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## PIONEER, FORMER RESIDENT, IS DEAD

Mrs. Lumicy Ebbert Lived from Girlhood Until a Few Years Ago in Lane County—Body Brought Here for Interment.

Mrs. Lumicy Ebbert, pioneer of 1852, died at her home at Condon, Gilliam county, Thursday, July 1, 1915, and was buried in the Oak Hill cemetery, Springfield, on Saturday, July 3rd.

Mrs. Ebbert, the daughter of Zimbray Crabtree, was born in Pike County, Mo., March 26, 1840, and came with her father to Oregon by ox team to Oregon and located on a farm seven miles west of Eugene. There she resided until 1860, when she married J. W. Ebbert, who survives her. To this union there were born eight children, four boys and four girls, all of whom are living except one, and were at her bedside at the end. The surviving children are Mrs. J. F. Powers and Mrs. John Winzenried of Springfield; Mrs. W. I. Ebbert, Z. A. Ebbert and Miss Lillian Ebbert of Condon; Roy Ebbert of Spokane, Wash., and M. D. Ebbert of Newberg, Oregon.

After her marriage she continued to live in Lane county until 1886, when she moved to Gilliam County.

The funeral services were held from the J. F. Powers home, being conducted by Rev. E. C. Wigmore.

Mrs. Ebbert had been an active church worker, and leaves a wide circle of friends.

## BRIDGES ORDERED FIXED

County Commissioner Harlow Makes Inspection.

A number of bridges in the eastern end of the county have been ordered repaired and strengthened as a result of a trip through that portion of the county by M. H. Harlow, county commissioner, last week. The commissioner spent nearly the entire week examining roads and bridges in that portion of the county allotted to him.

Commissioner Harlow spent the first three days of the week in the Mohawk and Camp Creek valleys and on Friday and Saturday he was around Fall Creek and Jasper. He visited the camp of T. O. Russell, S. P. engineer, who has charge of the work or rebuilding portions of the Willamette road along the Oakridge branch of the S. P. railroad and found that this work has been progressing very satisfactorily, although a heavy rain Friday night caused the engineer to take the teams off the work the next day on account of too much moisture.

The commissioner found that the bridge across the Mohawk river above Mabel needs repairing as well as one across Little Fall creek. There is one 30 feet long across a creek along the Camp Creek road that is weak and will be repaired and he found one across Long creek on the Mohawk road that was in such bad shape that it was torn out at once and the road supervisor began to build a new one.

## KENDALL BRINGS PARTY TO SEE TIMBER PROJECT AND PLAN RAILROAD

Portland, July 3.—Escorted by S. A. Kendall, of Pittsburg, a party of Pennsylvania and

Maryland lumbermen and investors arrived in Portland from the East this morning en route to Southern Oregon to look over the timber cutting developments which the head of the party has projected in Douglas county. In the party, besides Mr. Kendall, are T. W. Justus, of Baltimore, formerly purchasing agent of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad and now a lumber manufacturer; R. S. Jobson, of Philadelphia, sawmill engineer of the Allis-Chalmers company; J. L. Snyder, of Wellsboro, Pa., a lumberman; J. Eugene McKelvey, of Somerset, Pa., a lumberman; A. L. Justus, of Baltimore, associated with his brother in the lumber business, and S. A. Kendall and J. W. Kendall, sons of the head of the party and associated with him in his development projects.

"We expect to begin by August 1, the construction of 34 miles of main line railroad from Roseburg easterly into our timber holdings," said S. A. Kendall this morning. "A few weeks ago by an almost unanimous vote the people of Roseburg voted \$300,000 of bonds to aid this project. Location surveys for the railroad are practically completed. We expect to invest \$750,000 in the railroad and an equal amount in logging equipment and sawmill plant.

"We are encouraged over the business outlook. In the East prosperity is returning. Business in steel is picking up rapidly. Most of the great plants are running full and some of them overtime. The coal and coke trade is also improving."

Portland Port Commission is to spend \$22,500 on a new dredge.

## Liberty Bell Now on Its Way West

Philadelphia, July 4.—Guarded by a party of bluejackets from the navy yard, the Liberty Bell started today on its long journey from Independence Hall here to the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco.

At noon the famous relic was moved from its resting place in the Hall of Independence to the square, where thousands were assembled for the patriotic exercises incident to the departure. Thousands joined in singing the patriotic songs and amid the cheering and waving of flags the bell was taken to the train and placed on a gondola car especially constructed for the bell's trip. So smoothly does the special car ride that during a test made in the freight yards here water was not even jarred from a glass on the floor of the car while it was being drawn over switches at a high rate of speed.

The train pulled out late in the afternoon on what is to be the longest journey yet made by the bell. Some 70 stops are scheduled between here and San Francisco.

O'Dell is going after a fruit evaporating plant.

Albany—Work begun on the Wallace building, to cost \$20,000.

Klamath Falls—Enwauna box factory adds 50 men on account of large orders.

O. W. R. & N. Co. is considering a short line from Ontario to Bend.

East Marshfield gets a mile of street improved and may order water system.

## A Patriot's Creed

I believe in the American nation. I believe in the principles of government of the people for the people, and I believe that the great mass of the citizens of the republic are honest men. I believe that officials as a rule are true to their trust; that the corruption that appears in places high and low is the exception and not the rule; that a proper awakening of the public conscience will remedy the evil and bring to our people as a whole a higher standard of public living and private life.

I believe that each man owes it to his state to live his best; to be upright in his dealings with his fellows and expect others to deal likewise; that he should frown upon practices that sap the public conscience; that he should be willing to suffer something of inconvenience if it should be for the public welfare.

I believe in the future of the nation, and to the end that America's people may ever be happy and prosperous I shall strive to bear the part that comes to me in public life or private, in a way that shall bring honor to the memory of the patriots who gave of their all to establish the Republic.

## COUNTY COURT HAS NO FUNDS AT HAND

Compelled to Deny Petition for Appropriation to Keep Lane County Representative at the San Francisco Fair.

Because there are no funds of the county not otherwise appropriated, the county court last week had to deny the petition of representative business men of all sections of the county, who appeared before the court asking an appropriation of \$800 to \$1000 to keep E. M. Warren or some other live representative of Lane County at the San Francisco exposition. Judge Bown, in announcing the decision of the court not to appropriate the funds, stated:

"I think it is highly important that we keep Mr. Warren, or some one else, at San Francisco, and I will be one of 200 men to donate \$5 each to make up the amount."

Pledges of \$85 in \$5 amounts were secured in Eugene with very little difficulty.

In explaining the action of the court, Judge Bown stated that the budget law under which the county now operates, county courts cannot appropriate any money for purposes not provided in the budget, except that unexpended balances of any fund may be used for other purposes. The taxpayers meeting last December pared down all appropriations until now they are all used or at least reserved for expenses that are sure to come up before the next tax-levying time.

Following the announcement of the court's decision, President C. D. Rorer of the Eugene Commercial club stated that he believed that the merchants and business men had already done their share and more, and that if Mr. Warren is to be kept at San Francisco it must be with

funds raised by property owners and by others who have not already contributed heavily to these funds.

## MAKING TESTS OF WATER USED IN SPRINGFIELD

M. M. Peery, chairman of the health committee of the town council, last week sent a number of samples of city water and also samples from wells at different places in town, to the laboratories at Corvallis, where the samples will be tested to see if they are suitable for family use. Testing of private water supplies is made free, the only condition being that a sterilized bottle be secured from the committee chairman. No reports on the tests have yet been received.

## Trade Farm For Springfield Lots

C. E. and E. E. Brattain and J. E. Edwards on Friday traded their 45-acre farm at Pleasant Hill to G. F. Berger of Eugene, who will enter the dairy business. In the deal Mr. Berger turns in a lot on east A street and another on west B street in Springfield.

C. E. Brattain has also traded his 30 acres, highly improved, near Irving, for 160-acre stock farm south of Eugene.

## COUNTY CLERK'S FEES MORE THAN PAY EXPENSES

The county clerk's figures compiled for the six months' period, ending June 30, showing a total of \$6,631.93 collected in fees and warrants drawn on the clerk's fund amounting to \$6,243.53.

Clerk Russell is making out his report as required by law. The report will show that the expenses of the county during the half year have been \$95,698.26. The amounts drawn against

the different funds are as follows:

Roads and highways, general and district	\$22,690.99
Registration and elections	199.06
Sheriff's Office	6,306.24
Clerk's Office	6,243.53
County attorney	435.35
Treasurer's office	5,275.96
Surveyor's office	1,525.76
Assessor's office	7,124.71
Court house	4,018.69
Circuit court	3,195.64
County court of commissioners	2,208.44
Justice court	1,053.50
Coroner	192.45
Insane	159.70
School superintendent	5,052.10
Health officer	542.31
Fruit inspector	691.13
Indigent soldier	482.28
Widow's pension	4,485.55
Care of Poor	7,205.47
Juvenile court	857.16
Bridges	2,823.30
Veterinarian	27.00
Tax rebate	732.20
Scalp bounty	592.50
Panama-Pacific exposition	159.03
Supervisions	3,925.21
Advertising	1,655.90
Misc. toll and damage, etc.	7.00
Expert farm work	800.00
Total	\$95,698.26

## Douglas Gardens House Destroyed

The house of Tad Tomlinson in Douglas Gardens was totally destroyed by fire last Wednesday in the early evening. Just a single bracelet was all that was saved, besides the clothing Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson wore.

How the fire started is not known, as the whole interior was in flames when discovered. Mr. Tomlinson was waiting for time to start to Eugene, where he cleans S. P. coaches at night, when he heard the crackling of the flames. He rushed into the house, and threw out a bureau drawer containing some jewelry.

## FIRE BARELY AVERTED

A fire was narrowly averted in the Cash Mead cigar store last evening when in some way a quantity of firecrackers and roman candles became ignited on a show case. Andy Ruddiman was standing not far away, and with a single sweep of the arm he brought the pile to the floor whence bystanders quickly kicked the exploding mass into the street.

## JASPER GRANGE WILL TALK FARM PROBLEMS

Decide Upon Plan to Hold Institute During Latter Part of July

Jasper Grange will hold a farmers' institute during the latter part of July according to a decision reached at the regular meeting of the grange held Saturday. This institute will be held under the auspices of the farmers of the grange. R. B. Coglon, county agriculturist, will endeavor to secure professors from the Oregon Agricultural college to address the meetings. The institute will last one day.

At the meeting held Saturday several new members were initiated into the grange. Mr. Coglon addressed the meeting on soil fertility and C. J. Hurd, deputy state grange organizer, spoke on grange work.

Gladstone—Election carried for \$12,500 bond issue for union high school.

Guthrie-McDougal Co., Portland, have a large Canadian Pacific snowshed contract.

Mt. Angel is taking bids for an extensive sewer system.

J. A. and Marie Steach have bought the Long Creek Ranger.

## 4TH A QUIET DAY IN SPRINGFIELD

No Formal Celebration, So Citizens Go in Numbers to Celebrations in Eugene, Thurston and on Picnics.

There was no formal celebration of the Fourth of July in Springfield this year, and as the merchants generally have shut up their stores for the day, the streets are very quiet. Saturday, too, was a quiet day, for scores of Springfield people went to Thurston to attend the celebration there. Those who went report a very enjoyable time, with large crowds of the McKenzie valley folk.

Today was Eugene's celebration day, and hundreds went from Springfield by street car, jitney bus and automobile.

Other dozens spent the day picnicking on the rivers near town, staying until the threatening weather drove them in.

Operation of the gravel trains for the Willamett-Pacific continued as usual, as they are likely to be laid out later in the month when a score of special exposition excursions will be following one another in rapid succession over the main line and keeping the track between Springfield Junction and Eugene busy. For the first time in years the freight trains ran on a legal holiday, but they had little to do, as there were no log shipments.

The Booth-Kelly mill closed Friday evening and will not resume until Wednesday morning. A huge auto truck load of lumber from the mill attracted wide attention in the Eugene parade.

Excellent order prevailed in Springfield, and it was not until late this evening that an intoxicated man was found lying on a sidewalk in an outlying district. He was brought in by the police and will be given a hearing tomorrow.

## LUMBERMEN PAY VISIT TO SPRINGFIELD MILL

J. W. Blodgett of Grand Rapids, Mich., S. Brumby and Jas. Danaher of Portland and M. H. Kelly of Duluth, Minn., all interested in the Booth-Kelly Co., were in Springfield last week with Manager A. C. Dixon, inspecting the local plant.

Mr. Blodgett, who is one of the largest mill operators and timber owners in Michigan, stated that the condition of the lumber market is bad, and there does not seem to be an immediate prospect of betterment.

He declared that no mill in the Pacific Northwest is making any money and few of them are operating. He declared that conditions in the lumber business will not become normal until the purchasing power of the railroads is restored, as the railroads purchase at least 25 per cent of the lumber made in the United States. He said the railroads had suffered too much from legislation and they are not able to buy the amount of lumber they formerly did.

Business conditions in general, he said, are improving, but they are not yet back to normal.

Albany—C. M. Miller will erect a large warehouse on First street.

Silverton—Anderson & Larson will put concrete on First street.



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