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S. P. BUYING MORE LAND FOR SHOPS

The Southern Pacific company has agreed to purchase an additional 80 acres for carshop site in Springfield and will pay over the purchase price, \$26,000, as soon as the local men holding contract for the land can secure a deed from E. J. Frasier of Eugene, holder of the tract in question. Judge Colvig, right of way and tax agent of the company was in Springfield Saturday, but neither he nor the local parties interested would make any authoritative statement.

Whether this agreement on the part of the railroad presages early construction or not is not known, for The News could get no information this morning from the Portland office of the company.

That the company intends to make the Springfield improvements within a reasonable time is borne out by a statement credited to Manager D. W. Campbell to the effect that he had ordered that no improvements be made at the Beaverton P. E. & E. shops for the reason that the repair work for the P. E. & E. electric, now operated under the S. P. name, would be attended to at the Springfield shops.

Two years ago the railroad company purchased 245 acres of land, lying on both sides of its present Mohawk branch, for a distance of nearly a mile eastward from the station here. This tract cost the railroad \$75,000.

LAND GRANT CONFERENCE ADOPTS RESOLUTIONS

Salem, Ore., Sept. 17.—The last action of the land grant conference before final adjournment at 10:30 tonight was to pass a motion by L. E. Bean, of Eugene, that a committee be named to confer with the representatives of the Southern Pacific to evolve a plan to open the Oregon-California land grant to settlement without further litigation.

This was preceded by the adoption of a resolution to memorialize Congress opposing any further increase of forest reserves in Oregon, and urging immediate sale of the railroad land grants according to the terms of the "settlers clause" in the original grant.

Other provisions of the resolution were "that Congress should enact laws defining and settling who shall be considered an actual settlement, and requiring the grantees under the act to perform the terms and conditions of the act, and sell and dispose of the lands according to the true intent and purpose of said acts to such actual settlers."

Should the legislation be granted it would enforce the original terms of the land grant. This policy was favored by Delegates Hewitt, of Linn county, Dimmick, of Clackamas, Cardwell, of Douglas, and McNary, of Marion, four of the five members composing a sub-committee of the committee on resolutions, while R. G. Calvert, of Multnomah, dissented, standing in favor of asking a committee of Congress to visit the lands and confer with a committee of the conference and representatives of the railroad company.

This stand was taken by Delegates I. N. Day, of Multnomah, L. E. Bean, of Lane, and others, and urged by E. P. Dunne, attorney, who represented the Southern Pacific. These delegates declared the resolution invited litigation and did not preclude speculation.

It was a struggle between these two elements into which the convention resolved itself before adjournment.

The sub-committee reported to the committee on resolutions which, after a sensational de-

CARLOAD BUSINESS GREATLY INCREASED

Seven hundred twenty-five carloads, including 681 carloads of logs, were received in Springfield in the month of August, as compared with 200 received in August of last year. In the same time the Springfield station forwarded 105 carloads, as compared with 3 last year. The Booth-Kelly Co. has a claim in for 25 cars, but the S. P. Co., could supply only 5 of these today.

bate, reported the resolution to the conference, where it was passed.

The committee to confer with representatives of the railroad, as provided in the motion, will be Governor Withycombe, Secretary of State Olcott, State Treasurer Kay, W. I. Vawter, chairman of the land grant conference, and three members of the conference chosen by the chairman. They will be Delegates Bean of Lane county, Garland of Linn county, and Spence of Clackamas county.

The conference adjourned to meet again at the call of the chairman for the purpose of considering and acting upon the report of the committee conference with the railroad representatives. Should satisfactory plans be evolved in this meeting resolutions adopted tonight will be reconsidered.

Opinion of Attorney-General Salem, Ore., Sept. 17.—In an opinion rendered today for the state tax commission, Attorney-General Geo. M. Brown held that the lands in the Oregon and California railroad land grant must be assessed at their full valuation, regardless of the fact that the company, must sell to settlers for \$2.5 per acre.

Plan to Form An Orchestra

Plans for an orchestra for this winter are being worked out by Claud Signor with the assistance of half a dozen other musicians of Springfield. Mrs. A. Middleton has consented to lead an orchestra if one is formed, and a meeting will be held in a few days to make final decision. Already secured for such an orchestra are the following parts: violin, piano, cornet, slide trombone, clarinets, and flute.

WILL MAKE DISPLAY OF LANE SUGAR BEETS

Don Jolley, one of the promoters of the sugar beet factory that has been proposed for Eugene, writes to B. B. Brundage, of the Bank of Commerce, requesting him to prepare an exhibit of sample sugar beets grown in the vicinity of this city for the county fair this week. He desires that as good a showing as possible be made, although it is said that a majority of the farmers who were given seeds and planted them to test the crop in the soil of Lane county have neglected them. Sugar beets to reach perfection must have a great deal of care and attention and must be irrigated. Most of those who planted them are said to have allowed the weeds to grow thick in the patches and none, as far as can be ascertained have irrigated them.

Notwithstanding these conditions, some of the beets grown have attained good size and shape and it is thought that a creditable showing can be made at the exhibit.

The farmers are asked to bring the samples to the Bank of Commerce, where they will be arranged and placed at the fair under an experienced exhibitor.—Register.

Fairview planning a municipal water system.

MORE IN HIGH SCHOOL—LESS IN THE GRADES

The Springfield public schools opened for the 1915-16 session with registration this morning, and class recitations will begin tomorrow.

A total of 116 registered for the high school, a decided increase over the initial registration of last year, but the grades, with a total registration of 320, particularly the Seventh and eighth showed a decrease. Hop picking is keeping quite a number of the older pupils out for a few days yet.

61 IN WEST SPRINGFIELD

The West Springfield school opened this morning with the following enrollment: Primary, 17, Mrs. Minnie Kahler, teacher; Third and Fourth grades, 14, Miss Mabel Weller teacher; Fifth and Sixth grades, 20, Miss Dove McGee, teacher; seventh and Eighth, 10, Mrs. Genevieve Beaman, teacher.

This registration is incomplete on account of the many being away from the neighborhood. Others will probably register on the coming Monday.

BEGIN WORK ON EDWARDS LANE

That portion of the Eugene-McKenzie highway known as Edwards lane, extending a distance of two and a half miles between Springfield and Thurston, will be improved by the county court. J. R. McKy, county road superintendent, has been instructed to begin the work today.

While this road will not be macadamized, as a mile or so of the McKenzie highway is improved out of Springfield, it is the next best class of road construction employed by Lane county this year. The construction will be the same as that of two and a half miles of the Eugene-Elmira road built by Superintendent McKy. Those who have driven over this road since the improvement was completed say that it is as good as any macadam that they have seen.

The Edwards lane, which is a cut-off from the old main road up the McKenzie, shortening the distance between Springfield and Thurston by half a mile, has been graded by the county, but no other improvement has ever been made upon it. The work the county will do this fall will be the spreading of two coats of finely crushed rock, wet down with a road sprinkler and thoroughly rolled. The ordinary macadam consists of three coats and rolled.

Superintendent McKy will have a force of six or eight men on the job. It is probable that the entire distance can not be covered this fall, but as much as possible will be completed before the rains set in.

The people of Springfield and those living between Springfield and Thurston have offered to donate \$1,000 toward the cost of

RAIL-LAYING AGAIN UNDER WAY SOUTH OF THE Siuslaw

A construction train was put on the Willamette-Pacific yesterday out of Eugene, and the laying of rails south of the Siuslaw river was begun today. A switch back has been constructed across the Siuslaw so that the rail crews do not have to wait for the steel of the bridge to be swung. It is expected that ballasting operations will not be resumed for a month yet unless rains set in and make it necessary to put rock under the ties as they go.

this improvement. This offer had much to do with the decision of the county court to do the work. The estimated cost of the work is about \$2,500 per mile.

TO TALK OVER PLANS OF PROTECTIVE ASSN.

William Smith, who has been interviewing the merchants in regard to the formation of a protective association, will address a meeting of merchants and octors at the Development league rooms at 8 o'clock this evening. G. C. Blower of the Cromwell school of memory training will also be present and will give a demonstration of his work.

WILL USE GASOLINE TRACTOR ON FARM

August Vitus received a 12-horse-power American Boy tractor Saturday and will use it on his farm. The machine will draw three 14-inch plows, or can be used for driving machinery, developing 25 horse power on the belt. The machine weighs but 5000 pounds, but reduces the cost of plowing by fully 40 per cent.

Clover seed industry has produced as high as \$63 an acre this year.

Sunday Law is Held to be Valid

Salem, Ore., Sept. 14.—Proclaiming the Sunday closing law constitutional, the supreme court to day in an opinion written by Justice Burnett, reversed the decision of Circuit Judge R. G. Morrow, in the case of the State vs. Leigh E. Nicholls, arrested in Lane county for keeping open a cigar store on Sunday.

The decision upholds the law in its entirety, and means that, under the measure, it is unlawful to keep open on Sunday any business institution save theaters, drug stores, doctors' shops, livery stables, meat markets and bakery and undertaking establishments.

The law was assailed on the ground that it contravened section 20, of article 1 of the state constitution, which provides that no law shall be passed granting to any citizen or class of citizens, privileges which, upon the same terms, shall not equally belong to all citizens and

also on the ground that it was in violation of the 14th amendment to the federal constitution.

"It is by virtue of that potent and flexible authority known as the police power that the legislative branch of the state government assumes to control citizens in the transaction of their daily affairs," said Justice Burnett in upholding the law. "It finds its sanction in the right of the state to provide for the public health, peace, welfare and safety. The only restriction which affects the question is that the legislation must have some reasonable relation to those elements of public concern, and must be uniform in its operation upon all persons similarly situated. The principle rendering it lawful to forbid a pursuit of an occupation on Sunday is settled in this state.

"Granted the postulate that it is within the scope of the police power to suspend activity in certain vocations on Sunday, it remains to consider whether the classification set out in state law under consideration is a reasonable one. The defendants' attack on the statute is based upon a proviso exempting theaters, keepers of drug stores, doctor shops, undertakers, livery stables, butchers and bakers. A good reason for this may be found in the fact that drug stores, doctor shops, undertakers, butchers, bakers and livery stable keepers minister to wants that are more imperative, as a rule, than those supplied by the general run of business in the occupations named, while theaters afford a mental diversion conducive to rest and relaxation. We are convinced that the classification set out in the statute is reasonable and that the legislation is a proper exercise of the police power."

Fenwick Named for Roads Board

M. Fenwick has been appointed to represent the Springfield Development league at a conference of the Lane County Pomona grange committee on Roads and Highways and representatives of the commercial bodies of the county, to be held in Eugene a week from today. A letter from C. S. Calef, secretary of the Grange committee, explains the purpose of the meeting. He writes:

The Lane County Pomona Grange, at a recent meeting, created a standing committee on Roads and Highways. The committee will consist of the Executive Committee of the Pomona Grange, and one member from each of the 20 subordinate Granges in the County.

The object is to formulate a County-wide road policy of Road Construction and Maintenance, as better roads are a matter that every citizen of the County is vitally interested in, no matter where they live or what their business.

For the purpose of securing the co-operation among all classes interested it was voted at the first meeting of the Committee to invite each Commercial club of the county to appoint a representative to act with, and be a part of the Committee.

If this meets with the approval of your organization, will you please make the appointment and advise me of the same at your earliest convenience. The next meeting of the Committee will be at the offices of the County Agriculturist, 746 Park Street, Eugene, on September 27, at 10 A. M. We hope to see a representative of your organization with us at that time.

MUCH LUMBER IS GOING TO EASTERN MARKETS

Oliver Johnson, driver of the Booth-Kelly company's lumber truck, is now working on a 12 and 14 hour shift hauling lumber to Eugene for loading on Hill line cars. There are now 700,000 feet of unfilled orders on the books for shipment over the northern line.

COMPRESSED AIR SYSTEM AT MILL IS MADE LARGER

An additional tank, and a radiator with 780 lineal feet of piping have been installed in the Booth-Kelly mill to increase the efficiency of the compressed air system. Compressed air is used to control the trimmer saws, to trip carts and for other purposes about the mill.

When air is compressed it tends to become warmer and with the increase in temperature, moisture collects in the tanks. With the increased space and the radiator the temperature is kept down. The increased volume of supply keeps the pressure more constant under the load.

About one-half the piling has been, driven for the additional gangways being constructed for the storage of lumber, and the pile driver crew will be busy for ten days or more before the work is completed.

DOLLAR DAY IS TALKED OF ALL OVER THE STATE

Eugene's Dollar Day has sprung into the topics of conversation in all parts of the state, according to traveling men who stop here, and the Oregonian speaks of Eugene's "Dollar Day" as an event occurring on the same day as that in Portland and refers to it as Eugene's great bargain sale.

The merchants are already preparing their lists, and many are offering some remarkable buys. They figure that when the buyer makes up his buying list before he leaves home next Wednesday morning he will have a string of real bargains to look for.

The merchants do not intend to convey the impression that anyone is going to get "something for nothing," but they are emphatic in their promises that purchasers will get more for a dollar than they ever got before.

From now on the merchants who are urging their competitors to join the movement are going to be busy arranging their own bargains.

Dollar day is exciting great curiosity among shoppers everywhere and every mail brings letters of inquiry from all over the state.

GIVES FREE CAMP GROUND

George N. McLean, of the realty firm of Miller and McLean has provided a free camping ground on a tract which he owns on the Pacific Highway a mile and a half north of Goshen. He has placed large signs at the entrance of the tract and up and down the road to attract tourists who are passing along the highway.

Mr. McLean said that he was prompted to offer these grounds free to tourists after he had made a trip a short distance south a few days ago and saw not less than a dozen camping parties along the dusty road, where they would be compelled to carry water from nearby farm houses and where there were no conveniences at all. On Mr. McLean's tract, which contains a pretty grove of oak trees, there is a deep well of good water and a pump, which the campers are welcome to use.

The signs he is putting up read as follows: "Free Auto Camp Ground. Good Water. You Are Welcome. Drive In."

There are absolutely no strings to Mr. McLean's generous offer of free camping privileges. He is a motorist himself and is simply doing by others as he would wish to be done by.—Register.

McKenzie Farm is Sold.

The Joe Jones farm of ten acres on the McKenzie was sold last week to John Fitzgerald of Springfield. Edwards & Bratton made the deal.

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