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## CATAPULTED LIGHT SETS BARN AFIRE

Lantern Tossed into Loose Hay When Dairyman Breaks Through Floor.

## ROLLS BACKWARD OUT OF BURNING LOFT

Neighbors Come to Assistance of I. Cline and Construct Temporary Barn.

A quick back somersault out of the hay loft saved I. Cline of Pruneville from injury if not death when his barn was destroyed by fire Friday night. A lantern tossed into the air when Mr. Cline broke through the floor of his hay loft was the cause of the fire. Two barns and a silo were totally destroyed and a quantity of hay and grain was lost, but all stock was removed safely. The insurance is \$250.

Mr. Cline had returned at about 9 o'clock from delivering milk in Springfield, and went to the barn to attend to one of the cows. As he went to the loft for hay, he placed his lantern in a clear space just as he had before many times, and turned to pick up some loose hay. As he stepped forward, a board broke, allowing one leg to drop through the floor. On the other end of the same board was the lantern, which was tossed into the air by the vibration of the board, and either broke or exploded when it struck the floor near the loose hay. In a twinkling the hay was afire and Mr. Cline realized his predicament. Throwing himself backward he drew the imprisoned leg out of the hole, and tumbled down the chute to the floor below.

"There was a ladder there," he says, "but I didn't wait for that."

Before nearby neighbors arrived the barn was in flames, and nothing could be done to save the hay and grain in the building.

In an adjoining barn were a number of horses and a quantity of harness and other supplies. All these were removed in ample time to prevent their destruction.

Fortunately for Mr. Cline, his son, Fred, had turned all the cows out to pasture a short time before the fire. The cow barn, in which the fire started, was built less than a year ago.

A new silo adjacent to the barn was also destroyed.

When Mr. Cline returned from his milk route Saturday morning he found a dozen of his neighbors there rapidly converting an old shed into an acceptable cow barn.

### Work Prisoners on Roads.

Lane county prisoners may be worked upon the highways this spring and summer if the plans of the county court work out satisfactory. Arrangements are being made by the court to send a few of them at present in jail to work on one of the county rock crushers for a few days, and if results obtained are satisfactory more will be sent. Only men held for misdemeanors will be given the opportunity of working outside.

### Springfield Farm in Deal.

One of the largest real estate deals of the present year in Eugene was finally consummated last week and the deed filed for record with county clerk. A lot in the business district of Eugene, a tract in the suburbs of the city, several lots in Portland and a farm near Springfield were traded for a large wheat ranch in eastern Oregon. The properties on each side of the transaction are valued at \$37,000 or a total of \$74,000.

In the deal James S. P. Withers trades a lot 60 by 160 feet in dimensions in Eugene, an 80-acre farm two miles

southeast of Springfield, ten acres in College Crest addition to Eugene and five lots in the Willamette addition to Portland, to Barney May, of Portland, and Barney May, of Portland, and H. D. Pierce, of Harrisburg, for a wheat ranch of 1153 acres in Morrow county, not far from the town of Ione.

### Prizes Given for Plowing.

The plowing contest held at Dexter last Thursday proved to be one of the largest gatherings of farmers and their families ever held in that neighborhood. By actual count there were 104 persons present, besides R. B. Coglon, county agriculturist, and Prof. H. T. French, of the Oregon Agricultural college.

There were 10 contestants and the winners were as follows: Tom Cruzan, first; William Cruzan, second; Asa Tilton, third; Homer Shurley, fourth; Clare Williams, fifth; and Ira Higgins, sixth. Each contestant turned a back furrow and made from eight to ten rounds. Professor French judged the contest and made the awards.

The women of the neighborhood provided a splendid basket dinner at noon. This was spread along the road near the field where the contest was held. The women seemed to take as much interest in the contest as the men did and all were interested spectators. Professor French addressed the assemblage on "Soil Fertility," during the day.

### DEFER SELECTION OF GRADE TEACHERS

The Board of Education met Friday evening for the purpose of considering further the matter of hiring teachers for the grades in the Springfield schools but did not complete its work. An adjourned meeting will be held Friday evening of this week to continue the work.

### NEW FRONT FOR THE BIGELOW MARKET

A wide screened front was substituted today for the folding doors in the front part of the store next the News office just occupied by the Bigelow meat market.

## Springfield Wins First Ball Game

In a whirlwind finish the local baseball team defeated the Goshen team here Sunday afternoon by the score of 11 to 8. The score had stood 6 to 1 in favor of the visitors until the end of the seventh inning, when the locals hit their stride, and won out. Both Magill and Meats caught for Springfield, and McPherson pitched. Gilbert and King were the battery for Goshen.

The Springfield lads have been out only a short time, but are hoping to put out a team that will give a good account of itself. The lineup is as follows: Wade McPherson, pitcher; Geo. Magill, catcher; Ray Mulligan, first base; Ernest Neet, second base; Ernest Reed, short stop; Vernor Meats, third base; Max Green, center field; Jess Meats, left field; Earl Elliton, right field. Frank Mulligan was umpire in yesterday's game.

### MANY GO FROM HERE TO MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

A number of Springfield people went to Harrisburg Friday and Saturday to attend the sessions of the missionary conference in session there. Miss Grace Clark, a returned missionary from Africa, and Miss Laura Hefty, formerly of Cottage Grove, but now stationed in China, attended the conference and made most interesting talks. Among those who went from Springfield were Mrs. J. T. Moore, Mrs. R. W. Smith, Mrs. Lansberry, Mrs. T. J. McCracken, Mrs. S. W. Cranmer, Mrs. W. H. Pollard, Dorris Sikes, Chloe Wooley, Avis Thompson, Grace Thomas, Leota McCracken, Duttoe and Jean Fischer, Lucile Smith and Ethel Kingwell.

## EARLY RESIDENT CALLED BY DEATH

Mrs. Ammitha Abeene Came to Oregon in 1871 and to Springfield in 1890—Body is Taken to Oakland, Oregon.

Mrs. Ammitha Abeene, a resident of Oregon since 1871, died shortly after noon Friday, April 9, 1915, at her home here, aged over 63 years. She had been sick for some little time, but showed remarkable vitality. The funeral services were held at Walker's chapel here Saturday afternoon at 1:30, Rev. E. C. Wigmore officiating, and the body was taken Sunday morning to Oakland, Oregon, for interment in the Odd Fellows cemetery beside the body of her husband.

Ammitha Flesher was born in Iroquois county, Illinois, September 13, 1845, and was married to Joseph Abeene March 8, 1865. They came west to California in 1870 and to Oregon in 1871. Mr. Abeene died at Oakland, Oregon, December 16, 1895. To this union were born ten children, of whom nine survive. They are: Sadie A. Webb, Trent; W. H. Abeene of Roseburg, T. E. Abeene, Springfield; Anna S. McPherson, Springfield; Joseph A. Abeene, London, Oregon; John Abeene, Oakland, Oregon; Verner Abeene, Oakland, Oregon; Mollie A. Seavey, Springfield and Phoebe J. Roberts, of Springfield. There are several grandchildren.

Mrs. Abeene and family came to Springfield in October, 1900, and have lived here ever since. She united with the Christian church in 1873.

### PLAN RECEPTION FOR J. BRUCE EVANS

A joint committee of young people from the various young people's organizations of the city is making arrangements for a reception to be given next Friday evening to J. Bruce Evans, who conducted evangelistic meetings here early in the year, and has just closed a series at Junction City. The details for the reception have not yet been worked out.

### Sent to Jail for Larceny.

Three of the six men arrested several days ago by Sheriff, James C. Parker and Deputy Sheriff George Croner on the road between Goshen and Creswell, charged with stealing a quantity of tobacco, were sentenced by Judge J. G. Wells, of the Eugene justice court, to serve 30 days each in the county jail on the charge of simple larceny. The other three men, against whom there was no evidence, were discharged from custody.

### RECORD CROP IN PROSPECT

Washington, April 8.—Winter wheat came through the freezing months in excellent shape, growing on the greatest acreage ever planted in the history of the country. The crop reporting board, basing its estimate on the April condition and the area planted last fall, placed the prospective crop production at 619,000,000 bushels. That is 39,000,000 bushels more than was indicated by the condition at that time in December.

### Receive Concrete Mixer.

Soleim & Co., who have the contract for laying a half mile of sidewalk along the Brattain, Smith, Hadley, and Scott properties on east Main street, this morning received a "Little Wonder" concrete mixer. They expect to begin pouring the concrete tomorrow. They have a large part of the grading done already.

### Firemen Will Elect Officers.

An adjourned meeting of the Springfield Fire Department will be held at the city hall tomorrow evening for the purpose of electing officers.

### JUST A CASE OF "WHY."

Why do you continue to reside in this community?  
Why do you want to see the community prosper?  
Why do you want to see some of Europe's gold flow into the pockets of your neighbors, or into your own?

Why do you want to see bumper crops?  
Why do you want to see local industries humming?

Why do you want to see everybody working, and earning money?

Why do you want to see new blood come in, new works go up, new mouths to feed, and plenty of money for the feeding?

Why do you want to see the schools continued, the churches supported, and public improvements inaugurated from year to year?

Why do you want to see a thriving, growing, prosperous, happy community, anyway?

Why do you want to see all of these things?  
Isn't it, as a matter of fact, because they contribute to YOUR OWN PROSPERITY?

And if that IS TRUE, just be honest with yourself and ask yourself a few more "whys."

For instance:  
Why don't you keep your money at home?  
Why do you send away for goods when you know you can buy them just as economically at home?

Why do you send your money away for the enrichment of outsiders when you know it contributes just that much toward the impoverishment of your own town, of your own community, of YOURSELF?

Why do you send your money to some city millionaire, where it goes to swell his enormous bank account, or to buy a thousand dollar coat for his wife, or a new affinity for himself?

Why do you send your money away and deprive our local churches and other worthy institutions of support, when you know at least a portion of that money goes to swell the rampant vice of a big city?

Why do you seek to throttle the prosperity of your own home by sending your hard earned dollars away to strangers who consider you but "another sucker hooked?"

Why decrease the circulation of money at home, and thereby depreciate the value of YOUR OWN PROSPERITY?

Why write your name in history as a knocker, a killer, a destroyer, as a local blight?

Why kick your self down hill, anyway?  
The blindest man on earth is the fellow who robs himself, who destroys his own community, who seeks to cover our fair countryside with the cobwebs of commercial stagnation.

How is YOUR sight, brother?

## FRUIT INSPECTOR GIVES INSTRUCTION

C. E. Stewart of Cottage Grove, county fruit inspector, gave a demonstration Saturday afternoon in the orchard at the corner of Fifth and B streets under the auspices of the Springfield grange and the department of agriculture of the public schools. Mr. Stewart talked on "Fruit Pests" and from the orchard he secured a number of different pests. He described the ravages of the pests and told what treatment to use and when.

Mr. Stewart was the guest of the local grange at dinner. Nearly all of the pupils of the eighth grade attended the lecture and demonstration, together with a large number of local people and farmers from surrounding country. The schools will continue to use this orchard for demonstration purposes.

### Ice Machine for New Shop.

Messrs. Swarts and Washburne returned from Portland last Friday after purchasing the equipment for a new and up-to-date butcher shop which they expect to open in the Harry Hill building in about two weeks. They are installing a refrigerating system, so they will not need ice chests for keeping the meat fresh.

### Council Meets Tonight.

The Town Council meets in its regular monthly session at the city hall tonight. None but routine matters are expected to come up.

### Lad Dies at Fall Creek.

Dannie, the 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Dean, died at Fall Creek Monday, April 5, 1915, after an illness of but three weeks. The funeral was held Wednesday with interment at the Natron cemetery. Dannie was the oldest son, and leaves besides his parents, five sisters and two brothers, and his is the first death in the family. He was a very cheerful little fellow, and well liked by his playmates. He was taken sick while at school, and as he was being taken home he bade his mates goodbye, telling them he would not come back again.

### Delegates are Selected.

The Rebekah lodge at its session last Monday named three delegates to the grand lodge, which is to meet at Newport, beginning May 19. Those named are Mrs. Georgia Hayden, Mrs. Rosa Renne and Mrs. Lee W. Clark, who is district deputy president.

Mabel Duryea, Ester Brattain, Alberta Brattain, Ruth Parsons, and Anna Bidwell walked from Springfield to Camp Creek and back Saturday over the hills. They reached Camp Creek at noon in time for dinner with friends, and returned the same day, covering 23 miles on the trip. They got loads of wild flowers.

Clackamas County improvements in sight total \$771,000.

Silverton Appeal—"We need institutions to employ laborers we already have a great deal more than we need more laborers."

State Highway commission have decided to build the mile of road at Mitchell Point, Hood River, to cost \$50,000.

## BUSINESS SHOWS GAIN IN STRENGTH

In Maine Alone Do Reports Indicate any Decided Business Stagnation.

### FACTORIES REPORT AN INCREASE IN ORDERS

Comptroller of the Currency Receives Reports from All Sections of Country.

Washington, April 8.—Business conditions throughout the country are showing marked improvement in almost all lines, according to reports from national bank examiners made public tonight by the treasury department. Eighty of the 90 examiners in the United States report a permanent improvement in business, and Maine is said to be the only state where real depression exists.

The reports are announced to be the result of careful observation and supplemental to the regular reports on business conditions made each month to the controller of the currency.

"Pronounced hopefulness is prevalent in nearly every district," the announcement says. "Agricultural conditions are generally excellent, and commercial lines, with comparatively few exceptions, are enlarging their activities, mainly through an increased demand; but in some cases preparation for activity is expected to develop with the coming of good weather. Manufacturing is on the increase and those industries having orders for supplies from foreign countries continue to ship."

"Further orders have been placed for cars and rails by them and some large contracts have been made for structural iron for large buildings in different portions of the country."

The statement attributes depression to unusual conditions, but says that business here has been stabilized through the application of economy.

"The south," it continues, "is showing marked improvement. The sale of cotton is active at advancing prices, with the result that all business in that section is feeling a steady and pronounced improvement. The prospects for large crops generally are excellent, and there will be greater diversification. The states adjoining the Missouri river and the Mississippi river above St. Louis enjoyed exceptional prosperity during the last season and the present prospects are that the coming season will yield even better results."

"The western states and the Pacific states are showing a general improvement. The lumber industry is slowly recovering in these states, and the number of tourists exceed expectations. Mining is resuming on a larger scale, and the crop conditions are excellent."

"The New England and middle Atlantic states, and portions of the central west, although generally reporting an improvement seem to feel the past depression to the greatest extent. Farmers, however, generally have had satisfactory results. There is improvement, however, in most lines. The bond market has become active on a higher level. Savings bank deposits are increasing and generally banks have an abundance of money. The tendency has been for all to curtail needless expense, and as a rule, there is a lessened demand for money."

"The reports from New York and other large cities shows the trend of business conditions, outside of farming communities:

"New York: There has been no time in the last three years that merchants and manufacturers were such small borrowers, indicating that their present capital is sufficient for their

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