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SPRINGFIELD OPENS FREE CAMP GROUNDS FOR AUTO TOURISTS

Plan Adopted at Mass Meeting Tuesday Evening and Immediately Put Into Execution

GUESTS COME AS GROUNDS ARE PREPARED

Vacant Block and Garage Building Furnished by Courtesy of Simon Klov Dahl of Eugene

Springfield has a free camping ground for automobile tourists now in full operation.

A plan that was suggested less than a week ago was discussed in mass meeting Tuesday evening and before noon Wednesday one automobile party was in camp, spending the afternoon in cleaning up from a week on the dusty roads. By night three parties had availed themselves of the facilities offered, and all departed this morning promising to spread the news of the free camping ground in Springfield and the facilities that are offered. Particularly were they pleased with the water that is supplied.

The camping grounds are on the Simon Klov Dahl property on Main street from Mill to Second and include the use of the fireproof building that was erected for a garage. Well and city water is supplied, and there will be lights in the building. Two old stoves have been set up, one in the garage, and the other under the big maples, thus providing accommodations for both fair and rainy weather. Wood has been donated by the Springfield Planing Mill and the Springfield Flour Mill, recently resingled. Bark that has been hauled from the mill race because it clogs the power canal intake, is also available. The Bell theatre yesterday erected a sign for the camp and offers other signs.

Early yesterday morning a dozen or more citizens gathered at the grounds to cut the grass and do the other things necessary to put it in shape for camping. Stones were removed from Mill street between the bridge and the grounds, and the rubbish was hauled away.

The first guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ferrel and children and Miss DeBaun. They had been traveling for a week from Walla Walla, Washington, and welcomed the opportunity to stop and do some laundry work. Mr. Ferrel has just harvested a fine wheat crop, and is on his way to the fair at San Francisco.

Toward evening Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Muselman of Freeewater, Oregon, arrived from the south

TRAVELERS' CAMPING GROUND COMMISSION

J. E. Staniger, Chm.
R. L. Kirk.
M. C. Bressler.
Publicity Committee
Dan Gore, Chm.
E. A. Bean.
E. E. Brattain.

SPRINGFIELD'S FIRST TRAVELER GUESTS

J. W. Ferrel, Walla Walla
Mrs. J. W. Ferrel, Walla Walla
Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Ferrel.
Miss Grace DeBaun, Walla Walla.
W. H. Muselman, Freeewater, Ore.
Mrs. W. H. Muselman.
Charles F. Brown, Oakland, Calif.
Mrs. Charles F. Brown.
George B. Harlan, Oakland, Calif.
Mrs. George B. Harlan.

and decided to stay here for the night. They had gone to California by the central Oregon route and are on their way back by the Willamette valley. They left for the north this morning.

The third party did not arrive until late in the evening, tired out by the long ride from Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. George B. Harlan, business people of Oakland, comprised the party. While here they heard of the famous McKenzie fishing, and left this morning for Waterville. They expect to resume their trip to the south Saturday.

Decided at Mass Meeting

The plan to have a public free travelers' camping ground was determined upon at a mass meeting Tuesday evening at the rooms of the Springfield Development league. Dr. J. E. Richmond was elected chairman.

Discussion of the evening resulted in the authorization of a commission of three to have charge of the grounds and their maintenance, and a committee of three on publicity. Chairman Richmond named on the commission, Chief of Police J. E. Staniger, R. L. Kirk and M. C. Bressler. On the publicity committee: Dan Gore, E. A. Bean and E. E. Brattain. These committees began their work at once.

Mayor C. L. Scott was the first speaker. He stated that he had not thought of this subject particularly until his recent trip to San Francisco. Now he is convinced that the autoists read the signs, and he declared that signs at proper places, stating that suitable camping facilities could be had at Springfield, would undoubtedly bring a large number of travelers here for the night.

Short Way Through Valley

R. L. Kirk stated that he had made the trip to Harrisburg by way of Junction and return by way of Coburg, and had found the latter route decidedly the shorter. From the junction of

FREE CAMP GROUND

FREE WOOD AND WATER

Welcome to
Springfield, Ore.

Free Auto Storage for Travelers and Tourists. Over

SPRINGFIELD

Is a thriving little town of 2500 inhabitants, located in one of the best farming districts in Oregon. We have one of the best sawmills in the world. Our location for a city is ideal.

What We Have Now—

Two sawmills, planing mill, flouring mill, electric plant furnishing light and power to 11 cities and towns, street cars, creamery second best in the state, fine garage, newspaper and printing plant, ice and cold storage plant, steam laundry, two banks, four churches, fine schools, 3 miles cement paving, 2 miles from State University.

What Springfield Will Have—

The largest railroad shops on the Pacific coast, land is all bought and plans drawn for same; cannery, paper mills and factories of various kinds. We invite your inspection of our city. Get acquainted with the best country on earth.

FACE AND BACK OF CARD NOW BEING SENT OUT TO ADVERTISE SPRINGFIELD'S FREE CAMPING GROUNDS FOR AUTO TOURISTS

500-MAN SAWMILL PROMISED BURNS

Brooks-Scanlon Company is to Begin Construction Within Six Weeks of Huge Plant.

Bend, Ore., Aug. 18.—The Brooks-Scanlon Lumber company of Minneapolis will commence construction within six weeks on a sawmill to be located in Bend and to have an annual sawing capacity of 50,000,000 feet. The site of the new mill will be opposite the new Shevlin-Hixon mill on the east side of the Deschutes river. The new mill is to employ about 500 men and will draw from timber amounting to 32,000 acres situated within a few miles of Bend.

move one of the finest for the town since he had been here. "Camping along the dusty road is not pleasant," he said, "and besides, Springfield has charms denied to many another town."

M. Fenwick suggested the placing of signs along the highway, even as far as Roseburg, and Chief Staniger came back with the statement that he knew right where a sign could be located in Roseburg, at no cost to Springfield.

Supt. Kirk declared the time for action had arrived, and volunteered his time until Sunday. Others immediately volunteered time, and offered material that



Beaver-Herndon Hardware Company

THE PAINT THAT WON'T COME OFF

is the S. W. B. kind on sale at Beaver-Herndon Co. A special paint for every special purpose. Try a can; then compare the result with what ORDINARY paints you like. Also see how much longer they last. In short, for appearance's sake, lasting qualities and last but not least, for your pocketbook's sake, be sure to ask for S. W. B.

might be of use. Mr. Bressler moved that it be the sense of the mass meeting that Springfield establish and maintain a permanent free camping ground for automobile tourists, and the same was adopted with a unanimous vote. Subsequent motions authorized the commission of three to have charge of the grounds and the committee of three to have charge of the setting of such sign boards as are desired, and the distribution of other advertising matter.

MILL MAN BREAKS SHOULDER BONE

Frank Chase, night clean-up man at the Booth-Kelly mill, suffered the fracture of a bone in his left shoulder Tuesday evening when he fell from an oiler's deck near the steam carriage feed in the basement of the mill. One of the machinists who had been making repairs, found Mr. Chase and with the assistance of Nightwatchman Volstedt got the injured man to the office and called a doctor.

He fell a distance of ten feet, and suffered also a severe sprain of the right wrist.

WILL HOLD SPECIAL 8th GRADE EXAMINATIONS

Special Eighth Grade examinations for school children who have moved into the district this summer, and for those who wish to make up deficiencies of the May examinations, will be held at the Lincoln school building, Springfield, on Thursday and Friday, September 2 and 3.

PEOPLE WARNED AGAINST SETTING FIRES IN WOODS

Suggestions That Will Prevent Loss of Taxable Property.

The opening of the hunting season with the subsequent increase in the number of people in the mountains means a much greater danger of forest fires starting. Observation of the suggestions herein given will prevent direct loss of taxable property, danger to other hunters, prospectors and ranchers and indirect loss to the community resultant upon driving away tourists by smoked and blackened hillsides.

Remember that carelessness causes fires; precaution prevents them.

Do not toss away burning matches or tobacco, cigar stubs or cigarettes. Every large fire has a small beginning.

Do not build camp fires against trees, stumps, logs or in any vegetable matter. Build them on mineral soil by first scraping away the leaves and decayed vegetation.

Do not build larger camp fires than are necessary.

If you find a fire that you cannot put out, report it to the nearest forest officer.

Put out your camp fire completely before leaving it, even for a short time.

G STREET COMPLETED

Placing of gravel on G street, which is just being improved, was completed Monday afternoon, and when a little more rolling has been done, Contractor Bruce Lansbury will be ready to turn the street over to the city.

Pacific highway is to be paved from Central Point to Tolo.

Last legislature enacted 53 game laws—great industry this legislating.

Holland contracts for 100,000 boxes 'Hood' River apples 1916 crop.

REDWOOD LUMBER MARKET UTTERLY DEMORALIZED

San Francisco, Aug. 17.—Lumber men of the state were given an opportunity today to present their problems to the federal trade commission, which began a three-day sitting to investigate and learn of conditions in the various lines of trade. The five members of the commission were also tendered a complimentary luncheon by the Chamber of Commerce and the Commercial club, at which more than 500 representative business men of the city were present.

Complete demoralization of the redwood industry of California, due to wasteful, disorganized competition, an excess of speculative middlemen who take advantage of the embarrassments of the millmen, and threatened loss of employment for 700,000 persons in California dependent upon the lumber industry, were among the things discussed before the commission. More than one-half the capital invested in the state in the lumber business was represented.

Among the plans suggested for relieving the situation was one by Geo. X. Wendling, of San Francisco, who advocated government regulation of the prices of lumber by the trade commission, from the mill to the consumer, allowing profit to the retailer, but eliminating the wholesaler and the broker.

C. R. Johnson, of San Francisco, set forward the advantages of co-operation among the redwood dealers, a lack of which was, in a large measure, responsible for the unsatisfactory conditions existing. Johnson represented a combination of four companies operating five mills. The advantage of the co-operative plan, he said, lay in the ability to fill large orders by joint action which it would be dangerous for the small unit to undertake, owing to the heavy penalties which attach to delays for non-fulfillment.

The inquiry into the condition of lumber enterprises here is a continuation of the nation-wide inquiry being made by the commission, who held similar sessions in Chicago and in Tacoma. Tomorrow the commission will take up the foreign trade relations of this coast.

WILL EXHIBIT BIBLE PICTURES IN EUGENE

The story of the Bible from the creation to the present time, and into the future will be shown in motion pictures and stereopticon views, at the Eugene theatre, beginning next Monday. Four days will be necessary to show the set of pictures which are being exhibited free, under the auspices of the International Bible Students' association, of Brooklyn.

H. J. Brown, who is in charge of the exhibition, arrived in Eugene today. He said the pictures are non-sectarian and that they are being shown to induce Bible study.

Millersburg will vote on erecting \$2,000 school house Aug. 16.

Albany—Site selected for \$1,500,000 paper mill plant.

Yamhill has oiled fifty miles of main highway for \$1,500.

Ashland to vote on bonds to purchase of C. O. Power Company plant.