

TOWNS OF POLK REJOICE BECAUSE OF NEW RAILWAY

Valley and Siletz Line, From Independence to Valseltz, Opens New Possibilities of Trade.

RICH SECTIONS ENTERED

Interchange of Freight Will Be Made With Southern Pacific at Crisp Temporarily.

Oregon's youngest railroad, in point of service, is the Valley & Siletz line, from Independence to Valseltz, in Polk county. Operation of freight and passenger service was begun January 1 and two trains are run each way daily, except Sunday.

The road follows the Big Luckiamute river from a point near Helmick and about five miles from Independence to the headwaters of that stream in the Coast range at Valseltz. From Valseltz a logging road owned by the C. K. Spaulding Logging company continues on over the range to the banks of the Siletz river, about 20 miles from Siletz bay.

The Valley & Siletz road passes through the heart of the Pedee and Kings valley country, opening up one of the richest agricultural sections of Oregon.

The country between Independence and Hoskins supports a prosperous community. Owing to the lack of shipping facilities and the long haul to market by team, the farmers of the region have devoted themselves to livestock raising, growing only such crops as were necessary for local consumption.

New Crops Planned

With the advent of the railroad they plan to raise wheat and oats extensively and engage in dairying on a large scale. A large milk condenser is under construction at Independence to handle the product of the dairy farms.

There are a number of small towns along the line, the more prominent being Pedee, Rittner, Kings Valley, Hoskins and Valseltz. Hoskins has a population of approximately 400. There are sawmills at Hoskins and Kings Valley and ship knees from the Parker Bros. camps are handled from Rittner and Pedee.

Interchange of freight with the Southern Pacific will be made at Crisp until arrangements are complete to handle this business at Independence.

C. B. Williams, superintendent of the Valley & Siletz road, with offices in the Northwestern Bank building, says that the amount of traffic being handled is far in excess of expectations of officials of the road, and he is enthusiastic over the prospects for future business.

New Road Is Standard

The Valley & Siletz railroad is 34 miles long. It is standard-built and modern throughout, and bridge and other construction is of the highest grade. Work on the line was begun in August, 1912, and completed in December, 1917.

The equipment consists of one Mogul, one 10-wheel and one prairie type locomotive, one combination baggage and passenger coach, two cabooses, 39 flat cars and six boxcars.

Shops, roundhouses and dispatcher's office are located at Hoskins. The company is purchasing new machinery and other facilities for new shops.

"The location of the company's new shops has not yet been announced. The men of Independence are hopeful that their city will be chosen as headquarters for these activities, and the citizens of Hoskins are equally as anxious that the shops remain where they now are."

A healthy rivalry between the various towns along the line, accompanied by an increase in farm and village property values, gives promise of the speedy development of the country served by the new railroad.

Charles C. Healey Acquitted by Jury

Former Chief of Police of Chicago Found Not Guilty of Accepting Tribute From Vice Resorts.

Chicago, Jan. 12.—(U. P.)—Charles C. Healey, former chief of police, William Skidmore, ward politician, and Stephen Barry, former detective sergeant, were found not guilty tonight of charges of accepting tribute from vice resorts. The jury was out for 10 hours.

Following months of investigation under the direction of State's Attorney Heine, in which tapped telephone wires, photographs and other records figured, Healey's office was raided a year ago yesterday. He was temporarily removed from office and his removal was made permanent when he was indicted on conspiracy charges shortly afterward. Skidmore was charged by the state with being the organizer of the alleged vice ring, and Barry was alleged to have been one of the "collectors."

The trial began two months ago. Each side introduced about 60 witnesses.

Blast Kills Miners In Staffordshire

London, Jan. 12.—(U. P.)—Reports of mine explosion in Hanley, Staffordshire, reached here today. Estimates place the number killed at 100. Details are lacking.

AD AGENCIES CONSOLIDATE



Above, left to right—David M. Botsford, W. K. Botsford; Below, left to right—P. S. Tyler and A. E. Bloch of the Botsford-Tyler Co., advertising agents.

A strong advertising agency has been established in Portland through the consolidation of the Deute-Tyler company, and the Botsford Advertising company, under the name of the Botsford-Tyler company.

P. S. Tyler, David M. Botsford, W. K. Botsford and A. E. Bloch are prominent among the men who will comprise the heads of departments in the new company and are all well known to advertisers and business men of the Northwest.

Among the clients of the new concern are: The Northwest Fruit Products company, of Salem and Olympia, Wash.; Pheasant Fruit Juice company, of Salem; Yakima Valley Fruit Growers' association, of North Yakima; R. M. Wade & Co., of Portland; Noglare Auto Lens company, of Portland; Oregon City Woolen Mills, of Oregon City; Pacific Coast Biscuit company, of Portland;

Charles K. Spaulding Logging company, of Salem; Vogan Candy company, of Portland; Wilbur Woolen Mills, of Stayton; Ready Built House company, of Portland; Ticknor & Co., Portland; Neustader Bros., of Portland; Farm Utilities company, of Portland; Monroe & Criswell, Portland; McNeely Tractor company, Portland; Dairy Machinery company, of Seattle; Portland Seed company, Portland; National Tank & Pipe company, Portland; Portland Hotel; United States Bakery, Portland; McClanahan Incubator company, of Eugene. The Botsford-Tyler company will be authorized representatives for the American Newspaper Publishers' association, Curtis Publishing company, Periodical Publishers' association and the Agricultural Publishers' association. Their staff will include experts on marketing, copy specialists, layout men, artists and space buyers.

FORMER GUARDSMEN ARE RECOMMENDED TO OFFICERS' CAMP

Adjutant General Williams Makes Announcement of Seven Men to Go to Training Camp.

Seven Oregon men who applied for entrance to the officers' reserve training camp for former national guard officers have been recommended by Adjutant General Williams.

They are Lieutenant Leland R. Gilbert, formerly with the coast artillery company, of Albany; Captain Robert Huston, Eugene; Lieutenant William Branstetter, Eugene; Lieutenant Gerald Day, Portland; Lieutenant Fred W. Haynes, Roseburg; Captain Edward E. Gray, reserve corps, ordnance department, Portland; Captain William M. Coplan, quartermaster's corps, Portland. Lieutenant Gilbert recently resigned from his position as city editor of the Morning Astorian of Astoria to enlist as a private in the field artillery branch of the army. He is stationed at Vancouver barracks.

The former national guard officers will receive word of their acceptance from Washington, with orders to report to one of the six training camps designated by the war department.

Use of Money for Research Opposed

New York, Jan. 12.—(I. N. S.)—Ten members of the American National Red Cross filed suit in the United States district court against the organization today, seeking to enjoin it from proceeding with its plans to spend \$10,000 for a medical research laboratory in France.

Do Not Understand Purpose

Washington, Jan. 12.—(I. N. S.)—The Red Cross members who have sued in New York to prevent the establishment of a military medical research laboratory misunderstand the object of the project. It was stated at the national headquarters this afternoon. Very few animals will be used, the work being similar to numerous recognized laboratories, officials say.

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STATISTICAL STUDY OF AMERICAN CITIES IS ANCIENT HISTORY

Reed College Bulletin Shows Rank of 36 Cities on Figures Out of Date.

A pamphlet containing "A Statistical Study of American Cities" has just been issued by Reed college.

Thirty-six cities are considered. Eighteen factors constitute the basis of comparison.

Portland is ranked sixth and Seattle first in the competition, in which are arbitrarily ranked as having equal value wage rates, cost of living, death rates, infant mortality, proportion of population married, church membership, child labor, parks, pavement, fire loss, public properties, library books, school attendance, school property, teachers' salaries, number of pupils assigned to each teacher, illiteracy and spoken English.

The item of bonded or public debt, usually considered in a comprehensive study of cities is entirely overlooked.

A "Foreword" by Dr. William T. Foster, president of Reed college, states: "It will be said that the 18 categories in this study are not of equal importance. That is true. But the question of relative importance is one of opinion, rather than of statistics. Each reader, therefore, is left to weigh the summary in any way that pleases him. The materials are all there."

Dr. Foster evidently means when he says that "The materials are all there," that all the items selected for comparison are enumerated. But the dates which the students and their instructor, who conducted the study, have been compelled to refer in order to secure a uniform classification under each heading, give figures of little more than hypothetical value. In other words, the compilation undoubtedly furnished valuable exercise for the students, but the figures are not sufficiently recent to be seriously considered.

The report on church membership, for instance, gives Portland last place in the list of 36 cities. It is taken from the statistics of 1906.

Portland is shown as having thirty-third place among the 36 cities in the extent of destruction by fire. The average yearly per capita loss of Portland for the period from 1910 to 1914 is shown to be \$4.24. The per capita loss in 1915 was \$1.78, and approximately 25 cents for 1917. No city in the list has so low a fire loss as Portland's in 1917, but, of course, their statistics also have changed.

The statistics of 1910 are used in the school attendance table, where Portland is shown as seventeenth, with an average attendance of 60.4 per cent of children from 6 to 20 years of age. Portland's average attendance last year was 70.6 per cent.

Portland is shown as tenth in the average amount of salary paid public school teachers. The amount is given as \$991 a year. The average annual salary paid a public school teacher in Portland in 1917 was \$1205.86, and \$1038.17 in 1916.

Portland is given ninth place in the circulation of books. The circulation is listed with 2.6 books per capita loaned in 1910. The number in 1917 was 5.75.

Purpose Is Outlined. Dr. Foster, concluding his foreword, apparently recognizes the difficulties created by the age of the statistics, for he concludes:

"Slight differences in the standings of cities in this rank list are of no account. The significant facts are that all western cities are in the first quarter, nearly all southern cities are in the last quarter, and most cities of other sections are in the middle quarter. If this study stimulates cities to improve their standings in any respect and to seek for better measures of civic progress than those here employed, the study will have served its main purpose."

Loop Plan for Busy Streets Considered

Chief and Traffic Captain to Make Recommendations to Mayor for Changes in Traffic Laws to Relieve Congestion.

Chief of Police Johnson and Captain Jenkins of the traffic squad are making a report to the mayor in which they will recommend some radical changes in the traffic laws. The most notable of these will be the recommendation that all downtown traffic travel in a loop or circle, which she took home from the store. She is serving three months in jail.

"Frederick Moore, Oxenhope, England, owned several hogs. They were fine looking animals. Police happened to pass his place one day when the hogs were being fed. They found bread scraps lying all over the place. Moore is serving three months in jail."

"Annie Robinson, Cargo Fleet, England, was a grocer's assistant. Annie helped her mother to hoard 42 pounds of sugar, which she took home from the store. She is serving three months in jail."

"Rev. John Hopkins, superintendent of the Wesleyan circuit at Branford, was fined \$10 for making false statements about the amount of sugar he would need in preserving the fruit from his orchard."

A policeman found three pieces of bread in a garbage can. As a result Mrs. Sarah Cheney of Ravenston was fined \$25.

"John Reiff had a small bakery shop in Red Lion street, London. Because he sold insistent customers a few loaves of bread that had not been baked 12 hours, he was fined \$50."

U. S. Unwittingly Aided Hindu Plot

Captain Hasbuck Responds When Annie Larsen Master Needs Help to Put Down Mutiny in Crew.

San Francisco, Jan. 12.—(U. P.)—How Captain Hasbuck, commanding the gunboat Yorktown, unwittingly aided the mystery ship Annie Larsen, in its attempt to transfer arms and ammunition to the Hindu revolutionists to the steamer Maverick, is the latest tale growing out of the Hindu revolt trials here. No session of the case was held today.

It was at Acapulco, Mexico, according to the testimony of Thomas Thorncroft, a sailor, that he and another sailor refused to obey orders from Captain P. H. Schluter of the Annie Larsen, and when the skipper fell them with a belaying pin they mutinied. Captain Hasbuck came aboard at Schluter's request, ordered the mutineers into irons and made possible the sailing of the schooner, all unknown that her cargo was guns and munitions designed to bring the overthrow of a friendly government.

Washington, Jan. 12.—(U. P.)—The government is not paying wages for draft boards. Thirty cents for each questionnaire will be paid each draft board.

To Protect Farmers

Washington, Jan. 12.—(U. P.)—To prevent the control of national farm loan associations from getting out of the hands of the farmers who formed them, the federal farm loan board has passed a ruling forbidding the election of directors by proxy voting, the board announced today.

NEW FEDERATION ELECTS



Mrs. G. J. Frankel, newly elected president of City Federation of Women's Organizations.

Mrs. G. J. Frankel was elected president of the City Federation of Women's Organizations at the meeting held Saturday afternoon at the Hotel Portland. Mrs. Frankel has had wide experience in the work of city federation, having been reelected for four years president of the St. Louis federation. She is a former president of the Portland Woman's club and of the Monday Musical club and until her election to head the federation, of the Woman's Cooperative league.

Other officers chosen are: Vice president, Mrs. J. P. Chapman, president of the Parent-Teacher council; recording secretary, Miss Harriet Monroe, Portland Grade Teachers' association; corresponding secretary, Miss Vella Winner, Association of Collegiate Alumnae; treasurer, Mrs. J. F. Kinder, president chapter E. of P. E. O. Sisterhood; auditor, Mrs. Isaac Sweet, Council of Jewish Women. The meeting was presided over by the temporary chairman, Miss Viola Orland, with Mrs. Anton Gleibach as temporary secretary. At the conclusion of the election Mrs. Frankel pledged herself to the best interests of the organization, bespoke the interest and cooperation of the women present and extended to every woman's organization in Portland an invitation to become a member of the federation. The matter of putting the aims and purposes of the federation before all of the organizations of the city by means of short addresses at the regular meetings was discussed and met with approval. It was voted to leave

the matter of appointment of standing committees to the officers elected Saturday and the vice presidents, the president of federated organization being a vice president of the federation. A meeting of these officers will be held at the call of the president. The next regular meeting of the Federation will be held the second Saturday in February, the place to be announced later.

The organizations that have joined the Federation and were represented at the meeting Saturday were: Council of Jewish Women, Portland Shakespeare Study club, Portland Parent-Teacher council, Monday Musical club, Woman's Benefit Association of the Macabees, Indian club, Mount Scott Mental Culture club, Mayflower club, Chapter F. of P. E. O., St. Anne's Charitable society, Association of Collegiate Alumnae, Patriotic Order of America, Consumer's league, Charles Dickens club, Corriente club, Portland Grade Teachers' association, Portland Woman's Social Science club, Travellers club, Woodstock Study club, Army and Navy Auxiliary, Central W. C. T. U., Portland Psychology club, Woman's Cooperative league, Progressive Woman's league, Tuesday Afternoon club, Franklin High Parent-Teacher association, Chapter C. of P. E. O. Sisterhood, Board of Visiting Nurse association, Couch, Felling, St. Johns, Sunnyside, Creston, Montavilla, Mount, Tabor, Glencoe, Holman, Woodmere, Highland, Woodlawn, Hawthorne, Thompson and Arieta Parent-Teacher associations.

BIG BLACKBOARD WILL CARRY QUOTATIONS ON PUBLIC MARKET

Renters of Municipal Stalls Will Be Prohibited From Charging More Than Specified Sum.

A large blackboard, on which will be posted the daily quotations of produce, is soon to be installed in the public market by Marketmaster J. A. Eastman, and all renters of municipal stalls will be prohibited from seeking a higher price for any commodity than that listed on the board.

This plan will be used, according to Marketmaster Eastman, to overcome some of the objections made by the users of the market stalls, who have said that it is impossible for one man to notify each renter of all prices each day.

The prices are to be fixed by a market committee, to be appointed by C. A. Bigelow, commissioner of public affairs. The personnel of this committee has not been announced, but it is understood that it will be composed of one member of the local office of the United States food administration, one member of the state grange who is a resident of Portland, and the marketmaster.

The prices listed on the blackboard will be maximum prices to be secured by first grade produce. Stall renters who refuse to abide by the prices set by the committee will be prohibited from renting space in the market in the future.

"When some of the stall renters threatened to bring suit to enjoin the city from fixing maximum prices," said Mr. Bigelow Saturday, "I informed them that if they won they would lose. If the city cannot force the renters of market stalls to sell at prices that are prevailing throughout the city or slightly under the prevailing market price, we should close the market."

"Judge Kavanaugh has thrown the injunction suit, brought by the renters, out of court, and we will now continue to enforce our maximum price ruling," he said.

Length of Term Is Puzzling 2 Judges

As a result of uncertainty arising over legislation changing the office of justice of the peace into that of district judge in the Portland district, Deputy District Attorney Charles C. Hindman of Multnomah county has asked Attorney General Brown for an opinion as to whether the terms of the district judges for departments 1 and 2 expire on December 31, 1918, or the last of 1920.

The incumbents were elected as justice of the peace in 1912 for six year terms, and then in 1914, following an act of the legislature changing the justices of the peace into district judges, they were elected district judges for six year terms.

Washington, Jan. 12.—(U. P.)—The Portland postal employees and railway postal clerks have followed suit of postal employees of other cities and have prepared for congress a bill asking for increase in wages, it is understood.

An increase of 25 per cent has been asked but Portland postal employees do not believe that congress will allow an increase greater than 15 per cent. Their first demand for a higher wage was prepared for congress about four months ago and it is said to have brought a letter from Postmaster General Burleson criticizing them for the demand.

Store Employee Will Work in Navy Yard

Miss Lucy N. Graham of Woodard, Clarke & Co. Will Serve Uncle Sam as Yeoman at Bremerton.

The latest enlistment in the military service from Woodard, Clarke & Co. is a woman, Miss Lucy N. Graham, who is serving her country as a yeomanette. Miss Graham is the twenty-sixth woman to enlist from Woodard, Clarke & Co., and her name is inscribed on the card, which answers the purpose of a service flag, in gold letters as a special tribute to the only woman recruit from the store.

The duty of a yeomanette lies in a stenographic and clerking field, and the navy recruiting station announces that it is becoming popular among the young women of Portland, six having been enlisted within the past week and sent to Bremerton, the navy yard headquarters.

Acceptance of the girl recruits is based upon letters and papers of recommendation and rests entirely in the hands of the commandant at the recruiting station, only physical examinations being held by the Portland navy examiners.

REPORT EXAGGERATED REGARDING POOR YARN, EXPLAINS MR. PRAEL

Some Material of Low Grade Was Received in Shipment, but It Was Used Up.

"The report that a great quantity of yarn of inferior quality has been knitted into sweaters and other garments by Portland women, has been greatly exaggerated," said R. F. Prael, director of the workroom of the Portland chapter of the American Red Cross.

"A while back, during the great scarcity of yarn, we received a shipment of 15,000 pounds of yarn from Seattle and a small quantity of that, perhaps 1000 pounds, was of poor quality," explained Mr. Prael. "It was made of short fibre and was greatly inferior in quality, in other words it was shoddy, but it was not unsatisfactory. We knew it, but it was all we could get and the women took it gladly to knit, and I think they might better knit it into garments than to do nothing."

"We shipped 2000 sweaters to Seattle, which were later distributed at Camp Lewis, a month ago, and we have received comparatively few complaints from that shipment. Today we are packing 2000 more sweaters and these will be divided among the men of Vancouver barracks and Fort Stevens. Seattle has promise to be a 'good dog' and not send us any more poor wool. However, we have decided to purchase our wool elsewhere, buying the first quality, although the prices are outrageously high, notwithstanding the fact that there never was a time when this country had on hand such a large supply of wool. This course is now being investigated by Senator Chamberlain and others, and the best we can do is to hope for early relief," concluded Mr. Prael.

American Exports Make Gigantic Sum

Washington, Jan. 12.—(I. N. S.)—German submarines were unable to prevent Uncle Sam from making a record for exports during the 11 months ending November 30, it was announced today by the department of commerce.

The total increase for this period, as compared with the corresponding 11 months of the preceding year, was \$689,000,000. Exports of crude materials reached a total of \$687,000,000, an increase of \$57,000,000; foodstuffs, \$1,188,000,000, an increase of \$226,000,000, and manufactures, \$3,660,000,000, an increase of \$425,000,000. Horses and mules valued at \$42,000,000 were exported.

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MIKADO HONORS HARDY IN WAY UNPRECEDENTED

Ruler of Japan Shakes Hands With Commodore and Greets Him in English.

PEOPLE CHEER APPEARANCE

Everywhere Survivor of Peary Expedition Goes He Is Acclaimed by Populace.

Letters have been received by Captain F. F. Eckhardt, of the Portland navy recruiting station, from Commodore William H. Hardy of this city, who is giving lectures in Japan, and from Y. Matsui, Japanese consular agent who is conducting his tour. "Throughout Japan all people are cheering his second visit," said Eckhardt in commenting on the success of Commodore Hardy's lecture tour.

"The stars and