STATE FOREST AREA IS ROAD ARGUMENT

Congressional Appropriation for West Wanted.

DELEGATES WILL CONFER

Charles Hall, President of Oregon Chamber of Commerce, Shows Need for Action.

Because 21 per cent of the total area of the state of Oregon is in the national forests is one vital reason why congress should make the appropriation upon which the western states are united, in the opinion of Charles Hall, president of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Hall arrived from Marshfield yesterday to meet with other delegates appointed by Governor Olcott to represent Oregon at the forthcoming conference of representatives from 12 western states and the Territory of Alaska who will meet at Washington, D. C., February 10.

Julius Meier is chairman of the delegation named by the governor, with Charles Hall, L. J. Simpson, Truman Butler, John B. Yeon, Ben C. Jones and Herbert C. Nunn members. They will leave for the east February 5.

Plan Depends on Law.

It is pointed out that the immediate construction and improvement of forest and post roads is dependent upon the passage by congress of the measures now before that body for the appropriation of $100,000,000 per year for five years for post roads, and of $10,000,000 per year for ten years for county and state roads within the national forests. The importance of this to the people of Oregon is shown by the statement that the area in national forests, not upon the tax rolls and yielding no revenue to the state, county or district treasuries, is more than one-fifth of the total area of the state. The Mount Hood loop road, cited as an example, is entirely within the forest, and sections of the Roosevelt highway likewise traverse the reserved lands of the Umpqua and Siskiyou forest reserves.

Of the $257,000,000 appropriated by congress in 1916 and 1919, Oregon's proportion was $4,332,173.27, all of which will be allotted to the state for road construction by June 30, 1920. Oregon's share in the proposed appropriation of $100,000,000 per year for five years would be $1,576,152.03 each years, or a total of $7,880,760.15, which would bring the grand total, including the appropriations previously made as stated above up to $12,212,938.42.

"We feel that congress should be responsive to the voice of the American association of state highway officials," said President Hall last night, "for that organization gave its unqualified approval to the measure now before congress to provide a means whereby the federal government can fulfill its duty to the states. There was unanimity among the highway representatives from 40 states that the roads in national forests should be built with funds furnished from the treasury and that it is only justice to the states that are deprived of obtaining revenues from such landed areas that this be done.

Delegations Are United.

"The delegations from Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, South Dakota and Montana and the Territory of Alaska will act as a unit, and feel assured of the united support of the entire congressional delegation from the states. That sort of unanimity should be influential in obtaining a respectful hearing and earnest consideration for the measures the delegates will make their plea for, both before the committees of congress and on the floor of both houses when brought up for passage."

HOLLAND TO AID GERMANY

Loan of 200,000,000 Florins on Coal Security Proposed.

THE HAGUE, Jan. 22.—The foreign minister announces officially that arrangements have been made by Holland for a loan to Germany of 200,000,000 florins. The loan will be for ten years and may be renewed. It is based on coal security with the stipulation that 60,000,000 florins are to be spent in Holland or the Dutch West Indies.

The Dutch parliament must ratify the loan before it becomes effective.

Hitchcock Gets Another Vote.

YANKTON, S. D., Jan. 22.—Senator Edwin Johnson, who was absent at the recent democratic caucus when efforts to elect an administration leader in the senate failed because of a tie vote between Senators Hitchcock and Underwood, declared here today that he would "probably vote for Senator Hitchcock" at the next caucus.

Hungarian Communists Freed.

VIENNA, Jan. 21.—The government has freed all the Hungarian communists interned at Karlstein, except Bela Kun, the former communist dictator, who is reported seriously ill; Joseph Pogany, minister of war, and Deputy Bela Pakoczy.

Miss Helen Vesely Tells How Cuticura Healed Eruption

"My trouble first began when my face was getting so irritating and itchy that I suffered a great deal. It was so red from scratching that I could not go out in the street. At the same time I had rashes and blisters on my back. My face was sore and inflamed and for many nights I found it hard to sleep. I could only wear certain clothes, as other clothes aggravated the eruption.

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MOVING PICTURE NEWS

1—Scene from "The Miracle Man," which will be seen for the second time in Portland during the week starting tomorrow at the Star theater. 2—Katherine MacDonald, who plays in the unusual drama, "The Thunderbolt," which will open tomorrow at the Sunset theater.

TODAY'S FILM FEATURES.

Majestic—Alice Brady, in "The Fear Market."
Rivoli—Jane Novak and Jean Hersholt, "The Golden Trail"; Jean Hersholt in person.
Liberty—William Farnum, "The Last of the Duanes."
Columbia—Gloria Swanson and Thomas Meighan, "Male and Female."
Star—Emile Chautard's "Mystery of the Yellow Room."
Peoples—Dark.
Sunset—Wallace Reid, in "The Valley of Giants."
Circle—Lila Lee, "Rose o' the River."

THOMAS MEIGHAN came into his own as one of the leading dramatists of the motion picture screen in "The Miracle Man," which, after a phenomenal run in Portland the latter part of 1919, will return tomorrow to the Star theater for its second showing in this city.

"The Miracle Man," during its run at the Star theater, will appeal not only to the vast numbers who were unable to see it before, but also to an amazingly large proportion of those who went two and three times to see it before. Perhaps no other picture has brought so many persons back for a second, third and even fourth performance as has "The Miracle Man." Incidentally, it may have been this feature of "The Miracle Man" that has made two Portland houses fight for the privilege of showing it for its second run.

"The Miracle Man" is not a religious or preachy picture. It is a great drama so effectively screened that a lasting impression is left with its audiences.

It is the story of a group of degenerates who attempt to commercialize the blind goodness of a patriarch to whom simple villagers have for years come for mental and physical help. The group is led by Tom Burke, a man of masterful personality. One by one those under him slip away from his plans and come under the influence of the patriarch who heals their sick souls as he has the sick bodies of the villagers. Burke is the last to come under his influence.

Betty Compson in the support of Mr. Meighan does equally fine interpretative work. Her little sneery smile becomes a real part of her and makes more convincing the depth to which she had fallen and from which she finally rises.

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"The Valley of the Giants," with Wally Reid, will be shown for the last time at the Sunset theater tonight.

Beginning tomorrow, "The Thunderbolt," with Katherine McDonald, the American beauty, and "Sunnyside," with Charlie Chaplin, will hold down the boards at the Sunset.

"The Valley of the Giants," adapted for the screen from Peter B. Kyne's widely read novel, scored a signal success when it was produced and offered to the motion picture public. Wally Reid is well cast in the role of Bryce Cardigan, Kyne's fighting young hero who fights for big odds but eventually wins but not without some scrap.

Coming tomorrow is one of the screen's most dramatic stories, "The Thunderbolt" has been acclaimed as that "something different" picture which the public and critics have been hoping for. The wondrous beauty of Miss McDonald enhances the value of the picture in the public's eye.

It is the story of a woman denied the sacred right of motherhood as a result of a feud between her family and her husband's family. He wishes to stamp her race out of existence. How she tricks him and gains her desire is told in a fascinating story.

A comedy of "down on the farm" is "Sunnyside," which is the third of Charlie Chaplin's million dollar comedies for the First National. A laugh a minute is the guarantee.

Screen Gossip.

One hundred and forty eight feet is just 1 cent's worth of film. At least it proved so when they used that much to get one close-up of a penny rolling into a crack in Madge Kenedy's new picture, "Two Cents' Worth of Humaneness." Miss Kennedy plays the part of Hazel Farron who takes her last 2 cents into a bakery to purchase some rolls. One of the pennies drops on the floor and rolls into a crack. It took the united efforts of stage hands, members of the cast and Director Harry Beaumont to get the penny where it belonged. Perversely it rolled along the boards—but it wouldn't disappear. Miss Kennedy suggested that maybe they had better re-write the play and let the penny roll into a knothole. Finally after much fruitless cranking of the camera the coin rolled into the crack.

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A thrilling leap from a window onto the back of a horse is one of the daring things done by Pauline Frederick in her new picture, "Roads of Destiny," by O. Henry, the stage adaptation of which was made by Channing Pollock. Miss Frederick plays the part of Rosilla, a Mexican girl, who brings a band of American cavalry just in time to rescue David, the man with whom she is in love, from the clutches of Mexican bandits. The picture gives Miss Frederick a splendid opportunity for big, dramatic action and it is full of thrills and excitement. Another scene shows the interior of a big gambling hall in Alaska and here Miss Frederick is the charming croupier at the roulette wheel.

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Several hundred New York school children journeyed to the Fort Lee studio last Saturday especially to see Ralph Ince in his role of Lincoln, which he will portray in "The Land of Opportunity," which is being produced at the suggestion of Franklin K. Lane, secretary of the interior. The kids shook hands with "Mr. Lincoln" and also had their picture taken with him.

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The right name of Seena Owen, leading lady for Owen Moore in his new picture, "Sooner or Later," is Signe Auen. She is Danish and was educated in Denmark. Miss Owen is blonde, tall and very Scandanavian in type. She proves an excellent foil for the comedy of Mr. Moore. Miss Owen has had unusual distinction, not only being a versatile comedienne but a dramatic actress of power.

BATTLE OF LOVE WAGED FOR CHILD

Marie, 15, to Choose Between Mother and Aunt.

TANGLE PUZZLES JUDGE

Love Affair Beginning in Switzerland Comes Up for Solution Before Seattle Court.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 22.—(Special.)—Coincidence, the polysyllabic servant of fate, has had much to do with the career of two Swiss families. A casual love affair between a boy and girl of Switzerland 15 years ago culminated, after a long and tangled course of events, in a legal dispute before the superior court of King county. Judge Everett Smith today had under advisement a most perplexing problem.

The narrative begins simply. In a village tucked away behind mountain fastnesses of the Alps, a baby girl was born out of wedlock. Her name was Marie. Legally she was entitled to no other. The young mother, having announced the father to the Swiss authorities, said she was leaving for America. The father, a soldier, kept the child. In accord with a legal custom in Switzerland, both the father and the mother were ordered to pay monthly something toward the child's support.

Mother Comes to United States.

Soon afterward the mother landed in the United States. She drifted westward with the restless horde of seekers for better things. At length she settled in Grays Harbor county, Wash. Here she met a fellow countryman, who, a few months later, married her. The two found happiness. The farm they had purchased prospered increasingly. Two children were added to their home.

Yet each month Madame continued to send to the hamlet in Switzerland $20 to assist in the maintenance of her first child. She never considered sending for the girl, however.

Meanwhile Marie had lived with her father until he died, five years after her birth. The father had never married. With the departure of the girl he loved he returned to his parents, and after his death they continued to look after the child.

As it happened — and here the threads of the story begin to cross—his brother, Marie's uncle, and wife emigrated, as had Marie's mother. They knew nothing of Marie's mother. Chance brought them to a little ranch near Auburn, Wash.

Mother and Aunt Meet.

Through a business transaction Marie's mother and aunt met. The child was discussed. This was in 1919. The uncle explained that he wanted to go back to the old country for a visit, and thought he would obtain custody of Marie and bring her to live at his home near Auburn.

"You have two children," he explained, "and we have none." The mother said nothing. In the fall the Auburn farmer and his wife were back from Switzerland, bringing Marie, now a captivating girl of 15. As soon as the girl's mother saw her, she was filled with a longing to adopt her. But the uncle and aunt, having brought her from Switzerland, insisted that their claim was more valid. The two families could not agree and the matter was carried into court.

The hearing was secret and the names are withheld by the court so that local gossip may not reflect on Marie or on either of the families, which are respected in their communities.

At the trial Judge Smith, in a quandary, decided to appeal to the child. Did she, he asked her, want to be adopted by her uncle or by her mother? "I don't like my mother," she said through an interpreter. "I prefer my uncle." But the mother was insistent. The child, she declared, might have been prejudiced.

Child Will Decide.

Judge Smith then thought of a scheme. He explained to Marie that she had seen her mother only once, for a few minutes, and could hardly know yet whether she liked or disliked her. He told Marie to spend the month of January with her uncle and aunt on the ranch near Auburn, and the month of February with her mother in Grays Harbor county.

The first of March Marie is to report back to Judge Smith. He will be guided largely by her verdict.

And during the two experimental months each of the claimants for Marie has promised the court not to try to influence her against the other.

LOWER INTEREST IS ASKED

SENATOR OWEN'S BILL PROVIDES 6 PER CENT LIMIT.

End of Violent Fluctuations and Step to Lower High Cost of Living Are Called For.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—With the declaration that high interest rates on call money, instead of tending to check speculation, depressed market conditions, Senator Owen, democrat, Oklahoma, today introduced a bill to prohibit federal reserve banks from charging more than 6 per cent interest on collateral, call or 30-day loans.

In a statement accompanying his bill, Mr. Owen said the measure was designed to stabilize commercial interest rates.

"The purpose is to stop violent and arbitrary fluctuations of interest rates by banks in leading cities on call loans," the statement added. "There is no sound reason in these excessive call loan rates which are alleged to be justified by the desire to check speculation. The high rates do not stop speculation, but promote a bear market and create a situation that permits the 'insiders' to sell short at a profit.

"Banks ought to be content with a fair rate and avoid usury. They should respect the spirit of the statutes, which puts a limit of 6 per cent as a fair basis.

"The national banks earned at fair rates a billion dollars last year, and the public is entitled to a fair rate of interest. It would be better for the country to lower the rate of interest for productive and distributive purposes, and thus lower the high cost of living."

RAIL AGREEMENT SIGNED

Standardization of Wages and Working Conditions Provided.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—The railroad administration today signed an agreement with the brotherhood of railroad signalmen of America, providing for standardization of wages and working conditions among the 20,000 members of the union.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 22.—The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen which has a membership of approximately 200,000 will ask the railroad administration Tuesday for a definite answer to its demands for a general wage increase of about 40 per cent.

William G. Lee, president of the brotherhood, today asked Director-General Hines for an appointment for Tuesday and called the 22 general executive committee chairmen and grand lodge officers to meet in Washington then.

The demands were presented July 31, 1919. President Wilson requested the men to wait a "reasonable time" until the government had an opportunity to reduce the cost of living.

"The men are pressing us too hard," Mr. Lee said today. "A reasonable time has elapsed and the cost of living has gone up."

LOS ANGELES GETS MEET

CITY PICKED FOR COAST TAILORS' NEXT CONVENTION.

Organization of Classes in Tailoring in Public Schools Is Urged by Association.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 22.—Selection of Los Angeles as the next convention city and preparations for petitioning congress to repeal its tax on individual pieces of clothing and substitute a 1 per cent tax on the total production of each establishment annually, marked the closing session of the first annual convention of the Merchant Tailors' association of the Pacific coast here today. Seattle and San Diego also put in invitations for the next convention.

The question of admitting women tailoring organizations was discussed, but no action taken.

Classes in tailoring in the public schools and the establishment of a competitive system in the selection of men's dress rather than the present system of leaving such selection to a few chosen designers, were favored in resolutions adopted here today by the association.

Officers elected for the year are: Sam G. Levy, Los Angeles, president; Arthur Williams, San Francisco, vice-president; William McMahon, San Francisco, honorary secretary; H. Jacobs, San Francisco, treasurer; W. J. Grove, San Francisco, chairman board of directors. Two directors for each city in which there are branches of the association will be selected later.

Co-operation with the federal government to the fullest extent in efforts to lower costs was voiced in resolutions adopted. The association pledged its members to strictest economy in distribution and operation and reduction of charges to the least possible point; also to attempt to direct public buying along sane and economical lines and eliminate extravagance.

Proceedings against jobbers in woolens, who control supplies for replacement stock and who were termed in the resolution as "illegitimate go-betweens," were promised by the association. It was decided to ask the department of justice to investigate this phase of the tailoring industry.

RAILWAYS GAIN IN EAST

GRADUAL RETURN TO NORMAL REPORTED SINCE ARMISTICE.

Steady Increase in Heavy Traffic Volume Since April Shown. Fuel Economy Is Noted.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—Railroads of the eastern region have shown a gradual return to normal operating conditions since the armistice, and there has been a continued growth in export freight business, according to the annual report of A. T. Hardin, regional director, to Walker D. Hines, director-general of railroads, made public tonight.

Passenger traffic has been heavy, the report said, and since April there has been a steady increase in volume. Each month showed an increase over the corresponding periods in 1917 and 1918.

The campaign for fuel economy, the report says, saved about $9,200,000 for the eastern region.

Freight claims are being adjusted more rapidly than hitherto, it is stated. The roads paid out $36,000,000 in 1919 on account of loss and damage, as against $17,110,634 in 1918.

Bank at Gresham Elects.

GRESHAM, Or., Jan. 22.—(Special.)—At the annual stockholders' meeting at the Bank of Gresham the entire staff of officers were re-elected. A. F. Miller is president, W. E. Markell vice-president, K. A. Miller cashier, M. R. Shipley assistant cashier. Gust Larson replaces Emanuel Anderson on the board of directors and other directors are H. A. Lewis, F. A. Halliday, C. E. Osburn, W. E. Markell, A. F. Miller and K. A. Miller. During the year a 10 per cent dividend was declared to stockholders. The bank's resources have increased $109,000, which brings them up to $316,000.

Last Albany Officer Home.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 22.—(Special.)—Last to return home of the Albany men who served as officers overseas, First Lieutenant Alvin C. Baker arrived yesterday. He has been away from home two and a half years in the service. Lieutenant Baker entered the service with the old fifth company, coast artillery corps, Oregon National Guard, of this city, of which he was first lieutenant. With this company he was mustered into the federal service soon after war was declared. He served with different units overseas.

Democratic Deadlock Broken.

CAMERON, Mo., Jan. 22.—Captain Jacob L. Milligan of Richmond, Mo., was nominated for congress by the democrats of the third Missouri congressional district on the 202d ballot this morning. The nomination came after a deadlock which had lasted since yesterday. He will oppose John E. Frost of Plattsburg in the special election February 14.

MANY THEFTS REPORTED

BURGLARS AND LIGHT-FINGERED GENTRY BUSY.

One Woman Reports Having Purse Snatched by Boy of 12—Rooms Are Ransacked.

Burglars and others of the light-fingered gentry were apparently abroad in large numbers Wednesday night, judging from the number of burglaries and thefts reported to the police yesterday morning.

Andrew Wolnistye, 253½ Everett street, reported that his room was entered by burglars who took $110 in money and a valuable watch.

A purse containing $25 and a note for $150 were stolen from Mrs. Charles Steinler, 866 East Washington street, while she was shopping Wednesday night, she reported.

Mrs. H. Hanson, 76 Killingsworth avenue, reported that her purse containing about $7 was snatched from her hand at Interstate and Killingsworth avenue by a boy about 12 years of age. After taking the purse the boy ran down the street and disappeared before she could summon the police.

Sheriff Wilson of Oregon City telephoned the police yesterday that three overcoats had been stolen from the high school at that city. The Portland authorities were asked to be on the lookout for the thieves.

An overcoat belonging to Joe Woluff, 285½ First street, was stolen sometime during the night, he reported.

John Iverson, 246½ Washington street, reported the loss of a suit of clothes and an overcoat. The clothing was taken by someone who entered his room.

F. A. Johnson, Oak hotel, reported the theft of a suitcase belonging to him.

A woman's jacket and a crepe de chine waist were stolen from the room of Mrs. May Kunich, 411 Chamberlin hotel.

Lang & Co. reported that nine cartons of tobacco which had been packed for shipment were stolen from the sidewalk in front of that establishment.

George Morgan, 35 Cecilia apartments, Twenty-second and Glisan streets, reported that someone entered his apartment and took a watch, chain and a locket.

ALLEGED RADICALS HELD

Federal Agents Arrest Ten Men in Seattle Roundup.

SEATTE, Wash., Jan. 22.—Ten alleged members of the union of Russian workers were arrested on federal warrants by department of justice agents here tonight and taken to the United States immigration detention station, where they will be held pending hearings before Immigration Commissioner Henry M. White. Tonight's arrests brought the total of alleged members of the union held here to 43.

More than 20 of these have appeared before Mr. White, who has forwarded the records in each case to Washington, D. C., it was learned tonight.

VETO REGRET EXPRESSED

Warrenton Backs Astoria's Plans for Port Development.

WARRENTON, Or., Jan. 22.—(Special.)—The business men of Warrenton today generally expressed deep regret that the purposes of the port of Astoria's plans for further development, and the authority to purchase the property for the proposed navy base, and to present same to government, have both been retarded through the veto of senate bill No. 18 by Governor Olcott.

Several Warrenton citizens have advised the commissioners of the port of Astoria and the officers of the chamber of commerce that the continued development of the port of Astoria on a large scale is essential to all communities within the port, and to the state of Oregon, and they have pledged the co-operation of this city.

GIRL, 14, MEETS ROBBER

Dollar Bill Contained in Library Volume Is Overlooked.

On her way home from the library at 7:35 o'clock last night a 14-year-old girl, Bordel Fastvbget of 5232 Thirty-seventh avenue southeast, was held up at the corner of Fifty-eighth avenue and Foster road. The robber wore a red handkerchief around his neck and carried a sack on his back. In one hand he held a revolver with which he threatened the girl, while he searched her pockets.

Young Bordel carried a library book containing a dollar bill, which the highwayman did not find when he examined the volume. No valuables were taken.

Conciliation Plan Adopted.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 22.—Settlement of future industrial disputes in Tacoma by a board of conciliation composed of an equal number of delegates from the associated industries, representing the employers and the central labor council, was made possible with the announcement by the labor council today that it had voted to accept the proposal.

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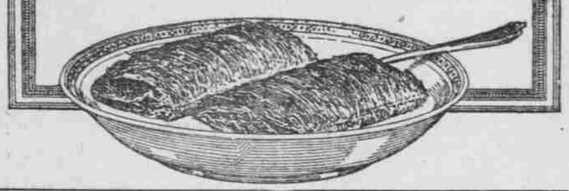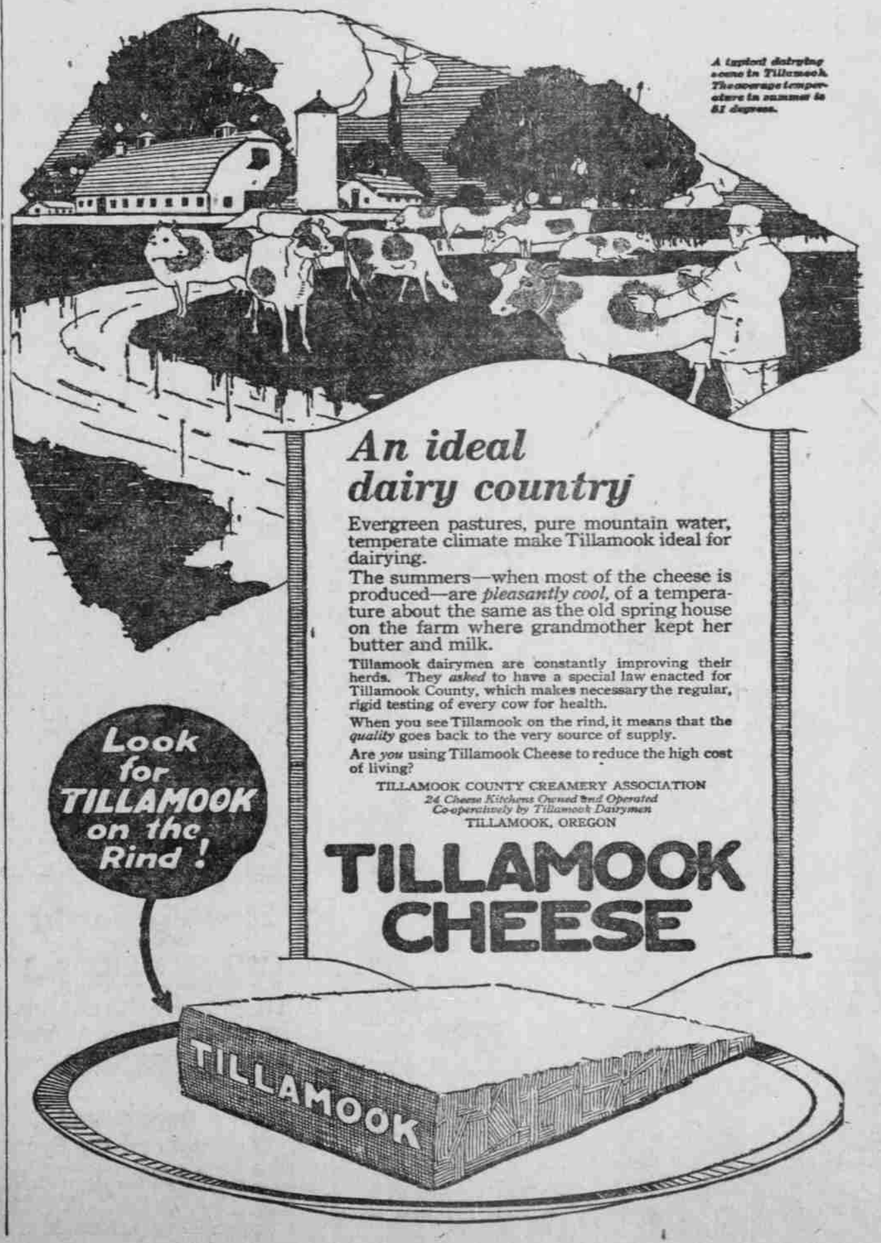
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