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1915 PROVES TO HAVE BEEN A VERY BUSY YEAR FOR SPRINGFIELD

(Compiled from the files of the Lane County News by Rev. H. C. Ethell.)

Jan. 1. Robert Bowlsby, well known resident of Eugene, fell on Main street, and died soon afterwards.

J. J. Bryan bought Bell Theatre from Wallace Potter.

Jan. 7. J. B. Weiss sold the West Springfield grocery to Mrs. Emma Post.

Miss Anna Rutledge, new instructor in Domestic Science in public schools, takes up work.

Jan. 14. First National Bank bought site for new building, corner of Fifth and Main.

A lodge of Reapers of America the parent lodge of a new order, founded in Springfield.

E. E. Morrison sold hardware store to M. C. Bressler & Son, of Ashland.

City Council passed an ordinance restraining dogs, to protect the public from rabies.

Jan. 18. Lawrence Stinesby, aged 13, son of former Mayor Welby Stevens, climbing over the upper works of the street car bridge in play with two companions, touched a high voltage wire, fell into the river and was killed.

Auditors report shows expenses of Springfield city government part about \$1000 monthly.

Two Springfield High school teams won debates: at home, against Eugene; and at Creswell against Creswell.

Jan. 21. Fire, probably incendiary, destroyed the F. A. Perin merchandise stock.

Jan. 25. Union revival services were commenced in the garage building, corner of Mill and Main; J. Bruce Evans, of Long Beach, Calif., evangelist in charge; Harold Humbert, of Eugene, song leader.

Feb. 1. Springfield Planing mill begins the manufacture of furniture.

The S. P. company commenced the macadamizing of Seventh street from Main street to the depot.

Rev. N. J. Harbit, aged 53, for 25 years a minister of the M. E. church and formerly pastor of the church here, died at his home here, of arterio-sclerosis. He had been afflicted for years. Funeral in the local church by Rev. J. T. Abbott, District Superintendent and other ministers.

Feb. 15. Bruce Evans revival meetings closed. Very successful.

West Springfield school standardized.

Society of Pennsylvanians organized. Mrs. Lucy Cranmer was the chief promoter.

Long & Cross about to begin the erection of a concrete building for the Springfield creamery, Chas. Barkman manager.

Feb. 22. Rural mail carriers of Lane, Linn and Benton counties met here today.

Big rally of school patrons and teachers at Lincoln school building. Notable address by Mrs. H. T. French, of the extension department of the O. A. C., on "The School as a Community Center."

Ransom Miller purchased interest of F. J. Mosier in grocery firm of Mosier and Miller.

A. F. and A. M. gave a banquet on this date.

March 1. Rev. C. F. Eisenmenger, pastor of Baptist church the past few months, resigned to return to Pennsylvania.

The talk about rabies in Eastern Oregon reminds Thurman Riggs that he has a "madstone."

March 11. An addition to the Methodist church ordered by trustees, and work commenced.

March 15. Old logs in Booth-Kelly mill pond used up, and shipment of logs from Wendling camps commenced.

Rally of Woodmen of the World of eastern Lane attended by 200.

March 18. Mayor C. L. Scott received patents on two devices for the transmission of power.

E. H. Denton brought in a hog that weighed, dressed 458 lbs.

March 29. John H. Innis, former mayor of Springfield, dies at

Jasper, aged 81.

April 5. Fred Watke sold his meat market to Christ Wittenbach and Bert Nickum.

The Brattain Land Co. let a contract to Ole Soleim and Co. for half a mile of concrete sidewalk in front of their property on East Main street.

Nearly 100 teachers of Eastern Lane county met in institute in Lincoln school building.

April 5. Swarts & Washburne, wholesale dealers in cured pork products, arranging to open a retail market.

April 12. Isaac Cline's barn and silo, at Pruneville, destroyed by fire, caused by the upsetting of his lantern.

Mrs. Aminta Abeene, a long-time resident of this vicinity, died aged 69.

April 15. B. F. Hendricks, a pioneer of Lane county for many years a resident of Springfield, died in Eugene, aged 79.

L. B. Young, aged 83, a native of South Carolina, for many years a resident of this vicinity, died at the home of his son, Ira T. Young, in Springfield.

Miss Myrtle Copenhaver, for two years a teacher at West Springfield, was elected principal of the Wendling schools.

April 19. J. Bruce Evans, the evangelist who conducted the great union meetings last winter, was tendered a reception by 150 young people.

L. E. Flegal sold his interest in the plumbing business to his partner, W. N. Long and J. E. Cross of Eugene, came into the firm in his stead.

The Development League, at a banquet, launched a boom for the promotion of the use of wood paving.

L. A. Bass, teller at the First National Bank, resigned to engage in similar work elsewhere.

April 26. F. E. Sly and four Sunday school children riding in his auto, were killed near Creswell by collision with a train at a crossing near Mr. Sly's home.

Hagbert Tronson and Charles Cole, both connected with Springfield people, were drowned in the McKenzie river Saturday. Tronson's body recovered Monday.

The Willamette Valley Editorial Association met here.

April 29. Leonard Lepley, for several years a contractor and builder here, for a short time past in California, bought mill at Jasper.

May 3. Leston Craighead, aged 17, living near Springfield Junction, boating with two companions, was drowned. The body was recovered next day by the use of a floating dummy.

Harold Hayden, aged 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Hayden, died of stomach trouble. The funeral attracted unusual attention because of the recent violent death of two boys near his age.

A sugar beet factory has been talked up for several weeks.

Interesting May Day exercises at the public schools.

May 6. The assistant state superintendent and the county superintendent, on a visit of inspection, found the local schools up to standard in nearly every detail.

Paul Scott and Miss Lola Barr University students from Springfield narrowly escaped drowning from the upsetting of their canoe in the Eugene race.

May 10. J. J. Browning returned from California and again took up the real estate business this time with E. E. Morrison.

May 13. Joseph C. Parslow, a civil war veteran over 90, died near Jasper.

The Willamette Pacific to begin hauling gravel from the pit near Natron soon.

The Springfield and West Springfield schools won many prizes at the school fair in Eugene.

May 20. Three gypsy women held up an old gentleman near the river bridge, and robbed him of \$15. Officers compelled them to give it up.

Wm. McBee, helping a traveler to extricate his automobile from the mud, was run down and severely injured when the auto started.

May 24. A. G. Boesen, a native of Denmark, died at his home here on his 47th birthday.

May 31. Springfield Merchants' Association formed to improve trade relations with surrounding country.

May 30. Decoration Day beautifully observed, with program at Grand Army hall. Geo. Ketchum and W. M. Lewis members of the Post, had died during the year.

Dr. James W. Ford of Eugene, preached the baccalaureate sermon to a High school graduating class of 19.

June 7. Wm. G. Hill, trimmer tender at the sawmill, slipped in front of the saw and was severely cut, but narrowly escaped death by the quickness of a fellow workman.

Supt. Kirk and wife entertained the High school graduates and faculty.

June 10. J. L. Malosh traded his home here for a farm near Bend, and will move there.

June 14. H. E. Rice sold his interest in hardware store to J. C. Holbrook, of Brownsville.

Rev. M. F. Childs assumed pastorate of Free Methodist church.

New Coast Fork bridge, near Goshen will be built of wood.

June 21. Banquet of Business Men's club attended by 100 merchants and farmers. Judge Grant B. Demick was the principal speaker.

June 24. Carl E. Fischer elected school director, to succeed Dr. N. W. Pollard.

John H. Knott, of West Springfield, died at the hospital here of internal cancer, aged 59.

June 28. Norckenzie Baptist church, northwest of Springfield formally opened.

July 1. J. T. Witter, immigrant of 1852, died here, aged 82.

Rudrauff Bros. bought Bell Theatre of J. J. Bryan.

Contract let for macadamizing east end of G street.

July 5. Mrs. Lumley Ebbert an early immigrant, long time resident of this vicinity died at her home at Condon, and was

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TWO DEALS ARE COMPLETED INVOLVING MAIN STREET PROPERTY

Two deals in Main-street property were completed last Friday, by the signing of final papers and the acceptance of deeds and abstracts.

By the more recent deal, Al Perkins and J. W. Machen trade their building on Main between Third and Fourth, occupied by the Springfield Bakery and the Palace of Sweets, together with the slaughter house property and seven acres of land to Dr. J. McClelland Henderson of Camp Creek farm of 420 acres. The farm is well improved and is rated as one of the best farms on Camp Creek. The Main-street property has a frontage of 40 feet and six inches, and has a two-story cement building, erected in 1911. The properties were listed at \$23,000 on each side of the deal.

which was made by Edwards & Brattain of Springfield and John Genn of Eugene.

By another deal, Long & Cross acquire from George Perkins a lot 50 x 100 feet on the southeast corner of Fifth and Main streets. Mr. Long turned in his residence on Tenth street, Eugene, and there were other considerations.

Messrs. Long & Cross own the creamery building, with a frontage of 33 feet in the same block.

C. J. Murray, who has been living with his sons-in-law, the Palmer brothers, between here and Eugene, last week purchased a house and two lots on First and F streets from R. W. Powell, and will occupy the house shortly. The deal was made through J. P. Fry.

Revival Meetings Being Held at the M. E. Church by Rev. T. L. Jones



Yesterday morning at the 11 o'clock services the Rev. T. L. Jones began revival services at the Methodist church.

Sixty-two years ago Mr. Jones' father settled just west of the present town of Creswell, and at that time with his father visited Springfield.

In 1871 he entered the ministry of the M. E. church and has been wholly engaged in the work since that time. During these years he has preached in nearly every neighborhood from Portland to the California line.

He has a record of more than 5000 persons who have been converted under his ministry, and 1000 who have been sanctified.

He comes with a ripe, rich experience and an absorbing passion to yet add new recruits to the forces of righteousness.

The sermons of yesterday indicated the strength and spirit of the man. Hear him once and you will be sure to follow him through the series.

Bro. Jones is accompanied by his wife who has through the long years of their ministry been vitally interested and actively co-operative in all his work.

Meetings each evening except Saturday at 7:30. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 2 until 3. Next Sabbath 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

CONSUMERS PUT HEAVY DRAIN ON RESERVOIR

Consumers of water from the Oregon Power company's system, by leaving faucets open on Thursday evening to prevent freezing, completely drained the reservoir of the 200,000 gallons stored there, and all that was pumped as well. The practice left the city with very inferior fire protection, since there was no water reserve. The company asks that patrons use the cut-off valves, located at the sidewalk, and thus drain pipes liable to freeze. This is safer to the patron and far better for the safety of the city. The company cannot provide fire protection if the water is thus wasted.

C. W. LYONS IS CANDIDATE

C. W. Lyons, of Walton, formerly of Springfield, announced last Friday that he will be a candidate on the republican ticket for the office of county commissioner, thus gaining the distinction of being the first in the field for this office. He was a candidate two years ago, getting into campaign quite late and afterward withdrawing because of the large number of candidates.

Mr. Lyons is an old time resident of Lane county, and is particularly familiar with the western part of the county. "I am an enthusiast on the road question," he says, "and believe good roads absolutely essential to our proper development."

PROSPERITY FORESEEN BY RAILROADS

Chicago, Dec. 31.—"It's a long lane that has no turning." Possibly the old adage never was exemplified more effectively than it has been this year in the improvement in railroad earnings throughout the country, particularly the last three or four months.

Facing a combination of unfortunate circumstances which resulted in material depreciation of their revenues, the Nation's transportation agencies early in the year found themselves in a precarious plight, which seriously affected the credit of many of them and caused depression in various lines of business, which were sympathetically affected by the inability of the carriers to buy materials and undertake improvements to the extent to which they had been accustomed in previous years.

This situation was brought about largely by the slump in material business conditions in the United States and engulfed the Nation in a wave of depression. Now, however, material progress is apparent. Added to this influence were the constantly rising wage and tax expenditures, coupled with an apparently hostile attitude on the part of the public. All of these factors were responsible for a shrinkage in revenue, which struck consternation to the hearts of the railroad managers and forced them to send out cries for help.

This serious depletion in revenues led the railroads to urge on the Interstate Commerce Commission and the various state commissions having authority over railroad rates, the great necessity for enhancement in revenues derived from the transportation of passengers and freight.

The most important case of the year was the petition of the Western roads for advances in freight rates, particularly those on livestock and packing-house products, which were declared to be abnormally low. As distinguished from the case of the Eastern railroads decided late in 1914, the Western roads did not

seek a general advance in all commodities, but asked for various increases on the different commodities. The decision was a disappointment, inasmuch as the Federal body refused to allow advances on those commodities which the roads were the most desirous of obtaining.

The railroads have since been successful in inducing the Commerce Commission to reconsider its ruling so far as it applies to the rates on livestock and packing-house products.

Europe's demands on the United States for munitions of war, food-stuffs and other materials have resulted in expanding the export trade to this country to enormous proportions. This was resulted in an increase in the movement of freight which has not only taxed the capacity of the transportation agencies to the utmost, but has been largely instrumental in bringing about the improvement in earnings. Added to this is the greater movement of freight which has resulted from the steady improvement in domestic activity. The country has been blessed with bumper crops and this fact has served to swell the revenues of those roads passing through districts in which crops are grown.

How strikingly railroad earnings and credit declined before the corner was turned is indicated by the fact that the total mileage in the hands of receivers is now greater than in 1896, which was the previous record. It is estimated that one-sixth of the country's total mileage is in the hands of receivers and that two-thirds of this is represented in Southwestern territory.

Fewer miles of new railroad were built in the United States during 1915 than in any other year since 1864. There have been only three years since 1868 when the increase in mileage was smaller than 1000 miles, and they were the Civil War years of 1861, 1862 and 1864. In 1915 the total mileage of new railroad construction in the United States was 933, compared with 1532 in 1914 and 3071 in 1913.

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