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# OREGON CITY ENTERPRISE

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## \$100,000 DEAL IN GOVERNMENT TIMBER IS MADE

### Union Lumber Company, of New Orleans, to Pay Cash for 47,000,000 Feet of Fir, Pine and Hemlock.

### BLANKET RATE OF \$2 COVERS TOTAL SALES

### Tract of 1160 Acres Will be Logged Under Contract in Coming Ten Year Period.

A timber deal involving more than 46,000,000 feet at a consideration of nearly \$100,000 has been consummated in Clackamas county between the Union Lumber Company of New Orleans and the U. S. Government.

The timber, mainly fir, is located in the Estacada country in sections 17 and 21, township 4 south, range 5 east. Under the contract and the government regulations, the purchaser must remove all of the timber within a period of ten years. Failure to do this would allow the remainder to revert back to the government.

TRACT IS 1160 ACRES The tract, which covers 1160 acres, is located in the boundaries of the Oregon National Forest and is part of the old Oregon and California Railroad Grant, title to which was reserved in the government by the Act of June 9, 1916, the courts having held that the title was forfeited by the railroad company due to a non-compliance with the provisions of the granting act.

The cruise of the timber involved, according to E. P. Rand, government engineer in charge of the O. & C. grant territory, shows that the tract contains 44,670,000 feet of Fir; 1,330,000 feet of Hemlock; 825,000 feet of Cedar, and 20,000 feet of White Pine.

The consideration was \$2 per m. cash, which makes a total of \$92,600. The Union Lumber Company are extensive operators in the South, and as their holdings are pretty well cut out they are looking for an operation on the Pacific coast.

At the recommendation of Chief of Police Max T. Williams, the city are to be employed as soon as directed by the health and police committee in whose hands the entire matter has been placed by the council. Signs warning drivers as to parking and speed limits, are to be placed on Main street before the ordinance is to be put into active force.

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT SPENDS 18 MILLIONS IN OREGON DURING 1921

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 19.—Records of this highway department covering the years, 1921 show a total of 1,059.6 miles of highway improvement during the year.

The mileage of work completed during the year was as follows: Concrete paving, 51; bituminous paving, 125; rock and gravel surfacing, 433.9; grading, 449.7; total, 1059.6.

Concrete paving—Carried over from 1920 contracts, 21.8; contracted in 1921, 41.2; total, 63.0.

Bituminous paving—Carried over from 1920 contracts, 36.7; contracted in 1921, 12.5; total, 158.2.

Rock and gravel surfacing—Carried over from 1920 contracts, 228.9; contracted in 1921, 326.5; total, 555.4.

Grading—Carried over from 1920 contracts, 174.8; contracted in 1921, 411.7; total, 586.5; grand total, 1363.2.

Total expenditures for the year are shown below: State funds, \$15,931,655.14; federal government funds, \$2,181,956.65; county funds, \$985,831.42; railway funds, \$46,378.16; total, \$18,245,821.37.

### Harding Praises Highway Progress

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 20.—No single public improvement has done more for the general good of the country than the development of the highway system, President Harding told the delegates attending the National Good Roads congress, which opened today.

There is now pretty nearly universal agreement that no single public improvement has done in recent years, or will do in coming years, more for the general good of the country than the development of our highway systems.

The task in an enormous one, but better methods both in physical construction and in the relations of the community to highway development have been taking form in a most encouraging way.

UNDERSTANDING, AIM OF CLOSE RELATIONS WITH AMERICA and an uncompromising attitude toward Germany are the salient features of Premier Raymond Poincaré's policy.

## DEFINITE PLAN IS HELD NEED TO LIGHTEN TAXES

### Live Wires to Consider New Suggestions In Connection With Revision of Charter for Local Administration.

### PROPOSED CHANGE IS DESCRIBED AT MEET

### Local Speakers Touch Upon Current Problems; Barbur Unable to Deliver Talk.

Renewed faith in the Oregon 1925 Exposition and the approval of any method of finance adopted by the state committee, was expressed in a resolution passed Tuesday noon by the Live Wires of the local Commercial club.

The resolution emphasized the necessity of the holding of the world's fair as a means of giving the state the industrial and commercial impetus so needed at the present time.

### NEW CHARTER TALKED

Judge Dimick's remarks were occasioned by a discussion of the proposed change in the Oregon City charter, which is under consideration by an executive committee named by Mayor James Shannon.

### CHANGE IS EXPLAINED

The proposed change in the charter (Continued on Page Four)

### Auto Registration In Oregon for 1921 Goes Over 100,000

SALEM, Or., Jan. 13.—During the year 1921 a total of 118,615 motor vehicles, including passenger and commercial cars, and 3164 motorcycles were registered and licensed in Oregon, according to a report prepared today by Sam A. Kozler, secretary of state.

### CLACKAMAS COUNTY TO GET SEAT IN TAX MEET

SHERIDAN, Jan. 20.—(Special)—Apportioned upon the basis of their membership in the Oregon Tax Reduction league, Clackamas county will have seven representatives at the meeting of the clubs which has been called at Portland March 20, to decide on what measures to initiate to reduce the burdens of taxation.

### SHIP POOL TALKED

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 20.—A conference of representatives of all the major American Pacific ports, looking to formation of a \$20,000,000 pool to operate shipping board vessels in trans-Pacific trade, got under way here today.

## \$20,000 Damage Is Done By Fire In Local C. C. Store

Damages which will total more than \$20,000 was done on Tuesday night by a fire in Knapp's hall building at 10th and Main streets in which the C. C. store is located.

The blaze, which started in the upper story is believed to have originated in a defective flue. It broke out at the back of the building shortly after 9 o'clock.

The C. C. store dry-goods stock, valued at more than \$40,000 was damaged by water to the extent of \$15,000. It is half covered by insurance.

The building, only lightly insured was damaged about \$5,000. It is owned by John Knapp.

Although not able to make a definite announcement at this time, Manager J. C. Cochran, of the C. C. store stated that he did not believe the fire will interfere with the plans for the rebuilding of the structure. The top floor of the hall is practically gutted.

The first of the year all of the lodges who had been meeting in the hall were given orders to vacate, and all lodge equipment was removed. About \$200 worth of mounts, belonging to the Hart Photo studio, which was to occupy the top floor of the building, were destroyed.

The blaze was discovered by A. W. Buchanan, conductor on the P. R. L. and P. car, which was passing, who telephoned from the Harding home on the adjacent corner.

A fuller investigation of the probable cause of the fire is to be made today by Chief Wm. Priebe. Due to the darkness last night it was impossible to determine the cause with certainty.

### BROCCOLI CROP TOTAL LOSS, DUE TO SUDDEN COLD

The broccoli crop of Clackamas county practically destroyed, growers here stand to lose nearly \$100,000 this year, due to the recent cold snap.

There are about 300 acres of broccoli in Clackamas county, representing a considerable increase over two years ago. The normal yield is in the neighborhood of 400 dozen plants to the acre or a total of 120,000 dozen for the entire county.

Due to the change in the acreage, it is estimated that the general price this year would not reach a dollar. At this rate the growers will lose about \$120,000. The exact extent of the damage, however, cannot be estimated and it is believed that the loss will not exceed \$100,000.

### PETITIONS ASK SUNDAY CLOSING OF POOL HALLS

Petitions, asking the city council to incorporate a clause in the new pool hall ordinance, requiring Sunday closing, have been started in circulation.

### HONOR SOCIETY ELECTS OREGON CITY STUDENT

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Jan. 20.—(Special)—Gordon E. Wilson is pledged to the To-Ko-Lo, Sophomore honor society, Wilson is a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and was on the freshman football squad. He is majoring in business administration.

### ENGLISH TROOPS LEAVE

DUBLIN, Jan. 20.—Troop trains filled with English soldiers arrived this afternoon for embarkation on transports. British military airplanes are flying to England instead of being removed on ships.

## WEST LINN ASKS DIRECT RAIL LINE INTO PORTLAND

### Southern Pacific Requested To Bridge Gap of 3-4 Mile On Electric Track to Join Willamette thru Oswego.

### IMPROVEMENT HELD PROGRESSIVE NEED

### Portland Gas Franchise Is Taken Under Advise ment for Further Investigation.

Direct rail connections between Portland and West Linn, on the Southern Pacific, is the purpose of a movement launched at a meeting of the West Linn council Wednesday night, when a resolution was passed, urging a connection on the electric line.

The provision for a bridging of the gap between Willamette and Oswego, was requested in a resolution presented by a number of property owners and unanimously passed by the council. The S. P. electric runs as far as Oswego at present. The same company also operates an electric line in Willamette, and the laying of three-quarters of a mile of track would give West Linn and the vicinity a direct connection with the metropolis.

No action other than a request for the company for the extension of the service is planned at the present time, but it is understood that a survey of the district to outline the extent of its passenger and freight potentialities, will be made.

The council also took under advisement the question of offering a franchise to the Portland Gas and Coke company for the extension of their mains to the west side. A movement, sponsored by civic clubs of that district, has been on foot to attempt to get gas service. Officials of the company have already started a survey of that part of the county to determine whether or not there would be sufficient business to justify the extension. The council voted to investigate the matter more fully, particularly as regards to the rates to be charged for the service, before any definite action on the franchise is taken.

Minor repairs to the Willamette road were ordered. The council also purchased 500 additional feet of hose, 100 feet to be used for each of the five departments. The price was \$11.0 a foot. The next meeting will be February 1.

### JAPANESE DENY PLAN OF RUSSIAN ENCROACHMENTS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—A statement declaring that Japan has no territorial designs in Russia and giving assurance that Japanese troops would be withdrawn as soon as a stable government should be established there, was made today by the Japanese delegation at the meeting of the Far East committee.

### HEAVY CLAIMS LOOM

MOSCOW, Jan. 23.—Bolshevik delegates to the Genoa conference will present reparations claims there against various European powers and the United States. If these claims are made in terms of bolshevik rubles, new names for large amounts may be necessary, for the familiar terms of the decimal system will not cover the staggering sums claimed by this country, which issues single bills for 100,000,000 rubles.

## STATE TAKES APPEAL IN WILLAMETTE FISH CASE

### Opening of River Now Is Up to Supreme Court; Knotty Legal Questions Involved.

An appeal in the case involving fishing rights on the Willamette river, known as the case of the state against Charles Gates, has been taken by the prosecution. Formal appeal was filed Wednesday by District Attorney Livy Stipp.

### LAWS CONFLICT

While Judge Campbell's decision was based upon the enactment of a later law establishing closed and open seasons on the river, other legal phases are expected to enter into the appeal. The contention of the defense is that the wording of the law prohibits fishing for salmon and other fish which are set forth in detail, which have been "stocked in the stream." It is their contention that it is not illegal to catch fish naturally coming up the river, which if upheld, would practically throw the Willamette open.

### OPINION IS ASKED

District Attorney Livy Stipp has written to Attorney General Van Winkle regarding this phase of the law, asking for an opinion, as it has never been fully interpreted. The decision in this regard may have state-wide significance, as a number of the regulations are of this nature, and if the contention of the defense on this point is upheld, it would have a tendency to prohibit closing of any streams except where the entire run of fish was from stocked supply, Mr. Stipp explains.

### MAN FALLS FROM ELECTRIC TRACK; INJURIES FATAL

Thomas Finch, aged 34 years, employed in the Crown-Willamette Company's mills at West Linn, died in the Oregon City hospital Monday morning at 11 o'clock from injuries sustained in falling down an 18-foot culvert near Greenpoint.

Finch had been in Oregon City with a brother, and decided to walk to his home at Gladstone, leaving here about 7:15 o'clock. His brother left about 10 o'clock, and also decided to walk.

Friends of the young man believe that when walking along the path that leads along the electric car line that Finch failed to see the culvert, owing to the heavy fog and that he fell over the deep bank, striking on his head. He also suffered internal injuries.

### TWO ATTEMPTS MADE

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### TAX COLLECTIONS FOR COUNTY THIRD IN STATE

Clackamas county ranks third in the state in the amount of delinquent taxes outstanding. Only two counties, Linn and Sherman, have a smaller per cent of uncollected taxes on their 1920 assessments collected during 1921.

SLAYER PLEADS GUILTY CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—Thomas P. Catherwood, confessed slayer of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Betty Sharples, pleaded guilty in criminal court today to the charge of murder and was sentenced to life imprisonment by Judge Joseph Pritch.

## MOVE TO LEASE CITY HALL BEGINS ON THIRD CYCLE

### Ordinance Drafted to Assign Main Street Property to Justin and Montgomery for Term of 5 Years Duration.

### COUNCIL IS DIVIDED UPON NEW OFFICIAL SOCIETY

### Busch and Sons to Get Right To Ten Foot Strip In Back Of Lot Alongside of Jail.

Oregon City's city hall is leased,—again. Maybe.

Such appears to be the status of the affair following the action of the council Friday night in adopting an agreement with Frank Busch and Sons, present lessee, and in passing the first reading of an ordinance leasing the building to Justin and Montgomery for a period of five years, at a monthly rental of \$150 for the ground lot.

The agreement with Frank Busch and Sons, who until a few months ago conducted a furniture and hardware store in the city hall building, calls for relinquishment of their lease, which is at a rental of \$60 per month, and has yet two and a half years to run. In consideration of the relinquishment, they ask the city to grant them perpetual use to a 10-foot strip on the rear of the property, which they might use as a passageway for moving goods in and out of their new store building, adjoining their old location on the south.

### MORE REVENUE SEEN

The city sees in the proposition the additional revenue of over a thousand dollars a year, in return for the use of a strip on the rear of the 105 foot piece of property. It is asserted by many who are interested that the alley thus provided does not detract from the value of the location, and the new firm of Justin and Montgomery are willing to take an option on the property at \$20,000, with or without the 10 foot piece.

Principal objection to the proposed deal was voiced by Councilman H. S. Mount, who protested on the ground that the city was signing away their right to a strip of land which in future years might have considerable value. He suggested that the new firm sub-lease from Frank Busch and Sons for the period of their lease, and then make a new deal with the city at that time. When the matter was put to vote, those opposing it were Mount, Jack and Cross; those favoring were Bridges, Krassig, Metzger, and Petzold; Van Anken, absent. When the ordinance leasing the property to Justin and Montgomery was placed on first reading, it was opposed only by Mount. Final consideration of the ordinance will be given at the regular meeting February 1st.

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### MRS. RYAN DIES

PARIS, Jan. 19.—Mrs. Audrey Creighton Ryan, 22 years of age, California music student, who accused her husband, Thomas S. Ryan of Muskogee, Okla., a writer, with forcing her to swallow three bicarbonate of mercury tablets at the point of a knife, died in the American hospital at Neuilly this afternoon. Ryan, who was arrested on information furnished by Mrs. Ryan and her mother, denies any guilt and contends that his wife swallowed the poison with suicidal intent.