

NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

First unit of Seattle's municipal railway will start about January 1.

Five thousand attend Salem fair on first day.

An imprisoned miner at Centralia, Pa., can be heard tapping on rails.

Los Angeles messenger boy uses his own auto to deliver messages.

A Cleveland, O., boy stole \$1400 that he might enter Oxford University.

Conferees on tariff bill are unit in endorsing measure. The president's signature is all that is lacking.

It is reported that Secretary of State Bryan would appoint J. N. Neal of Oregon as minister to Greece.

Mexicans declare American soldiers invaded their country and as proof produce cavalryman's hat found across border.

Senator Lodge of Massachusetts under an operation for gastric ulcer which has left him in a serious condition.

Striking miners at Calumet, Mich., won a victory when the circuit court dissolved the injunction against picketing.

Sir Thomas Vansittart Bowater was elected lord mayor of the city of London Monday. He will assume office November 9.

President Wilson has accepted an invitation to speak in Baltimore in September, 1914, at a celebration of the centennial of the writing of the "Star-Spangled Banner," by Francis Scott Key.

Thomas Mott Osborne of New York state, chairman of the state commission on prison reform, has entered Auburn prison to serve a short term, self-imposed, for the purpose of studying the effect of the present prison system on the mental and physical condition of man.

A split is likely in the ranks of the Woodmen of the World.

Methodists in conference at Eugene, Or., pledge loyalty to state schools.

Thousands attended the opening of the Frontier Days celebration at Walla Walla, Wash.

New postmasters were appointed by the President for Klamath Falls, Or., and Prescott, Wash.

Senator Works demands that Americans in Mexico be protected, by armed force if necessary.

The French premier advocates physical training in the public schools that the nation may develop more athletes.

There is persistent talk in Washington and elsewhere of Colonel Roosevelt's return to the Republican party.

The I. W. W. convention in Chicago is much perturbed over the arrest of nine of their number for murder during the hoppickers' riots at Wheatland, Cal.

Professional jealousy is said to be the cause for the resignations of two of the physicians who had been selected as judges of the better babies contest at the Washington State fair, at North Yakima, and outside aid may be necessary.

Senator Lane introduced a bill for a Federal office building in Portland, Or., not less than six stories in height and costing \$1,000,000.

The American Federation of Labor has formally thanked President Wilson for his appointment of William B. Wilson as secretary of labor.

President Wilson believes his plan of moral suasion towards Mexico has won, the two main contentions being that a constitutional election should be held and that Huerta should not be a candidate.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 78¢; 80¢; bluestem, 88¢@90¢; forty-fold, 80¢; red Russian, 77¢@78¢; valley, 80¢.

Oats—No. 1 white, 52¢@53¢; millstuffs—Bran, 32¢ per ton; shorts, 24¢; middlings, \$31.

Hay—Fancy Eastern Oregon timothy, 15¢@16¢; timothy and clover, 14¢@15¢; timothy and alfalfa, 13¢@14¢; alfalfa, 12¢; clover, 18¢@19¢; oat and vetch, 10¢@11¢; cheat, 10¢@11¢; valley grain hay, 10¢@11¢.

Onions—Oregon and Walla Walla, \$1.50 per sack.

Vegetables—Beans, 3¢@4¢ per pound; cabbage, 14¢; cauliflower, \$2 per crate; corn, 10¢@15¢ dozen; cucumbers, 20¢@40¢ per box; eggplant, 5¢@7¢ per pound; head lettuce, 35¢@40¢ per dozen; peas, 52¢ per pound; peppers, 5¢@7¢ per pound; radishes, 10¢@12¢ per dozen; tomatoes, 10¢@30¢ per box; garlic, 10¢ per pound; sprouts, 8¢ per pound; artichokes, \$1 per dozen; squash, 14¢ per pound; pumpkins, 14¢ per pound; celery, 40¢@60¢ per dozen.

Potatoes—Oregon, \$1.00 per hundred; buying price, 75¢@85¢ at shipping points; sweet potatoes, \$2@2.25 per crate.

Green Fruit—Apples, 60¢ @ \$2.50 per box; cantaloupes, \$1.50@1.75 per crate; peaches, 40¢@75¢ per box; plums, 30¢@35¢ per box; pears, \$1@1.50 per box; grapes, 50¢@1.25 per crate, 15¢@20¢ per basket; casabas, \$1.75 per dozen; cranberries, \$9 per barrel.

Poultry—Hens, 14¢@14½¢; springs, 17¢@17½¢; turkeys, live, 20¢@22¢, dressed, none; ducks, 12¢@15¢; geese, 12¢@12½¢.

Eggs—Oregon fresh ranch, candled, 35¢@36¢ per dozen.

Butter—Oregon creamery butter cubes, 34¢ per pound; butter fat, delivered, 34¢ per pound.

Pork—Fancy, 11½¢@12¢ per pound. Veal—Fancy, 15¢@15½¢ per pound. Hops—1913 crop, 23¢@25¢ per pound; 1912 crop, nominal.

Cattle—Prime steers, \$7.75@8; choice steers, \$7.50@7.75; medium steers, \$7.25@7.50; prime cows, \$6.75@7.00; choice cows, \$6.50@6.75; mid-lown cows, \$6.25@6.50; heifers, \$6.25@7.00; light calves, \$5@9; heavy calves, \$6.75@7.75; bulls, \$4@5.50; stags, \$5.75@6.25; hogs, light, \$8.40@8.75; heavy, \$7.45@7.80; sheep, wethers, \$3.50@4.35; ewes, \$3@4.15; lambs, \$4@5.25.

MEXICAN CITY IS IN TERROR

Foreigners Warned to Flee as Federal Troops Advance.

Piedras Negras, Mex.—Terror has gripped this city, the provisional capital of the Mexican Constitutionalists, with the victorious northward march of the Federals and the arrival of hundreds of refugees from the surrounding devastated country.

Obedying the instructions of United States Consul Blocker, American residents of Piedras Negras joined the exodus and hundreds of persons crossed the international bridge into Eagle Pass, many carrying on their backs such of their possessions as they could assemble hurriedly.

Consul Blocker's warning to foreigners to quit Piedras Negras immediately was in anticipation of rioting should the Constitutionalists be forced to abandon their provisional capital. As the rebel army is being driven northward by government troops under General Maas, the retreating insurgents are setting fire to villages.

Reports from the front indicate that the Federals are closing in on the town of Salinas, from which the Constitutionalists are expected to fall back on either Matamoros, across the line from Brownsville, Tex., or on Piedras Negras.

United States troops are hurrying from San Antonio to reinforce the garrison at Eagle Pass.

W. W. Vaughan, a well-known engineer, and Alford Williams, a druggist, were ordered peremptorily to vacate their homes with their families on notification that the property would be destroyed, despite any protest to the American government, for the reason that it was owned by federal sympathizers. Permission was refused to many Mexican refugees and a large number of Japanese to enter the United States.

It was said that the Mexicans were likely to become public charges and that the Japanese had not made proper arrangements for their support.

An appeal to Washington for exception in the latter case will allege that the Japanese are in danger of death from the federals for having aided the constitutionalists.

It is reported that many prisoners confined in the jail on sedition charges have been shot, among them Felipe Sanchez, wanted in Carizozo Springs, Tex., as a member of the smuggling band that with the murder of a deputy sheriff.

About 2000 of the refugees who crossed the international bridge here were unable to obtain lodging in Eagle Pass and are now housed in various public buildings and obtain empty boxcars to afford them shelter.

HEAVY DAMAGE IN FRANCE

Storm Kills Fourteen, Injures 30 and Many Are Missing.

Cebere, France.—A terrific thunder storm, which raged for 12 hours, has done an awful run throughout this city. Fourteen persons are known to have been killed and 30 injured, and there are many missing.

A stream which passes through the city has swollen to such an extent that it flooded the streets. In a hardware establishment, petroleum, alcohol and other inflammables and a cask of calcium carbide were stored, the water dissolved the chemical and enormous volumes of gas were formed. A terrific explosion occurred, which completely wrecked two buildings and enveloped two others in flames. Three persons who were passing were killed outright. Five families were buried in the ruins.

Nearly every house in Cebere is flooded and quantities of the provisions have been spoiled.

In answer to an urgent appeal from the mayor, the prefect at Sorbignan dispatched several tons of bread to meet the pressing needs of the inhabitants. A company of infantry was rushed from the town to assist in the search and to guard the ruins.

The floods also carried away the greater part of the Pailles dynamite factory and caused tremendous damage throughout the department. The railroad has been washed out in several places and a passenger train is imprisoned in the tunnel at Banyuls-Mar.

"DON'T WORRY" SAYS MINER

Entombed Man Receives Milk and Eggs Through Tube.

Centralia, Pa.—As darkness enveloped the continental Colliery of the Lehigh Coal company Tuesday night, the voice of Thomas Toschesky, who has been entombed in the mammoth vein since last Friday morning, was heard through a tube 50 feet long which had been inserted in a hole bored through a wall of coal from an adjoining gallery. His first inquiry was about his family.

"Tell them not to worry too much," he said. "I am in pretty good shape. Since I got those bottles of milk and whipped eggs I feel much stronger. I had a long sleep after I ate and drank. I think I'll be rescued before there is another fall of top and coal."

The entombed man said he was nervous because of the long confinement and absolute quiet.

Woman Walks 1500 Miles.

Minneapolis.—Finishing a 1500-mile walk on the trail of Edward Payson Weston, Mrs. Marie Chester, of Middletown, N. Y., mother of ten children, three of whom accompanied her, arrived in Minneapolis Tuesday, having left New York City on July 31. Several business men of Middletown agreed to rebuild Mrs. Chester's burned home at an expense of \$4000, providing she made the trip in 65 days. It was accomplished in 53 days of actual walking time. The children accompanying Mrs. Chester were one girl and two boys, aged respectively 15, 14 and 12 years.

Lost Man Rescued.

Klamath Falls, Or.—O. L. Waite, of Klamath Falls, became lost in the Madoc lava field and wandered for 24 hours, when he was found. The larger part of the party exploring the field had started for this city, when it was discovered that Waite had not been seen since he left one of the parties to take what he considered a short cut across the lava flow. Those remaining kept up a search, fired shots and built smokes to guide the man until darkness set. Two men remained and kept up a watch and fires all night.

\$200,000 is Bid for Horse.

New York.—August Belmont, chairman of the jockey club, has refused an offer of \$200,000 for Tracery, a 4-year-old son of Rock Sand-Toplary. Tracery has been racing with much success for two seasons in England. The offer came by cable from W. Allison, the well-known newspaperman and breeder abroad, who, it is thought here, acted in the capacity of an agent.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

PETITIONS FOR BONDS OUT

Coco County Court Asked to Call Special Election.

Coquille.—Petitions praying the county court to call a special election in November next for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$450,000 in bonds for the construction of a system of permanent highways are being circulated here. The proposition is to run 20 years at 5 per cent. A second petition asks that the county board expend the money so raised on the highway from the Douglas county line by way of Bridge, Myrtle Point, Coquille, Marshfield, North Bend and Empire to Sunset Bay and from the Curry county line to Bandon and thence to Coquille.

This petition requests that the court have the work performed under the immediate direction of an expert highway engineer, preferably one endorsed by the United States bureau of roads and by State Highway Engineer Dowdy.

It is not contemplated to complete the extensive system next year, nor can the work of hard surfacing the 100 miles be accomplished with the bond issue, but it is proposed to extend the work over three years, each year raising the full 10-mile tax allowed by law, applying about three-quarters of the money thus made available to the trunk lines and the balance for general upkeep of laterals.

The Coco County Good Roads Association, which has been instrumental in promoting the proposition to its present stage, recommends the construction of a concrete highway nine feet in width, with frequent turnouts, the roadway to be graded 16 feet, with a view to adding to the width of the concrete in future years.

There is a strong sentiment throughout Coco county for better highways. Even the ranchers remote from the proposed trunk line realize that its construction will better conditions and enhance values and is patiently waiting for the building of laterals that will afford still greater benefit.

When the people of Coco definitely determine that a hard-surfaced highway will be constructed from the Douglas county line to the ocean it is expected that Douglas county will improve its end of the highway to Roseburg, thus perfecting one of the most scenic routes to be found anywhere on the coast. Douglas has practically promised to carry out its part of the programme.

DUTY ON MOHAIR PLEASES

Salem Dealer Says Industry in Oregon Will Be Advanced.

Salem.—William Brown, of William Brown & Co., dealers in mohair supplies, was notified by telegraph that the new tariff bill provided a duty on mohair which would benefit the factory to dealers and growers. The telegram, which was from the president of the Griswold Worsted company, of New York City, was as follows:

"Duty raw mohair 15 per cent, tops 20 per cent, yarns 25 per cent; cloths 40 per cent and plushes 45 per cent. In view of free wool the mohair growers are to be congratulated."

"This is of the greatest importance to mohair growers," said Mr. Brown, "and will be the means of advancing an industry which otherwise would surely have been destroyed."

\$1800 NET FROM \$3000 FARM

Linn County Rancher Grows 6000 Bushels of Oats on 160 Acres.

Albany.—Raising 14,000 bushels of oats on 250 acres of land, M. Kelly, a farmer residing in the northwestern part of Linn county, near Shelburn, established a splendid record during the past season.

Many yields have been reported in this county this year which ran 50 bushels to the acre and one yield of 111 bushels an acre, but these were on smaller tracts. In such a large tract as Kelly devoted to oats the total yield is regarded as a very big one.

On 120 acres of a 160-acre tract which he bought a few years ago for \$1800, Mr. Kelly realized a profit of \$1800. This tract yielded 6000 bushels of oats, which he sold for 38 cents a bushel.

POWER SERVICE IS EXTENDED

Farms and Packing Plants Near Ashland Are Supplied.

Ashland.—The Oregon & California Power company is extending its service lines to the Interurban districts. Connections have been made with the Suncrest Orchard packing plant, and about a dozen big ranches on the roads between Ashland and the Suncrest people use more than 100 lights, besides power, and the farmers are supplied with current for light and power for pumps, separators, etc. The corporation extends this service as fast as the demands justify it.

Timber Not To Be Crushed.

Salem.—County Judge Bushey has announced that a proposition to have the timber of the county crushed would not be accepted. He intimated that the county would not be crushed by the experience of the other county judges who were censured by the people for going to the expense of having cruises made. "The timber has been crushed several times," he continued, "and it is not necessary to do the work at this time. James Culver, ex-sheriff, crushed the timber several times, and J. A. W. Heldecke, a cruiser of Detroit, Or., did the work a few years ago."

Pioneer Stock is Lusty.

Engene.—That the pioneers of Oregon were of sturdy stock was demonstrated by the results shown at the engene contest at the Lane county fair just closed. Both the boy and the girl scoring the highest, 9.4 in each case, are of pioneer families. The girl scoring the high points is Geraldine Adkins. Her mother's father was a pioneer of 1845. David C. Postain, who is scoring highest, is the seventh child of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fountain, and grandson of Thomas Fountain, a pioneer of the early '50s.

Rain at Roseburg Heavy.

Roseburg.—Douglas county experienced its heaviest rainfall for the season Sunday, when a trifle over 30-100 of an inch of rain fell in 10 hours. With most of the prune crop safe in the dryers, the rain is considered beneficial rather than detrimental.

SHOW BETTER VEGETABLES

Premiums Should Encourage Production of Commercial Size.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis.—In many fairs the production and exhibition of vegetables of unnaturally large size are encouraged by the offer of much larger premiums for "big" vegetables than are offered for the display of the really best commercial products, good sized, smooth and well cleaned. That this policy is not the best, because it does not encourage production along the best economic lines, is forcibly shown by Professor A. G. Bouquet of the horticultural department, O. A. C., who is often called upon to act as judge of vegetable exhibits at district, county and state fairs.

"There are now being held in many parts of the Northwest numerous exhibitions of vegetables," Professor Bouquet said. "Gardeners, young and old, are eagerly entering for premiums the specimens which they have carefully tended during the past season. It is an old adage that 'the proof of the pudding is in the eating'. Without further ado, I think it is advisable to point out, not in a critical manner but in the hope that the suggestions will be of value to all, some of the weaknesses of the vegetable shows."

"First of all, in too many cases those in charge of our vegetable exhibits do not state clearly for the benefit of the exhibitors the requirements in specified classes. Certain rules and regulations must be made and clearly stated in order that all may have an equal chance to win the premiums offered."

"I have found in many cases in judging at fairs throughout the state that this has not been done and consequently the various individual exhibits have been inconsistent in size and quality. This can be readily overcome and is not a very difficult problem to deal with."

"In many districts there seems to be an altogether erroneous idea of the value of vegetable displays and the kinds of products to be shown. At many fairs where I have been called to judge exhibits, the monstrous idea of specimens is too often prevalent. Why are such large premiums offered for the largest potato, the largest carrot, the biggest and best (?) turnip, or the biggest cabbage? Such things are absolutely to be discouraged. They detract from the whole exhibition, and it is to be regretted that they should be staged to derive the following benefits: Publicity for the grower, larger consumption of products, education of the general public, incentive to the grower to grow better products, the competition, which is always stimulating. Our vegetable exhibitions should be nothing more nor less than a display of commercial products of the finest quality, attractively shown in strict accordance with the rules and regulations."

"At a certain show which I attended last year this monstrous idea was so strong and general as to make the exhibition more or less of a farce. While there was \$5.00 offered for the biggest cabbage, there was but \$2.50 offered for the best display of cabbages. Let's try in this state to have exhibits of better quality of specimens that show 'class' and real money value, when put upon the markets."

HIGHWAY IS GAINING FAVOR

Hood River Men Enthusiastic Over Proposed Section Road.

Chanticleer Inn.—The conference at Chanticleer Inn between citizens of Hood River and Hood River, relative to the Columbia River highway should result in much good," said E. O. Blanchard, mayor of Hood River. "I never have attended a more enthusiastic meeting, and supporters of the wonderful highway were brought into a closer understanding, with the result that their co-operation will be more effective."

"I don't think I have seen a better view of the Columbia gorge anywhere than that at Chanticleer Inn," said A. D. Moe, publisher of the Hood River Gleaner. "Any person who views the proposed Columbia River route from this point, cannot help but become a booster for the highway."

A number of the men who attended the conference have accepted an invitation of the Hood River residents to come here next week and inspect the entire road system of Hood River county.

Canal to Be Enlarged.

Salem.—At a meeting of the Desert land board Roscoe Howard, general manager, and Jesse Stearns, secretary of the Central Oregon Irrigation company, promised to enlarge the main canal, to supply the necessary amount of water to the settlers. There has been much complaint that the supply was insufficient and the board has insisted that the company enlarge the canal. The board adopted a plan considered more feasible than the old one for releasing notes on account of payment by settlers.

Choice Grain Is Burned.

Burns.—While the threshing crew working at the farm of Alden Jones, at Crow Creek, east of Harney, was at dinner, fire started in the grain stacks from some unknown cause and before it could be extinguished the unthreshed grain was all burned and the wood work of a J. I. Case steel separator was burned, causing damage of about \$200. The grain was of an extra fine quality, cut and stacked for seed. About 1300 bushels were destroyed. The threshing outfit belonged to William Gray, of Crane Creek.

Herrin Wool Is Sold in South.

Ashland.—The wool clip on the Herrin ranch near Ashland, aggregating six tons, has just been sold. It was shipped to San Francisco, where it will be graded, the better classification going to New England, the remainder being worked up on the Coast.



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SYNOPSIS.

For fifty years the continent of North America had been isolated from the rest of the world by the use of Z-rays, a wonderful invention of Hannibal Prudent. The invention had saved the country from foreign invasion, and the continent had just escaped. He announces that with Prudent as president, for half a century peace and prosperity reigned in this part of the world. The story opens with Prudent Prudent critically ill. His death is hastened by the receipt of a message from Count von Werdenstein of Germany that he has at last succeeded in inventing a device by which the country may be invaded. Prudent's daughter Astra is suspected of being a foreign spy. He tells her to hurry to the island of Chios, but dies before he can tell the location of the place. Astra is invited to the island of Heligoland and has just escaped. He announces that the confederated fleet of Europe has sailed for America. He promises to call on her when he is free. She is a prisoner in hope of securing Napoleon's secret. She falls in love with him. She agrees to join him in an attempt to escape. By the use of freewill she summons a monster eagle, which resembles a monster eagle. Astra, Edison calls on Astra as promised. He tells her his plans for defense have been completed, but that he will give full details at his workshop on the island of Chios. He is in the middle of a trip to Europe. His plans are based on the peculiarity of the new substance. The Europeans succeed in passing the island of Heligoland, but that the Americans have established a second one. Edison delivers a note to von Werdenstein in his flagship demanding that the fleet be withdrawn.

CHAPTER XI.

Astra and Rositta.

The excitement caused by Napoleon's encounter with the enemy was indescribable. The automatic electro-tyrograph on board the American Eagle had recorded the action of the fleet and had made a copy of the count's answer to America's desires. The attack on the aerodrome was shown and the subsequent destruction of the monoplanes. Napoleon Edison's name was in large print on every board. The Hourly Tyrograph said "God bless our deliverer!" The American's comment was "The hero of America." He was compared to Washington, to Lincoln and many other great American patriots. His name was on the lips of every citizen.

No one watched the helloworld for Napoleon's success more sincerely than Astra as she sat in her library with the Countess Rositta.

Astra's kindness toward the countess had not soothed the pain she suffered. She would have preferred a dungeon of ancient times, where she could rave at her and curse her, but she was a secret service agent, and had early learned the art of concealing her feelings.

With passion burning in her heart she was able to respond gracefully to Astra. Even while she watched the conflict of the American Eagle and the European fleet she was scheming. She lived for intrigue. Her soul craved the excitement of battling nations. She considered herself still in the employ of the Count von Werdenstein, so she planned as she thought the count would have demanded.

Santos Duprel came to report the events of the day at the Z ray station, and to put before Astra suggestions for further defense. Napoleon could not come personally, so he sent his trusted assistant.

He was admitted to the library where the countess sat.

Santos Duprel was a pleasant individual, having, as most fast men, a keen sense of humor. He greeted the two beautiful women with a broad smile.

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Astra was still at work in the library, completing preparations for the following day's duties as she closed her desk a sigh, a prayer left her lips: "God save our country, and shield Napoleon!"

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