

HUGE TIMBER TRACT TO BE TAPPED SOON

Eight Billion Feet to Be Available Here.

D. C. ECCLES GIVES PLAN

Extension Railway Now Being Built Between Burlington and Wilkesboro.

More than 8,000,000,000 feet of timber will become available to the Portland mills by summer or early fall through the completion of a 26-mile extension now being built to the United Railway line between Burlington and Wilkesboro and the construction of a logging railroad from Burlington to the Williams slough, where booming facilities will be established, according to the announcement of D. C. Eccles of Ogden, Utah, president of the Oregon American Lumber company and of the Portland-Astoria-Pacific Railroad company.

Mr. Eccles arrived in Portland yesterday morning on a visit in connection with his interests here, and expects to remain here the rest of the month inspecting the work now in progress.

Plans for leasing the United railroad, which runs from Burlington to Wilkesboro and is owned by the Hill interests, have practically been completed, Mr. Eccles stated, although the actual lease probably will not be entered into until the extensions which are being built by the Portland-Astoria-Pacific Railroad company are ready for operation.

Bids Made for Lease. Last June Mr. Eccles made an attempt to purchase the railroad outright for a sum said to have been \$2,000,000, but failing this, has been negotiating for the lease of the road which, together with the extension now being built, will tap probably the greatest remaining body of timber lying close in to the city of Portland.

The Oregon American Lumber company, Mr. Eccles' concern, owns a tract of 27,000 acres of high grade fir timber in the vicinity, and it is estimated that the road will open up for development an aggregate of 8,000,000,000 feet. It has been rumored in lumber circles that with the opening of the timber tract, the Eccles interests will control one of the largest lumber mills in this section.

This Mr. Eccles refused to confirm yesterday, stating that the actual lumber operations will depend considerably upon the condition of the market by the time the railroad is completed and the tract opened. The railroad will enable the dumping of the logs into the Williams slough at Burlington and it is pointed out that after the logs are once in the water a mill could be erected at any available waterfront point, or the logs could be handled through existing mills.

Extension Work Under Way. On the west end of the United railway line the Portland-Astoria-Pacific railroad recently began the construction of a 26-mile extension reaching into their tract of timber. Vernonia, 20 miles distant from Wilkesboro, will be the western terminal of the line. This piece of road is being constructed by the Utah Construction company and will be concluded by summer unless a labor or material shortage causes delay. Considerable heavy work is being encountered and plans for the line call for the construction of a 110-foot tunnel.

At the Burlington end of the line one mile of railroad and log dumping and booming facilities are being built for the Portland-Astoria-Pacific company by A. Guthrie & Co. With the completion of the tracks the entire line from the timber to the Williams slough, about 52 miles in all, will be taken over for operation by the Portland-Astoria-Pacific company. The division of the road already built and known as the United railroad will be operated under a long-time lease, Mr. Eccles stated. He declined to give out the rental which would be paid for the trackage. The entire line will be rated as a common carrier and as such will do a passenger and freight business, if there is any demand, in addition to the logging business for the Oregon American Lumber company.

Water-Front Property Bought.

For some months the Eccles interests have quietly obtained control of the Burlington waterfront property and recently concluded a long-time lease with the Ruth Trust company for a 400-acre tract upon the slough. This, with other property owned or controlled by lease, gives the company nearly 12 miles of waterfront at that point, Mr. Eccles stated.

In spite of Mr. Eccles' refusal to say definitely that the company plans the erection of a mill of its own, it is believed that a plant will be put up in the vicinity of Burlington as soon as the timber tract is opened. Future plans depend upon the condition of the lumber market, Mr. Eccles declared. He stated, however, that the company stands ready to do whatever seems advisable for the full development of the great body of timber.

Body of Timber Large.

The construction of the extension past Vernonia will open up perhaps the greatest body of timber left in the near vicinity of Portland, declared Mr. Eccles yesterday. "The railroad will mean that all the vast timber resources of that section will be poured into Portland, instead of going to Astoria or some other Columbia river point, as might easily have been the case."

Johnson's Shirts Stolen

Reward Offered for Looters of McMinnville Drugstore.

Walter Johnson, 421 Mill street, reported to the police yesterday morning that his house had been entered sometime during the night and a number of articles taken. The stolen goods included three shirts, a gold watch, a gold stick pin and a tie clasp.

Sheriff Henderson of McMinnville telephoned the Portland police that the drug store at Dayton, Or. had been burglarized by thieves who took a quantity of razors, ivory goods, manicuring sets, jewelry, watches and kodaks. The sheriff said \$100 reward was posted for the recovery of the goods and apprehension of the thieves.

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MOVING PICTURE NEWS



Scene from Corinne Griffith's "Tower of Jewels," which will open tomorrow at the Star theater. Moment from "The Auction of Souls," the story of the Armenian girl, Aurora Mardiganian, which will open tomorrow at the Sunset theater.

TODAY'S FILM FEATURES. Rivoli—Mabel Normand, "Pinto." Majestic—Special production, "The Westerner." Columbia—Bryant Washburn, "Too Much Johnson." Peoples—Mary Pickford, "Dolly-anna." Liberty—Charles Ray, "Red Hot Dollars"; Charlie Chaplin, "A Day's Pleasure." Star—Earle Williams, "When a Man Loves." Sunset—Robert Warwick, "Told in the Hills." Circle—Vivian Martin, "The Third Kiss."

THE methods by which a woman can decide on the husband she wants, without his knowledge, and work to make him without his own conscious effort was her, are brought to light interestingly by the new feature, "The Tower of Jewels." Corinne Griffith is the star of this picture, which will be the feature attraction at the Star theater commencing tomorrow. Earl Williams, in "When a Man Loves," is today's photoplay. Miss Griffith plays the role of

tion block and placed in a Turkish prison, which she later escaped. A matinee for ladies only will be given every morning at 10 o'clock during the week and lasting for 2 1/2 hours. Misses Mardiganian will tell the women at this matinee more intimately her experiences. She will talk to the mixed audience throughout the afternoon and evening.

The picture shows the story of "Ravished Armenia," picture from Miss Mardiganian's experiences and the facts shown are substantiated by the reports of American Ambassador to Turkey Henry Morgenthau as well as Viscount Bryce, the British investigator. The girl actually went through these terrible scenes and later re-narrated them for the screen and has appeared in various places in conjunction with the picture to tell her story in person. She is appearing in but three cities on the Pacific coast.

So realistically portrayed was "Twelve Men," the mystery drama played this week at the Rivoli theater, that during many of its performances it worked upon over-wrought nerves Mardiganian with the audience. Screams and even fainting spells resulted a number of times. "Pinto," Mabel Normand's latest comedy which was scheduled to open at the Rivoli tomorrow, has been moved forward a day so that those who attend this theater today will get a laugh instead of a scare.

It will be remembered that the orchestral accompaniment for Mabel Normand's "Mickey" was arranged by Victor Guterzon, director of the Rivoli orchestra. Mr. Guterzon not only supplied the musical background for the film, as it was shown throughout the entire country, but with his own orchestra accompanied "Mickey" in all its principal first-run bookings of the northwest.

After a meshing of complications full of suspense and surprise, it develops that Wayne and Emily love each other. The erstwhile crook is threatened with exposure of her past, but fate brings the characters to a smashingly fine climax.

Aurora Mardiganian, star of "The Auction of Souls," will appear in person at the Sunset theater all week beginning Saturday while her picture is showing and will tell the people of Portland her terrible experiences during and after the Armenian massacre when she, the sole survivor of a half million Armenian girls, was captured and sold for 85 cents on the public auction block and placed in a Turkish prison, which she later escaped.

Thomas Ince has taken infinite pains to get exactly the right costume for his part as Constable Dick Hertof in "The Law Bringer." From Thomas McGrane, a corporal of the mounted police in the rebellion, Ince secured Colonel William Donaldson an official with the Canadian northwest police. Ince obtained photographs of the mounted police, their scarlet tunics, blue trousers with broad yellow stripe, and buffalo skin top coat and hat. Ince had had the uniform reproduced exactly to the detail of insignia on the shoulder, the white cord about the neck and the cartridge belt.

D. W. Griffith has purchased from William A. Brady the motion picture rights to "Way Down East" for the sum of \$175,000. This is by far the highest price ever paid for the photoplay rights to any story or play, and marks a new high record in the history of film transactions. The former record, also held by Mr. Griffith, was \$150,000, which the producer paid for the rights to Edward Sheldon's play, "Romance," in which Doris Keane will appear in her original role of Mme. Margherita Cavallini, the opera singer.

"Way Down East" has for the past 22 years been one of the classics of the American theater. Originally produced in 1896 under the title of "Annie Laurie," it was later revised and elaborated by Joseph R. Grismer, renamed "Way Down East," and presented at the old Schiller theater (now the Garrick) in Chicago, in 1897. The following February it was brought to New York and shown at the Manhattan theater, Sixth avenue and Thirty-third street, under the management of William A. Brady and Florence Ziegfeld, Jr. It was an instantaneous success and remained at its showing and will tell the people of Portland her terrible experiences during and after the Armenian massacre when she, the sole survivor of a half million Armenian girls, was captured and sold for 85 cents on the public auction block and placed in a Turkish prison, which she later escaped.

Olive Thomas is busy selecting new gowns for her next picture, "Jenny," a society comedy drama.

INGENIOUS EXCUSE WINS

ELSIE HOWEY SUCCESSFULLY EXPLAINS MISHAP.

"Ted" Lansing Dubs Tom Garland "The David Belasco of the Oregon Bar."

Elsie Howey's ingenious explanation of the circumstantial evidence which pointed to her intoxication while driving an automobile won over four of six jurors sitting on her case in the court of Circuit Judge Morrow yesterday and resulted in the dismissal of the action when the jury announced inability to agree on a verdict. Rather than go to the expense of a new trial, E. Y. Lansing, deputy city attorney, and Tom Garland, attorney for Mrs. Howey, stipulated before the jury was instructed to agree to a majority rule. Had the majority of the jurors stood for conviction, Attorney Garland would have entered a plea of guilty for his client.

Mrs. Howey was arrested with Jack Howey, her former husband, after the machine she was driving had wrecked the stand of a gasoline filling station. She appeared dazed and her breath reeked of liquor, said witnesses, as she climbed from the automobile. Howey was sentenced to 15 days on the rockpile for being drunk and in serving his time.

The defendant explained that Howey grabbed her arm as she was driving up to the filling station, causing the accident; that a stranger given a "lift" across the Hawthorne bridge presented Howey with a bottle of moonshine liquor; that she was nervous, unstrung and hysterical because Howey was pleading with her to take him back and re-marry him at Vancouver; that she had tasted and spit out the liquor at the urgent invitation of Howey, but had swallowed none.

There was a considerable number of ballots in the box yesterday, but no register being made as the votes are cast, there is no way to ascertain the number until counted. Each ballot bears the name of the member casting it as an essential to being counted.

As a matter of fact, he is one of the smoothest lawyers in the state," commented Lansing. "He has a good suit of clothes at home and a pair of

BONDSMEN SEEK RELEASE

Court Refuses Petition in Behalf of A. P. Bateham.

Property holders who guarantee the bond of A. P. Bateham, well-known horticulturist whose sentence of one to seven years in the penitentiary imposed by Circuit Judge Morrow more than a year ago, was affirmed in the supreme court recently, sought yesterday to be released. Judge Morrow refused the petition on the ground that he had no power to make the release until Mr. Bateham was in the hands of the sheriff, or his sureties gave him up. Mr. Bateham was convicted on a serious statutory charge. Directly after his sentence was affirmed by the supreme court, he was committed to the state asylum for the insane at Salem. This has prevented his commitment to the penitentiary under the court order, and District Attorney Evans demanded that the bondsmen be not released until that order could be carried out.

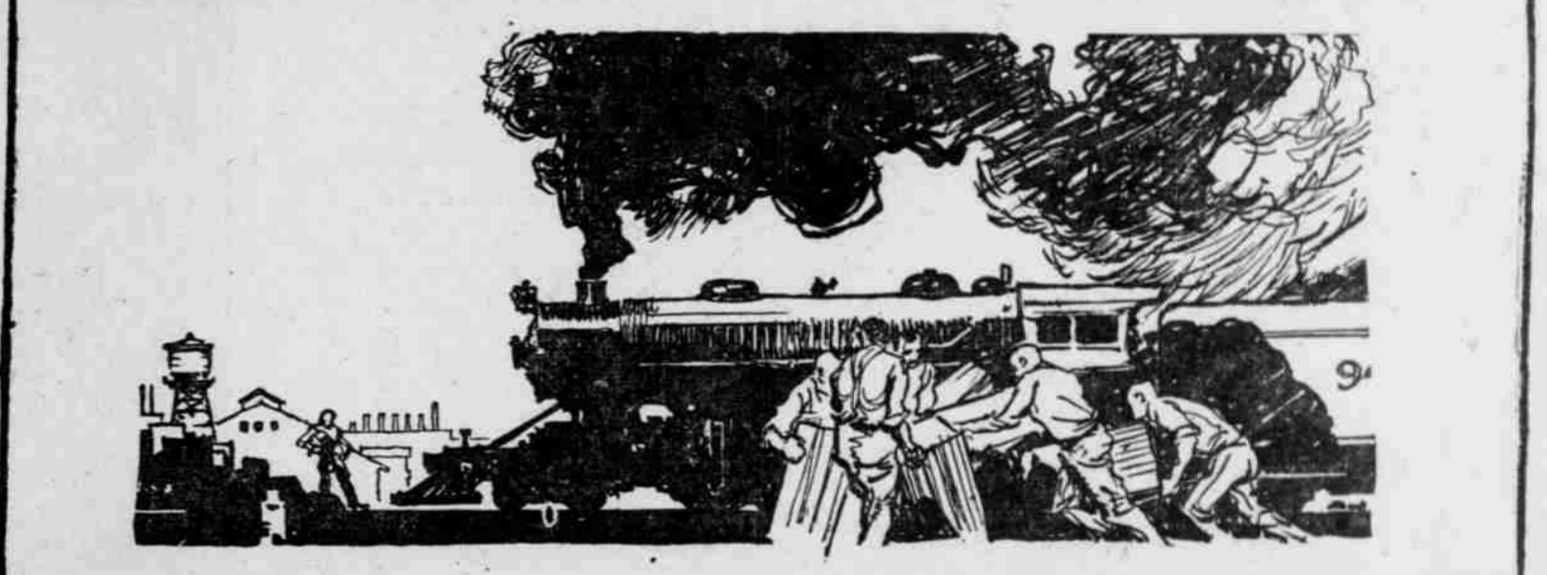
ZONE VOTE ENDS TODAY

Chamber of Commerce Committee to Count Referendum Ballot.

The referendum vote of the Chamber of Commerce on the zoning system will close at noon tomorrow, when the ballot will be counted by a joint committee of the supporters and opponents of the zoning measure. The ballot is under the supervision of T. H. Edwards of the board of directors and the vote is being deposited by the members in a large metal ballot box placed in the public office of the Chamber.

Attaches of the Chamber staff who are familiar with the signatures of members will pass upon the legality of the ballots as they are taken from the box and the count will be registered at the same time.

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A suit of clothing that sold for \$30 before the war was carried 2,265 miles by rail from Chicago to Los Angeles for 16 1/2 cents.

Now the freight charge is 22 cents and the suit sells for \$50.

The cost of the suit has increased 20 dollars. The freight on it has increased only 5 1/2 cents.

Other transportation charges enter into the cost of the finished article—carrying the wool to the mills and the cloth to the tailors—but these other charges amount to but a few cents more.

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