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TAXPAYERS NAME COMMITTEE TO FIND COST OF A NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

Present Building Declared Inadequate and Unsafe

A taxpayers' committee consisting of O. B. Kessey, C. L. Scott and John Mullen was named at a mass meeting Monday evening to co-operate with the school board in preparing plans and estimates for a school building to meet the needs of Springfield. This committee of six is to report to another meeting of the taxpayers of the district on Wednesday, February 16.

The meeting Monday evening was called by the board for the purpose of getting the views of the citizens as to the advisability of building new this year. Marvin Drury of the board presided, and the first speaker was J. W. Coffin, who asked as to what would be required. He was told a 12-room building would be necessary, and \$30,000 was suggested as a possible cost.

Mr. Kepner suggested a class B building instead of brick or stone.

W. Thompson urged the necessity of more room, and advocated a new building of moderate cost.

Mr. Coffin said he favored a new high school, but favored one in the eastern part of town.

R. W. Smith believed the present location best. He favored a new building while lumber is cheap; wants a building of moderate cost, but not a cheap one.

In answer to questions by Mr. Gore it was stated the present High school enrollment is 130, of whom 30 come from outside this district.

Miss Newton told of the defects of the building and the effect upon the physical and social life of the students.

Mrs. N. J. Calkins objected that many taxpayers in the district could not afford the increased taxes.

Mrs. Campbell said she believed doctor's bills caused by the defective old building offset the saving in taxes.

J. J. Bryan suggested the installation of a heating plant in order to reduce the fire risk.

Upon motion of Mr. Mullen the committee to co-operate with the school board was named.

Trades Residences For Flour Mill

C. W. Walker of the firm of Campbell & Walker, real estate, yesterday completed a deal by which he acquires the roller mill at Jasper from Leonard Lepley, giving in exchange three pieces of residence property in Springfield, located on the south side of B street between Eighth and Ninth. The amounts involved have not been made public.

Mr. Walker's son, George L. Walker, will move to Jasper and take active charge of the mill, but Mr. Walker will remain in Springfield for a time.

The mill at Jasper was erected years ago, but had been idle until last summer when purchased by Mr. Lepley.

tion makes it necessary for the creameries to accept cream below standard. A low grade of butter is the result.

Many blows were aimed at the Portland creameries, which were characterized as brokers rather than creameries.

ALTERATIONS TO BE MADE AT COURTHOUSE AT ONCE

Lumber on Ground to Build New Suite of Offices

W. O. Heckart, a Eugene contractor, has been engaged by the county court to make the necessary alterations in the circuit court room at the courthouse to provide for an additional suite of office rooms, where the assessor and his force will be located. District Attorney J. M. Devers will occupy the two rooms now occupied by the assessor in the east end of the building.

The east end of the court room will be cut off, giving the assessor a suite of rooms extending across the large room from north to south, and about 20 feet wide. He will also have a gallery 12 by 45 feet in dimensions, which is thought to be ample for the large force employed by the assessor almost all the year around. The extra room occupied by a portion of the office force and adjoining the county engineer's office will be used by that official, as his present quarters are now badly congested.

"The saving in rental on the rooms of the district attorney will pay the cost of the improvement within a short time," said County Judge Brown. The county has for several years been paying rental on outside rooms for the attorney. Besides, it is desired to have him at the courthouse, where he will be convenient for all of the county officials to consult at any time.

BOX FACTORY LOCATION IS SOUGHT, RESULT ROSEBURG'S ACTIVITY

Indicating something of the wide-spread advertising being given Roseburg's contemplated

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railroad and industrial activities this year, a communication was received at the Commercial club from Wathena, Kansas, asking for information regarding the prospects for establishing a box factory in that city.

Roseburg has made an active campaign for industries and capital during the past year and has secured a large sawmill and branch railroad. Hats off to Roseburg.

OUTLINES GRANT RIGHTS

Money Collected by Southern Pacific in Excess of \$2.50 Should be Deducted by the Government.

Washington, Jan. 31.—Attorney-General Gregory today wrote Senator Myers, of the senate lands committee, as outlining what the department of justice considers a proper settlement of the government's land controversy with the Southern Pacific company, formerly the Oregon and California railroad.

The supreme court recently decided the company's interest in the unsold portion of the railroad grant was \$2.50 an acre, and postponed final disposition of the case until congress could legislate. The attorney-general took the position that the amount of moneys the company had collected from land already sold in excess of its rights should be deducted from the payments to be made by the government for recovery of the land from the company unless the company should justify a more liberal adjustment by consenting to a settlement, thus precluding the possibility of further litigation.

He urged that the rights should not be fixed by figures or definition in a bill, but he left for judicial determination and recommended that accrued taxes be paid to Oregon counties in which the lands are located.

INDUSTRIAL NOTES

Salem, Jan. 31.—A \$200,000 steam schooner will be built by Hammond Lumber Co., at Humboldt Bay, for northwest trade.

Hood River.—The court house is being improved.

A cheese factory is talked of for Donald.

Astoria—Chamber of Commerce considering establishment of fruit and vegetable cannery.

200,000 foot capacity mill seems assured for Sutherlin, also 15 mile logging road.

To Manufacture Leather Dressing

Gilbert Miller of the Wolf & Miller Harness shop, this week put on the market a leather dressing and shoe water proofing of his own manufacture, that is of superior quality. The product is put up in paste form, and is transparent, so it may be used successfully on black or colored leather. It softens the leather, as well as making it water proof. Mr. Miller is expecting a shipment of cans this week, and when they arrive he will push the sale of his product.

RURAL CARRIERS LEAVE AT A LATER HOUR

The rural route carriers from the Springfield office, who have been starting on their routes at 7:15 a. m., have been given permission by the department to start at 8 o'clock. The returning time is advanced to 3 p. m. By this change, which was made at the request of Postmaster Harry Stewart, better service is given local merchants, for it will now be possible to get parcels into the mail the same morning. Patrons of the route, too, may find it an advantage to phone in orders between 7 and 8 o'clock and have the goods come out on the morning mail.

At this time of year the main line trains are running late, and the later departure of the rural carriers makes it possible for them to get this delayed mail.

28 SPRINGFIELDS TO BE GIVEN WRITE-UPS

Postmaster Harry Stewart yesterday received a letter from the Springfield, Mass., Republican, asking for a brief historical sketch of Springfield, where it got its name, and a resume of its present activities, together with a picture or two. The eastern paper is preparing an edition on "The Springfield's of the United States," of which, according to Mr. Stewart, there are 28. He will prepare the article asked for, and will request that he be sent copies of the edition.

300 Men Attend Hygiene Meeting

Nearly 300 men attended a meeting at the Bell theatre last evening held under the auspices of the Oregon Social Hygiene society. An excellent paper on social diseases by Dr. W. C. Rebban was read by Dr. J. E. Richmond; R. S. Hamilton of Eugene spoke at length on the four sex lies, and M. C. Bressler made the closing talk in an intensely practical way on what should be done in Springfield.

Upon motion of E. E. Morrison, the committee in charge of last evening's meeting was continued permanently in order to keep in touch with the state as-

sociation. This committee consists of R. L. Kirk, O. B. Kessey and Dr. J. E. Richmond. Mr. Kirk preside at the meeting last evening.

CLIFF'S AGAIN UNDER LYBARGER'S CHARGE

Cliff Lybarger, who several months ago sold his restaurant and lunch counter, known as "Cliff's" to Ellis Edwards, yesterday made arrangements to again assume charge. Mr. Lybarger has been connected with the place as chef for the greater part of the time while Mr. Edwards had charge. Cliff is an experienced cook and caterer.

SIX CARS OF HOPS ARE BEING LOADED OUT

T. A. Livesley & Co., are loading out a carload of hops today. Five cars will be here tomorrow to be loaded for shipment to London by the Lachmund Hop company. These five carloads, about 1000 bales, are a part of the large sale recently made by the Oregon Hop Growers association.

\$12,000,000 ADDED TO ONE CORPORATION'S PAYROLL

250,000 Employees of U. S. Steel Are Granted Increase of Ten Per Cent

New York, Jan. 1.—The United States Steel corporation put into effect today an advance of 10 per cent in the wages of its employees. It is estimated that the increase will add between \$12,000,000 and \$15,000,000 to the corporation's annual payroll, and that it will affect about 250,000 men. Of this number, approximately 150,000 are laborers, whose pay heretofore has been 19 to 20 cents an hour. They will receive hereafter 21 to 22 cents an hour.

1000 PULLMAN EMPLOYEES WILL RETURN TO WORK

Company Has \$6,000,000 Worth of Contracts; 6000 Men to Be Employed

Chicago, Jan. 31.—More than 1000 former employes of the Pullman Car company at Pullman will be back at work tomorrow, bringing the total number of employes up to 6000, according to announcement today by Leroy Kramer, vice president of the manufacturing department. The company has \$6,000,000 of contracts. "Every dollar of these contracts is for orders in this country," Mr. Kramer said.

EXCURSION DATE CHANGED

Farmers Will Go to Portland on February 14.

The date of the excursion over the Oregon Electric railway from Eugene to Portland on the occasion of a farmers' and stockraisers' convention at North Portland, has been changed from February 28 to two weeks earlier, February 14, according to announcement made this week. The change was thought best for the reason that the farmers generally will be at work with their spring plowing and seeding if the weather moderates as it is expected to do between now and then.

R. B. Coglon, county agriculturist, said that anyone who desires to make the trip, to Portland upon that date at reduced rates may do so. A special train will be run and a fare of one and a third for the round trip will be given by the railroad company. The tickets will be good to return any time up and including February 16, giving the excursionists a day or so in the city.

JANUARY SNOWFALL EQUALS THAT OF PAST SEVEN YEARS

With a mean temperature for the month of January barely above the freezing point the snowfall of the single months was greater than the total snow fall for the seven years just previous. January's total was 26.0 inches, and 5.76 inches of rain, hail, sleet and melted snow.

There was only one clear day in the month, one listed as foggy, 5 as partly cloudy and 24 as cloudy.

The average of the maximum temperature readings, according to the report of Harold M. Mayo, co-operative observer, was 37.8, and the average of the minimum readings for the month was 27.8. This gives the mean temperature for the month of 32.8. The highest temperature reached in the month was 54 degrees on the 22nd, and the lowest was 14 degrees on the 19th. The mean temperature is 7.6 degrees below the normal for January.

WOULD DEVELOP 455,000 HORSEPOWER

According to claims filed with State Engineer Lewis for the year 1916, fights have been initiated for the development of 456,410 horsepower. In many instances these claims represent rights to develop power but which have not, as yet, been actually developed. 219 claims have been filed covering development or proposed development ranging in size from 1 horsepower to 136,363 horsepower, the latter being the claim of the Portland Railway, Light and Power Company, covering its rights on the Willamette River at Oregon City.

Clackamas County leads in the number of horsepower for which claims are filed, having 349,716 horsepower. The only counties in the state in which no claims for power have been filed, are Clatsop, Gilliam and Wheeler in Lane, 992 horsepower were filed on.

SPORTS

Two games of basket ball were played Tuesday evening in the Sunday School League, two teams of the Baptist and the Methodist Sunday schools occupying the floor. The Methodist second team won from their opponents by a score of 34 to 12, but the first teams could not break the tie into which the Baptists forced the Methodists near the end of the game. The score stood 27 to 27.

Pollard for the Methodists and Pengra for the Baptists played stellar ball. Creed Brattain suffered a broken nose.

The Methodists and Christians have two more games to play to end the series.

CHALLENGE

We the undersigned physicians and druggists located east of Fifth street hereby challenge the physicians and druggists located west of Fifth, to a series of bowling games, length of series and dates to be determined later.

Dr. W. C. REBAN.
Dr. W. H. POLLARD,
JOHN KETELS,
FRAN. LAMBERTY.



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