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ALBERT S. WALKER, FIRST MAYOR OF
SPRINGFIELD, CALLED TO HIS REWARD

Held Prominent Place in Development
of Community---Came to Ore-
gon at Age of Seven.

Albert Shields Walker, pioneer resident of Lane county, the first mayor of the town of Springfield, and a man prominent in the civic, religious and commercial life of Springfield, died at his home here at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday morning, aged 69 years, 8 months and 12 days. He had been in poor health for several years, and had been failing for the past several months.

Funeral services will be held from the chapel Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with services conducted by Rev. T. L. Jones of Brownsville, an old schoolmate, assisted by Rev. J. T. Moore and Rev. E. C. Wigmore, of Springfield. Interment will be made in the Laurel Grove cemetery.

Mr. Walker was born in southwestern Missouri January 1, 1846, and when he was six years of age his people started for Oregon by the overland trail. Returning immigrants, with tales of cholera on the way, deterred the party, and they returned to their home for the winter, but in April, 1853 they again started for Oregon, and arrived in Lane county in October of the same year. They experienced no difficulty on the trip save the loss of much of their stock. His parents, William and Mary Shields Walker, took up a donation land claim eight miles south of the present site of Springfield, and four years later the family moved to Eugene, where the elder Mr. Walker opened a drug store, and continued in the business for three years. Later he sold a part of what is now the site of the First National bank, and moved to Pleasant Hill.

June 18, 1868, Albert S. Walker married Miss Sarah L. Higgins, of Salem, and began farming at Pleasant Hill, which he continued for ten years, removing from that place to Springfield where he opened a blacksmith and carriage shop. He continued in this business for 20 years, or until his health failed, and then he went into the real estate and insurance business. Of late years his sight was poor, but he was able to get about on the streets unaided.

Mr. Walker was one of the organizers of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Springfield, in which he served in many official capacities. He was superintendent of the Sunday school for 20 years. He continued in the church work until failing health made that impossible. It was at one of the services of his beloved church that he was stricken with one of his most severe attacks, and from that day he rarely left home. During all his connection with the local church his home has been the home of the preacher, and many visiting churchmen have found entertainment at his board.

Mr. Walker was also one of the organizers of the Springfield lodge, No. 70, I. O. O. F., in 1881, a charter member of the Juniata Rebekah No. 85, and a number of the encampment branch. He was also a member of the Eugene Camp, Woodmen of the World, from its organization in 1892, later transferring to the Springfield Camp at its institution.

When the town of Springfield was incorporated in 1885 Mr. Walker was elected its first mayor, and he was reelected in 1886. He was elected also in 1889, 1890, and 1893 for one-year terms. He served several terms as a member of the council, and as recorder. He served also for several years on the board of education, and as clerk of that body. Throughout his life he took an active interest in

the welfare of Springfield, and even until recently he was keenly alive to public questions and their solution.

Mr. Walker is survived by his wife and eight children, four sons, Herbert E., W. F., Ralph and Joy, and four daughters, Mrs. O. C. Wolf, of Albany; Mrs. H. F. Parsons, Jessie and Grace. Alva J. Walker died in infancy.

CLOSE FOR FUNERAL

Springfield business houses were closed from 2 until 4 o'clock this afternoon during the funeral services for the late Albert S. Walker. A large number of friends attended the services.

TRADE HOUSE FOR RANCH

William Ketchum this week traded his residence property on G street between Ninth and Tenth to G. B. Kintzley for the latter's Winberry ranch. Mr. Ketchum and family take possession of the ranch at once.

Apostolic Faith
Opens Mission

A score of the members of the Apostolic Faith mission of Eugene were in Springfield yesterday and the day before, refitting the room in the old post office building formerly occupied by Niece and Miller for a meeting place for this winter. The room is being repaired and refurnished and seats and a platform are being constructed.

The first meeting will be held in the room next Saturday night under the direction of Fred Hornshuh, who is in charge of the Eugene mission. The Apostolic Faith missionaries have been holding meetings here on the Street Saturday evenings for many months now, but with the opening of the mission here, meetings will be held Saturday night, Sunday afternoon and probably some evening in the middle of the week, perhaps on Wednesday.

S. P. HAD SHARE
IN DEVELOPMENT
WORK OF COAST

Vice-President McCormick Tells of Cost of Advertising and Building Country in West.

Stockton, Cal., Sept. 13.—Irrigation, the part a great railway system plays in the development of a new country was recounted here today to delegates at the International Irrigation congress by E. O. McCormick, vice-president of the Southern Pacific system.

In order to bring people into the far west, Mr. McCormick said, it was necessary to tell them what was there, and this in turn involved a wide and comprehensive knowledge of the country to be developed. From this need there grew a great bureau, maintained by the railroad, for the collection and dissemination of information. This work was done through pamphlets, newspapers, magazine articles, stereopticon lectures, and more recently by motion picture lectures, at a cost, in the forty-six years of Southern Pacific operation of millions of dollars. Through chambers of commerce, "boosting" editions of newspapers, supplies of photographs and cuts for all publications, and through its own direct agencies, he said, hundreds of millions of pages of informative literature had been placed, through the railroad's activities,

in the hands of progressive settlers.

"Railroads invariably precede development," Mr. McCormick declared, and spoke of the building of a line to Fresno, Calif., when the San Joaquin valley was but a vast grain field, encouraging investors to begin irrigation and intensive farming. But it was to a woman that he gave credit for today's vineyard acreage in the San Joaquin valley—a Miss Hatch who left school teaching in the east and took up a small holding near Fresno on which she started a vineyard. Like development in the Sacramento valley he credited to the opening of the Shasta route to Portland, and he described the pioneering of the Southern Pacific across Arizona and into the Imperial valley in California. Southern Pacific engineers, he said, were men who put water in the Colorado desert by boring artesian wells and who found there the possibilities of growing in this country the commercial date.

"The present policy of the Southern Pacific company," he said, "is to continue this work of education and colonization in every way that it can possibly do so."

Another Log
Train is Added

Increase in the amount of logs being hauled to Springfield has made it necessary for the Southern Pacific Co. to put on an extra engine crew, which ties up at Coburg each night. This engine brings over a train load of logs in the morning, dumps the log cars, does the general yard switching and returns the empty cars to Coburg in the evening. The Wendling freight still handles the logs from Landax.

PLAN FORMING A
PROTECTIVE ASSN.

William R. Smyth, formerly with the Portland Spectator, and for two years engaged in the handling of commercial rating organizations, has been interviewing the merchants with regard to the formation of a Springfield Protective association, and in order to get at some common ground upon which to form an organization, a meeting has been called for Monday evening, September 20, at the public library rooms at eight o'clock. Mr. Smyth found that the merchants generally favored the formation of some such organization, but were not clear as to the details, and he thought a conference would clear up these questions and pave the way to permanent organization.

About 20 of the merchants and doctors have signified their intention of attending.

FIRST HOPS ARE SHIPPED

McNeff brothers today shipped a quantity of hops from the Morrison warehouse, making the first shipment of the season. Eight hundred bales of hops have already been brought to the Morrison warehouse here so far this season.

20 AUTO LOADS GO
TO PUNKIN SHOW

Twenty automobilists of this place have signified their intention of going to Junction City tonight to attend the Punkin show. Probably more of the 35 cars of the town will join the party. It is planned to leave at intervals shortly after six o'clock and then assemble a short distance this side of Junction City so all may go in together.

HOP HOUSES ARE BURNED

Three hop houses belonging to John Edmunson at Goshen were totally destroyed by fire Tuesday evening, together with all the contents, entailing a loss of \$5000, partially covered by insurance.

Later the same evening a hop house belonging to F. B. Hughes on Good pasture island, north-west of Springfield, was also destroyed.

KENDALL BROTHERS
READY TO BEGIN ON
ROSEBURG RAILROAD

Roseburg, Ore., Sept. 13.—That actual work on the proposed railroad from Roseburg to the line of the Umpqua National Forest Reserve and the sawmill to be erected on the Fair grounds a short distance east of this city will begin within the next few days was the statement of C. L. Sealeman, of Washington, today as official representative of Kendall Brothers.

In an interview this morning, Mr. Sealeman stated that he spent Sunday in Portland, where he held a lengthy conference with F. M. Von Planta, chief engineer for Kendall Brothers. Mr. Von Planta will arrive here tomorrow morning, according to Mr. Sealeman, preparatory to resuming work on the railroad survey early Wednesday. It was Mr. Sealeman's prediction that the work of completing the survey will be rushed as fast as possible and that if necessary a double crew will be employed.

"It is our intention to begin actual work on the railroad as soon as the rights of way have been secured," said Mr. Sealeman, "in order that the road can be completed next year. We are especially interested in constructing the road as far as the Fair grounds this fall in order that the mill may be erected during the winter. I expect to remain here permanently and will have charge of Kendall Brothers' affairs in this vicinity. In order that no delay will be encountered we are anxious that the people of Roseburg will cooperate with us, and thereby expedite matters. Inasmuch as winter is not far in the future, it is essential that the rights of way from Roseburg to the Fair grounds be secured at once. The machinery for the mill has been ordered, and it is my understanding that the first carload will be shipped here about January 1. I expect to spend the first couple of days of my visit here in conferring with the business and professional men of Roseburg in hope that immediate action may be taken in the direction of getting the work under way. Kendall Brothers are ready for action and are only awaiting the deeds for rights of

way. I have been told that the litigation pending in the courts as a result of the bonds voted for the railroad will in no way hinder operations. The several questions involved in the suit have already been settled by a decision of the Oregon Supreme Court."

It is Mr. Sealeman's opinion that S. A. Kendall will arrive in Roseburg within the next two weeks. He will be followed by J. L. Snyder and Mr. McKelvey, the latter of whom will have charge of erecting the mill.

Mr. Sealeman will make his headquarters at the Umpqua Hotel for the present, but later will open an office.

Officials Planning
for Clean-Up Day

Councilman M. M. Peery, the chairman of the council health committee, announces plans are being made for a fall clean-up, similar to the one of last spring, in order to put the streets, alleys and vacant places in shape for winter. The date has not yet been decided upon, but it will probably be some time this month. On the designated day, city wagons will go from street to street picking up all refuse that has been put out in proper shape for carting it away.

OBITUARY OF JAMES A.
EBBERT.

On the 25th day of March, in the year 1831, there was born near Uniontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, a boy who was destined to live a long and useful life, for then and there James Armstrong Ebbert first saw the light.

He was one of a family of fifteen children who were born to James and Eliza DeVeeman Ebbert and of this large family four remain: William Ebbert, of Condon, Oregon; Harrison Ebbert, of Salem, Oregon; Mrs. Harriet Morris, of Stockport, Iowa and Mrs. Ingaba Keck of Seattle, Washington.

While a young man James came to Iowa, then later the whole family following and purchased the farm then owned by Paul Brattain near Stockport. The next spring they occupied the same house with the Brattain family for a few months before the latter started West in 1852.

The same dwelling built about 1846, of black walnut still stands which was occupied first by Paul Brattain and family, then by James Ebbert, Sr., and family who sold it to his son-in-law, A. H. Morris who took possession of it in 1866 and occupies it still.

The families became well acquainted and it was here that James met Elizabeth Brattain his future wife.

Being of a rather impulsive disposition, his mother remarked to him one day: "James, your wife will have to be like an even spun thread." Providence evidently agreed for Elizabeth Brattain to whom he was married in 1853 proved an ideal wife for him.

In April 1852, the Ebbert boys, James, William and George started for California along with a train made up of twenty-two wagons—these were Missouri and Iowa people going west. A short time later the Brattain family were to start for Oregon. When the Ebbert boys reached a point in Wyoming, near Soda Springs on Green River the road forked, the one to Oregon and the other to California, and the question arose as to which way should be taken.

Perhaps it was that James had met Elizabeth Brattain and knowing that she would come to Oregon, decided his choice. Anyway on reaching Soda Springs, James said, "I am going to Oregon and the other brothers agreed to this. Western Oregon was the land of their choice and running the gauntlet of hostile Indians and other dangers without number they reached their land of destiny having crossed the plains in eighty days. Along

PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WILL OPEN FOR
YEAR SEPT. 20

The public schools of Springfield will open next Monday morning Sept. 20, at 9 o'clock. The buildings have had their summer cleaning, new apparatus is all in place and the teachers are returning from their vacations and will all be in their rooms for the opening exercises. All the pupils of the city are expected to report on Monday for assignment to their respective rooms and will bring their promotion or transfer cards with them.

The high school students will find Prof. P. M. Stroud at the High school building on Saturday for consultation regarding their work for the year.

The teachers of the city will meet at the Lincoln school at 2 P. M. on Saturday for assignment to their rooms and a general consultation regarding the work of the winter.

The probable assignment of the teachers is as follows:

High school—Mr. Kirk, Teachers Training Course; Mr. Stroud, Science and Mathematics; Miss Newton, History; Miss Rhodes, English; Mr. Putnam, German and Mathematics; Miss Tagg, Commercial.

Miss Smith, Third and Fourth grades; Miss Ferdine, First and Second grades.

Lincoln school—Mr. Rothwell, Eighth grade; Mrs. Richardson, Seventh grade; Mrs. Smith, Sixth grade; Miss Copenhaver, Fifth and Sixth grade; Miss Walker, Fourth and Fifth grades; Miss Bartlett, Third and Fourth grades; Mrs. Flanagan, Third grade; Miss Palmer, Second grade; Mrs. Page, First grade; Mr. Goddard, Manual Training; Miss Rutledge, Domestic Science.

The Springfield Public schools will enter a complete exhibit at the Lane County Fair in Eugene next week. The exhibit used last spring will form the basis of this display and will be added to by individual exhibitors.

Children wishing to make individual entries are requested to see Prof. Kirk at once.

The Springfield schools will enter a team of five girls who will compete for the silver cup offered as a prize for the best biscuit baking.

SPRINGFIELD PEOPLE
LIVE PROPERTY

Thos. L. Campbell, Sales Manager for the Astoria Harbor Improvement Co., John Tomseth, Supt. Booth-Kelly Mill and N. A. Rowe, Springfield Realty dealer, made a trip to Astoria last Sunday evening. After looking over the city and visiting the Salmon Canneries, large saw mills, Million Dollar Municipal Docks, Hills Great Northern Terminals and the city parks, Mr. Rowe and Mr. Tomseth were shown over the holdings of the Astoria Harbor Improvement Co. Mr. Rowe purchased two lots and Mr. Tomseth four lots. Mr. Tomseth left the following morning on the Steamer Northern Pacific, for San Francisco where he will visit the Exposition for 10 days before returning home. Mr. Rowe and Mr. Campbell returned to Springfield Tuesday evening.

Mr. Campbell has appointed Messrs Gore and Rowe exclusive agents in this district for the sale of the Astoria Additions owned by the Astoria Harbor Improvement Co. Astoria is located at the mouth of the Columbia River, is now the terminus of the Great Northern Railway and Steamship Co., and from all reports seems to have a great future.

SELLS EARLY HOPS

Jesse Easton yesterday sold his early hops to Gribb & Beck of Aurora, and they were shipped out by local freight.

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