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JAMES A. EBBERT CALLED BY DEATH IN HIS 84TH YEAR

James A. Ebbert, pioneer, retired farmer and highly esteemed as a truly self-made man, received the death summons at 10 o'clock Thursday night. Deceased was residing on his farm, three and one-half miles northeast of Springfield when called to his reward. He was aged 84 years; death being due to infirmities.

The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 1:30 at the home, three miles east of town, and were conducted by Rev. J. T. Moore of the Springfield Methodist church. Mrs. J. E. Mr. D. S. Beals and Mr. S. Young sang beautifully. Details of the funeral arrangements were in charge of W. F. Walker. Interment was made in the I. O. O. F. cemetery, Eugene.

Mr. Ebbert leaves two brothers, William and Harrison, in Oregon, and a sister, Mrs. A. H. Morris of Stockport, Iowa.

Mr. Ebbert was known as one of the most prosperous pioneer ranchmen in this portion of Lane County. At the age of 16 years, Mr. Ebbert left the parental roof, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and began earning his own living. He accompanied his brother to Iowa in 1851, and upon his arrival there rented some land that he cultivated for a year. At the end of that time he continued his journey westward to Oregon, having been 80 days crossing the prairies with an ox team. He first located near Hillsboro in Washington county, but subsequently went to the Rogue river country and prospected in the gold mines. He returned to Portland in 1852 and the next year he came to Lane county and took up a donation claim near Springfield. Deceased sold this tract in 1859 and invested in 160 acres of land which formed the nucleus of his present ranch, and continued his agricultural pursuits, extending his holdings until the estate comprised 5000 acres in Oregon and Washington.

On the 15th of December, 1853, Mr. Ebbert was united in marriage to Elizabeth Brattain, who was born in Illinois. She was the daughter of Paul Brattain who crossed the plains in 1852 and located on a donation claim in the vicinity of Springfield. Mrs. Ebbert passed away July 29, 1902.

MAY ELECTRIFY ROAD

Independence-Monmouth Line to Use Oregon Power Co. Power

Mr. Hirschberg, who owns and operates two and a half miles of steam railroad between Independence and Monmouth is seriously contemplating the electrification of his line, believing that besides being enabled to render more efficient service the more modern method of transportation would prove more economical. The present steam equipment is somewhat delapidated from long use, and inasmuch as improvement is found to be necessary in the near future, electrification appears to Mr. Hirschberg to be the thing. The Oregon Power company, operating in Dallas, Independence and Monmouth, would probably supply electrical

energy, it being in position to furnish juice for the purpose at a comparatively low rate.

The estimated cost, including installation of all necessary machinery and apparatus, is approximately \$14,000. Under present conditions three men are required to operate a train of locomotive and one car, whereas one man only would be necessary under the proposed system. The actual running time is about three hours out of twenty-four. The saving under the proposed system is apparent. —Observer.

FARMERS WILL INSPECT STATE

300 Middle Westerners to See Oregon in October

Portland, Oregon, Sept. 6.—Three hundred farmers are coming to Oregon next month with an actual view to settling here. They will travel in two special trains running out of Chicago over the Union Pacific.

L. C. Anderson, exposition commissioner of the Union Pacific system, who will be in charge of the trains, said this morning that these trains mean Oregon can get actual farmers if she will go after them.

The trains will probably arrive here on October 15. After leaving Chicago they will make no stop-overs until it reaches Oregon.

After getting to this state stops will be made along the line in order that the farmers may have an opportunity to get out and see some of the country. "Some of the towns," said Mr. Anderson, "are already getting ready to take care of the visitors. They are planning to take them about in automobiles and show them the country in the best possible way."

The trains will carry only actual farmers who have been living on farms in the Middle West.

LOAD OF STRAW TIPPED ONTO ODDFELLOWS

The members of the I. O. O. F. lodge who were going to Springfield Thursday had an experience that was not on the program, but probably caused more amusement than the regular program. They were in an open motor truck. On the hill the other side of the rock quarry they met Mr. Orpurd with a load of straw. Just as the auto load passed, the load of straw tipped over the truck, burying the occupants underneath. They were odd fellows all right as they emerged from their covering. No one was injured.—Cottage Grove Leader.

CITY ATTORNEY ON A VISIT IN THE EAST

City Attorney J. H. Bower left yesterday for Nebraska, going by way of Portland, Salt Lake and Denver. He will return about October 1 by the Santa Fe, visiting his sister, Miss Frances Bower at the normal school, Flagstaff, Arizona, and spending a few days at the San Francisco fair. S. P. Ness will look after his practice while he is gone.

Eugene—Fairmount Brick Co. has added a tile plant at Monroe. The company will make hollow structural tile next year.

The Burlington railroad has asked for bids from northwest mills on 20,000,000 feet of car timber.

A \$12,000,000 steamship company has been organized to operate between Boston and Pacific Coast ports.

LEAGUE TO DISCUSS MARKET PLAN OF O.A.C. PROFESSOR

The possibility of establishing a public or co-operative market that would benefit alike the producer, the merchant and the consumer was suggested last week by Hector Macpherson, director of the Bureau of Organization of markets, of Oregon Agricultural college, who had taken up the matter of extending public markets with C. J. Hurd, chairman of the Pomona Grange committee on marketing. The Lane county grange is endeavoring to extend and stabilize the markets for the farmers' products, and to this end are establishing public markets and adopting other methods. Mr. Macpherson came to Springfield and took up the matter with officers of the Springfield Development League, and the question will come up for further discussion at the league meeting tomorrow night.

Mr. Macpherson suggested the possibility of extending the egg circle and the co-operative livestock marketing ideas to include all farm products. By the establishments of an office in town, under the auspices of the grange, or other farmers' organization, and a town organization, he believes the merchants could be advised of available supplies and the producers could learn of demands for the different products—this to the advantage of the producer and the consumer alike.

Mr. Macpherson's suggestions will come up in the meeting of the League tomorrow night, and inasmuch as many of the members desire to see the film, "Prohibition," the League meeting is called for 7:30 sharp at the League rooms.

INDUSTRIAL NOTES

Pilot Rock—Cattle industry booming—one grower shipped 23 care.

Scio milk condensery closed down. Prices of canned milk so low there is no profit in manufacturing. This cuts off employing labor and this market for the farmer's milk. Sometimes things are too cheap.

Dr. J. E. Richmond was confined to his home Friday with an attack of tonsillitis.

M. Fenwick was called to Portland this morning on business matters.

Norwood Cox is expected back tomorrow from the Santiam, where he has been hunting for the past few days.

Grant Hendricks of the McKenzie, suffered slight injuries about he head Friday evening when his team ran away at the corner of Second and A streets and was overturned back of the First National Bank. A few parts of the harness were broken, but there was no other damage.

EMERALD HEIGHTS SWEEPED BY FLAMES AT NOON TODAY

Fire which started at the north end of the Emerald Heights during the noon hour today, swept along the east side and for a time threatened the residences of Carl Fischer and W. G. Barnes.

The home of Mrs. Wechter on the north end of the butte had the narrowest escape.

The whole hill was burned over by the wild fire or the back-fires.

The department was called—the first time in many months—and by back-firing and the use of hose, soon had the fire under control. Nothing but grass was burned, and the loss is nominal.

SOME IMPROVEMENT IN LUMBER MARKET

Mills Optimistic When Price is Such That They Can Operate Without Actual Loss

There are slight indications of an improvement in the lumber business. It has got so most anything is encouraging in the lumber business that is not an actual decrease in the price of lumber and a raise of a few cents per thousand, even if mostly on paper, makes those dependent upon the lumber business feel optimistic.

While only two mills in this vicinity, those of Brown and Chambers, have been operating during the past summer, the indications are that neither mill will shut down entirely, which is much better than had been hoped for. Orders are a little more free than they have been for some time, it is said, but the trouble is to get a price at which there is a profit. There is indication, however, that the price will soon be such that the mills can operate without an actual loss, which will be an improvement over conditions that have prevailed.

There is a much greater demand for mining timbers and small stuff. Chas. Walker is now filling an order for 100,000 feet and has several other small orders. He is having quite a number of inquiries for quotations.—Cottage Grove Leader.

COUNTY COURT CANNOT GIVE ADVERTISING MONEY

Absolutely No Money Available, Says Judge Bown

"There is no money which the county can spend for advertising Lane County at the exposition," says County Judge Harry L. Bown Thursday. "What we have in the contingent fund is very small and is all needed for other purposes. We are simply financially cramped."

Such was the answer to the committee of citizens which on Tuesday called upon the county court for assistance in advertising the county with literature at the San Francisco fair. It was hoped by the members of the committee that there might be some money left in some fund that could be expended this way, but the fund that was provided for the taking of the state census and which was never used for that purpose because the legislature repealed the census law, was the only money that was left over, and this is being used for expenses that were not figured upon at the time the budget was made up. Included in these expenses is the payment of the livestock inspector, the salary of the county ferryman at Harrisburg and the county's share of the district sealer of weights and measures. These expenses have to be continued.

It is hoped by the members of the committee that called upon the court and by others interested that the money for the printing and distribution of proper literature to keep Lane county in the eyes of the hundreds of thousands of exposition visitors can be raised in some way. Plans are said to be in the making to raise at least a portion of the sum asked from the county court.—Register.

FOREST SERVICE REPORTS FUNDS

Portland, Sept. 6.—According to figures just compiled and issued in the report of the Chief of the Division of Accounts, Forest Service, Washington, D. C., the receipts from all sources for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915, were \$2,491,469. Of this amount 25 per cent or \$609,803, reverts to the States in which the National Forests are located.

The total receipts from all sources in District 6 (Washington, Oregon and Alaska) were \$346,280. Of this total, \$206,446 was from timber sales, \$120,210 from grazing fees, \$8,303 from special uses, and \$10,022 from water power rentals. The total receipts for Alaska were \$44,662, for Oregon \$198,703, and for Washington \$149,782. According to the existing law, the following sums will revert to the States for distribution to the Counties in which the Forests lie:

Alaska	\$11,165.75
Oregon	49,675.83
Washington	37,445.56
Total	\$98,287.14

In addition to this, 10 per cent of the income will be used for the building of roads within the Forests, as follows:

Alaska	\$ 4,466.30
Oregon	19,870.33
Washington	14,978.23
Total	\$39,314.86

By States, Montana leads in the volume of business on the National Forests, with Idaho second and California third. In Montana and Idaho the timber sale business is the heaviest; Colorado leads in grazing receipts; while California is far ahead of the other States in receipts from water power rentals and special uses. By Districts, No. 1 (Montana, Idaho and part of the Dakotas) leads in total receipts and in timber sales; District 3 (New Mexico and Arizona) leads in special uses; and District 4 (Wyoming, Nevada and some portions of adjoining States) leads in grazing business.

GOVERNMENT TO MAKE SURVEY OF FARMS IN OREGON

A new work among the farmers of Oregon, that of making a government survey and record of farm business, has started in Lane county and will be continued throughout the state.

H. F. Keyes, employed jointly by the United States department of agriculture and the Oregon Agricultural college, has arrived in Eugene and has started the work in this vicinity, assisting R. B. Coglon the Lane county farm agent and agriculturist. The duties of Mr. Keyes, as he explained them, are to help the farm agents in making this record, to endeavor to show the farmers how they may improve their methods of doing business.

"Records from 100 farms in the county will be taken and these farms will be selected in a group," said Mr. Keyes. "We will ascertain what the farmers are raising, the crops they are growing, how much they are raising and what they are doing with them. We will ascertain how much of their produce they are selling, what kind of stock they are keeping and what they do with their produce, whether they sell butter, eggs, milk and beef or whether they keep it for their own use. We will go over the farmer's business and find out what he is making and how he is making it. The records will then all be worked up and averaged and then an average of some of the better ones will be worked out."

"In this work we have found that certain factors determine whether a farmer is successful or unsuccessful. Some of these factors are the size of the business, the quality of livestock, the crop yields and the diversity of the business. We study which crops are seemingly the most profitable and which are the best for the farmers in a certain section."

"After a careful and thorough study of the farmer's business we bring these records back to him and endeavor to show each one how his business compares with the average, but all figures obtained are absolutely confidential and no farmer will be able to know another's business from the figures we obtain. After the work is completed, if there is any reorganization in the farmer's business to be done, we help him reorganize."

Mr. Keyes will be here for a month or more, assisting Mr. Coglon with this important work. It is a new work in the United States and absolutely new this year in Oregon. Mr. Keyes was employed last year, the first year the plan has been tried by the government, in Connecticut, Delaware and New York. He is one of the first appointees in the work.

NARROWLY ESCAPES DROWNING IN POND

Henry Korf had a narrow escape from drowning in the mill pond while swimming Sunday afternoon. An old injury to his knee, sustained in football, was the cause of a cramp, and he sank to the bottom. He tried to crawl on the bottom toward shallow water, but became confused and went the wrong way. His distress was noticed by A. R. McMunn, who came to his rescue.

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