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CANNERIES WANT LOCATION HERE

Plants Desire to Know Acreage Farmers Will Plant to Small Fruits.

That it is possible for Springfield to secure a cannery this season was the statement made by Mayor E. E. Morrison when interviewed yesterday.

Representatives of three different cannery corporations have been in communication with Mr. Morrison with a view to learning the situation here. One of the companies operates a large cannery in a nearby city and is particularly anxious to establish a branch in this city. An advantage claimed for their establishment is the fact that some machinery and equipment could easily be moved here and the plant started in a short time.

All that the company wants is the assurance of sufficient acreage to warrant starting a plant here. A number of local business men and farmers declare that they believe the necessary acreage of berries and fruit can be assured to guarantee the building of a plant in Springfield this year.

Farmers of this section are being urged to consider planting more berries and other small fruit and vegetables that the cannery will use, and to make known their intentions. In the event a cannery locates here it will mean a much better market for the growers and more employment for the people of the city.

STATE BUILDING TROUT HATCHERY AT OAKRIDGE

N. F. Macduff, supervisor of the Cascade national forest, and W. E. Naylor, clerk of the forest reserve office at Eugene, were in Springfield last Saturday, returning from a week's stay at Oakridge where they had been looking after forestry interests.

Mr. Macduff reports that there are many fine tracts of timber in that district and that there are good prospects for new sawmills. He also reports that the ponds are fairly good to Oakridge but between Lowell and Reserve they are rather rough and muddy.

Mr. Macduff says that the state has started work on the new trout hatchery to be built at Oakridge and are now building several wing dams along the banks of Salmoia river in order to save land for building sites of the plant at the mouth of the river. The state expects to hatch about 2,000,000 trout at this plant in 1920.

LEON R. MELVIN PASSES AWAY EARLY WEDNESDAY

Leon R. Melvin, aged 37 years, two months and seven days, died at 4 o'clock Wednesday morning at his home about two miles north of Springfield. Death was caused by pneumonia following influenza. He leaves a wife and two children, Lida, aged 11 and Jimmie, aged 6 years, and his parents who live in Illinois.

Mr. Melvin and family came here about two years ago from Iowa.

Funeral arrangements will not be made until his parents arrive from Illinois. The body is now at the Walker undertaking parlors.

Attention, Farmers!

There are a number of ex-service men in this state without employment. You are asked to send inquiries for help on your farm to the Springfield American Legion Post, No. 40, 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.

MARINE BAND MAY COME TO SPRINGFIELD

Sgt. Berryman, Marine recruiting officer at Eugene, has received information from headquarters at Washington that the U. S. Marine band of 60 pieces will be in Eugene March 20th and 21st and will give a program of moving pictures and a band concert.

He is endeavoring to make arrangements with the management of the band to bring it to Springfield for a free concert Sunday afternoon, March 21. This band is one of the finest in the United States and is making a tour of the country to stimulate interest in the recruiting campaign of the Marines. The band was trained under the leadership of John Philip Sousa.

INVITE PUBLIC TO SHARE PROFITS

Mt. States Power Company to Inaugurate Profit Sharing Plan.

The public will be invited to become profit sharing investors in the Mountain States Power company, according to a new policy announced by General Manager C. M. Brewer, in doing this the company believes that it has found something that will bring its customers and itself in closer touch to the advantage of all concerned and will provide a solid, good paying investment for citizens.

In order to make the extensions and improvements called for by demands for additional service it is necessary for the company to raise new capital from time to time. In the past this money has been brought from outside and necessarily the interest paid on it has gone elsewhere. Now it is proposed to give residents the opportunity to be financially interested in the enterprise and to share in the earnings.

In order to interest the largest possible number of people the securities to be issued will be obtainable not only for cash but also through a liberal partial payment plan, on which interest is paid to investors starting with the first payment.

The security which the company will make available to the public will be a ten year coupon note, paying a substantial rate of return and carrying with it the privilege of exchanging the notes for the preferred and common stock of the company at the option of the holder.

"Although this is something new for us it is an innovation which has already proved successful at other properties managed by the Bylesby organization," said Mr. Brewer. "During the past few years something like 12,000 people served by these companies have become financial partners as well, and I believe that the first case of dissatisfaction with the investment is yet to be reported.

"As long as we have to make extensions and improvements we have to secure new capital and our home people might just as well have the opportunity to invest as outsiders. Our company is in good shape in every way. Its business is growing rapidly and we are able to offer a sound investment paying a regular and satisfactory rate of return."

MRS. R. D. NEFF PASSES AWAY

Word was received in this city last Sunday of the death of Mrs. R. D. Neff, wife of Dick Neff, formerly of Coburg, now living in St. Helens, Oregon. Mrs. Neff passed away Wednesday, February 4, at her home in that city. Complications following the flu was the cause of her death. Besides her husband Mrs. Neff is survived by a 3-year-old son and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lynch and three sisters and one brother who now live in St. Helens.

MT. LASSEN IN ERUPTION

Redding, Cal., Feb. 9.—Huge columns of smoke arose from Mt. Lassen Monday. It is reported that the eruptions Monday were larger than any of the past three years.

PROPOSE REPEAL WHEAT GUARANTEE

Pacific Coast State Farmers Would Sustain Great Loss if Price is Dropped.

Washington, Feb. 10.—A flood of telegrams from farmers, millers and bankers in every section of the north-west began pouring into congress today, protesting against the Gronna bill which would repeal the government wheat guarantee.

In a letter to Senator Charles McNary of Oregon, Julius H. Barnes, president of the United States Grain corporation said:

"There are some phases of this proposed Gronna bill which are almost appalling, and particularly as it applies to the Pacific coast.

"You will recall that the government guarantee basis of \$2.20 on the Pacific coast was an effort to make the value of wheat on the coast just as near the Chicago basis as possible, and was only justified by the promise of the shipping board to give us new tonnage to take wheat and flour from Pacific ports to the Atlantic at a nominal freight.

"Now let us see what the termination of the authority might do to the Pacific coast. At once we discontinue paying \$2.20 for wheat and discontinue paying \$10 for flour. Assuming that operation outside of the grain corporation entirely could still continue to pay \$2.26 for Chicago wheat, it costs 39 cents a bushel to ship from the Pacific coast by rail to Chicago. If that is the only outlet then for Pacific Coast, its value would drop \$2.20 to \$1.87. It costs approximately \$1.60 a barrel to ship by rail flour from the Pacific coast to New York City, and the Atlantic seaboard. That character of flour is now selling in New York at \$10.65; so that the value of flour on the Pacific coast would drop at least \$1 per barrel."

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETS FRIDAY NIGHT

There will be an important meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Friday night, Feb. 13, at 7:30 in Stevens hall. A lunch is to be served. There are a number of important matters to come before the meeting and a full attendance of the membership is desired.

A committee from the Civic Improvement league is expected to meet with the chamber to discuss affiliation of that body with the Chamber of Commerce.

WILSON FUNERAL HELD MONDAY

Frank R. Wilson, aged 64 years, passed away at the family residence at Ninth and L street at 3:30 Saturday afternoon after a lingering illness of about a year and a half.

Funeral services were held from the Walker chapel Monday morning at 10 o'clock, Rev. Stratsford of Creswell conducting the services. Interment was in the Cloverdale cemetery near Creswell.

Mr. Wilson is survived by his wife and seven children, as follows: R. D. Wilson, L. F. Wilson, Mrs. R. A. Bates, Roberta Wilson of Springfield, Mrs. D. M. Smith, Mrs. Wyatt Skeels of Portland, and Mrs. C. W. Kirk of Leona. All were present at the time of death.

MASS MEETING OF WOMEN

Miss Elizabeth Fox, dean of women of the University of Oregon, will conduct a mass meeting in the interests of the Young Women's Christian Association in the Christian church in this city Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Every woman and girl who is interested in this work is expected to be present.

SALVATION ARMY LOOKING AFTER LOCAL NEEDS

An officer of the Salvation Army was in Springfield yesterday conferring with the American Legion and others in regard to possibilities of establishing some sort of club rooms and a meeting place for the young people of this city.

They are anxious to cooperate with the American Legion, the Loyal Legion and the city or any other organizations in order that suitable quarters may be established for use as reading and game rooms and a gymnasium.

UNION MEETING SUNDAY NIGHT

There will be a union meeting of the young people of the city Sunday night to be held in the Methodist church at 6:30. About twelve student volunteers who attended the Student Volunteer Conference recently in Des Moines will be present to take part in the meeting.

TIME TO SPRAY FOR THE SAN JOSE SCALE

William Steele, deputy county fruit inspector, was in Springfield this week looking after fruit interests of this section and urging that the growers attend to the spraying of their trees. He points out that this is the best time of the year to spray the trees for San Jose scale and for moss.

Mr. Steele said the county is making a greater effort this year than ever before to clean up the orchards and stamp out all tree diseases, that the farmer may grow a better grade of fruit.

At a meeting of the Eugene Fruit Growers association held in Eugene last Saturday there were 500 fruit growers of the county present.

PRIMARY CLERKS NAMED BY BRYSON

Both Political Parties Are Represented in List of Judges and Clerks.

The list of judges and clerks to serve in Lane county at the May primaries has been selected by County Clerk R. S. Bryson. The first name on each list is the appointed judge and chairman and the second name is a judge, the next three being the clerks.

The law requires that both political parties be represented at the polls, hence the letter "R" after a name indicates a Republican, and the letter "D" indicates a Democrat. In case there are any vacancies in the list before the election, they will be filled. The designation of one polling place for each precinct must also be made ten days before the election. The polls in each precinct must be open and the board organized by 8 o'clock on the morning of the election.

Following is the list of judges and clerks for Springfield and vicinity:

Springfield No. 1, First Board—Albertha Walker, R.; Elsie C. Stewart, D.; Hazel A. Stewart, D.; George Ditto, R.; Carl Fisher, R., all of Springfield.

Springfield No. 1, Second Board—Reuben W. Smith, R.; John S. Loran, D.; Hannah Hill, R.; Vina McLean, D.; Grace E. Male, R., all of Springfield.

Springfield No. 2, First Board—C. M. Dority, R.; George A. Dorris, D.; Hattie Myers, R.; L. K. Page, R.; C. E. Colcord, D.; all of Springfield.

Springfield, No. 2, Second Board—Elizabeth C. Page, R.; Harry Shea, D.; Hattie Myers, R.; Myra A. Hutchinson, R.; C. R. Colcord, D., all of Springfield.

Springfield No. 3, First Board—R. L. Drury, R.; Adda M. Peery, D.; Lee W. Clark, R.; John E. Edwards, D.; Ethel C. Bally, R.; all of Springfield.

Springfield No. 3, Second Board—M. W. Weber, R.; M. V. Endicott, D.; Vernice C. Morrison, R.; J. E. McKibben, R.; Essie E. Weber, D.; all of Springfield.

Springfield No. 4, First Board—C. E. Wheaton, R.; H. F. Gordon, D.; A. P. McKinzey, D.; A. F. Wheaton, R.; Effie McKinzey, R.; all of Springfield.

Springfield, No. 4, Second Board—C. E. Wheaton, R.; H. F. Gordon, D.; A. P. McKinzey, D.; J. W. Coffin, R.; C. L. Scott, R.; all of Springfield.

Thurston—Walter F. Platt, R., Springfield No. 2; O. A. McMahan, D., Springfield No. 2; Ross Mathews, D., Thurston; F. E. Taylor, R., Thurston; J. N. Hill, R., Springfield R. No. 2.

Wendling—First and Second Board, same—H. B. Lewellen, R., Wendling; D. M. Bowers, D., Wendling; Geo. J. Fanning, R., Wendling; H. J. Downing, R., Wendling; Cliff Abrams, D., Wendling.

Willakenzie—Ira H. Calef, R., Eugene R. No. 2; J. S. Walls, D., Eugene R. No. 2; Truman A. Chase, R., Eugene Rt. 2; C. M. Young, D., Eugene, Rt. 2; B. F. Russell, R., Eugene, Rt. 2.

Three members of Mrs. Ida Cole's family, who reside on the Margaret Morris ranch northeast of town, are ill with the influenza, it is reported.

LANE COUNTY VETS ORGANIZE

Seek Mutual Benefit of All Veterans—Endeavor to Inspire Patriotism.

A temporary organization of "The Veterans Council of Lane County" was effected at the Chamber of Commerce in Eugene Tuesday night when representatives of the various veterans posts of Eugene and Springfield met in a called meeting. Representation had been asked for from other posts of the county but none were able to attend. February 24 has been set as the date for a meeting to complete permanent organization of the council.

Among those attending and helping in the first meeting were Col. W. S. Search of the G. A. R., Col. J. M. Williams of the American Legion, D. A. Elkins of the Spanish-American War Veterans, Harold Beytein of the Eugene American Legion post and Fred Lemley of the Springfield American Legion post, and R. S. Huston of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. A number of other delegates from Eugene and Springfield were also present.

Col. J. M. Williams was elected temporary president and Fred Lemley temporary secretary. It was decided to issue invitations to all other veteran organizations in the county to send accredited delegates to the meeting on Feb. 24.

Following is the preamble as adopted by the first meeting and which sets forth the purposes of the organization:

"The purpose of this organization is for the mutual benefit of the several veterans organization in Lane county, Oregon, and of their membership, and especially for the purpose of promulgating and practicing principles of patriotism, and Americanism, and inculcating respect for the institutions and flag of our country, and to aid and assist worthy veterans and others wherever and whenever possible, and to cultivate among its members a strong fraternal spirit and unite them in the common cause of good government and our country's welfare."

CIVIC LEAGUE PLANS ON GREAT WORK FOR YEAR

At the regular meeting of the Civic Improvement league Tuesday night in the library, a number of important phases of work were launched.

Mrs. C. E. Wheaton was made chairman of a committee which will place signs on the roads about the county which will give the directions and distances to Springfield.

Another committee consisting of Mrs. J. Stewart, Mrs. J. B. Huntley and Mrs. Mary Roberts was appointed to meet with the Chamber of Commerce in regard to affiliation of the league with the chamber.

Election of officers was held which resulted in most of the officers being held over from last year. Mrs. W. G. Hill was elected president; Mrs. L. K. Page, secretary; Mrs. Herbert Walker, assistant secretary; Mrs. W. L. Long, treasurer; Mrs. Bernice Van Valzah, Mrs. M. Peery, Mrs. George Catching, and Mrs. W. F. Walker, vice presidents. There was a full attendance at the meeting.

Afterwards there was a meeting of the Red Cross chapter at which time a number of night garments and pneumonia jackets were distributed, to be prepared in the event there is a siege of influenza here.

MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE HELD FEBRUARY 22

A memorial service under the auspices of the American Legion is to be held Sunday evening, Feb. 22. At this time certificates issued by the French government will be presented to the nearest relatives of soldiers who lost their lives in the recent war. Rev. W. L. Bailey of the Baptist church will deliver the address of the evening. Announcement of the place of meeting will be made later.

LANE LEAVES CABINET MARCH 1

Washington, Feb. 7.—The resignation of Franklin K. Lane as secretary of the interior has been accepted by President Wilson to take effect March 1. Mr. Lane expressed a desire to retire to private life.