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## CHAMBER SECURES BUSINESS ROOMS

### Enthusiastic Meeting Is Held. Plan for Banquet in the Near Future.

The Springfield Chamber of Commerce met last Friday night in Stevens hall with a great representation present. On account of the absence of the president and vice president, Director W. E. Walker presided.

The matter of securing rooms for a permanent meeting place and club rooms for the Chamber was considered. The directors reported having looked at rooms in the Winzenzell-Perry building and another set in the Stevens building. They reported their findings on both propositions. A short recess was taken by the members present Friday night in which they looked over those in the Stevens building. Later the Chamber decided to rent the entire upper floor of the Stevens building.

The rooms will be rearranged. A business office and reception room and a ladies rest room will be fitted up in the front section of the building. The large room now used as an auditorium and dance hall will remain at present and will be used for gatherings of the Chamber and social functions of the city.

Discussion as to the activities and proposed work of the Chamber of Commerce followed in which a number took part. Mayor E. E. Morrison, in an enthusiastic talk on the future of Springfield, said that "the past is gone and forgotten. Now is the time for cooperation. There is much to be done and a great deal that we can do if we will all work together." Continuing he said that it would be possible for Springfield to secure a cannery in the near future if proper support is given the backers of the enterprise.

The need of a place where representatives of outside enterprises could be entertained, and the necessity of adequate funds for carrying on the work of the Chamber were also emphasized.

A number of new members were also signed up at the meeting.

It was decided to have a banquet of the membership in the near future, announcement of which will be made later.

## ROAD TO HAYDEN BRIDGE IS IN BAD CONDITION

Claiming that the two and a half miles of road between the end of Mill street and Hayden bridge has not been worked on for ten years and is in worse shape than it was at that time, a delegation of 25 residents who live on the road, met with the county court Wednesday, asking that something be done on that road.

The residents along this road say that the roads are so bad that it is necessary for machines to travel in low and with chains on for the two and a half miles. This is said to be a very prosperous section of the country.

The Civic Improvement club will meet at the library next Tuesday night at 7:30. All of the members are urged to be present since the meeting will be held for the election of officers.

## Attention, Farmers!

There are a number of executive men in this state without employment. You are asked to send inquiries for help on your farm to the Springfield American Legion Post, No. 49, through The Springfield News. Or you may phone 2. Specify particularly what you want men to do in order that your needs may be wisely filled.

## SCHOOL BOARD TO ENFORCE STATE VACCINATION LAW

At a recent meeting of the school board it was decided to enforce the provisions of the state law in regard to vaccination. This action was taken because of the prevalence of smallpox in the district which, although in a very mild form, seems to be increasing rather than abating.

Superintendent Hamilton has therefore directed that all children who have not been successfully vaccinated within the last seven years, or who have not had the smallpox, be vaccinated not later than Monday, February 9th. This applies also to the teachers as well. It is understood that all physicians in the city are well supplied with vaccine.

Inquiry at the schools discloses the fact that a very large per cent of the pupils have already been vaccinated and that this order will really affect comparatively few.

## FIRST NATIONAL BANK EMPLOYS ADDITIONAL CLERK

Martin, who for the past year has been connected with the Bank of Commerce in Eugene, has accepted a position in the First National bank of Springfield. Mr. Martin is well qualified for the work, having been assistant cashier of a bank in Wisconsin several years before coming west.

## STUDENTS WRITE ON U. S. ARMY LIFE

### Essays to Show Value of Vocational Training—Prizes to Be Given Winners.

On February 20th school children throughout the United States will write a four-hundred word essay on "The advantages of an enlistment in the United States Army." This essay may be written from notes; must not exceed 400 words, to be written on one side of the paper only, preferably in ink.

Each school will act as judge on the essays written by its pupils and will forward the best essay to the army recruiting officer, Eugene, as the school's entry, to arrive not later than February 24th. This essay will be forwarded in duplicate in order that one copy may be retained by this office for the judges of Lane county, who will grade the papers for the award of prizes, contributed by the merchants and other generous spirited citizens of the county.

Writers of the three best essays throughout the United States are to be given a free trip to Washington, D. C., and return.

The citizens of Lane county, realizing the importance of this question, are sending in to this office a constantly increasing number of highly desirable and valuable prizes which, supplementing the United States offer, as they do, furnish a fitting reward for hard and intelligent work on the part of the contestants.

Authors of the six best essays in this county are to receive dinner at the Hotel Osburn; a box party at the Oregon theater; refreshments at the Rainbow; the party to be accompanied by a chaperon. In addition to this pleasant evening of entertainment the six will be given other prizes.

It should be borne in mind that what is wanted are the future benefits of an enlistment in the United States army and in this respect it would be well to keep in mind the system of vocational training now to be found in the army and the opportunities offered by the different branches of the service.

Anyone desirous of contributing further prizes or of obtaining information please communicate with Lieut. A. W. Jones at the army recruiting station, Eugene.

## U. OF O. GLEE GIVES PROGRAM

The University of Oregon Men's Glee club gave a program of singing at the Bell theatre last Thursday night. A very small house greeted the boys.

## NEW POLITICAL PARTY IN OREGON

### Labor and Farm Representatives Draw Up New Platform.

Salem—The convention made up of delegates from labor unions, farmers' organization and individuals from all parts of the state, closed here Friday night after having formed what they termed a new political party to be known as the land and labor league of Oregon.

Several features that were objectionable to the farmers were eliminated before the adoption of the platform of the new party. It is said that the land and labor league will not put a separate ticket in the field this year but will attempt to capture the organizations of the present parties.

After much debate the convention adopted the following platform:

"We, the members of the land and labor league of Oregon, in convention assembled, seeing that those who labor and produce the necessities of life, are and of right ought to be, the masters of the things they produce, renounce the following platform of action and invite all men and women, irrespective of party or condition, to fellowship with us in the reconstruction of the state and nation along the lines of permanence and justice rather than that of mere profit and expediency.

"We recognize that all men when they form a social compact are equal in right.

"That all power is inherent in the people, and all free governments are founded on their authority, and instituted for their peace, safety and happiness, and they have at all times a right to alter, reform or abolish the government as they think proper.

"That all abridgments of free speech, free assemblage and free press are violations of the constitution of this state and these United States.

"Therefore, in order to promote the welfare and happiness of our state and to restore uniform justice and equal opportunity to all, we demand, as a minimum, that the following changes and additions be immediately enacted and put in force:

"The extension of the direct primary to the initiative, the referendum and the recall.

"The privilege of voting by mail together with automatic registration.

"The abolition of the state senate.

"The public ownership of all public utilities and natural resources.

"The formation of a department of agriculture and industry, and the creation of a fiscal department, whose function shall be the creation of a state marketing system, a state bank and such other industrial activities as may be necessary and desirable.

"The removal of all unjust taxes from productive industry and substitution of a more equitable method of taxation.

"Proportional representation of all elective legislative bodies.

"That the public schools be placed upon a real democratic basis by making school boards representative through proportional representation, and that the object of the schools be to teach democracy rather than to train children merely to be servers of others for profit.

"We hereby declare for the economic and industrial equality of women, together with special protection for the mothers of our future citizens."

Ira C. Gates, who formerly owned a cigar store on Main street, was in the city several days this week. He is now living in Eugene and is connected with a well known insurance company.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Anyone having accounts against the Main garage, Springfield, Ore., or W. W. Ebbett, will please present them at once as I am contemplating taking over the business.

—IRA C. GATES.

## RELIGIOUS SURVEY OF LANE COUNTY BEING MADE

Introducing locally a great religious enterprise in which the leading Protestant denominations and men of national prominence are cooperating, the Interchurch World movement has begun a church and community survey of Lane county. A large amount of data will be gathered by trained workers, showing the condition of every church, its needs and methods by which it may be made to function fully and extend its influence into every phase of community life. It is designed not only to make the church a greater power for evangelization, but also to make it an efficient aid to good roads, better farming, wholesome recreation and economic and educational improvements—in fact everything tending for better and happier conditions for everyone. That a comprehensive program of usefulness may be built up, the survey has been initiated for ascertaining the exact underlying facts of church and community life in the county.

The survey will proceed along lines similar to those followed by the famous Lane county survey of 1915.

The Interchurch World Movement has been called into existence for the purpose of developing a plan whereby the widespread church of North America may cooperate in carrying out their educational, missionary and benevolent programs at home and abroad.

## GRANGE IN FAVOR OF BOND ISSUE

### North Fork Grange Votes Unanimously for Two Million Dollar Road Bonds.

At a recent meeting of the North Fork grange, that organization went on record for better roads and to have them for use now. They passed resolutions supporting the \$2,000,000 bond issue which is to come before the people at the May primaries. Following are the resolutions:

Be it resolved, by North Fork grange No. 492, that we unanimously approve of the issuance of two million dollars county bonds for the improvement of roads as recommended by the committee of thirty-eight, and that we pledge ourselves to work for its adoption at the polls.

We believe that the construction of marked roads is an immediate necessity and that the present use of the roads will be of vastly more value than the interest payments on the bonds; and—we deem the bonding measure the fairest way of raising the funds as it imposes on the towns a fair share of the expense of the building of the roads of the county, which roads are one of the chief factors in the growth and prosperity of the towns as well as in the development of the rural districts. Be it

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the county papers and to the Grange Bulletin.

## COUNTY PHYSICIANS DISCUSS INFLUENZA AND PNEUMONIA

The problems presented by influenza and pneumonia were the topics for interesting papers and discussions at the meeting of the Lane County Medical association held in Springfield Tuesday night in the banquet room at the Springfield hotel. Following the banquet, which was served by Mrs. Belle Spang, papers were read by Dr. W. M. Kuykendall and Dr. A. H. Ross, both of Eugene. The subject taken by the former was "Training of Nurses by the Red Cross" and the latter, "Pneumonia in America and the A. E. F."

The remainder of the evening was spent in the discussion of influenza and the problems of handling the cases, should there be another epidemic this year such as experienced last year.

About fifteen doctors of the county were present.

Mayor E. E. Morrison has gone to San Francisco on a business trip. He expects to be away about 10 days.

## LEGION LADIES AUXILIARY FORMED

### Local Post to Distribute French Certificates to Relatives of Dead Warriors.

The regular monthly business meeting of Springfield Post No. 46 was held in the W. O. W. hall Monday night. Vice Commander Fred Lemley presided; Commander William Hill having resigned at the last meeting.

A committee of Jesse Meats, G. Van Valzah and W. P. Tyson were appointed to arrange for holding a memorial service and to distribute the certificates to be given by the French government of February 22.

The post voted to retain the name of Springfield Post No. 46 instead of naming it after some dead hero of the war.

Government insurance was discussed, especially the new arrangements for reinstating the insurance of ex-soldiers who may have allowed their policies to lapse since the war. H. B. Friesland was named as an "insurance specialist" committee. An entertainment committee of Earl Meats, Laverne Smith and Gerald Van Valzah were appointed to serve one month.

After adjournment Fred Lemley gave a short history of the organization.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Legion was then formed, with Mrs. McClain as temporary commander and Mrs. H. B. Friesland temporary adjutant. There were about ten women present. The ladies auxiliary is open to all women relatives of members of the American Legion.

## O. H. WILSON BUYS KEPNER VARIETY STORE

O. H. Wilson, the jeweler who has had his office in the building occupied by The News for several months past, completed a deal last week whereby he took over the Variety formerly operated by E. E. Kepner on Main street between Third and Fourth streets.

Mr. Wilson has moved his jewelry business into his new location where he will continue his watch repairing and jewelry business and will also manage the variety store.

## JONES & EATON BUY THE FRY BUILDING

The firm of Jones & Eaton, commission merchants of Eugene, dealing in farm produce, have recently purchased the Fry property on Main street, formerly owned by Mrs. Jennie Fry of Portland.

B. C. Eaton is here making needed repairs on the building and will soon install a branch of their Eugene commission house. They will buy all kinds of produce from the farmers.

## NOAH EARNEST DEETS PASSES AWAY SUNDAY

Noah Earnest Deets, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Deets, died at the family home on Mill street Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. He was taken ill suddenly on Saturday. Death was caused by chronic Bright's disease, brought on by an attack of ptomaine poisoning.

He was a student of the Springfield high school, being a member of the junior class.

Funeral services will be conducted by Rev. W. L. Bailey from the Walker chapel at 2:30 Friday afternoon.

## MANY STUDENTS IN LANE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOLS

Salem—According to reports made public by J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, 72% per cent of the boys and girls of the state who completed the eighth grade last June, have entered the high schools of the state this school year. The total enrollment in the high schools is 21,989.

With the exception of Multnomah county, Lane county leads the state, having 1267 in the high schools.