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RAILROAD MAY BE SOLD

**CENTRAL RAILROAD OF OREGON
SAID TO BE PART OF THE O. R.
& N. SYSTEM OF OREGON**

**MANAGER ENGLAND NOW IN
PORTELAND ON BUSINESS.**

Road operating between Union Station and Cove said to have been sold to O. R. & N., to be basis for new mainline up Pyle canyon to avoid steep hill and snow—Puts Union on mainline too.

Purchase of the Union Central Railroad of Oregon, operating between Union station, Union and Cove and Union and Hot Lake, and already having rights of way for a major portion of the distance to Elgin, by the Oregon Railroad and Navigation Co. is freely rumored throughout Union county today, and it is thought the purchase is the first step towards acquiring an easy grade from Hot Lake to Pyle Canyon, beyond Union, where easy grade can be secured in lieu of the steep Telocaset Hill. Robert England, manager of the Independent road is in Portland today, and the Observer could not get into communication with him, but the rumor is so widespread and comes from so many sources that are creditable, but not exactly authoritative, that some credence must be given it. The purchase would be in line with former announced policies of the road to get a Pyle canyon climb up the Telocaset hill.

It is presumed that the purchase of the Independent road means that

the mainline will shift from its present course, to leave Hot Lake along the grade already established to haul beets over and connect with the Cove road, running to Union. From Union on, a new road would have to be constructed and if the line is built up the Pyle canyon, a secluded spot free from drifts in the winter, a 30-foot bridge would let the mainline back on its original course at a point just below Telocaset.

The proposed Pyle canyon route has been under discussion for some time, but the purchase of the Central is a new phase in the railroad map.

The rumor broke out Saturday and has received augmentation by the arrival at Union today of Portland people who are close to the deal. It is expected that it will be officially announced, or at least verified, in a few days. The proposed step has deep significance to the railroad companies themselves, it has a far greater import to Union. That city would become a mainline station rather than a sidetrack town.

SKIRMISHING CONTINUES.

**Estrada and administration forces met
by sections only**

Bluefields, Jan. 31.—Conflicting rumors arrived today from Provisional headquarters near Acopya. Mena reports that several skirmishes were fought and a number of minor engagements have occurred, but the main body of the troops have not yet clashed. The Estrada forces, the report says, are advancing on the administration army, which fell back, throwing out skirmishers. Skirmishes are short and bloody. It is reported that hundreds were killed.

A Big Hog.

M. C. Davis butchered a hog Monday that dressed 110 pounds. The porker was nearly three years old and weighed 510 pounds on foot. At the prevailing price of 8 1-2c per lb it was really worth \$45, or more than the average stock cow.—Wallo-wa Sun.

BENSON AIDS IN DEFENCE

**HE AND OTHERS CLAIM HERMANN
IS KNOWN AS AGOOD HONEST
CITIZEN OF OREGON**

DENIAL OF GOVERNMENT

TESTIMONY IS ALSO MADE.

Benson, Crawford and Chief Justice Moore among those who take stand for Binger Hermann when the defense opens its case at Portland today—All testify that Hermann is a good man—Much contradiction.

Portland, Jan. 31.—Binger Hermann established the fact that he is known as a man of good reputation for honesty and integrity by the testimony of Governor Benson, Chief Justice F. A. Moore, Attorney General Crawford and some six other well known Oregon citizens in the Hermann trial this morning.

He then proceeded to take a fall out of Henry Meldrum's testimony, given in behalf of the government, by putting Charles Holstrom, also of Salem, on the stand, who testified that he had paid three visits to Meldrum and at none of these had seen either Mays or Meldrum in the office. This is in contradiction of the testimony of Meldrum and L. H. Patterson, who both said Holstrom was one of the men in the office the time Hermann there had a talk with Mays about the Blue Mountain reserve.

BERGER HAS HIS GRIEFS

**ARRESTED BECAUSE HE REFUSED
TO LET COPS IN.**

**Attempt flying wedge on him but it
falls—Arrest follows.**

Bellingham, Wash., Jan. 31.—Investigation into the conduct of more than a dozen policemen will result from the arrest last night in a Bellingham theatre of Sam Berger, manager of the Jeffries-Gotch show, when he refused to admit the officers into the show free, and opposed them effectually when they tried to form a flying wedge and force their way into the show.

Sam Berger's big physique got in front of the doorway when the policemen flatly refused to pay the admission price. Following a short wordy squabble the manager was arrested while the show progressed without his presence.

Only Girl Editor

Seattle, Jan. 31.—Miss Helen Ross aged 20, a Junior of the University of Washington, is probably the only woman managing editor of a daily newspaper in the country, and today temporarily became editor in chief of the University Daily during the illness of Ror D. Pinkerton, at his Tacoma home. She has a staff of 33 students who are members of the Department of Journalism under her charge.

Sailing Vessel Lost

Lisbon, Jan. 31.—The sailing vessel Fortuna was wrecked of the Azores. A crew of 15 was lost, according to today's messages. Five escaped and were picked up after drifting in a small boat in the storm. Northern Portugal communication is disturbed on account of the storm. A heavy death list is expected.

DELIVERY SUPPORTED

**FOOD INSPECTOR CLAIMS MILK
SUPPLY HERE IS UP TO A HIGH
STANDARD OF BUTTER FAT**

MORE SANITARY TO GIVE

ONE MILK DELIVERY DAILY.

Germs and disease lurks in milk with animal heat uncooled—Milk inspector finds conditions throughout the city fairly satisfactory—Government inspection for tuberculosis promised next week here.

One delivery of milk daily instead of two and assurances of government tuberculin tests of all dairy herds in and about La Grande, and several other equally important subjects are treated at some length by Deputy State Food and Dairy Inspector, Paul V. Maris, in a signed article in the Observer today.

The communication deals with the dairy situation alone, but in an interview Mr. Maris stated, that after a careful inspection of all houses dealing in foodstuffs he found fairly good conditions existing. One meat market was fined on two counts but otherwise faults were trivial. Mr. Maris left for Baker City this morning. His statement to the public follows:

The test of milk obtained from the different wagons on the morning of my arrival before the dairymen learned of my presence in town, indicates that La Grande is receiving a rich supply of milk free from any adulteration. The most important information, however is contained under the "score of dairy." This represents the sanitary rating of the conditions surrounding the production of the milk. The highest score given was 53 1-2 out of a possible 100 points. This means that the dairy receiving this score delivers milk from cows, tuberculin tested, free from any accumulation or filth, drawn from a clean barn, by milkers wearing clean clothes, poured and strained and bottled in a clean milkhouse. The lower score represent the opposite conditions. There is at present a widespread public interest in the subject of dairy sanitation, and it is well for the public to become informed upon the subject as it has a large part in bringing about better conditions, as do dairymen and dairy inspectors. Sanitary equipment means increased cost of production and the public should temper its demands for pure milk by its willingness to meet the increased cost.

Complaint against the present cost of milk is not uncommon, yet the cost of feed is so abnormally high that at the present prices of milk, the dairymen will earn their meagre profits. Sanitary milk houses, stables well floored, well drained well lighted and well ventilated means an expenditure almost, and in some of the cases, entirely beyond the reach of the dairymen. While we are asking these improvements of the dairymen of La Grande, and have been assured by some that they will be made the citizens of La Grande should prepare to do their part, and if necessary, meet a raise in the price of milk without complaint.

One Delivery Daily

It is now and has been the custom of the local dairymen to deliver their milk twice daily. This they state is done to meet a public demand for fresh, warm milk. The demand is unreasonable and the practice is useless, expensive and unnecessary either in summer or winter. By cooling milk promptly and storing it in a pure, clean milkhouse, the dairymen could deliver once a day

a better quality of milk than they now deliver twice a day without the prompt cooling. The belief that the presence of animal heat in the milk is an indication of its freshness and purity, is the result of a very mistaken idea. All unfavorable developments in milk such as souring, the absorption of odors, and germ growth takes place with great rapidity while the milk is warm and very slowly when it is cold. Milk produced under absolutely sanitary conditions, and cooled promptly has been known to keep pure and sweet for weeks, without chemical preservatives, while milk sealed up while still retaining the animal heat, will often sour within a day. The dairies of Mr. Wheatley and Mr. Grout, are at present the only ones supplied with coolers and milkhouses. Both these dairies also contemplate considerable improvements in their present equipment. Mr. Grout's herd is the only tuberculin tested herd supplying the city. A retest of the herd will be made next week by the government official. While there is no apparent evidence of this disease among the herds of the town, its presence or absence can only be fully determined by the tuberculin test.

I trust that my visit will result in higher scoring dairies, better paid dairies and once-a-day delivery for La Grande.

The Various Tests

Name of dairyman, Fred King; No. of cows, 10; test of milk, 4.2; score of dairy, 32.75; milk retailed by Blue Mountain Creamery Co.

Name of dairyman, C. H. Gore; No. of cows 14; test of milk, 5.1; score of dairy, 21; milk retailed by C. H. Gore.

Name of dairyman, W. L. Wheatley; No. of cows, 44; test of milk 3.9; score of dairy, 37.55; milk retailed by W. L. Wheatley.

Name of dairyman, E. E. Grout; No. of cows, 38; test of milk, 4; score of dairy, 53.55; milk retailed by E. E. Grout.

PAUL V. MARIS.

CHANDLER IS IN JAIL

**WANTED FOR PERJURY FOR THE
PAST YEAR.**

**Indictment grows out of the Hawley.
Parker trials in Circuit Court.**

To come face to face with Sheriff Childers at Pendleton yesterday and to be arrested on an old charge of perjury and to be brought here and incarcerated, awaiting further disposal of the case, is the fate of Reuben Chandler, wanted for about one year on the charge of perjury. The indictment grew out of the trial of Hawley and Parker, charged with the larceny of some meat from the Oliver ranch. It is said on authority sufficient to warrant an indictment, that Chandler committed perjury in connection with the trial, and it is on the warrant that he is now arrested. The sheriff was visiting relatives in Pendleton when he "ran into" the wanted prisoner.

Birth Record

Born at Perry, Sunday, Jan. 30, to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Spickelmire, a 11-pound boy.

QUICK SETTLEMEN

Mrs. Zuber Secures Speedy Settlement From Oregon Company.

Mrs. Zuber today secured a settlement in full for loss from a recent fire in one of her cottages. The settlement was made one day less than an even three weeks from the time of the fire, a fact that pleases her much for it is by far the quickest settlement that she has secured during the course of several fires. The policy was held in the Oregon Relief concern during considerable business in \$150,000. this city.

ALL FRANCE SUFFERING

**THOUSANDS IN SUBURBS ARE IN
CRITICAL DANGER OF STARVA-
TION AND EPEDIMIC**

**GOVERNMENT HAS THE SIT-
UATION WELL IN HAND.**

Unless threatening dangers materialize the government will be able to re-establish many of the public works within the course of a few years—The entire district in about Paris still inundated.

Paris, Jan. 31.—The temperature at noon is 34 and the atmosphere murky, but no clouds, and threatening rain. Paris is beginning to realize that she did not suffer alone. Bry Sur Marne reports 2000 destitute and suffering. Nearly every city and hamlet along the rivers of Eastern and Southern France is in the same condition. Soldiers are guarding property, distributing food and using the boats to rescue families from rooms in such suburbs as Alfortville and Gennevilliers. Many refugees have been without food for days and the sick and delirious. Sidewalks on the Rue St. Lazar and Gaimotin collapsed today showing there is still much danger from cave-ins. Streets are being reopened slowly and it may be several days before anything like normal conditions are renewed. Many families are living in upper stories of big stores making boat deliveries.

The danger from disease has increased in several parts of the city today. The government will probably supervise the disinfecting, fearing that individuals will fail to attend to the matter properly, causing a pestilence. With 200,000 homeless in Paris suburbs and 300,000 unemployed and hundreds still imperiled by the floods, and acute distress on every hand, the government announced today, the "situation well in hand."

This statement means simply that the crisis from the food is past and if everything goes well, and none of the threatened damages materialize in the city, it is in a position to recover from the terrible blow. The Seine is receding slowly, but only at a rate of one half inch per hour.

CHAMBERLAIN MAY GET JOB

**HAS BEEN TENDERED POSITION
ON BALLINGER COMMITTEE**

**Senator Paynter resigns and Cham-
berlain asked to take his place**

Washington, Jan. 31.—Senator Paynter has resigned as a member of the Ballinger investigation committee. Senator Money, chairman of the Democratic caucus, has asked Chamberlain to accept an appointment in his stead.

Chamberlain is considering and is to wire his answer today.

Fire Guts Church.

Kansas City, Jan. 31.—Fire that originated probably in the boiler room almost totally destroyed the edifice of the First Church of Christ Scientist. The property is valued at \$150,000.

Greatest of all Sales

Still Continues to be a hummer.
Store Crowded all day Saturday.

Tuesday will give to first 25 ladies entering our store 10 yards best American print for 25 cents

A Few Red Hot Specials

One lot of children's coats, good colors and sizes from 4 to 10 worth up to \$6. on sale for

\$1.98

Mens ribbed underwear, all size regular 40c seller on sale for

16c

Childrens \$1. to \$1.25 sweaters sizes 20 to 24, color red, gray, and white, on sale for

68c

One lot of boy's school suit, good assortment to choose from a good value for \$4. on sale for

\$1.95

Boys heavy fleece lined underwear, regular 40c to 50c selling

19c

One lot of pillow tops, good designs, regular 50c to 75c seller on sale for

19c

THE FAIR