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## OLIVER JOHNSON DIES AT LINNTON

### Former Springfield Resident Is Victim of Mishap in Ball Game.

## GAME HAS TRAGIC ENDING

### Frantic Effort to Bring Victory to Team He Was Managing Results in Fatal Play.

In a game of baseball played at Linnton, Ore., last Sunday, between a visiting and a home team, Oliver Johnson, former Springfield man and at one time engaged in the hardware business here, met with an untimely death in a fatal play in the final inning of the game.

Mr. Johnson, who was acting as captain of the home team, in a supreme effort to bring victory for his team that was one run behind in the ninth inning, concluded to substitute himself for one of his players who had been injured by a pitched ball in the previous inning.

Johnson was the first batter up in the last half of the ninth, and reached first base safely as a result of a well-placed single. Then followed a series of accidents which terminated fatally in the final play. The next batter up was hit on the head by a pitched ball and was obliged to retire from the game, another runner substituting, and Johnson going to second. The next man struck out, the man at first was caught napping off the bag, making two out, and the fatal ending came when the last batter up popped an infield fly. Johnson being unable to advance on this series of plays, died at second.

Many Springfield citizens will mourn Oliver Johnson's untimely end, and wonder why baseball phraseology reads so like an obituary, and why April first news matter should be sprung three days late.

## FORMER RESIDENT WRITES.

### W. A. Jack Tells of Beautiful Country—Compares Country to Eden.

Pomona, Cal., Mar. 28, 1919.  
My Dear Fred, Mr. Sikes:

This finds me in the garden of Eden with paved streets and on either side vast fields of oranges, lemons, nuts, olives, grapes, palm trees and rare sights. I simply rub my glasses and look again. A little cloudy and hazy, but warm.

Joy riders buzzing by almost every minute. Truly a picture of the garden of Eden. With men flying in balloons and airplanes and then I think of my old beloved home—Oregon—and wonder why you are not here. (Am I dreaming?) Well, they take me out every day to see the sights.

It is planned for a party of us to go to the beach Sunday for an all-day auto ride, taking our lunch along for a good time.

Will continue my journey in a few days. The next stop will be to Vance, N. M., where we have a brother.

Love to all,  
W. A. JACK.

## PALACE CLUB CHANGES HANDS.

### Well Known Eugene Men Purchase Pool and Billiard Hall.—Will Make Improvements.

Chas. and Ira Gates, well known and popular Eugene men, have purchased the Palace Club on Main street and will conduct it along the same line as heretofore.

Messrs. Gates took possession last Friday, and are now adding a new stock of high grade cigars, tobaccos, candies, etc., and as soon as possible will install new equipment and thoroughly overhaul the old fixtures. When the work is completed these gentlemen will have one of the most complete and up-to-the minute establishments of its kind in the city.

### HEMSTITCHING

Done by Mrs. J. A. Rathbun, corner 7th and G streets. Phone 13.

## TOWN AND VICINITY.

Alberta and Dorothy Parvin, who are attending high school here, spent the weekend with their parents at Dexter.

Miss Wagner returned to Junction City Sunday after spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. William Donaldson.

Mrs. E. E. Ferguson, of Jasper, is here caring for her brother, Bert Leo, who is confined to his home with malarial fever.

### M. C. BRESSLER AND SON CAN NOW FURNISH YOU WITH A HUNTING OR FISHING LICENSE DIRECT.

See us for early seed potatoes, sweet clover seed, field peas, soy beans, spring oats and barley. Springfield Feed Co.

B. A. Washburne arrived home from California Saturday night. Mrs. Washburne and daughter remained at Los Angeles.

### FOR RENT—Two acres cultivated land. Good house, good barn, chicken houses and parks. For further information see E. E. Lee, 5th & Main, Springfield.

Miss Jean Corrine Fischer returned to Corvallis after spending the spring vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fischer, of Emerald Heights.

The ladies of the Christian Church will hold an Easter Food Sale and Bazaar Saturday, April 12, in the building one door west of the Cox and Cox store.

Glen Le Vee, a former high school student, sailed for home March 28th, according to word received here. He has been in France for about six months.

"Bill" Darling, an employee of the Mountain States Power company, has been transferred to Albany. Mrs. Darling and daughter, Alice, will join Mr. Darling in a few days.

N. M. Shrode, of Waterville, was a business visitor in Springfield Monday. He reports the crop outlook in his section to be unusually good, and a large production is expected this year.

Amy Carson is going to travel for the interests of the Eugene Bible University. Miss Carson's work will be to induce young people to take up the university training. She starts on her campaign Monday.

## BOOTH-KELLY MILL RUNS NIGHT SHIFT

### Big Plant Now Operating At Full Two-Thirds Capacity.

## 100,000 FEET DAILY OUTPUT.

### Many Soldiers Return to Jobs When Discharged From Military Service.

The Booth-Kelly mill started operating their night shift last evening. A large number of the additional employees are former soldiers who were with the company and enlisted when war was declared. The list totaled 136, but some of these have returned to the company's mills and logging camps near Wendling.

The Springfield mill will run at a full two-thirds capacity for the present, producing 100,000 feet daily, and the planing mill will start operations in the near future.

While the lumber market is inactive at the present time, the company has increased the output of the mill in order to reduce the manufacturing cost per thousand, but will be obliged to yard much of the output until construction work begins, millions of dollars' worth of which being held in abeyance pending a lesser price in material and wages.

Notwithstanding a stagnant market the company has shown discretion in employing good, reliable men at a time when available, weeding out the "floaters" and thereby effecting a dependable organization of employees.

## BLAZE AT HOSPITAL.

Fire broke out on the roof of the Springfield hospital yesterday afternoon, which called out the department, but was extinguished before the apparatus arrived. One of the hospital attendants put out the blaze by knocking a hole through the roof and introducing a hose through the aperture. It is assumed the roof caught fire from an overheated flue. The damage was nominal.

## SUTTON STARTS RECONSTRUCTION

### More Room Being Added For Ketel's Drug Store.

## MR. LEPLEY HAS CONTRACT

### Fifth Street Portion Formerly Occupied by Grocery Store Will Be Utilized.

Another indication of the era of substantial progress that has begun in Springfield, and bids fair to continue, took shape this week when W. M. Sutton awarded a contract for the remodeling of his building at the corner of Fifth and Main streets, and tenanted by Ketel's drug store.

Mr. Lepley, who has the contract, has already started his crew at work, and as extensive alterations have been planned, it will probably take a month to complete it.

The partition separating the rear of the drug store from the abandoned grocery store in the back of the building is to be torn out as is also the partition dividing Mr. Ketel's drug department and his ice cream parlor. The latter will be extended to the rear of the building, thus affording an entrance on Fifth street. An attractive balcony will be added as a feature to the ice cream parlor and the entire store to be done in a pleasing decorative scheme.

The prescription department will also be set back to afford a more commodious and convenient arrangement of the showcases.

An attractive corner will be devised for a separate display of the Pathophone and its records. As the demand for this marvelous reproducing machine is steadily on the increase, Mr. Ketel's will make it one of the chief features of the store.

Modern glass topped tables will be installed in the ice cream parlor and this department made as inviting and comfortable for patrons as possible.

Renew your subscription to the News.

## FORM STATE ASSOCIATION.

### Farm Loan Associations Meet To Form State Body.

Temporary organization of the Oregon State Association of Farm Loan Associations was effected at a meeting of two scores of farmers from different parts of the state at the Eugene Chamber of Commerce yesterday and it is the intention of those interested in the movements to make it a permanent organization and to hold regular meetings at stated intervals. The day sessions were devoted largely to the discussion of needed reforms in the farm loan act. There were no set speeches, each farmer present speaking his mind in round table discussion. Practically every man present at the meeting offered suggestions and as a result of the informal discussions certain changes to be asked for in resolutions to be adopted by the conference today were agreed upon.

The keynote of the discussions was "How may we increase the efficiency of the federal land bank and how may we remedy certain evils that are now apparent?"

One of the principal topics of discussion at the meeting yesterday was the abolishment of the loan committees in the various associations, but it was decided that the conference in its resolutions will recommend that the committee be not abolished. Another strong point to be brought out in the resolutions will be that the conference will demand that the law be so amended that the associations, which own the stock in the land bank, may have a voice in the management of the institution and in the election of the directors. It will be demanded that this amendment to the law which, it was learned only last night by the leaders of the convention had been recently enacted, be abolished. More efficiency in the appraisers will also be demanded, instances of gross inefficiency on the part of certain appraisers now employed being pointed out.

A. C. Bohrnstedt, of Salem was elected temporary president at the opening session of the convention, and A. W. Stone, of Medford, temporary secretary. A permanent organization will be effected tomorrow. Committees were appointed as follows:

Resolutions—E. H. Hurd, of Medford, chairman; H. J. Kaufman, of McMinnville; M. A. Johnson, of Astoria; C. J. Brommer, of Medford.

Organization—D. N. Macey, of Condon, chairman; E. K. Biseseckel, of Dallas; W. A. Byers, of Eugene; Fred G. Guy, of Gold Hill; J. O. Stambler, of Myrtle Point.

Nominations—E. B. Hull, of Corvallis, chairman; E. Walte, of Roseburg; A. R. Engand, of Hillsboro; A. H. Fisher, of Phoenix, and J. W. Bertsch, of Springfield.

Congressman W. C. Hawley was present at the afternoon session and after talking of the various proposed changes discussed, he answered a large number of questions put to him by the farmers present. As Mr. Hawley was on the congressional committee that framed the bill for the enactment of the farm loan law, he was able to give facts that the members of the associations were not familiar with.

The following delegates had registered up to the time of adjournment yesterday afternoon:

- Phoenix—A. H. Fisher.
- Gold Hill—C. J. Brommer.
- Medford—E. H. Hurd.
- Central Point—A. W. Stone.
- Corvallis—E. B. Hull.
- Condon—E. N. McKay.
- Roseburg—E. Walte.
- Scio—F. W. Mespelt.
- Salem—A. C. Bohrnstedt.
- McMinnville—H. J. Kaufman.
- Hillsboro—A. R. Engand, W. E. Winstrom, D. B. Cooley.
- Astoria—M. O. Johnson.
- Myrtle Point—J. O. Stambler.
- The Dalles—L. B. Britton, C. L. Pepper.
- Dallas—E. K. Plasechki.
- Aurora—Franz Kraxberger.
- Thurston—Ross Mathews, J. W. Bertsch.
- Harrisburg—J. R. Cartwright.
- Eugene—U. B. Kletzing, O. L. Dunlap, R. E. Brabham, Chas. M. Emery, W. A. Ayres, T. C. DeVaney, George M. Miller.

## MARRIED.

STEVENS-STILWELL.—At the office of the justice of the peace in Eugene, March 31, 1919, Atwood T. Stevens, of Springfield, and Margaret May Stilwell, of Fall Creek, Judge J. C. Wells officiating.

## ALL CONSTRUCTION HELD IN ABEYANCE

### No Chance For Natron Cut-Off Or Other Railway Extension Now.

## STEEL IS HELD TOO HIGH

### U. S. Railway Administration Refuses to Accept Price As Fixed by Board.

Washington, April 3.—Director General Hines of the railroad administration which is the largest purchaser of steel in the United States, refused today to accept the price readjustments arranged by the industrial board of the department of commerce in conference with representatives of the steel industry.

An effort to effect an agreement between the board and the head of the railroad administration failed although members of the cabinet, the industrial board and representatives of the food and fuel administrations, the war trade board and the war finance corporation conferred for four hours.

The conference at times grew stormy with the cabinet members finally withdrawing to an adjoining room, from which they emerged with a recommendation that the question be re-committed to the board for further consideration. This finally was agreed upon.

Members of the conference were reticent in discussing the proceedings. Secretary Glass, who called the conference, refused to see newspapermen afterward and the official statement concerning the gathering was very brief. As originally issued, it read:

"The steel prices approved by the commerce not having been accepted by the railroad administration, the views of both were expressed at the conference. The views of the industrial board were expressed by Secretary Redfield, Chairman Peck and other members of the board. The views of the railroad administration were presented by Director General Hines. The matter was re-committed to the board for further consideration."

The statement caused such a flurry by its intimation that the entire question of steel prices would be reopened that an amendment was added by Chairman Peck to make the last sentence read:

"The matter was re-committed to the board for further consideration with the railroad administration."

Additional conferences will be held it was said at which the board will attempt to show the railroad administration that the prices agreed upon are not excessively high according to cost figures obtained by the federal trade commissions. Director General Hines has maintained that the railroad administration is entitled to its enormous purchases at prices as low as could be obtained.

Mr. Hines, according to one of the officials present, told the conference that the agreement on steel prices reached by the board with the steel industry two weeks ago, was made over his protest and was without warrant of law. The director general was reported as declaring that no matter what term was applied to the work of the board in its attempt at price readjustments, it was price fixing. The Sherman anti-trust law, it was said, was cited by Mr. Hines. He further stated, it was said, that the railroad administration should be left to make its purchases at prices acceptable to it, and that he would not accept arbitrary prices recommended by the board after agreement with the industry.

## Notice to the Public.

In keeping with the custom that has been established generally throughout the state and elsewhere, we, the undersigned banks of Springfield will close our doors at 12 o'clock noon on each Saturday, beginning April 6th, 1919.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK.  
COMMERCIAL STATE BANK.

