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CITY TO COLLECT STREET MONEY DUE

Funds Needed for Bond Payments—Will Soon Order Sidewalks Built.

At its meeting Monday night the city council decided that all money due on street assessments for paving and other improvements must be collected at once. It is estimated that there is about \$46,000 due from property holders on their assessments. The city will soon have to pay off some of these bonds and must bring its collections up to date.

Another important improvement for the town is also planned. A special meeting of the council will soon be held to pass ordinances for building new sidewalks where they are needed.

Robert Sidwell resigned as councilman and D. W. Coffey was appointed to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.

FUNERAL OF COBURG YOUNG MAN HELD WEDNESDAY

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Gordon & Veatch undertaking parlors in Eugene for Clarence Anderson, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Anderson of Coburg. Interment was made in the Masonic cemetery. Deceased is survived by his parents, two sisters, Elsie and Lilly Anderson, and one brother, Charles, all of whom live in Coburg.

He was well known in Lane county having lived at Marcola for many years before moving to Coburg seven years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Morrison who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Lehnart for some time, left today for Grants Pass. They are looking for a location in southern Oregon, having recently sold their ranch in California.

TEACHERS' PAY RAISED FOR THE COMING YEAR

According to plans adopted by the school board at its meeting Wednesday night, teachers in the Springfield schools will receive a raise of salary for next year. A minimum of \$17 for teachers in the grade school and \$125 for high school teachers was decided upon. This is in line with action taken by school boards all over the state, in order to enable the teachers to meet the high cost of living.

Other routine business was transacted by the board.

REGIONAL GARDEN SEED IS BETTER FOR GARDEN

Northwest Climate Gives Vigor That Means Top Yield and Highest Quality.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Feb. 18.—Acclimated seeds are best for the vegetable garden, thinks A. G. Bouquet, professor of vegetable gardening at O. A. C. He finds that the northwest climate gives vigor to the seeds, and recommends their use in this region.

Early ordering is likewise advised, since the best stocks may be depleted and the most desirable varieties not to be had for late orders.

Many seed catalogs come to farmers and other gardeners from all parts of the country, Professor Bouquet says, but buying by mail orders from distant firms is not recommended. If such orders must be placed he advises placing them with old and reputable firms that will fill them with the varieties named.

"Home gardeners should plan how much of their lot is to be used for each of the vegetables to be grown, and then order the required amount of seed at one time," is Professor Bouquet's comment.

"Quality, seasonableness and productiveness of variety are the strong points to look for in selecting seed. It is not easy to make the selection from the large numbers described in the catalogs."

BOB VAN VALZAH BADLY INJURED IN COLLISION

Robert Van Valzah was seriously injured Wednesday afternoon when he collided with a touring car, driven by J. A. Seavey, at the intersection of Sixth and B streets. He received several cuts about the body. No one else was injured. He was immediately taken to a hospital in Eugene.

Van Valzah, on a motorcycle, was traveling east on B street and Mr. Seavey was driving north on Sixth street when the two met at the intersection. Mr. Seavey claims that he had brought his car practically to a dead stop when the two collided. It is stated that Van Valzah apparently lost control of the motorcycle and was unable to either stop or avoid collision with the car. It is also said that Mr. Van Valzah takes the responsibility for the accident.

At last reports from the hospital he was resting easy and no complications are expected.

Robert Van Valzah is the son of Mrs. A. B. Van Valzah of this city. He was in the service during the war.

SOLDIERS OF LANE COUNTY HOLD MASS MEETING TONIGHT

All ex-service men of the county are being urged to gather at the armory in Eugene Thursday night at 7:30 to take some action on the proposition of bonus legislation now being considered by congress.

Another matter to come before the meeting is the proposed erection of a memorial building for the county. The last session of the legislature authorized each county to set aside certain sums for this purpose.

At 8:30 there is to be a meeting of those who are organizing a Leonard Wood presidential club which will be addressed by several speakers.

"PEEPING TOM" IS APREHENDED

After numerous reports of a "peeping Tom" about town, police authorities arrested a man whom it is alleged was caught in the act of peeping into windows Tuesday night. He was arrested and on trial Wednesday in police court was fined \$25.

SPECIAL OFFER

On Saturday only, March 13, we will give with every new subscription to The Springfield News, a Pathfinder Gate Right Deed, together with a reduction in our rates from \$1.75 to \$1.50 for the year.

The Pathfinder gate is a wonderfully convenient gate, enabling you to open and shut your gate while seated in your auto or wagon. It can be constructed very cheaply, or most any old gate can be quickly made over. The gate is patented and the Gate Right Deed is a drawing and plans which give you full direction and permit for building as many gates as you desire on your own place.

See a model of the gate on demonstration at our office.

Don't forget our special offer of \$1.50 for The NEWS for one year, Saturday only.

SPRINGFIELD POWER PLANT MAY BE IMPROVED SOON

C. M. Brewer, general manager of the Mountain States Power company, and R. U. Steelquist, assistant manager, both from Albany, and Henry Greenacher, an engineer from the Chicago office of the Bylesby interests, were in Springfield Tuesday. They were looking over the plant here in regard to some improvements planned for the future.

BASEBALL GAME ON FRIDAY

The first game of baseball this season is scheduled for Friday afternoon, weather permitting. The freshmen of the high school will play the Lincoln school team.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Blenis, who have been at Leaburg since last summer, have moved to Springfield where Mr. Blenis is employed at the Mt. States Power company's plant. He had been employed by this company for a number of years, but a year ago they moved to a farm at Leaburg.

"OUR GRATE PROSPERITY"

By Our Pointer's Devil.
If I'd believe all that I hear and see in the magazines I'd think I wuz livin' in an age of bliss, content and harmony. The big fellows speel about the great prosperity an' dope but I kaint see no difference. Ain't people jes as big hogs as ever; don't people try to swindle, cheat an' try to run the other fellow out? Shucks, its all bunk. A dollar is a dollar only they ain't worth so much now as they wuz afore the war. They sez that this war hez been a great thing because it gives people sumthin to think about an' excites patriotism. Well, it doz, but thair's allus somebody ready to grab and rob an' spoil the

whole parade an' there's allus hogs ever place, even in skool. An' so when I see a speel on prosperity er dope, I sez, "bunk!"
Course there was a lot of dope invented durin the war such as depth bombs an' poison gases, but this "big bug's" speel is also gas. Airplanes an' truck industry wuz developed but theez wuz developed any how. An' what are theez few grate steps in comparison to the grate unrest in this "grate prosperity" that hez never rained the world afore? But I can't see where they git all this dope about prosperity amidst this high cost uv livin'.

MARINE BAND TO PLAY IN SPRINGFIELD MARCH 21

Attention! The marine band of 34 pieces will give a concert here on the afternoon of Sunday, March 21. This is according to word just received from Sgt. Berryman, marine recruiting officer in Eugene, who says that arrangements have been completed with those in charge of the band.

If the weather is suitable the concert will be given out-of-doors. An effort will be made to have people of Springfield who have autos, go to Eugene for the marine boys and bring them here for the entertainment. They will be permitted to spend several hours here. This is one of the finest bands in the United States and they have received much praise wherever they have appeared.

ADAMS WILL ADDRESS BROTHERHOOD MEETING

E. J. Adams of Eugene will speak on the road bond issue at the gathering of the Brotherhood at the Methodist church Monday night. A supper will be served by the Ladies Aid of the church at 6:30 after which the speaker will give the address of the evening.

The Brotherhood follows a policy of bringing speakers and lecturers to talk on up to date subjects and questions upon which the public desires information. All men of the city are cordially invited to attend these meetings.

S. P. GIVES DAILY FREIGHT

With the end of government control, the Southern Pacific has abandoned the Sailing Day plan for handling less than carload shipments and is now furnishing to small shippers a daily freight service to all way points at their option.

The Sailing Day plan was installed as a car-saving measure and restricted less than carload shipments to way points to certain days in the week. It was not popular with small shippers who welcome the restoration of a daily service.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Tyson and small daughter are all confined to their home with the influenza. Mrs. Tyson became ill with the malady yesterday and Mr. Tyson and the daughter have been sick for several days. Both are improving, however.

ADVOCATE ONE CENT "DROP LETTER" POSTAGE.

A Republican senate committee has reported favorably on the plan to reduce postage on "drop letters" to one cent. The reason for a reduction on drop letters is obvious. The purely local letter need not be sorted for train transportation, it need not be handled by railway mail clerks, and the government pays no railway transportation on it. Because the cost of handling the local letter is much less, the government can afford to handle it at a less rate of postage. But as a matter of fact, the country is less interested in a lower rate of postage than in an improved service.

INTEREST MEASURE TO BE VOTED ON

Financiers Declare Reduction in Oregon Interest Rates Would Drive Money Away.

There is an effort under way by professional, paid circulators in Portland to obtain signatures to the proposed 4 and 5 per cent interest rate bill, but by reason of the opposition encountered by thinking people, are meeting with poor success.

"In effect this proposed bill prohibits charging a rate of interest in excess of 5 per cent," said a local man who is well posted on financial matters in Oregon. "Four per cent would be the legal rate. Just why any one with the mental capacity to reason can support a law so absolutely pernicious in its character is beyond our understanding," he continued. "However, the voters in Oregon are called upon, from time to time, to sit down on such misguided souls as the authors of this proposed bill and these voters can be depended upon to do so in this instance.

"In the event this bill should become a law it would have the effect of destroying the borrowing power of every individual, corporation and industry in this state," he added. "It is reasonable to suppose that every loan now outstanding would be called when it becomes due for it is utterly foolish to believe that any one will loan money in Oregon at 5 per cent when 6, 7 or 8 per cent is easily obtainable in every other state in the Union, with the result of a general paralysis of every line of activity in this state."

Let every individual think it over. If you are denied the privilege of borrowing money for your needs, if every one of your friends and neighbors were in the same boat, if the industries in Oregon are compelled to close down for lack of funds to carry on their business, Oregon would be compelled to set her clock back 700 years.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION HERE MARCH 19

Delegates from every Lane county Sunday school are expected to gather in Springfield on Friday, March 19th, for a one-day convention. The sessions will be held in the Methodist church.

An interesting program has been prepared beginning at 9:45 and closing at 9 o'clock in the evening. Noted speakers and workers of the state will address the convention.

Delegates are to be entertained on the Harvard plan. They will be met at the depot by a reception committee. Those who come from a great distance are urged to come to Springfield Thursday in order to be on time Friday morning. Adequate preparations are being made to care for those expected to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Cox have moved from the Fry property at Sixth and A streets to Eighth and C streets where they will remain until going to California in the spring. Mr. and Mrs. S. Director will occupy the house vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Cox.

W. H. Savage of Corvallis has been elected president of the state fair board, succeeding M. L. Jones. An arena for the judging of livestock was also authorized and will be constructed at a cost of \$8000.

Important business is to be taken up by the local chapter of the American Legion at its meeting next Monday night. Every member should be present.

It is expected that the case of the 10 I. W. being tried for the murder of Warren O. Grimm will go to the jury Friday. Both defense and prosecution have rested their cases. Instructions of the court to the jury, arguments of counsel and deliberation of the jury will precede the verdict.

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