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## BUSINESS MEN AT BANQUET TABLE

Eugene Commercial Club Heads are Guests of Honor at the Meeting.

## BEET SUGAR MAN TELLS PROSPECTS OF VALLEY

Soil and Climate Superior for the Cultivation of the Sugar Beet.

The Business Men's club held a banquet Thursday evening with covers laid for about sixty members and four visitors.

Attorney J. C. Mullen acted as toastmaster. The first member called was Chief Engineer McCulloch of the Oregon Power Company who advocated the electrifying of the large sign on the hill south of town.

The next called was E. E. Kepner who in a beautiful word picture told how the business men of Springfield by their indomitable spirit had asked for and were now sighting great things for the future. He compared these business men to nimrods who by diligent hunt and chase have finally sighted a fat porker and just as soon as the clouds of financial depression have cleared away these men with loaded guns are going to charge upon this prize and bag him.

L. L. Goodrich of Eugene, gave a very practical talk on business conditions, stating that one of the chief causes of depression is because we are pessimistic in our talks to each other, thus causing the man of means to buy less and to keep his funds out of circulation. He also pleaded with the citizens to all pull together.

Don Jolley, representative of the interests who contemplate the erection of a beet sugar factory in Lane county was present. He stated that as soil expert he had looked over the lands of Colorado, Montana, Utah, Idaho, California and Southern Oregon but had found no land in the states named to equal Lane county lands for the production of sugar beets. He stated that our land needs some lime then after growing several crops of beets it would grow wheat so tall it would fall over.

His talk was replete with data showing the prosperous condition of a locality under intensive sugar beet cultivation.

Other short talks were made by Carl Fischer, M. M. Peery and O. B. Kessey.

The club will have a business session on Thursday evening, March 11.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TRAINING INSTITUTE TO BE HELD

A Sunday School training institute is being held at the Baptist church in Eugene, beginning today, and continuing until Wednesday evening. Included in the faculty are Rev. J. D. Springston, educational director for the Baptist church; Prof. F. E. Billington, educational director for the Christian church; Rev. A. M. Williams, educational director for the Presbyterian church; Rev. M. B. Paroungian, Sunday School director for the Methodist church; Mrs. M. A. Danenhower, state superintendent for teacher training; Chas. A. Phipps, general secretary and

## WANTS SUPPLIED.

Everybody reads the classified columns of the newspapers. If you have some article to sell, a house to rent, or a want to be supplied, try a few lines in The Lane County News "Want Advs." Five Cents a Line.

superintendent of "Teen Age" department. Sunday school workers of Springfield are invited to attend the sessions.

## MAKE CAFETERIA INTO HOTEL DINING ROOM

Mr. and Mrs. Fry Will Combine Two Businesses to Make Service Better.

When J. P. Fry purchased the Elite cafeteria two weeks ago it was with the understanding that it was to be leased to a woman from Brownsville. She failed to come, however, and last week he took over from Miss Bennett the lease of the upper floor of the Fry-Rankin building which had been occupied as the Elite hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Fry will now operate the restaurant and the hotel in conjunction, serving meals at regular hours and discontinuing the all-day short-order service. The cafeteria will then become the hotel dining room, catering, however, both to the guests of the hotel and to those who dine out. Improvements will be made in the hotel rooms and a ladies parlor provided.

The restaurant property has already been taken over, and the hotel change is effective Thursday.

## FROM SPRINGFIELD, ILL., TO BUY OREGON RANCH

Mrs. Florence Surrall of Springfield, Ill., today bought of W. L. Wilmot his stock ranch of 143 acres six miles east of Creswell, and will take possession at once. Bean & Allen made the sale.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Surrall arrived in Springfield Saturday morning with their two children, and very soon found the property that suited them.

## Move Shoe Shop to Mabel.

James Carsaw, who opened a shoe repair shop on Main street here a year ago, has decided to locate in Mabel, and will move his equipment to that place this week.

## Re-Open Real Estate Office.

Gore & Rowe are moving their real estate office to the building recently vacated by Bean & Allen on Main street opposite the Sutton block.

Lebanon Criterion thinks the present legislature has given the state a just excuse for its existence.

## Anniversary Bargain Offer

Read of the offer in the Monday issue. It is worth your while if you want to save.

## EXPERIMENTS AT COUNTY FARM

County Agriculturist Trying to Raise Standard of Hogs, Corn and Potatoes.

## SEEK SPECIES BEST FOR RAISING IN THIS COUNTY

Three Litters of Hogs of 18, 13, and 18, One Result of Careful Breeding.

Various reports from granges and comments by farmers seem to indicate that a wrong impression exists regarding the relation of the county agriculturist to the county farm. The following statement might serve to correct these impressions.

Good seed corn and potatoes are difficult to find in Lane county. It was thought that if the best seed that could be found were secured and propagated on the county farm it would be an easily available source of supply for farmers in the county who wish to secure good seed of these crops. The county court also authorized me to purchase two brood sows for breeding purposes. The offspring of these sows are to be sold to farmers of Lane county only, so that those who wish to secure animals of this character will be able to find them on the county farm.

In other words the county farm is to be used as a county seed and stock breeding station, where farmers can purchase seed corn and seed potatoes of various kinds adapted to the local soil and climatic conditions and where they can secure hogs of known quality at nominal prices.

The object of the arrangement is not to make seventy acres of poorly drained land support the charity of the county. It would scarcely be possible for two brood sows, 10 acres of corn and three acres of potatoes to produce a very large increase in the receipts of the farm. The object of the undertaking is to provide a source of selected and improved stock for the farmers of the county rather than to place the business of the county farm upon a paying basis. In this arrangement I am endeavoring to give every possible assistance to the superintendent of the farm. While the farm is producing corn, why not produce such corn as may be sold for seeding purposes; while producing hogs why not such hogs as may be used by the farmers of the county for improving their herds. The dam of the sows purchased has made a record for herself in production, having produced three litters in 18 months, one of 18, one of 13, and one of 18. It is reasonable to suppose that these two gilts will produce larger litters if properly cared for, than the average in the county, which probably does not exceed seven. The county court hopes by this means to introduce a strain of swine that will increase the production of the farms of the county. Later, it is hoped, that if this plan succeeds the work will be extended and include other kinds of farm stock. For the present, however, the plan is limited to corn, potatoes and hogs.

No reflection, whatever, is made upon the past management of the farm. In my dealings with the superintendent I have found him very capable, efficient and progressive in his work. With the same energy expended in the production of high grade stock a great good can be accomplished in the interest of better agriculture in Lane County.

R. B. COGLON.

## H. MCCOLLUM'S FATHER DIES VERY SUDDENLY

Henry McCollum received the sad intelligence at 6:30 Saturday evening that his father, Holland McCollum, had died half an hour before at his home near the Balley school, five miles southwest of Eugene, at the age of 62.

Besides his son here, deceased leaves his wife, and three sons, William, John and Charles, residing at home, and one daughter, Mrs. Marq Heitzman of near Irving. The funeral will be held at Spencer creek.

## WILL REBUILD TURN TABLE AT WENDLING

I. W. Cole's bridge crew arrived in Springfield Sunday and today the outfit cars were taken to Wendling where the turn table is to be rebuilt and enlarged. The crew, which has been at Brownsville for several months, will be at Wendling for about two weeks.

## Evans at Creswell.

Bruce Evans, the California evangelist, will open a series of meetings at the Methodist church next Sunday night. It is intended to continue the meeting for a period of three weeks and if the Methodist church proves inadequate to hold the crowds, other arrangements will be made.—Creswell Chronicle.

## Plant Roses at Power Plant.

A large number of rose slips were set out last week in the flower beds in front of the plant of the Oregon Power company. The space between the plant and the Booth-Kelly office is to be seeded to lawn.

## News From Springfield High School

Mrs. E. M. Thompson was a High school visitor Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Grace Richardson of the University of Oregon met the High school girls Wednesday evening for the purpose of organizing a glee club. Nothing was decided upon at this meeting, but this week the girls will hold another meeting when this matter will be taken up.

The members of the ancient history class and Miss Newton visited Eugene Saturday to study types of various kinds of architecture. They noted columns on the University buildings, and traces of Egyptian architecture in the mausoleum in the Masonic cemetery. They took their lunch and had a picnic in Hendricks park, and spent a very pleasant half day.

In the basket ball games with Pleasant Hill Friday night, the Springfield High school won the laurels from both visiting teams. The boys won by a score of 36 to 18 and the girls by a score of 12 to 6. Our teams went onto the floor to "win or die," and all through the games they showed superior strength and activity. Acknowledging the fairness of our referees, Harold Perkins and

## \$100.00 BOUNTY ON WILD ANIMAL HIDES

Walter Drury came down from Fall Creek this morning and went to Eugene to obtain the bounty on three wolves and five bobcat hides. One hundred dollars was the amount of the bounty.

## DR. GUTBERLET WILL ADDRESS THE GRANGE

Dr. J. E. Gutberlet, professor of Zoology at the University of Oregon, will lecture on "Parasites of Domestic Animals and of Man" in the grange hall at 1:30 o'clock Saturday, March 13. The lecture is free to the public, and will be under the auspices of the grange, which made the request of the extension department of the University of Oregon for Dr. Gutberlet.

## REAL ESTATE OFFICE IN NEW QUARTERS

The Northwest Real Estate & Investment Company, conducted by Messrs. Bean & Allen, moved Saturday to an office over the Commercial State bank from the small building on Main opposite the Vitus block. The new quarters are better and are more centrally located for this firm which has figured in several large transactions of late.

## Mill Closes for Repairs.

The Booth-Kelly mill was shut down Saturday so that repairs could be made to the edger. At the same time the pond was cleaned out opposite the log dump and other repairs were made. The planer operated all day, however, and the whole mill was in operation again this morning.

## Brighten Christian Church.

The Willing Workers of the Christian church last week put a new carpet in the church auditorium, re-stained the seats and gave the church a general cleaning.

Clarence Hill, the visiting teams went home in good spirits.

The 26 members of the Corvallis High school band delightfully entertained 250 persons at the High school building last Tuesday evening. The program covered a wide range, including selections from grand opera, modern musical comedy, popular marches and the humorous, "What's the Matter With Father?" The ensemble numbers directed by Mr. Moses were played with a dash and spirit and precision most commendable. John Alexander, who was a member of the band last year, played with them at Springfield. The two soloists were really remarkable. Mr. Skipton, the violinist, played with rare delicacy and expression, and Mr. Glos' saxophone solos were of decided merit.

This performance, as Superintendent Kirk of Corvallis, explained, showed what steady, persistent work for two years will accomplish. The boys have earned their own instruments and uniforms and helped pay the instructor.

Springfield High school will welcome them whenever they visit us again, and perhaps before many years a Springfield High school band may visit Corvallis. Why not?

## BEET SUGAR MAN VISITS THIS CITY

Don Jolley Investigating Possibility of Locating Factory at This Point.

## SOIL HERE ADAPTED TO GROWING OF THE BEETS

Company Wants Local People to Have Financial Interest in New Project.

Don Jolley, representing beet sugar interests, was in Springfield Thursday and again Friday of last week, looking over this place as a possible location for a half-million-dollar beet sugar plant which his people wish to establish in western Oregon. He expects to spend some time in this part of the valley investigating before a final report goes to his company.

One of the principal things to be learned is the amount of acreage that might be devoted to the raising of the sugar beets. The Willamette valley, according to Mr. Jolley, has a climate particularly favorable to the beet sugar industry on account of the mild winter. The beets here would keep for many months either in the ground or in storage bins, thus prolonging the period during which the factory could operate.

The Willamette valley, Mr. Jolley says, produces a beet that is larger in tonnage per acre and richer in sugar than the eastern Oregon beet, and this with the longer season makes the operation of a sugar factory entirely feasible.

A factory, to be economical in operation, cannot be less than a certain size, and the probable cost of such a plant would be nearly \$500,000, and would use 400 to 500 tons of beets a day during the season.

The backers of the proposition wish to have local people subscribe for approximately half of this stock so that they will have a strong financial reason for wishing to see the factory prosper.

Mr. Jolley states that he has no proposition to offer at this time, but is here to find out what the people would be willing to do in the way of guaranteeing beet acreage and stock.

## A New Grange at Coburg

A new grange was organized at Coburg last week by C. J. Hurd, state deputy, assisted by W. R. Wing, master of the Irving grange. The new grange starts out with a membership of 80 and the prospects are that the 10 mark will soon be reached. The new grange will be known as West Point grange of Coburg. Officers are W. Nelson, master; E. L. Moore, secretary; and Mrs. Moorhouse, lecturer.

The charter was left open for two weeks and by the time it is closed it will be one of the strong granges of Lane county.

The McCormick mills at St. Helens have a contract for 11,000,000 feet of ties.

The O. W. R. & N. Co. and the Union Pacific are placing orders for lumber.

The Dalles-Knight Pythias to erect four-story concrete lodge building.