

### 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 log-  
ging operations?

Is it 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 stump-  
age 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 ex-  
pectations.

Not so very long ago a deal involv-  
ing \$1,750,000 of property was made  
in Portland, whereby capitalists took  
over the Monarch Mills, other saw  
mill property and a large body of tim-  
ber. 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 assur-  
ance that a rail road would be built  
to Portland for manufacture of lumber.

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

These facts, and the fact that the  
cruise has been completed, and is ac-  
ceptable, coupled with the mysterious  
actions of certain parties in the neigh-  
borhood of Foster, lead suspicious  
ones to believe that activity is about  
to start.

There has been a quiet buy-  
ing or taking option on farm and tim-  
ber property near Foster, and it is  
believed that persons in the "know"  
have advance hunches and are pre-  
paring to reap a harvest when the big  
news breaks.

There are three routes that are con-  
sidered, 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 men-  
tioned 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 tim-  
ber back of Foster, much of which is  
owned by the Oregon & Western Col-  
onization Co., which is a part of the  
Hill interests. This timber is ripe  
and ready for the mill. The great de-  
mand for timber and lumber is ex-  
pected to hasten the harvesting of  
this ripe, rich crop, in eastern Linn  
county.

### THE MEXICAN COMMISSION

By Carl D. Groat, United Press  
Staff Correspondent.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The American  
members of the joint peace commis-  
sion, will present President Wilson  
their recommendation for cleaning up  
the commission's sessions last  
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 ex-  
ports of the United States for 11  
months of 1916 ending Novem-  
ber 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 investiga-  
tion 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 rum-  
ored 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 re-  
member the world needs in prayer. This  
institution and custom was first in-  
augurated in 1846 and has been con-  
tinually observed since. The Euro-  
pean war has influenced the topic,  
which follow:

Monday, Jan. 1, Thanksgiving and  
Humiliation.

Tuesday, Jan. 2—The Church Uni-  
versal—Christ the Head.

Wednesday, Jan. 3—Nations and  
Their Rulers.

Thursday, Jan. 4—Missionary Ef-  
forts.

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 Cham-  
bers, 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 concilia-  
tion.

### 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 mov-  
ing 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 illus-  
trations, 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 base-  
ball 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.

### NEW PANAMA GOVERNOR

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

### Garland in Portland—

Hon. S. M. Garland, of Lebanon  
who, with Hon. E. D. Cusick, of this  
city, will represent Linn county in the  
legislature, passed through Albany  
this morning en route to Portland.  
He has engagements for the rest of  
the week on various legislative mat-  
ters and will be kept busy until the  
close of the legislature. The session  
convenes in Salem next Monday.

### GERMANS ADVANCE TO THIRD TRENCH

On the Western Front at Forest  
Piest 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 destruc-  
tion of the defensive works.

Elsewhere on the western front there  
is enlivening artillery firing, especial-  
ly in the Meuse sector. The occupa-  
tion of Barsoi and Topici in Rou-  
mania by the Germanic forces was  
announced at the war office. Gen.  
Mackenzien reported, the capture, in  
hand to hand fighting, of the towns  
of Pinteesti and Mers, on the Milce-  
vul, with 400 prisoners.

### CHRISTIAN CHURCH HOLDS ITS ANNUAL MEETING

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 lead-  
ership of the Kellems Brothers, Evan-  
gelists. A roll call of the member-  
ship was responded to by those pres-  
ent. Officers were elected to fill va-  
cancies caused by expiration of term  
of office, as follows:

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

Deacons, J. W. Reeder, L. R. Har-  
ris, 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 hence-  
forth a quarterly get-together meet-  
ing 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 af-  
ter 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 en-  
tering the home of Mrs. Addie En-  
glicott 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 Decem-  
ber, 1915. This year the sales were  
\$2,821.70 for the month, while the  
same month of 1915 was \$2,670.93.

### BROWNSVILLE GRAIN DEALER IS SUED FOR DAMAGES

Declaring that by failure and re-  
fusal of defendant to deliver him a  
load 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 de-  
livery. Russi claims that he was  
forced to go out into the open mar-  
ket and buy 900 sacks or 45 tons at \$36  
per ton, and losing \$7.75 per ton.

He asks for damages of \$7.75 a  
ton on the 45 tons, or \$348.75 with  
costs.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. DeVaney re-  
turned 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 Sta-  
tion, 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  
Detroit and Hoover section for many  
years, one of the founders of Hoover  
station. He owned considerable prop-  
erty 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 Port-  
land and Newport, as well as at De-  
troit 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 re-  
turn to Washington, where he former-  
ly worked for the company, leaving  
on Sunday. Next week a successor  
will be here to superintend the busi-  
ness. Mr. Bradley will probably be  
sent by the company to North Yaki-  
ma; but will first go to Ellensburg,  
where he has a couple of married daugh-  
ters, and where he formerly work-  
ed 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 effi-  
cient employe.

### FANTASTIC PLAY TONIGHT FEATURES RIDGELY AND REID

The appearance of Wallace Reid  
and Cleo Ridgely in a new Laasy fea-  
ture 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 Win-  
dows" contains a story quite differ-  
ent from what they have done before  
as there is a delicate touch of fan-  
tasy intertwined with a plot of ten-  
sion, 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 Ja-  
cobs 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 to-  
morrow 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 ad-  
jutant general during part of last  
June and all of July and August.

Col. H. J. Turney, judge advocate  
of the Ohio National Guard, defend-  
ing 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 busi-  
ness visitor in the city.

### MANY PRISONERS TAKEN BY ALLIES

During the Twelve Months of  
1916 582,723 Teutonic Pris-  
oners 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, 78,  
500 Germans, including 26,000 at Ver-  
dun alone. British, 40,000; Italians,  
52,250 Austrians. Gen. Sarrail's forces  
in Macedonia captured 11,175 Bul-  
gars and Turks and Germans.

### SPUD CONVENTION

Potato Kings of Minnesota Meet to  
Talk of Spuds

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 asso-  
ciation went into its second annual  
session at the Minnesota University  
farm. Topics of discussion this after-  
noon 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 pros-  
perous 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 even-  
ings, at 7:30.

### D. P. M. Banquet Tonight—

The D. P. M. Girls of the Methodist  
Sunday school, will be hostesses to-  
night 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 La-  
dies' Aid Society. This is an annual  
event and one always greatly enjoyed.  
Lucy Mehl!

### Scio Couple Wed—

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

### Herman Abraham went to Salem this morning.

### NAIL DRIVING CHAM- PIONSHIP

(By United Press)  
St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 3.—Drive-  
ing ten penny 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 agri-  
culture. Miss Reibe, 20, drove a  
wedge into society at the same  
swing, and has made herself  
quite a favorite with the young-  
er set. Her home is on a farm.

### 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 en-  
dorsement of President Wilson's note.  
He said: "I realize there may be  
two opinions in reference to the pres-  
ident'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 volun-  
teered to talk peace 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 psycholog-  
ical moment to enter the war was  
raised by the Cologne Gazette today.

### NEW GERMAN SUBMARINES

(By United Press)  
New York, Jan. 3.—Reports are  
that the new German submarines are  
capable of laying mines while sub-  
merged. There is a report of a mys-  
terious German raider roaming the  
Atlantic were brought here by the  
Holland-American liner Nieuw Am-  
sterdam.

### 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 Tur-  
ner and was suddenly stricken with  
appendicitis. Dr. Massey, of Turner,  
brought her to this city, where she  
was met by her father, who trans-  
ferred 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 East-  
ern friends.

**Returned to Albany—**  
Ada Everton, who has been visit-  
ing 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 Port-  
land November, 1915, is in progress  
in Portland. A jury was drawn yes-  
terday 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, confer-  
ing 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 ad-  
vised 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. Doh-  
mert and children will remain in Al-  
bany for some time.

**Eastburn Bros.—**  
Eastburn Brothers are now at the  
helm at the former Ideal Store, re-  
cently 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 De-  
clared Prevalent in  
England.

### FACT SAID TO BE CAUSE OF COURSE TAKEN

Ambassador Gerard Has Con-  
ference With Chancellor  
Hollweg.

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

London, Jan. 3.—Authentic infor-  
mation substantiating the press re-  
ports 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 Kai-  
ser, believe officials here.

### By Carl W. Ackerman, United Press Staff Correspondent.

Berlin, Jan. 3.—The text of a lengthy  
report was cabled President Wilson  
by Ambassador Gerard, following  
a conference with Chancellor Holl-  
weg. When asked what the chancel-  
lor said, Gerard replied: "Lots of  
interesting things."

It is authoritatively understood that  
the American diplomat and German  
chancellor talked on the allies' un-  
favorable reply. The German press  
is a unit in viewing the entente's note  
as answerable only through force of  
arms.

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