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SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING IS HELD MONDAY EVENING

A. C. Travis Is Appointed Night Watchman to Succeed W. H. James

LIGHTS ORDERED CHANGED

City Tool Shed Will Be Built At Rear of Hose House On F Street.

A special meeting of the city council was called Monday evening for the purpose of electing a president of the council to appoint a night police officer and also to rearrange and place the street lights on Third, Fourth, Fifth, Wall and Broadway streets. M. C. Bressler was appointed president of the council.

Because of the resignation of W. H. James, night watchman, which took effect January 1, it was necessary to appoint a new man to succeed him. A. C. Travis was appointed as night police and began his duties Tuesday night. Other applicants for the position were: J. P. Johnson, Frank Cogill, R. N. Griffin, M. V. Endicott and Carl H. Herbst.

A petition signed by the tax payers asking for a rearrangement of lights on Mill and Broadway was presented to the council last month and referred to the street committee for investigation. By motion the light on Third and Wall streets was ordered moved to Fourth and Wall streets. The light on Fifth street in front of the F. A. DePue residence was ordered moved to Fifth and Wall streets. Two lights were ordered moved from East Main streets, one to the intersection at Third and Broadway streets and the other to be placed at Fifth and Broadway.

The city recorder was instructed to order the city phone now at the residence of H. E. Walker, former recorder, to the residence of Wm. Donaldson, chief of police and street commissioner; and the phone at the residence of M. C. Bressler, councilman, was ordered moved to the home of A. C. Travis, new night watchman.

The surety bond of Treasurer O. B. Kessey from the American Surety company was accepted.

The street committee was instructed to arrange for the erection of a city tool shed to be built on the city lots at the rear of the hose house on F street.

A petition for plumber's license from W. G. Warden, of Eugene, was allowed and the application of J. J. Bryan to conduct a pool and billiard room was granted.

The eight stations for the night watchman's clock have been installed and the watchman will begin using the clock at once. It will be necessary for him to try the doors of all of the business houses at 7 p. m. and again at 10 p. m. From 10 p. m. to 6 a. m. he will visit each of the eight stations every hour.

Rebekahs to Install

The Rebekahs will hold their installation of officers at their regular meeting Monday evening. The elective officers who will be installed are Mrs. June Korf, noble grand; Mrs. Kate Brummette, vice-grand; Mrs. Clara Shodgrass, recording secretary; Mrs. Rosa Montgomery, financial secretary; Mrs. Cora Hinson, treasurer. The appointive officers have not yet been announced but they will also be installed Monday night.

Elected to High Office

R. L. Kirk, superintendent of the Springfield public schools was elected president of the department of superintendents of the Oregon State Teachers' association at the meeting of that organization in Portland last week.

Library Board to Meet

A regular meeting of the library board will be held Monday night at the public library.

PRUNEVILLE DOES WELL

That Section Makes Good Showing in Red Cross

Mrs. Percy Tyson and Mrs. George Catching secure good list of names in the Prunville neighborhood for the Red Cross membership campaign. Mrs. Percy Tyson and Mrs. George Catching, Solicitors

Mrs. Annie Karhan, Mrs. Harold Chase, Mrs. Bertha James, Mrs. I. Cline, Mrs. O. H. Starr, Mrs. C. C. Kellogg, Mrs. Kate Fish, Mrs. Emily Hardie, Mrs. W. R. Hardie, Mrs. N. G. McElhany, Mrs. Emma Wylie, Mrs. S. Y. Bartholomew, Mrs. F. B. Chase, F. B. Chase, Nellie Bailey, Merle Chase, S. Y. Bartholomew, Harry Chase, Etta Chase, Mrs. J. W. Chase, Mrs. W. J. Pengra.

Mrs. H. E. Walker, Solicitor. Mrs. M. A. Washburne, Miss Florence Coffin, Miss Mary Roberts, A. Reeves, Al Montgomery, Mrs. Ira Young Mrs. Iley Casteel.

CRESWELL LADY BURIED

Mrs. Phoebe E. Hughes Laid to Rest in Odd Fellows Cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. Phoebe E. Hughes, of Creswell, was held Monday at 1 o'clock at the Methodist church at Creswell. Interment was made in the Odd Fellows cemetery in Eugene. W. F. Walker, Springfield undertaker, had charge of the funeral.

Mrs. Hughes was born in Van Buren, county, Iowa, in 1842 and when nine years of age crossed the plains with her father and mother. The family settled at Fremont, California.

Deceased is survived by three daughters and four sons as follows: Mrs. Mae Scottand, Mrs. Shaub, of Creswell, Mrs. Ann Riggs, of Cottage Grove, C. L. Parsons, of Eugene, W. E. Scott, of Redmond, William Parsons, of Creswell, and R. H. Parsons, of Redmond.

S. H. S. Wins Over Mapleton

Van Valzah Shoots 12 Baskets for Springfield Team

Monday evening the Springfield High school Basketball team won from the Mapleton High school team in a game at the Springfield hall with a score of 42 to 16.

Springfield's line-up follows: Van Valzah, center; Gossler and Hill, guards; Davidson, Keater, and Dimm, forwards. In the second half Dimm took the place of Keater as forward. The Mapleton line-up was: Robinson, center; Slemmons and Robinson, guards; Beck and Ogden, forwards. Custer of Eugene, refereed and Creed Brattain, umpired.

The Mapleton team had played a number of games in this section winning from both Santa Clara and Elmira. The game with Florence resulted in favor of Florence.

Van Valzah was the star basketball-maker for the Springfield team making 12 baskets.

Goes to Work in Grocery Store

W. V. Hutchinson, of this city, who has been carrying the mail on Route No. 2 out of Springfield has resigned and accepted a position as clerk at the Fifth Street grocery. The mail on that route was carried this morning by Bruce Lansbery, of this city. J. F. Hanekamp, of Eugene, who was to have taken that route this morning having failed to show up.

Mr. Hutchinson took the mail route in September succeeding R. W. Smith now proprietor of the Fifth Street grocery.

December Is Warmest Month Recorded

December, 1917, was the mildest on record for this section since 1871, when the records were first kept. The normal temperature for the past month was 48.4 degrees. The rainfall for month was 13.96 inches. In many places the buds on the fruit trees are swelling and the pussy willows are already in bloom along the streams.

BELGIUM'S COLONIALS REBUILDING IN MOTHERLAND



Men from Belgium's colonial possessions at work in recovered section of Belgium rebuilding the war-swept territory. The photograph was taken at one of the subdepots for supplies of all kinds which are forwarded to points where the reconstructive work is in progress.

PAUL LANSBERY ON WAY TO FRANCE

Tells of Thanksgiving Feast and Seasickness Caused by Rough Sea

December, 1917. Somewhere on the Atlantic.—Dear Folks at Home: Will try to write you a few lines before we land to let you know that we are getting along fine and are almost to France, or wherever we are going to land. I did not like the trip very well the first few days we were on board, for the water was very rough and I got somewhat sea-sick but am alright now, feeling fine and am enjoying the trip very much. I would not care if it would last a few days longer.

I hope you enjoyed your Thanksgiving dinner more than I did, as I was sick all day and did not eat a bite. We had turkey, dressing, cranberry sauce, plum pudding, etc., but that did not sound good to me at that time as the sea was very boisterous all that day. Those who did eat had an awful time of it, as the ship was rolling so hard you could not stand up, and there was turkey and cranberries flying all over the kitchen and dining room.

One morning when a man was walking across the kitchen with a mess kit full of mush in one hand and a cup of coffee in the other the ship rolled, and he started to slide. He tried to stop by throwing his arm around a post. Of course he did stop suddenly throwing the mush in his own face and the coffee on another man who was standing near. It surely was funny to see men sliding around in all directions. It was really funnier than Charlie Chaplin in Shanghai. But the sea has been very smooth for the last three days so you can hardly feel it roll at all.

We are now in the danger zone, but the submarine that gets us will surely have an awful time, as we are well protected. If you get this letter you will know we landed safely, but I don't really think there is any danger of us sinking. We keep our life preservers with us all the time so we can float away if anything happens.

I am writing this out on deck with my life belt for a desk. I am glad I did not join the coast artillery in Eugene as I would still be at Fort Stevens and would have missed all this traveling around.

I can not tell you when we started, how long we have been on the water or what boat we are on, as the censor would not let it pass; but the main thing is we are here all right and are enjoying the trip. Answer as soon as possible and tell me all the news.

I am as ever your son and brother
PAUL LANSBERY.

NEW RECRUIT IS BEING ADVANCED

Springfield Boy Is Taken from Ranks and Made Company Clerk

Company "D" First Replacement Regiment of Engineers, Washington Barracks, Washington, D. C., December 29, 1917.

Dear Father:—Well I am leading the life of a regular American soldier now. We have been stationed at the United States War College at Washington Barracks for our first bit of training. Only Engineers are here and a better crowd of soldiers in the making I never expect to see. Our officers are just out of Officers' Training camps and they are about as courteous as one could imagine. In all the days I have been here I have not heard one officer swear at a recruit.

Last night I found Bert Lombard and he has invited me to spend the day with him. Bert has enlisted in the Ordnance Corps and is still working for the War department.

It seems that I am getting along very nicely here. The second day after our company arrived here I was taken out of the ranks and put in the Company headquarters office and I have been here constantly ever since. If I am kept here permanently I will get the rank of a sergeant.

We are ordinarily off duty after 4:30 afternoons. Here in the office we usually work later than that time.

Write to me as often as you can as the letters we receive are about the only joys we soldiers have to break up the routine of our life here. With love to all, WALTER DIMM.

Two Graduates Get Schools

Anna Bidwell and Edna Platt, both graduates of the teacher's training department of the Springfield High school have secured positions for the remainder of the school term. Miss Bidwell will be in charge of the first four grades in the Riverview public school and Miss Platt will teach at Alma.

Bank Secures Judgment

The Eugene Loan and Savings bank has been given judgment against A. J. Perkins and wife and W. E. Dodge and wife in the sum of \$2673.30, together with \$250 attorney fees, costs and disbursements, interest at eight per cent and the foreclosure of the mortgage on the premises involved.

Brick-Layer Returns Home

Harry Kiefer, who for the past six weeks had been employed as brick-layer on the new postoffice being erected by the government at Wil-lows, California, has returned to his home in Springfield.

SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD

Resignation of Walter J. Moore, Is Accepted

The Springfield school board held a special meeting Monday night to accept the resignation of Walter J. Moore, teacher in Mathematics and Science at Springfield High school and to accept applications for the vacancy. Mr. Moore has gone to Co-burg, as principal of the public schools.

The board also discussed the matter of starting military drill for the boys. Nothing was decided but the board has a director in sight should they decide to have the drill.

School Boy Is Hurt Seriously

Lloyd Johnson Runs Over Russell Prairie With Motorcycle

Russell Prairie, a ten year old school boy of Eugene, was seriously injured yesterday afternoon when a motorcycle ridden by Lloyd Johnson, son of Oliver Johnson, of this city struck him as he stepped from a dairy wagon near the Patterson school building in Eugene.

The rider tried to guide the machine so that he would not hurt the boy but was unable to do so and the boy was knocked down and run over. He was carried to a nearby residence and later taken to a hospital. Upon examination it was found that the outer table at the back of the skull was crushed in, the scalp was torn from the skull for a distance of three inches over the right eye, his right collar bone was broken, his right elbow mashed, and that there were also other injuries.

In trying to guide the machine out of the way, Young Johnson was thrown and the motorcycle fell on him, causing several slight injuries.

Leaves for Grand Junction

Floyd Thompson who has been visiting with his parents Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Thompson for the past three weeks will leave tonight for Grand Junction, Colorado where he is employed. He will be accompanied by Ray McPherson.

University Professor Will Preach

Professor J. T. Mathews, professor of mathematics at Willamette University will preach at both the morning and evening services at the Methodist church Sunday. Professor Mathews has been in the University longer than any other instructor now there. Dr. Danford has been given a short leave of absence and left yesterday for Bismark, North Dakota on business.

SPRINGFIELD BOY TELLS EXPERIENCE OF SOLDIER LIFE

Camp Is Flooded With Gifts of Useful Articles at Holiday Season

PRAISES RED CROSS WOMEN

Y. M. C. A. Does Much to Provide for Care and Comfort of Men in Training

Quantico, Va., Dec. 27, 1917. Dear Mrs. Dimm and Ladies of Springfield: I received your most useful gift today. I appreciate it very much and want to thank you and the rest of the ladies of Springfield. I find since I have enlisted in the Marine Corps that the ladies are surely doing their part and it seems to me a little bit more.

[This Christmas has been one of the best I have ever experienced, of course I couldn't be home which is something I longed for more than anything else.]

The Red Cross ladies from Washington D. C. fixed up a Christmas tree here for the Marines and we had one grand time. I don't believe a man left the building without his pockets filled with tobacco, cigarettes candy and mixed nuts. Of course the band was there and after the presents were given out there was a dance. There were about six Marines for every girl but everyone had a good time just the same.

Christmas day we, the 119 Company had one of the grandest dinners I have ever seen on a table, and believe me we did our best to eat everything in sight, but no use, there was too much. If there was anything in the line of eats that we didn't have I haven't been able to think of it.

Christmas afternoon every man in the 119 Company received a package from the M. E. church of Baltimore, Maryland. My package contained 1 package of cigarettes, 1 sack tobacco, 1 trench mirror, 1/2 lb of dates, 1 pair shoe laces, 1 tooth brush, 1 stick tooth paste, 1 shaving stick, 1 sewing kit, 1 writing tablet, 1 pack envelopes 1 bar of toilet soap and wash rag, 1 pipe, 1 marine kerchief, a small can of tea, 1 led pencil and candy and mixed nuts. The packages the other boys received were about the same. The next day December 26th we all received a box of candy from the ladies of Spokane, Washington.

About the first of December we all got a hand knit sweater, wristlets, muffler, and cap from the Red Cross and we have been making good use of them since that time as it has been quite cold here at times, the coldest being about zero. The rest of the companies here received about the same kinds of gifts as we did. You see the boys haven't a kick coming in the way of being forgotten by those at home. Of course we all received presents from our friends at home. I have never seen a place flooded with packages as this camp has been the last few days.

I am at the Y. M. C. A. writing this letter as I always come here to write. The Y. M. C. A. is surely doing a wonderful lot of good. The building is crowded every night with the boys writing and reading. The band gives a concert here every night.

We are all anxious and expect to go across the pond before spring. I expect to wave good by to the U. S. in a very short time. You know how we feel. It won't take us long when we all get over there.

I want to thank you and the rest of the ladies again for your gift. Next Christmas I hope and expect to be in Springfield to celebrate because when the people of the U. S. are back of us as they seem to be I feel that it can't take us long.

With best regards to Springfield,
JOHN D. ASHWORTH
119 Co. U. S. Marines, 6th Reg. Provisional Battalion, Quantico, Va.