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## ODD FELLOWS TO HAVE A BIG DAY ON THURSDAY

Members from District to Make Make Merry at Walker's Grove, West Springfield, Program of Sports.

Springfield members of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are making great plans for the picnic which is to be held in Walker's grove, West Springfield on next Thursday. Large numbers of the members of the order are expected to attend from Eugene, Springfield, Coburg, Goshen and other points in the district.

The picnickers are expected to assemble in the morning in time for the big basket dinner at noon.

There will be no formal program except a number of athletic contests, which were announced today by Henry Korf of the committee. Following is the schedule:

- Baseball, Leans vs. Fats.
- 50-yard race, boys under 15.
- 100-yard race, free for all.
- 50-yard race, girls under 15.
- Potato race.
- 50-yard race, ladies only.
- Sack race.
- Tug of war between teams chosen from the crowd.

## RAILROAD ASKS BIDS Burlington Seeks Car and Bridge Material from Mills of the Northwest

Portland, Aug. 20.—Portland lumber manufacturers are keenly interested in the invitation of the Burlington railroad system for bids on 20,000,000 feet of lumber for car building and for bridge timbers, in both common and clear grades. It is understood that the order will be placed Saturday, and that it will call for deliveries at mills, the railroad company to attend to the transporting from mills over connecting lines or over the lines of its ally, the Northern Pacific, to its own system points of distribution.

Considering the low prices prevailing, it is believed the Burlington will get extremely low quotations from the large number of manufacturers in Oregon and Washington invited to participate in filling the order for the 20,000,000 feet, which will require approximately 1,000 cars for carrying the lumber, and bring in a revenue of about \$250,000 to the participating mills.

## CAMP MEETINGS CLOSED

Camp meetings that have been in progress for the past ten days in West Springfield, under the auspices of the Free Methodist church, came to a successful end Saturday evening. The

## MORE FINE ONIONS ARE REPORTED

J. P. Fry has on display at his real estate office some fine onions raised by P. M. Emery on his place a mile and a half east of Springfield. Four of the onions weigh over 5 pounds, and one of them was 14 inches in circumference.

services were directed by Rev. M. F. Childs of the West Springfield church, and he was ably assisted in various services by Rev. H. J. Blair, and Rev. H. C. Ethell of Springfield.

## FREIGHT CREW HAS TO WORK LATE HOURS

The freight crew handling the general freight business on the Wendling branch, and also the bringing of logs to Springfield from Coburg and Landax, is putting in long hours these days. Thursday evening they did not get in from Landax until nearly 9 o'clock, and Saturday evening it was 9:50 when they arrived. The crew arrives from Eugene at 9:30 a. m. and has to make a trip to Coburg, one to Landax, and one to Wendling during the day, besides doing a portion of the switching in the local yards.

## Low Fare For S. P. Picnic at Salem

A round-trip rate of \$1 from Eugene to Salem has been made for the annual Southern Pacific employes picnic, which will be held on the State Fair grounds Wednesday of this week. The train will leave Eugene at 7:00 o'clock in the morning, and return late in the evening. A large number of the local S. P. employes and their friends will go. Salem has arranged to give a score of fine prizes to be competed for at the picnic.

## PARTY SECURED SEVEN DEER ON THEIR TRIP

The hunting party consisting of M. M. Peery, Dr. W. C. Rebhan, Jess Seavey and Welby Stevens returned Saturday from southern Oregon where they had been hunting since the opening of the hunting season. They secured seven fine deer among them.

## GRANGE PICNIC ON NEXT SATURDAY AT McBEE'S

Preparations are going forward for the picnic of the local Grange, which is to be held at the McBee grove, one-half mile south of the Maple school, on Saturday, August 28. Arrangements will be made for taking town members to the grounds.

Lexington taking bids on two-story \$14,000 brick schoolhouse. Oregon City is considering six more streets.

## PLACE SIGNS TO INVITE AUTOISTS TO SPRINGFIELD

The Commission having charge of the Springfield public camping ground for auto tourists, and the publicity committee have had signs painted advertising the Springfield camping ground, and are having them put in place. One was placed at Judkins Point this morning and one will be placed at McVey point right away. Other signs have been provided to be erected at Roseburg, at Ashland and at Drain. Dan Gore leaves later this week for Sisters, to place a sign at the forks of the Central Oregon and the McKenzie roads.

Despite the lack of road signs, the camping ground has had its visitors almost daily since it was opened last week. There have been two parties here at noons that did not register, and some of those here for a night have gone on without registering. Those registering since Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Haman and Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Prather and Miss Mable Prather of Buena Vista, Oregon, and Mr. and Mrs. Foster and Mr. Brown and child on Portland.

## FINISH PICKING EARLY HOPS

Picking of the early hops at the John Seavey yard, southeast of Springfield was completed today, and will be celebrated by the first dance tonight. There were 300 pickers engaged. The picking of the late hops will begin in about ten days.

## PLANNER DEPARTMENT ON A 12-HOUR SHIFT

The planer department of the Booth-Kelly mill began Friday morning running on a 12-hour shift. Work begins at 6 o'clock in the morning and continues until 7 in the evening.

## Springfield Men Carve the Bucks

Messrs. Swarts and Washburne of Springfield barbecued the 20 bucks which were served to the 500 or more members of the B. P. O. Elks at their annual high jinks on Row river near Cottage Grove Sunday. Mr. Swarts attended as a guest of the order. Members of the Eugene lodge, who went from Springfield included H. W. Stewart, James Stewart, B. A. Washburne, James Laxton, George Vallier, M. M. Peery, Al Perkins, B. Wilmot, W. L. McCulloch, A. M. Beaver, I. D. Larimer, M. C. Bressler, C. F. Eggimann, J. J. Bryan, and J. E. Cross.

## TAXES DELINQUENT SEPT. 1 IF HALF IS NOT ALREADY PAID

Sheriff Parker, who is now tax collector under the new law, has received detailed instructions from the state tax commission as to this year's collections under the new statute, which is now in effect. According to the statement received from the tax commission, the sheriff is to make his annual statement and tax return, and also to proceed to collect delinquent taxes on or immediately after October 5, 1915, instead of September 1, as heretofore. The sheriff is also instructed by the commission as follows:

### Vital Points Given

"Where one-half of the 1914 taxes on any property was paid before April 1, 1915, the second half may be paid any time before October 1, 1915, without penalty or interest; if the second half is not so paid it will become delinquent on October 1, and be then subject to a penalty of 10 per cent and interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum from said date.

"Where one-half was not paid before April 1, 1915, a penalty of one per cent for each calendar month or part thereof, on the total amount unpaid accumulates during the period beginning April 1 and ending August 31, 1915. For illustration, if a tax bill as charged on the roll totals \$100 and the full amount is paid in the month of August, a penalty of 5 per cent (\$5) is to be added thereto. These cumulative penalties are not to be collected on or after September 1, 1915, being superseded on that date by the penalties and interest applicable to delinquent taxes.

### Subject to Penalty

"Where one-half of the 1914 taxes on any property was not paid before April 1, 1915, the entire amount unpaid will become delinquent on September 1, 1915, and be then subject to a penalty of 10 per cent and interest at rate of 12 per cent per annum. For instance, the taxes as originally charged on a certain property amount to \$100; if paid in full on September 15, 1915, the total amount required would be \$110.50, a penalty of 10 per cent (\$10) and interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum for 15 days (50c) being added to the original tax.

"Section 1 of Chapter 158, Laws of 1915, amending section 3682, Lord's Oregon Laws, and providing in part that 'the first half of all taxes legally levied and charged shall be paid on or before the fifth day of April following, and the second half on or before the fifth day of October following,' has no appli-

cation whatever to taxes charged on tax rolls of the year 1914. Said section will become effective in 1916, and apply to the payment of taxes to be charged on the 1915 rolls."

## INDUSTRIAL NOTES

Gold Hill—Rogue River Public Service Corporation preparing to resume work on plant here.

The first mile of hard-surfaced road built to Coos County within 30 days and a \$370,000 bond issue is proposed.

Hood River plans county flower planting campaign.

Halfway—Water bond issue of \$20,000 voted on Aug. 17.

Baker will put streamer lights on its principal streets.

Medford is promised a \$600,000 sugar beet factory in time for the crop of 1916.

Marshfield—The Courtney Mill which has been idle for some time has been reconstructed and made ready for cutting lumber. At the present time the owners are negotiating for a contract for 5,000 ready-to-erect houses.

Eugene—Municipal water commission would raise rates for water used by city to keep rates down for consumers. That is general result of public ownership, to make taxpayers meet deficits caused by supplying consumers below cost.

## Says Springfield's Future is Bright

A. A. Sawyer and Charles F. Brown, two attorneys of Oakland, California, were in Springfield last week on an automobile trip through Oregon, and spent considerable time in looking over Springfield and its environs. To Atty. J. C. Mullen they declared that Springfield seemed to be the busiest town they had visited on their trip. Especially were they impressed by the prospects for future growth of Springfield. Its location in relation to present and future railroad development, gives promise of the growth here of a city of commanding importance.

## O. & C. LAND IS PLACED ON ROLLS FOR FULL VALUE

County Assessor Keeney Disregards Suggestion of Appraisal of \$2.50 an Acre.

The Oregon and California lands in Lane county have been placed upon the assessment rolls at valuations of from \$5 to \$20 the total appraisement amounting to \$3,350,000, by County Assessor B. F. Keeney, disregarding the recent ruling of the supreme court of the United States, which held that the Southern Pacific Railroad company's interest in this land amounted to \$2.50 per acre.

"Whether we have a right to assess these lands, only for the amount of the railroad two and one-half dollars per acre equity, or whether we have a right to assess it at all, is a matter for the board of equalization to determine," he said. "This land is assessed at virtually the same figure as last year."

Assessor Keeney stated that the total assessment this year of all property in the county was not known, but he believes it will be approximately the same as in 1914.

"The tax toll in Lane county will not show much of a change," he said. "There has

## MRS. JAS. FARNHAM INJURED FATALLY AT WALTERVILLE

Hurt Internally When Thrown Out of Buggy—Daughter Also Hurt Internally When Thrown by Automobile.

Mrs. Ella Farnham died at her home at Walterville this afternoon at three o'clock.

Mrs. Joseph Farnham of Walterville sustained what are probably fatal injuries when she was thrown from her buggy a half mile this side of Walterville at noon Thursday. She has not recovered consciousness, and her death is expected momentarily. While hurrying to her sister's side, Thursday night, Mrs. Bullis of Corvallis, and her husband, were thrown from their automobile at the Cogswell hill, this side of Hendricks' bridge, and painfully, though not seriously, injured.

Mrs. Farnham, who is nearly 60 years of age, was driving from Walterville, where her daughter is postmistress, and met an autotruck in the road. The truck drew to one side and Mrs. Farnham drove by on the other side, and after she had fully passed her horse whirled suddenly, overturning the rig and throwing Mrs. Farnham out on her head, breaking her collar bone and causing other internal injuries. She was taken to her home near the Eugene power plant and Dr. Traver of Walterville summoned. Telegrams were at once dispatched to her sister in Corvallis, a daughter in California, and her son Emmett Farnham, who was in eastern Washington. He arrived Friday morning and his sister that evening.

When Mrs. Farnham did not respond to treatment Friday, Eugene physicians were called in consultation.

been a reduction in some cases and an increase in others. All in all, I think it will about even up."

The 1915 tax rolls were opened at the assessor's office for inspection today. Taxpayers can examine the rolls at any time before the meeting of the board of equalization, September 13. It will not be necessary to take complaints to the board, if corrections can be made by the assessor.

The matter of the assessment of the O. & C. lands, it is understood, has been taken up with the attorney general by the state tax commission. No action on the part of the railroad, suggesting any step in connection with the manner in which the land is to be assessed is expected, as such action might have some bearing on the legal statute of the land, title to which has long been in dispute.—Guard.

Linn County clover seed industry yielding 8 bushels to the acre.

Portland—The Willamette Iron and Steel works employing day and night shifts.

St. Helens—Columbia River Cannery is running steady on vegetables.

Donald will improve 10,000 feet of streets.

The manufacture of peppermint oil in Linn county under way.

Pleasant Hill—New Baptist church dedicated here.

## ODD FELLOWS BLOCK, SPRINGFIELD



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