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## OREGON POWER CO. MOVES HEAD OFFICE TO SPRINGFIELD

A contract has been let for the construction of a brick vault in the Springfield substation building of the Oregon Power company, preparatory to the removal of the general offices of the company from Eugene to Springfield. The change is to be made about April 1.

The change will mean the transfer of practically all of the Eugene force, left after it was reduced following the sale of the power company's line to the Eugene municipal plant. A. L. Ingalls, chief accountant, will be in charge of the office here, with a stenographer and assistant accountants. These will not move over until suitable changes have been made in the office building. Mark Young, a lineman, will move his family

to Springfield within the week, and will be outside foreman for the Eugene district, including Coburg, Brownsville and Junction City.

An office man and a solicitor and trouble man will be left in Eugene to look after the company's gas business here.

The big double-faced electric sign used in front of the company's building in Eugene, was brought to Springfield yesterday and will be put up in front of the headquarters building here.

Rumors of the transfer of the company's headquarters have prevailed ever since the first announcement that the power company had entered into an agreement to sell its Eugene lines to the municipal plant, but it was not until this morning that the announcement could be made on authority.

## DISTRICT TEACHERS' INSTITUTE TO BE IN SPRINGFIELD

A teachers' institute for the teachers of this supervisory district will be held in Springfield on Saturday, March 4, under the direction of County School Superintendent E. J. Moore. State Superintendent J. A. Churchill will be present and will be one of the principal speakers. Another speaker will be Prof. F. C. Ayer of the University of Oregon. The state superintendent will be in Springfield on Friday also, and will inspect the local high school.

On Saturday the girls of the domestic science department will serve a luncheon to the state superintendent and invited guests.

## LANE COUNTY PLAN FOLLOWED IN STATE

That the plan of work of the county agriculturists of the state is to be modeled after the plan of Lane county, was the statement of P. V. Maris, state leader of county agriculturists, was in Eugene last week from Corvallis.

Mr. Maris is seeking a suitable successor to R. B. Coglon, who has resigned as county agriculturist of Lane to go to Pullman, Wash., where he will accept the position of director of county agriculturists of that state.

The plan of an agricultural council which has been started by the Lane county Pomona Grange will be followed by the other counties in which this work has been inaugurated, said Mr. Maris. In place of going out to form new organizations, the plan is to build upon the organi-

zations that already exist, he said.

"In the selection of a county agriculturist for Lane," said Mr. Maris, "we will build on Mr. Coglon's work instead of starting entirely in another direction. Mr. Coglon has done an excellent work in this county and I find that there is a general feeling of regret that he is to leave."

Mr. Maris said that four new county agriculturists have recently been appointed in the state. They are for Wasco, Yamhill, Multnomah and Josephine. In Union county the agriculturist has been re-employed after his services were dispensed with for a time.

The state leader said that two different men well qualified to fill the office of county agriculturist of Lane county have been under consideration, but it is not learned yet whether either one of them can be obtained. Mr. Maris said that every effort will be made to obtain a man suitable to the farmers and to the county court.

## CAMP CREEK ITEMS

Special to the Lane County News

Camp Creek, Ore., Feb. 23.—Mr. Walter Stephens was given a pleasant surprise Saturday evening by a few of his friends. The evening was spent with games after which a luncheon was served by Mrs. Walter Stephens and Mrs. Charlie Jack. Those who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jack, Mr. and Mrs. Lenord Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Jack, Mrs. J. J. Chase, Mrs. G. F. Hartley, Misses Lila Owen, Vera Chase, Grace Stephens, Azalee Hartley, Ester Brattain, Harriet Gossler, Alma and Pauline Jack, Ruby and Lola Crabtree, Lizzie Kennedy, Mr. Chester, Toby and Charlie Stephens, Otto Gossler, Creed Brattain, Bert Libby, Randal Chase, Raymond Jack and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stephen.

Mabel and Dale Chase were visitors here Saturday.

Ester and Creed Brattain spent Saturday evening and Sunday with friends here.

Albert Simmons, Mr. Gossler and daughter Harriet were in Eugene on business Saturday.

Mrs. Charlie Jack was a Eugene visitor Friday and Saturday.

Otto Gossler attended the basketball game at Thurston Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Baker and Oren Masterson were here Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Brattain visited here Monday and Tuesday.

Oregon City's ordinance prohibiting jitney busses from operating in that city without a franchise was declared valid by the Supreme Court in an opinion written by Justice Benson. It will sell \$7000 bonds to build bridge across Willamette slough.

## New B-K Company Burner Finished

The new air-cooled refuse burner for the Booth-Kelly Co. was completed Monday and a fire was built in it Tuesday afternoon. It seems to be handling the refuse in good shape, doing the work expected of it. The workmen who put up the huge cone have gone to Cottage Grove to put up a similar burner for a company there, but two of them will return Sunday to make some minor changes when the cone is cool.

## PEOPLE FAIL TO ATTEND MEETING TO TALK OF STREET LIGHT PLANS

No citizens appeared at the meeting called by the town council for Monday night to discuss the needs of the city to be provided for in the new street lighting contract. Members of the council and representatives of the Oregon Power company talked over the needs of the city and the terms of the various plans suggested by the company, but no action was taken, as the council was not in formal session.

Councilman M. Fenwick, who returned Sunday evening from San Diego, attended, but no action was taken on Councilman Fischer's resignation, which was made to take effect upon Mr. Fenwick's return, for the same reason that the light contract was held over.

## COUNTY FAIR WILL NOT DIE OUT SAYS WILKINS

It is probable that the county fair, so well established and so popular among the people at large of Lane county, will be allowed to die out if the county will not buy the grounds, said F. M. Wilkins, president of the fair association, in discussing a newspaper interview recently printed in which it was stated that it is probable that there will be no more fairs if the county does not buy the grounds.

"The fair board's proposition is that the county ought to take over the grounds," said Mr. Wilkins. "The county cannot afford to let the fair die out. In our judgment, the county ought to take it over and hold the land which consists of about 60 acres for fair purposes. While it has taken most of the money of the fair association to conduct the fairs and to make improvements, we have paid the Lane County Agricultural society some money as rental not with-

## NEW POSTER IS OUT

1916 Rose Festival Design Advertiser Scenery of Famous Columbia River



Portland's 1916 Rose Festival poster is the first publicity, national in scope, to go forth advertising the beauties of the Columbia river. The festival will be held June 7, 8 and 9. Opening day will witness the national dedication of the Columbia river highway. The poster carries the slogan "For You a Rose in Portland Grows." The poster was donated by Fred G. Cooper, former Oregon boy, now famous as an artist. The design will soon hang in transportation offices all over the United States.

standing the statement to the contrary. We have put back many thousands of dollars into the property, all in improvements, until we have a valuable plant there. This all belongs to the fair grounds. The Lane County Fair association has done this work in a public spirited way, and has done much to enhance the value of the grounds. The county will get a bargain if it takes the property over at \$25,000."—Register.

## B-K has Trouble With Land Slides

The Booth-Kelly Co. has a crew of men at work with two lines of hose cutting away a large amount of earth on the hill side just south of the dry shed. An excavation was made here for the building, and now that the ground is so wet, slides have developed, and it was decided to remove all the earth that was causing the trouble. A sluiceway has been built to a point west of the dryshed, and the earth washed out is deposited there.

Minor slides had occurred before, but when it was found that a portion of the floor of the dry shed was being forced up by the weight of the earth outside, it was decided to make the improvement.

This rising of the ground at a point removed from the pressure is characteristic of the slides in the Panama canal, and the phenomenon is being studied by Dr. Warren Smith's geology class of the University.

## FIRE LOSS ABOUT \$6000

The loss in the Coburg fire of February 6 will not exceed \$6,000, according to Toll Thompson, special agent for the Niagara Fire Insurance company, of Portland, who passed through Eugene after adjusting losses. "The actual insurance paid on the fire loss amounts to approximately \$4,270," said Mr. Thompson, "and the other losses will not exceed \$1000 at the most, is my belief." The heaviest loss was in the

Cook and Rice hardware store. Their insurance money amounted to \$1600. Most of their stock was saved from the fire.

Mr. Thompson adjusted the loss of D. B. Locke, who ran a hotel at Coburg, and was also freight agent of the Southern Pacific Railway company. His insurance loss was \$482.

Portland Live Stock Market North Portland, Ore., Feb. 22.—A small run of 660 head of cattle found the market a shade easier. Prime steers brought 7.50 with cows going at 6.00 to 6.75. A few good bulls went at 5.00 with heifers and calves remaining steady.

There was a good run of 4675 head of swine. Market was sluggish at first but soon picked up and tops remained at their former prices. Two loads of well finished hogs sold at 8.15 with bulk at 8.00.

Only a handful of sheep arrived. One load of excellent lambs brought 9.05, a nickel over last week's top. Ewes are quoted at 7.00 and yearlings at 8.00. Market strong.

## Building up for new Chemical Works

Phillip Johnson has the building erected and part of the necessary equipment is on the chemical works which he is installing a mile and a half east of Springfield. It will take about two weeks more to get the plant into running order.

What machinery is not here, has been ordered and will be here in a short time.

## BROTHER DIES SAME MONTH AS MOTHER

D. S. Jordan received the sad news yesterday of the death of his brother, John Jordan, at Arlington, Oregon, on February 22. He leaves a son and a daughter. Both brothers attended the funeral of their mother at Bickleton, Washington, on February 8. Mr. Jordan, on the return to Springfield, came with his brother to Arlington, leaving him in the best of health, but at Vancouver he received a telegram that John was sick with pneumonia in both lungs. He was sick but five days. The funeral services will be held at Bickleton tomorrow, with interment at the Odd Fellows cemetery. Mr. Jordan will not be able to go, as he himself is threatened with pneumonia.

## LOG TRAIN WRECK TIES UP WENDLING BRANCH FOR A DAY

After working all of two days and the greater part of two nights the Southern Pacific wrecking crew late last evening cleaned up the wreck of four log cars at Mohawk junction, and left for Portland this morning at 5:45.

The wreck occurred late on Monday afternoon when train 246 was bringing down a long string of logs from Mohawk valley points. As the train took the sharp curve at the junction, either logs on one car bound against those on another, or the swaying of a car derailed it, and in an instant four cars were piled up in a heap or tossed out across the right of way fence. Two cars were utterly demolished and two were badly damaged. No one was hurt.

The train crew brought the eight or nine cars in the front of the train on in and then returned to Landax for more logs. The Wendling passenger train arrived in Springfield just at the time of the accident, and was detained here and the run up the Mohawk annulled. The train returned Tuesday morning, but was again compelled to turn back. The Oakridge line was not interrupted.

The torn up track was replaced by noon Tuesday, and the time after that was spent in gathering up the remnants of the cars and in reloading the logs.

## FOREST NOTES

Reports on wood-using industries have now been issued by thirty states. The data embodied in these reports were obtained in co-operation with the Forest Service.

In the eleven western states included within the Pacific and Mountain groups, primary power installation from all sources and for all uses has increased 240 per cent from 1902 to 1912, or more than two and a half times as rapidly as in the remainder of the United States.

Primary power installation in the electrical industry in the western states has increased nearly forty-seven per cent in the three years since 1912.

## High School Notes

### Sports

The S. H. S. basketball team played the Harrisburg High school five at Harrisburg last Friday night, but owing to the small hall and low ceiling were badly defeated.

Tennis is becoming a favorite pastime of the S. H. S. students. We now have but a single court which is very crowded. Wednesday night after school the boys started to complete a second one which was started last year. When this is completed there shall be sufficient room for all who wish to play.

The spring weather has aroused the baseball fever in many of the boys and last year's supplies are being resurrected. A few have even given up basketball for this out-of-doors game. The high school has good prospects for a winning baseball team this year.

### Local and Personals

Hertbert Hansen, '15, visited us Tuesday. He seemed very much pleased with our growth and said he wished himself back now that we are going to have a new building.

Blanche Brown, '14, visited school Monday.

Grace E. Mery, '15, who has been visiting in Portland for the last two months returned home.

The Mt. Vernon school taught by Ida Carson, '14, was standardized Tuesday.

The following new pupils entered high school at mid year:

Freshmen, James Jones, Ivan Male, Dufee Fischer, Jimmie Young, Dale Sorah, Jean Fischer, Edyth Holcomb, Harry Fandrem, Lewis Gibbs, Flora Richardson, Pearl Snook, Fern Travis, Fred Mullen, David Bidwell, Clarence Kester, Myrl Arnold, Mamie Michael, Jesse Coe, Andrew Perkins, Hazel Hill.

Sophomore—Kathryn Parker, Elva Lewis, Eunice Parker, Jessie Rathburn.

Juniors—Farmer Franklin.

A farewell party was given Helen McKibben at her home Friday night. Those who enjoyed the evening were: Glen Ditto, Edwin Fegels, Edward Olson, Hazel Brattain, Lila Miller, Ellen Lambert, Helen McKibben, Miss Rhodes, Miss Tagg and Miss Rutledge.

Candace Dillard was absent from school Friday on account of sickness.

Ruth Scott was out of school Friday on account of illness.

Monday Mr. Stroud appointed six boys to see that all people are out of the building when a fire alarm is given. Creed Brattain and Ivan McKinney are to look after the west half of the up stairs and Paul Myers and Winifred May the east hall. Orson Vaughn and Frank DePue attend to the downstairs.

During a fire alarm Monday afternoon Mr. Titus was rescued and carried down stairs by Ivan McKinney and Creed Brattain. If it had not been for the heroes we probably would be minus a janitor.

**NOMINATING BLANK**

Springfield, Ore. .... 1916

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Address .....

a lady worthy to become a candidate in your "Popular Voting Contest." I present this name with the distinct agreement that the management shall not divulge my name. This does not obligate me in any way whatever.

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