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WORK FOR CLUB AFTER STYLE OF CITY Y. M. C. A.

Organization of a young men's club, to provide social and athletic recreation for its members is being promoted in Springfield. Fenner Travis of the Commercial State bank, was named as chairman by a mass meeting of young men held at the Christian church yesterday afternoon and he named a committee consisting of Vance Cagley, Herbert Hansen and Mr. Nixon to investigate the matter of suitable quarters and of finance. Mr. Travis, in the meantime, is consulting with some of the older organizations of the town, asking counsel and moral support in the endeavor.

The plan has been under discussion among the young men for some time, and was brought to a point of action at the meeting yesterday, which was addressed by an extension committee of the University Y. M. C. A. consisting of Doug Corcoran, Walter Dimm, Windall Bartholomew, J. D. Foster, Leo Cosman and George Morehouse.

The plan, if it can be worked out, contemplates providing a suitable hall in which various indoor sports can be indulged, together with suitable reading and game rooms. The young men who have the plans in hand range from 18 to 24 years in age, but they want to provide for boys as young as 12, and to have facilities, at least at stated times, for mill men, and others of the older workers.

Another meeting will be held as soon as the committees can formulate a report.

McKee Bros. Sell Butcher Shop

McKee Brothers on Friday sold their meat market at Main and Third streets to James Stewart of Springfield and Charles Taylor, formerly of Cottage Grove. The new owners took possession at once. The business is an old-established one in Springfield, and the location is central.

Paul McKee has already left for Shoshone, Idaho, looking for a location. Charles McKee will remain in Springfield for the present at least.

LANE ROADS TO HAVE SYSTEM OF GUIDE BOARDS

First Time in Years That Attempt Has Been Made to Properly Guide Travelers

The Lane county commissioners' court has ordered 50 iron road signs, to be placed at prominent crossings of the main roads of the county. They have been ordered through a Portland house and will be here within a few weeks to be erected some time during the winter. Lane county has been lacking in proper road signs for many years, but the present court realizes the need of proper guide boards and has decided to place them on all the roads that are traveled the most, especially the Pacific highway, which extends through the county for a distance of 45 miles from north to south.

The sample sign shown in the county court room is two and a half feet long by about eight inches wide and contains letters four inches high. The name can be seen for a long distance. The county court will endeavor

to make the signs as permanent as possible. They will each be placed upon an iron post set in cement, and it is believed that they will last for many years. The signs are made of such material that it is believed they can not easily be chipped by striking them with rocks.

Travelers on the roads of Lane county have heretofore been compelled to depend upon the signs placed by garages or other business firms to guide them to the different cities. Some of these give the incorrect distances and are confusing to travelers. There has never been a uniform system of guide boards in this county and outsiders have noticed it.

The present court has been investigating the cost of erecting guide boards throughout the county, also the best board for the money and has picked upon a metal board that is thought to be the best of any offered.—Register.

New Mayor Takes Official Chair

E. E. Morrison, who at noon today became mayor of Springfield, has been a resident of this place for the past six years, the greater part of which time he has been engaged in the hardware business. The past year or more, however, he has been promoting the potato industry of this part of Oregon by the placing seed potatoes, and buying and shipping the product. Last year the crop of potatoes shipped from Springfield, amounted



E. E. MORRISON

to about 40 or 50 carloads. This year, largely through Mr. Morrison's efforts, the crop will reach 75 to 100 carloads. His company has already shipped three carloads this fall, and it has approximately 5000 sacks of the tubers stored in the warehouse, awaiting sorting and packing in the labeled sacks which carry the name of the potato, and a number identifying the grower.

Mr. Morrison was born in Polk county, 36 years ago, and has lived in Oregon all his life. He was in business in Heppner at the time of the flood a number of years ago, which did so much damage.

Since coming to Springfield, Mr. Morrison has been active in promoting the business interests of the town, and has served on the school board for three years and as city treasurer for three years.

Oakridge Train Delayed by Slide

The Oakridge train was delayed for 12 hours Friday, and did not arrive in Springfield until 8:20 in the evening. A dirt and rock slide near Jasper was the cause of the delay. A stub train was made up at Albany to make the run southbound that afternoon, and this equipment returned to Albany that night.

Section crews from Springfield, Coburg, Marcola and Jasper, numbering in all about 30 men were busy all day clearing the track. Some of the rocks had to be blasted before they could be removed.

Veneta on the Willamette Pacific wants more houses.

SPRINGFIELD STUDENTS LEAD AT UNIVERSITY

Springfield has contributed several of the best players on this year's girls' hockey team at the University. Ester Furuset has been showing up well for either full-back or goal and Mrs. Arthur Pengra (nee Stella Mitchell) is playing right wing. The former was elected manager of meeting of the Women's Athletic Association. Opal Holverson was also on the hockey team but has been unable to play on account of a severe attack of illness. Mary Putnam has also been absent for the same reason.

The girls' hockey team is to play that of Corvallis Saturday, Nov. 20. The game was postponed two weeks on account of one of the Agricultural College's players coming down with small pox.

Walter Bailey has entered as a contestant for the honor of representing the University in oratory and Professor Prescott has given him the privilege of coaching the Springfield High school debating team. In the last debate try out Amy Carson was chosen alternate on the debating team. At the first of the semester Professor Prescott gave the women permission to debate but the Forensic Council ruled against this on account of other colleges objecting to such an arrangement. The Women's League circulated a petition and at a recent meeting of the Council Saturday the rule was retracted and the debates made open again. Miss Carson is interested in dramatics and is soon to appear in one of Professor Reddie's plays. Besides these and other studies she is carrying a course at the Eugene Bible University.

Randall Scott is now a member of the Y. M. C. A. mission committee and is a volunteer for work in foreign missions. Arthur Pengra, a junior, formerly of Springfield, is also interested in missions and is preparing himself for this kind of work.

Among the other Springfielders who are interested in the various activities are Clinton Conley, who is playing first clarinet in the band, and Marie DePue, who is acting as assistane in the department of Botany under Professor Sweetser.

BROTHERHOOD TO HEAR OF GREAT WORLD WAR

Dr. Joseph Schafer of the University of Oregon, will be the principal speaker at the Methodist Brotherhood banquet, at the church tonight. He will be "The United States and the World's War." The business meeting of the Brotherhood will be held at 6:30, and the dinner at 7:00 o'clock.

BUSINESS BETTER DECLARES THE S. P. MANAGER

San Francisco, November 12. —Business conditions throughout the country are improving, according to Passenger Traffic Manager Chas. S. Kee of the Southern Pacific Co., who returned to San Francisco this morning (November 12th) after an extended trip throughout the East and Middle West. Mr. Kee said:

"I have visited many of the principal cities in thirty-two states since I left California September 19th last. My route east was over the Sunset line to El Paso and through the south, with a detour via Phoenix and the "Apache Trail" to Roosevelt and the copper cities of Miami and Globe. This auto trip of 120 miles, embracing the Salt River and Gila Valleys, as well as Roosevelt Lake and Dam, is absolutely unique and without a parallel in the United States. Two thousand travelers have availed themselves during the past summer of the opportunity of taking this soon-to-be famous auto trip. The United States Fish Commission are making further distribution of base in Roosevelt Lake, now a body of water averaging a mile in width and thirty miles in length, where the fishing is already excellent and the necessary facilities provided. Raymond & Whitcomb, the Boston tourist agents, told me that all their trans-continental parties coming west this winter will be routed via the "Apache Trail" where the traveler can see Indians to his heart's content as well as the deserted homes of the ancient cliff-dwellers.

"Conditions in the South appear to be steadily improving. Cotton prices are gradually growing better but the most hopeful sign is in the evidence that the one crop plan will soon be thrown into the discard. The severe lesson of the past year or two has not been in vain as evidenced in many sections of the South. Cotton may remain King for years to come but his subjects will be far more cosmopolitan than ever known before south of the Mason and Dixie line all of which will spell a steadier and more rapidly growing prosperity.

"Business conditions in the Central and Eastern States are certainly far better than when I was in the East last May. At that time there did not seem to be a silver lining to any of the clouds that shut out the view in all directions. There is no boom present or in sight so far as I could judge, although in certain directions it has this appearance, but even in these lines the fact is being brought home that

European conditions may not and it is hoped will not continue another twelve months. Back of all this, however, there is a far better feeling and while in certain lines and in certain sections business, railroad and otherwise, is picking up slowly the general opinion seems to be that the worst is over and an upward turn fairly on the way.

"The great bulk of Exposition travel has come and gone but with it our visitors have taken back a knowledge of the great West, California and the Pacific Coast States that will prove an active and potent factor in the growth and development of all this region, the good effects of which will last for many years to come. Exposition visitors practically everywhere I found had returned enthusiastic over the California Expositions and even as early as the coming winter we will see the results in an increased travel which will not only include the leisure class seeking sunshine and flowers in winter, but the homeseeker and homebuilder for whom we have almost unlimited room and boundless need."

Henry Vollstedt Writes of Omaha

Henry Vollstedt, who left for Omaha, Nebraska, a week ago to see his aged father, writes to Will Bishop under date of November 8, as follows: "Dear Friend,

"I arrived in Omaha Nov. 5, in the morning; found father very poorly in spirit and health, and also a step-sister, but never could any brother or son received better than I have found. I have been repaid for all my trouble in coming, a hundred times. Well, now in regard to coming back, I can't say, for everything is somewhat in a bad condition. Father is far better off than I was looking for, and he feels far better now, for he has some one to talk to and can help him in everything. He will make his home with me, but can't say if he will come with me or not.

Old Omaha is not what it was 30 years ago. Say, Will, my sister took me up in the clouds in one of the sky buildings. I surely could hear them [angels] sing and using their wings in good shape (only fun.) This dear girl is working in the building, I mean sister.

Say, Will, I wish Steve was here with a bushel basket, for there is so much beer here and nothing smaller than a bushel basket will do to drink out of. It is surely wet here.

Crops are not as good as they could be—too cold for the corn in the summer.

All old friends are nearly all moved, or passed to their last rewards and but few remain and I feel with deep regrets to see everything different, and where I have spent some of the happiest days of my life, but I suppose it should be so, but it pains just the same.

Well, friend, write me a few lines if not too much trouble. If you see Clara [Vollstedt] say hello for me. Also give best wishes to Steve, Mr. Scott, Jack the Cop, Professor, Dill, and all the rest of the boys. I remain, Yours as ever,

HENRY VOLLSTEDT, 402 Center St., Omaha.

LUMBER SHIPMENTS TRIPLED IN YEAR

Lumber shipments for October, 1915, were over three times as large as for October 1914, according to figures just compiled. This year the total lumber sent out filled 97 cars, while the shipments of a year ago amounted to only 29 carloads. Eight cars of hops were shipped in October of each year, and the total car shipments this year were 110 as compared with 38 last year.

Total car receipts for the month in 1915 were 693, of which 670 were logs. Logs received in October, 1914, filled 334 cars.

HAUL GRAVEL TO WITHIN 7 MILES OF THE UMPQUA

Ballasting operations on the Willamette-Pacific railroad have reached a point within seven miles of the Umpqua river, the first lift of gravel having been extended that far last week. The gravel crews are now engaged in placing the second coating on the stretch from the Siuslaw river southward. In the meantime a little is being done on extending the track-laying toward the Umpqua, but the stormy weather is delaying the work, and it may be that gravel operations out of the Natron pits will have to stop some time next month, to wait for more track to be laid. The longest haul now being made from the pits near Springfield is 92 miles, but before the work is completed, it is probable that the gravel will be hauled to within ten or 12 miles of Coos bay, making a distance of nearly 120 from the pits.

Two carloads of screened gravel and one of sand were sent cut yesterday, and this, so J. W. Williams, in charge of operations here, will be sufficient to finish the Siuslaw piers.

West Springfield Wins at Spelling

The West Springfield "Spelling Team," accompanied by a band of 35 routers and chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Beaman went to Goshen Friday evening. Both teams did remarkably well for the first contest. The game lasted about two hours and resulted in a victory for West Springfield, there being two standing when Goshen's last went down. Those left standing were Richard Collins from the sixth grade and Lucille Spurgeon from the eighth. Florence Miller was Goshen's best, standing alone for quite a time.

Both schools report that spelling in general is much improved since the plan for contest was formed.

Goshen will come to West Springfield Dec. 3. Patrons and friends are most cordially invited to attend, the time being 8:00 P. M.

There will be a Thanksgiving program at the school house Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock.

Refuse Burner Out of Business Again

A section of the firebrick lining of the refuse burner at the Booth-Kelly mill fell in Saturday afternoon, and while men were playing streams of water on the outside to protect the steel shell, the greater part of the remainder dropped. The brick left hung so precariously that it was not safe to send men in to make repairs, and this morning a couple sticks of dynamite were set off inside his burner to bring down the rest of the brick. Repairs will be deferred until word can come from Chicago, and it may be that a new and larger burner may be authorized. The present burner is large enough for all ordinary demands, but would not be of sufficient capacity to care for the refuse if the mill were running day and night.

Slabs and other waste clogged the mill after the burner went out Saturday, and men were busy the greater part of the day yesterday clearing the chutes.

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