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## SOUTHERN PACIFIC REPAIRS BRIDGE OVER WILLAMETTE

### Crew of 22 Men Will Put in New Plates and Truss Rods — Other Improvements

## READY FOR HEAVY TRAFFIC

### Springfield People Speculating on Next Move of Railroad Officials — Only Rumors Go Now

The Southern Pacific bridge repair crew of 22 men under foreman Edward Frazier began work on the railroad bridge over the Willamette river Tuesday morning. The crew brought a trainload of bridge building material which will be used in making the bridge safe for heavy traffic. At the present time the bridge across the river will only haul locomotives of second class. The large engines that are used by the Southern Pacific company cannot be brought across the river. New plates will be used as well as many new truss rods will be put in the spans to make them stronger.

The crew has five supply cars with them. One is fixed up so that it is a complete blacksmith shop with a forge, anvil and all of the other iron working devices used in such work. A boiler and compressed air machine is mounted on another car. All of the power used in drilling holes for the new work comes from compressed air.

Concrete working machinery was also brought to the Springfield yards with the repair train. A large concrete mixer, pile driver, donkey engine, boiler and several other devices have been unloaded near one of the side tracks. It has not been definitely stated as to whether the concrete working materials will be used. It looks as if the crew would have left this machinery in Portland if they had not expected to use it. There is rumor that this gang will enlarge the piers of the bridge while on the job so that the company can construct a double track thoroughfare. It is estimated that the steel repairing will require about three weeks.

### Take Over Willamette-Pacific

The operating department of the Southern Pacific company will take over the Willamette-Pacific from the construction department of the road on October 1. The bridge will be finished by that time and it looks quite likely that the company is making preparations for a new schedule. It is probable that freight and passenger trains will leave Springfield for Marshfield instead of starting at Eugene.

### J. H. Dyer, Assistant General Manager of the Southern Pacific and F. H. Burckhalter, Division Superintendent accompanied by the division engineer came to Springfield in an auto this morning. They looked over the condition of things in general and slipped out of town before anyone was aware of the fact.

## BAND WILL PLAY SATURDAY

### Musicians Will Contribute Much to Success of Dollar Day

The Springfield city band will give concerts on the street between Second and Fifth streets Saturday evening. The band will be out at this time in account of Dollar Day and will contribute much to the success of the big merchandising event.

Our citizens all appreciate the efforts of the band boys to provide entertainment and in cooperating with the business men in making Dollar Day a success.

On account of the concerts to be given Saturday there will be no concert tonight.

## MARCOLA MAN IS ARRESTED

### Proprietor of Pool Hall Charged With Violation of Prohibition Law

F. S. Gourley, who conducts a pool hall at Marcola was arrested by Sheriff Parker, Tuesday, charged with giving a quantity of alcohol to Alf Wiltsie, aged 19 years on Monday.

District Attorney Devers accompanied Sheriff Parker to Marcola and after an examination held before Justice of the Peace Churchill, Gourley was bound over to the grand jury with \$500 bail.

## J. C. MULLEN GETS BADGE AND EXEMPTION PAPERS

### Committee Will Ask Council For Use Of Siren Fire Whistle Which Has Been Discontinued

Exemption papers and a gold badge of honor were awarded to J. C. Mullen Tuesday evening at the regular meeting of the Fire Department. Mr. Mullen has served seven years on the voluntary fire department and is now exempt from poll and road taxes and Oregon statute as a reward for his services. To show his appreciation, Mr. Mullen signed up for seven years more.

A committee of the fire department was appointed to confer with the fire and water committee of the city council in regard to the restoring of the siren fire whistle. Several of the members have missed fires because the present means is not an adequate summons and the fire department request the restoring of the siren, which has been abandoned on account of frightening the children.

## ONLY 10 MORE DAYS FOR CHILDREN TO PLAY—THEN SCHOOL

### Fall Term Opens on September 18 in Springfield; Several New Teachers Among Instructors

Just 10 more days and the wheels of Springfield's educational system will begin to turn. On the morning of September 18, everyone of the 20 teachers will be in their places ready to enroll the pupils and assign lessons. Prospects are bright for a large attendance this year. The high school repairing has been completed so both buildings are ready for the children.

Several of the familiar faces of the teachers who were here last year will be missing, but new ones will take their places. The teachers in the high school will be P. M. Stroud, principal; Vera Williams, history; Effie J. Rodes, English and Latin; J. F. Goddard, Manual Training and other subjects; Nora J. Sorenson, commercial subjects; Anna McCormick, domestic science.

The grade teachers have not all been assigned their work yet and it will not be definitely announced how the grade work will be divided up until superintendent, R. L. Kirk returns from his vacation. The teachers who have been elected are, Mrs. Lucina Richardson, Mrs. Gladys S. Smith, Lucy B. Copenhaver, Amie O. Young, Grace E. Walker, Bess Palmer, Mary Rouse, Frances Bartlett, Mrs. E. C. Page, Merle Nimmo, and Harriet Vilas.

Two of the new high school teachers are graduates of the state University, one is from O. A. C. and the others are graduates of the Oregon Normal at Monmouth.

## MAN IS IN JAIL AND ANOTHER MAN HURT OVER STRAY HORSE

### John Olrich of Pruneville Attacks Henry Hukreid and Injures Him Severely in Quarrel

John Olrich, of Pruneville north of Springfield, was found to be sane today by the examiners and is still in the county jail as the result of attacking a neighbor in a quarrel Tuesday night. Criminal charges have been issued against the man and he will have to await a hearing before the grand jury.

Olrich and a neighbor, Henry Hukreid became engaged in an altercation Tuesday night over a horse and Olrich, it is alleged, struck Hukreid with a hunting knife, inflicting a very slight wound in Hukreid's side. It is said that Hukreid knocked him down once or twice with a club during the altercation.

One of Olrich's horses entered Hukreid's pasture during the day and the latter tied the animal up. When Olrich went to Hukreid's place to get the horse the two men quarreled, resulting in the alleged assault.

Hukreid went to Eugene yesterday and swore out a warrant for his neighbor's arrest. Deputy Sheriff D. A. Elkins served the warrant and brought him to jail. It is claimed that the man, who is aged between 50 and 55 years, acts as if he is insane, and before a criminal charge was pressed against him he was given an examination.

## STATE TROOPS ARE HOME AGAIN BUT STILL IN RANKS

### Arrive at Camp Withycombe, at Clackamas on Monday and Tuesday After Long Trip

## RELUCTANT TO COME HOME

### Not the Same Thin, Sallow, Raw Recruits that Left in July for Mexican Border

"Home again," yelled the first battalion, Third Oregon militia, as one man, when the troop train pulled into the Clackamas yards Tuesday morning, and the job of unloading was started.

But few of the citizen soldiers were very glad to get home except for the opportunity of seeing their loved ones. That was some factor, but if it could have been eliminated, it is doubtful if the boys who were stationed at the Mexican border would have wanted to return at all. They were having too good a time.

The first trainload of Oregon troops consisted of the first battalion, composed of companies A, B, C, and D and the machine gun company and the headquarters company minus the mounted detachment.

The second train, comprising the Third battalion, companies I, K, L, and M, came in at noon, and the third train, consisting of the Second battalion, companies E, F, G, and H, arrived Tuesday night. The final train, carrying the animals and a lot of heavy equipment arrived later.

The officers were enthusiastic over the success of the campaign on the border but were plainly disappointed that the recall sounded when it did.

But when orders were received from Major General J. Franklin Bell that the state troops leave the border, the Third Oregon was the first to announce its readiness to depart. The order was received at noon last Thursday. At 9 o'clock next morning Colonel McLaughlin wired that his regiment was ready. As a matter of fact, the homeward journey began at 4 o'clock the same day.

And so the Oregon boys are home again, having added many pounds to their weight, strength to their muscles and vast experience to their general stock of knowledge. They learned how to live on beef and beans and be happy. They learned how to do a million things that had always been done for them in civil life.

As soon as the train pulled in on its siding at Clackamas Colonel McLaughlin directed the unloading to begin. Squads from each company were detailed to take care of the property assigned to each and deposit it convenient to the newly arranged company streets.

### Tents Are Put Up

The tents began to rise first of all, though the cooks saw to it that the camp kitchens were promptly installed.

His general orders for detrainment given, the colonel and his staff adjourned to the headquarters cottage, where endless detail work was engaged in. And outside sounded the noise of splitting wood, the voice of company sergeants ordering the men to unload motor trucks, the rustle of canvas as tents slid up.

It was all very military and very orderly, each soldier having his orders and carrying them out in accordance with the discipline of actual military conditions.

### To Continue Training

Indications at the camp were that the Oregon troops would not be mustered out for an indefinite period. "Military training will be continued here as it was carried on at the Mexican border," said Colonel McLaughlin. "We have 15 days' rations. We have no instructions about mustering out the troops."

### Chaplain Gilbert Complimented

Major Gilbert, chaplain of the regiment, is credited by the men with having accomplished great things for the boys that were outside the technical duties of a chaplain. For example, he secured permission from the San Diego school authorities to allow the soldiers to attend school either day or night. He organized a

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## PROMINENT CITIZEN OF SPRINGFIELD DIES AT HIS HOME

### Dr. R. G. Van Valzah Succumbs After Long Illness of Bright's Disease

## BODY TO BE TAKEN EAST

### Has Lived Here for More Than 20 Years—Was Practicing Physician for Many Years

Dr. R. G. Van Valzah died at his home at the corner of Second and A streets, at 5:20 p. m. Tuesday evening after having suffered for a long time with Bright's Disease. He was aged 53 years at the time of his death.

Dr. Van Valzah was taken seriously ill a few days after the return from an extended trip to the mountains above Oakridge and his decline in strength was very rapid. The attending physicians and nurse were able to give but little relief and little hope was held for his recovery. Word was sent to relatives of his condition.

Dr. J. W. Van Valzah of Tacoma arrived in time to see his brother. Dr. S. L. Van Valzah returned from Panama, reaching his father's bedside a few hours before he passed away.

He was a successful physician and surgeon and won many friends during his stay here. For the past seven years, Dr. Van Valzah has retired from practice on account of failing health. He was a member of the United Artisans and Woodmen of the World lodges.

Dr. Van Valzah was born at Boalsburg, Centre county, Pennsylvania, October 8, 1863. He was a graduate of the college of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, Maryland in 1884. He was united in marriage with Ada Bernice Shannon February 8, 1887 and in 1889 moved to Hughesville, Pennsylvania, where he conducted a drug store. In 1892 the family came to Springfield. They moved to Ashland in 1893 and returned to Springfield the following year and have resided here to the present time.

Dr. Van Valzah is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ada Bernice Van Valzah, three sons, Dr. S. L. Van Valzah, Robert C. Van Valzah, and C. Gerald S. Van Valzah; his mother, his mother, Mrs. M. E. Van Valzah of Paulsboro, N. J. & sister, Mrs. Annie V. Reeves of Paulsboro, N. J., and two brothers, Dr. J. W. Van Valzah of Tacoma, and Dr. John A. Van Valzah of Raleigh, South Carolina.

The remains will be taken to Lewisburg, Pennsylvania where interment will be made in the family burying ground. They will be accompanied by all members of the immediate family. The body is now being held at the local undertaking parlors until Saturday when it will be shipped east.

The remains may be viewed at Walker's undertaking parlors at Main and Mill streets, after one o'clock Friday afternoon and Friday evening.

## ANNUAL ELECTION IS HELD BY M. E. LADIES AID

### Plans Were Made for Membership Contest and Captains Appointed To Take Charge

The Ladies Aid society of the Methodist church held their annual election of officers yesterday afternoon at the church parlors and started a membership contest to be carried on for two months. About twenty ladies were present and several new members were received.

The officers elected were: Mrs. N. W. Emery president; Mrs. J. W. Coffin vice president; Mrs. Will Bishop secretary and Mrs. J. W. Smith treasurer.

In the membership contest the members were divided into groups with Mrs. O. B. Kessey and Mrs. L. May as captains. The contest will be carried on for two months, then the losing group will be obliged to serve a luncheon to the winners.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Neet moved to Springfield and will live on G street between Seventh and Eighth. Mrs. Neet has been visiting in Myrtle Creek and Mr. Neet has been working at Walls Walla, Washington.

## MEMBERS FOR LIBRARY BOARD NOW APPOINTED

### Two Vacancies are Filled and the Members are Now Ready for Their New Work

The two vacancies in the library board, caused by the death of Mrs. F. Koehler and the moving away of Miss Lillian Gorrie, have been filled by Mrs. W. H. Pollard and Mrs. H. E. Walker, appointed by the mayor, E. E. Morrison.

The library board consists of six members and the mayor of the city; two members are elected to serve one year, two members serve two years, and two members serve three years. Three of the members are appointed by the mayor and three are elected by the board. Those serving on the board at the present time are: Mrs. N. W. Emery, president; Mrs. L. K. Page, secretary; Mrs. H. E. Walker, treasurer; M. M. Peery, H. M. Bower, Mrs. W. H. Pollard, and mayor, E. E. Morrison. Mrs. Hannah Hill is the librarian.

The board is now working to get out a new line of books.

## SAN FRANCISCO MEN SEND APPRECIATION TO BUSINESS CLUB

### Tell of Benefits Received and of the Pleasures Received on Trip Through Oregon

E. E. Kepner, secretary of the Springfield Business Men's club received a letter yesterday morning from the men of San Francisco who visited our city on the Wholesale Trade excursion telling of the good things of their trip. The general tone of the letter is fine and Springfield is made feel that her efforts to entertain and please the visitors were not in vain. They feel that the results of the excursion will be a great benefit to those who came to Springfield as well as to the merchants visited.

San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, Sept. 2, 1916. Business Men's Club, Springfield, Ore. Gentlemen:

In behalf of the members of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce Wholesale Excursion to Coos Bay and Southern Oregon, who recently had the great pleasure of visiting your city, I take this means of conveying to you and all others who assisted in entertaining our party, their sincere thanks for the many courtesies extended to them, which were deeply appreciated by every member of the Excursion.

Our trip to Oregon was one of the most interesting and enjoyable excursions ever undertaken by us. We made this trip for the following reasons:

The San Francisco business men wanted to know personally the merchants in your city with whom they have been doing business and to study their needs and how they can best serve them.

We want the wholesalers, bankers and manufacturers of San Francisco to know more about your section of Oregon, its resources, its progress and the possibilities of its future, and it will thus be benefited by the publicity resulting from our trip.

We want your business men to know more about San Francisco, its facilities for supplying merchandise required by them and what it has to offer as a market for the products of your section, and to cultivate the feeling that interests and those of San Francisco are mutual and each is directly concerned in the growth and prosperity of the other. It is our aim with your assistance, to advance the interests of the entire Pacific Coast.

We know our recent trip will bring us still closer together in bonds of neighborly friendship and be mutually helpful, and again we thank you for the cordial welcome and courtesies extended to us.

Faithfully yours,  
F. DOHRMANN, Jr.  
Chairman, Coos Bay and Southern Oregon Excursion of San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.

### New Pipes Ready for Hop Drier

Complete outfit of pipes for a hop drier was sent from the Long & Cross plumbing shop today. It will be remembered that Mr. Edmiston's hop house was burned last fall, rendering it necessary to build a new one. Mr. Edmiston will begin picking his hops tomorrow.

## SHORTAGE OF CARS IS PUTTING LUMBER BUSINESS IN BAD

### Booth-Kelly Mill is 116 Cars Behind in Filling Orders of Months Ago

## NO RELIEF IS IN SIGHT

### Several Mills Have Had to Close and Others Have Had Several Orders Cancelled

Unless the car shortage is relieved very soon the saw mills of the state will be compelled to close down and thousands of men will be thrown out of employment. In speaking of the situation, A. C. Dixon manager of the Booth-Kelly company said:

"We will have to close both of our mills if the car situation does not get any better. Lumber is piling up and we can find no place for it. At the present time we are 116 cars short of what we ought to have—that is, we have orders and the lumber on hand to fill that many cars for immediate shipment."

Lumbermen have begged the railroad company for cars. They have appealed to the Oregon public service commission, which is helpless because the business is interstate. They have appealed to the interstate commerce commission. They have done everything they know to do, and still the car shortage is mounting higher every day.

The mills in Oregon have orders for thousands of carloads of lumber. The lumber market is vigorous. The prices are good. The lumbermen have had visions of recovering from the depression of the last two or three years. But instead of the industry swinging out into the prosperity wave, it is being forced to the verge of ruin through the neglect of the railroad company to properly serve this territory.

These facts come from the reports of many lumber mills. Only last Saturday the Sheridan Lumber company was forced to shut down its mill and 160 men were thrown out of employment because the mill could not get the cars to move the great piles of lumber which are crowding the company's wharf to capacity.

T. J. Seufert, vice-president of the Coast Range Lumber company at Hyland, said yesterday his mill will have to close down soon unless the Southern Pacific will furnish them some cars. That will mean 200 more men thrown out of jobs.

"We began running our mill the first of May," said Mr. Seufert, "and no time since then have we been able to get the number of cars we wanted. We are now short 84 cars and unless some relief comes pretty soon we will have to shut down. We cannot get out enough lumber to meet our payrolls even."

"Our yards and wharves are crowded with lumber, ready for shipment. We have orders on the books three and four months old which we have been unable to fill, although the lumber is all out."

"Within the last week or two orders for 10 carloads have been cancelled and placed with Washington mills because the people who wanted the lumber could not wait any longer for us to make the shipments. We are now in receipt of letters saying that more orders will be cancelled unless shipment is made right away."

The Silverton Lumber company has orders for 15 carloads of special lumber material for California customers, and today the secretary of the Willamette Valley Lumber Manufacturers' association received an appeal from the company for help in getting the railroad company to furnish cars.

Reports from Washington are to the effect that no car shortage is felt there. The result is that orders are being taken from the Oregon mills and placed with the Washington mills. The Oregon mills are losing desired customers.

Mrs. C. R. Sheppard of Fresno, California is stopping a day or two at the home of her brother-in-law, J. P. Sheppard, on her return from a trip to the east. Mrs. Sheppard is accompanied by her nephew, Ray Sheppard of Hutchinson, Minnesota.