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MORE LIGHTS OFFERED AT A LOWER COST

A proposition to furnish 3216 more candlepower of light, at a cost about \$5 a month less was laid before the town council at its adjourned meeting Monday by Dale Mumme, local manager of the Oregon Power company. He submitted a plan to the councilmen, showing a proposed distribution of lights. The matter was taken under advisement. The proposition was brought in at this time because the present lighting contract will expire in May.

The proposition made by the power company would re-distribute the 11 arc lights now in use, would take out the 87 32-candlepower incandescents and place 18 100-candle power lights on A street and on Fifth as far out as G, and install 69 60 candle power lights at other points in the city. This would give a total of 3216 candlepower more than now in use.

The council had met for the purpose of receiving bids for the purchase of \$671 of Bancroft bonds covering deferred payments for the improvement of G street from Eighth to Tenth. No bids were submitted, and the bonds will go to Bruce Lansbery, who accepted the contract for the work under the condition that he would take the bonds at par and accrued interest if there were no other purchaser.

WAS ONCE PASTOR OF SPRINGFIELD CHURCH

Rev. J. C. Richardson, one of the pioneer Baptist preachers of the Willamette Valley, passed away on last Saturday evening in the Salem hospital. The remains were brought to Eugene for burial on Tuesday. The funeral services were held from the First Baptist church, Rev. S. S. Johns officiating assisted by Rev. Ferris of this place.

Rev. Richardson was once pastor of McKenzie Fork Baptist church (now Springfield church) for 16 years, and was well known to the older members of this church and was greatly beloved by all who knew him. He was born in Missouri and was 83 years and some months old. The funeral services were attended by a large company of his early friends.

RAILROAD WORK MOVES

Ontario, Ore., Jan. 16.—In spite of the severe weather, work continues on the O.-W. R. & N. extension west from Riverside, Ore., to points in Harney County.

Nearly all the grading has been completed as far as Oakley and the rock cuts and bridges are now progressing rapidly. Mail service to Riverside has been begun, the mail run on the thrice-a-week train being from Oneario to Riverside.

Between Bend and Burns the Strahorn surveying party is in the field, running the newly projected line between those interior points. H. N. Bogue, chief engineer for the Strahorn party, hired a saddle horse for the purpose of a closer investigation of the Sage Hen Pass. Leaving the horse, he proceeded by auto to Bend, so it is not known whether this pass will be used by the new line, but probabilities are that it will.

Everything indicates that within a few months work will actually be under way to connect Burns finally with the outer world, and to do away with "Interior" Oregon forever.

LUMBER MARKET IS MADE STEADY BY COLD WEATHER

The present weather conditions have tended to steady the lumber market and has withheld an expected slump, according to L. L. Lewis, of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company. The cold weather has been

beneficial to the lumber trade and has taken practically the whole fir production off the market in the northwest, said Mr. Lewis. If the present lumber conditions hold on for three or four more weeks the trade in the spring will undoubtedly be good, in the estimation of Mr. Lewis.

There has been no incentive for the lowering of quotations and the conditions have remained practically the same during the last 60 days, said Mr. Lewis. The price in lumber has not raised materially, however.

The mills of the company that have been tied up by the large amounts of snow, will be able to start in about two or three weeks, provided the weather conditions will have changed within that time, said Mr. Lewis. Buying is being held off as long as possible and a decided condition in the lumber trade will not be known until probably the middle of February or the latter part of the month, according to Mr. Lewis.

New System for Fire Alarms

Chairman J. W. Coffin of the fire and water committee of the council, after conferring with members of the fire company, is having a new set of cards printed for distribution over town, giving instruction how to turn in an alarm of fire. The fire wards have been made to conform to the voting precincts, and in turning in an alarm, one is to call 52, the power plant, and give ward number, street name and house number. The man at the plant will then give the proper signal.

The system of giving signals has also been changed. Instead of a general alarm, followed by a ward number, short blasts, indicating the ward number will be blown, repeated two times at short intervals. A single short blast will indicate when the fire is out.

NEWS NOTES OF SPRINGFIELD HIGH

Roy Penny has been elected president of the Literary society for the coming year.

Tuesday night at 3:15 the letter men of the football team met and chose Albert Beare as captain for next year.

Miss Leota McCracken has been absent from school for several days. She has a bad attack of the sore throat.

Mr. Stroud thought that he could get along without having the LaGrippe but he now has his throat wrapped up and seems to feel as bad as the rest of us did.

George Carson has returned to school after several days of sickness.

Mr. Stroud is suffering from a severely burned neck as a result of the use of White's Lintiment.

The water pipe leading to the laboratory froze last night and burst this morning.

Miss Newton has changed her roll call lately. Instead of having the pupils answer here she has them answer prepared or unprepared.

Roy Penny is quite a historian on Danial Boone.

The Literary society of the S. H. S. will give an entertainment at the High school Friday 21, at 8 o'clock.

All Miss Newton's classes who have missed any quizzes make them up tonight (Wednesday) at 3:15.

Glen Woolley has returned to school after several days absence.

Mr. Stroud to Howard Cotton who was sitting by the stove, "Are you burning, Howard?"

Howard, "I don't think so!"

Mr. Stroud, "Well, I smell rubber."

Hoke Cannery of Medford has increased its stock from \$5,000 to \$10,000 and will double its output.

This is Letter Writing Week Tell Eastern Friends of Springfield

Write a letter this week to a friend or business acquaintance in the East and tell them:—

Springfield is at the threshold of the famed McKenzie river, with its gamey fish.

Springfield is the gateway to the big hunting grounds of the Willamette beyond Oakridge.

Springfield is the point of departure for a climb of the snow-clad Three Sisters.

Springfield is at the junction of the Pacific Highway and the trans-Cascade, McKenzie highway to Central Oregon—the interior route to California.

Springfield wants visitors.

Springfield maintains a free camp for auto tourists with a concrete storage building.

Springfield has one of the most modern sawmills in the West. Machinery throughout is operated with electricity or compressed air.

Springfield has a power plant supplying electricity to a score cities and towns.

Springfield has mild summers.

Springfield is worth visiting, won't you come

STOCKHOLDERS OF COMMERCIAL STATE BANK MEET

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Commercial State bank was held at the bank Thursday evening. Reports were made showing the bank to be in a strong financial condition. The usual annual dividend was ordered paid.

The old board of directors, consisting of Al Perkins, Welby Stevens, Al Montgomery, M. M. Peery and O. B. Kessey, was re-elected, and the officers of the board, Al Perkins, president; M. M. Peery, vice-president, and O. B. Kessey, cashier, were retained in office. Fenner Travis, who has been with the bank a number of years in the capacity of clerk, was elected assistant cashier.

MILL MAY NOT START FOR A WEEK YET

Superintendent Jarrett of the Booth-Kelly mill stated this morning that Montgomery brothers had told him they expected to be able to ship a trainload of logs to the mill here tomorrow, but Mr. Jarrett added that the mill probably would not resume operations for a week, as they would want to be assured of a steady supply of logs before starting. Drifts are 15 feet deep in places above Wendling, and no logs can be expected from the company's camps there for some time.

Alaska Man Buys Lots in Springfield

G. R. Smith, an old Alaskan friend of Dan Gore, stopped off a few days last week while on his way from San Francisco to Seattle and while here he purchased five lots in the Railroad addition from the Gore & Rowe agency.

Mr. Smith was very much impressed with the prospects for the future of Springfield.

FARMERS MAY ENJOY STATE INSURANCE

By CARLE ABRAMS
State Industrial Accident Commission

Farmers of Oregon are coming to realize that insurance for their workmen against accident is desirable, therefore the State Industrial Accident Commission has established a rate for different lines of farming operations under authority of Section 31 of the Amended Act passed by the last legislature and which became effective July 1st. The great interest manifested by farmers is shown by the fact that up to date about 200 farmers have availed themselves of the benefits of this Act, although the Commission has up to this time been so busy putting into operation the new amendments to the law that no effort has been made to notify farmers of their privilege to take advantage of the Act. This information is becoming widely disseminated and has caused a number of unfortunate instances in the Commission office during the past few weeks. In a number of cases men have been injured on the farm and the employed has then made application to come under the Act and sent in remittances to cover his premiums with the hope that by so doing the injured man would be cared for by the State. This, of course, is important as will be realized by all readers. It is similar to insuring a building after the same has been burned down and then expect to collect insurance on the building. Similarly a great many applications have come in from farm hands who have been injured, for benefits under the Act. They thinking that as long as they have not rejected the Act they are entitled to its benefits. However, no protection can be extended to workmen unless accepted by application of the employer.

The rate fixed for farming operations is general farming including all operations incident thereto, 2 per cent of the payroll. Threshing, clover hulling, cent; prune drying, 1 per cent; wood cutting, 3 per cent; land clearing without blasting 3½ per cent; with blasting 5 per cent; road work 3 per cent. In addition to the above the employer is required to collect from the workmen and remit with his own contribution one cent a day from each workman. In computing the amount due the Commission add \$15.00 per month for board when the men are boarded. For instance, a farm hand is paid \$40.00 per month and board and works 25 days, his wages would be \$55.00 per month. The premium would be 2 per cent of \$55.00 or \$1.10 plus 26 cents to be contributed by the workmen making a total amount to be remitted to the Commission of \$1.36 for the month. This is due and payable on or before the 15th of the month following that in which the work is performed.

Those farmers desiring to secure the protection of this Act may do so by making application to the Commission for application blanks and a copy of the law.

The protection afforded to both employer and workman is absolute. In case the workman is injured in the course of his employment the Commission will pay all expenses for doctor's bills, hospital bills, medicine, etc., not exceeding \$25.00 and in addition compensate the workman for time lost by paying him a portion of his wages, not less than \$30.00 per month. Under no circumstances can he sue the employer for damages on account of injuries sustained as the money paid by the Commission is full compensation under the law for the injury. This insures the employer absolute protection from damage suits and possibly from court costs and insures the workmen of the payment of his expenses and money on which to live while injured. Workmen's compensation is one of the greatest steps in legislation. It is not only protection to the individuals, but it is a protection to society against injured workmen who might become public charges and who often do. It is a protection to the families of injured workmen against suffering and poverty and it is a protection to the public in the way of taxes, because one of the greatest costs of our system of government is court costs and one of the greatest forms of court costs is personal injury cases. Under Oregon's present liability laws it has become comparatively easy for injured workmen to secure damages against employers by bringing suit.

Lastly, state compensation is insurance conducted by the State without profit and the State appropriates sufficient sums of money to more than pay all the expenses of operation, so that every dollar collected from employers and workmen alike is paid back directly to injured workmen in first aid and for time lost. Numbers of farmers and a great many manufacturers in times past have afforded themselves liability insurance from insurance companies and in such cases the amount received by the workmen is questionable as more than-half of it is used by the company in expenses and profit and a considerable portion of that remaining is dissipated by the injured workman in lawyer's fees and court costs in suing for his rights.

Best collection of six button holes, worked in different materials by a girl under 14 years.

Best collection of patching and darning, three exhibits of each, by a girl under 14 years.

Best dress showing hand and machine work.

Best apron showing hand and machine work.

Best three piece collection of fancy needle work of any kinds.

Best loaf of white bread.

Best pan of baking powder biscuits.

Best layer cake of three layers.

Best and neatest record of Babcock milk test. Record must be for six or more cows and for at least three months.

C. A. Smith lumber Co. at Marshfield will start on full time February first.

PRIZES LISTED FOR COUNTY ANNUAL SCHOOL FAIR

Following is a list of the prizes that will be given at the annual Lane County school rally and fair in Eugene, May 12 and 13:

List of largest per cent of persons attending school rally in Eugene on Saturday, May 13, from any school district, first prize. The teacher or teachers must send to the county school superintendent a list of all persons over four years of age living in the school district by May first.

Registry books will be kept in each booth and persons in attendance must sign their own names. By this means the percentage of attendance will be determined. Best float or design in pageant in any school. Best drill, exercise or evolution in the parade by any school. Best collective exhibits of industrial and school work from second and third class districts. Best collective exhibit of vegetables and flowers from seeds furnished by the agriculture department which may be had by applying to the county school superintendent, from the individual home and school gardens from any school district.

Individual Exhibits

Best map of Lane county showing actual present boundaries with natural geographical points of interest, such as mountains, cities and towns, railroads, etc. It must be drawn to scale showing township and range lines. There also must be a model township on the same sheet with sections properly numbered and subdivided. This is not to be limited in size except that it cannot be larger than 24x36 inches. Best topographic map or set of maps of any school district locating the school house, ownership of tracks of land, estimate of amount of land in cultivation, in pasture, in timber and waste land, with the production of crops of all kinds including fruits, dairy products, hogs, cattle, sheep and poultry and the value of the same raised by people living in the school district, during the year 1915.

Best collection of kites of all kinds and shapes, either simple, double or triple planes and gliders, illustrating the principles of aeronautics. They may be painted or decorated in any way the maker desires and if the weather is suitable they are to be demonstrated by actual flight for at least a half hour.

Best made useful article or device for farm use, such as split road drag, clod crusher, iron gate or device for feeding hogs, etc. It must be the full sized article itself and not a model. An affidavit stating that the pupil actually made the article itself must accompany the exhibit.

Best three piece collection of manual training work including any kind of home or office furniture. The articles made must have been constructed from Oregon grown lumber.

Best collection of art work, either oil painting, water colors or pen sketch.

Best collection of six button holes, worked in different materials by a girl under 14 years.

Best collection of patching and darning, three exhibits of each, by a girl under 14 years.

Best dress showing hand and machine work.

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ARTFUL HARDWARE

Combination knobs and locks lacquered, dulled and sandblasted brass, just the articles to beautify your home. Our hardware line is complete, consisting of the best and at right prices too. Our motto: "Hardware for wear."

Beaver-Herdon Hardware Company