

# H. H. HUG IS FORD AGENT

### L. C. SMITH BREAKS WITH "HENRY"

#### Elgin Merchant Will Take Over Agency in Two Counties

H. H. Hug, pioneer merchant of Elgin, succeeds L. C. Smith as Ford agent in Union and Wallowa counties. Mr. Smith has been at odds with Henry Ford for some little time, and the break now seems to have reached a climax. The trouble between the Smith firm and the Detroit firm is that the Portland branch office of the Ford company insisted upon Mr.

Smith receiving a carload of Ford Sedan and Coupelet cars for local distribution. After a survey of the field Smith concluded there was no market and so told his firm—but the shipment was sent and is still in the yards here. An ultimatum to either take the cars—which of course, means pay for them while in the freight cars—or lose his contract, resulted in the latter exigency, and consequently a Ford representative has been here looking for a new dealer. A man from Gaston, Ore., was first lined up for the agency but Henry H. Hug of Elgin dropped in to town and yesterday the deal switched over to him. The papers were signed up last night and arrangements are under way now to install a garage.

L. C. Smith introduced the Ford to this community and has sold several hundred of them in the nine years he has handled that machine.

La Grande gains a reputable family by the deal. The Hugs have long been in business in Elgin, and H. H. (Henry) has a wide business experience. Although he has a splendid home in Elgin, he has decided to abandon it and cast his lot in this city.

"April 1st is still several days off and it wouldn't be wise for sportsmen to either catch fish under 10 inches or to do any fishing without proper licenses."

Such is the warning from Deputy Game Warden John Walden today. He urges fishermen to get their licenses early so that when it does become legal to catch trout under 10 and over six inches, they can do so without further delay.

### FIGHT FOR CONTROL

#### Wall Street Interests and Reorganizers Seek Foreclosure Immediately

San Francisco, March 15.—The fight for the \$50,000,000 Western Pacific melon, which for more than a year has been mutually disguised by the contending parties as an over-large but rather bitter lemon started in real earnest today.

San Francisco has been selected as the battle ground. The first clash will come tomorrow in the circuit court of appeals. The Wall street crowd of financiers, who are behind the reorganization plan, and are operating through the Equitable Trust company seeking to foreclose the mortgage against the property, moved some of their heavy artillery out here in the persons of Attorneys Franklin W. McCutcheon and William Griswold.

These men, with the local attorneys for the reorganizers, John F. Bowle and Jared How, will launch their offensive on three fronts before United States Judge Williams C. Van Fleet. They will argue three motions. The first is an appeal from the court's order of February 21, restraining the Equitable Trust company from proceeding with its New York suit against the Denver & Rio Grande railroad.

The second is an inhibitory petition for a writ of prohibition to prevent Judge Van Fleet's order to bring the Denver & Rio Grande and the Missouri Pacific into the case.

The third is a petition for a writ of mandamus ordering Judge Van Fleet immediately to foreclose the Western Pacific mortgage.

Against these legal smashes will stand Attorneys Johns, Partridge, Pillsbury, Madison and Zeno, who represent Frank Drum and Warren Olney Jr., the receivers of the road.

The receivership was to be established today and the mortgage foreclosed, when some mysterious force appeared suddenly in the battle for the road and blocked all that program.

Yesterday the Southern Pacific ap-

peared as an intervenor to collect \$7000 switching charges from the Western Pacific.

### PORTLANDS POPULATION

#### New City Directory Indicates 280,435 People in Metropolis

Polk's 1916 city directory, now being distributed, estimates the present Portland population at 280,435 says the Journal. Though the publishers admit that their statistics show a falling off in the floating population, a more than offsetting increase in the residential districts indicates a steady growth in the permanent population.

The opening paragraphs give some interesting statistical information. Portland is still the leading wheat exporting port of the Pacific northwest and the largest lumber manufacturing city in the world.

There are 772.39 miles of paved streets in the city. The assessed valuation of taxable property is \$303,066,610, as contrasted with an assessed valuation in 1915 of \$276,310,570.

There are 837 manufacturing plants in Portland, an increase of 147 over the number listed last year.

Included in the city's limits, according to the new directory, are 66.36 square miles, an increase of 12.9 square miles in 1915.

Seven more school buildings are in use this year than in 1915. The number this year is 67.

An increase is noted in church building from 141 in 1915 to 243 this year, with a property valuation of \$3,150,000.

The first name in the new directory is Aachen, of the firm of Aachen & Munich. The last name is Walter Zyzner. Ek and Re are the shortest names again this year. The Ek families have increased or a, now numbering five.

Though the tribe of Smiths evidently have failed to "increase and multiply" in Portland since last year; in fact, the directory indicates there are 23 less families by that name this year than last. The 1207 Smiths, exclusive of the Smiths, the Schmits, Schmidts, Smyths and other variants, probably will be found to be the most numerous of any of the families. The Johnsons, including the Johnstons, with 1187 counts to their credit, press the Smiths hard.

In conformity with the decree of the people at the polls that Oregon shall prohibit alcoholic beverages is the apparent lead of the Bull Run advocates. Listed in the new book are 25 Waters, 79 Wells, 10 Springs, 7 Watermans, 6 Waterhouses, a Waterford, a Waterholter and 5 Fountains.

There are only 5 Beers, 4 of the family of Beer, 3 Beerys and 1 Beerbaum. Two Wines, 3 Ginns and several with a "Wine" as a first component of a compound name are recorded.

If the worst should come from the expeditionary force being mobilized at the border, 8 Villa families in Portland would be at least susceptible to irascible suspicion. No Carranzas live in Portland.

With a couple of pages to their credit, it is easily deduced that in a

presidential year the Wilsons win out over the other prominent political names such as the Roosevelts, Hughes and Tafts.

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