

THE SPRINGFIELD NEWS

Entered February 24, 1903, at Springfield, Oregon as second-class matter under act of Congress of March, 1879.

SPRINGFIELD, LANE COUNTY, OREGON, FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 1919.

VOL. XVIII, NO. 15

FAIL TO FIND BODY OF BRIDGE VICTIM

Body of Unfortunate Young Man Still in Willamette River.

SEARCH FOR BODY IN VAIN

Dared His Companion To Walk Over Top of Bridge Supports.

Last Sunday evening about 7 o'clock Thornton Humphrey, son of John Humphrey, a farmer living near Cantrill Hill, and recently discharged from army service, while strolling over the wagon bridge spanning the Willamette river in Springfield with an unknown companion, attempted to climb the slanting steel bridge support on the west side, with the evident intention of walking across the high arch which supports the bridge. At the top of the arch the high tension wires of the Mountain States Power company are strung. As Mr. Humphrey reached the top he either did not see the wires or made no attempt to avoid them, for suddenly there was a flash of electricity from his body where he came in contact with the wires and he fell to the river some 75 feet below, the swift current soon carrying his body out of sight.

The alarm was quickly given and a large number of searchers volunteered their services, assisted by a motor boat, and worked until dark but no trace of the missing man was found.

Early Monday morning the search was continued, and has been kept up at intervals since, but up to this morning no trace of the body had been found, with the exception of the unfortunate man's hat, which was found floating some distance below the bridge.

According to the statement of a man who passed by a few moments before the accident, Humphrey was heard to remark to his companion, "I dare you to walk over the top of the bridge." The latter replied that his shoes were too slippery, and that he thought it too risky, anyway.

Humphrey thereupon made the attempt himself, which ended in his death.

It is said Mr. Humphrey had but recently been discharged from the army at Camp Lewis, but had not seen active service.

LARGE AUDIENCE HEARS DR. LEWIS SPEAK SUNDAY

The Methodist church was filled with a capacity audience Easter Sunday to hear Dr. Lewis, one of the most widely known orators of Methodism deliver a most interesting and instructive address.

The subject chosen by Dr. Lewis was "Reconstruction of the World After the War, and was ably handled, the speaker holding the intense interest of the audience throughout the address.

Dr. Lewis is thoroughly versed in this subject and he painted in glowing terms a vast and mighty world-wide movement now in its infancy to secure world-wide peace—not by the sword and other terrible instruments of war, but through the love of God implanted in the hearts of mankind. He emphatically declared that only by the reawakening of Christianity, which he claims seems to have slumbered for the past 40 or 50 years, can a real peace of the nations, of the world be brought about.

Dr. Lewis is one of the many speakers who is contributing his help to conduct the Centenary campaign to raise \$105,000,000 for the Methodist churches throughout the world. This campaign is to mark the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the organization of Methodist missionaries.

RED CROSS MEETING.

The annual meeting of the local Red Cross will be held at the City Hall Tuesday evening, April 29 at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of electing officers and transacting other necessary business. A good attendance is requested.

HAVE YOU ANSWERED YOUR COUNTRY'S CALL?

The fighters back from the blood-soaked fields of France are going to ask "who lives there?" when they pass a home without a Victory Liberty Loan certificate in the window.

They are not going to have any patience with excuse makers. Their only criterion is "you did," or "you didn't." They have learned to value the "official" and this sign is a Government certificate that you are an American who has done his duty.

The Victory Liberty Loan is a duty. It is more. It is a question of national honor. The man who turns his back on it is a brother to the man who deserts in battle.

It is a question of national honor because it is going to pay the cost of victory. We spent money like water to win—spent so much in gigantic preparation that the Hun saw the handwriting on the wall and quit, saving 500,000 American lives. Right now we have enough munitions and material to equip two entire field armies aggregating 2,400,000 men. That stuff was ordered before Germany quit. It isn't paid for.

The Victory Liberty Loan Will Pay For It

SUBSCRIBE IF YOU BELIEVE IN AMERICA.
SUBSCRIBE IF YOU ARE AN AMERICAN.

FORMER SPRINGFIELD MAN DEAD AT MARCOIA

Chas. Riemenschneider, a former resident of Springfield, died at Fischer's Mill, near Marcola, last Monday, after a lingering illness of several years.

Mr. Riemenschneider was the son of Adde Riemenschneider, and was born in Harrisburg, Oregon, 38 years ago.

Mr. Riemenschneider is survived by his father and mother, and one brother, Frank, of Marshfield.

Mr. Riemenschneider was well and favorably known in Springfield, and his many friends will regret his passing.

The funeral services were held at Marcola Wednesday, interment taking place in Marcola cemetery.

METHODIST DRIVE BEGINS MAY 18.

The intensive financial drive for the \$105,000,000 Methodist centenary will begin May 18 and last one week. So enthusiastic have scores of churches in the Northwest become that many of them have raised a large part of their quotas already. Dallas, Ore., is the latest city to announce that it has exceeded its quota. Yamhill reported that in obtaining its quota, its largest gift was \$997 and its smallest \$5, but in both these cities the campaign will be continued until the slogan of the campaign is achieved. "Every man, woman and child in Methodism a subscriber."

I. O. O. F. ATTENTION.

Tomorrow, Saturday, April 26, the Centennial of American Odd-fellowship will be fittingly observed at Eugene.

There will be an all-day program including Subordinate Lodge Degrees, Rebekah Degree and two special programs.

All members of Juanita Rebekah Lodge No. 85, Springfield Lodge No. 70, and W. B. Pengra Encampment No. 67 are especially urged to be present.

H. A. KORF, Pres. Lane Co. I. O. O. F. Association.

MONDAY NIGHT'S DEBATE WAS UNUSUALLY INTERESTING

A debate of unusual interest under the direction of the Methodist Brotherhood took place at the Methodist church Monday night on the question, "Resolved, That the American People Adopt the Proposed Plan for a League of Nations."

Those participating in the debate were M. C. Bressler, R. W. Smith and L. K. Page, who presented the negative side of the question, and H. C. Ethel, who spoke in the affirmative.

At the close of the debate the audience was asked to join in the discussion which followed, and many interesting remarks were brought out.

NO MORE RESTRICTIONS ON MAIL GOING TO FRANCE

Postmaster Stewart has received the following order which removes all restrictions on mailing of parcels to the Expeditionary Forces in France: Office of Postmaster General, Washington, Apr. 14, 1919. Order No. 2989.

Order No. 1259, dated March 28, 1918, prohibiting the acceptance of parcels for mailing to the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe, unless accompanied with approved requests of the addressees for the articles contained therein, is hereby revoked at the request of the War Department. A. S. Burleson, Postmaster General.

In connection with the foregoing order, postmasters are advised that hereafter parcels not exceeding seven pounds in weight containing mailable articles, including books, may be accepted for mailing to soldiers and others, including civilians, connected with the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe without being accompanied with request of the addressee, approved by his regimental or other commanding officer, provided the parcels are properly prepared and addressed, fully prepaid, and otherwise conform to the conditions governing the transmission of mail to those forces.

Parcels for the Expeditionary Forces may not be registered, insured or sent C. O. D.

YOUR HAND?



BOY FINDS DYNAMITE CAP; AND LOSES THREE FINGERS

While playing in the road last Sunday afternoon, Edgar Fox, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Fox, of near Springfield, found a dynamite cap. Just to see what would happen he struck it on a rock, with the result that he is now minus three fingers on his left hand.

His parents rushed the boy to the Springfield hospital, where the fingers were amputated down to the first joint.

OREGON WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW.

Portland—A large force of men and teams have commenced work here in preparing 15-acre site for the Pacific International Livestock Exposition building. The building will be 354 by 928 feet, and will be the largest building of its kind in the world, containing two acres more of floor space than the big livestock exposition building at Chicago, or about seven and one-half acres in all. The building, preparation of the site and the necessary roadways and rail connections will involve an expenditure of over \$300,000.

Salem—Loyal Legion of Loggers join in movement for voluntary mediation of all controversies between employers and employes.

Canyon City—Gold mining resumed on larger scale than ever on shutting down of activity in chrome developments.

East Ingram Butte, Linn county, is to get a sawmill.

Lumbering is the great employing industry of the state. Press reports indicate that activity in camps is increasing and absorbing unemployed. The entire Northwest is interested in protection and encouragement of this industry.

Brownsville is to have a new and modern creamery plant.

Medford may purchase Pacific and Eastern railroad.

Portland city unemployed have been decreased to 2000.

Upper McKenzie river is to have a new summer resort at Schwartz ranch.

Single taxers prepare another amendment to the constitution in Oregon. It is to be submitted at the election Nov., 1920.

Klamath Falls is to have an engine roundhouse built by the Southern Pacific company.

Klamath Falls is to build a new school house costing \$15,000.

Salem aldermen oppose bond issue of \$200,000 for municipal telephone as useless expenditure of money.

St. Helens may have a 5000-ton wooden drydock.

LEVI NEET ARRIVES IN U. S. FROM OVERSEAS

Mr. J. W. Neet, of West Springfield, yesterday received a telegram from his son, Levi H. Neet, a sergeant in the 98th Aero Squadron, stating he had arrived in New York, and was now at Camp Merritt, N. J.

Mr. Neet enlisted in the Aviation Corps in August, 1917 and immediately left for Vancouver, where he remained a short time, leaving there for Kelly's Field, Tex., where he received his preliminary training. In November he left the United States for France, where he was stationed until the armistice was signed.

Mr. Neet was an overseer in the Booth-Kelly mill before enlisting in the service.

His brother, Earnest, is also in the service. At present he is located at the Presidio, San Francisco, but expects to return home shortly.

Mr. Neet did not state in his message when he expected to arrive in Springfield.

BORN.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ben D. Smith, on April 18, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bradford, on April 16, a daughter.

Mrs. W. Noxel is a patient at Mercy hospital, Eugene, where she underwent an operation this week.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

Notice is hereby given that the real estate and insurance firm of Thompson & Uhl, located at Springfield, Ore., has this day by mutual consent been dissolved, C. S. Uhl retiring from the business.

Dated this 23rd day of April, 1919, M. N. Thompson assumes all indebtedness and will collect all bills. M. M. THOMPSON, C. S. UHL.

SUBSCRIBERS TO LOAN ARE SLOW

Springfield District Is Far Behind in Its Quota Up To Yesterday.

APRIL 30 IS VICTORY DAY

Local Committee Will Solicit Individuals If Response Is Not Made Soon.

The Springfield district is lagging in sales of Victory Liberty Bonds. Up to last night the Springfield banks reported sales amounting to but \$6,550. Therefore, we must get busy. Over 100 Oregon towns have completed their quotas and are winners of honor flags for doing so. Surely Springfield will not falter and have the stigma of having been "in the also ran class."

Next Wednesday is Victory Day; so let us buckle down to business and wipe out the debt quick. We can do it.

The local committee desires it known they do not want to be compelled to go out and solicit individuals, as they believe it to be unnecessary, but if our citizens do not make an effort soon this will be done.

GET BUSY AND DO YOUR BIT! You will never have an opportunity to make a better investment as long as you live.

ROAD INFORMATION FOR MOTORISTS AND CAMPERS

This bulletin contains general information concerning road conditions in our near the National Forests of Oregon and Washington, based on data furnished by the field men of the Forest Service. Because of the favorable reception given to the series of road bulletins issued last year their publication is resumed, with this number.

The recreation use of the National Forests, which was slowed down by war conditions, will be greatly increased during the present season. The opportunities offered by the National Forests for camping, hunting, fishing, picture-making, and other outdoor pastimes, are gradually becoming known to the public. Roads and trails maintained by the Forest Service give access to many beautiful and attractive spots where woods, stream, and mountain lure lovers of the open, while Forest Service telephone lines make possible communication with the outside when occasion demands.

The protection of outing resources from fire is an important work of the Forest Service, and the co-operation of all forest users is needed to prevent needless destruction.

Western Oregon

Three Rivers, Alsea River, Eugene-Florence, and Scottdale-Alleghany roads, in the vicinity of the Siuslaw National Forest, are not yet open for thorough travel. Little North Fork road and the Santiam wagon road are both closed to travel. Because of bridges being burned out, it is very possible that Little North Fork road will not be open until late in the season.

Crescent City-Gold Beach. Open and in fair condition between Crescent City and Brookings. Rough between Brookings and Gold Beach.

Crater Lake Highway. Open and in fair condition between Medford and Prospect. Closed on account of snow between Prospect and Park boundary; will probably be open by July 1st. On account of the heavy snowfall, it is doubtful if autos will be able to travel through the park before July.

Barlow-Oak Grove. Open and in fair condition between Portland and Twinbridges. Closed on account of snow between Twinbridges and Camas Prairie. Will not be open before June 15. Automobiles should always carry their chains on this road.

Roseburg-Peel. Open but in bad condition between Roseburg and Peel. Mail is hauled over this road in a light car. Road is badly rutted and cannot be traveled with a heavy machine easily.