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### State House News

The Sherman county court has filed a request with the highway commission for plans and specifications for a concrete bridge across the DesChutes river near Moody. The proposed bridge will be about 700 feet long and be composed of seven reinforced concrete arch spans. Each of these spans will be from seventy to ninety feet long. The bridge will be located a short distance below the tall bridge that is the present means of crossing the river.

Secretary of State Ben Olcott became a member of the Artisan lodge last night. He was initiated into the mysteries in a class of three. After the initiation a program of music and talks was given. And after the program refreshments were served.

### TODAY

WALLACE REID

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in "THE GOLDEN FETTER"

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SPECIAL VAUDEVILLE

Saturday and Sunday

No Raise in Prices.

Ye LIBERTY

It is expected that the new rates for the Portland Railway, Light and Power company will be given out within a month by the public service commission, which has returned from Portland where it held a hearing on the valuation of the company for the rate fixing purposes.

On account of the fact that the foot crossing asked by the Clackamas county court across the tracks of the Southern Pacific and the Oregon City railroad at Sellwood Gardens was deemed to be dangerous, the petition asking for a crossing at that point was denied yesterday by the public service commission. The denial was made also because an underground crossing can be constructed at \$20,000 and an overhead crossing for \$40,000.

Application for the purchase of kelp beds in Lincoln county was made to the state land board yesterday by E. M. and E. V. Sherlock, of Portland. The kelp beds in Oregon extend for forty miles on each side of Yaquina bay, and the application is for a bed three miles wide and eight miles long. According to the new law passed by the legislature, the state land board has authority to fix the price for the purchase of the kelp beds.

According to an opinion of the attorney general, given out yesterday, should the road bond bill that will be voted on at the special election in June pass, the state highway commission, which will receive all money from motor vehicle licenses, the commission will receive the money on October 1 of this year. But if the bill does not pass, the commission will not receive it until December 1. Under the new law the counties will not get any of the money directly.

Secretary of State Olcott has approved the form for the referendum petition on senate bill 96, which establishes the deal line for commercial fishing in the Willamette river three miles below the Willamette falls at Oregon City. When sufficient names are secured to this petition the measure will be put on the ballot to be voted on at the special election on June 5.

George Palmer Putnam, private secretary to Governor Wilby, who has been in Seattle on official business, is expected back in Salem this evening.

P. A. Elliott, state forester, who went to Newberg on official business yesterday, is expected back in Salem this evening.

The members of the public service commission are contemplating remodeling their office rooms so that each

commissioner will have a private office. The partitions in the big room will be of opaque glass superimposed on a base of wood.

Articles of incorporation filed with the corporation commissioner this morning aggregate \$115,000. The largest firm to file was the Washtena Land and Live stock company, of Washington state, a foreign corporation, with a capital of \$100,000 for the purpose of raising stock and owning land. The office of the Oregon branch is located at Enterprise.

The Commercial Specialty company filed with a capital of \$10,000 to deal in soap and scouring products in Portland. The incorporators are D. L. Kimball, J. P. Winter and Maude Hagaman. The St. Helens Mercantile company filed with a capital of \$5000 to deal in goods and merchandise in St. Helens. The incorporators were G. E. Chapman, Homer B. Jamison and O. P. M. Jamison.

### DEATH OF A PIONEER

Mrs. Mary Ann Hall died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. W. McLaughlin, at Buena Vista, Or., March 8, and was buried at Belle Passi cemetery Sunday. For the past 6 years she had been a great sufferer and for 3 years totally blind.

Mrs. Hall was born in Tazwell county, Ill., July 2, 1829, and was 87 years, 8 months and 6 days old when she died. She was the oldest daughter of Rev. Nell Johnson, pioneer Cumberland Presbyterian minister, and Esther Roloffson Johnson. She came to Oregon with her parents and family of ten children in 1851 and settled on the well known Johnson land claim near Woodburn and what is now known as the P. L. Kennedy place; was married to Benjamin F. Hall, a pioneer of 1845 on March 24, 1854, and they lived practically all their lives together on the Hall homestead at Woodburn, the husband dying Nov. 2, 1904. They were parents of 11 children, of whom two daughters and five sons survive. They are Mrs. G. W. McLaughlin of Buena Vista, Mrs. J. L. Haller, E. N. Hall and J. J. Hall of Woodburn, E. T. Hall of Salem and C. C. Hall and Wm. W. Hall of Portland. She leaves 21 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and is survived by one brother, Joel H. Johnson of 6105 East 73d St., Portland, and many other relatives in Oregon and the northwest.—Woodburn Independent.

### BOMBS AT BOSTON

Boston, Mass., Mar. 16.—Two bombs were exploded in the lavatory of the Peabody square court house late this afternoon while the superior court was in session. Two men were blown to bits. Identification was impossible.

The police started a search for the men who set the bomb.

### LANE, GOMPERS, WILSON

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you present to the representatives of both sides the grave peril involved in such a situation at this time and that you request them so to adjust their differences as in any event to lead to a postponement of any acute difficulty during the present national emergency.

Coincident with designating the mediatory board, President Wilson later sent a personal appeal to members of the railroad brotherhoods and railroad managers for co-operation in the best interests of the country. The appeal read: "I deem it my duty and my right to appeal to you in this time of national peril to open again the questions at issue between the railroads and their operatives with a view to accommodation and settlement. A committee of the council of National Defense is about to seek a conference with you, with that end in view.

"A general eruption of the railway affairs of the country at this time would entail a danger to the nation against which I have the right to enter my solemn and earnest protest.

"It is now the duty of every patriotic man to bring matters of this sort to immediate accommodation.

"The safety of the country against manifest perils affecting its own peace and the peace of the whole world makes accommodation absolutely imperative and seems to me to render any other choice of action inconceivable.

"WOODROW WILSON."

### President Calls Cabinet

Washington, Mar. 16.—Faced by the gravest domestic situation which has threatened the country in many months, President Wilson today called his cabinet into session at 2:30 to determine a course of action in the fight between the railroads and their employees.

The president's hands, it is admitted, are tied insofar as being able to adopt any drastic measures to ward off the threatened strike of the brotherhoods.

Inquiries will probably be made in the possibility of the government bringing injunction proceedings to prevent a strike, if peaceful settlement is impossible or perhaps asking receiverships for the roads and operating them in this way.

He appeared to have but two courses open—a patriotic appeal to both sides in the controversy to make concessions, in view of the grave international crisis and prevent the impending tie-up of the country's transportation system, or the summoning into conference with him of representatives from the railroads and brotherhoods in an effort to mediate their differences.

The administration regards the strike situation as an extremely grave question, in which each side of the controversy is partly to blame for assuming a dogmatic position. The president is expected to make clear to the people of the country his opinion of the situation should all efforts to avert a strike fail. There is also a possibility of hastening a session of congress, if necessary, in order to secure powers for the president to bring government forces into play and handle the crisis.

The president, still weakened from his protracted illness, will leave his room for the first time in nine days to attend the cabinet meeting.

### President Maw Mediate

New York, Mar. 16.—Indications that President Wilson may be asked to mediate in the threatened railway strike scheduled to begin tomorrow evening developed today when the railroad managers, hastening into conference shortly after W. G. Lee, speaking as president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, suggested the step.

The brotherhood chiefs followed the example of the managers and also went into an informal conference.

Lee made his statement in talking with newspapermen and the quickness with which the railway managers went into conference, led to the belief that it was being favorably considered.

W. G. Lee, chairman of the trainmen's brotherhood, declared today that 95 per cent of the men called out Saturday night will strike.

"The railway managers cannot get it into their heads that this strike is real and apparently they will not believe it until they wake up Sunday morning and find their trains stopped," he said.

The railroads claim at least 25 per cent of their men will remain loyal, this group being composed of men who have long service behind them and are nearing the time when pensions would become operative.

President Daudel Willard of the Baltimore & Ohio, a member of the National Defense Council, who would sit with President Wilson's cabinet in case war is declared in Washington today. He was immediately after the break in negotiations and there was hope here that the fact that he is a former engineer, a railway president, and semi-official adviser of President Wilson would enable him to draw together the various threads of the controversy.

### Effects Already Felt

New York, Mar. 16.—President Wilson today stands as the only buffer between the people of the United States and the impact of the greatest strike the nation ever has known.

Representatives of the "big four" railroad brotherhoods have declared that unless the railways consent to their eight-hour day demands by 7 o'clock tomorrow evening the progressive strike designed to tie up the country's roads will be set into motion. Hope exists here that President Wilson will act today. Brotherhood chiefs and the managers' committee remained in New York, each side hopeful that he would call some of them to the capital.

The nation already had begun to feel effects of the order early today. Drastic embargoes were being placed on freight shipments. Food speculators were reported active in the markets.

Today ticket offices were besieged by persons seeking to return home before the tie-up is put into effect.

The effect of the strike on the city's food supply was a matter of grave speculation. In some quarters it was declared that five days at the most would see the city in near-famine conditions.

### NEW MARKETING PLAN IS ADOPTED

Willamette Valley Fruit Exchange Organized at Corvallis

The Willamette Valley Fruit Exchange is the name of a new marketing organization perfected in Corvallis last week. R. M. Ewing, H. C. Eakin, Evan Viers and N. L. Guy represented Dallas and Polk county growers at the meeting.

The Willamette Valley Fruit Exchange is unique in that it does not reach out and take in all the fruit growers of the valley, and yet it bases none of their orchards, fruit and pack are of the standard required by the exchange. It is the plan to take in only the better orchards or the orchards of the better growers. The eligibility of a grower to come in to the exchange will be determined by examination as to his orchard practice and inspection of his orchard in the bearing season.

It is the belief of those who have engaged in the new enterprise that the plan of organization puts every grower on an equal footing with another, and the standard of fruit and orchard practice is elevated and kept up. There is to be standardization of orchard, brand, marketing, and at all times the highest ideals will be maintained as to quality. Only those who are qualified will be admitted to the exchange, and the methods will be such as to encourage a uniform development of orchard industry.

It is the purpose of the organization to develop a brand name for the products of the growers, and to permit members to sell under the brand of the exchange. The idea of the fruit having been grown on non-irrigated land will be featured.

Prizes will be offered for the best name of a brand and the details of the "brand" contest will be worked out in the near future.

The policy of the exchange for the present will be to contract with growers to control the tonnage, so that it may be in a position to close contracts with the best selling organizations of the northwest. It is stated the expense of maintenance of the exchange, at least for the first year, will be practically nil. Individuals and organizations will handle the grading and packing under uniform grading rules.

That the tonnage this year will be large is emphasized in the statement that between 4,000 and 5,000 acres close into commercial bearing. It is believed the organization of the exchange is a timely move, coming at a time when so much fruit is coming into bearing and also at a time when there is no organization for handling fresh fruit.

There are a number of large orchard tracts among the new orchards of the valley and it is argued that because of the number of large units the individual membership will be much smaller than in similar organizations in the northwest, and the exchange will be less cumbersome and unwieldy.

E. L. Klemer of Alvadore, Lane county, is president, R. M. Ewing of Dallas is vice president and E. W. Johnson of Monroe is secretary-treasurer of the new organization. The executive committee is composed of the president, secretary and Professor C. J. Lewis, head of the Horticultural department at O. A. C.

Every county in the valley was represented at the meeting, those present representing a total of 12,000 acres of young orchards, a part of which are to become commercial orchards this year. The exchange is a corporation and the stock will be subscribed in proportion to the acreage a grower owns. A five acre tract will subscribe to five shares of stock and the man having 100 acres of fruit will be asked to subscribe \$100 worth of stock.—Dallas Observer.

### Work On Ferry Landing Is Being Rushed

The delay in securing a suitable landing for a ferry on this side of the river was due to several causes. One was that permission was asked of the war department to throw the dirt in the river. This was refused. Then nothing was done for about ten days, after which the firm of Siewert & Engstrom secured the contract to remove about 2000 cubic yards of dirt. At first but a few teams were put on the work. Then several rainy days delayed the work. But yesterday five teams and nine men were working on the excavations and today this force has been largely increased. There is still considerable work to be done and the dock constructed for both the high and low water landings. Polk county already has its landing ready and the plank road built across the draw. The ferry will be in operation as soon as the landing is ready on this side. While the Polk county court was hanging fire on the bridge proposition, it proceeded with commendable energy in spending \$1500 in preparing a landing and building the approach for a ferry.

### POLK RESIDENT DIES

Van B. Sears, one of the best known residents of Polk county, passed away in a Portland hospital on March 8.

The funeral occurred Sunday at the family home, near Ballston, Rev. V. B. Reise, of Portland, of the Swedenborg church, officiating. The remains were interred in the Ball cemetery. The entire neighborhood and many friends from a distance were present to pay their last respects to the departed neighbor and friend.

Van Banks Sears was born in Jefferson county, Iowa, June 1, 1848, and came to Oregon in December, 1874. He was married to Lydia E. Hall, March 28, 1876, and six children were born to them. Since coming to Oregon, Mr. Sears had made his home in Polk county. For many years he was democratic county central committeeman for Ballston precinct.

Honesty and integrity were sterling qualities of his character and his loyalty to principles which he held to be true, and care for his home and family were among his many virtues.—Dallas Observer.

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### Miss Spoor to Edit Co-ed Number of Collegian

Friends of the treaty predict a favorable vote by Saturday noon.

At a called meeting of the girls' Willamette club, this morning, it was voted to publish a special Co-ed edition of the Willamette Collegian, the official student body publication. Miss Ruth Spoor, associate editor of the Collegian, was elected editor of the special number. Without doubt Miss Spoor is the best journalist among the student body. The most popular stories that go in the Collegian are her productions.

For several years the co-eds have not edited an issue of the Collegian. Last year there were no special numbers, and this will probably be the only issue of its kind this year. Miss Maude Maclean, a sophomore, was elected associate editor.

NO VOTE ON TREATY. Washington, March 15.—The senate adjourned late today, unable to reach a vote on the Colombian treaty during its five and one-half hours executive session.

ARMOR PLATE PLANT. Washington, March 15.—Final decision as to location of the government's proposed armor plate plant was expected early next week, it was officially stated today.

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