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## PLANS BEING MADE FOR FIRST POTATO MEETING OF STATE

E. E. Morrison Will Entertain Spud Raisers Here on March 14.

### PROMINENT MEN TO SPEAK

Idea Will Be First of Kind Ever Put into Practice; Big Banquet Will Be Feature of Meeting.

A distinct departure from anything that the county or even the state has ever known will be the "Potato Growers' Meeting" and big banquet scheduled to be held in Springfield on next Wednesday, March 14 for which plans are being made by E. E. Morrison, grower of true to variety seed potatoes, who is responsible for the idea.

Over 300 letters have been sent out to farmers not only in this county but to such other points as Irish Bend, and Seio, and to almost all sections of the state, inviting them to attend and profit by the meetings and enjoy themselves, without one cent of expense excepting their transportation. These men are not necessarily the best potato growers in the state; they are those from whom Mr. Morrison has bought potatoes this fall and whose names appear on his books. Besides the potato growers, about 40 or 50 local business men will be invited to attend. Governor Withcombe sent a letter telling of his commendation of the project, and expressing sincere regret that conflicting dates prevent his attending.

Mr. Morrison has learned from four years experience that "if we wish to place our product upon the market in competition with that of other countries, expecting to get the best of prices, we must select the best grades and improve our methods of tilling our ground, fighting diseases, harvesting the crops, preparing them for market, etc."

"There seems to be only one way of overcoming these obstacles, and that is by getting into touch with the man who has made a special study of each of these subjects, and have him instruct us what to do."

Some of these men who will be here next Wednesday are: Professor McKay, of O. A. C., who has consented to speak to us regarding "Potato Diseases." Professor Larson of O. A. C., who will talk on "Seed Selection and Certification." Professor N. S. Robb, County Agriculturist, who will discuss "Local Potato Problems," and E. D. Conley, who will talk on "Cost of Production." In the evening there will be given an informal banquet, after which short talks will be given by Frank Jenkins, President of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce, J. O. Holt, Eugene Cannery, O. B. Keesey, of the Commercial State Bank, Chas. L. Scott, of the First National Bank, and M. C. Bressler, a Springfield Hardware man.

The meeting which will be held in the Woodman hall, will commence at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon. From 6:00 to 7:00 a "get acquainted" meeting will be held, while the big banquet will occur at 7:15 that evening.

### 401 Visit Library.

There were 401 visitors to the Springfield library's reading and reference room during the month of February, according to the monthly report submitted to the library board at a meeting held Tuesday evening, by Mrs. Hannah Hill, librarian. During the month 766 books were issued which is quite an item considering that there were less days than usual for issuance. Twelve new readers were also reported as registered during the month. Just the regular monthly business was transacted at the board meeting which was attended by four members.

### Infant Boy Dies.

Oral Ernest, the nine months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles William of Waterville died at the Mercy hospital in Eugene yesterday morning, death being caused by inflammation of the bowels. The funeral will be held at 10 o'clock Friday morning, Reverend J. W. Perkins to be in charge. Interment will be made in the Greenwood cemetery near Leaburg. W. F. Walker was in charge of burial preparations.

## TOO MUCH BONE-DRYNESS

Three Springfielders Are First Arrested Under New Law.

"Bone dryness" proved too much for three Springfield men last Monday, so they purchased some liquor and peach cordial from George Watson, who conducts a sale barn on Blair Boulevard in Eugene, with the result that all four were later taken in, making the first arrests in Lane county under the new prohibition law.

The three men charged with drunkenness, Bert Nickum, Cecil Mulligan and Frank McBee, had later a charge of having liquor in their possession booked against them. They were locked up for the night, and Tuesday morning decided it would be best to tell where they procured the "refreshments," so Watson was arrested a little later, and his trial was set for 10 o'clock this morning.

Nickum who is a widower and has eight children at home to care for, was fined \$100 by Judge Jesse Wells, of the Eugene justice court, and sentence was suspended with the promise that he go home, refrain from using liquor and look after his children, the oldest of whom is only 17 years of age.

Mulligan and McBee, who are aged 20 and 19 years old respectively, pleaded guilty to the charge of having liquor in their possession and each was fined \$10. They went to jail in default of payment, but later in the evening each paid the fine.

## Old Skating Rink Will Come Down

E. E. Morrison Purchases Caved-in Building and Will Raze it to Ground at Once.

Mayor E. E. Morrison has purchased the old skating rink, which stands near the Willamette river at this end of the wagon bridge, from the Portland firm of Oliness and Erickson, and will have the structure torn down as soon as arrangements can be made. The deal has been hanging fire for six months, during which time Mr. Morrison has been bending his efforts to securing some method of having the old eyesore removed.

In 1911, when the building was put up, it was quite a nice structure and the largest rink in the state outside of Portland. M. M. Mackey, who was in charge of it, had large crowds who attended masked skating carnivals and dances and such events, and many local folks have memories of good times spent there. For about three years it was a very popular amusement resort, drawing crowds from Eugene and other cities also.

The building which was one story and 100 by 140 feet in size was a fairly substantial one, but was built in an oval, and the roof was insecurely braced, so that the weight of a heavy snow in January of last year, caved it in. Since then, it has stood there, where every tourist and passer-by must see it, a tumbled down wreck impossible of rebuilding, and a sort of mute evidence of better days.

But it has finally been purchased from the Portland owners, and the work of razing it will begin immediately. Mr. Morrison will use the lumber in the erection of a warehouse, later. The skates are being sold by John C. Mullen, and Mr. Morrison has stored the other fixtures.

## STORE NEEDS MORE ROOM

Cox and Cox Will Have New Balcony and Also More Grocery Space.

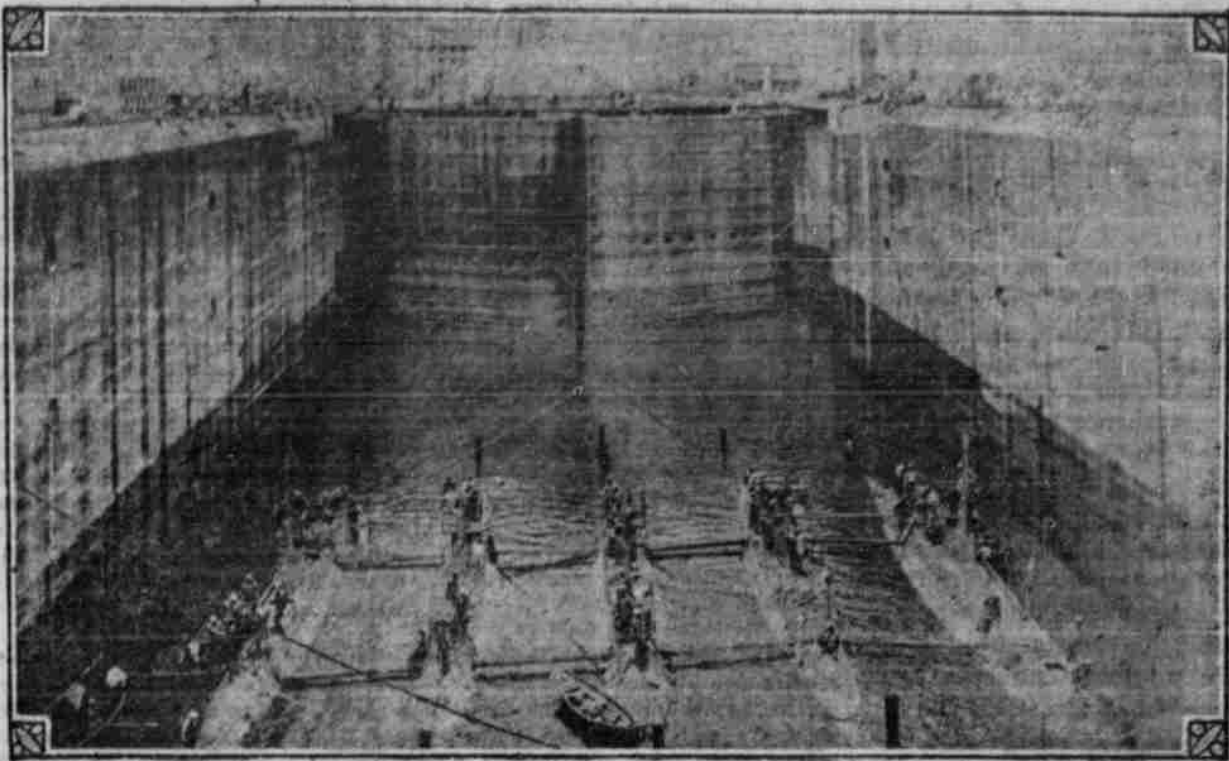
Because its business has grown too large for the space the Cox and Cox department store is building a balcony for the display of ladies' ready to wear goods, and also enlarging the grocery department. L. J. Lopley and Will Rouse are doing the work.

Since the firm started business 10 years ago in the one room store on Main street now occupied by Joe Hill's pool hall, it has grown steadily and has been a paying proposition from the start. Nine salespeople are now kept busy all the time.

"Everything to eat and wear" has always been the slogan of the store, and will be more true than ever now, since a complete line of ladies ready to wear apparel will be carried.

Concert to Be Given, Orchestra Concert at the Baptist church, Monday night, 8 o'clock. Admission free. Special reading by Dr. Keeney Ferris. A humorous comedy, "Tom's Little Star." A silver tea served by ladies will follow. Everybody is invited.

## SUBMARINES HELP PROTECT PANAMA CANAL



Five United States submarines in the Gatun lock on the Atlantic side of the canal. Extraordinary precautions have been taken to guard the waterway. All Germans in the employ of the government were dismissed immediately we broke with the Kaiser.

## ILL HEALTH CAUSES PASTOR TO RESIGN

Methodist Board Considers Rev. Moore's Resignation; Probably Take Effect on April 1.

At an official board meeting of the local Methodist church held after church services Sunday evening, the matter of the resignation of Reverend James T. Moore was taken up with District Superintendent Reverend James Moore of Eugene who was present and met with boards.

Because his health demands it and on the advice of his physician, Reverend Moore wishes to be free of his arduous duties here, which have been especially hard because of the active part he has taken in the plans and building of the beautiful new church just completed. It is probable that his resignation will take effect about April 1, at which time Reverend Moore will have completed a pastorate here of three and one half years.

During his labors here, Mr. Moore has done a great deal toward the spiritual uplift of the church and toward increasing its membership. In 1915, an addition to the old Methodist church was necessary, on account of the increase in membership, and a year ago this spring, the James A. Ebbert Memorial church was begun, chiefly through the efforts of Reverend Moore and Miss Margaret Morris, who gave liberally in memory of her uncle for whom the church is named.

It is impossible to state in mere words the depth of sorrow felt by Reverend Moore's congregation and friends at his impending resignation.

### New Frog Being Installed

The Southern Pacific company is installing a new frog at the intersection of the railroad and the streetcar tracks on Third and Main streets.

## LADIES REST ROOM BEING CONSTRUCTED

Cox and Cox to Have First Convenience of Kind in Springfield.

Carpenters are now at work constructing a ladies' rest room, which will be the first in the city, on the balcony in the northwest corner of the Cox and Cox department store. The room is to be connected with the sewer system in the alley and will include all conveniences for women shoppers. The work is being done by order of Chas. Rivett, owner of the building, who is here from Lincoln, Nebraska, for a month's visit and business trip.

Mr. Rivett is a guest at the home of his youngest daughter, Mrs. Percy Tyson. Besides installing the rest room, Mr. Rivett is having other improvements done, such as extending the balcony all the way across the grocery department, and giving the whole building a general renovating, including kalsomining and repairing the roof.

The building occupied by the M. C. Bressler and Son Hardware company, also owned by Mr. Rivett, is coming in for a share of overhauling and improvements, too. It will be kalsomined, and such repairs as are needed will be attended to. Mr. Rivett has just been painting the joist ledge with roof paint to keep the rain water from swelling the wooden joist ends.

### Mrs. Spicer Getting Better.

Word received this morning as to the condition of Mrs. Spicer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Gay of this city, who has been ill with pneumonia at her home in Marcola for about three weeks, stated that she was now getting better. Mrs. Gay is with her daughter.

## BELIEVES IN SPRINGFIELD

John Keteis Says is Here to Stay and Enlarges His Drugstore.

"I still have great hopes for Springfield. I'm here for good, and I mean to have as up to date a place of business as there is anywhere." So said John Keteis, druggist, who has just begun enlarging his store on the corner of Fifth and Main streets, so that it takes in the room just east of it, formerly occupied by Cox and Cox as a storeroom.

The soda fountain and confectionery goods will be moved into the recently opened room, while three old Mission style booths will tempt ice cream and soft drink lovers. A big 16 foot arch will connect the two sections of the store. Miss Vera Nelson of Ashland will be in charge of the fountain, and the ice cream parlor will be open for business about the first of April.

J. N. Palmer and Frank Gordon are doing the carpenter work. W. M. Sutton owns the building.

## Another Veteran Heeds Last Call

Captain Lucius Phetteplace Dies at 82 Years, Only Few Days After Wife's Death

Another old veteran has answered his last roll call. Lucius Phetteplace captain of Co. A. Nineteenth Michigan volunteer infantry, during the Civil war, passed away at his home at 1395 Columbia street, Eugene, at 7:30 a. m. Monday, March 5, 1917, aged 82 years.

Funeral services were held at the Gordon and Veatch chapel at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, March 6, 1917. Rev. Andrew Fish had charge of the services at the chapel and the Masonic lodge conducted the services at the I. O. O. F. cemetery, where interment took place.

Mr. Phetteplace was a native of New York state, but went to Michigan when a boy. He enlisted in the Nineteenth Michigan July 26, 1862, and was mustered in a first sergeant on September 6. He fought all through the war, emerging with his captain's commission. In 1901 he retired from active life and came with his wife to Eugene to reside. Mrs. Phetteplace passed away but a few days ago.

Mr. Phetteplace is survived by one daughter, Mrs. G. A. Tracy of Hooker, Oklahoma, and one son, H. E. Phetteplace, of Springfield, rural route No. 2. He was a member of the J. W. Geary Post, G. A. R., a member of the unitarian church and of the Masonic lodge.

### Mill Starts up Again.

The local Booth Kelly Lumber company's mill resumed operations Tuesday morning, after having been closed down for more than two weeks because of the recent snow storm. Owing to the scarcity of logs and the fact that the camps above Wendling have not yet been able to resume work, the mill is running eight hour shifts, instead of ten, as was the case formerly. However, it is expected that the mill will be able to run steadily now, and that a return will be made to the ten hour schedule in a short time.

## UNITED STATES COULD EXIST IN WAR WITHOUT IMPORTS

Assistant Secretary Vrooman of the department of agriculture said recently that the United States could exist without imports and supported his statement with figures. He declared that the nation is amply able to feed itself if cut off.

Mr. Vrooman said: "We produce, in round figures, 23,000,000,000 pounds of meat, and we import less than 100,000,000 pounds, or less than one-half of 1 per cent, the bulk of which comes from Argentina, Australia and Canada."

"We produce here slightly over 2,000,000,000 pounds of sugar, and we import over 5,500,000,000 pounds from Cuba."

"We produce about 7,500,000,000 gallons of milk, importing about \$1,500,000 worth, mostly condensed milk, from the Netherlands and Canada."

"We produce close to 2,000,000,000 pounds of butter. We import less than 1,000,000 pounds, chiefly from Denmark and Canada."

Other figures on production and imports are: Cheese.—Production, 300,000,000 pounds; imports, 30,000,000 pounds, mostly from Italy, Switzerland and France.

Eggs.—Production, 2,000,000,000 dozens yearly; imports less than 1,000,000 dozens, chiefly from Canada, England and China.

Corn, Wheat and Rice.—Production, 4,000,000,000 bushels; imports of wheat, 6,000,000 bushels, principally from Canada; imports of rice, 2,500,000,000 pounds, mostly from China, England and the Netherlands.

Fish.—Production, 1,000,000,000 pounds; imports, something over \$17,000,000 worth from Norway and Canada.

Sweet and Irish Potatoes.—Production, 450,000,000 bushels; imports, slightly over 200,000 bushels, from Bermuda, Canada and Mexico. Oranges, Lemons and Grapefruit.—Production, 25,000,000 boxes; imports, \$2,100,000 worth, from Italy and the West Indies.

## GUNS ARE TO BE MOUNTED ON AMERICAN VESSELS

Attorney General Declares That President Has Power Without Authority From Congress

### CONSIDERED WITH CARE

Mr. Wilson Discusses Subject at Length with Secretary Lansing and Senate Leaders.

Washington, March 7.—Despite his determination to arm American merchant ships, President Wilson tonight withheld his decision to act upon his own responsibility. It was made known that the legal and diplomatic advisers of the president had definitely decided that under the constitution the chief executive has the necessary authority to put guns and gunners aboard American vessels. But the formal announcement of the decision and the formal orders for action were withheld while Republican and Democratic forces in the senate agreed on a plan for a limitation on senate debate which would clear the way for a bill granting full armed neutrality authority to the president if an extra session is called.

American merchant ships are to be armed by the United States government and sent on their voyages to the ports of the seven seas regardless of submarines, "barred zones" and other obstacles which the war has placed in the path of American commerce.

President Wilson definitely decided on this step today. Fortified with the opinion of the attorney general that he has the authority to make such a move with the approval of administration supporters in congress and the legal advisers of the government, the president is convinced that he is acting within his rights, even though the congressional approval which he sought before the death of the Sixty-fourth congress was withheld.

The president called to the White House this morning six Democratic senators who have been active in behalf of administration measures—Owens of Oklahoma, Walsh of Montana, Swanson of Virginia, Smith of Georgia, Reed of Missouri and James of Kentucky—and informed them of his decision. He also took up with them and approved the proposition of changing the senate rules toward a modified form of cloture which will hereafter prevent any "little group of wilful men" from holding up legislation vitally affecting the nation.

With the president's decision to arm merchant vessels, the break with Austria, which looked to be temporarily averted by the conciliatory tone of the latest Austrian note, again becomes imminent. The Austrian government flatly stated that it considered the arming of American vessels in direct contradiction to international law, and declared in effect that its submarines would feel at perfect liberty to sink "Should it do this, a diplomatic break could not be averted."

Following the White House conference with the senators, Secretary Lansing was summoned to the executive mansion and remained closeted with the president for almost an hour. The two canvassed the situation thoroughly. Every eventuality which the move may bring forth was gone over.

It was said in administration circles today that a public statement will soon be issued, setting forth the exact position of the government in arming its merchant vessels.

### Another Pioneer Passes.

Almira K. Bristow, one of the earliest pioneers of Lane county and for more than 60 years a resident of the Pleasant Hill neighborhood, died on the old Bristow donation land claim there at 8:30 o'clock last night at the age of 91 years. She was the last surviving member of the Elijah Bristow family circle, the members of which were so prominent in the early history of the county.

### Real Estate Transfers

Chas. L. Scott et ux to G. W. Spaun et ux—10 acres in sec. 19 tp. 17 S. R. 2 W. \$10.  
Viola E. Spaun et vir to Chas. L. Scott et ux—10 acres tp. 17 S. R. 2 W. \$10.