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### NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST

**Falls City Store is Robbed.**  
Falls City, Ore.—N. Ansel's store was burglarized at a late hour Tuesday night, the thief carrying away \$190 worth of merchandise and \$3 in cash.

**More Elgin Apples Shipped.**  
Elgin, Ore.—Weatherpoon & Thorsen are loading a car of apples to be shipped to St. Paul. This is the 16th car of apples, this firm has shipped this season and still has eight cars which will be shipped during January.

**Chehalis Miners Strike.**  
Chehalis, Wash.—There is a coal miner's strike on at Chehalis involving about 25 men. The contention comes over a demand of the miners that the operators agree to recognize the union for two years.

**Haystack Fall is Fatal.**  
Wallowa, Ore.—Robert Bales was killed by falling from a load of hay under the wheels of the wagon. Bales was working for A. A. Greer, on the Driver place in Middle valley, three miles east of this city.

**Would Have New Godfather.**  
Elgin, Ore.—A petition is being cir-

culated by farmers in the Pumpkin Ridge district to allow farmers of that section to pull away from Summerville as a voting place, that they may vote in the Elgin precinct, where they are in the habit of doing their trading.

**West Resting in South.**  
Los Angeles.—Oswald West, Governor-elect of Oregon, and Mrs. West are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Gilbert, of 311 Eicentro street, South Pasadena. Mr. West is enjoying a respite from political stress while preparing his inaugural address and visiting his old friends.

**Plan to Aid Fish.**  
Salem, Ore.—Closing of Power creek and its tributaries to all kinds of fishing for three years is the request made in a petition received by Master Fish Warden Clanton from several persons and firms of Marion county. It is also asked that the Master Fish Warden see that the creek is restocked with rainbow trout and other kinds of game fish.

**Three Counties Want Bridges.**  
Newberg, Ore.—Farmers of Clackamas, Marion and Yamhill counties have organized a Tri-county Push club, the chief purpose of which is to secure funds for the construction of a high bridge across the Willamette river at Butteville. Farmers of Washington county have been asked to join the movement for bridges and better roads.

**Forest Grove Nominates.**  
Forest Grove, Ore.—Indorsing the

work of the present municipal administration and cheering to the echo the report made by Councilman Thornburgh on the operation of the municipal electric lighting system, the mass meeting held last night in the Knights of Pythias hall nominated a full city ticket to be voted on at the city election to be held on Jan. 9.

**Big Land Deal is Made.**  
White Salmon, Wash.—A Minneapolis corporation known as the White Salmon Orchard Development company and capitalized at \$200,000, has purchased 1800 acres of undeveloped land nine miles north of this place. The president of the company is George W. Seeley, of Minneapolis; Wade Dean of White Salmon, is vice-president; Gordon V. Morris, Minneapolis, secretary; William Rafter, of Portland; Dr. Benjamin W. I. Gray, and a prominent railroad man, all of Minneapolis, directors.

The tract of land contains 50,000,000 feet of merchantable timber. The plan of the company is to turn this large tract into orchard, retailing it in small tracts when set to trees. Over 25 contracts have already been signed by small buyers in Minneapolis. Offices will be opened in Minneapolis, White Salmon and Chicago.

**Taft Completes Shopping.**  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—Mingling with the crowds, Taft today completed his Christmas shopping.

If you have \$1500 to loan on good security, see Lee Teutsch.

### NEWS AND VIEWS FROM OVER THE SEA

London, Dec. 10.—When the history of the present campaign is written, it will go on record as one of the most sensational election fights Great Britain has witnessed. The liberals have completely recovered from the shock caused by Leader Balfour's announcement that the unionists would be willing to submit tariff reform to a referendum, and are doing their best to intensify the dissatisfaction felt by those of Mr. Balfour's party who do not agree with him, in the hope of putting the unionists to utter rout. The unionists are planning on gaining thirty-two seats in order to reduce the government's coalition majority below fifty. In the last parliament the government has a coalition lead of 124 votes.

Home Secretary Winston Churchill is proving himself the most untiring speaker of the campaign on the government side. He has no equal, except one allow for the difference in age and strength between him and Sir Edward Grey and complete the comparison in that way. Mr. Churchill makes from five to six speeches every day, traveling from city to city, without thought of the personal inconvenience it causes him or the demands it makes upon his energy and

strength. Frequently he answers in the last speech of the day an address made by a member of the opposition in a city fifty or sixty miles distant, and which has not been given to the press beforehand. In order to get a copy of these speeches, Churchill has his private stenographers copy them verbatim at the opposition meetings, then translate them while making the trip between cities in automobiles provided especially for the purpose.

There are those who predict the resignation of Premier Asquith in the event of the government being returned with a coalition vote of only fifty or sixty. In that case A. J. Balfour, the opposition leader, would presumably be invited by the king to form a new cabinet. Everything would again be thrown into the melting pot, in such an event, for the only course open to Balfour, who, by the way was prime minister in 1902-5, would be another appeal to the country. The whole situation has assumed something of a comic aspect to outsiders, but there is nothing humorous in the feelings on either side in the great campaign, and Great Britain has never been more deeply aroused, politically.

**Poor Racing Weather.**  
Pensacola, Fla., Dec. 24.—Today's racing conditions were the most disagreeable of the meeting, the closing dash being run in a torrent of rain. On account of adverse conditions the race for gentlemen riders was called off.

### GOVERNOR OF TENNESSEE WILL FARM IN TEXAS

Houston, Texas.—After a stay of a few days in Houston, Hon. H. B. Hooper, governor-elect of Tennessee, departed for his home, having completed the organization of a company to handle a tract of 642 acres purchased just south of this city by himself and associates. The investment represents over \$260,000. Although loyal to his own state, which has so signally honored him, Captain Hooper is enthusiastic regarding the future of Texas gulf coast country and Houston, its metropolis. Several years ago he invested \$5000 in Oklahoma and last march sold out his holdings at a profit of \$45,000. He then came to Houston and becoming convinced that Texas was the place of real opportunities, secured an option on the land which he afterward bought and has just placed it in the hands of a selling company. He is the first republican to be elected governor of Tennessee in thirty years. He laid the foundation of his fortune in South Texas near Houston during the years of the Beaumont oil boom.

Dayton, Wash., Dec. 24.—The proposition of J. D. Taggard, owner of a 20 acre orchard near Watsburg to have "apple day" for passengers on trains traveling between Portland and Spokane, has struck a responsive chord throughout the valley among growers. Mr. Taggard's plan is unique.