

## Completion of Celilo Canal Greatly Benefits The Dalles

The Dalles, county seat of Wasco county, has been on the map since the early days of Oregon, but never in such a pronounced fashion as at present. Here is the focusing point of 2300 miles of territory embraced within the county, and the clearing house for all the trade that originates in the wealthy district.

And the city is well able to care for the business that looks to it, and in addition its citizens are reaching out for a more comprehensive market.

Of the 19,000 people who make Wasco county their home, 6000 reside within the city, the oldest in Eastern Oregon, and one which stands in a position for greater development now that the Dalles-Celilo canal has been completed. Heretofore it has looked to a trade zone embraced in the county and west along the Columbia river. With the canal completed it is now possible for it to make itself a center for up-river markets as well.

With a rich back country only partially developed, The Dalles is bending its energies to attract more agricul-

tural people and at the same time bring the city to the front as a site for factories. In this connection the city offers sites fronting on the Columbia river and on the railroad lines as well, with ferry, connections with another great transcontinental system directly across the stream.

Cheap hydro-electric power is available already and in the water if the Deschutes and John Day are added thousands of horsepower that can be made to turn the wheels of industry when the proper time arrives.

Among the manufacturing industries at present can be numbered two big flouring mills, from which 500,000 barrels of flour are shipped each year; a wool scouring mill, creamery, salmon cannery, fruit drying plant and in addition a \$60,000 fruit canning plant is now in course of construction.

Within easy distance are 4,000,000,000 feet of standing timber, which, with the orchard, field and livestock products available, offer opportunity for those who would build industrial concerns.

Situated as it is where both water and rail transportation are present, the shipping problem is easy of solution.

## Insurance Companies May Increase Rates in Oregon

Salem — State Insurance Commissioner Wells issued a warning to property holders of Portland that unless they co-operated more extensively with Fire Marshal Stevens they could not expect a reduction of losses from fire.

Declaring that the insurance companies were operating at a big loss in Oregon, Mr. Wells said he believed they soon would ask permission to increase their rates.

"The annual statements filed by the various fire insurance companies show that the net premium income for 1914 was \$3,858,212.90, and the losses were \$2,590,359.65," continued Mr. Wells. "This leaves a balance to the insurance companies over losses of \$1,267,853.25, and it is estimated that the average expense for companies to transact business in this state will average 40 per cent. The expense of doing business is made up by agents' commissions, taxes, license fees, supplies, advertising, salaries and clerical hire.

"The already extremely heavy loss ratio for 1915 has caused the insurance companies to become nervous, and all companies operating in Oregon with Pacific departments located in San Francisco at a recent meeting discussed the abnormally excessive losses

in Oregon, and as a result a committee was appointed to visit this state and investigate conditions. This committee probably will ask the Insurance Commissioner to allow an increase of rates.

"No business concerns care to continue business at a loss, but while the raising of rates would amount to more income to the companies, under the present conditions, losses would continue regardless of the increase.

"If the citizens of Portland would assist Fire Marshal Stevens and listen more to the warnings he and his deputies are giving, they would be better off. They should pay more attention to cleanliness about their premises, as well as those of neighbors, instead of passing everything up to the marshal.

"Mr. Stevens has the right idea, but when he steps on the toes of prominent property owners he finds himself in trouble.

"The property owners of Portland have never been compelled to keep their premises in order, and those who would object to doing so seem not to realize that their property might be the next to be destroyed. They should also bear in mind a possible loss of lives of occupants of the buildings, as well as firemen who are called to save the property."

## Horse Show and Wild West Stunts Are Scheduled for Philomath Fair

Philomath — May 21 and 22 have been set for the big horse show here. The committees have been selected and are at work, arranging the program. There are to be roping contests, rawhide displays, a grand parade, barbecue, a free-for-all public sale and other events.

The two days are to be filled with stunts calling for red blood and a dash of the old Western life which has not altogether died out. The days of the rolling stage coach and the round-up are to be recalled. Spacious grounds are being prepared and a grand stand will be erected.

Every effort will be made to take care of the crowds which are expected. The first day will be given to the public sale and sports. Among the first events is to be a drill by one of the Corvallis fire teams.

The public sale will be open for all. Colonel Stevenson has been secured to act as crier. Anyone having stock to dispose of can offer it for sale to the highest bidder.

On the second day there will be a parade of all the blue-ribbon stock in this part of Oregon. Cowboys and cowgirls will participate in roping contests and other events.

## Fruit Warehouse Sold.

Medford—By a deal completed Saturday, the Oregon Fruit company, of Portland, takes charge of the Medford Warehouse company and will operate the plant under the name of the Medford Fruit company.

The company will maintain branch houses in Roseburg, Eugene, Corvallis, Albany, Salem, Baker, Bend and Pendleton, with main offices at Portland.

Charles S. Lebo will remain as manager of the local branch. The officers of the company are: President, W. B. Glafke, of W. B. Glafke & Co., of Portland; vice president, T. E. Ryan, of Pearson, Ryan company, of Portland, and S. C. Dalton, manager, Mr. Dilley, manager of Page & Son, of Portland, and Mr. Yule, president of the Pacific Fruit & Produce company, are directors.

## Bishop Visits at Seaside.

Seaside—The occasion of the visit of Bishop W. G. Sumner, bishop of Oregon, was the cause of a double rejoicing to the congregation of Calvary chapel. On this, his first visit of the new bishop to Seaside, Bishop Sumner held outdoor exercises and blessed the paragon at the celebration of the wiping out of a debt of \$250. Bishop Sumner, accompanied by Archbishop H. H. Chambers, arrived from Astoria on the noon train. In the afternoon a church reception was held, and he was the dinner guest of Mrs. G. McMillan.

## Highway Work Outlined.

Salem — State Highway Engineer Cantine, who returned recently from a trip inspecting the Pacific Highway, announced that the money apportioned by the state to Jackson county this year would be expended on a stretch of road starting at a bisecting thoroughfare which leads to Klamath Falls and extending to the California line. Mr. Cantine said the highway was in fine condition, with the exception of short stretches in Pass canyon and south of Canyonville.

"Work on the Siskiyou Mountain section was started this week," continued the highway engineer, "and it soon will be ready for summer traffic. The section below the California line also will be made ready for tourist travel at once. The engineering and supervision of the work leading from Central Point to the Josephine county line has been placed under the supervision of this office, and I have put men to work. In Josephine county the money apportioned by the state will be used for reconstruction where necessary."

## Corvallis Woman Named.

Salem—George Palmer Putnam, private secretary to Governor Withycombe, announced that the executive had appointed Miss Pauline Kline, of Corvallis, a member of the board of inspectors of child labor, to become effective May 21. She will succeed Henry Kundret, of Portland, who was appointed in 1905 and reappointed in 1911. The other members are: Mrs. Millie R. Trumbull, of Portland; Mrs. Sarah A. Evans, of Portland; Mrs. Turner Oliver, of La Grande, and Stephen G. Smith, of Portland. The term of office is five years. There is no compensation.

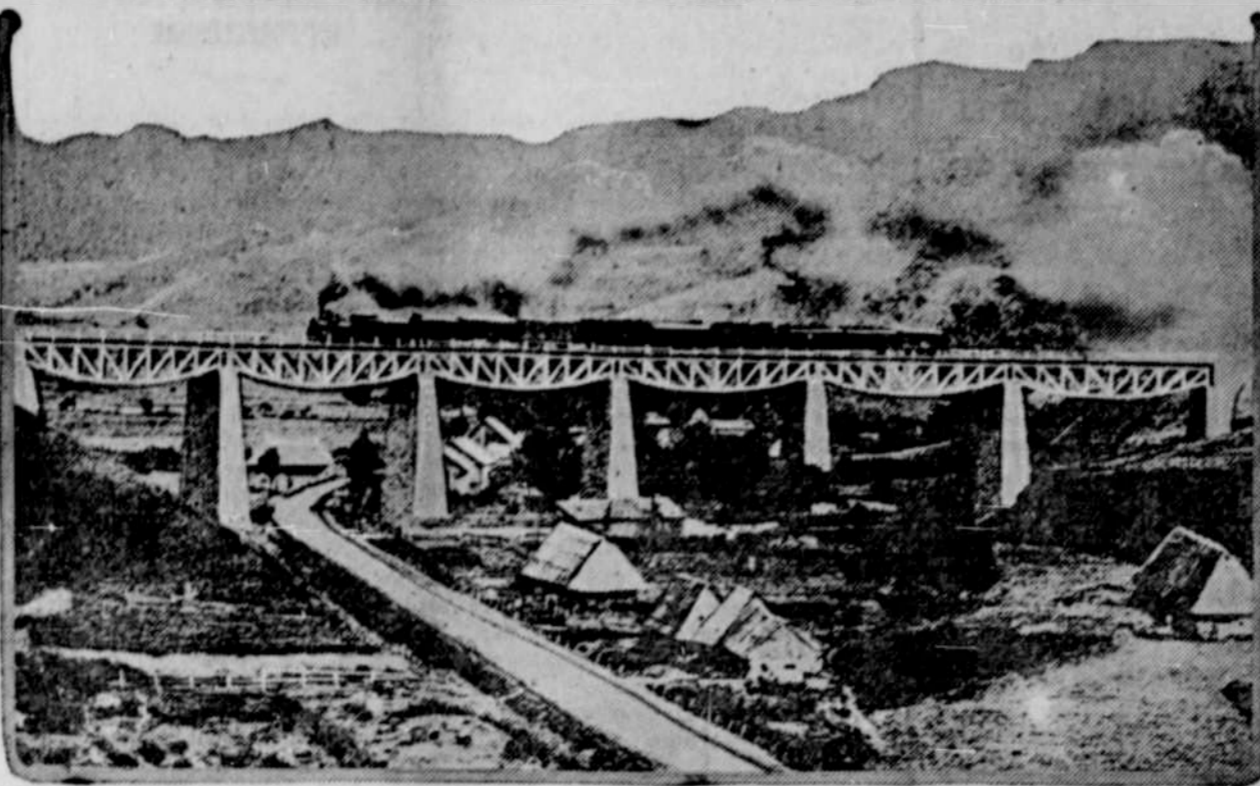
## Mill Plans Are Extended.

Roseburg—In a letter received here from S. A. Kendall, of Pittsburg, Attorney O. P. Coshaw, counsel for Kendall Brothers, is asked to prepare for the incorporation here of a company for handling the proposed railroad from this city to the Cascade forest reserve. In the incorporation papers a provision is asked that the road may be extended across the state to Boise, Idaho. Another feature mentioned in the letter is the fact that Kendall Brothers propose to erect at Roseburg a sawmill of 250,000 feet daily capacity.

## Gold Hill Has Big Blaze.

Gold Hill—A terrific blaze destroyed a blacksmith shop, plumbing shop, jewelry store, a barn, a garage and four residences and badly damaged another home on South Front street. The fire started in a barn, near which children were playing with fire. There was little insurance. The loss is estimated at \$8000.

## UZZOK PASS, SCENE OF DESPERATE FIGHTING



A view of the Uzzok pass showing one of the railroad bridges. In the desperate efforts of the Russians to take and the Austrians to hold the Uzzok pass, fighting of the fiercest character took place, with astonishing casualties on both sides. The Uzzok pass is the key to Hungary.

## GERMAN BICYCLE SCOUT SQUAD IN POLAND



## DECORATED FOR BRAVERY



Miss Muriel Thompson of the British First Aid Nursing Yeomanry corps, who was personally decorated by King Albert of Belgium with the order of Leopold II for her bravery in rescuing wounded men from the trenches under heavy shell fire.

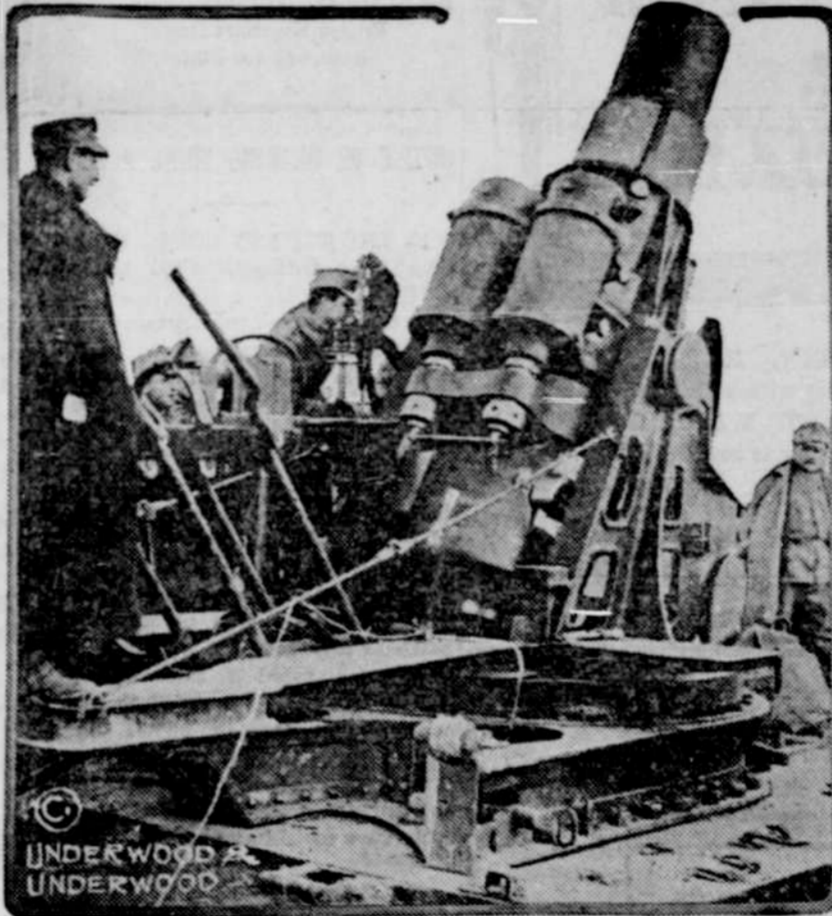
## Soldiers' Queer Biscuits.

The Indian and Australian can make their own army biscuits; the former is a "chupatty," the latter "damper." A chupatty results from the mixing into a stiff paste by an Indian of flour, salt and water, and baking it on a metal dish over a hot fire. But the Indian cook seems a necessary ingredient to make it tasty as well as nutritious. Damper needs flour, baking powder, water and wood. A hole in the ground is the oven. Fill it with wood, and while that is burning make your dough. Then lay it on a large stone, cover it with a tin, and cover the tin with the hot wood ashes, and the result will be damper.

## Where the Slowest Lead.

When motor trucks loaded with ammunition are dispatched to the front from a depot in the rear of the firing lines, it is now self-understood that the slowest trucks go in front, while the fastest bring up the rear. This was found necessary because of the tendency of ammunition drivers to go at top speed when the call for shells and cartridges comes. If the slow trucks are in the rear of the column, the latter is strung out over miles of road, with great gaps between trucks—offering an inviting target for an attack by reconnoitering armored motor cars or cavalry.—Scientific American.

## BIG SKODA GUN OF THE AUSTRIANS



The Austrians have made excellent use of the Skoda 30.5 centimeter guns in the fighting in the Carpathians. One of these guns is shown here about to be fired.

## PADEREWSKIS WORKING FOR POLAND



Ignace Paderewski, the famous pianist, and his wife photographed on their arrival in this country, where they are carrying on a campaign for the raising of funds to relieve the distressed people of Poland.

## COULDN'T FOOL HOBBS

KNIGHT OF THE ROAD WAS WISE OLD BIRD.

Billy Sunday Tells Good Story of How Farmer Stopped Visits of Tramps—Were Suspicious of Effusive Welcome.

Billy Sunday, the evangelist, said at a fashionable reception in his honor in Philadelphia:

"A good many people are mistrustful of religion. I don't know why it is, but there's a lot of people as mistrustful of religion and the religious as the tramp was mistrustful of the farmer.

"I don't know what to do about this tramp evil, a farmer once said to me. 'I've put up signs about beware of the man trap and look out for the savage dog and take care of the spring gun, but it don't seem to do any good at all, Mr. Sunday. The tramps molest me something terrible.'

"Well, Brother Brown, said I, 'you just put up a big sign reading, 'All tramps welcomed at Brown's,' and then, later on, let me know the result.' "Brown thought I was joking at first, but when he saw I was in earnest he went straight off home and put up a big sign over his gate—'All tramps welcome here, John Brown'—that you could read half a mile away.

"I met him again the following year. He said the sign had worked like a miracle. Ever since he put it up he had only set eyes on one tramp and that had been by accident. He came on the tramp accidentally as the fellow stood under the sign, looking up at it and reading it over and over with a kind of quizzical, sarcastic smile playing about his mouth.

"Hello," says Farmer Brown, grinning over the fence at the tramp very friendly.

"The tramp sneered. Then he burst into a bitter laugh and said:

"Hello, mister. How many cops have you got hidden in there?"

"Why, none—none at all," says Farmer Brown, in a hurt, surprised voice.

"The tramp gave another bitter laugh. 'How many bulldogs have you got, then, mister?'

"There ain't a dog about the place," says the farmer. He opened the gate a little ways, but the tramp jumped back, so scared like, the farmer closed it again out of pity. 'You can come in and see for yourself if you don't believe me about the dogs,' he says.

"Oh, yes, I know," said the tramp. He was pale and shaking all over from the start he got when the gate opened. 'I know all about that,' he said; 'but tell me how many bear traps you've got set in there that would bite a poor fellow's leg off.'

"Nary a bear trap," said the farmer. 'Nary a bear trap.'

"Has a man got to do a hard day's work to get a measly meal of scraps?" burst out the tramp.

"Nothing of the kind," said the farmer. 'You come right in, young fellow, and I'll give you a three-course hot supper for nothing, and if you want to stay all night we'll fix you up a warm bed on the floor by the kitchen fire.'

"The tramp stared hard at the farmer a minute and then he smiled a kind of pitying, patronizing smile and said:

"You can't work that little game on me. This is my eleventh year on the road.'

"What game?" said Farmer Brown. 'What game are you talkin' about?'

"Puttin' rough on rats in the coffee and sellin' our remains to the medical college for a dollar apiece," said the tramp, winking at the farmer. 'Oh, no, Brownie, old boy! Oh, my, no! Not on your life! Ha, ha, ha! Aber! This is my eleventh year on the road, I'm tellin' you.'

"And the tramp took a cigar butt from the pocket of his ragged coat, lit it with a sulphur match, and strutted jauntily away, his head nearly hidden in big smoke clouds."

## The Northeast Passage.

Commander Vilkitski, the discoverer of Nicholas II. Land, set out last summer from Vladivostok on his third attempt to make the northeast passage from the Pacific to the Atlantic. According to news recently received, he was wintered in Taimyr bay, to the west of Cape Chelyuskin. Here he has been in wireless communication with Captain Sverdrup, who sailed from European Russia last summer in search of the missing Brusilov and Russanov expeditions, and has also wintered on the coast of the Taimyr peninsula. A note in Nature states that Vilkitski proposed to send part of his crew to Sverdrup's ship, in order to economize his supplies, with a view to the possibility of not getting through the ice next summer.—Scientific American.

## Saving Lives.

The fight to save human lives in America has been eminently successful during the last few years and the loss from preventable diseases has been materially reduced. Perhaps the greatest improvement has been in typhoid fever, where sanitation and medical treatment have worked together to good effect. In the field of tuberculosis a great deal has been accomplished, although not as much as was originally hoped for. In this disease it is largely a case of money—to get enough to give the victims of "the white plague" the treatment they need.