

NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

The crabs of eight ducks killed by a St. Helens, Or., man produced as many gold nuggets.

A huge steel caisson used by the U. S. navy in tests is wrecked by a single shot of a new explosive.

After being set afire four times within 24 hours, a Eugene, Or., house was totally destroyed by fire.

Senator Lane, of Oregon, says congress is grinding out too many laws, and thinks a pause is advisable.

The Carranza-Villa mediation conference adjourned after signing a protocol covering all of its discussions.

Captain Bartlett, of the Karluk, denies he gave report of the loss of eight men in the Stefansson Arctic expedition.

The National Education association went on record for equal pay for teachers of both sexes and endorsed woman suffrage.

A night-blooming cereus plant in Portland, opened a flower nine inches in diameter between 6 and 9 o'clock in the evening.

The administration is strongly opposed in its first attempt to appoint two members of the Federal Reserve banking board.

Prisoners in the penitentiary at Blackwell's Island, New York, mutinied in the tailor shop, setting a fire and cutting a big power belt.

Chicago meat packers predict that beef will have to be sold to the meat markets at 16 cents, at an early date on account of cattle shortage.

Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Roosevelt and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, daughter of Col. Roosevelt, sailed for home from Southampton, England.

Dr. David Starr Jordan, of Stanford University, has been elected president of the National Education Association, in session in St. Paul.

The constitutional forces in Mexico capture the City of Guadalajara, the second largest city in Mexico, after routing 12,000 federal soldiers.

Francis A. Ogden, a wealthy oil engineer who died at Houston, Tex., June 6, left a will in which he provides that his entire estate be devoted to the education of country children, especially children whose educational advantage are limited.

Bandits hold up train at Matson, Mo., and get \$1000 worth of jewelry.

All the volcanoes along the Alaska peninsula west of Seward to the Aleutian Islands are in action, according to a report by Captain McMullen, of the steamship Dirigo, which arrived at Seward from Dutch Harbor.

President Wilson believes that men are coming around to the administration's view of anti-trust legislation and are willing and ready that the program laid out be put through at the present session of congress.

The labor commissioner of Oregon has indicted an employer for discharging a laborer because he refused to live at the company's boarding house.

Senators Townsend and Clapp, of Minnesota, criticize Wilson as a dangerous theorist, and declare that the people want congress to "quit and go home."

A painting which is pronounced by an expert to be the work of Leonardo Da Vinci was recently bought for a small sum at a village in the canton of Frieborg, Italy, by Lausanne, a collector.

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Fish Planted at Seaside.
Seaside—Thirty members of the Seaside Anglers' club met a special car, the Rainbow, Tuesday and with the aid of auto and motor trucks distributed 170 large cans of trout fry to the small streams near here. Each can contained from 500 to 1000 small fish from the Bonneville hatchery. About half of the fry were rainbow trout and the other half Eastern brook trout. All the fish reached here in excellent condition.

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Trout Trolling New Way.
Lebanon—Anglers have found a new and easier method of getting the bigger trout in the Santiam river. Since the lumber companies have cleared the river of jams and bars, canoes and rowboats can travel many miles, and by running a little faster than the current, a troll line can be kept out 200 feet.

Express Company Liable.
Salem—W. S. Foster, local manager of the Great Northern express company, has been notified by Sheriff Esch that the company had been indicted for shipping liquor into dry territory without having it properly labeled. The liquor was consigned to J. A. Benjamin, of this city, having been shipped by the Rose City Importing company, of Portland. The police declared the package was not labeled as intoxicating liquor, and Governor West instructed District Attorney Ringo to start prosecution. It was later learned that the Portland company had labeled the package as required by law, but the express company had covered the label with one of its own.

Convict Labor Espoused.
Corvallis—The Benton county court has authorized Sam H. Moore, of this city, to represent the county at the Good Roads convention at Medford the last of this month.

Four Counties Plan Display.
Grants Pass—At a meeting held here a few days ago representatives from Douglas, Jackson, Klamath and Josephine counties, an organization was formed to make an exhibit of the resources of the four counties at the San Francisco fair. The county courts are being appealed to for funds and in three counties the appropriations have been made. It is the belief of those having the matter in charge that Southern Oregon will have one of the best displays at the San Francisco exposition.

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Huerta Leaves Mexican Capital Under Heavy Guard

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The family of General Blanquet, minister of war, also left on the special.

The party boarded the train at Villa de Guadalupe, a railroad station about five miles from Mexico City. Only a few persons were aware of their departure.

Washington, D. C.—Although the resignation of General Huerta is confidently expected by the State department and Washington diplomats to be presented at any moment, the constitutionalists, unaffected by the news, are pressing hard their military campaign on Mexico City.

Official dispatches revealed that General Villa, with 15,000 men, was ready for a rapid advance on the Mexican capital and that General Obregon's forces at Guadalajara were prepared to sweep onward within a few days.

Diplomats are working hard to prevent fighting in the capital and still hope that the transfer of power to the constitutionalists may be effected without further bloodshed. General Huerta's resignation, it is realized, would not immediately compose the situation, but it would make possible parleys with the constitutionalists through which a change of government could be accomplished peacefully.

The numerous official advices saying Huerta would resign in a day or two, including messages from the Brazilian minister in Mexico City and other diplomats, have raised the expectations of official Washington that his exit from power also would mean his flight from the country.

Trust Program Delayed by Absence of Senators

Washington, D. C.—The administration anti-trust program has struck some more snags.

Absenteeism is one of the causes of delay, differences between Democrats as to important points both in the Clayton bill, pending before the judiciary committee, and the measure to regulate securities of common carriers before the interstate commerce committee is another, and a desire on the part of many senators to have all the pending bills consolidated into one measure is a third cause.

Many senators are declining to participate in discussion of the interstate trade commission bill, which is already before them, because they are not aware of the provisions of the other measures.

When asked how soon the securities bill would be ready, Senator Newlands, chairman of the interstate commerce committee, said it would be perfected at the next meeting of the committee. He was unable to specify the date of the meeting on account of the absence of several members of the committee. That committee is far from an agreement on the bill was admitted by one of the members.

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Buena Vista—That the home credit system has succeeded in bringing about a closer relationship between the schools and homes of Polk county and an interest in the industries of the farm heretofore unparalleled is shown by attendance records and statistics compiled for some of the rural schools where the plan has been in operation.

Under the rules of the system credit is given at school for work done at home outside of school hours, including the walking of long distances to school and regular attendance.

Credit is given for washing dishes, milking cows, doing chores, sleeping with windows open and proper care of body. The result has been a healthier appearance by the pupils.

The parents also declare that more work was done at home during the term and that the child's attitude toward the common every-day duties of farm life are changed, with the realization by the children that the performance of all duties is a real part of their education.

At Buena Vista and Fairview systems of industrial education were begun, which it is asserted will be a continuation of home credit giving in all future terms. When the system was first inaugurated the parents

looked upon it as a mere experiment, but they are now its most enthusiastic supporters.

A typical home credit school is that at Fairview, in South Polk county. The pupils took up the work in the fall of 1912 and were successful throughout the term in adhering to the rules. The children thus pleased their parents, who demanded that the system be employed during the next term.

The plan has been changed from time to time. The pupils must earn 800 credits before taking a holiday in excess of 600. The number of minute credits for milking cows was increased from five to 15 for each cow and a reasonable amount of credit was allowed for all work not named in the list of chores. Children living over a mile and a half from school were allowed credit for the distance they had to walk in proportion to the others and 5 per cent instead of 10 was added at the end of the year on their final averages. Two prizes were offered by the district, \$3 and \$2, respectively. Children seldom took advantage of the holiday for the 800-minute credit, as they were taught that a day lost meant the loss of a day's work as well. Tardiness on the part of any pupil meant the loss of so many credits already accumulated.

School Superintendents Fix Rules for Rural Districts

Salem—Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill has announced that the county school superintendents, who have been in session here for more than a week, had agreed upon a set of rules for the standardization of the rural and village schools.

Oregon was one of the pioneer states in starting the work of standardizing her schools. Already there are such schools in Coos, Polk, Marion, Linn, Lane, Douglas, Jackson, Klamath, Umatilla and Yamhill.

The rules provide that a flag must be unfurled above school buildings when the weather is propitious, school buildings must be well lighted, must have jacketed stoves and proper ventilating systems at the windows, the desks must be properly adapted and suitably placed; they must have blackboards and window shades in good condition. The schoolrooms must be attractive, the desks must be clean and must have necessary walks and at least three features of play apparatus. Each room must have at least one standard picture framed. The library must have a case for books and volumes must be catalogued. The school must be supplied with pure drinking water. Outbuildings must be in good repair and sanitary.

It is provided that the teachers must arrive at schools not later than 8:30 o'clock. The teacher must subscribe for at least one educational paper. The attendance must be of an average of 92 per cent a year and must not exceed 2 per cent in tardiness. A term of not less than eight months is provided.