

BIG MERGER OF PACIFIC STEEL CONCERNS MADE

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—(I. N. S.)—Announcement was made Monday by Wigginton E. Creed, president, of the completion of the organization of the \$20,000,000 Columbia Steel corporation—a combine of leading Pacific coast steel plants for the purpose of establishing a great steel industry on the Pacific coast.

The combine links the great coal and iron ore resources of Utah with manufacturing facilities now on the coast and which are to be expanded as the business of the concern grows.

The Columbia Steel corporation, Mr. Creed announced, consolidates the properties of the Columbia Steel company at Pittsburg, Cal., and Portland, Or., with the Utah Coal & Coke company of Utah.

The open hearth and sheet and wire mills at Pittsburg will be expanded by the new company and blast furnaces and by-product coke oven for making pigiron will be built within the next year at Provo and Springville, Utah.

In addition to Mr. Creed as president, the officers he announced as follows: J. D. Grant, first vice president; Joseph Sloss, vice president; J. H. Boothford, vice president; L. P. Ray, vice president; John D. Fenstermacher, secretary, and Joseph Sloss, treasurer.

T. Goodrich, cashier of the Columbia Steel company of Portland, stated Monday that the consolidation announced by Wigginton E. Creed of San Francisco would have little direct effect upon the Portland branch, except to make it stronger than ever financially. Alexander M. Clark, manager here, was out of the city.

Former Portland Reporter Is Dead

Salem, Dec. 20.—Theodore M. Irvine, Salem newspaper man, died here Tuesday after an illness of three months. Before coming to Salem to take a position on the Wigginton E. Creed, he was employed on The Oregon Journal and other Portland newspapers. Irvine, who was 30 years of age, is survived by his widow, Mrs. Sylvia Irvine, his mother, Mrs. Ella Hart of Independence and a brother, Roy C. Irvine of La Crosse, Wash. Funeral services will be held at Independence, Thursday morning.

McArthur Sits in As House Speaker

Washington, Dec. 20.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—Representative McArthur was called

to preside over the house Tuesday during consideration of the proposed constitutional amendment to authorize taxation of income from government and state securities. There was a brief scuffle over the rule making the resolution in order, but it was adopted 118 to 52, with the house dividing along party lines.

BODE ESTATE \$20,000
Rachael Bode, who died in Marion county November 7, left an estate valued at \$20,000, according to a petition for letters of administration filed in the circuit court today by Victor P. Bode and Minnie M. Ramus, children living in Portland. A son, Fred C. Bode, and grandchildren are the remaining heirs.

CANADIANS COMING
W. H. Snell, general passenger agent of the Canadian Pacific Railway company at Vancouver, B. C., arrived today to confer with Portland railway officials on prospects for business during the coming year. Snell reported that an unusually large number of Canadians are traveling through Vancouver to Oregon and California for the winter months.

JUDGE GATENS IS THANKFUL ON EVE OF RETIREMENT

"A poor settlement is always better than a good lawsuit," said Judge William N. Gatens, in his last official opinion, which he hands down today to the people of Multnomah county, just before retiring from the circuit bench after 14 years' service.

Judge Gatens has taken offices at 328 Pittcock block, where he will start a general law practice. "My one idea in my law practice shall be to keep people out of court. In all my judicial experience, I have been impressed more by the many, many 'good cases' where justice did not prevail, and the many times when differences never should have been taken into court," Gatens continued. Judge Gatens will practice alone.

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Klan Gives Teacher Money for Children

Coquille, Dec. 20.—Two members of the Ku Klux Klan in Klan regalia, appeared at the Coquille grade school and handed to Mrs. Glossop, the principal, \$66.50 for a fund to provide hot soup at noon for children unable to pay the 5 cents per bowl charged. The money was wrapped in a silk American flag.

Planes Demolished By Weight of Snow

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 20.—Four airplanes were demolished Tuesday when the roof of the hangar at the United States Aircraft corporation field crashed under the weight of snow. The loss was estimated at \$10,000.

Find \$500 in Gold In Ruins of House Where Woman Died

Walla Walla, Wash., Dec. 20.—Further investigation by Coroner Joe Chamberlain of the ruins of the home of Mrs. Magdalena Walsh, which was destroyed by fire Saturday night, resulted in the discovery of \$500 in gold in a partly burned dress in a clothes closet. This accounts for \$965 of the \$2000 which was said to have been kept by Mrs. Walsh on her premises. Mrs. Ed Brown of Seattle, daughter of Mrs. Walsh, believes that there was no foul play connected with the burning of the house. The theory which officers have developed is that Mrs. Walsh went to sleep while sitting near her stove in which she had built a hot fire, that the house caught fire as a

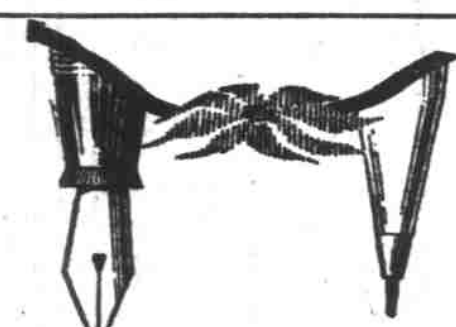
Turkey Pool Nets Profit to Farmers

Roseburg, Dec. 20.—The Douglas county farm bureau turkey pool was sold for 32 1/2 cents, it was learned Tuesday. The pool consisted of 140,000 pounds of turkey, and was purchased by O. J. Lindsey of Roseburg, buying for the Makin company of San Francisco. This will net the growers 30 1/2 or 30 3/4 cents. With improved methods the exchange has managed to cut the handling cost to lower than the usual 2 cents, and the returns to the grower will be larger than in past years. The cash market this year varied from 30 to 31 cents.

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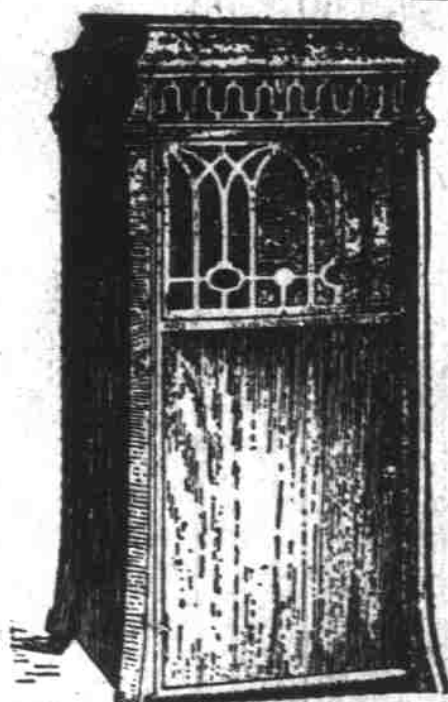
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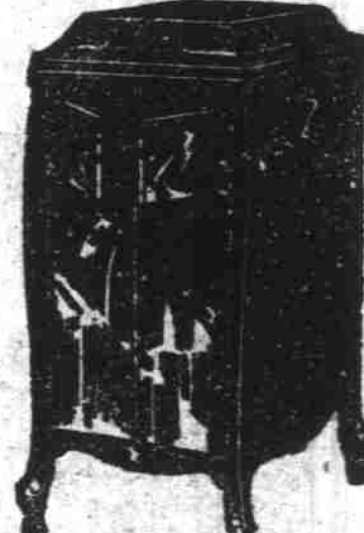


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\$175.00 Grafonola	\$150.00	Cash, \$3 Monthly	\$150.00 Victrola	\$115.00	Cash, \$5 Monthly
\$125.00 Chesley	\$100.00	Cash, \$3 Monthly	\$175.00 Columbia	\$115.00	Cash, \$5 Monthly
\$125.00 Columbia	\$100.00	Cash, \$3 Monthly	\$175.00 Sonora	\$115.00	Cash, \$5 Monthly
\$125.00 Edison	\$100.00	Cash, \$3 Monthly	\$200.00 Brunswick	\$150.00	Cash, \$5 Monthly
\$125.00 Grafonola	\$100.00	Cash, \$3 Monthly	\$200.00 Edison	\$150.00	Cash, \$5 Monthly
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