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SLIDING TIMBERS INJURE WORKMEN AT THE B-K MILL

Gus Redmond, an employee of the Booth-Kelly mill, was painfully, and for a time it was thought fatally injured, and A. C. Travis was slightly injured at 2:30 yesterday afternoon when 1,000 feet of four-by-twelves slid down the skids at the big timber slip, and pinned the two men against a loaded truck of the timbers.

Mr. Travis suffered a bad cut on his lip and lost a tooth or two, and Mr. Redmond suffered the fracture of his right cheek bone. The wound bled very freely and fellow workmen were of the opinion that Redmond was badly crushed through the chest and in grave danger.

Vin Williams, engineer of the pliedriver, was at work just a few feet from the scene of the accident, and when he heard the noise of the falling lumber he looked around quickly and was one of the first to get at the timbers which were holding the men fast against the loaded truck. Mr. Redmond was at once removed to the hospital, and in a short time he was resting easily. This morning he was showing improvement.

Mr. Redmond recently moved to town from near Goshen, and was living at Fourth and B streets. His wife was notified of the accident shortly afterward.

A stepdaughter, Ada Redmond, is one of the extra operators at the local telephone office.

Lane County would hard surface from Eugene to Harrisburg.

La Grande—Beaver Creek irrigation storage dam completed.

Albany college completes \$250,000 endowment fund, some to go for buildings.

Myrtle Point is to have a new postoffice building.

Burns has promises of an O. W. R. & N. railroad connection at an early day.

Astoria—15,408,000 feet lumber shipped from lower Columbia sawmills in October.

Central Oregon railroad construction may have to be financed in San Francisco. Portland capitalist are not responding with \$1,500,000 capital to build the connecting railroads. Mr. Strahorn offers to raise from four to six millions in the east.

Portland—Vista house to be erected at Crown Point on Columbia Highway will cost \$18,000.

Salem—Mott farm of 64 acres south of the city is to be planted to peppermint.

Oakridge Train is Delayed by Rock

A rock which caught under some portion of the engine, was carried through tunnel 2, between here and Oakridge, and derailed the engine of train No. 97 yesterday morning, and the train did not reach Springfield until after 3 o'clock, instead of at 8:30.

The rock was of such a size that it escaped notice as the train entered the tunnel, but when the train emerged, the rock, firmly wedged under some part of the engine, climbed the guard rail, and threw the front trucks and the front four drivers off the track. The crew worked until nearly 9 o'clock trying to get the engine back, and then called for an engine from here. The crew of freight No. 245 was sent.

A stub was made up at Albany to make the south-bound run of the delayed train and they met at Coburg. Passengers were transferred and the Oakridge train and crew returned practically on time.

The trainmen had been without dinner, so took time out for a meal here at 3:30.

A Thanksgiving Prayer

For flowers that bloom about our feet,
Father, we thank Thee.
For tender grass so fresh, so sweet,
Father, we thank Thee.
For song of bird and hum of bee,
For all things fair we hear or see,
Father in Heaven, we thank Thee.

For blue of stream and blue of sky,
Father, we thank Thee.
For pleasant shade of branches high,
Father, we thank Thee.
For fragrant air and cooling breeze,
For beauty of the blooming trees,
Father in Heaven, we thank Thee.

For mother love and father care,
Father, we thank Thee.
For brothers strong and sisters fair,
Father, we thank Thee.
For love at home and here each day,
For guidance lest we go astray,
Father in Heaven, we thank Thee.

For this new morning with its light,
Father, we thank Thee.
For rest and shelter of the night,
Father, we thank Thee.
For health and food, for love and friends,
For everything His goodness sends,
Father in Heaven, we thank Thee.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Springfield Birds Attract Attention

Five Partridge Wyandottes sent from Springfield to the San Francisco fair by W. L. Dunlap, entered into competition with hundreds of other birds of this kind, and with prizes ranging from first to tenth in each class, captured a second and a fifth. There was not an American bird that surpassed Mr. Dunlap's cockerel, but an English bird took the first and Mr. Dunlap the second prize. Mr. Dunlap's hen won fifth.

Mr. Dunlap has been raising this particular breed of chickens for a number of years, and has developed birds of high class. He has never had the time to trapnest his hens, but he is confident that his birds would make high laying records. Seven March pullets laid 62 eggs in the first six months according to his record, but he has not the record of the individuals of the flock.

Some idea of the size of the show at San Francisco may be gained from the statement that there were 27 judges employed in making the awards.

Other Lane county awards are: Barred Rock, J. O. Watts, fifth cock; E. J. McClanahan, second cockerel; A. C. Bernsten, eighth hen, fifth pen; B. F. Keeney, third pullet, third pen.

White Wyandottes, J. A. Griffin, first cockerel, third hen, second and sixth pullet, first pen, second best cockerel in show.

Silver Campines, H. W. Truesdell, second cock, third cockerel, fifth hen, second pen.

Golden Campines, H. W. Truesdell, first cock, first and eighth cockerel, third and fourth hen, sixth pullet, first pen.

There were 60 entries from Lane county and 44 of these won prizes.

BIG PAPER FACTORY TO BE ERECTED IN ALBANY BY THE THOMAS COMPANY

Albany, Ore., Nov. 20.—The Thomas Pulp & Paper company was launched at the session of the Albany Commercial club last night. An organizing committee, headed by Mayor L. M. Curl was appointed to proceed with the necessary arrangements to secure the erection of the plant in this city. The first unit as proposed will cost approximately \$750,000. It is claimed that under the Thomas process paper can be manufactured \$10 per ton cheaper than by any other process known. Samples of the Thomas product were on display at the manufacturers' and Land Products show at Portland this month.

The government is holding up the operations of the LaPollette Seaman's act to allow the few remaining ships under the American flag to go to sea.

SCHOOL DISTRICT LEVIES SPECIAL TAX OF 9.5 MILLS

A tax of 9.5 mills for school purposes was levied at a special meeting of the taxpayers of the district, held Monday evening at the high school building. The vote for the levy was: yes, 45; no, 3; blank, 1; for a levy of ten mills, yes, 1.

The meeting was called to order by Thos. Sikes, chairman of the school board. Minutes of the June annual meeting were read by A. P. McKinney, clerk of the district, who also read the call for the meeting, and the budget proposed by the board.

Replying to a question by E. E. Kepner, the chairman stated the enrollment this year is 504 as compared with an enrollment of 513 this time last year. Supt. Kirk gave a report of the enrollment by grades and rooms, showing that some teachers have as many as 45 pupils.

P. M. Stroud, principal of the high school reported an attendance of 137, compared with 114 last year. Mr. Kirk stated that there are two less teachers now than there were a year ago.

The item of \$1200 in the budget for a manual training and domestic science building on the Lincoln grounds was discussed by those present. Mr. Kepner suggested it would be cheaper to rent a room down town for this purpose, but M. J. Drury, a member of the board, stated if the departments were too widely separated, cost of supervision would be increased, and Superintendent Kirk confirmed this by stating an additional teacher would be required if the departments were taken down town.

Carl Fischer, also a member of the board, stated the board had been revising its plans since preparing the budget, and in view of the talk in favor of a new high school building, believed a one-story building would be all that would be required, and that this would cost \$500 to \$600.

J. H. Bower asked in regard to item of \$500 for stationery and supplies, and was informed that this item in the school accounts had run from \$450 to \$500 for the past several years.

Mr. Kepner talked for some time on the general subject of education, and advocated returning to the old system of teaching pupils the literary courses, and leave the vocational instruction to private schools.

Mr. Bower took the opposite view, declaring that the purpose of manual training in the schools is not to develop carpenters out of all the boys, but to create a taste for doing the necessary things about the home and to teach the dignity of all labor.

Mr. Kepner asked if a levy of 9.5 mills would enable the board to take care of its current expenses for the year, and put up the proposed two-room manual training and domestic science building, and upon being told it would, he moved that the levy be fixed at that amount. J. J. Bryan asked if the Bingham law would prevent any increase over the levy of last year, and was told the board had advertised the budget for th required 30 days, and if the taxpayers voted a levy, no matter how large or

how small, it would be legal. D. S. Beals and W. F. Walker were named as tellers, and the vote taken.

No further business coming up, the meeting adjourned.

ROAD COMMITTEE MEETS

Coming Budget Will Be Discussed Friday Morning.

An important meeting of the Lane county Pomona Grange roads and highways committee will be held at the Eugene Commercial club on Friday, November 26, at 10:30 A. M. for the purpose of considering the county budget for the year as regards a levy for road construction.

The committee recently appointed to ascertain the cost of paved roads in the county will also hold a meeting and report to the general committee upon its findings.

The general committee on roads and highways consists of one man from each subordinate Grange in the county and one from each commercial club. Notices have been sent out by the secretary of this meeting and it is expected that there will be a large attendance.

Would Organize Young Men's Club

A mass meeting for the consideration of final plans, and for the organization of a young men's club for Springfield, will be held at the Christian church at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, such a meeting having been called by Fenner Travis, temporary chairman. The committee named for the purpose has found a suitable location, where a reading room and a large gymnasium can be secured at a very reasonable rate, and fixtures for a shower bath have been promised at a nominal price.

The young men who are backing the organization wish that the meeting Sunday may be attended not only by those who are prospective members, but by some of the older men of the community who will assist in carrying the project through.

ALASKAN PAYS CASH FOR LAND IN SPRINGFIELD

Ed. Dilsaver of Treadwell, who was here last week visiting Dan Gore, wrote from Portland enclosing check for three-quarters of an acre on north Seventh street. Several years ago when Mr. Gore was in Alaska he sold Mr. Dilsaver four lots in Springfield, and this week's purchase is in addition, and after he has made personal inspection of the town and what it has to offer.

Nearly seventeen million pounds of wood pulp was exported to Europe from the United States during 1914. Canada ranks second receiving from the United States over seven million pounds.

Oregon Trunk railway, (Hill line from Columbia River south) shows net loss of income for past year of \$20,917, net increase of revenue over 1914, \$22,494. Operating expenses reduced below 1914, \$43,411.

Woodburn—French Prairie drainage survey completed.

Fads in the public schools cost too much and there is a move to hold them down to common branches and industries.



PAINT THAT GOES A LONG WAY

Sky-high prices are not necessary for high quality paint. Our paint has the greatest covering capacity and is more durable than the more expensive kinds. The lady of the house that wants that paint of snowy whiteness that marks the latest style, will find our line is right there with the goods—The Sherwin-Williams kind.

Beaver-Herndon Hardware Company

NEW MAYOR URGES ECONOMY AND EFFORT TO ADVANCE TOWN'S INTERESTS

Cut Salary of Marsnall to \$15 a Month ---Council to try to Collect for Sidewalks and Parkings

The matter of reducing the salary of the chief of police from \$55 a month to \$15 a month was the cause of some little discussion at the meeting of the town council Tuesday evening—the first meeting under the administration of Mayor E. E. Morrison—and the plan was adopted on a divided vote. Councilman Peery favored the plan, and Councilman Fenwick opposed it, voting "no" on roll-call. Councilmen Fischer and Coffin did not think the plan a good one, but were willing that it should be given a fair trial.

Later in the evening the mayor submitted the name of J. E. Edwards for the position, and he was confirmed by the council, to take office on December 1.

This reduction in pay of the day police was a suggestion made in Mayor Morrison's address to the council, and carries with it the plan of making the day officer the street commissioner also, with pay on the hour basis.

The council adopted the mayor's suggestion of reducing the pay of the night man from \$55 to \$50, but the appointment of S. J. Calkins to the position was not confirmed, as Councilman Fenwick wished to satisfy himself as to the qualifications of the candidate. The council will meet next Monday to consider the 1916 budget, and will probably meet again Tuesday, and it was understood that the matter of appointments for vacancies should be taken care of at that time.

Early in the meeting, Mayor Morrison read the following message to the council:

To the Council of the Town of Springfield, Oregon:

Gentlemen: Upon assuming the office of Mayor for the next two years, I esteem the honor, because it has been bestowed upon me by the voters, of their own free will, entirely unsolicited upon my part, and I prize it because I hope, in my humble way, in this position to aid in the accomplishment of the objects for which we labor in common. I cannot see what the future will be; that is always uncertain, but I hope that our work together will be both pleasant and productive of good results.

I enter upon my duties with a full realization of the fact that my success will depend largely upon your support and co-operation. Hoping for that, as I assume the position, and I trust I may discharge its duties, partially at least, to your satisfaction and for the benefit of the people at large.

It seems to me that the future outlook for our little City is far greater than that of the average town of the valley, and the time is at hand when we should make preparations and be in readiness to welcome any new enterprise or industry that seeks a location, and show the advantages we have over other towns. The experience of other communities, situated similar to ours, has demonstrated that we can obtain these things by intelligent co-operation, and for the purpose of discussing these matters and deciding upon the best means of attaining these much desired objects we must have a formal organization of some sort.

I believe that we should use good judgment in the expenditure of the City's funds, and for the present cut all expenses to the minimum, as long as it does not impair or take from the efficiency of the different working departments.

In general, the condition of our Town at present is all that we can expect, and, aside from necessary expenditures, I would not argue that we take any steps in the way of improvement that would involve a greater indebtedness upon the City until we feel sure we will be benefited by the results.

HEALTH.—It will be necessary at all times, that the sanitary condition be watched, and it should be the principal

object of the Health Committee to do away with all conditions that would have a tendency to encourage the accumulation of disease germs, for we are aware of the fact that it is prevention, and not cure, that is the most important feature we have to consider.

STREETS.—We feel proud that we can boast of our streets, for I think no other town of the size of ours has its streets in any better condition, and for the present time I think that it is not necessary that we be to any expense, aside from a few minor repairs that will have to be made from time to time.

ATTORNEY.—After carefully considering the work that the City Attorney will have to do in the future, as we see it now, I feel, in all justice to the taxpayers of our town, that we should not make an appointment to this office at the present time, but wait until we have the work to do, then an attorney can be hired and paid for the work he does. At the present time, I don't believe it wise to employ on a flat salary.

SURVEYOR.—As to the office of City Surveyor, I have the same suggestion to make as stated above, in reference to that of City Attorney.

POLICE.—The Police Department of our town should be considered as one of the most important that we have, and efficiency should be considered first of all, for we know that the time is at hand, and always will be, when we will have the class of men known as "Blind piggers" and "Boot leggers," and it stands us in hand to do what we can to exterminate these law-breakers from our community. In order to do this, we must have men in office who will do their duty and work in harmony with all concerned. I have in mind a few suggestions, and, if they are accepted, I believe that the efficiency can be kept up to the present standard and the expense will not be very heavy. The suggestions are as follows:

1. That the Day Police be appointed to act as Chief of Police, on a flat salary of \$15.00 per month; also appoint the same policeman to act as Street Commissioner. His duties would be to look after the streets and sidewalks, and to do any other work ordered by the Council. His compensation to be 29 cents per hour for the time that he actually works.

2. As to the Night Watchman, I would suggest that his salary be reduced from \$55.00 per month to \$50.00, and his duties be the same as heretofore.

I do not make the above suggestions in a dictatorial manner, but I should like to try them out, and if it is found by experience that they are not practicable we can make changes at any time we see fit, to suit the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,
E. E. MORRISON.
Mayor.

On motion of Councilman Fischer the message was placed on file. Discussion of some of its sections was taken up and action taken as indicated.

City Attorney J. H. Bower offered his resignation in the following communication:

Springfield, Ore., Nov. 23, 1915.
To the Mayor and Common Council:
Gentlemen:—

In order that you may feel perfectly free to take any action you may choose in regard to the office of city attorney, I do hereby tender my resignation to take effect when my successor is appointed and confirmed, or at any other time designated by you.

Should you desire to reappoint me, either now or at any future time I shall be happy to serve you again.

Yours Truly,
J. H. BOWER.
City Attorney.

Discussion of the resignation brought out the fact that the town has two cases pending in the state supreme court, and that one may come up for hearing any time, and the other is not likely to be considered for many months. The councilmen were of the opinion that an attorney should be appointed, but need not be on pay until work

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