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The Great Panama-Pacific Exposition is now open.
Thousands of people will be passing through the Willamette Valley this Summer.
How best to attract them to Springfield will be discussed at a mass meeting Tuesday evening at the Development League rooms. M. J. Duryea will speak. Come!

SCHOOL PATRONS ATTEND BIG RALLY

School as a Community Center Theme of Talk by Mrs. H. T. French, O. A. C.

MANUAL TRAINING BOYS SHOW THEIR HANDIWORK

Supervisor O'Reilly Urges Best Development of the Pupil for His Lifework.

The school as a community center, and a plea for the ordering of the school curriculum so as to develop to the best advantage the talents of the pupils, were the themes of speakers at a school rally that filled the Lincoln school building to overflowing Friday evening.

Mrs. H. T. French of the extension department of the O. A. C. spoke on the school as the community center, and urged a closer relationship between the school and the home.

"The central idea of the public school system," she declared "should be the betterment of the children. It is high time that parents took a greater interest in the training of the children, and learn that life in the school is not materially different from the life in the home.

"Mother, are you going to admit that at the end of her course in domestic science your daughter can make a better pie than you can? Or are you going to take an interest in her studies and get the same benefit from the instruction that she does. In my own home my daughters can cook and bake and sew just as well as I can. They know well how to do these household tasks and find joy in doing them.

"Mothers, do not be so unkind to your daughters as to keep them from doing their share of the household tasks. The time will come when they will have homes of their own, and if they do not know how, or if these household tasks are drudgery, their home life will be unhappy in just that measure."

Mrs. French urged the mothers of girls of the sixth, seventh and eighth grades to provide suitable activities and to work to promote new ideals for the girls.

"At this age the girl's thoughts turn from her school and home tasks. In conversation with her girl chums, about every third word is likely to be 'he.' It is the place of the mother to provide new ideals and new aspirations at this stage in the girl's life."

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STEVENS TAX CASE JUDGMENT FILED

Judge Skipworth Indicts Decision Rendered Verbally by Judge Harris.

TOWN GIVES NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPEAL

Circuit Court Order Relieves a Few Citizens of Part of the 1913 Tax Levy.

Judgment in the case of Welby Stevens, and others, against the tax collector of Lane County, and the Town of Springfield was rendered by Judge Skipworth last Thursday, following the verbal decision made by Judge Harris last November. By the decision, the Town of Springfield is prevented from collecting four mills of the 1913 tax levy. The Town gave notice of intention to appeal the case to the supreme court.

Last summer a dozen taxpayers, claiming that the Town council had exceeded its authority when it levied a tax of 3.6 mills for lights and water, and .4 mills for a band, declined to pay this portion of their tax, and subsequently brought suit to enjoin the county treasurer, sheriff and the Town of Springfield from attempting to enforce collection of these taxes. The Town entered a demurrer to the complaint, and set up the argument that, as a matter of fact, the people of the Town had a few years before authorized an increase in the tax levy that had almost been forgotten. Judge Harris last November overruled the demurrer on the ground that the record of procedure in the amendment of the charter was too vague and indefinite. The action Thursday was the handing down of the written judgment based on Judge Harris' findings. The Town's appeal will be perfected in a short time.

BROTHERHOOD TO HEAR OF CANADA TONIGHT

Prof. E. E. DeCou of the University of Oregon will make the address at the meeting of the Methodist Brotherhood tonight, talking on "Twentieth Century Canada." A large number of slides will be used to illustrate the talk. The banquet will be served at 6:45, following the business meeting.

Forest Grove—Building prospects are best in history of the city.

A placer on Lobster Creek, Coos county, yielded \$3,000 in a few weeks.

PORTORICANS WRITE TO SPRINGFIELD

Local Pupils Receive Answers to Letters Written to Schools in the Islands.

"BE KIND TO MY LETTER" WRITES DUSKY LEARNER

Epistles Tell of Climate and of Activities of the People of U. S. Possessions.

The following letters were among the many answers received by Miss Lacy Copenhaver's Sixth B class of the Lincoln school in their correspondence with the school children of the various United States possessions.

The first was addressed to George Green and the second to Dick Nickum, and they are selected as being most representative of the replies.

Cabo Rojo, Porto Rico, Jan. 26, 1915.

My dear friends:—I am more than glad to give you some information about our country. I know that my other friends are going to write about climate, surface and other topics. I will give some idea about the industry of straw hats.

This is the most important of the industries of the town in which I live and almost every person since they are about six or eight years old they know how to weave them.

The straw from which they are made is gotten from very beautiful palms very much alike the royal palm. Then, we cut the leaves, put them to dry and last of all cut the very small and fine straw which we use to weave the hat. Afterward we get a piece of thread and begin our hat.

As we go on working, we put new straw until they are of the size we want them. To make the crowns we have what we call forms and for the brim it is done as we want it. Usually it takes us two or three days and they are of very different price.

Hoping to hear soon from you I remain your loving friend
 Maria Esther Fernandez
 6 Grade Age 12

Cabo Rojo Porto Rico, Jan. 26, 1915.

My dear friend:—I was very glad to receive your letter and more than all to give you some ideas about our country. As you know my language is very different, you have to be very kind to my letters and I will try to make myself understood.

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BIG LUMBER TRUCK DEMOLISHES DOORS

Huge Machine Starts Forward When Cranked up for the Early Morning Run.

DRIVER OLIVER JOHNSON JUMPS TO AVOID INJURY

Throws Out Clutch and Stops Machine Before it Has Gone 12 Feet.

Because some one had shifted in the clutch on the motor truck used by the Booth-Kelly Lumber company to haul lumber to Eugene, the machine jumped forward when Driver Oliver Johnson cranked it up Saturday morning, and Johnson escaped being caught between the 9600-pound machine and the rear doors of the garage only by leaping quickly backward. As the machine passed him he leaped into the driver's seat and succeeded in throwing out the clutch and stopping the machine, but not until it had forced the doors outward several feet, breaking 23 out of the 24 panes of glass and splintering the wood work.

A horn had been put on the machine the night before, and in testing the levers to see if they missed the horn, one was left in the wrong position.

The Saturday before Johnson had a narrow escape from going into the mill race when the truck skidded on the turn from the Fifth street planking onto the driveway through the retail yard.

Receives Strange Vegetable.

E. E. Morrison last week received from the Federal agricultural station at Brookfield, Florida a few samples of a vegetable called the dasheen. In shape it is much like a beet, but it is said to taste like a potato, and is cooked in the same manner as the potato.

SUGGESTS USE OF THE UNOCCUPIED BLOCKS

"There are a number of vacant lots in Springfield that ought to be tilled," said Councilman M. M. Peery last week.

"As they are, the lots are unsightly and are doing no one any good. There are men and boys here who have the time and who would be glad of the opportunity to provide the family vegetables by their own labor. The plan has been worked out in other cities, and I should like to see it tried here."

Coos Bay Iron Works will manufacture gas engines.

CARRIERS MEET ON WASHINGTON DAY

Holiday Offers Opportunity for Mail Men to Discuss Many of Their Problems.

BANKS AND POST OFFICE CLOSED FOR THE DAY

Patriotic Programs are Rendered by Pupils of the Public Schools.

Rural mail carriers from Eugene, Corvallis and Albany met in Springfield this morning with the local carriers to discuss the problems that face the carriers of Uncle Sam's mail. It is expected that other carriers from the district—Lane, Linn and Benton counties—will arrive in time for the conferences of the afternoon.

The carriers this morning exchanged views as to the best methods for handling the mail in order to give patrons a good service. The matter of the increase in the size of parcel post packages was also discussed.

The delegates took dinner at Mrs. Van Valzah's, and this afternoon will visit the Booth-Kelly mill.

The holiday was observed by the banks and the post office, and the barbers closed at noon. Other stores remained open.

The big 30-foot flag, donated to the city by the Springfield Development league was hoisted on the butte early this morning.

Patriotic exercises for the pupils were held at the Lincoln school this morning, and this afternoon parents and patrons attended the programs.

SPRINGFIELD JUNCTION FLAG STOP FOR TRAIN 15

Orders have been issued by the Southern Pacific Co. making Springfield Junction a flag station for train No. 15, which goes south at about 6:20 a. m. The train has to stop for mail, anyway, and offers the only way to get to the southern part of the county and return the same day. Some conductors had followed the letter of the rules and refused to take on passengers at this place, but when the matter was taken up by Agent M. L. France at the request of the Springfield Development league, the matter was adjusted.

Dallas may get the unemployed Great Western sawmill near Black Rock.

Pendleton—Umatilla County Court is moving for a \$25,000 county library.

PRESENT SESSION NOT CONSTRUCTIVE

Has Set New High Mark for Extravagance in Clerk Hire

MACHINE LITTLE IN EVIDENCE IN HOUSE

No Bills Introduced to Hamper Invested Capital; Corporation Lobbyists There.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 19.—(Special correspondence to The Lane County News.)—As I am writing this letter the House has adjourned for the purpose of compelling the Senate to disgorge from the Ways and Means Committee the appropriation for the Girls Industrial school and also to force that body to recede from its position on the Compensation Act. This procedure on the part of the House is justifiable as far as motives go but it is a great waste of time and money because there are a number of bills on the table having no relation to the controversy that ought to be taken up and considered on the merits.

Tomorrow is the day set for adjournment but it will be impossible to give even brief consideration to the many measures before the House and Senate and adjourn on time. We are now paying the price for Saturday adjournments earlier in the session, and if we complete the work in any manner by Saturday the credit for so doing should be given to those members of the House who refrained from introducing any bills or who limited their efforts at law making to one or two measures.

Inasmuch as half of the important legislation of the session will be determined within the remaining day or two of the session it is hardly possible at this time to make a correct summary of the 1915 legislature. It has not been in any sense a progressive body because it has turned down most of the measures in which the women and the workers of the State have been most interested. Many errors have been committed in the name of economy. As compared to the session of 1913 the present session has not been very constructive. It has used a thousand times the word "economy" but has so far failed to apply it in its own operations that the clerical help has been the most extravagant in the history of the State. This is the cost of the system which the House and Senate refused to

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