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## BELL THEATRE TO OPEN SUNDAY NIGHT, JULY 21

W. J. White, Former Owner, to Reopen Theatre With Popular Comedy Drama.

### "SKINNER'S DRESS SUIT"

Play Will Feature Two Famed Essanay Stars, Bryant Washburn and Miss Hazel Daly.

The Bell Theatre will reopen under W. J. White, the former owner, next Sunday evening with a very popular comedy drama entitled, "Skinner's Dress Suit." This play is taken from the story of that name and has already won great favor every where it has been shown. The story deals with a married couple who have to live up to their neighbors with poor circumstances, and the trials and difficulties keep the audience intensely interested all the while. Of course all turns out right, but the play can hardly be enjoyed to hear of it and will please all that see it. The story ran in the Saturday Evening Post some time ago, and those who read it will be glad to know that a good cast will play it out and have a chance to see it Sunday night.

The Bell Theatre was closed the first of last May and has been missed a great deal since then, and it was very inconvenient to go to Eugene to be able to see a good movie. The show is indeed getting a good beginning play and will be supported if a good run is kept up now that the mills are both running and the number of men employed live here.

The theatre has run here for many years, and perhaps the best pictures were shown under the auspices of Mr. White of Cottage Grove during the time that he ran the show.

Many of the people of Springfield will be glad to hear of the reopening here and all hope that the manager will meet with success so that the theatre will be able to remain open and a show run two or three times a week at least.

### Girl Writes Poem.

The following little verse was written for The News by Naomi Harbit, who is twelve years old. She is well known here, having been raised here: Yes, she's the flag—"Old Glory," Long may she wave on high! I wish that we might always see that banner in the sky.

Under its folds the battle shout is heard from far and near; Our own dear boys' blood is shed for us, This war is so severe, O, turn the dark cloud inside out, We sing it o'er and o'er, Why am I talking thus? You know We're going to win the war.

### J. C. Holbrook Moves.

J. C. Holbrook and family moved to their farm near Brownsville Wednesday. They have resided in Springfield for the past three years, and Mr. Holbrook was in the hardware business for some time. Their daughters, Beatrice and Dorothy, were both students at the Springfield high school, Beatrice being a member of the June graduating class and Dorothy in the freshman class. They were both very active in the school and had won popularity among their many friends here. Mr. and Mrs. Holbrook were active members in the Christian church here.

### To Have Y. M. C. A. Drive.

There is to be another great drive for the Y. M. C. A. fund next November. At a meeting of the members of the committee in the Pacific Coast states a short time ago, eight states were represented and the delegates from each state accepted their pro rata, as based on the last Liberty Loan drive.

### Arrested for Larceny.

E. Bladen, who was wanted in Lane county on a charge of larceny, has been arrested at Los Angeles. Sheriff Elkins will leave soon for that place to bring Bladen back for trial.

## APPEAL MADE FOR W. S. S. People Are Asked to Buy War Saving Stamps.

F. M. Wilkins, Lane county food administrator, has received an appeal from W. B. Ayer, state administrator, which was sent to him by Herbert Hoover to buy War Saving Stamps. He makes an appeal that all the federal and county food administrators enter into the War Saving Stamp campaign whole heartedly.

Hoover says: "As thrift and conservation go naturally hand-in-hand, it is our hope that every member of the food administration will not only respond personally to this national pledge for war savings, but will in addition give his best co-operation to the local War Savings committee and endeavor to insure the complete success of national War Savings day."

He calls particular attention to the part of the President's proclamation that urges the people every where to pledge themselves to the practice of thrift, to serve their government to the utmost by increasing the production in all fields necessary to winning the war, to conserve food and fuel of every kind, to devote their labor only to the most needed tasks, and to buy only things essential to individual health and efficiency.

"I trust that all food administrators in the state," said Mr. Ayer, "will lend their co-operation in the thrift campaign and aid in making it a success as they have made our food conservation efforts."

## Oregon Roads in Good Condition

### Regular Report on Highways Is Issued by the Federal Service.

The Federal Forest Service in its weekly bulletin on the conditions of the Oregon roads states:

Willamette Valley-Cascade Mountain wagon road open and in fair condition between Foster and the summit of the mountains. Caution should be used in crossing the bridges on this route, as several of them are in a dangerous condition.

Hebo-Neskowin open and in permanent summer condition for entire route.

Tillamook-Willamina open and in fair condition for entire route.

Dead Indian open between Pelican Bay and Ashland. Passable for autos.

Klamath Falls-Crater Lake open between Klamath Falls and all Crater Lake points. In only fair condition between Klamath Falls and Fort Klamath. Crater Lake roads are now all open.

Crater Lake road open and in good condition between Medford and Fort Klamath.

Willamette road open between Eugene and a point several miles beyond Oakridge. Closed to all vehicles beyond this point.

Columbia River highway open and in good condition from Portland to Cascade Locks. Closed for construction between Cascade Locks and Hood River. Cars may be shipped between Cascade Locks and Hood River by rail or boat on week days.

McKenzie road pass open and in good condition, Eugene to west boundary of the Cascade national forest. Poor condition from west boundary of the forest to the Sisters.

Drain-Scottsburg open and in good condition the entire length.

Klamath Falls-Bend (via Fort Klamath) open and in fair condition.

Crescent City-Bandon coast road open and in fair condition for entire route; some rough places.

Grants Pass-Crescent City open entire length, and in good condition except for a few rough places.

Pacific highway open and in fair condition, Roseburg to Grants Pass and Medford. In good condition, Grants Pass to Wolf creek.

## WASHBURN MOURNS CARASSI'S DEATH

Bryant Washburn, in Essanay's feature, "Skinner's Dress Suit," is grief-stricken. His carassii aurata is dead. An alley cat slipped through an open door at Washburn's apartment and ate his carassii aurata, leaving nothing but a fine oval which to mourn. Sure, it was a gold fish!

Bell Theatre, Sunday, July 21.

## MEN OF U. OF O. HIKE UP M'KENZIE

Four University Companies Left Last Tuesday for 15-Mile Hike Into Mountains.

Last Wednesday morning about 8:30 a. m. the four companies of the University of Oregon summer school marched through here on their way up the McKenzie, where they held a battle. They came into town swinging along at an even gait, with their guns and blanket rolls over their shoulders and singing their marching songs. They halted and stacked their guns and rolls in the center of Main street, between Third and Fourth streets, and went to various places, some to buy cigarettes, while others wrote to friends at the postoffice, and some just looked at what there is to be seen on the main street of Springfield.

On reaching their destination they had a battle and started home the next morning, and after wandering around the town went back to their headquarters at the University, where they rested after their thirty-mile hike. On Thursday evening they have planned to go into the trenches at the east of the campus, and before the dawn of the next day they will have a "boche" attack made upon them. Colonel Leader says that real shells will be used and all who are not escorted by a soldier will be in danger. The men will remain in the trenches until daylight.

The final review of the summer camp will be held Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, and the camp will be disbanded Saturday afternoon. Fifty of the members of the present camp will be back to take part in the second camp starting August 3. The number of students desired for the second period is set by Colonel Leader at 240.

## EVERGREEN PRICES GOOD

Government Wants Many Berries From Here.

The price of evergreen berries this year are the best ever offered according to N. S. Robb, Lane county agricultural agent. People should begin now for a big harvest of the berries. The government is placing large orders for these berries in all of the places where they are most plentiful, and this is giving Lane county a chance to market great quantities of them. It will take a little more effort than was shown last year, however. Pickers will be able to make good daily wages at picking them, and if communities will co-operate in marketing excellent returns will come from the sale of the berries.

Communities should have haulers who will look after the delivering of the berries, so that there will be no duplication of effort. Representatives in every community should make it a point to keep up on the prices and see that their localities sell at this quota on berries this season. These berries are furnished to the navy and every person who lives where they are plentiful and are going to waste should feel it his duty to gather them.

## LEONARD GRAVES DIES

Civil War Veteran Passes Away at Springfield.

Leonard Graves of this city, a veteran of the Civil War, died at the home of his niece, Mrs. Holmes, on Fifth street, a week ago last Wednesday morning at 6 o'clock.

Mr. Graves has resided in Lane county for a number of years, and died at the age of 85 years.

The funeral arrangements were in charge of W. F. Walker and were held Thursday afternoon at the Walker chapel. The Apostolic Faith pastor was in charge of the service and interment was made in the Laurel Hill cemetery.

### Chin's Restaurant Closed.

The restaurant owned and operated by Mrs. Rose Letkie was closed last Wednesday and will remain closed for two months. Mrs. Letkie will leave in about a week for Portland, and from there will go to California, where she will visit. She has operated the restaurant for over a year and has been very successful in her business. She will be back at the end of two months to resume her duties here.

## MRS. R. BRATTAIN PASSES AWAY

Aged Resident of Springfield Dies at the Advanced Age of 86 Years.

Mrs. Ruth Brattain died at her home in East Springfield Saturday morning, July 5, at 20:30 a. m. She had been confined to her bed for the past few months, and owing to her advanced age her death was not wholly unexpected. She is survived by her three children, Mrs. C. L. Scott, Charles and Edward Brattain, all living in Springfield. The funeral services were held the following Sunday afternoon at the Methodist church. Rev. S. A. Danford officiated and interment was made in the I. O. O. F. cemetery at Eugene.

Ruth M. Easter was born in Maryland October 7, 1831. While still quite young her parents moved to Smithville, Fayette county, Penn., where she lived until she was grown to womanhood. She was one of nine children, all of whom are now dead except her sister, Mrs. W. G. Spencer of Houston, Texas. She came to Illinois and later to Iowa, where she married Alfred Brattain in 1858. They had four children, all living but one, which died at the age of seven months. In 1875 the family moved to Springfield, Oregon, where they have resided ever since. Her husband died here in 1905.

Mrs. Brattain was a devoted Christian all her life and was a member of the Methodist church for seventy-five years, having joined at the age of 11 years. At the time of her affiliation with the Springfield church there were only twelve members, two of whom are now living. At the time of her death Mrs. Brattain was aged 86 years 8 months and 2 days.

## SUGAR SALE IS STRICT

F. M. Wilkins Notifies on Sugar for Canning Purposes.

No merchant should be permitted to sell any more than the 25-pound limit of sugar for canning to any customer for canning purposes without having his customer obtain permission from the county food administrator. The notice was given Thursday by F. M. Wilkins, county food administrator. "Dealers should not be given blanket permits to make these sales at their own discretion, and care should be exercised by you in granting special permits for canning purposes," read the notice.

The notice states that sugar should not be used to make excessive quantities of jelly and rich preserves, but that fruit can be preserved with much less sugar than has been formerly used. It is especially urged that fruit be canned with as little sugar as possible.

### Walter Dimm Gets Promotion.

Mrs. J. C. Dimm has received a letter from her son, Walter Dimm, stating that he has received a commission July 12 from Camp Lee at Petersburg, Virginia. He is a second lieutenant and has been stationed at Camp Sherman in Ohio with the 39th engineers. He enlisted last December and was immediately promoted as first sergeant at Washington D. C., at the Washington barracks in the first replacement regiment of engineers. Walter Dimm was well known here, having edited the paper with his father, J. C. Dimm, since 1916. He has won popularity during the time that he was here among the young people and was very active in the young peoples' affairs at the Methodist church. He was a graduate of the University of Oregon. All of his friends will be pleased to hear of his luck in the army and realize his ability there as well as that which he showed while among us here.

### Died.

REYNOLDS—Thomas Reynolds, son of E. I. Reynolds, Friday, July 12, 1918; drowning.

BRATTAIN—Mrs. Ruth Brattain, July 5, aged 86 years; old age.

GRAVES—Leonard Graves, July 5, aged 85 years; old age.

JAMES—Howard James, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley James, aged 1 year; complication of measles and pneumonia.

## SUGAR PURCHASE LIMITED

Number of Times Purchase of Two Pounds Limited. The sugar regulations have not been changed, except that a restriction has been put on the number of times a month those living in town or in the country can purchase two pounds for household purposes. Those living in the country can purchase five pounds at one time.

Hereafter these purchases will be limited to three pounds per person per month, so that if there were four persons in a household located in town they could purchase twelve pounds of sugar per month in two-pound lots. This regulation of three pounds per person per month must be strictly adhered to, and any one purchasing more than that amount is liable to punishment under the federal laws governing food regulations.

Households can secure twenty-five pounds of sugar for home canning upon signing a card with their grocers and for any additional amount that they may require for canning purposes, they can secure a certificate from the county food administrator, who is permitted to issue permits for amounts not to exceed twenty-five pounds at a time. People generally should be as economical in the use of sugar as possible.

## MERCHANTS REBUY FLOUR

Those Selling Stock May now Sell Again.

Since the restoration of the selling of flour on the 50-50 basis, word has now come to the county food administrator, F. M. Wilkins, that all the merchants who sold their white flour back to the government, but who have not shipped it, may now send a check to W. B. Ayer, state food administrator, for the amount that they received from the government, thus buying back the flour so that they may sell it to their patrons under the new order.

Nearly all of the merchants in the county sold their white flour back to the government, but did not ship it as it was not needed at the time. They are now allowed to sell it to their patrons as soon as they have rebought it from the government.

The order for the flour with an equal amount of non-flour substitute was in order last Saturday and afterwards.

The dealers are requested to mail their checks for the flour to W. B. Ayer, care grain corporation, 510 Board of Trade building, Portland.

### Dr. Pollard Leaves.

Lieutenant W. H. Pollard left a week ago last Tuesday for Camp Lewis, American Lake, Wash., where he will be stationed, after a ten days' leave which he spent with his family here. Mrs. Pollard and baby accompanied the Doctor to his new field of work, returning in a few days.

### Soldier Is Ready to Sail.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Coffin have received word from their son, Ralph, who is a first sergeant, that he will soon be on his way to France. Mr. Coffin has been stationed at Camp Lewis for the past six months and was sent to Camp Merritt, N. J., two weeks ago, from which place he will sail.

### Oregon Third in W. S. S.

The official ranking in the War Savings Stamp campaign for Oregon is third. Oregon was second of the states which competed in the campaign started last week, being beaten only by Utah. Nebraska was the first state over the top, but this state completed its quota some time before the general campaign started. It was the achievement of this state that awakened the other states, and resulted in the general campaign.

## WIVES! HERE'S A GOOD TIP BY MRS. SKINNER

Bell Theatre, Sunday, July 21. Hazel Daly—Mrs. Skinner in Bryant Washburn's current Essanay feature, "Skinner's Dress Suit"—says that if she ever gets married she will never let her husband dress up.

"Good clothes make husbands too popular with other women," she declared.

As Mrs. Skinner, she is called on in the play to make her husband dress well.

Bell Theatre, Sunday, July 21.

## CALL FOR FIVE LANE COUNTY MEN ANSWERED

One Springfield Boy Chosen to Go to Spokane to Train as Auto Mechanic.

### JOY WALKER IS CHOSEN

Will Leave for Spokane on August 15 to Fit Themselves for Army Positions.

A call for five men from Lane county to train in the modern automobile school at Spokane, Wash., as auto mechanics, reporting August 15, was received at the office of the county draft board last Monday. Four men have been accepted for this service already and the fifth is yet undecided.

Following are the men chosen: Joy Albert Walker, Springfield, and Glen S. Ward, Lawrence McDowell and Gerton H. Dotson, all of Eugene. Both Glen Ward and Lawrence McDowell are quite well known here, and Joy Walker has been raised here and spent all of his life here and is well known in this city.

The training will be given at government expense, fitting the men to serve in army positions, both at the front and behind the lines. They will be assigned during the course to that kind of mechanical training for which greatest need exists at the time of the call. At the end of the course they will be assigned to various branches of the service in accordance with the needs of the army.

Another call for nineteen men from Lane county to take training at Camp Fremont, Calif., was received at the same time. Registrants of June 5, 1918, may be voluntarily inducted in this call, and may be involuntarily inducted provided all class one registrants of the June, 1917, class have been inducted. Train routing will be received later.

### Receiver French Souvenir.

Mrs. Joseph Cyr, of this city, received a very beautiful souvenir from France the other day, which was sent to her by her youngest son, Bert, who is there now. It is a beautifully made cushion top. It is all hand-made by a young French maid. The hand-made lace all around it is about six inches wide and rather fine work.

The embroidering on it is all done in silk thread and the flowers of purple, pink and lavender are all done in silk thread. In the center there is an American eagle of perfect proportions and holding an American and French flag. This center work is even more exquisite than the flowers and lace, being evenly and perfectly worked in soft floss, making the piece so fine that it scarcely looks like it was made by any person. Any one who wishes to see this wonderful piece of art are cordially invited to go to the home of Mrs. Cyr on G street, between Fourth and Fifth streets, as they did not want to leave the piece at the office as some accident may happen and ruin it. The son sending the work home is Bert Cyr, in Company C, 23rd Eng. A. E. F.

### Advertised Letters.

The following letters remain un-called for in the Springfield postoffice July 9, 1918: F. M. Connable, Mrs. J. W. Lodgrass, V. L. Sullivan, Mrs. Annie Weaver, M. C. A. Reese, Mrs. Robt. McDonald, Mrs. Janie Wright, W. A. Adkins, Miss Laura Brauner, Mrs. Lena Dermette, William Young, Mrs. Eula Armstrong, C. Bradak, Mrs. M. W. Weaver, Mrs. Ed. Robertson, Mr. Fony Koch.

A charge of one cent will be made on advertised letters.

### HARRY M. STEWART, P. M.

### Past, Present and Future.

1914.  
I can whip the whole world!!!!  
1915.  
I told you I could!!!  
1916.  
I have almost done it!!  
1917.  
I still think I can!!  
1918.  
I would have, but—  
1919.  
These Damned Yanks.