

### WIRE-TAPPING PLOT BECOMES INVOLVED

#### Investigation May Uncover Aid by Telephone Employee in Intricate Job.

### DR. G. WHEELER COMING

#### Wife Near Collapse and Awaits Return of Husband—Disclosure of Alleged Chief Secret Persecutor Is Intimated.

Dr. Glenn Wheeler, husband of Dr. Anna Wheeler, is said to be hastening home from the war zone in Europe to aid his wife in the defense of her good name. Mrs. Wheeler asserts that a long conspiracy has sought to discredit her since the departure of her husband, the most recent attempt coming to light in the disclosure of a telephone tapping plot which had for its purpose the overhearing of conversations from her office in the Medical building.

Mrs. Wheeler's legal representatives are making plans to divulge, if possible, the names of the persons who are behind the telephone tapping, on the theory that the three men arrested were hired to "eavesdrop" illegally on Mrs. Wheeler.

Telephone officials have been in consultation with Mrs. Wheeler's representatives for obvious reasons. It is the first disclosure of telephone tapping on so complete a scale that has been made in Portland. The investigation, it is possible, will uncover an employee of the telephone company, as it is maintained the connections between the Platt and Medical buildings and the tapping out of the one wire from hundreds of others was the work of someone acquainted intimately with the telephone system.

**Telegraph Factor Enters.** The fact that the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company does a telegraph as well as a telephone business, enlarges the opportunities for successful prosecution, it is said. The laws governing the tapping with telephone wires is vague as to the extent of a crime in this respect. The law governing the tapping with telegraph wires is vastly different and carries a greater penalty. It is on the basis that the wire tappers were meddling with telegraph lines, as telephone tapping, and an effort made to get a grand jury investigation. The preliminary hearing of the case, charging interference with telephone service, and impairing of the efficiency of such service, will probably be held in Municipal Court next Thursday afternoon, before Judge Arthur Langguth.

**Secret Persecutor Hinted.** The wire tapping is but the climax, Dr. Wheeler asserts, of the sequence of persecutions which have dogged her since the departure of her husband for Europe in January, 1915. It is intimated that the present case may cause the exposure of many concealed facts, among them the identity of the alleged chief persecutor. At the outset, Dr. Wheeler named F. E. Stearns, of Wadhams & Co., as the man who had annoyed her and fostered the alleged plot.

This afternoon, in Circuit Court, will be heard the divorce proceedings instituted by Alex G. Riddell, of the Liberty Coal & Ice Company, in reply to the suit for separate maintenance filed by Mrs. Riddell. Mrs. Riddell has named Mrs. Wheeler as a factor. That her husband's return be not delayed is her chief concern. Just now, says Mrs. Wheeler, "they shall not take my good name away," she exclaimed yesterday, after announcing that her husband would soon be with her. "I am fighting for him as well as for myself, for the only man that I love, or ever have loved, my husband, Dr. Glenn Wheeler."

Mrs. Wheeler is on the verge of physical collapse as a result of the trouble, and her father-in-law, Dr. C. H. Wheeler, is attending her.

### MEDFORD TO BUILD BLOCK

#### Revival in Business Activity Is Indicated by Announcement.

MEDFORD, Or., Feb. 27.—(Special.)—The revival of business activity in Medford is indicated by the announcement that a new business block will be erected on Main street at the corner of Fir, now occupied by the old Moore Hotel and a number of one-story wood buildings. The new structure will be built by Delroy Getchell, president of the Farmers and Fruit Growers Bank; Reginald Parsons, owner of the Orchard; I. Seidermeyer and Dr. E. B. Pickel.

### TWO AT DINNER ROBBED

#### Police Believe Some Man Took Handbag and Purse.

A thief who operates while the people of the house are dining committed two robberies Saturday evening. The proximity of the places broken into, and the similar method employed, has convinced the police that the same man is responsible for both thefts.

### PERSONAL MENTION.

W. Marshall, of Dec., is at the Perkins. Henry Akin, of Sheridan, is at the Seward. F. H. Madden, of Medford, is at the Portland. J. H. Corkham, of McMinnville, is at the Eaton. R. O. Stanley, of Marble, Colo., is at the Oregon. C. D. Hemricks, of Hood River, is at the Perkins. E. F. Slades is registered at the Oregon from Salem. Edward Hume is registered at the Eaton from Chicago. S. Stillman, of The Dalles, is registered at the Oregon. W. N. Douglas and Norris Jensen, of

### COOS BAY, ARE REGISTERED AT THE IMPERIAL.

D. J. Du Brulle, of Corvallis, is registered at the Seward. A. L. Duncan is registered at the Portland from Seattle. M. Vernon Parsons, of Eugene, is registered at the Perkins. Mrs. G. L. Baker, of McMinnville, is registered at the Eaton. Mrs. H. A. Yocum is registered at the Eaton from Broadmead. Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Russell, of Prineville, are at the Imperial. C. E. Reynolds, of Forest Grove, is registered at the Perkins. Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Mallory, of Eugene, are at the Cornwell. Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Smith, of Hood River, are at the Cornwell. John L. Gruber, of Littell, Wash., is registered at the Cornwell. W. L. Thompson, a Pendleton banker, is registered at the Imperial. Mr. and Mrs. Albert English, of Salem, are registered at the Oregon. H. F. McGowan, a canneryman of McGowan, Wash., is at the Imperial. Life Compton, hotelman from Albany, is at the Seward with Mrs. Compton. Mr. and Mrs. William Howard are registered at the Cornwell from Salem. William Smith, Frank Baillie and John L. Rand, of Baker, are at the Portland. Mr. and Mrs. E. Chapman, of Vancouver, B. C., are registered at the Portland. A. G. Senders and Mrs. Senders motored from Albany yesterday, and are at the Seward. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert, of this city, have moved to Dallas, Or. Mr. Herbert, who up to a month ago was arranging goods buyer for Ben Selling for a number of years, is going into business in Dallas.

### CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—(Special.)—The following named Portland persons are registered at Chicago hotels:

Congress, J. A. Jamieson; Grand Pacific, Miss L. Bernard.

### CLAY PLANT IS ASSURED

#### WARRENTON PROPERTY OWNERS SUBSCRIBE STOCK.

Works Will Cost \$50,000 and \$25,000 Additional Is Raised for Initial Operating Expenses.

WARRENTON, Or., Feb. 27.—(Special.)—Several Warrenton realty-holders met in Portland yesterday and arranged to subscribe for the necessary stock to assure the building of the first working unit of the Warrenton Clay Company's proposed plant, which will cost more than \$50,000. Twenty-five thousand dollars additional was raised to cover the initial operating expenses.

The directors of the company are George W. Warren, George Chew, E. P. Smiley, Warren Overpack and Clifford Barlow. It is understood that they will immediately consult with the Port of Astoria Commission to expedite the dredging of the promised channel in the Skipanon from the Columbia River to the plant and that with that business determined the directors will at once begin construction of the plant on the 15-acre site donated by the D. K. Warren estate.

The company propose to manufacture sewer pipe, drain tile, hollow building blocks and other clay products. Warren Overpack, who was invited here to investigate the clays, etc., has pronounced the clays of this community to be of a high grade. Local citizens are highly elated over the successful raising of \$75,000 to start this enterprise.

W. A. Rogers and Miss Anna Garges Beck were married at St. Charles, Mo., recently. Each has only one arm, the bridegroom having lost his right in an accident and the bride being minus her right.

### JOY WEATHER HERE

#### Many Thousands Enjoy Outing on Balmy Sunday.

### HIGHWAY PROVES MAGNET

#### Hundreds of Autoists Make Trip and Willing Hands Remove Two Snowbanks From Road; City Streetcar Traffic Heavy.

The day of the bookworm is upon us. He has awakened from his winter slumber, a deep slumber induced by the severity of the winter, and has struck his gaff deep into thousands of Portland folk.

The lure of the "open road" in its modernized adaptation was more than thousands of automobile-owning persons could withstand, and all members of the lucky families yesterday took advantage of the Spring-like day.

The Columbia Highway drew hundreds of automobilists. The highway itself is unimpaired by the silver thaw and recent storms, and the scenery is doubly beautiful owing to the fact that there are numberless large and small waterfalls visible at this time of the year.

The melting of the snows the last few days has sent half a dozen sparkling streams leaping and laughing amid a near-Spring splendor of vegetation that will soon pass.

**Travelers Shovel Snow.** One of the picturesque incidents in connection with the highway travel yesterday was that of about 40 automobilists and 20 motorcyclists shoveling their way through two snowbanks, each about 100 feet long. The snowdrifts are still high and mighty at Crown Point. Two of them have not melted sufficiently to allow traffic.

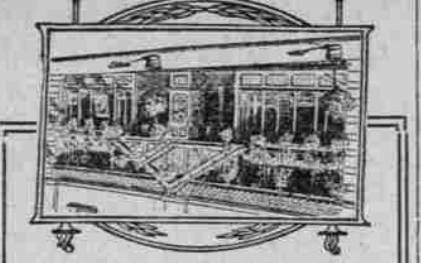
Yesterday the automobiles piled up at that place, one after another, until the number of 20 or more chugged into the bulkhead on the road and had to quit.

But the vista that was open beyond the snow was too compelling. Therefore, wealthy, fur-coated automobilists and wage-earning motorcyclist riders joined hands in the work of opening up the drift. With shovels and boards procured, from just where no one knows, this small army attacked the high and 100 feet long, and all but buried the autos from sight as they silted through, after the army had done its work.

**Highway Holds Up Well.** The autoists pursued their way as far as Wah-kee-nah Falls. From there to Multnomah Falls the snow is too deep for easy traffic, and Wah-kee-nah was the omens of the delightful day's outings. Practically every travel route approaching the highway was used yesterday with success.

The general opinion yesterday was that the highway proper had weathered its first winter's rigors in a splendid way. Those not so fortunate as to be provided with machines sought the public parks and kindred haunts through the medium of the streetcars.

To adequately take care of the travel that the good weather had quickened, the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company renewed the summer schedule on the Portland Heights and Crown Point Crest service, and literal thousands obtained new energy for the week's exertions by a day in the open.



### HAZELWOOD

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obtained new energy for the week's exertions by a day in the open. The car service over the Vancouver line was reported to be more than normal. Many people even let their imaginations get so far as to picnic to stations along the interurban lines.

### BAKER VERDICT SEALED

#### RESULT OF JOHN SPAIN'S DAMAGE SUIT IS SECRET.

Part of Amount Asked for Ejection From O.-W. R. & N. Company Train Is Being Awarded.

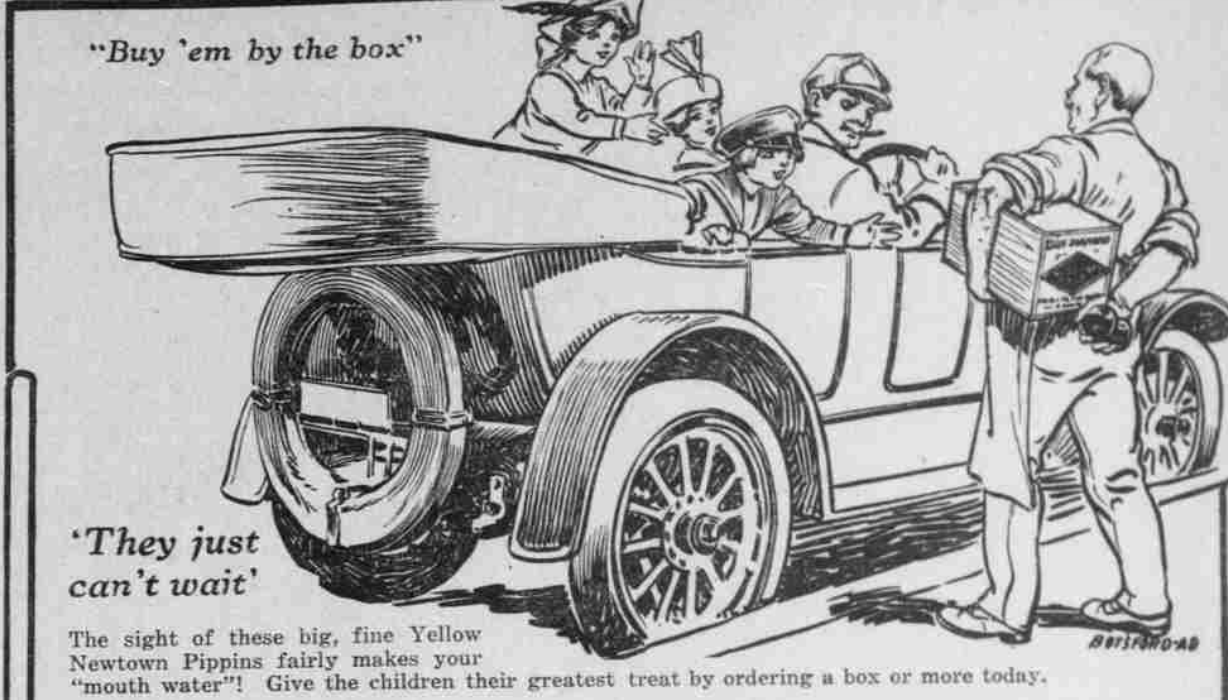
BAKER, Or., Feb. 27.—(Special.)—After being out 18½ hours the jury in the damage case of John Spain, of North Powder, and famous for his buckaroo feats at the Pendleton Round-Up, against the O.-W. R. & N. Railroad, returned a sealed verdict at 1 o'clock today. Judge Anderson, of the Baker Circuit Court, will open it tomorrow morning. It is believed that Mr. Spain got part of the \$500 for which he sued.

Mr. Spain charged that he was ejected from an O.-W. R. & N. train at Huntington about two years ago and thrown into jail on the charge of drunkenness, and his stay in the damp cell without medical attention caused complications to his arm, his hand having been severed by a rope in a steer-roping contest at Halfway, Or., before. The complication necessitated a further operation to shorten the arm, he asserted.

He sued a year ago for the same amount, and was awarded \$1200, but the case was carried to the Supreme Court, which sent it back to the Circuit Court here for retrial.

### Scandinavian Steamer Sunk.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The steamship Birgit has been sunk. Seventeen survivors have been landed. There are three small steamers of the name of Birgit, according to shipping records, the largest of the three is 220 feet long and of 1117 gross tonnage. The vessel flies the Swedish flag.



### Sale of Hood River "Diamond Brand" Newtown Apples

"Rosie Apple" From Hood River is in full force at all Portland stores. Instead of sending Newtowns to Europe, as in years past, Portland is getting the "cream" of the crop at extremely low prices, considering the scarcity of good apples this season.

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### PLAY SHOWS GAY PARIS

#### "HIGH LIFE" IS SPARKLING COMEDY AT LYRIC

Delightful Variety is Offered in Musical Numbers, Including Good Songs and Clever Dances. The cabaret life of gay Paris and scenes filled with sparkling comedy and gay songs and dances abound in the Dillon and King musical comedy "High Life," which opened at the Lyric yesterday. Startling situations follow one after the other, and through it all a clever newspaper reporter, Miss Ollie Artell, is hot after pictures for her paper.

### TOLEDO FARMERS GATHER

#### Address on Agriculture Made by Professor Shaw.

TOLEDO, Wash., Feb. 27.—(Special.)—Farmers gathered in Toledo, yesterday to hear Professor Thomas Shaw, of St. Paul, Minn., deliver an address. Prior to the address of Professor Shaw, H. H. Joch, traveling freight agent for the Great Northern Railway, made a short talk, relative to the cooperation that should exist between the farmer and the commercial club. Following him F. W. Graham, Western industrial and immigration agent for

### ORE GOING TO NORTHPORT

#### Properties Controlled by Day Brothers Shipped to Their Smelter.

WALLACE, Idaho, Feb. 27.—(Special.)—Ore shipments from the Cour d'Alenes are being made to Northport, Wash., to the smelter purchased and rehabilitated by the Day brothers. The first shipments of lead concentrates were made from the Hercules mine, the property which lifted the three Day brothers from the ranks of labor to multi-millionaires.

Other properties in which the Days are interested will also ship ore to Northport. Indications are that the properties in which the Days have a controlling interest will produce ample ore to keep the Northport smelter going.

Japanese interests are endeavoring to have the Japanese steamship line Nippon Yusen Kaisha include New Zealand ports in its itinerary, which, it is said, would greatly benefit Japanese trade in New Zealand.

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Any Victor dealer will gladly give you a descriptive list of these new Victor Records and play any music you wish to hear. There are Victors and Victrolas in great variety of styles from \$10 to \$400. Victor Talking Machine Co., Camden, N. J.



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