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WORKMAN HAS A NARROW ESCAPE FROM BAD FALL

Cecil Horning, one of the men having the contract for wrecking the old refuse burner at the Booth-Kelly mill, had a narrow escape from death yesterday afternoon when he lost his balance while working at the top of the 100-foot burner, and fell among the staging timbers. He was caught about 25 feet from the top, and suffered only a broken shoulder blade.

That he escaped death is almost a miracle. A staging has been built up inside the old burner, fairly heavy timbers having been used. It was while lifting one of these timbers on the top deck of the structure that Mr. Horning lost his balance. He fell past the first bracing timbers and struck the second one from the top, tearing it loose. This board caught lower down and was the means of Mr. Corning's catching hold of the staging.

The old burner is being taken down by H. W. Dresser, Mr. Corning and Ed. Cupp, who have a contract with the lumber company.

The forms are being placed for the concrete foundations of the new burner.

SPENCE DISCUSSES AMERICAN FARM LIFE

Tenantry and indebtedness on farms in the United States have increased alarmingly during the last ten years, according to C. E. Spence, master of the state grange who is in Eugene and plans to address several of the Granges in Lane county.

Mr. Spence favors a system of rural credit that would enable the farmer to borrow capital on long time at a low interest. He claims such a system would reduce the tenantry and indebtedness on the farms. It has worked exceedingly well in Denmark, Ireland, Germany and Australia, he says. Immigration from these countries has fallen considerably within the last few years due to better farming conditions at home, he said.

Mr. Spence is not entirely in favor of a farm credit bill to be introduced in congress by Representative Hawley of Oregon. Mr. Spence claims that the rate of interest is too high and will not meet the requirements in time of panic. With reference to Mr. Hawley's measure, Mr. Spence also believes that there would not be enough money for the farmers to borrow in time of panic.

Mr. Spence favors the idea that the money should be borrowed from the state or federal government and that the farmer should mortgage his farm for approximately 50 per cent of its value. This would allow the farmer enough money to drain the land and make improvements, according to Mr. Spence.

The rate of income from the average farm is not sufficient to warrant the farmer to pay over five per cent interest on borrowed money, according to Mr. Spence. He believes that the state or national government should loan money to the farmer at from 4 to 5 per cent and the capita land interest to be paid back by yearly payments covering approximately twenty-five years.

Mr. Spence called attention to the fact that the national government loans money to national and regional banks at 2 per cent and believes that the farmers should be entitled to a similar consideration.

The establishment of a national marketing commission is

avored strongly by Mr. Spence. Mr. Spence said that in former years the tendency was to aid and increase the production of crops but he believes that it has become equally important to find a market.

If a market was assured the farmers could double their production in two years, said Mr. Spence. He claimed that when the crops were good and plentiful the farmers received less than when the crops were not so plentiful. He said the first step of the marketing commission should be to give information where certain products could be bought and sold and this would practically assure a good market for all farmers.

He believes that the co-operation of farmers is far more profitable than to have everyone working for himself and is better for all concerned. The idea of the Granges is for social and educational purposes, to make a study of governmental problems, watch legislative matters and to get accustomed to working together for mutual interests, said Mr. Spence.

MEETINGS WILL BEGIN SATURDAY, DEC. 18th

Protracted meetings will begin at the Christian church on Saturday evening, December 18. Rev. E. C. Wigmore, pastor of the church, will preach at these services, and he will be assisted by a live-wire choir director.

CAMP CREEK

(Special to the Lane County News)

E. E. Brattain from Springfield was here on business Thursday.

Horace and Ray Long from Harrisburg were visitors here Tuesday.

Ray Chase from Eugene is visiting relatives here.

Otto Gossler is working at Thurston now.

Mrs. W. R. Elliot is in Eugene visiting friends and relatives.

Will Ruth from Thurston was a visitor here Saturday and Sunday.

Post Office Establishes Record.

The local postoffice established somewhat of a record in their Money Order business last Tuesday, when James Inman of West Springfield came in and purchased 25 orders to go in as many letters. Both Mr. Inman and Clerk Bryon Smith who wrote the orders, think it would be hard to find an instance where a single individual purchased as many orders at one time, as it took about 1½ hours to write both applications and orders. Smith says he don't care to repeat the performance very many times in one day.

New bank opens at Oregon City December 1.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Mrs. Will Clark entertained a few friends at her home this afternoon. After a number of pleasant diversions provided by the hostess, dainty refreshments were served.

Mrs. A. Middleton was the charming hostess of the Eugene Needlecraft at her home here on Tuesday afternoon. All the members of the club were present to enjoy Mrs. Middleton's hospitality. The hostess served dainty refreshments at the close of the afternoon.

A number of friends of Mrs. Alonzo Mosier gave her a surprise party at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. May, last Monday afternoon, the event being her seventy-fifth birthday. Mrs. Mosier received several pretty and useful gifts. The afternoon was spent with needlework and contests. Mrs. May served a very dainty luncheon. The invited guests were Mrs. J. W. Coffin, Mrs. A. S. Walker, Mrs. Graves, Mrs. J. A. Kennedy, Mrs. J. T. Moore, Mrs. N. W. Emery, Mrs. W. L. Dunlap, Mrs. Fred Bressler, Mrs. C. Meacham, Mrs. Z. T. Mountjoy, Mrs. O. B. Kelsey, Mrs. F. E. Lenhart, Mrs. J. C. Parker, Miss Eunice Parker,

OREGON SCHOOLS WIN HIGH HONORS AT THE PAN-PACIFIC EXPOSITION

Oregon building, San Francisco, Nov. 29.—That the people living in the rural districts of Oregon care more for their schools, are working harder to give their boys and girls a practical education, and have made a greater advance than any other state, is clearly proved by the reception which has been given the rural school exhibit at the Panama Pacific International Exposition.

At the request of the National Bureau of Education, the Oregon State Department of Education prepared for the Educational Palace an exhibit showing the strongest features of the rural schools of Oregon; namely, the standard plan, the Boys' and Girls' Club Work and the Playground Movement. As the rules of the Educational Building would not permit children's work to be exhibited, the system was shown by means of charts and photographs. In the official

News From Springfield High School

Report of High school for the month ending Dec. 31:

Whole number of days attendance, 281.

Whole number of days absence, 49.

Whole number of times late, 12.

Number of pupils neither absent or late 89. Per cent of attendance 98. Number of visitors 30.

Personals

Mr. Stroud gave some of the students a Christmas present. He moved their seats.

The S. H. S. basket ball team plays the E. H. S. after school in Eugene Wednesday.

The school is very much alive but we still want a new building. We take our six weeks' exam this week. Good grades are expected as this is the second test and our minds should all be in good working order.

The High school has under consideration a plan to join a basket ball league consisting of five other schools. This will be decided at the next Student Body meeting.

The basket ball season is in full swing in Springfield. The boys are out every night, and with good veteran material Springfield is going to put out a winning team. All of last year's team is back this year and there is positively no reason why the team should not be a winning one.

Several girls have been caught standing under the mistletoe, by boys who had nerve.

The Industrial History class has been enjoying a week's study of Alaska. The interest has been heightened by the many curios and pictures loaned by Mr. Scott and Mr. Gore. Friday Mr. Gore kindly accepted the invitation of the class, and gave a most entertaining and enlightening talk on "Life In Alaska." These personal experiences put the finishing touch on our interesting study of the country.

The Student Body had a meeting Wednesday evening and it was decided that students not belonging to the Student Body should not be allowed to

use the basket ball hall. Previous to this time there had been nothing said in regard to this, and consequently many that did belong to the Student Body could not play on account of floor.

At Springfield High school there is a welcome to any who may go.

But very few who enter, enjoy its appearance, I know.

When you're comin' from a distance and a lookin' thru the trees

It makes you think of a poor old horse all broken down with heaves.

And as you walk on nearer, the boards seem a' roundin' out

And if it wore a bandage, 't would remind you of the goat.

Ofcourse I'm not a' makin' fun or tryin' to run it down.

But I really think the Springfield High is the rottenest building in town.

Although we have free shower baths and air holes in the floor

We don't want to bump our noses on the front walls any more.

"Cold Fresh Air" is our motto and we have it all the while. Our feet are always freezing, but we bear it with a smile.

There's no use a fussing thro', so we'll try to smile

For all you hear is a "Science Building" and a "High school after while."

If we can stand the water better'n "Lincoln" can the noise

I guess we'll have to give it up to the Manual Training boys

I hope some morn' when I go to school, I'll see no school at all

For its getting so old and battered that a breath would make it fall.

There's nothing in the building that we value much I guess

Except the pile of tattered books and the out numbered rows of seats.

But sometime in the future I hope 't will come to pass

That the old school house may go to rest.

And a new one be built at last.

LILAH MILLER, 1915

formed of our work. No doubt every county in California having a farm adviser will very shortly follow our lead." At the Annual Teachers' Institute of Monterey County, the county superintendent, George Schultzbarg, brought the teachers to the Oregon exhibit, and in speaking to them said: "I want all of you teachers to see what wonderful work Oregon is doing in her rural schools. Their Standard School Plan is just what we need in our county." The teachers at once voted to adopt the Oregon plan, and the Oregon standard card is now in every rural school in Monterey County.

Of the club work, it is conceded that no other state has the work so well organized. The local and county school fairs with the club winners' work shown at the State Fair, making a logical culmination of the years' work, the organizing and directing of the work by the State School Superintendent with the expert bulletins prepared by the State Agricultural College for the children, telling them how to select seed and to do their work, are features which are raising the club work of Oregon boys and girls to a high standard. The judges at the State Fair this year declared that the corn exhibited by the boys was fully one hundred per cent better than last year, while the vegetables and other products were a much higher grade than ever before.

Hundreds of requests have come from all parts of the United States for the Recreation Manual, issued by the State Department of Education, and every playground expert pronounces it to be the best one published. Every teacher in Oregon is furnished with a copy of this manual, and the attention given this problem in Oregon during the past two years is developing a happier, healthier lot of school children.

Commissioners from a number of the foreign countries have sent their secretaries to the Oregon Educational Exhibit with instructions to copy every chart shown in order that they may have the material for a special report to their countries on our rural schools.

What the county and city superintendents of other states say of our work is well summarized by G. E. Wolfing, Superintendent of Vocational Education, Gary, Indiana, who said: "In Oregon through your standard for rural schools, your Boys' and Girls' Industrial clubs, and your Playgrounds, you are doing a work equal to that which the Federal Government is doing for the schools in the Philippine Islands, and this work is attracting the attention of educators in all parts of the world."

FIRST DEBATES OF SERIES TO BE HELD ON JAN. 7TH

The first debates of the Oregon Debating League, in which 20 or more high schools are interested, will be held on January 7th. On that date the negative teams of the different schools will go to the different towns at which they meet their opponents.

Yoncalla, Roseburg and Springfield form a triangle, the Yoncalla negative team coming here for the debate, and the Springfield negative team going to Roseburg. The subject to be debated is: "Resolved, That the United States Should Adopt a System of Military Training Similar to that of Switzerland." Supt. R. L. Kirk of the Springfield public schools, is president of the debating league.

Lebanon paper mill starts with full crew, first time in over a year.

The Bandon with 600,000 feet of lumber just left Toledo for San Francis.

Creamery at Reedsport produced 167,528 pounds of butter the past year.

Dairy products have passed the \$250,000 mark for the past year.

It is reported that the Fall City mill will soon resume.

Warren Construction Co. is completing the laying of bitulithic in Marshfield.

S. P. COMPANY TRACK TO B. K. CO'S MILL POND

The Southern Pacific company this week began the work of filling in the old trestle in the track approach to the Booth-Kelly mill pond. Some 1900 cubic yards of material will be required before the work is completed, but not all of the work will be done at this time. Material excavated from the Eugene depot yards, where improvements are being made, is being used in the fill here. In about two weeks the Eugene supply will be exhausted, stated Roadmaster Schultz this morning, and the work here will be about half done.

The trestle was put in several years ago, and rather than replace the piling now, the company is putting in the more permanent earth.

WHO OWNS TIMBER ON O. & C. GRANT?

Who owns the timber on the O. & C. Grant? That was the principal question which came up in the argument on the form of decree made before Judge Wolverson in the United States district court by Constantine J. Smyth, special assistant to the attorney general, and Peter F. Dunne, chief counsel for the Southern Pacific railroad.

The question developed when Mr. Smyth presented a form of decree which contained the following points:

That the cross-complaints and intervenors be eliminated from the suit.

That the Southern Pacific be permanently enjoined from disposing of any of the lands of the grant except under the terms of the grant or from disposing of any timber or minerals on the land except in conjunction with the sale of the land; or from cutting or removing either timber or minerals.

That the railroad be enjoined from selling any of the lands, timber or minerals in any way or disposing of any of the money now on deposit for sold timber until congress shall have a reasonable time to provide for their disposition.

That the railroad may apply to the court for relief from this second injunction if congress does not act within a reasonable time, the minimum time being six months.

That the decree shall apply to all lands which have been sold prior to the decree or to lands that have reverted to the company.

That the government may apply for an accounting in case congress does not act.

That this decree shall be without prejudice to other suits brought by the government.

That the government recover costs.

Dunne strenuously objected to the insertion of the clause referring to timber and minerals in the first injunction. He argued that the supreme court had not meant that, and that Mr. Smyth in preparing the decree, had expanded and amplified the decision to suit his own purpose.

If the clause goes into the first injunction when the decree is signed it will mean that the railroad company can never sell any of the timber or mineral on the land, but must sell land and all to actual settlers at \$2.50 an acre.

Dunne announced flat-footedly that the railroad company would fight such a provision to the last ditch. He threatened to tie up the case in litigation for a long time if the proposed decree were signed.

In opposing the form submitted by Mr. Smyth, Mr. Dunne based his objections almost entirely on the contention that Smyth had amplified the opinion of the supreme court in his interpretation of it. He submitted one of his own which he stated used the same language as the opinion.



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