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REGULAR MONTHLY SESSION OF CITY COUNCIL IS HELD

Delinquent Property Owners Are Notified to Pay All Past Due Assessments

CURRENT BILLS ARE PAID

The Salary of the City Treasurer Was Increased to \$15 per Month

The city council met in regular session Monday evening. Mayor E. E. Morrison and Councilmen M. C. Bressler, W. N. Long, and M. W. Weber were present. Councilman R. L. Sidwell was absent.

After the reading of the minutes of the last regular session, the matter of city assessments was taken up. After a general discussion Recorder J. E. Edwards was instructed to notify all property owners of their assessments, which are now due, and ask for the payment of the same.

The Finance committee reported on the following bills: Oregon Power Co. \$239.15; Oregon Power Co. \$559; Booth Kelly Lumber Co. \$139.63; Fischer-Boutin Lumber Co. \$23.30; M. C. Bressler & Son \$33.55; Springfield Garage \$5; Hugh Sangathie \$5; Springfield News \$4.25; S. J. Lepley \$27.12; William Donaldson \$26.40, and Robert L. Sidwell \$10.50.

The Finance committee also reported that there were some sewer bonds now due. By motion the recorder was instructed to issue city warrants to the amount of \$2000 for payment of the same.

Mayor Morrison explained to the council that the present salary of the city treasurer was too small for the amount of work done. By motion his salary was increased to \$15 per month.

The matter of the police clock was then taken up. After a general discussion it was decided to postpone purchasing a new one until further efforts were made to recover the one stolen a couple of weeks ago.

By motion the recorder was instructed to notify the property owners in block 65, Maud's subdivision, to gravel the alley south of their property. No further business was transacted and there was a motion to adjourn.

DATE FOR FAIR IS FIXED

Will Be Held During Week Preceding That of Oregon State Fair

The Lane county fair will be held this year during the week previous to the state fair at Salem according to action of the fair association at a meeting Saturday afternoon. The State fair will be held during the week of September 23 to 28. Officers were elected at this meeting as follows: C. D. Rorer, president; Cal. M. Young, vice president; E. E. Hardesty, secretary; J. A. Griffin, assistant secretary, and H. W. Stewart, treasurer. Members of the executive committee chosen are: H. C. Wheeler, George W. Taylor, M. H. Harlow, D. E. Yoran, W. J. Hill, Welby Stevens, G. W. Griffin, L. L. Goodrich and Bert Ward.

Oregon Power Has New Engineer
W. C. McLagan who has been employed by the Oregon Power Co. as an engineer in their Albany plant has been transferred to the plant here. Mr. McLagan has moved his family down and they will occupy a residence on fifth and B streets. Their household goods were moved from Albany by truck.

Soldier Visits His Mother
Charles Allen Stewart who has been at the truck driver's school at Jacksonville, Florida, visited his mother Mrs. H. L. Stewart Tuesday. He arrived at 12:05 noon and left at midnight the same day for Fort Stevens.

RECEIVER IS APPOINTED

Elmer F. McBee Will Operate Planing Mill and Finish Government Contract

The Springfield Planing Mill company made an application to the court through its attorney Frank A. De Pue for the appointment of a receiver and after inspection of the application the court decided that it would be to the best interest of the corporation and its creditors that a receiver be appointed.

Elmer F. McBee, of Eugene was selected as receiver of the assets and property of the corporation and the court ordered his appointment.

Mr. McBee, as receiver, will carry out the contract with the United States government for the manufacture of tent pins, and in so doing will continue the operation of the plant and will purchase all necessary material and pay all labor required.

LARGE RANCH IS SOLD

Ralph G. Miller Pays \$45,000 For 1329 Acre Farm

Ralph G. Miller a retired rancher of Hollywood, California has purchased the Leiburg ranch of 1329 acres on the McKenzie river.

Mr. Miller, who is too old to serve under the colors, states that he will take immediate possession of the property and bring it to the highest possible state of productiveness at once. There are 320 acres under the plow at the present time and he will at once purchase a donkey engine and equipment and clear more land.

He will stock the farm with full-blood Hereford cattle and Duroc-Jersey hogs and will also invest in thoroughbred sheep, but has not yet decided which breed.

The purchase price for the ranch, which was owned by R. B. McEwen, was \$45,000.

Summers Fractured Skull

Florent McGee a 16 year old boy of Mabel suffered a fractured skull while working in the mill there on Wednesday of last week and was brought to the Springfield hospital for treatment. He is reported to be improving slowly.

Property Owners Must Now Pay

Delinquent City Assessments Are to Be Collected Within 60 Days

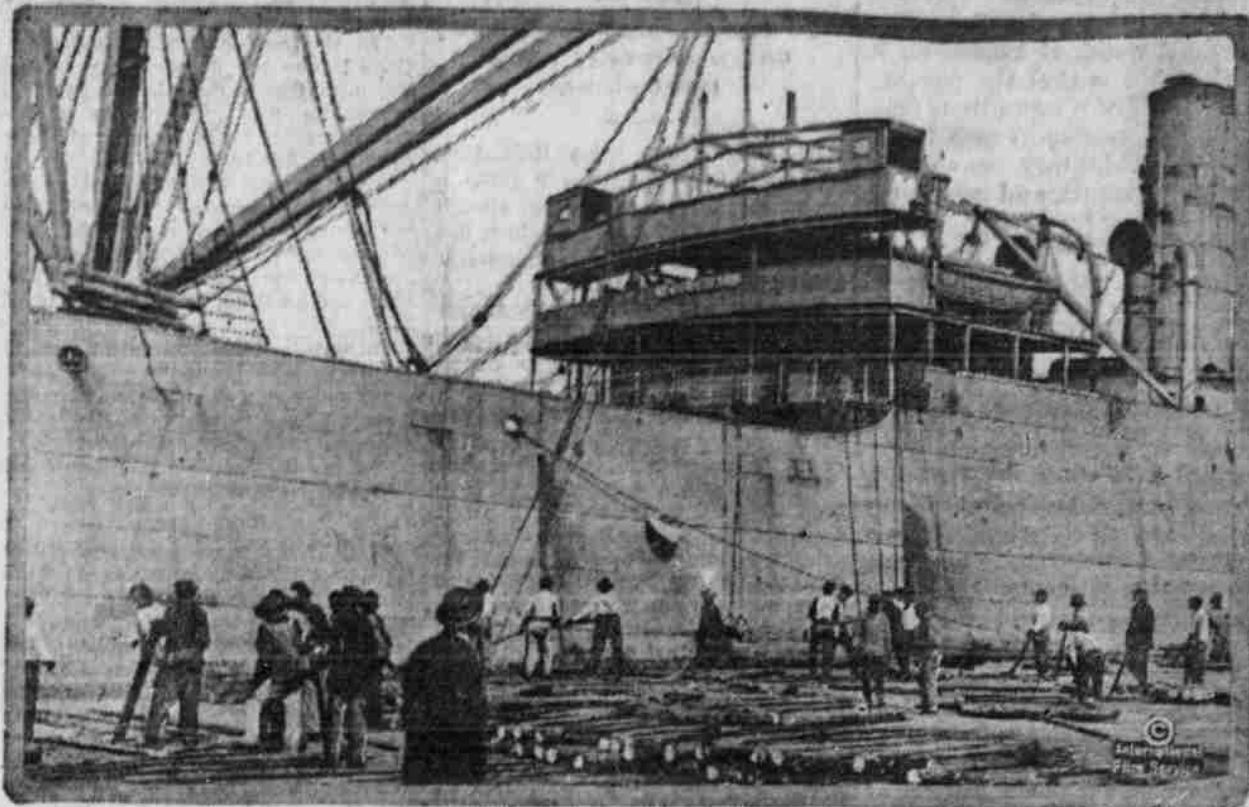
At a meeting of the city council Monday evening the council ordered the city recorder to send statements to property holders of all assessments due to date, notifying them that if such assessments are not paid within sixty days the council will issue a warrant for the sale of the property.

Mayor Morrison says, "It's been one of the hardest problems the council has had to consider, realizing the hard times we have had, and how near impossible it has been for property holders to meet the payments, the council has heretofore asked only the paying of interest, leaving the principal stand, but now the city bonds are coming due and the bond holders are demanding their money. The council will therefore, have to collect these assessments or let the town go into bankruptcy."

"According to the Bancroft Act, under which these assessments are governed, they are due and collectable now, but to be as fair as possible with the property holders and to give them time in which to make arrangements for these payments, the council has decided to extend a time limit of sixty days, and if, at the end of this time, the payments are not made, the council will have to take action."

"I would hate to see the city have to advertise and sell any of these properties, for it would be a set-back to our town, and I urge every holder of property that these assessments are against to make an effort to meet them. Don't wait until you receive a notice but commence now to lay your plans to get the money. The recorder will be in his office each afternoon from one until five o'clock."

SHIPPING MUNITION METALS TO THE ALLIES



A steamer being loaded at an Atlantic port with iron and steel bars consigned to government munition plants in France and England. The United States is of invaluable service to its European allies in supplying the tremendous demand for metals used in the manufacture of war materials.

POTATO INSPECTOR IS APPOINTED

J. T. Donaldson of This City to Do Work Under Laws of Federal Government

J. T. Donaldson of this city was notified Monday, that he had been appointed deputy inspector for potatoes for the Springfield and Eugene district, which includes all of Lane county and in addition the territory from Albany to the California line. The appointment was made through Charles E. Porter, chief inspector of Portland.

Mr. Donaldson will be governed by the laws, as outlined by the Federal government and adopted by the State of Oregon. Under these laws, potatoes that are to be shipped will have to be graded and inspected before shipping and will be sold according to grade.

There are several benefits, to all concerned, of inspection and certification of stock. There is quite a large margin between what the cash buyer pays the grower and the price which he receives for the stock on the basis of sales F. O. B. loading stations. This margin which often is too large is made necessary to quite a degree by the risk which must necessarily be assumed by the speculative buyer to cover the bad and unsalable stock so often worked in.

A fee of three dollars will be charged for inspecting each car and this fee must be paid by the shipper.

Burgeis and Stevens Are Safe
Late reports indicate that Edwin J. Burgeis of Noti, who formerly lived in Springfield is among the rescued from the ill-fated Tuscania ship that was torpedoed off the Irish coast Wednesday, last week.

David Stevens, of Camp Creek, received the news that his son, Elvin O. Stevens, who was in the missing list, was among the 21 who were left at Halifax on account of having contagious diseases.

German Aliens Register
Six German aliens registered with Postmaster Harry Stewart between 6 A. M. February 4, and 8 P. M. February 9. This was the original time for registering but Mr. Stewart received word Saturday from the United States marshal, notifying him that the limit for registration had been extended to Wednesday evening, February 13, at 8 P. M. No one has registered since Saturday.

Camp Creek to Have Auxiliary
Charles Stevens of Camp Creek passed through this city Wednesday on his way to Eugene from where he took several Red Cross workers to Camp Creek to organize an auxiliary there.

SPRINGFIELD BOY WRITES HOME

Tells of Experience During a Submarine Attack; Is Serving on Transport Antigone

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Reed, of this city, received a letter from their son Forest Reed telling of his experiences in a submarine attack. The young man enlisted last June in the navy, and is now serving on the U. S. S. Antigone, a transport ship. The letter was dated February 1.

I am going to try to tell you a little about our excitement with the submarines in the Bay of Biscay.

It was just 12 o'clock, noon, when the ship blew three short blasts of the whistle and every one knew what that meant and by the time I got up on deck one of the ships had begun firing on the submarine in front of us. She submerged without firing at us at all, and about this time there was another one sighted behind which fired three torpedoes at us and the other ships. The first one was fired at a destroyer which was being used as a convoy, there being eight destroyers with us.

The destroyer turned so quickly that the torpedo missed her a few feet. Then it fired another at the De Cob, a transport, and missed, and the last one at us. It went behind us about 30 yards and just in front of the Susquehanna. About this time the destroyers were getting busy. The destroyer which was fired at turned and ran after the submarine and when it got to the place where they saw it last they dropped two depth bombs, which brought it to the top. When it came in sight they were ready with the three inch guns and they put four shots through her coning tower in less time than it would take to tell about it. Then she went under and in a few minutes there was an awful explosion a column of oil and water shot up in the air for a hundred feet and it was good night Fritzle.

We crippled the other one with the fire from our 5 inch guns and they do not know whether she got away or not, but they say it is very doubtful.

I have some very nice silk handkerchiefs, souvenirs of France, which I will send just as soon as possible.

I will close for this time hoping to hear from you soon.

Your loving son,
FOREST REED

Pioneer Leaves Much Property
Welby Stevens of this city was one of the appraisers of the estate of the late Charles Walker Young a pioneer of Lane county who died a few weeks ago. The estate includes \$92,183.38 worth of property owned individually as well as \$3135 interest in partnership properties.

POTATOES ARE TO BE GRADED BY ORDER U. S. GOVERNMENT

Department of Agriculture Has Requested Growers to Cooperate

QUALITY TO BE IMPROVED

Consumption in Our Country Is Less Than That of Any Other Potato Growing Nation

War speeds up things in unforeseen ways. Who should have thought that to make war, we must adopt standard grades for potatoes? But the new potato grades have been put into effect by the Department of Agriculture and the Food Administration, and this winter potato growers are learning to follow them. It is a war-time task, and like everything else new, causes a good deal of grumbling. Grumbling will not abolish these grades, however for Uncle Sam is behind them, and if potato growers cheerfully work together through the present adjustment period, they will reap great benefits.

In explanation of the grades, and by way of showing what they will mean after everybody has become accustomed to them, the United States Food Administration has issued the following statement on the "Economies and Benefits of Grading Potatoes."

The consumption of potatoes in our country is less than that of any other potato-growing nation. This is due, principally, to the fact that the potatoes grown in the United States are not equal in quality to those produced in other countries. In Europe various varieties sell at a premium because of their fine table qualities, and some varieties are raised only for manufacturing purposes. In this country little thought is given to anything except yield,—altogether too little even to that,—and we may say comparatively none to quality. Buyers are, to a great extent, to blame for this condition. Forced by competition, which is excessively extravagant, they pay the same price for Brown's potatoes as for Jones' or Smith's, even though Brown's may be of much better quality. The result is that the grower has had no incentive to produce quality.

Under the grading which the government is now insisting upon, provision is made for taking potatoes from the grower down to a size as small as 1 1/2 inches in diameter. The criticism is, however, then, that this will leave in the farmer's hands a large amount of potatoes that are valuable for food and that might market if grading were not adopted.

The U. S. No. 1 grade provides that the minimum size for round varieties shall be 1 1/2 inches, and long varieties 1 3/4 inches in diameter; U. S. No. 2 grades fixes a minimum size of 1 1/4 inches in diameter. It was not intended that these grades should be for show purposes; they merely separate the usable tubers into two groups, each of which has a definite place in the Nation's markets,—a good, sound, commercial proposition.

The grades are fully described in the Bureau of Markets Document No. 7, a copy of which may be had by writing to the United States Department of Agriculture, or to the United States Food Administration. The United States Food Administration did not deem it advisable to make this grading compulsory at first, because it realized that dealers and growers would have to secure screens and would have to become familiar with the grades; but hearty co-operation has been accorded the movement by both growers and shippers in all sections. The few who, for one reason or other, are unwilling to co-operate and especially the few who are trying to cause dissatisfaction, are following a practice which is, to say the least, unfair. Their shipment of ungraded potatoes is wasteful and not

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REVIVAL BEGINS MARCH 10

Baptists of City Arrange for Protracted Meeting

Rev. Marsh, a returned missionary will speak Sunday morning, Feb. 17 at 11 o'clock. The evening service will be dismissed for the meetings at the Methodist church.

Rev. H. E. Marshall, State evangelist for the Baptists of Oregon, will commence meetings at the Baptist church Sunday evening March 10. We believe the meetings at our sister church will be concluded by that time and we most earnestly request their co-operation in these services in the interest of God's kingdom. We also invite and earnestly request the co-operation and sympathy of our Disciple friends of the Christian church and all others who have soul saving at heart.

New Order Stops Sale of Poultry

Federal Rule Just Issued Effective From Monday to May 1, 1918.

Poultry dealers are now included in the stringent rules governing the conservation. W. B. Ayer, federal food administrator for Oregon, received by wire Monday an order that poultry dealers must not sell freshly killed hens or pullets between February 11, 1918, and April 30, 1918. This order comes as a precaution in the saving of eggs as one of the important war food substitutes.

"While there is no scarcity of this product at the present time," declares Mr. Ayer, "the government officials are guarding against any such possibility."

The order, as given out by Mr. Ayer Monday morning, reads as follows:

"The licensee shall not between February 11, 1918, and April 30, 1918, purchase, ship sell or negotiate the sale of any live or freshly killed hens or pullets, provided, however, that this shall not prevent the purchase, shipment or sale between February 11 and February 23, 1918, of hens or pullets which were either killed or shipped prior to February 11, 1918, to market for sale as food; and provided further that nothing in this rule shall prevent the purchase, shipment or sale of live hens or pullets for egg production purposes. Effective February 11, 1918.

Christian Church

The subject for the morning sermon at the Christian church will be "The Family of God" The subject for the evening sermon will be "Queen Esther." Sunday School at 9:45 A. M. Endeavor at 6:30 P. M.