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### RAILROAD TALK IN LINN REVIVED

#### Indications Point to Activity in Timber Section Between Foster and Cascadia.

### REAL ESTATE MOVEMENTS CAUSE OF SUSPICION

#### Timber Cruise Is Finished and Report States That Showing Is Satisfactory.

Is the proposed railroad from the main line of the Oregon Electric to the big timber district back of Foster about to be built?

Are the owners ready to begin logging operations?

It is a fact that the Hill lines are about to open up this rich country between Lebanon and the Cascades? How soon will it start?

These are a few of the questions that are heard from time to time, but no one seems to be able to answer them definitely, or with very much assurance.

However, people with their ear to the ground have been able to hear the rumble of train wheels and the whistle of the engine.

The rail road talk was revived. It is known that a party of timber cruisers were at work on a large tract of timber back of Foster as to quality and quantity of the stumpage was to be taken as the basis for making a large purchase.

These cruisers completed their work a short time ago and it is said on good authority that the cruise exceeded expectations.

Not so very long ago a deal involving \$1,750,000 of property was made in Portland, whereby capitalists took over the Monach Mills, other saw mill property and a large body of timber. Among the timber was the tract back of Foster, and it is understood that one of the conditions upon which the timber was taken was the assurance that a rail road would be built to Portland for manufacturing into lumber.

Other reports state that one or more saw mills would be built at Albany or other places.

These facts, and the fact that the cruise has been completed and is acceptable, coupled with the mysterious actions of certain parties in the neighborhood of Foster, lead suspecting ones to believe that activity is about to start. There has been a quiet buying or taking option on farm and timber property near Foster, and it is believed that persons in the "know" have advance hunches and are preparing to reap a harvest when the big news breaks.

There are three routes that are considered, and over which surveys have been made to this timber. The first and most feasible, is from Albany to Lebanon, Sweet Home and Foster. The next best would leave the O. E. line at Tulsa or Nixon, pass through Halsey, Brownsville, Crawfordville and on up the Santiam to Sweet Home and Foster. The other route mentioned would leave the main line near Salem, pass through Stayton, and go in near Lebanon through Shelburn or Scio and thence up to the timber.

There is an immense tract of timber back of Foster, much of which is owned by the Oregon & Western Colonization Co., which is a part of the Hill interests. This timber is ripe and ready for the mill. The great demand for timber and lumber is expected to hasten the harvesting of this ripe, rich crop, in eastern Linn county.

### CITY NEWS

#### Bought Interest in Store—

Otto Locke has bought an interest in the Whitesides hardware store of Corvallis, with which he has been connected for some time.

#### Corvallis Business Change—

The Corvallis Gazette-Times says that Chas. Small started in the moving picture business in that city ten years ago with a capital of \$48, and has made \$30,000. Mr. Small has now retired from the movie business which will be run by Sam Whitesides, and will run a shoe store alone.

#### Oregon Mines—

The Oregon Bureau of Mines and Geology has just issued a magazine number of the Mineral Resources of Oregon, with 136 pages and 41 illustrations, mailed from Corvallis as second class matter. A specialty of the number is made of Curry county.

#### Made Home Run—

De Wolf Hopper swears he really made a home run in the filming of the picture based on the famous baseball poem "Casey at the Bat" in which he appears as Casey, at the Globe Friday. The director says he really ran around the bases, too-home plate to first on Monday, first to second on Tuesday, etc., etc.

### THE MEXICAN COMMISSION

By Carl D. Groatt, United Press Staff Correspondent.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The American members of the joint peace commission will present President Wilson their recommendation for cleaning up the commission's sessions late this afternoon. Before seeing the president they will draft an answer to Carranza's rejection of the troop withdrawal protocol.

### ENORMOUS INCREASE

(By United Press)

Washington, Jan. 3.—The exports of the United States for 11 months of 1916 ending November 30th jumped more than a billion and three-quarters value over the same period of 1915.

### WALL STREET LEAKAGE CASE ASSUMES LIFE

#### Bernard Baruch Charged With Giving Wall Street Tip of Coming Note.

(By United Press)

Washington, Jan. 3.—(By United Press)—The fight in the house over the proposed congressional investigation of the leak to Wall Street took a most sensational turn this afternoon, when Congressman Bennett, of New York, named Bernard Baruch as one of those from whom Wall Street got its information. He said it was rumored that Baruch sold short on a rising market 30 minutes before the note was made public, 15,000 shares of steel.

### WEEK OF PRAYER IS AN OLD INSTITUTION

The World's Evangelical Alliance, composed of all evangelical Christian bodies throughout the world, is this week calling on all its members to remember the world needs in prayer. This institution and custom was first inaugurated in 1846 and has been continually observed since. The European war has influenced the topics, which follow:

Monday, Jan. 1, Thanksgiving and Humiliation.

Tuesday, Jan. 2—The Church Universal—Christ the Head.

Wednesday, Jan. 3—Nations and Their Rulers.

Thursday, Jan. 4—Missionary Efforts.

Friday, Jan. 5—Families, Schools, Colleges and the Young.

The First Presbyterian church is observing the Week of Prayer in a short service each evening from 7:30 to 8—largely prayer.

### TO PREPARE AMENDMENT

(By United Press)

Washington, Jan. 3.—Judge Chambers, the United States Commissioner of mediation and conciliation board, has been requested to prepare an amendment to the proposed railway bill to give the courts the right to interpret and enforce the awards of the board of mediation and conciliation.

### GERMANS ADVANCE TO THIRD TRENCH

#### On the Western Front at Forest Priest Teutons Make Progress.

### LIVE ARTILLERY FIGHTING ON MEUSE

#### On the East Gen. McKenzie Captures Two Towns With Prisoners.

(By United Press)

Berlin, via Sayville wireless, Jan. 3.—The advance of German patrols to the third French trenches at the Forest Priest, on the western front, is officially reported today. Twelve prisoners were taken with the destruction of the defensive works.

Elsewhere on the western front there is continuing artillery firing, especially in the Meuse sector. The occupation of Barsoi and Topici in Romania by the Germanic forces was announced at the war office. Gen. Mackenzie reported, the capture, in hand to hand fighting, of the towns of Pinteesti and Mers, on the Milcov, with 400 prisoners.

### CHRISTIAN CHURCH HOLDS ITS ANNUAL MEETING

Berlin, Jan. 3.—The capture of Macon Yiyla is announced officially.

The members of the local Church of Christ held their annual meeting and election of officers Monday night at the church. The first event was a "Family Dinner" at 6:30 p. m. This was thoroughly enjoyed by the many who were present. Then all repaired to the auditorium where reports were heard from the various departments of the work. These reports showed the church membership to be about 400; Bible school enrollment, 325; money raised by the church during the year, \$3,054; by the Bible school, \$325.57. It was unanimously voted to conduct an evangelistic campaign during January, 1918, under the leadership of the Kellems Brothers, Evangelists. A roll call of the membership was responded to by those present. Officers were elected to fill vacancies caused by expiration of term of office, as follows:

Elders, F. M. Powell and J. P. Mitts.

Deacons, J. W. Reeder, L. R. Harris, M. L. Sanders, R. O. Bushong, F. S. Mowson, G. H. Fiddleman.

Trustees, J. A. Nimmo and J. W. Reeder.

A musical and literary program followed and was much enjoyed by all. The church plans to hold henceforth a quarterly get-together meeting every three months, but the men are hoping that it shall not soon fall to their lot to wash the dishes, as on this occasion.

### HOUSEBREAKERS FACE TRIAL IN JUSTICE COURT

The cases of the state against John Groves and Michael Conway, who were arrested Saturday evening after being captured by Willie Rutter, were brought before Justice of the Peace L. L. Swan today.

The prisoners were defended by E. E. Von Tassel, who made a strong fight in behalf of his clients. The evidence showed them guilty of entering the home of Mrs. Addie Elliott and taking a shotgun, pair of scissors and some spoons, and Judge Swan bound them over to the grand jury under \$1,000 each.

### POSTAL RECEIPTS SHOW INCREASE OVER 1915

A gain of 5.6 per cent is registered in postal receipts at the local office the past year. In 1915 the receipts were \$422,315.19. The receipts for the year just closed were \$23,576.34. This is a gain of \$1,261.15.

The stamp sales for the month of December show a gain over December, 1915. This year the sales were \$2,821.70 for the month, while the same month of 1915 was \$2,670.93.

### NEW PANAMA GOVERNOR

Washington, Jan. 3.—(By United Press)—President Wilson nominated Lieutenant-Colonel Chester Harding, of the army engineer corps, as governor of the Panama Canal Zone.

### BOAT TORPEDOED

Berlin, Jan. 3.—(By United Press)—Torpedoing the French battleship Verite, a German submarine near Malta reported to the Zurich post.

### BROWNSVILLE GRAIN DEALER IS SUED FOR DAMAGES

Declaring that by failure and refusal of defendant to deliver him a carload of 900 sacks of oats, M. G. Russi, a Portland grain dealer, has filed suit in the circuit court against Charles Terling, of Brownsville, to collect \$348.75 damages.

The complaint alleges that on Oct. 10, 1916, defendant wrote plaintiff asking him if he could use 900 sacks of oats at \$28.25 per ton. The offer was accepted October 11 by telegram, but Sterling would not make the delivery. Russi claims that he was forced to go out into the open market and buy 900 sacks or 45 tons at \$36 per ton, and losing \$7.75 per ton. He asks for damages of \$775 a ton on the 45 tons, or \$348.75 with costs.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. DeVaney returned to the city yesterday from Roseburg, where they visited with their daughter during the holidays.

### DEATH OF W. A. HOOVER AT HOOVER STATION

#### One of Founders of Hoover At Eastern Terminus Of The C. & E.

W. A. Hoover died at Hoover Station, eastern terminus of the Corvallis & Eastern, this morning, after a short illness, though Mr. Hoover has not been well for several years. He was about 60 years of age, a man of sterling worth, prominent in the life of the Corvallis and Hoover section for many years, one of the founders of Hoover station. He owned considerable property in the vicinity, and was one of the owners of the Hoover mills when they were burned several years ago. Mrs. Hoover was with him at the time of his death.

Residing part of the time at Portland and Newport, as well as at Detroit and Hoover, he leaves a wide circle of friends in the state, who will regret the news of his death.

### HAZLEWOOD SUPERINTENDENT WILL GO TO WASHINGTON

#### Has Been With the Company For Twelve Years, Always on the Job.

J. E. Bradley, who has been with the Hazelwood Co. at this city the past year, in charge of the company's creamery and butter business, will return to Washington, where he formerly worked for the company, leaving on Sunday. Next week a successor will be here to superintend the business. Mr. Bradley will probably be sent by the company to North Yakima; but will first go to Ellensburg, where he has a couple of married daughters, and where he formerly worked for the company for awhile. He was also located at Colfax, among other places. With the Hazelwood people for 12 years, he has hardly lost a day during the time. At one place he had a record of five years without a miss, a faithful and efficient employee.

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### MANY PRISONERS TAKEN BY ALLIES

#### During the Twelve Months of 1916 582,723 Teutonic Prisoners Taken.

### RUSSIA LED WITH RECORD OF 400,000

#### French Got a Fifth As Many, the British Only a Tenth.

By Henry Wood, United Press Staff Correspondent.

With the French Army, Jan. 3.—During 1916 the allies captured 582,723 Teutonic prisoners, according to figures published today. Russia led in the number of captures, taking 400,000 Austro-Germans in the 12 months just ended.

Other captures were—French, 178,500 Germans, including 26,000 at Verdun alone. British, 40,000; Italians, 52,250 Austrians. Gen. Sarrail's forces in Macedonia captured 11,175 Bulgars and Turks and Germans.

### FANTASTIC PLAY TONIGHT FEATURES RIDGELY AND REID

The appearance of Wallace Reid and Cleo Ridgely in a new Laasy feature is always a signal for pleasant anticipation on the part of the public. These two stars will be seen in their fourth co-starring photoplay produced by the Laasy company, entitled "The House of the Golden Windows." It is a Paramount release at the Globe tonight.

Preceding "The House of the Golden Windows" is a list of exceptional Reid and Ridgely features. To the motion picture public they are known as the two "A's." The photoplays in which they have co-starred are "The Golden Chance," "The Love Mask" and "The Selfish Woman." They also appeared together in "The Chorus Lady."

"The House of the Golden Windows" contains a story quite different from what they have done before as there is a delicate touch of fantasy intertwined with a plot of tense human emotion, love, excitement and happiness. It is what has come to be known as a picture of happiness in contrast to the sordid subjects of which there have been on the screen all too many. The photoplay also will mark the first appearance with these two stars, of Master Bill Jacobs who created such a favorable impression with Marie Doro in "The Heart of Nora Flynn" and Victor Moore in "The Clown."

### U. S. AND MEXICO

#### Supreme Court to Decide Whether We Are at War With Mexico

Columbus, O., Jan. 2.—(By United Press)—The Ohio Supreme Court tomorrow is to determine whether the United States is actually at war with Mexico.

The court will hear the mandamus suit of Adjutant General Edward S. Bryant to compel State Auditor A. V. Danahey to pay him full "war time" salary for his services as assistant adjutant general during part of last June and all of July and August.

Col. H. J. Turney, judge advocate of the Ohio National Guard, defending Bryant, cites a state law providing that the assistant adjutant general, when on active service, shall receive pay at the same rate as that of a colonel in the regular army, \$4,000 a year.

Judge Advocate General Crowder of the regular army, ruled some three months ago that the United States technically is in a state of war with the southern republic.

No civil court has yet been called on to rule on the point.

Geo. F. Skiff, of Salem, is a business visitor in the city.

### WILL NOT VOTE

(By United Press)

Washington, Jan. 3.—For the fourth time, the Senate refused to vote on the resolution endorsing the Wilson note.

### SENATOR HITCHCOCK WANTS PRESIDENT'S NOTE ENDORSED

#### Declares It Necessary in Order to Bring Nations Closer Together.

Washington, Jan. 3.—(By United Press)—The very existence of neutral nations is becoming difficult, Senator Hitchcock declared, in urging the endorsement of President Wilson's note. He said: "I realize there may be two opinions in reference to the president's suggestion. I do not believe there is any objection to endorsing the action itself. The nations are far apart. The step of the president is the first step to bring them nearer."

### LANSING AND STONE HAVE CONFERENCE

By Robert J. Bender, United Press Staff Correspondent.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Secretary Lansing went to the capitol for a half hour conference with Chairman Stone. He refused to discuss matters. He said he talked with Senator Stone, however, on the question of raising \$25,000,000 for the purchase of the Danish West Indies. Stone volunteered to talk to her but he refused to listen to other questions.

### JUST A QUESTION

By Carl W. Ackerman, United Press Staff Correspondent.

Berlin, Jan. 3.—The question of whether the United States intends to remain neutral or whether President Wilson is playing for the psychological moment to enter the war was raised by the Cologne Gazette today.

### CITY NEWS

#### Miss Booth Ill—

Miss Booth, daughter of Hon. R. A. Booth, of Eugene, passed through the city last night on her way home. She has been teaching school in Turner and was suddenly stricken with appendicitis. Dr. Massey, of Turner, brought her to this city, where she was met by her father, who transferred her from the Brownsville branch of the S. P. train to the Oregon Electric, and took her on to Eugene. Mr. Booth was accompanied by Dr. Wm. Kaykendall.

#### Returned From Walla Walla—

Prof. Hodge, of the college, has returned from Walla Walla, where he spent several days with former Eastern friends.

#### Returned to Albany—

Ada Everton, who has been visiting with Mrs. Will Ris, returned this morning to her home at Albany.—Roseburg News.

#### Bartholomew Trial On—

The trial of Geo. Bartholomew, held for the murder of John Lind in Portland November, 1915, is in progress in Portland. A jury was drawn yesterday and testimony begun in the case.

#### Fox Man Here—

J. W. Parry, representative of the Fox Film Co., is in the city today from the Seattle branch, conferring with Manager Conrad Meyer, of the Globe and Rolfe Theatres.

#### S. P. Detectives—

M. F. McCarty and M. Cotourri, special detectives for the S. P. Co., are in the city today. They were advised by Chief John Catlin to come up and take a look at the men being held here on a burglary charge.

#### Left for Pendleton—

E. Dohmert left this morning for Pendleton, where he has accepted a position as chef. Mr. Dohmert has closed the Carlton Cafe. Mrs. Dohmert and children will remain in Albany for some time.

#### Eastburn Bros.—

Eastburn Brothers are now at the helm at the former Ideal Store, recently purchased by them of H. A. Stearns. Both are old grocery men, popular citizens. W. A. Eastburn ran a grocery at the same place several years, selling, afterwards going into the wholesale business, then into the commercial club and now back into groceries. Walter Eastburn recently returned from Idaho where he spent two of three years. The Eastburn Brothers make whatever they do go, and will continue the prosperity of this store.

### CENTRAL POWERS ARE DESPERATE

#### At Least This is the View Declared Prevalent in England.

### FACT SAID TO BE CAUSE OF COURSE TAKEN

#### Ambassador Gerard Has Conference With Chancellor Hollweg.

By Ed. L. Keen, United Press Staff Correspondent.

London, Jan. 3.—Authentic information substantiating the press reports of the seriousness of internal conditions of the Central Powers is instrumental in the allies' decision to turn a deaf ear to peace negotiations. In the light of this information the allies are all the more confident that Germany's peace pleas were put forth in the spirit of desperation, despite the bombastic utterances of the Kaiser, believe officials here.

### POTATO KINGS OF MINNESOTA MEET TO TALK OF SPODS

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 3.—(By United Press)—Aristocratic spuds that sell for \$2 and \$3 a bushel here now, were the subject of much discussion when the Minnesota Potato Growers association went into its second annual session at the Minnesota University farm. Topics of discussion this afternoon were strangely minus the dollar mark. Members of the association enriched by their combination to hold potatoes for a certain price, created a stir in the capitol city by their prosperous appearance today.

### 70 BODIES RECOVERED

Sydney, S. W., Jan. 3.—(By United Press)—Seventy bodies, victims of the Clermont flood, were recovered, and many others are missing. \$500,000 damage is reported.

### M. E. Revival—

Evangelistic services will begin at the M. E. church next Sunday, with Rev. S. A. Danford, D. D., of Portland as the evangelist, appointed by Bishop Hughes. He was district superintendent for 12 years, and has been active in evangelistic work. Meetings will be held every afternoon at 2:30 and evenings, at 7:30.

### D. P. M. Banquet Tonight—

The D. P. M. Girls of the Methodist Sunday school, will be hostesses tonight at a banquet to be given in the basement of the church. Each young lady will invite a young man. The banquet is being served by the Ladies' Aid Society. This is an annual event and one always greatly enjoyed. Lucy Me!

Scio Couple Wed—

John Shelton, 25, and Hazel Fleming, 21, of Scio, were today granted a marriage license.

Herman Abraham went to Salem this morning.

### NAIL DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIP

(By United Press)

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 3.—Driving ten jenny nails into a plank in one minute, 14 and one-half seconds, during which time she hit her thumb with the hammer only once, Miss Lillian Reibe, of Fairfax, Minn., today has pulled down the Minnesota woman's nail driving championship, awarded by the Minnesota college of agriculture. Miss Reibe, 20, drove a wedge into society at the same time, and has made herself quite a favorite with the younger set. Her home is on a farm.