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**J. J. Hill Says That Previous
Announcements Cost
Them Money.**

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20.—Jas. J. Hill during his recent stay here held up a rosy outlook for Oregon and indicated that he and his companies hoped to do big things for the state during the next few years. However, he refused to give out details concerning his plans for extensions, saying:

"I don't like to talk about it. It always makes a lot of trouble when we do build and generally costs lots of money more than it would have had the people not known it before we were actually ready to start operations."

"The Willamette Valley is all right," he declared. "I never saw it looking better or brighter. I am glad to see it so. It shows that the people are grasping the idea of rearing to the soil and of cultivating the land. This ought to be practiced more."

He insisted upon his oft-repeated advice to the people of the cities to go to the country. He said that it was upon this very thing that the future development by the railroads depended.

"We must see business ahead of us before we are able to spend money in improvements," he said. "We can't go into it blindly. The railroads must have a certain amount of assurance that a new piece of work will pay before they can be justified in executing it."

Mr. Hill spoke optimistically of the general business conditions of the country and said he looked for continued prosperity.

"Business is improving everywhere, although there is a tendency toward conservatism," he asserted. "Especially is this noticeable west of the Rockies, but I believe this is good thing."

"Such a state as Oregon has no reason to fear commercial depression. Look at the record you made

here this year. Does anyone ever stop to consider that the livestock industry is one of the greatest in this state and that it can be made greater? Here is a field that offers wonderful advantages. I believe that Oregon produced something like \$8,000,000 worth of livestock last year.

That makes a mighty good showing along side of the apples, and it is apples, I see, that Oregon people are making the greatest fuss about."

Although he was in conference with John F. Stevens and other Portland advisers, as well as the officials who accompanied him from the East, Mr. Hill said last night that he had arrived at no particular conclusions with reference to further improvements in Oregon, other than those announced upon his arrival in the city Wednesday night.

Will Build Up Oregon.

"We shall do as much for Oregon as we have done for Washington in helping to build up the state, and we shall do it just as rapidly as conditions will permit. We haven't decided just how much money we will pour into this territory in construction work, but it will be all that is needed."

"The people of the state are taking hold of the development question in the right spirit. It was the enterprising and progressive men of the state of Washington that enabled that state to make such a marvelous showing as it has done in increased population. Oregon has, in many ways, a finer opportunity for such great growth in the next few years, and such growth is assured if your people but bear in mind two things:

"First—Show the world what you have, and make it attractive.

"Second—Don't rob the people when they get here."

Mr. Hill repeated a note of warning about the rapidly congesting conditions in the cities.

"I note that Oregon and Washington have made tremendous strides, but I am afraid that too much population is huddled together in the cities. That is a bad thing. It is not the proper basis for healthy growth. You must build up the country districts and increase your productive territory. The cities don't produce anything. They are merely centers of exchange."

"Another thing, the tendency in this part of the country is toward excessive prices for real estate, for

the farm lands. You are not going to get many of the people of other states who are able to pay \$50 or \$100 an acre for land. That class doesn't have to move their location. It's the man without money but with a heart and hand for work that you want and must have in order to build up the state."

BRIEFS OF BANDON.

**News of Lower Coquille As Told By
The Recorder.**

Oren Moore was hurt yesterday at the Geo. W. Moore mill. He was cleaning up around the saw, and in some manner his clothes were caught on a shaft and before he could be cut loose, he was considerably bruised up. He was taken to his home and will probably be laid up for a few days.

The work of drilling at the oil well of the Micoene Oil & Gas Co. is being pushed right along now, and although there is nothing startling to announce at this time, we can say that everything looks good, the promoters are pleased with the prospects, and the work is moving along smoothly.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Timmons, Sunday night, a bouncing baby boy, weight 9½ pounds.

M. D. Sherrard of Coquille, is moving his machine shop to this city, putting it up in the Timmons' cannery building. This shop will be run in connection with Shields & Kennedy's blacksmith shop.

A business change has taken place in the Smith Bros. & Sidwell store, whereby J. I. Sidwell purchases the interest of Smith Bros, and will have full possession from this time on. Mr. Abner Smith goes to Taft, Cal., where he will have charge of a store for Smith Bros. Ernest Sidwell will assist J. I. in conducting the business here.

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FILE EXPENSE ACCOUNTS.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 20.—The Secretary of State has compiled the total expenses for the election, incurred by the political parties and candidates. The amount is \$150,826.73. There are 28 typewritten pages in the expense statements, which the law provides the Secretary of State must insert in the biennial report.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

The Xmas services at the Lutheran church are as follows: Sunday morning, Xmas Day, matin service (Julotta) 6 a. m. The choir will assist with appropriate music. At 10:30 a. m. services with sermon on the Gospel text at North Bend. At 7:30 p. m., at Marshfield, the Sunday school children's festival will be held. Appropriate recitations and songs will be rendered. Parents of the Sunday school children and members are requested to come early in order to secure admittance.

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JUDY IN TROUBLE.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Dec. 20.—Cal. Judy, the Loon Lake settler, who won back his 160-acre homestead in a lawsuit with his former wife, after his parole from the penitentiary for killing a neighbor, is again in trouble. This time his sanity is being questioned. Deputy Sheriff W. C. C. Sagaberd brought Judy to this city Thursday night upon a commitment from the Justice Court at Scottsburg, and Judy will be given an examination, it is expected, late this afternoon or tomorrow. Judy, according to reports, has been indulging in his favorite hobby of threatening to kill people in the Loon Lake country. The result is that these people and their neighbors have addressed a petition to County Judge Wonacott, requesting that an official examination be made as to Judy's mental condition. Judy recently drove his 17-year-old son off of his homestead, after deeding him the place, with the reservation of a life estate and conditional upon the boy paying the taxes.

FALLS CITY PUTS LID ON TREATING.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20.—Abolished is the "tin roof cocktail" in Falls City, Or.

No more can the generous barkeep encourage trade by saying "Have one on the house."

Nor can the thirsty Falls Cityite say to a casual friend, "Just in time, join me."

All this has changed, for the Council of Falls City has passed an anti-treating ordinance and has limited the saloons to two. There were only 14 applications made for the two licenses, and some nifty political wire-pulling was exercised and pressure brought to bear on members of the council for the lifesaving stations, but an even dozen of the applications were placed in the ice-box.

It is not the limiting of thirst hospitals to two that has caused the greatest sensation in Falls City, but the passage of the anti-treating ordinance. This, says Bill Dad, the human sponge, is the most unkind cut of all. Bill fears that since the passage of the ordinance that the only way he can hold spirituous communication will be by working for coin with which to make the pur-

chase, instead of his time-honored habit of working someone about to buy. Bill knew the psychological moment when any specific Falls City resident was going to buy, and Bill always happened to be in the vicinity.

Coincidental with the limiting of the two saloons came the anti-treat ordinance, and the men who fought so hard to get the licenses discovered to their dismay that their victory had turned to ashes, for if no treating is allowed the receipts of the booze business drops 75 per cent. The "good fellows" of Falls City are disgusted, but the more thrifty and frugal citizens are secretly elated, for they can now walk in at any time and take a swallow of tonik varnish without running the risk of being forced to invite someone who may be hovering around the free lunch counter.

Barroom ethics in Falls City have sustained a terrific jolt. The custom of ages has been confronted with a horrible reformation.

"I'm going in to take a drink," is the way they will have to say it now; "come along and buy one for yourself," or—

"Hello, Bill! Gee, I'd like to buy some tanglefoot, but the law won't let me. Here's looking at you."

Gone is the familiar practice of hanging on the bar, with a foot on the rail, swapping stories and waiting for one of the crowd to buy. And a fellow won't have to feel sleepy when he thinks it is his time to settle for a round, for all that stuff has been canned.

The "come-on-and-have-one" crowd, the "this-is-on-me" citizen, the "let's-have-one-more-before-we-go" chap and the "isn't-the-house-going-to-say-something?" nuisance, are disconsolate. They unanimously agree with Bill Dad that Falls City is going to the demitition bowwows. It is an infringement on personal liberty and the gentle art of getting a drink for nothing. The men who own the licenses are mortified, for without the social glass and the exchange of courtesy among patrons the number of sales will be reduced to the minimum.

But it's great for the "tight wads."

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