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WILL COMPLETE CIVIC CHAMBER

Monday Night Set for Meeting to Complete Organization; New Names Added.

At a called meeting Tuesday night in Stevens hall, about twenty of the business men of the city who are endeavoring to organize a chamber of commerce for Springfield, met and discussed the proposed by-laws and constitution, which will be adopted by the membership at the next meeting.

During the discussion many phases of the work of the local chamber was brought out. It was emphasized that there is an immediate need for such an organization in Springfield and that much can be accomplished for the business interests and welfare of the whole city and community. It was also stressed that this organization is for every man in the community who is interested in any manner in the welfare of Springfield.

Many new names were added to the membership list Tuesday evening and John E. Edwards, temporary secretary of the organization hopes to have more than fifty names on the list before next week. Charter membership is still open, the fee being one dollar for the year's membership, but after the charter has been closed dues will be fixed by the whole membership.

Next Monday evening, Nov. 24, at 8 o'clock, has been set as the time for the adoption of the by-laws and completion of the organization. All members, business men of the city, and any one who may be interested in this enterprise, are urged to be present at this meeting as it is of vital interest to Springfield.

LOCAL MOVIE THEATER SOLD TO NEW SHOW MAN

J. H. Peabody, formerly in the show business in McMinnville, has recently purchased the Bell theater from W. J. White and has taken charge of the house.

Arrangements have been made to operate the theater every night of the week, a matinee Sunday afternoons, and a change of pictures each day. Mr. Peabody has secured some of the best motion picture services obtainable and expects to give the people of Springfield the highest class amusement and entertainment in the movie line.

STATE AID TO SOLDIERS MAY BE CONTINUED

The number of ex-service men now taking advantage of the state aid in securing an education is so great that it was feared that many would have to discontinue when the present funds allotted for this purpose are used. It is said that there are about 2000 ex-service men receiving aid from the state, and this number exceeds the expense allotted by the last legislature.

In an effort to relieve this condition Governor Ben W. Olcott has secured a decision from Attorney General George M. Brown to the effect that a deficiency may be created by the emergency board when the present funds are exhausted.

JEWELER TO OPEN NEW SHOP IN SPRINGFIELD

Next week will see the installation of another industry for Springfield. O. H. Wilson, a jeweler formerly with Laraway's store at Eugene, will establish a watch repairing and manufacturing jewelry shop in a section of The News office.

C. M. Price of Portland returned home Thursday after substituting as electrical engineer at the Booth-Kelly mill for the past five weeks.

Mrs. M. V. Hutchinson and daughter Cornelia of Eugene were dinner guests of Mrs. Bernice Van Valzah on Tuesday evening.

LANE COUNTY INSTITUTE CONVENES NEXT WEEK

Springfield Pupils to Have Entire Holiday Week.

The teachers institute for Lane county is to be held in the high school building at Eugene, beginning Monday and continuing for three days. County Superintendent Moore has prepared an interesting program. The law provides that teachers must attend the annual institutes if they wish their salaries to continue during the week.

There will be no sessions in the Springfield schools next week on account of institute taking the first three days of the week and Thanksgiving day on Thursday.

LAUNDRY RESUMES OPERATION

J. W. Baker, who operated a laundry here several years ago will open up a modern laundry here next week. Mr. Baker's plant will be in a building of his own, located on South Second street.

The plant will be equipped with up to date machinery and facilities that will enable Mr. Baker to handle the business of Springfield and vicinity promptly and in the best possible manner.

MAY DISCONTINUE PHONE TOLL HERE

Business Men Favor Same Rates for Business Phones as Eugene Now Pays—Wants Farmers Lines.

In a conference recently called by Mayor Morrison the business men of the city agreed to pay the same rate for business phones as Eugene pays, providing the present toll-rate to Eugene is discontinued.

Judge E. O. Potter, city attorney for Springfield, who represented this city at the public service commission hearing in Portland recently, had written Mayor Morrison that the commission queried whether Springfield merchants would be willing to adopt this method of solving the telephone rate question between Springfield and Eugene.

It is felt by many of the local business men that this will be the best method of dealing with the phone problem here. Six farmer lines were contemplating changing their phone connections from Springfield to Eugene. The business men of Springfield as well as the farmers themselves, desire to keep the connections in Springfield.

A decision from the commission as to whether this plan will be adopted is expected soon.

MEXICANS VIOLATE CONSULATE

MEXICALI, Mexico, Nov. 19.—Forcible intrusion of a Mexican police officer into the American consulate here late today to make an arrest has resulted in the transmission of a formal complaint from Walter F. Boyle, American consul at Mexicali, to Secretary of State Lansing at Washington and also to Governor Cantu, here.

The consul remonstrated, according to his statement, whereupon the policeman "made as though to draw his revolver, whether on me or on the prisoner I cannot say."

The consul further stated: "Someone in authority in the Mexican government" instructed the policeman to desist, after which the American, at the consul's request, stepped outside and surrendered.

Consul Boyle's telegram to Washington said the officer had arrested an intoxicated American and was escorting him to jail when the prisoner broke away and ran into the consulate. The policeman, according to Consul Boyle, followed the American

Shingle manufacturers will hold third annual session of Red Cedar Shingle congress in Seattle, Dec. 10 and 11th. Program is in charge of J. S. Williams, secretary of shingle branch of West Coast Lumbermen's association.

CITY WATER TEST IS HIGH GRADE

Springfield Water Tests Free of Harmless Bacteria or Gas Forming Agents.

Samples of water recently sent to G. V. Copson, acting bacteriologist at Oregon Agricultural college, proved to be free from harmless bacteria and the reservoir water was shown to contain the minimum of gas that it is possible to obtain in reservoir water. The other samples of water taken from two different places in the city proved to be of the highest class.

Mr. Copson in his letter to Mayor Morrison says in part: "You will note the date, the total number of bacteria present, and the total absence of any gas forming organisms in the treated water. Those results indicate a most excellent quality in the water for drinking purposes and you can feel perfectly safe in using it for all purposes. The number of bacteria of all kinds is exceptionally low and it will be hard to find a better sample of water in any city in the valley."

It may be added that the only water that does not contain some form of bacteria is distilled water. But there is a harmless or plant bacteria that is found in all other water not distilled. Hence it is seen that Springfield water is the acme of perfection in drinking water.

MADE NATIONAL CELEBRATION

President Lincoln it was who appointed the last Thursday in November, 1864, as Thanksgiving day, and each president of the United States since that time has followed Lincoln's example. In 1858 proclamations of a day for Thanksgiving were issued by the governors of twenty-five states and two territories, and it only remained for the president of the United States to make such proclamation to institute the national Thanksgiving day.

STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO CONVENE IN PORTLAND

The annual meeting of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce will be held December 15 and 16 at Portland in the Portland Chamber of Commerce rooms. Subjects pertaining to the welfare of the state are to be discussed.

LOCAL POST AMERICAN LEGION HOLDS MEETING

Springfield post of the American Legion held their regular meeting in the W. O. W. hall Monday evening, November 17. A committee was appointed to draft a resolution to be sent to the Centralia post consoling them in their recent tragedy and offering them the support of the local post.

It was also announced that the charter closed Nov. 11 and thereafter the fees for joining will be \$4.

Committees were appointed to arrange for a feed and smoker to be given at the next meeting, Monday, December 1. Every member is requested to be present to get in on the "eats."

CITY SCHOOL CENSUS HAS BEEN COMPLETED

The school census for Springfield has been completed and shows a total increase over last year's figures of 93, there being 612 persons of school age this year as against 519 last year.

The total enrollment this year in the schools is 453 as against 418 for last year, an increase of 35.

At the meeting of the school board last night John E. Edwards was elected truant officer for the city schools.

MAIL SERVICE MAY BE CHANGED

Changes in Handling Mail Between Eugene and Springfield Recommended.

After an investigation into the mail, freight and passenger service between Eugene and Oakridge, L. C. Gilman, district director of the United States railroad administration, made recommendations which he hopes will tend to improve the mail service.

At the present time there is only one train each way three times a week, says the report, and the mail is not handled on the street car between Springfield and Eugene as are passengers and freight, but the mail is carried all the way on the train to Oakridge. The report recommended that the mail be handled on the street car line between Eugene and Springfield. Other recommendations were: "That the present service be continued with the following changes: "Arrange for proper mail connection

PEACE TREATY IS DEFEATED

Wartime Laws Still in Force—President May Act—Senate Adjourns.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—Failing after three attempts to ratify the peace treaty, the senate late tonight laid it aside, ended the special session and went home.

One effect of the senate's failure to ratify the treaty will be the continuation of various wartime laws and regulations at least until the next session opens. Among these is the wartime prohibition act.

A resolution presented tonight by Senator Lodge to declare a state of peace will come up at the beginning of the new session and is expected to start another stubborn fight. The administration is understood to be opposed to such a method of legally ending the war and in the background is a constitutional question as to whether congress can do so by a resolution not requiring the president's signature.

The first vote on this reservation stood 39 for to 55 against. On the second vote, after several hours of parliamentary wrangling in which the democrats made vain efforts to wind over some of the republican group of mild reservationists, 41 senators voted in the affirmative and 51 in the negative.

The third vote was on a straight-out ratification without reservations, which got only 38 votes to 53 opposing it. Only one republican, Senator McCumber of North Dakota, voted with the democrats in its support.

Republican Leader Lodge declared today's voting constituted a final decision on the peace treaty unless President Wilson circumvented the senate rules by withdrawing it and then resubmitting it. In other quarters there was some difference of opinion, but the general sentiment seemed to be that there was only a slender chance that the treaty would come up at the beginning of the next session of congress, beginning next month.

It was suggested tonight among democratic senators that President Wilson might be asked to feel out the other powers on their attitude on reservations with the idea of bringing the treaty to some sort of a ratification after congress reassembles.

tion between Eugene and Springfield in both directions, by transporting mail between those points on the street car line as passengers and baggage are now transported.

"Make necessary changes in schedules as indicated, to wit; change schedule on outbound trip so as to put slack time on east end of run and cut down the schedule of inbound train 45 minutes, and arrange that the schedule be more closely followed in actual performance.

"Keep careful check on movement of L. C. L. merchandise from Eugene and Portland to points on the Oakridge branch, so that no delays which can be avoided will occur.

"With these changes made I am satisfied there will be no serious complaint from the people living along this branch. The change in the mail service is particularly important, as it is the chief cause of irritation."

COAL FAMINE SEEMS NEARER

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—Prospects of a coal famine drew nearer tonight with negotiations between operators and miners apparently at a standstill.

A sub-committee of the joint wage scale committees discussed the situation for three hours, but it was said operators did not submit counter-proposals to the miners' demands. The conference will continue tomorrow. "We are still in a receptive mood," said John L. Lewis, acting president of the United Mine Workers. Thomas T. Brewster, chairman of the operators' committee in the central competitive field, spoke optimistically. He said this was the first attempt at real negotiations since the Buffalo conference.

NEW HUNTING GROUNDS

