

### OREGON ELECTRIC PREPARES TO BUILD EUGENE EXTENSION

The following article from this morning's Oregonian confirms the news reported exclusively in The Guard on April 2. At that time this paper printed a letter from Guy W. Talbot, vice president and general manager of the Oregon Electric Railway Company, in which he outlined the plans of his company substantially as given in the Oregonian's article of today. In fact, there is nothing new in the filing which follows, except the announcement of an increase of capital on the part of the company. The Guard, through the Oregonian story, however, has a basis for urging our people through the Commercial Club, or otherwise, to make an effort to secure an earlier completion of the road to Eugene than the plans of the company at this time seem to contemplate.

To griffin from the Willamette valley with electric lines is the avowed purpose of the Oregon Electric Railway Company. The original capitalization of \$2,500,000 was increased yesterday to \$10,000,000. Extensions to the system were authorized aggregating 301 miles. Work will be commenced on the first of these lines this morning.

Stockholders and directors of the company met in the headquarters in the Corbett building yesterday morning and authorized the filing of new articles of incorporation, providing for an increase in the capital stock and the construction of new main lines throughout the Willamette valley, as well as feeders running into the country on both sides of the Willamette river. It is estimated that the additional capitalization will provide for the new lines planned. If insufficient, however, the company is prepared to secure whatever amount is needed for the work.

The plans of the Oregon Electric to develop this state with trolley lines is the most important railroad announcement Portland has had since the North Bank road was projected from Pasco, Wash., to this city. It means the development of the Willamette valley to a remarkable degree, for the system of roads mapped out will serve the territory to be entered in the most satisfactory way.

New Lines Authorized. The following new lines were authorized by the directors of the company at yesterday's meeting: Salem to Albany, 18 miles; Garden Home to Hillsboro, 12 miles; Hillsboro to Tillamook, 57 miles; Tigardville to Eugene, 12 miles; Salem to Mill City, 54 miles; Albany to Cascade, 35 miles. Total mileage, 301. With the 59 miles already constructed by the company between Portland and Salem, the construction of the new lines just authorized will give the Oregon Electric 351 miles of standard gauge railroad in the state.

The capitalization of the company will be equally divided between common and preferred stock, of which 50,000 shares of each will be issued, of the par value of \$100. The revised articles of incorporation were sent to Salem by special messenger yesterday for filing with the secretary of state and they were also placed on record at the courthouse here.

Stockholders met first in the offices of General Manager Talbot in the Corbett building. Upon their authorization of the increase of capital stock and the new extensions, directors met in the same offices and ratified the action of stockholders. The following directors of the Oregon Electric Railway, enough to make a quorum, were present: Guy W. Talbot, James B. Kerr, Edward Cunningham and George F. Nevin.

Where Money Comes From. Moffatt & White, 5 Nassau street, New York city, are managers of the syndicate that is supplying the capital for the Oregon Electric operations in this state. The executive committee is made up of the following New York capitalists: A. C. Bedford, George Barclay Moffatt and William A. White.

In a general way the extensions of the Oregon Electric system will provide widely separated parallel lines up the Willamette valley from Portland, one on each side of the river, together with a main line running to the coast at Tillamook, and a number of feeders and laterals throughout the country reached.

From the Portland-Salem line, a road will be built through Washington and Tillamook counties to Hillsboro and Tillamook bay. This line will tap one of the richest dairy and farming sections on the Pacific coast. From Tigardville, also on the Portland-Salem line, a main trunk line will be built through Washington, Yamhill, Polk, Benton and Lane counties, through Corvallis to Eugene. Another line will be built from Dallas to Salem and thence easterly through Marion county to Mill City. There will also be a road constructed from Albany, which will be reached by an extension of the main line from Salem, southeast through Lebanon to Cascade.

Start Hillsboro Line Today. William S. Barstow & Company, the engineering firm which builds the lines of the Oregon Electric, has begun construction materials and will begin work this morning on the Garden Home-Hillsboro line. Upon its completion attention will be turned to building from Salem to Albany. It is likely that at least three years will be required to complete the system of new lines mapped out by the stockholders and directors of the company at yesterday's meetings.

"These are our plans for the future," said Guy W. Talbot, vice president and general manager of the Or-

regon Electric. "They will be prosecuted as rapidly as is practicable. We will start the ball rolling by beginning work on the Hillsboro extension tomorrow morning. This line and that from Salem to Albany will be the first constructed."

### GROVER CLEVELAND GAINS HEALTH SLOWLY

Lakewood, N. J., April 23.—The fact that ex-President Cleveland remains at Lakewood hotel after the hotel has been closed for the season and with his physicians in close attendance, has caused the apprehension that his progress toward recovery from his recent illness has not been as rapid as desired.



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### GROVE CREAMERY IS BEING ENLARGED

A Western Oregon reporter on a visit to the Cottage Grove creamery on Monday morning, found Mr. F. G. Stiller, the proprietor, busily employed in superintending the new improvements he is having made. Nothing of the building which he purchased in January except the outside walls remains. The inside has been entirely remodeled for his business, so that there is not a noisier or more convenient creamery in the state. A cement floor has been laid, and he is now enlarging the capacity of the plant, by adding a larger boiler and engine and an immense churn of 1000 pounds capacity per day. Half of his product is shipped to Portland, while the other half finds a market in Cottage Grove and the various logging camps in the vicinity.

The main building is 24x56 feet in size, but he is contemplating adding at least 20 feet to it, in which will be located a refrigerator and an ice machine. The water he uses is taken from a well that he has sunk to the depth of 32 feet and contains about 27 feet of water, a steady pumping by steam power for a number of hours failed to reduce two inches. It is ice cold and Mr. Stiller thinks himself very fortunate in being able to strike such a supply. Besides this supply he also takes the city water, but more as a protection from fire and for outside use. He has 100 feet of fire hose always ready for use attached to a hydrant, and in case of an incipient blaze on the premises, or an outbreak of fire in an adjoining building is in a position to fight it with good prospects of success of extinguishing it.

The business is not confined to turning out 1000 pounds of a prime article per day, but he also manufactures, in season, over 500 gallons of ice cream a week, all of which finds a ready market in this city. Mr. Stiller is a bustling, energetic man, and will continue to make such improvements and additions as quickly as the demand for his products make it necessary, and Cottage Grove is to be congratulated that one of its industries is presided over by a man who evidently has faith in the future of the city.

### SAYS WAR WITH JAPS LIKELY TO OCCUR

Washington, April 24.—In the debate in the senate today on the proposition of Piles, of Washington, to increase the number of battleships authorized in the naval appropriation bill from two to four, Piles based his contention for four battleships on the possibility of war with Japan. He said the Japanese were irresistibly drawn to our shores by advantages secured here, and that a conflict between them and the Americans was liable to arise at any time; that in such an event the Japanese government might be forced to wage war against the United States, even though the Japanese leaders were unfavorable to such a course. If, he declared, war should come our Western coast would be found unfortified and unprotected by battleships.

"If," he said, "we had two fleets we would wage war on no nation and no nation would wage war on us. So stand for peace in getting four battleships, and not for war."

### PROMINENT RUSSIAN GENERAL DEAD

St. Petersburg, April 23.—General Linovitch died of pneumonia tonight. He had been ill a little over a week and on several occasions serious symptoms of heart failure manifested themselves.

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## DEATH AND RUIN MARKS TRACK OF SOUTHERN CYCLONES

five were killed, and in Jefferson county, thirty-five are dead.

New Orleans, April 25.—From the best information obtainable the number of deaths in the Gulf states from yesterday's tornadoes was over five hundred, and several thousand were injured. Towns after towns in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama were visited with great destruction. The tornadoes moved in several directions and apparently lasted about twelve hours.

New Orleans, April 25.—As a result of the terrible storms which have swept the southern Gulf states communication between the cities of this section today is poor and in a majority of cases there is no communication at all. Incoming reports report immense damage and there are indications that the death list in Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee and Alabama will reach several hundred.

The death list of Amite and immediate vicinity will reach 25. The town is under martial law. The path of the storm was two and a half miles wide and when it passed Amite stood a wreck.

In Concordia parish, La., thirteen were killed.

In Adams county, Miss., twenty-

two were killed, and in Jefferson county, thirty-five are dead.

Reports from Other Cities

Purvis, Miss., April 25.—An air of death and desolation marks Purvis and vicinity today. The death list is 32 and it is believed that further news will increase the number.

Atlanta, Ga., April 25.—Five were killed and fifteen injured at Griffin, Ga., and there was serious damage to property. Two were killed and a dozen injured by the storm at Columbus, Ga.

Natchez, Miss., April 25.—The list of dead in this section so far is 71, all but two negroes. Many are injured, some fatally.

Atlanta, April 25.—Telephone messages report fatalities at Shipley, Harris City and Locust Grove, all in Georgia.

Mobile, April 25.—Twenty were killed at McCallum, Miss., and great damage was done.

Rome, Ga., April 25.—It is reported that twenty are killed at Cedar-town and Cape Springs.

Birmingham, Ala., April 25.—Twenty-five are reported killed at Albertville, Ala.

## SUNDRY CIVIL BILL REPORTED TO HOUSE

Washington, April 25.—The sundry civil appropriation bill was reported to the house today by the appropriations committee. It carries \$195,715,369, a reduction of \$35,168,997 from the estimates submitted by the departments. Included in the appropriations recommended is \$27,927,000 for the isthmian canal, which amount is reimbursable to the treasury from proceeds of the sale of bonds authorized. The bill carries for public buildings, marine hospitals, quarantine stations, annual repairs, heating apparatus, vaults, safes and locks \$2,182,375. For improvement of rivers and harbors under contract the authorization amount to \$17,692,645; life saving service, \$2,268,857; current expenses of the revenue cutter service, \$1,994,000; engraving and printing, \$3,354,755; interstate commerce commission, \$935,000; as found in a ready market in this city, public buildings, \$1,688,872; fuel, lights and water in public buildings, \$1,400,000; expenses of collecting customs additional to permanent appropriations of \$5,500,000 for that purpose in 1909, \$4,500,000; lighthouse establishments, \$5,124,000; geological survey, \$1,055,000; expenses of the presi-

## ATTEMPT TO DYNAMITE EX-CONGRESSMAN WILLIAMSON

It is believed at Princeton that an attempt was about to be made to dynamite the city residence of ex-congressman Williamson, Sam Smith, an ex-sheriff of Crook county, and Larkin Elliott, a cattleman, are in the county jail, charged with arson. Stanley Smith, a 14-year-old son of the ex-sheriff, is in the custody of Dek Vandenberg. It is thought he was compelled to assist his father.

Smith and Elliott are thought to have burned a sheep-shearing plant belonging to Williamson, as well as a house and barn, and to have cut a mile of fence around the B. F. Allen farm, which was leased by Williamson. One day William Stroud, one of Williamson's herders, came to town armed with a knife and a gun and swore to kill Smith on sight, saying he and Elliott were going to use dynamite on Williamson's property. The ex-congressman was aroused from his sleep and swore out a warrant.

Evidence was found to connect Elliott with the destruction of the place that was burned in the shape of a little boy. Elliott made a confession implicating Smith.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

## CASTRO WILL BE IGNORED BY UNCLE SAM

Washington, April 22.—Administration officials have practically abandoned the expectation that the senate will at this session of congress authorize punitive measures against Venezuela for her refusal to refer to arbitration the disputed claims of American citizens and corporations



CIPRIANO CASTRO, President of Venezuela, who refuses to arbitrate American claims.

against the country. All the papers in the case are before the senate committee on foreign relations, and ample time has been given for a thorough consideration of the matter.

Public opinion as to the merits of the controversy has not developed to any great extent, the officials say, as a result of the publication of the correspondence, and for this reason the senate committee does not feel justified in acting. Persons or firms having commercial interests in Venezuela which would be adversely affected by punitive measures have urged that nothing be done, while no sentiment has developed in favor of drastic action.

## CALIFORNIA DEFEATED STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Sausalito, Cal., April 25.—By two and a half lengths the University of California defeated Stanford University in the annual boat race here today. Delightful weather and smooth water marked the contest. The eight of California outclassed Stanford at every stage of the race.

## MANY ACRES OF WALNUT ORCHARDS IN LANE COUNTY

Junction City, April 23.—The English walnut growers of Lane county concede the largest acreage in English walnuts in Oregon to be elsewhere, but for quality of trees set out Lane county claims to hold first place. One of the largest, if not the largest, grafted English walnut groves in the United States is owned one mile north of this place, on the main line of the Southern Pacific, by Postmaster A. R. Martin, of Junction City. This grove consists of 65 acres of the grafted Mayette and Franquette varieties, grafted on the California and American black walnut. Mr. Martin also has ten acres of the second generation trees of the same varieties. The trees are set 50x50 feet each way, thus allowing plenty of sunlight.

Besides this 75-acre grove I. N. Edwards has ten acres, Edward Bailey 20 acres of the grafted trees, J. M. Howard 40 acres, G. C. Miller 25 acres, John Harmon 30 acres, and A. C. Nielson seven acres, all second generation trees, making a total of over 200 acres at this place, and the Woodcock-Dunn Land Company has 75 acres seven miles south of here.

The land in this vicinity is especially adapted to the growing of the English walnut and cherry trees, there being no hard pan for the roots of the trees to come in contact with. There is deep soil for a depth of ten or twelve feet, when a very fine gravel and sand is mixed with the soil, which permits the young tender roots to penetrate to water easily. This condition of soil insures a permanent, healthy tree, and that they will not meet with the great disappointment some of the California walnut growers have had, where their groves have prospered for several years and gave fine returns, but where the trees began to die in large numbers each year. When the growers examined them to determine the cause and were unable to find any trace of disease, they concluded the trouble must be with the roots of the trees. They then dug up the trees and found that the roots had gone through the soil, struck hardpan, were unable to penetrate this in their efforts to find water, and thus died for want of moisture.

Two new buildings are being erected at McMinnville for the college, one a science hall 60x100 feet, both frame, two stories high. They are to be on either side of the present four-story brick.

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