

NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

A Portland bank firm will erect a \$1,000,000 building.

Three political parties in Idaho have adopted Prohibition planks.

A Seattle firm receives 3000 bags of corn from Japan at a low price.

Workmen's compensation law became effective in Iowa July 1st.

The senate will not adjourn until Wilson's trust program is finished.

"Before I resign, half of Mexico City dies," declares General Huerta.

The cause of bubonic plague which is prevalent in New Orleans, is traced to fleas.

The chief justice of the Supreme court of Idaho has resigned to campaign for U. S. senatorship.

"Better pay for teachers" is the slogan of the National Education association, in session in St. Paul.

Captain Bojaroglo, a Russian army aviator, was killed when his monoplane collapsed and fell from a great height.

Mount Lassen, in California, for the fourteenth time is spouting smoke and ashes, the latter being found 13 miles distant.

It is declared by a member of the mediation congress that war between Mexico and the United States has been averted.

Women suffragettes are determined to wage their fight before congress, in spite of President Wilson's refusal to lend aid.

James T. Dubois, ex-minister to Colombia, denies that the pending treaty with that country contains any "apology."

One thousand and thirty-six "Oregon dry" petitions bearing 35,032 names, have been filed with the secretary of state.

Masked robbers hold up eight automobiles near Marshfield, Ore., and secure several hundred dollars in money and jewelry.

An autograph letter of Sir Walter Scott's dated April 23, 1843, was found by a Seattle man in a book purchased at a second-hand store.

An Albany, Ore., calf ate a cloth sign and died. The owner seeks \$35 damages from the firm who put the advertisement on his barn.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: New club, 77c@78c per bushel; new forty-fold, 79c; new bluestem, 82c; old club, 86c, nominal.

Milled—Bran, \$23 per ton; shorts, \$26; middlings, \$30.

Barley—Feed, \$20@21 per ton; brewing, \$21.50@22; rolled, \$23.50.

Hay—Choice timothy, \$16@17 per ton; mixed timothy, \$12@15; valley grain hay, \$10@12; alfalfa, \$10@11.

Oats—No. 1 white milling, \$22@22.25 per ton.

Corn—Whole, \$35; cracked, \$36.

Vegetables—Cucumbers, 75c@81 per dozen; eggplant, 15c per pound; peppers, 20c; radishes, 15c@17c per dozen; head lettuce, \$1.75 per crate; artichokes, 85c per dozen; celery, \$1.50; tomatoes, 75c@1.50 per crate; spinach, 5c@7c per pound; rhubarb, 2 1/2@3c; cabbage, 1c; asparagus, \$1@1.50 per dozen; peas, 4@5c per pound; beans, 6@7c; corn, 30@35c per dozen.

Onions—Red, \$3.25; yellow, \$3.25 per sack; Walla Walla, \$2.50@2.75.

Green Fruits—Apples, old, \$1.50@2 box; new, \$1@1.25 per box; cherries, 3@8c pound; apricots, \$1.50 box; cantaloupes, \$1.25@2 crate; peaches, 50c@1 box; plums, \$1@1.25; watermelons, 1 1/2@2c pound; loganberries, \$1@1.15; black caps, \$1@1.25; casabas, \$2.25 dozen; potatoes, Oregon, new, 1 1/2@2c pound; turnips, new \$1.25; carrots, \$1.50; beets, \$1.50.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, case count, 22 1/2@23c; candled, 25@26c.

Poultry—Hens, 15c; broilers, 18@20c; fryers, 20@22c; turkeys, live, 20@22c; dressed, choice, 25@26c; ducks, 10c; geese, 8@9c.

Butter—Creamery prints, extra, 27 1/2c pound; cubes, 22@23c.

Pork—Fancy, 10@10 1/2c per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 12 1/2@13c pound.

Cattle—Prime steers, \$7.25@7.50; choice, \$7@7.25; medium, \$6.75@7; choice cows, \$6.25@6.50; medium, \$6@6.25; heifers, \$6.25@6.75; calves, \$6@6.50; bulls, \$3@5; stags, \$5@6.25.

Hogs—Light, \$7.25@8.05; heavy, \$6.25@7.25.

Sheep—Wethers, \$4.20@4.75; ewes, \$3.25@4.25; yearling lambs, \$4.50@4.75; spring lambs, \$5.50@6.

Wool—Valley, 20@22 1/2c; Eastern Oregon, 16@20 1/2c; mohair, 1914 clip, 27@28c.

Train Robbers Captured; Full Confession Is Made

Pendleton, Or.—Albert Meadors and Clarence Stoner, two of the three train robbers who held up O.-W. R. & N. train No. 5 near Meacham the morning of July 2, were arrested Monday night by Deputy Sheriff Batchelor, of La Grande.

The leader of the gang, who was shot and killed by Deputy Sheriff McDuffy at the time of the holdup is Charles Manning, a professional gambler and not Hugh Whitney, the notorious outlaw. All three of the robbers were from Cokeville, Wyo. Manning has a wife and four children in Cokeville. He was a close personal friend of both Hugh and Charles Whitney, while Stoner is a cousin of the Whitney boys.

When arrested the two train robbers were walking along the railroad track in the direction of La Grande and less than 20 miles from the scene of the holdup. Neither man was armed and they offered no resistance when placed under arrest. They had \$385 in cash and the \$700 diamond ring taken from H. B. Royce, the Walla Walla brewer, who was a passenger on the train, and a smaller diamond, but the diamonds were thrown away when they were arrested to prevent their being used to connect them with the holdup.

In conjunction with other officers, Batchelor had been watching the railroad track in the vicinity of La Grande ever since the holdup. When he saw these two men coming down the track he stopped them and not being satisfied with their explanations as to their presence there, took them into La Grande.

Both men confessed to the robbery.

Royalty Funeral Marked By Irreverent Scenes

Vienna—Now that the bodies of the murdered Archduke Francis Ferdinand and his wife, the Duchess of Hohenberg, repose beneath the castle chapel at Artstetten, a bitter controversy is raging over the manner in which the funeral was conducted. Moderate opinion inclines to the belief that the court officials made the ceremonial too painfully correct, while the friends of the duchess are indignant at the emphasis laid on her inferior birth.

According to reports in the leading Vienna papers, the reception of the bodies at Poehlar, was attended by scandalous proceedings. A violent thunder storm upset all prearranged ceremony and the coffins were hurriedly carried to the waiting-room of the station, where they were placed on the stone-paved floor and remained there two hours or more.

Meanwhile the volunteer firemen who were supposed to be assisting the local gendarmes in controlling the arrangements, were drinking beer and eating sausages, while the more important officials strolled smoking cigars in close proximity to the coffin containing the body of the late heir to the throne.

The torrential rain drove everybody into the waiting-room and, says one account, "all the ordinary rules of behavior seemed to have been forgotten and the scene might be described as resembling the turmoil and noise of a country fair."

Exploded Bomb Intended for Rockefeller, Is Believed

New York—In the ruins of the tenement wrecked Sunday by the explosion of a bomb, which it is believed was intended for use against John D. Rockefeller or his son, the authorities found evidence that Arthur Caron, who was killed with three others, had used his apartment as a center for the distribution of inflammatory literature, and that it was filled with death-dealing explosives. A small printing press, revolutionary pamphlets and circulars, an electric dynamo, two electric batteries, cartridges and bits of steel were among the articles uncovered, which tend, in the opinion of the police, to show an anarchist plot. That the demonstration, halted by the bungling of some one who was preparing an infernal machine for its mission, was planned against the Rockefeller family in Tarrytown, is the theory on which the authorities are working.

Flag Wearers Criticised.

Mexico City—For the first time since the Spanish-American war no public celebration of the Fourth of July was held in this city. The American residents spent the day quietly. Several of them appeared in the streets wearing American flags in their coat lapels. They were not molested, but their action was adversely criticised by a majority of the American colony, who deemed it unwise and likely to precipitate trouble.

Work Is Being Pushed on New Willamette Railway

Mapleton—The Willamette Pacific railway crosses the Umpqua a short distance above Gardiner, the north end of the approach being just west of Smith river. This bridge will have a draw span. The span and the steel arches at each end will be only about 300 feet long. The trestle, approaches and fills will measure 1250 feet.

Two miles north of the Umpqua the road will swing to the west, leaving Smith river and following up Jack Franz creek. The work of Engineer F. D. Browne stops at the mouth of that creek and that of Engineer M. H. Bedolie begins. From the creek the road passes through a tunnel, designated as tunnel No. 6, over to a small draw and down that a half mile or so to Lake Takenitch. This tunnel is 1554 feet long, or will be when done. Work is just under way.

As the road strikes Lake Takenitch it crosses an arm of it and then passes through a cut and then alternately over trestles and fills up to Lake Taitcoos. But in this stretch there is one tunnel, No. 5, which is 750 feet long. Work

on this also is under way.

There is a Clear Lake northwest of Taitcoos, and there are at least a half dozen lakes of that name in Oregon. There is also much confusion in the names of creeks and rivers. There are Willow creeks almost without end, McKay creeks in several counties, and even the names of rivers are duplicated. For instance there is a Callipoolia river in Douglas county and another in Linn county.

Taking the string of lakes between the Siuslaw and Coos bay and considering the number of tourists they will draw when the Willamette-Pacific is completed the conflict in names will cause much confusion.

The railway officials are more deeply interested in this question than anybody else. John M. Scott, the general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon, most likely will have to look to the advertising of the new line when done, the Willamette-Pacific, and he has expressed himself as wishing to have some legal action taken in the matter.

Outlook for State Fair Is Exceedingly Good

Salem—Announcement was made this week by Frank Meredith, secretary, that the coming State Fair would have the largest livestock and poultry exhibits in its history. He said that all the owners exhibiting last year would be represented and that the 13 large stock barns would be filled earlier than usual.

Many stockmen of Eastern states, anticipating the benefit to be derived from having exhibits at the Panama-Pacific exposition, will exhibit at the Oregon and other state fairs, remaining on the Coast until the close of the exposition at San Diego.

Mr. Meredith said that all the space in the machinery building had been engaged, and that firms desirous of exhibiting which have not engaged room will have to provide their own quarters. The pavilion, now in the course of construction, will be 243 by 120 feet, having an auditorium annex 55 by 100 feet. The agricultural products will be displayed on the lower floor, while the displays of the Oregon

Manufacturers' association will be on the second floor. Mr. Meredith said the auditorium would have a seating capacity of 1000.

The old pavilion will not be razed, as was reported, but will be devoted to the children's industrial exhibits, which was one of the features of the fair last year. The eugenics department will be in this building, as will the display of the Oregon Library commission.

According to the management the poultry exhibit this year will be 20 per cent larger than that of 1913. A Tacoma chicken fancier has written that he will enter 200 birds.

A boys' camp will be maintained at the grounds this year, the fair board to have as its guests two boys from each county. The boys will be the winners in local and district industrial fairs. The Vancouver Interstate Fair board has announced that it will send one of the state prize winners in industrial contests to the Oregon State Fair.

Plans for McKinzie River Highway Are Approved

Eugene—Plans for the completion of the McKinzie River Highway construction this summer were approved at a conference of government, road and forestry officials from two counties on the summit of the Cascades at an altitude of 6000 feet. The huge lava beds were splashed with snow.

The work in view includes the improvement of the road across the lava beds, the removal of the sand road on the east side of the mountain and the improvement of the surface of the new grades built on the west side during the last year, to be done at a cost of \$16,000.

Those present at the conference were A. T. Schuyler, senior highway engineer, of Washington, D. C.; C. R. Seitz, supervisor of the Cascade National Forest and forest improvement engineer in the Northwest; Supervisor Merritt, of the Deschutes National reserve; George Hawley, of the Lane county court; Frank Elkins, Crook county sheriff; R. L. Jordan, Crook county treasurer; G. M. Brewster, watermaster, and J. B. Bell, of Prineville.

The Crook county party came to Eugene over the McKinzie from Prineville in 12 hours. The distance is 150 miles across the Cascades, and the time was on roads made muddy by rain which fell as they crossed the mountains.

The highway already has been completed, so far as the reduction of the grades to 7 per cent is concerned, and has been thrown open by the forestry officials to all classes of motor traffic.

The new highway places Bend within two days' motor trip from Portland and shortens the trip into California.

Bobcat Pays for License.

Eugene—James Frame, a six-foot-four mountaineer from London, 30 miles southeast of Eugene, brought to Eugene a bobcat pelt and a bride. He exchanged the bobcat for a marriage license and exchanged the marriage license for a wife. He returned with a wife to surprise his friends in London. The bounty on bobcats is only \$2 and the cost of the marriage license is \$3, so Frame had to throw in \$1 "to boot" to effect the exchange in the county clerk's office, but he will get that dollar back by filing a claim with the secretary of state for the special state bounty.

Jackson County to Build Highway by Contract

Medford—Members of the County court have tired of criticisms that the county is wasting money by constructing the Central Point section of the Pacific Highway by day labor, and after a conference with State Highway Engineer Bowlby, announced that the section of the highway between Talent and Ashland will be let by contract.

Bids will be called for the second week in July. No certain type of hard-surfaced pavement will be insisted upon. The contractor making the lowest bid on any standard type will be awarded the contract.

According to members of the County court, the Central Point road, now completed within half a mile of Medford, has cost less than it would have cost if let by contract, and will stand long after the street payments of Medford, which cost two and three times as much a square yard, have worn out. The first section of the road out of Central Point is in use. The road will be completed by July 15, and the last section will have to "set" 30 days before the highway is entirely thrown open to traffic.

Work in the Siskiyou is progressing rapidly and everything will be ready for the surfacing of the scenic highway in the spring of 1915, while the hard-surfaced road from Central Point through Medford, Phoenix, Talent to Ashland will be opened before the winter rains set in.

\$20,000 School Assured.

Amity—The board of education will let a contract next week for the erection of a \$15,000 high school building, which is to be completed in time for use this fall. The bond issue of \$20,000 at 5 1/2 per cent has been purchased by the Lumbermen's Trust company, of Portland. The construction of the building will be of wood stucco and contain four classrooms, two laboratories and assembly room. It will accommodate 200 students.

Fish Violations Alleged.

Astoria—The state fisheries department officials who have been checking up the licenses issued in the Columbia river district have found a number of persons holding licenses who, under the provisions of the state laws, are not eligible to fish for salmon. The packers employing these men have been allowed three days to get rid of them or complaints against the alleged violators of the law will be filed in the courts.

BIG GRAIN CROP WORTH MILLIONS

Yield in Pacific Northwest Is Estimated 65,000,000.

Harvesting Returns From Early Sections Point to Excellent Quality of Grain.

The season is now far enough advanced to make it almost certain that the cereal crops of the Pacific Northwest will be safely gathered. The progress also is sufficient to enable grain men to estimate with a degree of closeness the yields of the leading grains.

That the wheat crop of the three states will break all previous records is conceded by nearly every grain authority in the Northwest. The general estimate now is 65,000,000 bushels for Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

The crop in these states last year was almost 56,000,000 bushels. Earlier in the season grain dealers believed the Northwest would produce 70,000,000 bushels of wheat, but it is thought they overestimated the crop, as is frequently done in seasons of great promise.

Close watch has been kept on the growth and maturing of the plant in the leading wheat sections, and the exporters are satisfied that their estimates are nearly correct, and they are preparing to do business on these figures.

Harvesting returns are beginning to come in from the early sections, and not only bear out the estimates of the yield, but for the most part point to an exceedingly good quality of grain.

The barley crop of the Northwest is also excellent and will, it is believed, fully equal the large outturn of last year. The oats crop is excellent, but in the grain trade the yield is not estimated up to last year's total, as the acreage is some of the important oats districts has been reduced.

Opening prices have not been established definitely in any of the cereal lines. The wheat market has been unsettled by the downward course of values at Chicago and Liverpool. The Eastern and foreign markets were affected adversely by the promise of a 900,000,000 bushels wheat crop in the United States, and in the Northwest, this weakness was reflected in the lower bids put out by dealers for late delivery. More than half a million bushels, however, have been bought for early shipment and prices averaging about 80 cents at tidewater have been paid.

As soon as the world's markets are adjusted to the new crop situation, an active buying movement can be expected in Northwest territory. Figuring roughly on the present and probable prices, the wheat crop of the three states should be worth more than \$42,000,000 to the farmers. The barley and oats crops should bring the total value of Pacific Northwest cereals about \$51,000,000.

HUERTA AGAIN "ELECTED" PRESIDENT OF MEXICO

Mexico City—Elections for president, vice president, deputies and senators were held Sunday in that portion of the republic controlled by the Huerta government. Indifference was manifested everywhere.

General Huerta appeared to be the favorite candidate for the presidency and General Blanquet for the vice presidency. President Huerta, it is reported, received a virtually unanimous vote of confidence. The returns indicate the re-election of all present members of the chamber and senate. The lightest vote in many years was cast, both in the capital and near-by towns.

Thirteen Are Drowned in Wrecked Alaska Launch

Skagway, Alaska—Thirteen persons were drowned July 4 in Lynn canal by the capsizing of the gasoline launch Superb, which, while bound from Skagway for Juneau, with 20 persons aboard, was struck by a heavy southerly gale.

The Superb set out from Skagway Friday night, carrying passengers to attend the Fourth of July celebration at Juneau. At Seduction Point, 15 miles south of Haines, the storm struck the launch full in the face. The little craft managed to turn about and run for Skagway. When the Superb was three miles from Skagway a huge sea overturned the launch. The men clung to the overturned boat.

Archduke Left \$400,000.

Vienna—It is said that Emperor Francis Joseph has granted an annual allowance to the late Archduke's children of \$80,000. It is estimated the Archduke's fortune was under \$400,000, insufficient for the up-keep of his castles, which therefore must be sold.