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14 CHANGES ARE PLANNED

Abolishment of Public Tax Meeting, Use of Schools as Polling Places and Other Amendments Are Proposed. Officials of the Portland school district will be permitted to adopt school textbooks independent of rules made by the State Textbook Commission...

NEARLY \$30,000 GIVEN

BELGIAN RELIEF FUND GROWS AS FOOD AND CASH COME IN. Gifts of \$200 in money and \$2000 in Supplies Are Receipts of Day Sent to Samuel Hill. Contributions to the fund for Belgian relief continues to be turned in to Samuel Hill, chairman of the Oregon committee...

STATE HOLDS SKELETON

BONES OF BODY FAKED BY LA FRANCE IN COURTHOUSE. Grim Evidence in Insurance Swindle, Having No Claimant, Burial Has Been Postponed. The evidence-room in the Court-house still contains the skeleton of the body which J. C. La France used in the insurance fraud...

TRIPS TO REWARD PUPILS

Industrial Campaign Begun to Arouse Interest in Contests. N. C. Maris, field worker in the industrial department of the office of State Superintendent of Schools, is directing a campaign to arouse more general interest in industrial school work...

\$200,000,000 LOAN SECURED

Italian Government Gets Vast Sum to Run 25 Years at 5 1-2 Per Cent. ROME, Jan. 4.—The loan of \$200,000,000 arranged for by the government for use in connection with its military preparations has been fully subscribed...

TWO BID FOR CITY WOOD

Price of \$3.40 Offered for Supply Cut by "Unemployed." James W. Palmer, for six years a secretary at the Young Men's Christian Association, has been granted a leave of absence to tour the country conducting evangelistic services...

LUERICI MAY COME

Steamer Which Formerly Made This Port Expected for Grain. Portlanders are likely to have an opportunity of greeting another old friend in the maritime game, the British steamer Lueric, which is listed in the Corral as being expected to be one of the carriers under charter to lead here which have not been declared...

LUMBER CARGO IS TAKEN

Charterers of Olson and Mahony Sue Because of Clearance Refusal. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—Damages of \$107,688 were asked today in a suit filed in the United States District Court against J. O. Davis, collector of the port of San Francisco, by the Olson and Mahony, charterers of the steamer Lueric, which was chartered to transport a cargo of lumber to this port...

ROSE CITY LOSES ONE TRIP

Company Placing Liner in Condition for 1915 Season. Repairs not having been completed aboard the steamer Rose City, now at San Francisco, was programmed, no resumption of service for accommodations January 11, when she was scheduled to sail from here for California ports...

TILLAMOOK ROCK AT FAIR

Model of Station Maintained Here Goes to San Francisco. Tests have been conducted at the Customs House of a working model of the Tillamook Rock lighthouse and station, which is to be exhibited by the Bureau of Lighthouses at the San Francisco Exposition...

NAVIGATION MARKS CHANGED

Yaquina Bay and Columbia River Regions Named in Bulletin. Official notice has been given by the Bureau of Lighthouses of the following changes in navigation marks...

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MARKETS EXCITED BY ENGLAND'S DEMAND FOR FOOD.

CEREAL SALES ARE RECORD. Grain Worth \$106,700 Changes at Quotations 1-1-2 to 3 Cents Higher—Flour Takes 20-Cent Rise Today, Millers Say. There was a flurry in the world's wheat markets yesterday which caused more excitement in the Portland grain trade than any event that has occurred since the war began...

EAST ASIATIC KEPT BUSY

Report Out That Fleet Can Be Supplied by California Alone. So great is the demand for Pacific Coast products at Scandinavian ports and others without the war zone, that limited tonnage of the East Asiatic fleet can be filled at California ports, it is news brought here. The motorship Julanda, of that service, left from Portland for Copenhagen, Christiania and Gothenburg, with a full cargo said to have been made up of much of the same freight that day in the steamer Okklahoma...

FORCE OF BUILDERS TO BE KEPT EMPLOYED DURING WINTER.

Canal to Be Opened May 1. Few more men will be discharged on the Dalles-Celilo Canal project, as it is the intention to keep approximately 300 men on the job. It is expected that the locks and canal will be in shape for passing through the first vessel. Earlier estimates resulted in the opening date being set for May 15, but such progress has been made during the past two months that a month's gain will be made...

NEWS FROM OREGON PORTS.

COOS BAY OR, Jan. 4.—(Special)—The steamer Geo. W. Elder arrived from Portland this afternoon at 2:15. The steamer Nann Smith, Adeline Smith and Redondo sailed for San Francisco this afternoon between 1 and 2 o'clock. The steam schooner Speedwell arrived from Bandon this afternoon at 2 o'clock and will load a deck cargo of lumber at North Bend. The steam schooner Yellowstone sailed this afternoon at 1:30 with lumber for the San Francisco market. The tug Cleaver arrived from the Umpqua River for freight.

ASTORIA OR, Jan. 4.—(Special)—On account of illness of Captain Gus Anderson, one of the Port of Portland bay pilots, Captain C. S. Gundersen will re-enter the service on Wednesday for a few weeks, at least. The American steamer Corral, of the Boston line, arrived this morning from Victoria, with a part cargo of lumber and a few passengers, at least. The Norwegian bark Havila sailed today for the United Kingdom with a cargo of grain from Portland. The steamer Corral sailed yesterday afternoon for San Pedro, with a cargo of lumber from Grays Harbor, Wauna and the Hammond mill. The Norwegian bark Hafstrafjord and the Norwegian ship Sierra Miranda, both grain laden for the United Kingdom, went to sea this afternoon.

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WHEAT AND SOYBEANS

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