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## SPRINGFIELD IS IN GRIP OF ICE TRUST

Exorbitant Charges Exact Following Elimination of Competing Plant.

### HAS CLEAR SAILING NOW

With Our Necks Lovingly Entwined by Ice Tongs, We Are Still Able to Gurgle for Springfield-Owned Plant.

Springfield business interests were dealt a blow when the Springfield plant of the Weinhard Ice and Storage Co. closed down last year and the town was left to the tender mercy of the only ice plant left in Eugene—the Eugene Ice and Storage Co.

In order to stifle all competition the Eugene Ice and Storage Co. leased the Springfield plant of the Weinhard company, would not operate it themselves in behalf of anyone and would not listen to any overtures from any one else to sub-lease and operate the plant. Offers are known to have been made for use of the plant, but have met with such a firm refusal that there is no mistaking the ulterior purpose of the Eugene Ice Trust.

Last year this company, when they had the competition of the Weinhard company, were begging Springfield business men for their ice patronage at the reasonable rate of \$6 per ton delivered. This year all that is changed. The users must now come to the terms laid down by the trust or go without ice.

And now comes the inevitable ultimatum handed out by all trusts—both great and small—the raise in price. The first advance of \$1.50 per ton was perhaps justified from the standpoint of increased cost of materials entering into ice manufacture. The advances since then are not justified by anything other than a greedy desire to "get it while the getting is good."

One Springfield user is forced, in order to get any ice, to buy two tons at a time. He must fork over \$9.00 per ton and pay in addition \$3.50 to get it to his place of business. Inasmuch it requires several days for him to use it, there is a shrinkage of anywhere from 200 to 400 pounds. In short, it is costing him this year twice as much as he paid last year.

Others are of course contributing to the tune of from 50 per cent to 100 per cent advance.

If only one man was being held up, the News would not be inclined to put up much of a "holler" in his behalf. But it hits us all, and the News is for Springfield to the last ditch. It hits Marcola, Thurston, Coburg and other towns in our vicinity, and the News stands for the rights of their citizens, also. As a public forum it cannot shirk a plain duty.

We have no hope to secure the relaxation of the grip of the Eugene Ice Trust by holding their methods up to public view. They are as independent as a "hog on ice." They are in the game for what they can get out of it, and its conscience is kept in cold storage.

But we can hope by publishing such methods to create a sentiment that will finally crystallize into an ice and storage plant of our own. "Made in Springfield" if you please. Springfield coin kept in Springfield if you would have it so.

The Eugene Ice Trust, as "trusts" go, is a small potato. It can be smashed to smithereens by a mere handful of Springfield business men if they will get together and do something.

The time is here for us to work out our own salvation. It's a cinch that no outside interests will do it for us.

Leaving aside the question of civic loyalty, an ice and storage plant will be a good business proposition—one that will pay a liberal return upon the investment.

These are trying times, but— You fellows who have a few dollars, when the "expansion" of your town are the stakes, Will you stand and deliver a "pinch" hit to win the game?

## MEN NOW 21 MUST REGISTER AUG. 24

Those Who Have Had Birthdays Since June 5 Must Register for Draft.

Every young man in the United States who has passed his 21st birthday since Registration Day for 21-year-old men last June 5, must register for the draft on Saturday, August 24th.

By proclamation of President Wilson, just issued, this call includes citizens as well as non-citizens. The only men of the age specified who will not have to register are those already in the military or naval service.

This call should not be confused with the big Registration Day, to be held some time in September, for registration of all men between the ages of 18 and 45 years.

This Registration Day just ordered is exclusively for men who were not yet 21 years old last June 5, but who have become 21 years old on or before August 24. Every man of them must register.

As before, registration will be in charge of local draft boards. The registration places will be open from 7 o'clock in the morning to 9 o'clock at night.

No excuse will be accepted for failure to register. The time remaining before Registration Day is so very short that every man who comes within the call should arrange his affairs now so he can go to the registration place on August 24 and register.

Failure to register is punishable by imprisonment up to one year, and followed by induction into the service. Even sickness will be no excuse for failing to register. Any 21-year-old man who is ill should send some competent person immediately to his local draft board, which will explain what to do.

Men who will unavoidably be away from their home precincts on Registration Day, should proceed at once to the local draft board nearest the place where they may happen to be, and ask for instructions for registering by mail. Prompt action is of the utmost importance, for all mail registrations must be received by the proper local draft board by August 24.

The purpose in requiring at this time the registration of men who have become 21 years old since June 5 is to keep Class I filled until Congress can pass the new law raising and lowering the draft ages.

Let every man subject to the coming registration make note of and remember these important facts:

Registration Day is Saturday, August 24.

Time for registration, 7 a. m. to 9 p. m.

Place for registration, with local draft board.

## MOTORING UP MCKENZIE

Machines From All Parts of the West Make Trip Over the Summit.

Hundreds of automobiles pass through here daily from all parts of the coast by way of the McKenzie pass and over the Cascade summit. There are many cars from all of the western states and a great many from the east. Most of the cars are from Oregon, California, Washington and Idaho.

The road up the McKenzie is now in good condition, and while part of the road over the pass is rough, it is in better condition than it has been over the same road every summer for many years.

The trip is well worth the slight annoyance which is caused by the rough roads over the summit. This is declared by all the tourists and motorists who have been over the pass this year. The scenery is wonderful, and there is little or no smoke to obstruct the view.

Returns After Furlough. Vernon Meats, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Meats of West Springfield, left last Thursday for Memphis, Tenn., where he will go back in training after an agricultural furlough. He has been helping on the farm owned by his parents for the last two months.

## NEW FISCHER MILL TO COST \$100,000

Work on New Plant Above Marcola Under Way; Will Employ 175 Men.

The Fischer Bros. Lumber Company at Marcola will erect a new mill, work on which has commenced, at a cost of \$100,000, to take the place of the mill which was destroyed by fire June 2. The mill will be built on the same location above Marcola where the company owns timber to a large extent. The new mill will have a capacity of 150,000 feet daily as compared with 50,000 feet with the mill that burned. About 175 men will be employed when operations are resumed.

Fred Fischer, Jr., president of the company, is in charge. Carl E. Fischer, of the Fischer-Boutin mill here, is one of the company in the Fischer Bros. mill in Marcola. The other brother in the company are Henry Fischer, manager of the Leona mill; Walter Fischer, Marcola, and the senior member, Fred Fischer, Sr., of Eugene.

## DR. VAN VALZAH WRITES

Former Local Boy in the Medical Service Now in France

The News is glad to publish the following letter from the son of Mrs. Bernice Van Valzah:

France, July 3, 1918. Dearest Mother:—Well, I am late as usual, but you do not do a whole lot better by me and so you should not say a thing. You do hear of me quite regularly through Ola and so know that I am still in the realm of the living and not in the shades.

I am beautifully located in a perfectly wonderful city. It is not large, but what it lacks in size is made up for in the general beauty of the place. There is a wonderful old cathedral here which one can spend a lot more time than I have and still not get a small idea of all the beauties of it.

I am in the laboratory here and have plenty to do to make time pass quite rapidly. I hardly know where it does go sometimes. Even then it is long to us as we all miss you folks at home a lot—more I guess than you sometimes think from our correspondence.

So you have two boys in the service now. You can look them all in the face now and not have a one say that any of us were slackers. I am doubly proud to say that I was in before the war was declared. True, I was just in, but I did not know when I went in that war was so close. It would not have kept me out at all, as I am only human and crazy to have a hand in this thing as every red-blooded American is. I am glad Bob is in now, too, and also glad that he tried to enlist before he was drafted.

People in after years will look on this a lot differently than we do now, but we are in the biggest thing that the world has ever known, and we all want the chance to tell our offspring all about it. Think how we can take some open-mouthed little codger up in our laps and say, "Now shall granddad tell you all a big story about the time when he was submarined, or about the time when the Germans were all scared to death by some marvelous thing he did, or imagined he did to them." Think of it all. My great sorrow is that I'll never get to tell Capt. Dodd a bigger lie than he ever told me.

Every one here will be able to tell his full share of the horrors, or near horrors of war, and I dare say these horrors will not be softened one iota in the telling or subsequent tellings. In my short stay here I have already heard some marvelous tales. I am well and shall keep well. Morals good and all that, so don't worry. Lots of love to you and Roosh. Your loving son, LAURIE.

Home on Furlough. Marion Tule arrived here Friday from Bremerton, Wash., where he is in the naval training branch of the service, on a five days furlough, which he spent at the home of his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dority. He was formerly employed at the local Oregon Power office before he enlisted in the navy.

## CONGRESS ENACTS FEDERAL LICENSE

Yearly Tax of \$10 Placed Upon All Business Concerns Throughout Nation.

Proprietors of all business, and professional men with only a few exceptions, will pay an annual federal license of \$10, and heads of wholesale concerns doing a yearly business of \$200,000 or more will be required to pay an annual fee of \$25, according to a schedule inserted in the draft of the revenue bill by the house ways and means committee. Farmers, mechanics, ministers and teachers will be exempted from the \$10 occupational tax, as will concerns doing an annual business of less than \$2,000.

The income tax was amended so as to provide for payment in Canada, or in any foreign country, of the taxes on income earned in those countries by American concerns or corporations, the tax to be paid as prescribed by the laws of those countries.

The committee amended the 10 per cent tax on amounts paid for leased wires and talking circuits, the amendment exempting press associations and periodicals, leaving the original provision standing as to everything else, including stock brokerage leased lines and circuits.

When the committee adjourned there was pending proposals to increase the taxes on the larger personal incomes, by graduating the incomes of \$70,000 a year or more at still higher rates, and to increase the taxes on all estates of \$1,000,000 or more.

## CITIZENS HERE BUY \$10,000 OF W. S. S.

Result of One Day is Announced to Lane County.

During the last war stamp drive in Springfield on June 28, three hundred and seventy-five people bought stamps, or pledged to buy them, and the amount was \$10,000, according to Mrs. E. L. Fletcher, who is in charge of the work in Lane county.

Mrs. Fletcher says that it is expected that the people here will buy a large amount of stamps in addition to this. With the appointment of Mrs. Fletcher as manager of the campaign the work will be pushed more than ever.

This week post cards as reminders are being sent to the pledgers from headquarters. Each person in the county who has pledged to buy the stamps will receive one.

## LAND CASE IS APPEALED

John Seavey Takes Suit to Supreme Court.

John H. Seavey last Saturday filed an appeal in the Circuit Court case in which he is the plaintiff and Clara Belle Williams and others defendants, and in which decision in favor of the defendants was given.

The suit involves a tract of land near Springfield which Seavey claims by adverse possession, but which is decreed by the court to belong to the defendants.

O. H. Foster, Mr. Seavey's attorney, filed the papers in the appeal to the Supreme Court.

Return to Springfield. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McKibben and daughters, Helen and Valina, arrived here last Tuesday evening from Sheridan, where they have been living for the past two years, where Mr. McKibben has been working in the mill, of which Carl Fischer was manager. They are well known here, having lived here for many years before going to Sheridan. Helen was a student at the high school and well known among the young people of the town. They will live in their house at Seventh and G streets.

Will Speak at High School. Lieut. Wilbur E. Jones, of the army, who is in charge of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen, will speak at the high school here Monday evening, August 19, at 7:30 o'clock. At this time various questions of interest to the men of the Legion will be discussed.

## MALE POPULATION TO WORK OR FIGHT

Congress Will Commandeer Entire Man-Power of Nation Under New Draft.

With a broad work or fight amendment, designed to prevent strikes, and a provision for education of youths under 21 serving in the military or naval service at government expense after the war, the administration manpower bill extending draft ages so as to include all men between 18 and 45 years of age, was ordered favorably reported Tuesday by the senate military committee.

Chairman Chamberlain plans to report the bill today and to take up its consideration in the senate next Monday, cutting short the senate vacation recess period by a week.

The bill is framed to enable the nation to increase its war program in accordance with an understanding reached with the allies. About 13,000,000 men would be registered under the new law, and Provost Marshal General Crowder estimates that 2,398,000 of them would be available at once.

The work or fight amendment was offered by Senator Reed of Missouri, as a substitute for one presented by Senator Thomas of Colorado. It provides that "when any person shall have been placed in deferred or exempted class" he shall "not be entitled to remain therein unless he shall in good faith continue while physically able to do so to work and follow such occupation." Should he fail to do so he would become subject to immediate draft.

## FIVE LANE BOYS LEAVE

Chosen to Train as Auto Mechanics; Must Report August 15.

The five Lane county boys who were chosen amongst the many who applied to get into the auto mechanics training, left yesterday on the 1:50 train. The train was several hours late, leaving at 4:05, which gave more time to some who wished it and to some making it all the worse.

The boys are to report today at the auto mechanics school at Spokane, Wash., where they will train for two months. The training will be given at government expense and will fit the men for army positions at the front and behind the lines. They will be assigned at the end of the two months of training, but it is unknown where they will go from Spokane at that time. The call was made July 16, and among the many men who tried to get into this branch the following five passed the best examinations and were chosen and left yesterday: Joy Walker, Springfield; Glen S. Ward, Lawrence McDowell, and Glendon Dotson, Eugene; Leon Morton, Creswell.

Joy Walker was named as leader of the squad until they reached their destination at Spokane. Joy is well known here, having lived here all of his life and attended the local high school for several years.

## WANT HIGH SCHOOL BACK

Lowell People Seek the Re-establishment of Educational Center.

Efforts will be made by the people of Lowell for the re-establishment of the high school, either in their district or in several of the adjoining districts together.

George Johnson of that place was at the county seat Saturday to confer with E. J. Moore, county school superintendent, in regard to the matter. There seems to be many district for all to be upheld and the people ask for the dissolving of district No. 9 and the re-establishment of No. 10.

Notice. Notice is hereby given that on the second Monday in September (being the 9th day thereof), 1918, the County Board of Equalization for Lane county will meet at the Court House in Eugene and publicly examine the assessment rolls and correct all errors in valuations, etc., of lands, lots and other property, and it shall be the duty of persons interested to appear at the time and place appointed.

D. P. BURTON, County Assessor.

## FRENCH CAPTURE STRATEGIC POINT

Fall of Ribecourt Opens Way to Important City of Noyon.

## NEAR GATES OF LASSIGNY

French Troops Secure Firm Footing Preparatory to Storming Their Way Up the Valley of the Oise.

The capture of Ribecourt by the French marks an important epoch in the offensive which has for its immediate purpose the freeing of the region between the Somme and the Oise. As again from the strategic standpoint it ranks with the taking by the French of the forest and hill positions between the Matz and the Oise, which has brought the French almost to the gates of Lassigny. Through Ribecourt lies an open route up the Oise valley to Noyon—a route by rail and the big national thoroughfare, not to mention the canal which parallels the roadways for the greater part of the way. Noyon is only a little more than six miles northeast of Ribecourt.

German front-line trenches at Beaumont Hamel, Serre, Puisieux Au Mont and Bucquoy have been found untenable by the enemy in the face of the recent activity by the British all along the line from Albert to Arras, while the French have persevered in their violent attacks against the Germans on the sector which dominates the lower portion of the Picardy plain and the Oise valley and have encroached further upon the Lassigny massif and the Thiescourt plateau and farther south have captured the important town of Ribecourt.

Unofficial reports have announced the capture of Lassigny by the French and of all the German positions between the western outskirts of Bray-Sur-Somme and Etinehem by the Australians.

From the Somme to the Aisne, except in the latter region, where the French have made further gains, the Germans seemingly have had further success in holding back the allied troops and still are in possession of Chaules and Roye, upon the capture of which the efforts of the British and French have been centered. In the central part of the battle front the enemy continues to deliver violent counter attacks and also has further reinforced his line with men and guns and is using them without stint to retain his position, realizing that their capture would spell disaster.

The giving up of front-line trenches north of Albert may mean the Germans force the ultimate success of the American and British operations along the Somme. In any event the retrograde movement seemingly indicates that the ten-mile salient between Beaumont Hamel and Bray on the Somme, with Albert its apex, now must give way in order that the German front here may come into alignment with that in the south across the Somme. Probably the Germans purpose to readjust their front from the Somme to Arras.

Although they are still encountering violent resistance, the French are continuing to make progress through the wooded and hilly country between the Matz and the Oise, where the Germans from recesses in the forests, on spurs and in the canyons are using machine guns innumerable. Gas also is being loosed in great quantities by the enemy. Almost entire control of the Thiescourt plateau and the other high ground on this sector is now in the hands of the French.

The Passing Show. Eugene, Aug. 11.

Mr. Editor—One of today's papers says of central California:

"The temperature seldom moderates to a degree sufficient to induce sleep until well toward the midnight hour. There is an enervating, narcotic influence in the atmosphere." Climatic conditions so narcotic as to produce insomnia surely ought to be investigated.

—SLEEPYHEAD.