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## PRESIDENT L. C. GILMAN OF OREGON ELECTRIC PAYS VISIT TO SPRINGFIELD

### Visits Booth-Kelly Mill but Has Nothing to Say About Extension of Line to Springfield.

L. C. Gilman, president of the Oregon Electric railway, spent the afternoon Wednesday in Springfield the guest of Manager A. C. Dixon of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company. He declared the mill a magnificent one, but he would make no statement as to the probability of his company extending its line from Eugene to this place to care for the lumber now being shipped from the Springfield mill into the Hill territory in the north central states. At present this lumber is being hauled by motor truck to Eugene and loaded there so as to get the benefit of the terminal rate east.

Mr. Gilman stated that he had been promising Mr. Dixon for some time to pay a visit to the plant here, but had not had the opportunity until the present. "I spent a very interesting afternoon, he said. "The plant is magnificent and has many features I have never seen in any mill before. I have been well repaid for my trip. The plant is well worth visiting."

Mr. Gilman stated that the company is conducting a series of observations and making surveys at Clear Lake, 75 miles up the McKenzie, and will eventually construct immense power projects there, but that at this time there is no movement to begin the actual construction. "On account of the present unsettled condition," he said, "we are holding off all new projects."

## SCHOOL RALLY TO BE A BIG EVENT

The Lane County school fair, spelling contest and monster school children's parade will take place in Eugene Friday and Saturday of this week, bringing to the county seat thousands of the inhabitants of the county.

Prizes, many of them very valuable, have been provided for those who exhibit in the many divisions offered by the vocational courses of the schools. The fair is in charge of Supervisors Bossen and O'Reilly, and will be held in the old armory on Seventh street near Willamette. Exhibits may be placed any time up to 4 o'clock Friday afternoon.

The parade Saturday promises to be one of the most interesting ever held in Lane county, with several thousand school children and teachers in line. It forms on Olive street, marches south on the west side of Willamette to Fifteenth, and counter-marches back to Eighth and then to the county park. The parade judges will be in the balcony of the Paine building at Tenth and Willamette. The parade is to be in charge of Supervisor Stahlman and Co. C. C. Hammond.

Awards in the parade will be made on the basis of originality of design, appropriateness and work or execution of each district.

In this parade, the pupils of the Elmira school will ride horseback and Thent will have a band of 16 pieces.

A prize will be given to the district having the best percentage of attendance. To determine this a register will be placed in the booths of each district competing, and all present are expected to register in their proper book.

Different schools have prepared "stunts" to be presented in the plaza block. Supervisor Aylesworth has charge of this feature.

### PREDICT BIG LUMBER YEAR

Bellingham, Wash., May 13.—J. H. Blodell of the Blodell-Donovan Lumber company, has just

## FATHER WRITES SLOGAN SON DONATES POSTER

1915 Rose Festival Receives Work of Art from Famous Oregon Boy.



Portland's 1915 Rose Festival has a unique poster—the most artistic ever used and it is the work of an Oregon boy, Fred G. Cooper, now one of the world's foremost artists. His father, J. C. Cooper, of McMinnville, Oregon, wrote the winning slogan, "The Whole World Knows the Portland Rose." At his father's personal request young Cooper donated the poster to incorporate the slogan. Portland has cooperated with Seattle, Tacoma, Walla Walla and Spokane in securing conventions that will bring more than 250,000 visitors to Washington and Oregon.

hand business in the Odd Fellows building to Melvin Hansen of Eugene. Mr. Hansen placed the goods on sale, and disposed of the greater part of it in a few days.

Mr. Sloan last week traded his farm on Camp Creek to Mrs. Van Scoy of Eugene for property near Walla Walla, and will leave at once to take charge of his new property. The deals were made by Edwards & Brattain.

## URGE ATTENTION TO CLAIMS OF WOODEN BLOCKS

Development League to Back Movement for Adoption of Wood for Pavements

In order to further the interests of the lumber industry, in which Springfield is particularly interested, the Springfield Development League, at its adjourned meeting Tuesday evening, authorized the printing of the paper on wood block pavement, prepared by Carl Fischer for a recent banquet of the League, and for the mailing of the same to newspapers and to public bodies and city officials of western Oregon. The League discussed the wood block pavement quite at length, bringing out that the blocks can be made from the blocks trimmed from the end of timbers, and now a waste product, and also from logs too small or knotty for the commercial lumber.

At the close of the discussion the League unanimously adopt-

ed a resolution declaring it to be the sense of the League that the authorities of the Town of Springfield should give very careful consideration to the claims of wood block pavement when next the paving question comes up here.

The matter of participation in observance of good roads day, May 20, was discussed at some length, it being suggested that Springfield join with Eugene in improving the McKenzie highway, and also that perhaps some of the Mohawk districts might appreciate some help on their roads. The matter was referred to the civics improvement committee.

The matter of working up a crowd to go to Florence for the Rhododendron festival was referred to the newly created excursions committee, which has not yet been named by President Richmond.

## H. E. Rice Elected As the Fire Chief

The Fire Department held a meeting Tuesday evening at the City Hall and elected the following officers: Fire Chief, H. E. Rice; Asst. Fire Chief, Jess Smitson; Secretary and Treasurer, Bob Van Valzah. The next meeting will be on June 1.

## WILSON SENDS HIS FORMAL DEMANDS

Washington, May 13.—The United States government, in a note to Germany yesterday, formally demanded of the imperial government a strict accounting for the loss of American lives in the sinking of the Lusitania and violation of American rights in the war zone. It also asks guarantees that there will be no repetition of such events or practices.

With the plain intimation in it that the United States is prepared to meet any eventuality that may arise from a non-compliance, the communication is phrased in unmistakably emphatic language, was prepared to be cabled to Berlin by night fall.

Written by President Wilson and approved unanimously by the cabinet, the note was carefully examined by Counselor Lansing of the State department and the law officers of the government to make sure that its phraseology covered every point of law involved.

The White House officially announced the fact that the president had finally determined the course of action to be pursued in the following announcement by Secretary Tumulty after a conference with the president:

"The course of the president has been determined. It will be announced just as soon as it is

## COUNCIL TO CALL FOR BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF TWO BLOCKS

### Most-Traveled Streets Will be Given Usual Oil Treatment---Repair with Wood Blocks.

At one of the briefest sessions of the town council of recent months, that body in regular session Monday evening, heard the petition for the grading and graveling of G street from Eighth street to the west line of the Brattain estate. Out of the 38 lots affected, owners of 30 had signed the petition; one owner declined to sign or to remonstrate and the others are non-residents.

The petition asked that the property owners be allowed to advantage of the Bancroft act, but since the city feared it might not be able to sell Bancroft bonds to advantage, it was decided to stipulate in the call for bids for the work that the contractor would be required to bid at least par for any bonds that might be offered to cover the cost of the improvement. With this understanding between the council and property owners who attended the council meeting it was decided to go ahead with the improvement and have the city engineer prepare the necessary plans and specifications.

### To Test Wood Blocks.

The matter of oiling streets for the summer was discussed, and this brought up the question of repairs to some of the streets that were first paved. It was decided to use wood blocks for wearing surface in making these repairs. It was decided to oil the same streets this year as were treated last, with the exception of Seventh street from Main southward, where macadam was recently laid. This

proper to publish the note now in preparation."

This was taken to mean that the American government, observing the usual diplomatic amenities, would await the receipt of the communication in Berlin before making it public.

At first there was some suggestion that the communication be sent personally by the President to Emperor William, but Dr. Wilson determined that it should be addressed not to an individual, but to the German government and people.

The communication lays stress on the inhumanity of the attacks without warning the merchant vessels. It reviews in a general way every case in the war zone in which the rights of American citizens have been transgressed—the sinking of the steamship Falaba, the attack by German airmen on the American steamship Cushing; the torpedoing of the American steamship Gulfport while flying the American flag, and finally the destruction of the Lusitania.

Pendleton school board has taken up retrenchment and elimination of fads.

Marshfield—Mrs. Christie Kruse will erect a conservatory of music.

Monroe is to have a co-operative store.

Coos County will open a highway from North Bend to Ten country.

will include Second street from Main around to the bridge; Mill from Main northward; Fifth north of the pavement and Main from Tenth east to the city limits.

The presence of the city road grader on a vacant lot at Seventh and Main was discussed, and it was stated that it had been left there because it was believed that it would soon be needed on some other work. It was decided to return it to the shop now, at any rate.

Application of M. J. Bartlett for a pool license for one month was granted.

City Attorney Bower reported to the council that he had filed the reply of the city of Springfield in the damage case brought by J. M. Stark of Junction City for injuries alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the town in not keeping street obstructions properly marked. The town sets up as defense, contributory negligence, a dirty windshield, alleges that plaintiff was driving too swiftly and attempted to make too sharp a turn.

Mr. Bower reported also that the Klodahl case, to enforce the collection of a sidewalk assessment, is ready for trial, but the court may not get to it before the June term criminal cases are called.

L. M. Beebe was granted an extension of time in which to lay a sidewalk in front of his property at Fifth and D streets.

The fire and water committee was authorized to act in the matter of the smoke house that Swartz & Washburne wish to erect on Fourth near Main.

## RAIN HAS DONE MUCH FOR CROPS

Rains that have continued for nearly a week have been of untold benefit to the farmers of Lane county. About an inch and a half of rain fell, soaking the ground to a depth of six to eight inches and making sure a good growth of all field crops. Grass will be brightened and kept green for months as a result of this week's precipitation.

Fruit has been benefited materially by the rain, and berries, which are just forming, were not injured.

"It was a million dollar rain," said one prominent farmer. "I believe it means that much to the farmers of Lane county. It came just in a nick of time. Everything was very dry and we had begun to worry over prospects for good crops, but it seems the rain seldom falls in this valley."

Corvallis—E. K. Abraham and son have the contract for \$9000 fraternity house.

Roseburg—Plans ordered prepared for the paving of Third street.

Sheridan has voted \$24,000 school bonds and will build.

Monroe votes on \$3000 water bond issue May 14.

*"Don't lose faith in humanity—there are over 100,000,000 people in America who never played you a trick."*

*No man ever got nervous prostration pushing his business; you get it only when the business pushes you.*

—Elbert Hubbard