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And Remember to Get a Stop-Over for Springfield.

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TIME FOR SOME UNITED ACTION

Just at this time there are two particular subjects that demand the united study and action of the people of Springfield. These are:

- 1.—Lumber freight rates from the Willamette valley to California points.
- 2.—Markets for the products raised in the territory tributary to Springfield.

Both of these are live questions, and ones that vitally affect the prosperity of Springfield.

The Southern Pacific company, in an effort to assist in the building up of the valley lumber mills, has given a slightly lower rate into northern California, than has been given to the Portland mills, and the Portland mills have entered a big protest. Mere volume of Portland's complaint may carry weight to those in authority. It behooves the people of the valley, especially those of the communities so vitally interested in the lumber business as is Springfield, to study the question fully, and then to take decisive action.

The matter of markets for farm products is likewise one of importance. Dozens of farmers from this vicinity are going to Eugene with their products, to sell them in the public market, and scores of Springfield people are going to this same public market to buy. Why can't the exchange be made here at home?

Other farmers, finding their market for hogs cut off by the Eugene butchers' refusal to buy, are combining and shipping car lots. If car lots are to go out, why not go from Springfield. The local packing plant, however, is able to care for a large quantity of the product, but it needs to be more widely known.

Egg circles are being formed for the co-operative marketing of eggs. Why not market them from Springfield?

These are big community questions, and ones that should be studied and acted upon by a united community. These are not questions upon which there need be any very wide difference of opinion. At least no difference that can not be reconciled by fair, open discussion. These are questions that need early solution—there is not time for referring them back and forth between two or three similar organizations. One organization, working for the sole purpose of advancing Springfield's interests, could take up these questions, and having arrived at a conclusion, could speak definitely as the true representative of the business life of Springfield. It is doubtful if any formal action toward the consolidation of present organizations could succeed. The plan has failed before, but there is no reason why an attempt could not be made to form a board of trade (E. J. wouldn't care.) to be composed of all the persons interested enough in the prosperity of Springfield to try to get along, each with his fellow citizen, in the discussion of these problems.

If the social ties formed in present organizations are pleasant, there is no reason why such organizations should not continue as social organizations, but any organization that pretends to speak for Springfield commercially, should be broad in its membership, and welcome to its numbers every person who will act the gentleman, and will join with his

fellow citizens in a strong, forward pull for the betterment of the community.

DISPOSITION OF OREGON-CALIFORNIA LAND GRANT

Governor Withycombe has called a conference for Thursday, November 18 of the seven state commissioners and the Southern Pacific officials to formulate some plan for the settlement of this controversy.

According to resolutions adopted at the Land Grant Conference held in Salem September 16-17, there was a general desire to reach an agreement between the state government and the corporation, to put an end to litigation and open the lands to settlement on fair terms.

So far as the members of the commission have expressed themselves through the press, there seems to be a unanimous agreement that under no circumstances shall any of the 2,300,000 acres be added to the forest reserve.

There is also a unanimous desire that the railroad company be required to pay up all back taxes for several years amounting to \$2,000,000 and now due the eighteen counties in which the Land Grant is located.

The states and counties are equally interested in keeping this property, valued at about \$40,000,000, upon the tax rolls as a big asset of revenues for the future.

It is variously estimated that there are possibly 400,000 acres of this Land Grant suitable for homes, and on which bonifide settlers could locate and make a living.

Some of the commissioners are very anxious that the State Land Board should handle such lands as might be opened to settlement in such a way as to do justice to the railroad company and at the same time add several million dollars to the irreducible school funds.

It is believed that after several preliminary conferences a final agreement can be reached on some of these lines and put an end to a controversy that for the past eight years has held up the development of the state.

VALLEY RATE FIGHT

A few Portland lumber mills grudge the Willamette Valley lumber mills the rate advantage enjoyed by the latter in reaching California markets via the Southern Pacific railroad, and are asking for an equally low rate from Portland. In this they to represent the entire city in this contest against mills located in Portland's own trade territory.

These mills are mainly at or near Eugene, Dallas, Salem, Silverton, Springfield and Albany.

Desiring to build up the lumber industry on its own line, the Southern Pacific has granted a rate four cents a hundred less from all these points than that they establish from Portland. The valley mills have built up some business under this rate. They are closer to California, and they have enjoyed such benefits of geographical location as should be reflected in a railroad rate.

Portland mills have had the great advantage of being located on deep water, and consequently have enjoyed markets which could not be reached by the Valley mills. The lumber business has been bad, with the result that the Portland lumbermen, in their desperate hunger for markets, have cast longing eyes upon the bit of trade being enjoyed by the inland mills up the valley.

Naturally, the Southern Pacific has remained loyal to the mills on its line, and is opposing the rate reduction demanded by Portland. The Portland mills, or some of them, have not scrupled to try to involve the whole community in their selfish fight. The Portland Telegram, owned mainly by two lumbermen, has been their organ, and has loaned its columns to their cause. To take advantage of popular prejudice, it has inflamed feeling against the Southern Pacific, trying to make it appear in the light of Portland's enemy.

The Valley lumbermen have our best wishes. We hope they win, and this hope we believe reflects the attitude of most of the business men of Portland. Portland is not so small as some would have you think.—Oregon Voter.

Classified Ads

For Sale, Rent, Wanted, Etc.

TAKEN UP—Twelve head of cattle on hill ranch south of town. Owner should claim the same and pay pasturage within one week, or the animals will be put in the city pound. J. W. MACHEN.

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FOR SALE—First class Jersey cow, giving a good flow milk. See E. M. Crawford, Springfield Junction.

FOR SALE—Wagon and harness cheap. Call at News office.

FOR RENT—Small furnished house. Address P. O. box 74.

LOST—Gold bracelet with initial "I". Leave at News office. Reward. 79

CALL FOR TOWN WARRANTS
 Notice is hereby given that I will pay all outstanding Street Improvement warrants against the Town of Springfield up to and including number 6750. Interest will cease after Nov. 1st, 1915. By order of the Town Council.
 LILLIAN GORRIE,
 78-9-8-1 Treasurer.

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CALL FOR SCHOOL WARRANTS

School District No. 19 of Springfield Oregon, hereby calls for payment of warrants of said district up to and including warrant No. 550. Interest ceases on date of this notice. Dated this 26th day of October, 1915.
 A. P. MCKINZEY, Clerk.
 78-9

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING TO FIX TAX LEVY

Notice is hereby given that there will be a special meeting of the taxpayers of school district No. 19, Monday evening, November 22, 1915, at 7:30 p. m., for the purpose of fixing the annual levy of a special tax, and to consider such other matters as may properly come before the meeting. Said meeting will be held at the High School building on Mill street.

The following is an estimate of expenditures for the year 1915-16:

Expenses of General Cont'g.	
Board and clerk	\$ 218.00
Election and census	16.00
Truancy	40.00
Clerical	15.00
Expense of Instruction	
Teachers' Salaries	14,600.00
Text Books	25.00
Stationery and Supplies	500.00
Expense of Operation of School Plant	
Janitors' Salaries	1,045.00
Janitors' Supplies, etc.	125.00
Fuel	395.00
Water	175.00
Light and Power	16.00
Expense of Maintenance of School Plant	
Building Repair and Upkeep of Grounds	135.00
Replacement and Repair of Equipment	50.00
Outlay—Acquisition and Construction	50.00
Equipment for new Buildings	50.00
Alterations, Old Buildings	500.00
Equipment, Old Buildings	50.00
Other Payments	
Bonds, Loans and Interest	1,700.00
Manual Training	125.00
Domestic Science and Art	175.00
Miscellaneous	600.00
Total	\$19,553.00
New Building	1,500.00
Total	\$21,053.00

THOS. SIKES, Chairman.
 M. J. DRURY,
 C. E. FISCHER,
 A. P. MCKINZEY, Clerk.

NOTICE OF ROAD DISTRICT MEETING

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned taxpayers of Road District No. 5, constituting over ten per cent of the taxpayers of the said Road District, that a meeting of the resident taxpayers of said Road District will be held on the 20th day of Novem-



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ber, A. D. 1915, at one o'clock P. M., at Lower Camp Creek school house, in said district, for the purpose of voting an additional tax for road purposes.
 Stroud W. Long, W. R. Elliott, P. A. Wenger, J. C. Trotter, D. Stephens, G. F. Hirtley, J. A. Crabtree, J. K. Platts.
 77-9-1.

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