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LAST CALL FOR ORGANIZATION

Will Meet Tuesday Night in Stevens Hall to Complete Local Club.

On account of a number of other local meetings falling on the same date as was set for the final completion of the commercial club, that organization has not yet been completed. Another meeting will be held Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, at which time the by-laws, constitution will be considered, and the officers elected.

All men of Springfield and community who have the interest and welfare of this community at heart, are urged to attend this meeting Tuesday night in Stevens hall.

Many of the business men of the city have expressed keen interest in the enterprise, feeling that now more than ever, great opportunities are within the grasp of Springfield, and much substantial good will result from the work of a commercial organization.

Several new industries can be secured for Springfield if right encouragement is given them. The railroad situation is also another important matter which deserves attention and if taken care of rightly, would mean a great future for Springfield.

Hence it is important that every man living in Springfield, and every farmer who is interested in better markets should attend this meeting and help put the commercial club on a working basis.

OLD SOLDIER PASSES AWAY.

Daniel Spencer, an old soldier, who has made his home in West Springfield for many years, died Thursday, Dec. 11, 1919 at the age of 73 years, 8 months and 7 days. The funeral services were held at Walker's chapel Sunday, Dec. 14, at 2 p. m., burial taking place in Laurel Grove cemetery, the services being conducted by the Rev. H. C. Ethell.

Mr. Spencer was born in Lee county, Iowa, April 4, 1846 and served in the Civil war. Mr. and Mrs. Spencer were married here in 1872, and have made their home in the Willamette valley since that time. Mr. Spencer was a man highly respected by his neighbors and all who knew him.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Cora Spencer, of West Springfield, and four daughters, Mrs. Carrie Winfrey, of Landax, Ore.; Mrs. Nellie Mabey, Springfield; Mrs. Allie Gaerte of Orange, Cal., and Mrs. Birdie Collins of Gardiner, Mont. All were present at the funeral except Mrs. Gaerte.

POTATO IMPROVEMENT SOUGHT.

Oregon potato growers will be asked to cooperate with the state college experiment station in potato seed treatment and potato spraying next year to improve the yield and quality of the crop. The methods that have raised Wisconsin to the first rank in the production of high grade potatoes are being investigated by M. B. McKay, associate plant pathologist of the station, who will adapt them to Oregon conditions. He attended the Wisconsin potato show December 10 and inspected the potato work of the Wisconsin station. He will attend the conference of the potato pathologists of America reporting the important work he has done on verticillium wilt in Oregon. He will arrange with the committee on experimental, cooperative work for carrying on this line of work in Oregon.

FALL CREEK FAMILY MAY BE LOST IN MOUNTAIN SNOW

L. E. Williams and wife, and three small children and a brother, George Williams, started from Fall Creek on November 3 to cross the Cascades to Harney county, traveling with a four-horse team and wagon. No word has since been received from them and it is feared they may have perished or are snowbound somewhere in the mountains.

FACTS and FIGURES

Some Results That Farmers and Growers in This Vicinity Are Getting from Their Land.—Springfield Territory Affords Great Opportunities.

"STRAWBERRY ACRES."

\$1200 From Two Acres Berries in Less Than Year.

Half hidden from the passers-by, on the banks of the upper Willamette river, near Jasper, lies a little farm called "Strawberry Acres."

A stranger passing the modest appearing farm, might say to himself: "There is a berry patch that helps that farmer to make a living and that is about all." Not because it does not look neat and well cared for, but because of its size and because he would not know whereof he spoke.

There are many who scarcely realize the production capabilities of Willamette valley land until they are brought face to face with the facts. Yea, some even till valuable land year after year, little thinking that it would yield greater results were it planted to different crops or managed differently.

We had heard some of the facts concerning "Strawberry Acres," and in order to gain first-hand knowledge thereof, we made an "inspection" trip, and were pleased to find the genial owners, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Day, willing to give us the simple facts of their success on the berry farm.

Instead of the time-honored cranberry for Thanksgiving dinner, they had eaten strawberries fresh from their own garden! They put "one over" on most of us, didn't they? They had also picked enough strawberries from their Everbearing vines to supply a number of crates to a local market. And mind you, this from vines outside in a regular patch, not hothouse plants.

But we must get down to "brass tacks" and tell you more of the substantial facts from this berry farm, although Mr. Day declares it would be pos-

sible to market strawberries from his variety of vines as late as Thanksgiving every year, providing there were no severe frosts or storms in the preceding two or three weeks period.

Five varieties of the "Iowa Progressive Everbearing" strawberry plants were set out early last spring. From these varieties he has found to his satisfaction that there is one variety that is especially adapted to this climate and which bears exceptionally heavy over a long period of time.

From his two acres of strawberries Mr. Day realized \$1200 last season. A part of this sum was from the sale of plants, however, the most being from the sale of berries. And this result was from plants set out within six months.

That the Everbearing strawberry will bear a good yield the first year set out is an especial advantage claimed for them by Mr. Day, and proven by his results. Another advantage of the Everbearing over the standard variety of strawberry is the fact that if a frost nips the early crop, they will blossom again within a week or two and go on bearing while with the standard variety if hit by a frost they will not crop that season.

Mr. Day plans to go into the plant business on an extensive scale in the near future. He is now propagating a new variety of red raspberry which he believes will be the best raspberry on the market. It has a better flavor and color and his experiments have shown that it holds up better than any red raspberry at present on the market. From 150 of these plants which were set out last spring, Mr. Day harvested nearly \$200 worth of berries and plants. He imported this new variety of raspberry from Utah.

These results demonstrate what may be accomplished on small acreage by intensive farming.

EXPLOSIVE GIVEN FOR ROAD WORK

Large Quantity of T.N.T. Given County by Forest Reserve for Road Building Use.

Lane county has been given 2500 pounds of T. N. T. by the Cascade National forest, for use along the McKenzie river in road building. N. F. Macduff, supervisor of the Cascade forest has been authorized to issue this amount to the county this winter.

Mr. Macduff says that while TNT is one of the most destructive of explosives it can be handled with no danger whatever. In appearance it resembles brown sugar. A small quantity can be burned without danger, or one may shoot a rifle ball into it without causing an explosion. In road work it is exploded by use of a No. 8 cap.

TNT costs about 25 cents a pound and the government is distributing large quantities to the forest reserves for use in federal road projects.

COMPANY FORMED TO RUN STAGE TO MCKENZIE BRIDGE

With a capital stock of \$500, 100 shares at \$50 per share, the McKenzie Bridge company has filed its articles of incorporation with the county clerk. The incorporators are E. C. Simmons, J. A. Adrian and L. E. Simmons, and it is provided that

the stage company shall operate, own and maintain a stage and truck service between Eugene and Foley Springs and the McKenzie Bridge over the McKenzie wagon road.

MRS. ELIZABETH WHEELER DIES

Mrs. Elizabeth Wheeler who passed away at Pleasant Hill Dec. 9, 1919, was buried December 17 in the Masonic cemetery. The funeral services were held in Pleasant Hill Dec. 11 and the body was brought to the Walker chapel until the weather conditions were more favorable before burial.

STATE BIOLOGIST IS OFF GAME COMMISSION

William L. Finley has been removed as state biologist from the Oregon fish and game commission to take effect December 31. It is said the action was taken because Mr. Finley was unable to work in harmony with the commission, the trouble having been of long standing.

FORMER NATRON RESIDENT DIES

Word was received this week by Mr. Lindley of this city of the death of her uncle, A. R. Smith. Mr. Smith was a pioneer of 1849, and formerly lived at Natron. He passed away at his home near Albany, Monday, Dec. 15. He was laid to rest Thursday, Dec. 18, in the Albany cemetery, where his wife was placed only a few days before.

Mr. Smith leaves one brother, Mr. Smith of Natron, two sons, Earl and Claud Smith.

GOOD LIVING AT A LOWER COST IS AIM

How to reduce cost of living without lowering the standards of food, dress, house furnishing and care of children, is the practical but difficult problem that home-makers will join in solving at Farmers' week. All lectures, demonstration and exhibits will be applicable to the home. The exhibit of made-over clothing will not look second-hand and skimpy. That of food will show one day's balanced rations and how its cost may be reduced. Worth while isn't it? Another food display will present suitable refreshments for social gatherings — removing another frequent source of worry. Labor saving devices will point the tired mother to more time for recreation and child care.

WRITES OF HIGH COST OF LIVING IN ENGLAND

W. W. Ebbett of the Main garage of Springfield, received a letter from his father, W. W. Ebbett of Rams-gate, England, in which he told of the high cost of living there and how, with so many of the shops which were taken over for munition making were still in the hands of the government and with their lack of work people look forward anxiously to the days to follow. Mr. Ebbett states that although the booming of guns is quiet and the thoughts of war are being dismissed from the people's minds, still there is one thing which is disturbing them.

That is the very high prices of living. Eggs there sell for 11 cents a piece; beef sells for 42 cents per pound; milk is 22 cents a quart and small heads of cabbage which used to sell for 1 cent are now selling for 6 and 8 cents.

Though the wages seem to be good they are not high enough to pay such prices for food. Especially is this true in homes where there are large families and much distress will be found among the people if the government does not open up the work shops again, that they took for munition factories.

James A. Williams, a recent arrival from Washington, has purchased a large farm in Douglas county and will bring a large herd of pure-bred Swiss milch goats to his new farm. He will make a specialty of breeding this class of animals.

COASTING FROLIC ENDS IN ACCIDENT

Miss Ruth Scott and Norman Byrne Seriously Injured Saturday Night.

Resulting from an accident which occurred while coasting last Saturday night, Miss Ruth Scott and Norman Byrne were both quite badly hurt. The sled on which the young people were coasting ran into a stump at the foot of the hill, throwing them against the stump with much force.

Miss Scott received several cuts about the face and Mr. Byrne received a severe blow on the head.

The young people were immediately taken to the home of Dr. Pollard who afterward removed them to the local hospital.

Many stitches were taken in Miss Scott's face to close up the gashes made there from the broken sled or stump. She is reported to be recovering rapidly. Mr. Byrne is able to be about again.

Both young people are students of the University of Oregon, Miss Scott being a junior and Mr. Byrne a sophomore.

LOCAL MAN EXHIBITS POULTRY

L. R. Melvin of near Hayden bridge, sent 13 Anconas, two pens and three singles, to the western mid-winter poultry show held in Portland this week. His birds are the "Model-type"—a type of his own—Anconas of the Sheppard strain. Mr. Melvin has been in the poultry business twenty years, coming to Springfield two years ago from Iowa.

CROP ESTIMATES ARE LOW.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The crop estimate bureau of the department of agriculture has announced that the winter wheat crops total 38,770,000 acres, which is 23.2 per cent less than the revised estimate counted in the fall of 1918.

The revised estimate was 50,487,000 acres.

The condition of the crop December 1, 1919, was 85.2 per cent of normal, as compared with 98.6 per cent December 1, 1918, and 89.5 per cent over the 10 year average.

Buy a Red Cross Christmas Seal for your Christmas package.

THE THREE UNWISE MEN

