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## SPRINGFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ORGANIZED---OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

Organization Completed Tuesday Night—Will Launch Campaign for New Members.

At a meeting of the membership of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night in Stevens hall, the organization was finally completed and officers were elected. The by-laws were adopted as formed by the committee composed of John E. Edwards, E. E. Morrison and Charles L. Scott. M. C. Bressler was unanimously elected president of the chamber. O. B. Kessey was the unanimous choice for vice president and Charles L. Scott was chosen for treasurer. The secretary will be elected by the board of directors.

Committee chairmen were selected as follows: Welby Stevens, chairman of the committee on trade, commerce and industrial. W. F. Walker, chairman of the committee on legislation, taxation, highways, fish and game. E. E. Morrison, chairman of the committee on publicity, conventions, civic, educational and social.

The chairmen of the above three committees with two additional men, John Winsenried and Dr. W. H. Pollard, constitute the board of directors. It was decided that the dues of resident members should be fixed at

\$1 per month. Non resident members will pay \$6 per year.

There was a general discussion on the good and welfare of the organization.

The following committee of four on membership were appointed: W. F. Walker, J. E. Edwards, Welby Stevens and H. B. Freeland. This committee will immediately make a personal canvass among the business men of the city and farmers of the community for members in the new organization. There are three classes of membership: resident, non-resident and honorary. The board of directors will determine the limits of the chamber as regards membership in the resident and non-resident classes.

The following are paid-up members of the Chamber of Commerce:

E. E. Morrison, I. D. Larimer, W. F. Walker, O. B. Kessey, A. P. McKinsey, Harry M. Stewart, M. C. Bressler, J. W. Coffin, Lynn W. Miller, John E. Edwards, J. W. Downing, L. C. Helmer, John Winsenried, W. A. Hall, J. E. Cross, John F. Ketels, W. H. Pollard, N. W. Emery, J. A. Cox, W. H. Adrian, C. F. Eggmann, W. M. Long, Charles L. Scott, H. B. Freeland, L. K. Page, Wm. L. Berry, Sam H. Tyler, Dr. S. R. Dippel, Frank B. Hamlin, Welby Stevens, H. F. Corsaw, L. R. Smith.

## SWINGING BRIDGE SWINGS LOW

While George Brewer and Alford Callison were crossing Little Fall creek on a swinging bridge last Saturday, the bridge suddenly gave way and the men fell in the water.

Brewer fell on the upper side of the bridge and was able to reach the banks easily. Callison, however, landed on the lower side and his foot became entangled in the wire of the bridge. Quick action by Brewer in cutting the wire with a pair of pliers probably saved Callison from drowning.

## WILLIAMS FAMILY ARE SAFE

Word has been received that the L. E. Williams family, who it was feared was lost while crossing the Cascades, are safe. They reported that their three weeks' old baby withstood the hardships of the trip in the best manner and is thriving. They camped on the summit of the Cascades where snow was four feet deep. But it is a safe bet that they were not troubled with bursting water pipes nor plumbing bills.

## LOCAL CHICKENS GIVEN BIG PRIZES

Lane County Exhibitors Hang Up Majority of Medals at Portland Show.

Poultry breeders of Lane county had the distinction of winning the greatest number of prizes for their birds at the state show held last week in Portland, as well as having more birds on exhibition than any other single county. The show was well attended and much interest was shown for the local exhibit. B. F. Keeney's Barred Rocks from Eugene were especially attractive as were also L. R. Melvin's "Modeltype" Anconas.

L. R. Melvin of Springfield secured the following prizes on his Anconas: First cockerel, first and third pullet, third old pen and second young pen.

Allen Wheeler of Pleasant Hill was given second hen for his Single White Comb White Leghorn.

C. B. Wheeler, also of Pleasant Hill, hung up the following ribbons on his Barred Rocks: Third dark cock, first light cock, second and third light cockerel, first light hen, first, fourth and fifth light pullet.

## EGG PRICE CUT DOWN BY WOMEN

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 21.—Eggs which sold in Lincoln ten days ago for 85 cents a dozen, will now be quoted at retail at 56 cents. Two thousand Lincoln women who banded together to fight the high price claim the credit for bringing about the reduction.

## 1920 JURORS ARE TO BE DRAWN

The county court will begin Wednesday, January 7, drawing the jurors for the 1920 terms of court. The names of 300 or more men will be first selected by the court and then turned over to the county clerk and sheriff who will draw the names for each term of court. The poll books of each voting precinct will be first gone over, names selected from these, and then it will be necessary to verify these to see that they are taxpayers.

## MISS MARGARET GOSSLER MARRIED AT EUGENE

Miss Margaret Gossler was married to Hugh H. Hildabrand last Tuesday, Dec. 22, 1919, at the home of Rev. A. M. Spangler, First Congregational minister at Eugene.

Miss Gossler is a former Springfield girl and attended the local high school and has lately been residing with her parents at Marcola. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Gossler attended the wedding. Walter Gossler of Springfield is a brother of Miss Gossler.

Mr. and Mrs. Hildabrand will make their home in Albany.

The Bible school of the Christian church will observe a white Christmas this year. The program tonight is in charge of Mrs. Roland Moshier and Mrs. Henry Swartz. The church has been beautifully decorated with fir and holly, with an illuminated cross around which will be placed gifts for "others." The various Bible school classes will give useful gifts to the Old People's home at Walla Walla, Wash.; to the babies' home at Portland; orphans home at Denver, Colo.; Armenian relief work, and also to needy homes in Springfield. These gifts will be presented at the foot of the cross at the close of the program.

## U. OF O. TEAM ARE AT PASADENA

The University of Oregon football squad reached Pasadena last Saturday. The thirty-two men arrived in fine condition. A special tank of Oregon water was carried along to remove any danger of ill effects from a change of water. The men began working out Monday.

Mrs. E. G. Sutton left yesterday for Portland where she will visit with her mother, Mrs. S. McSerin over the holiday period.

John F. Ketel is visiting with his parents in Portland over Christmas.

Robert Van Valsah is spending the Christmas holidays in Portland.

Mrs. Vera Perkins of Springfield, who is teaching in the Salem high school, is home for the holidays.

Norton Pengra and wife of Corvallis arrived last week to spend the holidays with relatives in this city. The young couple are well known in Springfield, both having graduated from the high school here. Mr. Pengra is attending O. A. C.

## CAR SHORTAGE IS SERIOUS HERE

Booth-Kelly Mill Is Closed Because of Lack of Cars to Deliver Output.

Because they had not received enough cars to deliver their output and that they now have about 100 cars of stock on hand more than the maximum amount they ought to carry, A. C. Dixon, of the Booth-Kelly company, yesterday stated that they had been compelled to close their mill until sufficient cars were received to relieve the situation. Mr. Dixon said the local mill should have about ten cars a day to carry away their output and deliver orders, but that they are getting only one or two a day.

There is sufficient rolling stock assigned to the mill to enable them to obtain a constant supply of raw material from their logging camps, but, as has been said they are unable to deliver their output.

The local Booth-Kelly mill carries a payroll of about \$30,000 a month. At present almost all of the force is laid off. There is also a tremendous overhead expense, much of which continues the same, whether or not the mill is in operation.

It is said that railroad officials in charge of distribution of cars in this district do not know in advance anything about the number of cars or their whereabouts until they are brought into the district, which is north of Ashland and east of Huntington. They are then taken up and distributed pro rata among the different mills.

The Booth-Kelly mill has taken advantage of the shut-down to make some repairs and put their mill and machinery in first-class condition. It is planned to start operating again on the 29th of this month, but continued car shortage may force another shut-down.

## KEEP SECRET OF MARRIAGE NEARLY THREE MONTHS

The marriage of Miss Merle Arnold to Claire Williams which took place at Corvallis October 16 has just become known to their friends.

This seems to be one of the exceptions to prove the rule of the age-old saying that women cannot keep a secret. However, be it said that it is not known how the secret leaked out in this case, or whether the time had come when it was desired to acquaint their friends with the culmination of a romance that began when Miss Arnold and Mr. Williams were both attending school at Dexter several years ago.

Miss Arnold is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Arnold of this city, and has been employed in the postoffice for some time. She has a host of friends who wish her all happiness. Mr. Williams' home was formerly in Bend, Ore. He was discharged from the service last fall on his return from overseas.

The young couple will remain in Springfield for a few months after which they will make their home on a farm near La Pine.

## PROMINENT LINN FARMER DIES

John J. Swan who came to Lebanon from Nebraska in 1888, died at his home in Lebanon Saturday at the age of 74 years. At one time he conducted a hardware store in Lebanon with his brother, L. A. Swan, but for many years past he had lived on a large farm south of Lebanon, moving into Lebanon a few months ago. He leaves a widow and two daughters, all of Lebanon.

Miss May Lyon of Conning, Calif., who has been visiting with Mrs. A. B. Van Valsah, went to Ridgefield, Wash., Sunday where she will visit during the holidays, returning to Springfield for another visit before going to her home in Calif.

## ALUMNI WINS FIRST GAME FROM HIGH SCHOOL

The first basketball game of the season was played last Friday night between the high school and alumni teams, the alumni carrying off the big end of a 15 to 29 score.

The high school lads put up a game fight against a heavier team which had had more practice. The girls of the high school were loyal in their cheering for their team, being led by Miss Opal Mason who has been elected yell leader.

The line-up was as follows:

High school—Center, Sikes; Korn, (sub); guards, Edmundson, Hutchinson, Joe Deets; forwards, Hughes, Fish, Ninnis.

Alumni—Center, Van Valsah; guards, Hill, Gossler; forwards, Kester, Bailey, Male.

After the game a lunch was served by the high school girls to all members of the alumni and high school. The hot coffee and sandwiches were enjoyed by all, especially the players.

The next game to be played by the Springfield high school team will be with Thurston team, on the Thurston floor Saturday, Dec. 27. Much enthusiasm is being shown among the student body over the coming game.

## GASOLINE UP CENT AND A HALF

An increase of a cent and a half was put on gasoline in Oregon last week. This is made necessary because a law was passed at the last legislature requiring gasoline in this state to test to a specific gravity of 56 degrees. The Standard Oil company, which furnishes practically all of the gasoline in western Oregon, claims that it is necessary to manufacture a special grade of gasoline for this state. It is declared by the oil company that this is a waste of natural resources because much less gasoline can be made from the crude oil under this special process than under the ordinary method and that the special test gasoline will give no better service than gasoline of a lower gravity test. It must also be hauled and stored in specially constructed tanks.

A basketball game has been scheduled between the Thurston and Springfield high school teams to be in the Thurston hall Saturday night.

T. C. May of Reserve is spending the holidays with friends in Eugene and Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Arehart of Bandon are visiting with Mrs. Arehart's mother, Mrs. J. M. Withrow.

## RECENT STORM BLOCKED THE MCKENZIE HIGHWAY

The McKenzie highway between Blue River and McKenzie bridge was blocked for a few days during the recent storm because of the heavy weight of ice and sleet on branches of the trees, causing them to break and fall across the road. The mail was carried on foot by Harry Lowe from Blue River to McKenzie bridge during the blockade.

The proposal to build a union high school at Blue River for the pupils of Blue River, McKenzie and Nimrod districts, has been voted down. It was claimed that the pupils of the latter districts would be unable to get to Blue River during a large part of the winter on account of the deep snows.

Miss Mable Davenport, an English teacher in the Salem high school, is visiting with her parents in this city over the Christmas holidays.

Miss Olive Smith, a teacher in the Portland schools, is visiting at her home during Christmas holidays.

F. M. Roth, principal of the local high school, left Wednesday for Portland to join his wife and the children who left Sunday. They will visit with Mrs. Roth's mother during the holidays and Mr. Roth will attend the meetings of the State Teachers association.

## GOING TO BE A HARD WINTER ON SNOWMEN



W. H. MASON