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### TO PURCHASE LARGE TRACT

Inquiry Comes From Indiana for 10,000 to 50,000 Acres of Clatsop County Lands.

### COLONIZATION SCHEME ON

Man Who Wants to Start Woolen Mill Asks a Bonus of \$10,000 and Three Acres of Land.

At the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Monday night the following letter was read:

"Mishawaka, Ind., Sept. 1.—County Recorder, Clatsop County—Dear Sir: I have some clients who desire to purchase a tract of land, say from 10,000 to 50,000 acres, that has some timber, running water and soil suitable to the production of fruit. At present they are very much impressed with western Oregon or Washington, especially that portion on the coast. Their object is to colonize and grow fruit on a large scale. In the event of their colony being located in your county it would mean the addition of several hundred more people in a short length of time if you know of a tract that in your opinion would be suitable for this purpose, I would be pleased to hear from you at the earliest opportunity.

"JOHN J. JOHNSON."

The writer is general agent for the Towle Realty Company of Mishawaka. His letter has been referred to Judge Powby, who will make an effort to secure the desired tract.

### Woolen Mill Proposal.

The following additional letter has been received by the chamber from the superintendent of the Union Woolen Mills, with reference to the proposal for the establishment of a woolen mill in this city:

"Union, Ore., Sept. 8.—Astoria Chamber of Commerce—Gentlemen: Replying to your favor of the 5th inst relative to a woolen mill at Astoria, I would say we would require a subsidy a site of three acres and \$10,000 in cash.

"In return would erect and equip a plant that would employ 100 to 125 people and produce \$200,000 of goods per year. Shares of stock would be sold to local business men if they desired same. This mill pays 20 per cent on the investment.

"JOHN P. WILBUR."

The manufacturers committee of the chamber has this proposal under consideration and is expected to make a report at the next meeting.

### Would Locate Here.

The following letter was received by the chamber and referred to Secretary Higgins for reply:

"California, Mo., Sept. 5.—Dear Sir: I expect to engage in the manufacture of picture frames and mouldings soon in the west. Please inform me if there is a factory of this kind in your town or state. Is there a woodenware factory of any kind in your city?"

"J. F. SHORT."

### Here's an Enthusiast.

Way back in Naples—Naples, Ill.—they have heard of the Oregon Development League. The postmaster of Naples is a real estate dealer, and he sends the following letter to the Astoria chamber:

"Naples, Ill., Aug. 23.—Astoria Chamber of Commerce—Gentlemen: I am pleased to note the energy and push

of the Oregon Development League, to which you are joined. I verily believe this is a grand move in the right direction to make the exposition of 1905 a wonderful success.

"Get in touch with the best real estate men everywhere and we will fill your state with the best class of homemakers, who will make Oregon bloom like a rose. Yours, for success.

"W. G. PINE, Postmaster."

Secretary Higgins will write and tell Mr. Pine that Oregon is abundantly able to care for all the homemakers who may want to come west, and that anything he can do in this line will be appreciated.

### FOLLOWS CLATSOP'S LEAD.

Marion County to Use Crushed Rock for Its Highways.

Salem, Ore., Sept. 13.—A deal that is considered one of the most important ever taken by Marion county along its good-roads policy has been consummated, which means that in a few years many Salem streets and the county roads in all directions will be constructed of macadam.

Through the agency of County Judge Scott, for \$500 Marion county has come into possession of a five-acre tract of the best and most extensive deposits of basalt rock in the northwest for road-building purposes. The property was purchased from the Salem Title & Abstract Company at what is considered a very reasonable figure, as it has been held for \$200 per acre. Mayor Waters, who is manager of the vendor company, and a good-roads enthusiast, himself reduced the price asked, out of sympathy with the movement. The rock from this pit was that used for the construction of the Salem-Liberty macadam road, which is looked upon as one of the best in the state.

County Judge Scott will make a contract with Manager A. Welch, of the Citizens' Light & Traction Company, whereas the present system of steam to extend its motor line from the I. O. O. F. cemetery to the rock pit, run a line down into the pit, furnish all necessary power for the operation of rock crushers, drills and other machinery in the pit, and deliver the crushed material all prepared to lay on the roads, at all of the terminals of its various street car lines.

The company proposes to furnish all power necessary to operate the pit machinery at the rate of 20 cents per horsepower, or about \$2.80 per day, whereas the present system of steam for a 14-horsepower engine, engineer and fuel costs the county \$8 per day. The city now pays at the rate of 40 cents per cubic yard for hauling gravel on the streets, but the company proposes to construct bunkers at each of its terminals for the automatic unloading of its dumpcars and automatic loading of wagons, and deliver the material from the pit into these bunkers at a cost of not more than 30 cents per cubic yard. County Judge Scott, in discussing the proposition yesterday afternoon, said:

"In my opinion this is the greatest stride in the public street and road improvement line that has ever been made in the state. I also believe it means there will be a great advance made in road conditions, and that, if the county delivers the crushed rock at the bunkers at the several street railway terminals, the farmers along the roads leading away from them in every direction will haul the rock at their own expense and place it on the roads. When one block of street has been improved with crushed rock in the city, there will be a great rush to improve all of the streets after the same system."

### BANDITS ARE SURROUNDED

Probable That Men Who Held Up Canadian Pacific Will Be Captured.

### POSSES SCOURING COUNTRY

Leader of One Party of Manhunters Wires That He Believes He Has Robbers Trapped.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 13.—The posses in pursuit of the robbers who held up the Canadian Pacific express Saturday night and got away with \$7000 are scouring the country near the border towns. They believe the robbers slept Sunday night in a deserted cabin near Lynden, Wash. All the cabins in the district are being visited, and the police are patrolling the logging roads and trails.

Part of a posse, under Chief Constable Campbell of the provincial police, thought they found a trace of the bandits today near Ferndale, south of Lynden, and Campbell wired tonight that he believed he had the robbers trapped. The party of manhunters got news near Bellingham this afternoon that two men answering the description of the robbers and carrying rifles were seen going west, while a third man, the leader, was trying to break through the guard on the south toward Seattle. Fearing the men going west would make for Point Roberts, several officers have been sent there to prevent the escape of the men in fishing boats.

The police are certain the men have not gone further south than Bellingham. A telegram from Blaine tonight says the officers have been there searching cabins and logging camps without finding a clue.

The rewards offered by the Canadian Pacific railway, the Dominion Express Company and the British Columbia government for the capture of the robbers now aggregate \$7500.

### CHINOOK WILL REMAIN HERE.

No Likelihood That She Will Be Ordered Away.

The statement published last evening that the bar dredge Chinook would leave shortly for the sound, to remain there, is not credited by public officials. If the department has any such intention nothing is known of it. Senator Fulton was not in the city last evening, but Collector of the Port Robb declared that no intimation of the reported removal of the dredge had ever been conveyed to him. "You may put it down for certain that the Chinook is to remain at Astoria," said Mr. Robb. "This is her station and she will remain here." The assertion has been made that the Chinook has not been giving satisfaction in her work at the mouth of the river, but this is not borne out by the facts. She has been working for some time past on the ridge of the bar, where progress would necessarily be very slow and results uncertain at best. Elsewhere she has deepened the river entrance and many inner harbor points have been made deeper. It is not the practice of the government to make flimsy tests of dredges and other like aids to navigation, and there is every

reason to believe that the Chinook will stay here indefinitely.

### FINE PROGRAM AT THE STAR.

Italian Band One of the Best Features of the Bill.

The bill at the Star is nightly packing that fashionable showhouse, and standing room was at a premium last evening.

The Italian band is proving an attraction of great merit, and the patrons of the Star have shown their appreciation by encoring almost every selection. This band has appeared at all the leading theaters of the coast, and on the sound and at Portland an admission fee of \$1 was charged to hear it. As part of a 10-cent show it is within the means of everyone to enjoy the very best of music ever heard in Astoria.

Stanfield, a comedian of ability, appears in a country schoolboy turn that sets the house wild. Gaston and Harvey put on a clever specialty and have made a hit with the theatergoers. Miss Harvey is a vocalist of far more than ordinary ability. The work of this team is different from that of most teams and has taken with the crowd.

The program of the Italian band is changed daily. At the matinee and tonight the following program will be rendered:

- Afternoon.
- March ..... Sousa
- Overture ..... Verdi
- Selection ..... King Dodo
- Evening (7:30.)
- March ..... Sousa
- Cornet Solo ..... "Bohemian Girl"
- Evening (8:30.)
- March ..... Sousa
- Curious ..... Tamourser
- Selection ..... Landers
- Evening (9:30.)
- Dixieland ..... Cavalleria
- Intermezzo ..... Cavalleria
- Medley ..... Cavalleria

There will be a complete change of program at the Star on Thursday night.

### OVER 10,000 ACRES IN WHEAT.

W. J. Furnish Has Land Rented to 29 Tenants.

W. J. Furnish, probably the largest land owner of Umatilla county, has over 10,000 acres of wheat land rented on shares this season. The land is situated north and northwest of Pendleton, in the wheat belt that extends from Pendleton to the Columbia river. This acreage is apportioned out to some 29 renters, from whom Mr. Furnish is to receive one-fourth of the crop on the better land and one-third from the light yielding lands. So vast are his holdings that it is with difficulty that he can figure up the number of acres in wheat this season. Mr. Furnish does not attempt to farm any himself, and he said, "I don't even own a plow, but let other people do the farming."

### Notice to Taxpayers.

The county board of equalization will convene at the county clerk's office on September 26, 1904, and continue in session daily thereafter for a period of one week, for the purpose of publicly examining the assessment roll for the year 1904 and correcting all errors in valuation, description or quality of land, lots or other property, and all interests are notified to appear at the above time and place for the purpose of lodging objections, if any there be, to said assessment.

T. S. CORNELIUS, Assessor of Clatsop County, Oregon. Dated Astoria, August 29, 1904.

### 1,000,000 POUNDS FISH DESTROYED

Fire in Cold Storage Plant Spoils Much Food.

New York, Sept. 13.—Fire has destroyed the Manasquan, N. J., block ice and cold storage plant, entailing a loss of \$150,000. Fish to the amount of one million pounds stored against the winter demand, was destroyed.

### BRINGS UP RATES.

Russian Warship Lena Causes Advance in Insurance.

San Francisco, Sept. 13.—War risks on cargoes to Japan jumped yesterday from a quarter of one per cent to from 3 to 5 per cent as a result of the arrival of the Lena in this port.

### Hunting a Bird to Kill Weevil.

Dallas, Tex., Sept. 13.—Col. Isaac W. Brown of Rochester, Ind., has reached Dallas to study the Texas bollweevil situation and try to find a remedy in the bird creation.

Colonel Brown, who is a noted ornithologist, believes that, for every insect dangerous to vegetable life God has created a bird to exterminate it. After meeting and listening to him at Roxbury, N. Y., Miss Helen Miller Gould requested Colonel Brown to try to discover the bird that naturally should feed upon and destroy the bollweevil. She offered to pay all his expenses to Texas and the expenses of his investigation.

Colonel Brown is, therefore, in Texas as the philanthropic proxy of Miss Gould.

### Divorce Suit Settled.

Denver, Sept. 13.—The News today says that Mrs. Lawrence C. Phipps, wife of the Pittsburgh millionaire who is suing for divorce, admits that a settlement of the case has been reached.

Today Mrs. Phipps, through her attorneys, will file an answer to Mr. Phipps' divorce petition, in which she will deny the allegation of desertion.

### Correct Clothes for Men



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Herman Wise

### Nominated Territorial Delegate.

Albuquerque, N. M., Sept. 13.—W. H. Andrews of Sierra county, has been nominated by the republican territorial convention for delegate in congress.

### Expert Chiropodist.

Mrs. O. O. Fletcher is again at the Occident for one week only. Corns, bunions, warts, moles and burrowing nails removed without pain or soreness. Satisfaction guaranteed. Room 6.

Wife—Do you love me as much as ever? Husband—I reckon so. Wife—Will I always be the dearest thing in the world to you? Husband—I am sure you will, unless the landlord raises the rent.

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Splendid new line of Boys' School Suits made for wear at

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