

# NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

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

Young Japanese of Portland have organized a baseball club.

The Pacific Northwest Rose society has been organized in Seattle.

Henry M. Teller, ex-United States senator from Colorado, is dead.

Sulzer's legal fight to regain the governorship of New York has begun.

Zero weather is following on the heels of a blizzard that swept over Kansas and Missouri.

California estimates the value of her grape and grape products output for 1913 at \$26,875,000.

General Villa ignored the request that the body of William S. Benton be turned over to his friends.

The new Federal reserve system will begin business with at least 7500 banks on the membership roll.

Sarah Carr, four feet in height and believed to be the smallest woman in Oregon, died at Salem, aged 52 years.

Secretary Redfield declares an era of prosperity is dawning, that times are improving and there is no cause for worry.

The house of lords of England has resolved that campaign contributions shall not be considered in awarding honors.

Heck Hall, a dormitory for students at the Northwestern University at Chicago, was destroyed by fire, causing a loss of \$60,000.

A janitor in the Portland schools has invented a vacuum cleaning machine by which he dusts 100 blackboard erasers in 15 minutes.

Paul and Michael Zek, brothers, died of tuberculosis at Oregon City about two hours apart, each having been stricken just two months before.

Mike Devasconick, a miner in the Cannon mine at Franklin, Wash., was rescued alive after being imprisoned eight days in the mine by a fall of rock.

About 500 students of the Salem, Or., high school found their books piled in the middle of the floor and soaked with ink. It is thought to have been done for revenge by boys who had been punished.

Robbers held up an Alabama train and got away with \$40,000, but missed a sack containing \$10,000.

Colonel Goethals is non-committal regarding the offer made him of the New York police commissionership.

President Wilson desires that trust legislation be so constructed as to largely favor the small business man.

Hundreds of acres of orange groves were flooded by torrential rains in Southern California, and one drowning is reported.

A neutral zone has been agreed upon at Torreon, Mex., to which all non-combatants will be allowed to retire when fighting begins.

England is buying heavily of low grade Pacific Coast hops.

Arbitrators granted increases aggregating \$100,000 yearly to the 5000 trainmen on the Burlington road.

Treaty extension for arbitration with foreign nations is expected as the first move of the Wilson administration in its foreign relations policy.

Secretary Daniels granted leave of absence to a naval lieutenant who wishes to get married, and declares he believes all naval officers should be married.

## PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 83c; bluestem, 86c; 90c; forty-four, 90c; red Russian, 87c; valley, 90c.

Oats—No. 1 white, milling, \$24@24.50 per ton.

Corn—Whole, \$33.50@34; cracked, \$34.50@35 per ton.

Barley—Feed, \$22@22.50 per ton; brewing, nominal; rolled, \$25.

Hay—No. 1 Eastern Oregon timothy, \$16.50; mixed timothy, \$14; alfalfa, \$14; clover, \$9@10; valley grain hay, \$12@13.50.

Milfeed—Bran, \$22 per ton; shorts, \$24; middlings, \$30.

Vegetables—Cauliflower, \$2.25 per crate; cucumbers, \$1.50@1.75 dozen; eggplant, 10@15c per pound; peppers, 12c per pound; radishes, 35c per dozen; head lettuce, \$2.25 per crate; garlic, 12c per pound; sprouts, 11c; artichokes, \$1.75 per dozen; squash, 1 1/2@2c per pound; celery, \$3.75@4.25 crate; tomatoes, \$2.25@2.50; hot-house lettuce, 50@75c per box; spinach, \$1 per crate; horseradish, \$6@10c.

Green Fruit—Apples, 75c@82.25 per box; cranberries, \$12@12.50 per barrel; pears, \$1@1.50 per box.

Onions—Old, \$3.25@3.50 per sack; buying price, \$3 per sack at shipping points.

Potatoes—Oregon, 80c@90c per hundred; buying price, 50c@75c at shipping points.

Eggs—Oregon fresh ranch, 21@22c per dozen.

Poultry—Hens, 16@17c; springs, 16c; turkeys, live, 20@22c; dressed, choice, 25@26c; ducks, 14@16c; geese, 12@13c.

Butter—Creamery prints, extra, 30@32c per pound; cubes, 27@29c.

Pork—Fancy, 11c per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 14@14 1/2c per pound.

Hops—1913 crop, prime and choice, 16@17c; 1914 contracts, 15c.

Wool—Valley, 16@17c; Eastern Oregon, 10@15c.

Grain Bags—In car lots, 80c@84c.

Cattle—Prime steers, \$7.60@8; choice, \$7.40@7.60; medium, \$7@7.25; choice cows, \$6.25@7; medium, \$6@6.25; heifers \$6@7.25; light calves, \$8@9; heavy, \$6@7.50; bulls, \$4@5.50; stags, \$6@7.

Hogs—Light, \$8@8.85; heavy, \$7@7.85.

Sheep—Wethers, \$5@6; ewes, \$3.50@4.90; lambs, \$5@6.80.

## Senator Says Someone "Stole \$200,000,000"

Washington, D. C.—Charges by Senator Norris, of Nebraska, that someone had stolen \$200,000,000 from the stockholders of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad precipitated a warm discussion in the senate, several of the New England senators insisting that Senator Norris was guilty of loose and unwarranted language.

Senator Norris retracted nothing, however, insisting that his statements were warranted and that the adoption of his resolution under debate would have a salutary effect.

The resolution asks specifically whether any contemplated agreement between the attorney general and the railroad provides for immunity from prosecution to a person connected with the railroad and whether it contemplates the surrender by the railroad company or any of its stockholders of the right to bring action for damages on account of past misappropriations of funds.

"I object to such loose statements as that 'somebody has stolen \$200,000,000,'" declared Senator Lippitt, of Rhode Island. "If the senator means to say that the directors robbed the stockholders of the road, he is in great error. At the most there were only errors of judgment. The adjustment cannot go on satisfactorily if unwarranted statements of that kind are made."

Senator Norris said that if the senate had reached the point where it was unwilling to "throw the light on the deceptions of a lot of pirates" it ought not to wonder at the existence of anarchists in the country.

## PARCEL POST "RIOT" IS PREDICTED BY SENATOR

Washington, D. C.—Warning that unless the postmaster general was checked "bales of hay and bushels of potatoes" would be going through the mails was given the senate by Senator Bankhead, chairman of the postoffice committee. Mr. Bankhead said that the Postoffice department was running riot in the question of parcel post business, and that the government was operating the new service at a loss.

The senator's remarks came in the course of a debate on the annual postoffice appropriation bill. Senator Sheppard had made a point of order against a pending amendment to prohibit the postmaster general from changing the existing weight limits, rates of postage or zones for the parcel post service. The point was undecided when the senate adjourned.

## Transcontinental Roads Only Joy-Riders' Lanes

Washington, D. C.—Transcontinental highways proposed by the American Automobile association were characterized as "lanes over which the members of this high-browed, joy-riding association may strut" by Representative Shackleford, of Missouri, attacking what he called the "editorial campaign" maintained by the organization to promote the measures it favored.

With funds the association collected from its 451 subordinate automobile clubs and the like, Mr. Shackleford declared, a "nefarious" lobby was maintained in Washington and the "all-essential long green" was provided to fight the re-election of opponents of motor road bills. He read a letter from the president of the association to a member in Kansas City urging that support be withdrawn from the Shackleford \$25,000,000 good roads bill now before the senate, having passed the house.

The measure provides for dirt roads in rural free delivery districts.

## Non-Resident Right Asked

Washington, D. C.—Senator Jones, of Washington, has introduced a bill providing that private landowners holding lands within government irrigation projects may acquire water rights from the government without being compelled to reside on their land, provided they irrigate the full area and their holdings do not exceed the size of an established farm unit. Before their water right becomes permanent, however, such landowners must show irrigation and cultivation for five successive years.

## Sham Death Saves Life

Gloversville, N. Y.—Presence of mind saved Mrs. James McConnell's life when she was being pursued by her husband, who was attempting to shoot her. McConnell fired twice at the fleeing woman, the first shot striking the rim of her glasses and causing a slight flesh wound in the forehead, while the second was imbedded in her hair. When the second shot was fired Mrs. McConnell dropped apparently lifeless into the bathtub, and her husband believing he had killed her left the room.

## Automobile Tax Stands

San Francisco—Owners of automobiles in California—more than 100,000 of them—will have to pay a horsepower tax on their cars, ranging from \$5 to \$30, to the state, and drivers of machines for hire will have to pay a license fee of \$6. They will have to start in right away, too, for the law to that effect will be enforced forthwith, the Supreme court of the state having decided that the law is constitutional in all particulars.

## Eye of Dead Put on Film

Aurora, Ill.—Authorities have photographed the eye of Theresa Heilander, killed here a week ago. State Attorney Tyler admitted this, saying it was the hope that the retina of the murdered woman retains the image of the murderer. The picture was taken at the suggestion of an oculist, who said the retina of the slain girl's eye would show the last object before her conscious vision. The result was not made public.

## Nations Mark Speeders

Berlin—Germany and France, from March 1, will communicate to each other the names, residences and other details in regard to all automobilists who have been convicted for violations of the traffic regulations in the respective countries.

## Marshall Buys Auto Truck

Marshall—The city council has ordered at \$10,000 automobile truck combination engine for the Marshall volunteer fire department. The truck will be delivered in four months and built from specifications furnished by the fire department.

## Home Credit System Creates Much Interest

Monmouth—Clean teeth, regular hours for sleep, more work at home and better prepared lessons are some of the results obtained from the home credit system inaugurated in rural schools of Polk county a few years ago.

Under the operation of the system the pupils have taken a different attitude toward the everyday duties of life, which are found to be a real part of their education.

A greater willingness on the part of the pupils is reported by the parents, who say they have observed a remarkable change in the manner in which their children do chores at home. The main feature of the home credit system is the giving of credit for work done out of school hours.

Since the plan was adopted a few changes have been made which modify the original ideas. The Spring Valley school was the first in the county to receive the home credit work, and the plans were used in the Fairview school, with the following exceptions:

## Wool Prices Will Be Higher Than Last Year

Baker—Woolbuyers are headed for Baker district, and according to leading shepherds of Baker county they are coming to offer prices as high as or even higher than those of last year, despite the reduction in the tariff. Moreover, the buyers are coming this year in advance of the shearing season to contract for the unshorn supply, indicating that there is a shortage in the market and that the buyers are eager to snap up the product at the earliest opportunity. Sales made where shearing is early are reported as high.

Byron Gale, secretary of the Oregon Woolgrowers' association, predicts, on the basis of returns from other points, that prices in Oregon will range from 12 to 14 cents a pound. The buyers who have been heard from thus far indicate that they will be in this district in March to contract for the output before May or June.

A shortage in the markets of the world is said to be the cause of the prices being above normal, whereas in Baker and vicinity the crop is believed, Mr. Gale says, to be about the same as usual.

According to the report of the assessor there are 111,000 sheep in Baker county, but these do not include lambs, many of which are included in the shearing total, which Mr. Gale estimates at from 130,000 to 140,000. These, Mr. Gale estimates, will average about nine pounds of wool to the head. Sheep men estimate the prevailing figure which the growers will obtain at 14 cents, and Mr. Gale said that it begins to appear as though the price might be even a little better than that figure.

"The tariff has affected the price little this year," said Mr. Gale, "as last year the buyers anticipated doing away with duty on raw wool to a large extent, although I think that the majority of shepherds counted on a slight duty being retained. But any ill effects of the tariff have been more than offset by the general shortage caused by the cutting up of the range and resultant diminished supply of South America, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa."

According to the estimates which have been prepared there will be between \$160,000 and \$170,000 brought into Baker county this year through sales of wool.

## Trips to Fairs Given Industrial Club Winners

Salem—Trips to the Panama-Pacific exposition and to the State Fair at Salem are among the prizes to be awarded in the industrial contests of school boys and girls as announced in the premium list given out by Superintendent of Public Instruction Clark Hill.

More prizes and prizes of a higher class than ever before will be given. Mr. Churchill is confident they will be sufficient incentive for the pupils to set a new record.

The State Fair board has appropriated \$500 for the expenses of the boys' camp at the State Fair. The camp will be composed of two boys from each county who have scored the greatest number of points in their club contests for the county. Meats, tents and cots will be furnished.

In the juvenile department the state has been divided into two districts, the counties west of the Cascade mountains constituting the first and those east of the range the second. Prizes will be awarded for quality rather than quantity.

## 300 Acres of Corn By Eastern Oregon Farmer

La Grande—Having been fully convinced by the corn show in Portland given by the O. W. R. & N. company, S. M. Slough, who owns a five 400-acre wheat ranch in Unatilla county, has just returned from Pendleton, where he arranged for preliminary work preparatory to planting about 300 acres of corn. Mr. Slough comes from the corn country, Kansas and Missouri, and will have farmers from that section in charge of the work. This will be the largest corn experiment yet attempted in Eastern Oregon and will be watched with much interest. The corn will be grown under the dry farming method and should it prove successful will forever do away with the large waste of summer fallowing the wheat lands every other year in this section.

## Portland Muzzles Dogs Again

Portland—The discovery within the last few days of five cases of rabies in dogs may lead to the city commission taking action at once requiring the muzzling of all dogs permitted to run at large. The question probably will be brought before the city commission at its next regular meeting. The first of the rabid animals was reported Monday. The heads of five of the animals killed because they were acting strangely have been examined by City Bacteriologist Fernot, and evidences of rabies have been found.

## Mammoth's Tooth Found

Albany—A fairly well-preserved tooth of a mammoth was found a few days ago by J. G. Crawford, local archaeologist, in a ear of gravel, which had been received here from Canby. The tooth is seven inches long, five inches high and three inches wide. It shows some decay. Mr. Crawford has a number of mammoth bones in his large collection of archaeological and historical relics. Mr. Crawford says these animals used to shed teeth periodically and he thinks that must have been a shed tooth.

## Hatchery Money is Asked

Washington, D. C.—Representative Hawley is preparing a bill appropriating \$50,000 for the establishment of a number of small fish culture stations along the Columbia river, believed necessary by the fish commission for the preservation of the salmon industry. The supply of salmon is decreasing and it is believed this is due to the destruction of the salmon fry by the larger fish and the commission believes this could be remedied by the establishment of a number of stations where the fry could be protected.

## Indian Appropriation Fails

Washington, D. C.—Representative Hawley introduced an amendment increasing from \$12,000 to \$27,000 the amount carried in the Indian bill for an addition to the assembly hall at Chemawa, but, opposed by the majority, the amendment was defeated.

## 727-POUND HOG RAISED BY HOOD RIVER FARMER

Hood River—J. J. Santon, a rancher west of Hood River, who declares that his net profit from the sales of slaughtered hogs during the past year has approximated \$1500, is making the valley as famous for its large-weight hogs as for its apples.

The rancher buys hogs from his neighbors, feeds them on swill collected from local hotels, and grain. He has slaughtered two hogs during the past year, each of which weighed, when dressed, more than 700 pounds. One of them tipped the scales at 727 pounds.

## Oregon Goods Motive of Big Industrial Banquet

More than 200 people attended the "made-in-Oregon" banquet at the Commercial club here. It was given by the Ladies' Civic Improvement club for the benefit of the Creswell band and was one of the most successful events ever held in this city. The affair was given in the interests of the Oregon Manufacturers' association to induce people to become interested in Oregon industries and to buy Oregon-made goods.

## Highway Survey is Made

Wauna—The Peters' surveying crew, which is running the line from the Pacific Highway in Clatsop county, completed the preliminary survey to the county line this week. A 6 per cent grade is the steepest on the route. The most beautiful view obtainable from the entire highway will be about a mile west of here, where for a half to three-quarters of a mile the whole lower Columbia, Southwest Washington and peaks of the Cascades will be in full view. The surveys pass near the lakes back of this town.

## Bandmaster a Real Genius

Clever Expedient Adopted to Keep Musicians on Their Feet for Patti Reception.

At Cheyenne, Wyo., the band from an army post had been engaged to play in honor of the visit of Adeline Patti and Etelka Gerster, many years ago. Strange sounds came from the band, and Patti asked Colonel Mapleson, her impresario, to find out what the tune was. He found the band standing in a



## CHAPTER VIII

LAWRENCE GLASS was beginning to like New Mexico. Not only did it afford a tinge of romance, discernible in the deep, haunting eyes of Mariadetta, the maid, but it offered an opportunity for financial advancement. As for instance, the purchase of Willie's watch. This timepiece cost the trainer twenty-one dollars, and he sold it to Speed for double the amount, believing in the luck of even numbers. Nor did young Speed allow his trainer's efforts to cease here, for in every portable timepiece on the ranch he recognized a menace, and not until Lawrence had cornered the market and the whole collection was safely locked in his trunk did he breathe easily. This required two days, during which the young people at the ranch enjoyed themselves thoroughly. They were halcyon days for the Yale man, for Fresno was universally agreeable, and seemed resigned to the fact that Helen should prefer his rival's company to his own.

As for Glass, he recounted tales of Mariadetta's capitulation to his employer, and wheezed merrily over the discomfiture of the Mexican girl's former admirers.

"She's a swell little dame," he commented to Speed one afternoon, as they lounged luxuriously in the shade at their customary resting place. "Yes, and I'm aces with her, too." They had set out for their daily run, and were now contesting for the seven-up supremacy of the Catskill mountains. Already Glass had been declared the undisputed champion of the Atlantic coast, while Speed on the day previous had wrested from him the championship of the Mississippi valley.

"But Mariadetta is dark!" said the college man, as he cut the cards. "She is almost a mulatto."

"Now! She's no dinge. She's an Aztec, an' them Aztecs is swell people. Say, she can play a guitar like a barber!"

"Miss Blake told me she was in love with Carara."

Glass grinned contemptuously. "I've got it on that insurance for four ways. Why, I'm learning to talk Spanish myself. If he gets lousy, I'll cross one over his bow." The trainer made a vicious yawn at an imaginary Mexican. "He ain't got a good wallop in him."

"I thought cowboys was tough guys," continued Glass, "but it's a mistake. That little Willie, for instance, is a lamb. He packs that Mauser for protection. He's afraid some farmer will walk up and poke his eye out with a corn-cob. One copper with a night-stick could stampede the whole outfit. But they're all right, at that," he acknowledged, magnanimously. "They're a nice bunch of fellers when you know how to take 'em."

"The flies are awful today," Speed complained. "They bite my legs."

"I'll bring out a bath robe tomorrow, and we'll hide it in the bushes. I wish there was some place to keep this beer cool." Glass shifted some bottles to a point where the sunlight did not strike them.

"I'm getting tired of training. Larry acknowledged the young man with a yawn. "It takes so much time." Glass shook his head in sympathy. "Seems like we'd ought to hear from Covington," said he.

"He's on his way, no doubt. Isn't it time to go back to the ranch?" Glass consulted his watch. "No, we ain't done but three miles. Here goes for the rubber."

It was Berkeley Fresno who retreated cautiously from the shelter of a thick hundred yards up the arroyo and started briskly homeward, congratulating himself upon the impulse that had decided him to follow the training partners upon their daily routine. He made directly for the corral.

"Which I don't consider there's no consideration comin' to him 'what-ever," said Willie that evening. "He ain't acted on the level."

"Now, see here," objected Stover, "he may be just what he claims he is."

Simply because he don't go skally-hootin' around in the hot sun ain't no sign he can't run."

"What about them empty beer bottles?" demanded Willie. "No feller can train on that stuff. I went out there myself and seen 'em. There was a dozen."

"Mebbe Glass drank it. What I claim is this: We ain't got no proof. Fresno is stuck on Miss Blake, and he's a knacker."

a month's wages in advance, and we have put it up. Moreover, I have bet my watch, which was presented to me by the officials of the Santa Fe for killing a pair of road-agents when I was deputy sheriff."

Miss Blake uttered a little scream, and Speed regarded the lanky speaker with new interest.

"It's a Waltham movement, solid gold case, eighteen jewels, and engraved with my name."

"No wonder you prize it," said Wally.

"I bet my saddle," informed Carara, in his slow, soft dialect. "Stamp leather wit' silver filagree. It is more dear to me than—well—I love it ver much, senior!"

"Seems like Willie has made the extreme sacrifice," Stover followed up. "While all our boys has gone the limit, Willie has topped 'em all; he's bet his gun."

"Indeed! Is it a good weapon?"

"It's been good to me," said the little man, dryly. "I took it off the quivering remains of a sheriff in Dodge City, up to that time the best hip shot in Kansas."

Speed felt a cold chill steal up his spine, while Miss Blake went pale and laid a trembling hand upon his arm.

"You see it ain't intrinsic value so much as association and sentiment that leads to this interview," Stover continued. "It ain't no joke—we don't joke with the Centipede—and we've relied on you. The Mex here would do murder for that saddle." Carara nodded, and breathed something in his own tongue. "I have parted with my honor, and Willie is gamblin' just as high."

"But I notice Mr.—Willie still has his revolver."

"Sure I got it!" Willie laughed abruptly. "And I don't give it up till we lose, neither. That's the understanding." His voice was surprisingly harsh for one so high-pitched. He looked more like a professor than ever.

"Willie has reasons for his caution which we respect," explained the spokesman.

J. Wallingford Speed, face to face with these serious-minded gentlemen, began to reflect that this footrace was not a thing to be taken too lightly.

"I can't understand," he declared, with a touch of irritation, "why you should risk such priceless things upon a friendly encounter."

"Friendly!" cried Willie and Stover in a tone that made their listeners gasp. "The Centipede and the Flying Heart is just as friendly as a pair of wild boars."

"You set, it's a good thing we wised you up," added the latter.

Carara muttered fiercely: "Senior, I works five year' for that saddle. I am a good gambler, si, si! but I keel somebody before I lose it to the Centipede."

"And is that Echo phonograph worth all this?" inquired Helen.

"We won that phonograph at risk of life and limb," said Willie, doggedly, "from the Centipede—"

"—and twenty other outfits, senior."

"It's a trophy," declared the foreman, "and so long as it ain't where it belongs, the Flying Heart is in disgrace."

"Even the 'Leven X treats us scornful!" cried the smallest of the trio angrily. "We're a joke to the whole state."

"I know just how these gentlemen must feel," declared Miss Blake, tactfully, at which Stover bowed with grateful awkwardness.

"And it's really a wonderful instrument," said he. "I don't reckon there's another one like it in the world, leastways in these parts. You'd ought to hear it—clear as a bell—"

"And sweet," said Willie. "God! It's sure sweet!"

"I begin to feel your loss," said Speed gravely. "Gentlemen, I can only assure you I shall do my best."

"Then you won't take no chances?" inquired Willie, mildly.

"You may rely upon me to take care of myself."

"Thank you!" The delegation moved away.

"What do you think of him?" inquired Stover of the little man in glasses, when they were out of hearing.

"I think he's all right," Willie hesitated, "only kind of crazy, like all eastern boys. It don't seem credible that no sane man would start to bluff after what we've said. He'd be flyin' in the face of Providence."

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Got in a Quiet Knock.

When Joaquin Miller, the poet of the Sierras, edited the Eugene Register, he ran a joke column that is still remembered among Eugene veterans.

"Miller," said an aged Eugenio, "used to like to roast the coal man. Thus, I remember how, in a description of a wedding, he once wrote: 'The presents offered the bride were unusually sumptuous and abundant. Conspicuous among them was a ton of coal. This won general admiration and approval by reason of its quantity, old-fashioned massiveness, it being much heavier than the tons of coal of the present day.'"

Overworked.

Mrs. Knags—If we women had the time to read the papers as you men have we'd know just as much about politics and other things as you.

Mr. Knags—But, my dear, you have just as much time as I.

Mrs. Knags—Nonsense! I never have time enough even to get through with the household department, the women's page, the beauty expert, the fashion notes, the marriages, the divorce news and the society column and often have to skip the death records and the bargain advertisements.

Shifted the Burden.

Her husband's death must have been a awful shock to her.

"Oh it was—terrible."