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## HAPPY KIDS GO TO SCHOOL AGAIN FOR MORE EDUCATION

Less Students Registered First Day This Year Than Were Last Year

## H. S. MAY HAVE FOOT BALL

Ten New Teachers Start Work and Take Places of Those Who Resigned

Once again are small boys seen "tearing up jack" in general on the local school grounds in particular, and once more are small girls discovered with arms entwined, confiding "secrets."

Books and new shoes are much in evidence these days, for school reopened this morning.

Although the registration has come down from 447 on the first day of last year to 424 today, there seems to be no lack of enthusiasm and readiness to get back to work. Some of the younger children are positively radiant. Superintendent R. L. Kirk stated this morning that he expected between 25 and 50 more students to enroll before the week is over.

The decrease in enrollment seems to be in the second grade. In the primary department, there are 15 more new pupils than there were at this time last year. There are now 313 pupils in the grades, and 106 high school students, a decrease of 13 in the former and 10 in the latter, about 10 per cent of the high school students registered Saturday.

Work starts in earnest at 9:00 A. M. in the morning, as today was spent mostly in assigning lessons and rooms; fixing up credits and promotion cards, etc.

Improvements made to the school buildings during the summer include the laying of some new floors in the high school, fixing up the sidewalks and other repairs, and the painting of the manual training building.

R. L. Kirk, for five years superintendent of the Springfield schools, admitted that he had some new plans in view for the grade school during the coming year, but he refused to divulge anything further now.

There may be a Springfield high school football team again, if the plan of W. J. Moore, new mathematics instructor, goes through. He had broached the subject to the boys, and says that while there is some enthusiasm, the proposition is just about balanced just now. A meeting will be held this week to decide the question definitely. If a team is organized Mr. Moore will be the coach.

There are 10 new teachers this year, but in every case, they take the place of those who have resigned, so the total number is the same as last year, 70, including Superintendent Kirk. The first school meeting was held last Saturday afternoon, at which times the teachers were assigned to their rooms in the grades, and to their subjects in the high school, as follows:

**Grades**  
First Grade, Mrs. L. K. Page; second grade, Miss Frances Bartlett; third grade, Miss Bess Palmer; fourth grade, Miss Mary Rouse (new); fifth grade, Miss Merle Nimmo (new); sixth grade, Miss Harriet Vilas (new); seventh grade, Miss Grace Walker; eighth grade, Miss Annie Young; ninth grade, Miss Gladys Smith; tenth grade, Miss Lacy Coppenhaver; eleventh grade, Mrs. Lucia Richardson; manual training and arithmetic, J. F. Goddard; domestic science and physiology, Miss Anna McCormick (new);

**High School**  
Teachers training, R. L. Kirk; science, P. M. Stroud; English and language, Miss Effie Rhodes; History, Miss Vera Williams (new); English, Miss Esther Campbell (new); mathematics, W. J. Moore (new); commercial, Miss Nora Sorenson (new).

## Repairing Approach to Wagon Bridge

Workmen are repairing the west approach to the large Willamette wagon bridge, just southeast of town. New piling is to be installed, and a new apron constructed. A big maple tree that has been growing partially beneath the approach has been removed to make room for a concrete bent to be built.

## POTATO BUYER VISITS LANE COUNTY GROWERS

M. Enos and E. E. Morrison Make Tour of Farms Where Crop Is Contracted

M. Enos of Sacramento, California spent Friday with E. E. Morrison looking over the potato fields that have been contracted by Mr. Morrison at Springfield, Creswell, Monroe and Lebanon. The crop looks fine for this year and the yield will doubtless be heavy. Mr. Enos said that all of the northwestern states and California have good potato crops this year.

Last year Mr. Morrison shipped 43 cars of potatoes out of the county to market. This year he expects that the crop he will handle will run close to 100 cars. "It is too soon to predict the price of potatoes on the market," said Mr. Morrison, "but I expect that we will be able to sell the whole crop at a good price."

## MEMBER OF COUNTY'S FEW FIRST FAMILIES DIES SEPTEMBER 22

Mrs. Minerva Hemenway Dean Who Lived on Goshen Road Passed Away at Eugene Hospital

Mrs. Minerva Hemenway Dean, wife of George I. Dean, who resides on the Goshen road between Springfield and Goshen, died at the Eugene hospital Friday evening, September 22, following an operation for the removal of the appendix and ovaries which she underwent Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Dean has been in poor health all summer, and was taken to the Eugene hospital Tuesday, where the operation was performed the next morning. She seemed to be doing well and chances were very good for her recovery, when she was suddenly taken worse Friday afternoon. Some of the anaesthetic had entered the lungs and in spite of all that was done, she died the same evening.

Mrs. Dean was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Hemenway who live on a farm near Goshen a short distance above Springfield. She was born at Nott 47 years ago, having passed away just one day before her birthday. For more than 20 years, Miss Hemenway taught in the schools of Oregon and Washington. At one time, she was a teacher in the primary department of the Creswell schools when C. L. Scott of this city was principal. Mr. Scott said of her: "She was one of the hardest working school teachers I ever knew."

On October 18, 1908, Miss Hemenway was united in marriage with Charles I. Dean, and the family has since resided near this city. Besides her husband, Mrs. Dean is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Hemenway, by four step-children, Orville, Raymond, Eddie, and Hazel, and by two brothers, Oscar, who resides with his parents, and Professor Ansel F., of Lexington, Kentucky.

The funeral was held from the Christian church at Eugene yesterday afternoon, Rev. A. J. Bennett, of Junction City, officiating.

## METHODISTS TO ASK ANNUAL CONFERENCE HERE NEXT SESSION

Other Local Churches and Business Men Join in Invitation to Ministers

The Springfield Methodist church is making plans to invite the Oregon conference of that religious body to meet here next year. The conference for 1916 opens at Lebanon tomorrow morning for one week's session. There are about 150 ministers that have to be entertained while at the conference and nearly 100 laymen who attend to pay their own expenses. This would be a large undertaking for the local Methodist church alone. When the new church is completed it will have ample room to hold the sessions of the conference but it will have difficulty in entertaining the delegation.

At the meetings of the Baptist and Christian churches both organizations offered to cooperate with the Methodists in the project. A committee under the chairmanship of J. W. Perkins has spent a large part of today getting the opinions of the Springfield business men as to their attitude toward the proposition.

## BIG ARTESIAN WELL IS DISCOVERED ON LOCAL MAN'S FARM

Dr. R. P. Mortensen Finds He Owns "Spouter" Sending Up 10 Gals. a Minute

## IS LARGEST ONE IN COUNTY

Discovery Was an Accident, Attempt Was Being Made to Drill an Ordinary Well

Ten gallons per minute; 600 gallons per hour; 14,400 gallons per day; 100,800 gallons per week; and—Oh! But what's the use? Anyway that's the flow of water from the artesian well struck Friday on the 50 acre farm owned by Dr. R. P. Mortensen of this city one half mile west of Eugene. And what's more, C. C. Peterson, of Fairmount, well-driller, asserts that this well is not only the largest but the best in the county.

The stream of water is 325 feet deep, and has been reached through a strata of gray sandstone. Its discovery was an accident, as Dr. Mortensen had no idea such an underground stream existed on his place, but has had Mr. Peterson at work for the past two months drilling for an ordinary well. The artesian well enhances the value of the Doctor's farm greatly, he says, as there has been no water of any sort available heretofore. The water is ice cold, and is excellent for drinking.

It is impossible to tell the height of the stream as conditions are now, since the well-hole is three inches and the casing below is six inches. This difference breaks the force of the flow. Dr. Mortensen's plan was to let the stream run freely until to-day, when, if the force was the same, he would have it capped and put under pressure. It is planned to encase the water flow in such a manner as to bring it as high as possible, in order to make it more convenient for piping to the house and barn. The well is close to the house.

The well has cost the Doctor about \$200.00 he says.

## ZEPPLINS KILL 28 IN AIR RAID ON ENGLAND AT NIGHT

Bombs Start Fires in Streets of London—Explosions Demolish Buildings

London, Sept. 24.—The most pretentious zeppelin raid England has yet been called upon to withstand occurred in the early hours of today.

Between 12 and 15 airships of a new pattern participated. Two were shot down in Essex. The entire crew of one was killed, while the 22 officers and men manning the other were made prisoners.

The casualties so far reported are 28 killed and 99 injured in the London district, and 2 persons killed and 11 injured in an East Midlands town, which is not named in the official statement. Numerous fires were started, both in London and the town referred to.

**Military Damage Small**  
The military damage inflicted was negligible, according to Sir John French's reports, which follows:

"The latest reports show that probably not more than 12 airships participated in last night's raid. Police reports from the provinces indicate that the damage done was slight. At one town in East Midlands a number of bombs were dropped and two persons were killed and 11 injured.

"It is feared two more bodies are buried under the ruins. In this town some damage was caused to the railway station, and about a dozen houses and shops were wrecked or damaged.

**Bombs Start Fire**  
"A chapel and storehouse were set afire. With this exception, no other casualties were reported outside of the metropolitan area. Although a large number of bombs were dropped promiscuously over the districts visited, the material damage was insignificant. A great number of bombs fell into the sea and into open places.

"The metropolitan casualties are (Continued on Page Two)

## CONGRESS DOES MANY THINGS FOR OREGON'S BENEFIT

Representative N. J. Sinnott Writes Resume of Legislation Affecting State

## FARM LOAN BILL IS FIRST

Road Laws, Irrigation Acts and Much Other Work of Direct Benefit to Us

(From Oregon Journal)  
Washington, Sept. 24.—Representative Nicholas J. Sinnott writes for the Journal a resume of important legislation by the session of congress recently closed affecting particularly the state of Oregon and the Second congressional district, where public land and reclamation questions are vital. As a member of the public lands committee of the house Mr. Sinnott had a part in framing many of these measures, and of several he was the author.

By N. J. Sinnott  
Much valuable legislation was enacted at the recent session of congress. First in importance may be placed the farm credit law. Practical operation may show some defects, which can be remedied by amendment in a future congress.

This is especially a cause for congratulation in legislation of special interest to eastern Oregon, though it is to be regretted that reclamation funds are so low as not to permit of the inauguration of new projects to care for the million acres of land in the Second Oregon district susceptible of irrigation. If the sales from the Oregon land grant are wisely made the state will profit from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000.

**Legislation Passed in Review**  
Appropriations have been made of \$235,000 for the Umatilla reclamation project, \$18,000 for the Klamath irrigation project and \$8000 for roads in the Crater Lake park. The leave of absence homestead law for settlers on unsurveyed land is a much needed

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## MEMORIAL SERVICE IS HELD IN HONOR OF LATE E. C. WIGMORE

Members of Eugene Bible University Pay Tribute to Their Former Instructor

Students, faculty and friends of the late E. C. Wigmore, former pastor of the Springfield Christian church held an impressive memorial service in honor of their former instructor and friend at the Eugene Bible University Thursday afternoon. The chapel of the Bible University was filled with those who listened to the splendid things that were said of Mr. Wigmore.

The life history of Mr. Wigmore was presented by E. C. Sanderson, Dean of the Bible University.

"Ernest Charles Wigmore was born in London, England, August 13, in the year of our Lord, 1864. He went with his parents from England to Chicago in 1873. They moved from Chicago to Spencer, Iowa. He worked at the blacksmith's trade in his early manhood and was also a railway engineer for some time. He united with the Christian church at Spencer, Iowa, in 1886. Brother Frank Fannon and the speaker held the meeting in which he obeyed the gospel. Soon after this he began to preach the Word of Life. He was for five of six years a student in Drake University and graduated from that University with the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. He was also a graduate of the Eugene Bible University and the University of Oregon. He was married to Susie May Bittinger in Iowa, June 23, in the year, 1892. Two of their children, Alvin and Vincel, have departed this life. They have three children living, two sons, Harold and LaGrade, and their daughter, Frona. Brother Wigmore was pastor of the Christian church at Panora, Iowa, for five years and at Palouse, Washington, for three years and at Monmouth, Oregon, for two years. He has also served as an evangelist in holding protracted meetings, one of (Continued on page two)

## NEBRASKA CAN'T BEAT OREGON GROWN CORN

P. H. Emery Has Field That Comes Up to the Middle West Standard

Did you ever hear anyone say, "It takes Nebraska and Iowa to raise the corn, Oregon isn't in that class."? Yes! Well, listen to this. P. H. Emery, who has a farm a mile and a half east of Springfield has a field of that middle west class of corn. Saturday he brought three stalks ranged from 11 to 13 feet high and the lowest ear of corn on these stalks was four feet from the ground. His whole field is like this.

The ears are numberless and they are big and filled all the way out to the ends of the cobs. And this has been a cool wet summer. We haven't had those hot days and nights that make good corn. The corn is of the Yellow Dent variety and the seed was grown up the McKenzie river.

## CAR SHORTAGE IS NOT SO SERIOUS AS IS ADVERTIZED

Local Agent of S. P. Returns From Rate Hearing—More Cars Are Promised

Characterizing the meeting of the railroad commission from which he has just returned, as a "friendly meeting between the lumber men and the railroad representatives," M. L. France, local Southern Pacific ticket agent, said that he did not believe the probability of the closing of the lumber mills of the state to be as serious as has been represented. In regard to the statement which appeared a few days ago purporting to have come from A. C. Dixon, general manager of the Booth-Kelly lumber company, to the effect that the Springfield mill would close Friday night, because of car shortage; Mr. France said:

"I didn't notice Mr. Dixon's statement. If he said it I didn't catch it, and I listened closely to all that was said."

Mr. France said the situation was unquestionably bad, but that the railroad company was doing all it could. There seems to be some relief for the near future in the fact that a consignment of new cars ordered from the factories at Columbus, Ohio, and at Michigan City, Indiana, which have been delayed since July 1, are now finished and will be sent west empty by freight rates, in order to get them here more speedily. The reasons given for delay in manufacturing are the inability to procure steel and the fact that the workmen could not be employed to so good an advantage during the hot weather.

Besides this delay in securing the new cars ordered, another reason advanced by the railroad representatives for the acute car shortage was the fact of the heavy crops, which caused congestion in the east and prevented cars from being returned promptly.

## S. P. TAKES 40 CARS UP MOHAWK THIS MORNING FOR MILLS

Booth-Kelly Mill Is Still Sawing Timber Despite Reports to Contrary

The local mill of the Booth-Kelly company resumed work this morning after the force had had two days rest—Saturday and Sunday. Eight empty freight cars arrived this morning and postponed for a few days more the possibility of closing for good, as has been so frequently advertised lately by a Eugene evening paper.

Although the local mill is 60 cars behind in its deliveries the few cars that were received last week and the eight new ones this morning make the situation look brighter. The docks of the mill are piled high with sawed timber and most of the available space is filled with nearly 12,000,000 feet of lumber.

This morning Fred Hanson, division superintendent of the Southern Pacific took 40 empty cars up the Wendling road to be distributed among the mills at Marcola, Mable and Wendling. This is the first large train of empties that have gone up the Mohawk for some time.

## WEARY TRAVELERS RETURN FROM LONG TRIP OF 5446 MILES

Superintendent R. L. Kirk and Family Spent Summer in the Middle West

## HAVE VARIETY OF WEATHER

People of Colorado Know How to Make Natural Scenery Pay Dividends in Real Cash

After having travelled 5446 miles, all of the way by automobile, approach within 24 miles of the Mississippi river, and having been absent two months, Superintendent and Mrs. R. L. Kirk and son Charles, arrived here Thursday evening, dusty, tired and glad to be home. Nevertheless, "It was a lovely trip," Mrs. Kirk said.

The greater part of the time not used in travelling was spent in Kirksville, Missouri, the home of Mr. Kirk's parents, and at Shelbina, where Mrs. Kirk has an aunt. Both of these cities are in the northern part of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirk and Charles left Portland in their Buick on July 26. From Portland, they travelled over the Columbia River highway and the old Oregon trail through Idaho and to Salt Lake City. Here they rested for a day and "saw the sights."

From Salt Lake City via the Lincoln highway, they passed through Wyoming and it's desert to Denver, where a stop of another day was made. "The Colorado roads are fine, and the scenery is very beautiful," Mrs. Kirk said.

"From Denver we went to Colorado Springs which is one of the most noted summer resorts of the west. At Prospect Lake, where we spent the night, a city park has just been thrown open for the tourists, with every accommodation free. Between 300 and 400 cars had stopped there the night we camped."

One of the strange incidents of the trip, or one which will at least seem strange to Westerners, is the fact that none of the beautiful scenery of the Garden of the Gods, Pike Peak, the Seven Falls, etc. can be viewed without first paying the admission price. For instance, a famous balancing rock is covered and can not be seen, until the prospective wonderer parts with 35c. Nevertheless, it is said, that tourists spend thousands of dollars daily around Colorado Springs.

The roads in general were good. The best marked one was between Denver and Colorado Springs, a distance of about 70 miles. The roads in Wyoming were the worst of all. As a whole, Colorado was found to have the best roads. From there to Kansas City the travellers took the old Sant Fe trail, which was formerly the only route from Kansas City west. It is now an excellent road.

One of the interesting and pleasant discoveries of the trip was that of "The Delaven Free Camp House," for the accommodation of travellers over the Sante Fe trail. The house stands on the road about one quarter of a mile from Delaven, Kansas, a very small town. The cottage contained two rooms, the one in the rear being provided with a cement floor. There is space for the storage of two cars. The front room contains a sanitary couch, a table, chairs, an oil stove, telephone, and other conveniences. Everything is free, all visitors are required to do is to sign the register.

About three weeks were required to make the trip both coming and going, as some bad roads were found, and also Mr. and Mrs. Kirk travelled fairly leisurely. They had very little trouble on the way, and none of it was serious. The two longest delays were once when Charles was ill for four or five days, and once when they struck a mountain storm, as they were crossing the Great Divide. For three days here they were compelled to travel so slowly that only 40 miles a day was made.

When asked as to the crop prospects in the country through which Mr. and Mrs. Kirk passed, it was stated that there was a very fair corn crop in Missouri, but that the crops in Kansas were poor because of the hot dry weather. The wheat crop will be about one half the usual yield this year.

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