not approve of the present actions of the President concerning the reductions on wool.

## FAVORS FEDERAL RAILROAD

### Wilson Makes Known His Attitude on Alaskan Question.

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson told Senators Chamberlain and Jones Wednesday that he felt kindly toward the proposal for government construction of railroads in Alaska.

The two senators sought the President's views on securing Alaskan legislation during the present session. Wilson expressed his hope that a bill might be passed, but made it clear that, in view of the urgency for tariff reform, he would be unable as yet to recommend action, intimating that if the Alaskan question could be disposed of without interfering with those subjects, he would lend his support to a bill within the near future. Senator Jones said, on leaving the executive offices, that he was confident a bill would be reported to the territories committee and probably acted on before the tariff was taken up. Governor Ammons, of Colorado, and Senators Thomas and Shafroth called on the President to urge that the government pursue a more liberal policy toward opening agricultural lands in the West. They told the President that the withdrawal of lands from public entry had discouraged settlers, and that every effort of the government should be toward development of these regions.

## GRASSHOPPER PEST APPEARS

### Ninety Square Miles of Insects Devastate New Mexico.

Amarillo, Tex.—Traveling north-eastward a column of grasshoppers five miles wide and 18 miles long is reported in Northeastern New Mexico. Reports that the millions of grasshoppers seem to spread as they travel and also the appearance of small bodies of grasshoppers in sections of West Texas have caused fear of a general grasshopper pest in the Southwest, especially in Texas, Western Oklahoma and New Mexico.

## Health Board Has Puzzle.

Sacramento—The State board of health is confronted by one of its most difficult problems in recent years in having placed before it for decision the question of when do human bones cease to become a part of the human body. This question must be decided before the board can give its permission to Chinese at Auburn for a shipment of the bones of dead Orientals by freight and parcel post to San Francisco for exportation to China.

Arrangements are being made by Chinese throughout the different sections of California to send to China a large consignment of skeletons of Chinese who have died in this state. The law prohibits shipment of human bodies unless hermetically sealed in a metal casket. In order to grant the request of the Placer County Chinese the board of health must rule that a skeleton in the form of dried bones is not a human body, or a part of a human body. The object of the law is to safeguard health.

## Settlers Forced to Pay.

Washington, D. C.—More than 10,000 farmers on reclamation projects of the West will be affected by the Supreme court's decision that they must pay to the government the cost of maintaining and operating the various reclamation projects, pending their completion. The decision was in the suit by D. P. Baker and other farmers on the Sunnyside unit of the Yakima, Wash., project to have the reclamation service enjoined from cutting off the water supply to enforce collection of such charges.

## Election Change Mooted.

Washington, D. C.—The new plan for national election and the assembling of congress was proposed by Senator Works in two bills. He would change election day from November to August and provide for annual sessions of congress from the first Monday of October to the first Monday in June. Congressmen would assume office in October, immediately after the election, and the President and Vice President would take office in November. The plan is not looked upon with favor to any extent.

## Teacher-Murderer Convicted.

Salt Lake City—Caleb A. Inlow, former school principal and juvenile probation officer at Bingham, Utah, was found guilty in the Utah District court here of second degree murder. Inlow and his wife were charged with having killed Thomas E. White, a taxicab chauffeur, last October, to prevent the latter telling of alleged order thefts committed by Inlow. It is expected Mrs. Inlow will be released without trial.

## Bulgaria Fully Expects War.

Vienna—Bulgaria regards war as inevitable, according to dispatches from Sofia. Servia's demand for a revision of the alliance treaty is regarded as an ultimatum, and it is expected that the Bulgarian cabinet will flatly refuse the demand and insist upon compliance with the treaty. Eighty thousand troops are massed near Sofia, and other troops are being hurried forward in Macedonia.

# 37 DIE WHEN BIG PIER FALLS

## Queen's Birthday Celebrants at Long Beach Victims.

### Fifty Others Badly Injured—Part of Auditorium Crashes Down and Adds to Horror.

Long Beach, Cal.—Too frail to uphold the burden of nearly 10,000 human beings assembled for the festivities of the British Empire day celebration, the land end of the big double-decked pier in front of the city auditorium collapsed Saturday. Hundreds of persons on the top deck were dropped down on the heads of other hundreds crowded on the deck below. The lower deck then gave way and all were dropped down a chute of shattered woodwork to the tidewashed sands 25 feet below.

Thirty-three persons—mostly women—were killed by the shivered timbers or crushed to death by the falling bodies. Fifty more were seriously injured, while hysteria and paralyzing fright disabled scores.

A section of the auditorium also went down in the crash and the debris from it was added to the wreckage that fell on top of the dead and injured.

The victims were mostly subjects and former subjects of Great Britain resident in Southern California. The dead were taken to the National Guard armory, while the injured were hurried to various hospitals in this city and Los Angeles.

All the doctors in the city, reinforced by surgeons and nurses from Los Angeles, were called to care for the injured.

The Empire day parade, the principal feature of the celebration in honor of the late Queen Victoria's birth anniversary, had just ended and the participants, with thousands of visitors, were crowding up the steps of the pier and surging toward the auditorium when the pier floor sagged.

An instant later the supports gave way and the sound of breaking timbers mingled with the shrieks and cries of the victims as all went down into a mass of broken wood and writhing human forms on the sand.

Long Beach, Cal.—Later. Prospective damage suits aggregating probably \$1,000,000 or more, and a grand jury investigation are engaging the attention of the city officials as a probable outcome of the disaster Saturday in which 37 persons lost their lives in a collapse of the municipal pier, just after the close of the British Empire Day pageant.

The weakness of the pier, which was built eight years ago and never repaired in that particular portion, is believed to have been due to decay caused by the action of salt air on wood and its iron fasteners and supports. However, it was declared that a much stronger structure might have been wrecked under the same circumstances, as the participants of the big parade marched on the pier in step.

Military men pointed out that the rhythmic vibration created by the measured tread of thousands of feet caused a tremendous strain on the supports, which already had been heavily burdened by the crowd which thronged in front of the doors awaiting admittance, and they recalled that military columns comprising large numbers of men always break step when crossing even iron bridges, in order to avoid causing collapse or serious damage.

## Chinese General Killed.

Shanghai—General Hsu Pao San was killed by a bomb while opening a box which was supposed to contain porcelain. He had set for a piece of porcelain, and when the box arrived he attempted to pry off the cover. A terrific explosion resulted, and he was hurled with great force to the opposite end of the room. A servant also was instantly killed. The general, who was known as "Tiger Hsu," was a strong supporter of President Yuan Shi Kai, and the object of bitter hatred to the Southern extremists.

## Allies Approach Peace.

London—The allies informed Osman Pazim Pasha at a joint meeting of the Balkan and Ottoman peace delegates that they had no intention of asking for further modification of the peace terms already put forward. This announcement is regarded as an important step in the direction of peace, as the Turks announced that if any modifications were suggested it would leave the door open for further demands on the allies.

## Morgan Gift to Be Tax-Free.

Albany, N. Y.—The valuable collection of works of art, pictures, books and antiques of the late J. Pierpont Morgan will be exempt from the state inheritance tax, provided the collection is turned over "to a municipal corporation of the state for educational purposes by the heirs within two years." The Omrod bill, which so provides, was signed by Governor Sulzer Saturday.

## Mines Tie Up Shipping.

Smyrna—Shipping is completely paralyzed in these water on account of recent accidents due to mines. The companies have warned incoming steamers to remain away and outward-bound vessels are afraid to leave port.