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## CONTEST PIANO ON DISPLAY FRIDAY NOW FOR THE FINAL EFFORT TO WIN

The last of the partial counts in the News-Merchants Piano voting contests has been held; the end is in sight; and the piano is here. Now for ten days of final effort, and the piano, and the half score of other fine prizes will be awarded, for the contest will end at 6 o'clock on Monday, May 15.

The piano will be taken to Ketels drug store tomorrow, and will be on display there until the final award of the judges on the final date. It is a fine instrument and well worth a lot of effort to secure.

The contestants are credited with their votes, in varying totals, but there is nothing to prevent one a little ways down the

list from coming in strong at the finish and taking away the big prizes. Spring weather is here, and it ought to be a harvest time for the contestants.

In the count made last Monday by the judges, Miss Roberts increased her lead by 9700 votes and Silvia Strubin gained 6600, taking the prizes offered for the greatest and next greatest gains.

The revised totals follow:  
Miss Helen Roberts.....63,375  
Miss Sylvia Strubin.....36,950  
Mrs. Delbert Bucknum.....25,625  
Miss Eva Titus, Marcola.....24,950  
Miss Ruby Crabtree.....  
Camp Creek.....15,300  
Miss Hazel Redmond.....13,250  
Miss Mabel Duryee.....8,925  
Miss Chloe Woolley.....7,000

## RAILROAD PROSPERITY SETS NEW HIGH MARK

Enormous Increase in Revenues are Reported for the Month of March

Washington, May 2.—The record breaking volume of traffic carried by American railways in February was surpassed in March. Of 94 railroads, the net revenue were 35 per cent greater than in February, 40 per cent greater than in March, 1915, and totaled \$53,236,171, or \$425 per mile.

The increase was greatest in the East, where net revenues were 59 per cent greater than in March, 1915. Western roads showed an increase in net revenues of 30 per cent within 30 days.

## GRAVEL TRAIN CREWS ARE RELEASED

Two of the gravel train crews were released from service yesterday and the third crew will finish its work today, and there will be no further operations of the gravel outfit until the Willamette-Pacific bridge across the Umpqua river is completed in June or July.

## \$750,000 TIMBER DEAL COMPLETED

St. Paul Capitalists Buy 6,000,000 Feet of Fir on South Cops River

Portland, May 3.—Six hundred million feet of standing fir timber, located on the South Cops river, immediately on tide water, was sold this morning to Skinner and O. D. Lemphier, all St. Paul capitalists, for a sum said to be close to \$750,000.

This deal which includes the sale announced in the Telegram yesterday, and which is made up of a number of different tracts, comprises the record transaction in standing timber in the state of Oregon in recent years. Not only does it establish a new record but these purchases show the absolute faith in the future of the lumber and timber market of the Pacific Northwest by men who are willing to back their judgment with gold.

Rumors have been floating about for some time of deals to be made but nothing was actually done until yesterday when 30 acres of the Merchant Land company and 220 acres belonging to W. J. Conrad and John D. Goss, were turned over to Irvine & Son for approximately \$100,000. The cruise totaled 65,000,000 feet.

This morning the deal was completed when the St. Paul man purchased a number of additional tracts, all located in the same district on Cops river. The largest of these was some 9,000 acres formerly owned by the Menasha Woodenware company the transfer of which was delayed until title was cleared. The new owners, who deny they are connected with the Weyerhaeuser interests, although Mr. Irvine is a heavy stockholder in that company, are already owners of large timber properties in Oregon and Washington. They will operate their new holdings themselves.

It is stated that Messrs. Irvine and associates will begin logging operations at once for the purpose of supplying the mills at Marshfield with needed logs in such quality and lengths as may be desired. Nothing is said about the establishment of a new mill on the Cops river, but the impression prevails among lumber circles that, should conditions warrant, a big mill will be erected later on.

## SAND AND GRAVEL PLANT NEARING WORKING STAGE

Rapid progress in erecting the new plant of the Springfield Sand & Gravel company is being made, and it will be ready for operation within two weeks. If certain of the screens arrive in time.

The eight heavy bins, ten feet square, and capable of holding 600 yards of rock, have been completed, and the machinery is being put into place. The hoisting apparatus has been set on a crib that will be filled with four or five tons of rock to anchor it. An 80-foot pole will be set just at the east of the bunkers to hold up the end of the cable which is to stretch across the gravel bar, 600 feet to the river.

As the gravel is hauled in from the river it will be passed into revolving conical screens, into which an inch stream of water will be forced. This will help in sorting the rock, and by going through a series of these screens the gravel will be graded as two-inch, one-inch, and sand. Rock larger than two inches will drop to the crusher, and will be graded by other screens as two-inch, one-inch and screenings or stone dust.

The sand, after passing the three washings, will be entirely free from loam. This plant will be the only one between Albany and Roseburg equipped to furnish washed sand and gravel.

The incorporators and directors of the company are W. L. McCulloch, A. Middleton and J. W. Machen. Mr. McCulloch is president and Mr. Middleton secretary-treasurer. The old dwelling on Mill street, adjacent to the plant will be fitted up as an office.

## BAD CROSSING TO BE ELIMINATED AT ONCE

The dangerous railroad crossing on the Pacific Highway between Springfield and Goshen will be eliminated at once, according to announcement of members of the county court yesterday. The court will begin work on the stretch of road that will work on the stretch of road that will change the crossing so that the highway will extend beneath a small bridge a few rods further south of the present crossing some time this month. The road crew will start on this piece of work as soon as the work of improving the road between the McKenzie bridge and the town of Coburg is completed.

This change has been contemplated for a number of years past, and the county court in macadamizing the Pacific Highway between Springfield and Goshen two years ago left unimproved a stretch of about an eighth of a mile which extends south of the present crossing, for the reason that the change would place the road on the opposite side of the railroad track for most of the distance and this new stretch will be macadamized instead.

County Commissioner George M. Hawley said yesterday that the Southern Pacific company has not yet agreed with the court as to the angle at which the road is to pass beneath the trestle but the court will go

ahead according to its plan, that of passing beneath the trestle diagonally. The railway company wants the road to extend beneath the bridge at right angles. Until the court and railway company agree the latter will not rebuild the bridge, the plan being to erect a steel archway instead of the present piling trestle.

## TO PUT PLANK ALONG STREET CAR RAILS

The Southern Pacific company will shortly replace the vitrified brick now in place on either side of the rails of the local street car line, with heavy planks. These planks will have one edge beveled so they will fit in under the crown of the rail, and there will be no danger of their warping up. Roadmaster F. W. Schultz and assistants were in Springfield Tuesday taking measurements for the work, which is to start soon. Some 37,000 feet of lumber will be used. Mayor Morrison asked Mr. Schultz to specify Springfield lumber for the work, and Mr. Schultz said he would do so if possible.

## WILL SHIP CATTLE

Melvin Hansen today purchased from J. J. Fisher of the Camp Creek valley 150 to 160 head of cattle, which will be shipped to Montana the last of the week.

## CAMP CREEK ITEMS

Special to the Lane County News  
Camp Creek, Ore., May 2.—Wayne Yarnel was here on business Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Stephens, Charlie Stephens and Fred Crabtree were Eugene visitors Thursday.

Mrs. A. M. Brown and Ruby Crabtree were visitors at Thursday Tuesday.

Mr. Mackeson and Sam Mackeson have gone to California.

Guy Stephens and Oren Masterson spent Sunday at Thursday.

Lila Owen spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Fred Easton of Waltherville.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Jack and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stephens.

Albert Simmons was in Marcola on business Monday.

Mrs. Charlie Carr and children from California are here visiting her mother, Mrs. J. J. Chase.

## MARCOLA ITEMS

Marcola, Ore., May 3.—Mrs. Grace Roberts and son, Earl, of Springfield, spent Sunday here with her aunt, Mrs. F. A. Nickerson.

Robert Van Valzah, of Springfield, and Arthur Nickerson, of Leona, came up here Sunday evening to do some surveying at Fischer's Mill. They expect to finish in a few days and will then leave to do similar work near Bridal Veil Falls on the Columbia river.

## MARCOLA MAN INJURED

Marcola, Ore., May 3.—William H. Beardon, aged about 60, met with a very serious accident near Donna Monday afternoon. He fell from a load of loosely piled hay and was picked up unconscious and his head and back are so badly injured that he has not yet recovered consciousness.

## LIVE STOCK MARKETS

North Portland, Ore., May 1.—The cattle opened for the week rather slow. As usual pulp fed steers brought 9.00. No change in the rate on grain fed stock. Cows, heifers and bulls were very scarce, although there was no change in prices. The first California grass stuff arrived today. Calf receipts are continually increasing and prices are very good.

Receipts on hogs were fairly good. The bulk of sales were made at 9.00 and 9.05, some of the choicest bringing 9.15 and 9.20. The market closed strong.

Sheep are beginning to move a little more freely, although the receipts were only 300 head. All classes are in great demand and top prices are still being realized.

## DISTRICT VOTES DOWN PLAN FOR A NEW SCHOOL

By a vote of 222 to 67, the taxpayers of Springfield school district on Monday voted down the proposition to bond the district for \$30,000 for the purpose of erecting the first unit of a new high school. The voting was rapid all afternoon, and created more interest than did the campaign.

## BASEBALL AND TRACK MEET HERE FRIDAY

Junction City High school will send its baseball team to Springfield tomorrow to meet the local high school boys. Van Valzah is scheduled to pitch for the locals.

Tomorrow also there will be a track meet, with teams entered by each of the four classes of the Springfield high school.

## DEATH OF MARION DAVIS

Marion Alvah Davis was born in Springfield, Ore., Oct. 28, 1892. He spent his early life in and near Springfield until he moved to Woodburn with his parents in January, 1910, where he has resided up to the time of his death.

He was married to Miss Merle Bonney of Woodburn, Aug. 10, 1913, and to this union was born one daughter.

He had suffered for about six years with stomach trouble, which was not thought serious until a few weeks ago. On April 14 he was taken to Good Samaritan Hospital, Portland, where on April 15, he underwent an operation to relieve this trouble. Little hope was given for his recovery and on the evening of April 23, he passed away at the age of 23 years, 5 months and 24 days.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Merle Davis, and baby, Doris, aged 16 months; his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Davis, of Woodburn, and two brothers, Chas. G. Davis, of Sheridan, Ore., and Walter E. Davis, of Mt. Angel, besides a host of friends.

The remains were brought to the home of his parents near Woodburn, where services were held Monday, April 24th, at 2 p. m., and interment was at Belle Passi Cemetery.

He was a member of Woodburn I. O. O. F. Lodge, No. 129. —Woodburn Independent.

## SPRINGFIELD HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The Junior class went on a picnic to Seavey's Ferry Monday afternoon. They were transported by auto through the kindness of Rev. Moore and Mr. J. C. Parker. Mrs. Parker chaperoned the class. All had a splendid time.

The English IV class did not recite Wednesday afternoon owing to the absence of the teacher, Miss Rhodes.

The Freshmen class had a picnic Monday afternoon. They met at the school house and walked over the hill south of town where they stayed "till the cool of the evening." Oh! you Frosh, you will wilt yet.

Ivan McKinney has been absent from school for several days on account of a sprained ankle.

The High school is planning an elaborate May Day program for Friday afternoon. There will be the crowning of Miss Elsie Holverson as May Queen and John Soleim as Kaiser, a May pole dance, track meet, etc. The public are cordially invited to attend.

Miss Wanda McKinney received first prize in the short story contest given by the Annual board. The prize was one dollar.

## FRUIT GROWERS TO CONSIDER FORM MARKETING ASSN.

The Quarterly meeting of the Lane County Horticultural society is to be held at Alvadore, Ore., on Saturday, May 6, 1916. This is the most important meeting of the year to the growers. The meeting will open at ten o'clock in the forenoon; C. A. Malbeouf, representing the Western Sales Association will be present; also L. P. Harrington, E. L. Kiemer, C. E. Stewart and A. C. Chase will give addresses.

A large number of growers are expected to be present and the subject of a marketing organization with all its attending advantages will be considered and some action taken toward perfecting same.

Let every grower in Lane County make it a point to be there.

C. A. MERRIAM,  
President.

C. H. SEDGWICK,  
Secretary.

## CLERK RUSSELL MAKES REPLY TO ELBERT BEDE

Editor Springfield News:  
Since your publication has seen fit to re-publish statements from the Editor of the Cottage Grove Sentinel, without making inquiries at this office as to the reliability of the same, I am assuming that you will, in fairness to me, and as a matter of interest to the public, publish my reply which follows:

The editor of the Sentinel makes the statement that the expense of County Government has increased 370 per cent in eight years, then follows with an attack on my expenditures, thereby making the inference that my office has increased in this proposition. How near the facts this statement is, regarding other departments of Government, it is not the intention of this article to consider, but so far as this office is concerned, it is an untruth.

I know of no better way to refute his mis-statements of facts, than to here give a statement of the total expense of this office in 1910, this being the last year of my predecessor in office, as compared to the total expense under my administration during the past year of 1915. The total expense of the Clerk's office in 1910, was \$11,473.76, and the receipts were \$10,855.47, while the total expense in 1915 was \$12,929.59, and the receipts \$12,912.60. The above, expressed by percentage, shows the increase in expense for 1915, over that of 1910, less than 13 per cent, while the increase in receipts during the same period was over 20 per cent—so much for the publisher of the Sentinel's statement of 370 per cent increase.

Mr. Bede says I am incompetent, and intimates, for this reason that I employ at least three too many deputies. During the last year, above compared, my predecessor in office employed, besides himself, nine regular assistants, and extra help as needed, while I employ at this time, be-

sides myself, ten regular assistants, and extra as required—an increase of one regular employee over the number employed six years ago; and the increase in receipts, as stated above, is over \$2,000.00. Therefore, if I am incompetent, then also was my predecessor and the incumbents in office before him, as employees have increased just in proportion to the increase of the business of the office and no more, and as far back as you care to go for comparison. Had the receipts of this office been credited to the Clerk's fund, instead of given to the general road fund of the County, it would have been necessary to raise but Seventeen Dollars by taxation last year to pay my own salary and all other expenses connected with this office.

This is a record I am proud of, and in all conditions considered, surpassed by but three of the thirty-five other counties in the state, so far as I am able to ascertain, and has rarely, if ever, been surpassed in THIS county when all expenses, properly chargeable to this account, are considered, for be it known that until a few years ago, the salary of only clerks and deputies were charged to this fund, all other expenses being charged to miscellaneous accounts.

Mr. Bede also states, that each department of my office has its head. If he means by this that the public is courteously waited upon by one certain clerk when transacting business in any of the four rooms occupied by my office in the court house, then I plead guilty. However, I always called this good organization, and I am not responsible for the manner of the arrangement of the space in the court house, and if Mr. Bede believes that he could wait on four different customers, in four different rooms, at the same time, then he is as acrobatic physically as he is mentally in his so-called clean-up campaign against my administration. Since the comparative statement given above, shows that Mr. Bede has either through misinformation or malicious intent, unjustly attacked my administration of this office, perhaps the truthful details and a consideration of his first attack will make plain the motive which actuated him.

The County Court, as is usual in January of this year, proceeded to name the official papers of the County, and Mr. Bede's paper, the "Sentinel" was chosen as one of them—not from the fact that it had the second largest circulation in the County, but for the reason that the County Court refused to consider, on account of the technical omission of one of the law requirements, the evidence of circulation as presented by "The Guard Publishing Company," which really had the second largest circulation in the County. At the time these publications, the "Register" and the "Sentinel" were chosen as official papers, the County Court fixed a rate of 30 per cent per inch as the price it would pay for the publication of what has always been published, the delinquent taxes and the list of claims allowed by the Court monthly. Until July, 1911, the rate paid for this same work was 25 cents per inch, but for some reason, unknown to me, this price was raised in that month to 40 cents per inch, and has remained at that rate until lowered to 30 cents by the present County Court in an effort to lower the cost of publishing these claims and lists to a sum equal to that paid by other counties. This is increased the official papers that they im-

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