

# NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A number of French officers were killed or injured by a bomb in Hanoi, Indo-China, hurled by an adherent of the pretender to the Annamite throne.

Emperor William was warned that an attempt would be made upon his life while on a visit to Frankfurt, and extraordinary precautions have been taken.

Bankers throughout the country are much averse to the government's "laundered" paper money, and characterize it as "counterfeiters' delight."

Wilson's message to the California legislature, delivered in person by Secretary Bryan, seems to have little effect in changing the minds of the lawmakers.

Representative Sisson, of Mississippi, openly declares himself in favor of war with Japan, if necessary to back up California in her anti-alien legislation.

A New York hermit, after his death was accidentally identified by a relative as Dudley Jardine, a wealthy builder of church organs, and worth over \$100,000.

An old sea captain who died in San Francisco left a large fortune, providing in his will that his widow should have only her legal share, his children nothing, and the balance of the money to homeless street waifs and orphans.

Montenegro accepts a new frontier line and in exchange yields up Scutari.

Twenty-five per cent of the officials at the coming election in Portland, will be women.

Ortie E. McManigal will soon be released from prison, and declares he will start life all over again.

International lawyers of several countries spoke in Washington in favor of equal canal tolls for all countries.

Miss Margaret Wilson, eldest daughter of the President, spoke before the general council of women's clubs at Baltimore.

A rope-maker of Cherbourg, France, has just awakened from a 77-day sleep.

Alabama's senators declare the South has not its proper share of foreign consuls.

The government sees no cause to change its plans for the naval cruise to the Mediterranean on account of the Japanese controversy.

Eighty miners are missing and 39 bodies have been recovered from a Pennsylvania coal mine which was wrecked by explosion of foul gases.

### PORTLAND MARKETS

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

Oats—No. 1 white, \$28.50/29 per ton; valley, stained, \$24/25.

Corn—Whole, \$27; cracked, \$28 ton.

Millets—Bran, \$27 per ton; shorts, \$25; middlings, \$30.

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

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

Vegetables—Artichokes, 75¢ per dozen; asparagus, Oregon, \$1.25; cabbage, 14¢/15¢; cauliflower, 35¢/40¢ per dozen; celery, \$4 per crate; hothouse lettuce, 90¢/1.10 per dozen; peppers, 35¢/40¢ per pound; radishes, 10¢/12¢ per dozen; rhubarb, 20¢/30¢ per pound; spinach, 75¢ per box; garlic, 50¢/60¢ per pound; turnips, 85¢ per sack; parsnips, 85¢; carrots, 85¢.

Onions—Oregon, 75¢/90¢ per sack; Bermuda, \$2.25 per crate.

Potatoes—Burbanks, 40¢/50¢ per hundred; Florida new, 50¢/60¢ per hundred; sweets, 4c.

Apples—30¢/31.50 per box.

Strawberries—Florin, \$3/3.50 per crate.

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

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, 20¢ per dozen.

Butter—City creamery, cubes, 25¢ per pound; prints, 29¢/29½¢.

Pork—Fancy, 11¢/12¢ per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 14¢/14½¢ per pound.

Hops—1912 crop, 10¢/15¢ per pound.

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

Cattle—Choice steers, \$7.75/8.25; good, \$7.50/7.75; medium, \$7.30/7.50; choice cows, \$6.75/7.35; good, \$6.50/6.75; medium, \$6.00/6.50; choice calves, \$8/9; good heavy calves, \$6.50/7.50; bulls, \$5.85/6.25.

Hogs—Light, \$8.75/9; heavy, \$7.75/8.70.

Sheep—Yearling wethers, \$6.25/7.25; ewes, \$4.75/6.25; lambs, 27¢/28¢.

### FEWER VARIETIES OF APPLES

West is Urged to Ship Only Two or Three Kinds.

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

According to the report of the International Apple Shippers' association, the apples in cold storage in the United States on January 1, 1913, amounted to 5,283,445 boxes of Western apples, and 4,645,412 barrels of apples grown in Eastern states. This represents an increase of 3,379,641 boxes and 751,088 barrels over the amount in storage at the same time a year ago. Thus there was an all around big crop, although, as the figures indicate, the rate of increase in the East was trifling as compared with that of the West, which more than doubled its output of the year before.

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

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

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

### JAPAN SEEKS COALING BASE

Wants Island 50 Miles From East End of Panama Canal.

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

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

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

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

### Ship Found Under Gotham.

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

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

### Mrs. Scott Gets Annuity.

London—The British government, according to Premier Asquith, will provide an annuity of \$500 for the widow of Captain Robert F. Scott, head of the British Antarctic expedition, who perished while returning from the South Pole, in addition to her admiralty pension of \$1000. The government also will provide a joint annuity of \$1500 for Captain Scott's mother and two sisters, and an annuity of \$1500 for the widow and sister-in-law of Dr. Edward A. Wilson, chief of staff of the expedition.

### Fruit in Oregon Caught.

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

### Ship in Near Destruction.

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

## OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

### VETERANS GIVEN WARNING MEDFORD PLANS CANNERY

See Physician Before Going to Gettysburg, Says Finzer.

Salem—Old veterans who will attend the 50th anniversary celebration at Gettysburg in July from Oregon are advised in a bulletin issued by Adjutant General Finzer, through Governor West, to consult their family physician before deciding to take the long trip in the hottest time of the year.

Rules and regulations have been issued relative to the expenditure of the state appropriation providing for paying the expenses of survivors of the battle back to attend the anniversary. These are signed by James P. Shaw of department headquarters, and Colonel Lewis C. Garrigus, Confederate veteran, and commissioners.

The camp will be open for the reception of visitors June 29, and will close July 6. No one not a veteran of the Civil war will be given food or shelter within the camp. Those not provided with proper credentials will be barred from the camp. The camp will be at the High Water Mark monument on the battlefield, complete in all its equipment of tents, cots, blankets, etc., but each veteran must provide his own toilet, soap and toilet articles. The "mess kit" provided by the government will become the property of the veteran upon breaking camp. No trunks will be allowed in the baggage.

The canneries will be similar to the one now operating at Puyallup, Wash. Ranchers may subscribe for stock at \$10 a share to any amount, but each subscriber will have but one vote. The profits of the association above \$2000 will be divided among the growers.

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

### LATE HARVEST IS ADVISED

Oregon Growers Told How to Market Pears Successfully.

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

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

### Crop Contracts Secured.

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

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

### Clatsop Pupils Progressing.

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

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

### Ashland Farmers to Exhibit.

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

### Broken Contract Charge.

Salem—That the Central Oregon Irrigation company will be compelled to show cause within the next 15 days why it should not fulfill the provisions of its contract relative to the enlargement of the Central Oregon ditch, and why the bond of \$25,000 given to insure the enlargement of that ditch should not be forfeited, was the substance of an order made by the Desert Land board Monday. In addition the company is called upon to make a financial statement as to how its money was expended during 1912.

### Students Study Engines.

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

### Eight-Hour Day to Be Urged.

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

# The Chronicles of Addington Peace

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## THE MYSTERY OF THE CAUSEWAY

(Continued.)

"The detective gentleman wired that he wanted to see me," said Warner, anxiously. "Do you know why, sir?"

"I told him no, and he dropped into an uneasy silence. I amused myself by walking from picture to picture, for the walls were hung with splendid portraits—Gainsborough, Lely and Romney—it was a veritable exhibition of those great masters. At last the door opened and the little man appeared, glancing from one to the other of us with his shrewd, observant eyes.

"Will you follow me, if you please?" he said.

We tramped up the great staircase, a wide sweep of polished oak, where a dozen men could have walked abreast and to a majestic bedroom. In the center stood a venerable four-poster bedstead. The columns that supported the canopy were finely carved, and over the head was a faded coat of arms pictured in the needlework of two hundred years ago. The lattice windows were open. From without came the faint piping of the nesting birds.

Upon the bed lay something covered with white sheeting.

"Peace walked up to it and paused, staring hard at the keeper, who stood beside me. Then with a gentle hand he lifted the sheet. On the pillow lay the head of an elderly man, dark and full bearded.

Warner stepped back, clutching my arm.

"It's the botanist," he stammered. "What is he doing here? Was it him as killed my master, sir?"

"Yes," said the little detective; "he killed Sir Andrew Cheyne."

For a moment he stooped, busying himself about the head. With a gentle hand he lifted the heavy beard away. It was a face younger by a score of years than lay upon the pillows, a face handsome, after its fashion, though deep lined with evil days and ways.

"Sir Andrew himself," cried Warner, with a sob of terror.

"That is also true," said Inspector Addington Peace, reverently replacing the white sheet.

It was an hour afterwards that Peace gave me the details. We were leaning against the stone balustrade of the terrace looking over the lake to the pleasant park land beyond. The breeze-swept rushes that marked the line of the causeway, the gables of the island pavilion that peered above the foliage, lay to our right, framed in the rippling blue of the mere.

"My first important discovery," he said, "was a strand of pack-thread tied to a young sapling at the spot where the body of Sir Andrew was found. On the other side of the path was a narrow hole between the slabs of granite, where a peg had lately been driven in. The rushes about it were broken here and there. The conclusion of a spring gun was obvious, and the reason suggested by the track of foxes along the edge of the reeds. Was the death an accident, after all? If so, what business had the stranger under arrest—Fenton, I now find, is his name—upon the island at so late an hour?"

"My conversation with the keeper gave me some interesting results. It was plainly murder, and no accident. Some one had raised the muzzle of the gun so that it might kill a man

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