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PACKING PLANT IN SPRINGFIELD

Swartz and Burne Expect to Handle Thousand and Hogs

A new industry for Springfield will be that of a packing plant to be installed by Swartz and Burne at the corner of Second and A streets.

A large building has been moved to this property and will be remodelled for the plant. A space of about 10 by 50 feet on the ground floor will be used for a cold storage plant.

The machinery for the plant has been contracted for from a Portland firm and it is expected that the plant will be ready to operate in about ninety days.

They expect to handle two or three thousand hogs in their plant during the coming season turning up such products as cured hams, bacon, etc. Their stock will be brought in this vicinity.

CHURCHES PLAN TO AID RURAL LIFE

Interchurch World Movement Surveyors Find Lethargy In Oregon.

The church used to have to compete with the saloon as the center of recreation. Now it has to compete with the movie, the dance-hall and the motor car.

This is the view of the problem facing rural churches Oregon, of surveyors for the Interchurch World Movement who have spent months making investigations of conditions in the state.

"We cannot complain tonight these other attractions are drawing the people away from the church," said one, "so long as we do not provide any attractive social attractions. The church has to meet the demands of the community in which it exists physical and recreational as well as spiritual and so long as it does not meet them it cannot protest against the fact that the dance-hall and movies occupy the leisure time of the community here, while the whole family is lured by the prospect of a motor trip rather than by what the church at present has to offer."

"The church has to offer something better. It will not accomplish much by denouncing the dance-hall and other amusements of which it disapproves so long as its criticism is merely negative. It has to take a positive course and provide entertainment and recreation of genuine attraction and so oust the bad with the good. I know of one Sunday school that faced this problem in a vigorous way. It found that the local pool hall was attracting large numbers of young men, so it bought the pool tables, thus closing the pool hall. But it did not stop there. It offered entertainment which effectively reached these young men who had previously spent their time at the pool hall. We can have movies in the church too, especially those educational films which can easily be got from the Government departments."

Some surveyors found that there was a general lack of interest in the church and religious things in the rural districts which they visited. "Pastors are becoming discouraged," one said, "and spend part of their time working on farms instead of putting all their effort into church work."

The results of these surveys will form an important part of the program at the conference to be held in this county early in April.

RECEPTION FOR NEW MEMBERS OF METHODIST CHURCH

About 150 people were present at the reception given for new members of the Methodist church in the church parlors Tuesday evening. A bountiful supper was served at 7 o'clock by the ladies of the congregation. A social hour followed the supper after which a program was put on, representatives of the various organizations of the church and the pastor making short speeches.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS GIVE SPECIAL SERVICE

The members of the Christian Endeavor of the Christian church had charge of the services last Sunday evening. The central theme of the evening was "Christ Exalted."

Roland Mosher gave a history of the Christian Endeavor movement after which Miss Alice Dickens spoke of "Christ Exalted in Daily Work"; Miss Gladys Lepley spoke of "Christ Exalted on the Lord's Day"; Miss Elsie Weddle on "Christ Exalted Among Our Associates"; Marjorie Mosher on "Christ Exalted in the Home." Among the numbers of special music was a solo by Henry Swartz and a duet by Carrie Ditto and Edwina Parsons.

There was an exceptionally good attendance at the meeting.

EBBETT TO REMAIN IN GARAGE BUSINESS

A statement was recently published that a suit had been filed by L. M. Travis in behalf of a number of creditors against W. W. Ebbett of the Main garage of this city. Ebbett, however, makes the statement that some of the companies represented had authorized suit to be filed and further says that every company has taken steps to have same recalled. He also has cancelled checks and receipts from the state industrial accident commission regarding their claim of \$10.26, and states that it was probably due to a mistake that he was not credited on their books for the payment which he made.

It is said that he feels this is an effort to close him out of business.

Ebbett will remain in the garage business at his present location. He states that his business is such that he will soon be able to pay off all indebtedness.

RESTORE THE AMERICAN FLAG TO SEVEN SEAS

Washington, March 27.—The following statement regarding the issue of American shipping was today issued by the Washington headquarters of the International Maritime Brotherhood:

It has been repeatedly asserted by John D. Rockefeller, executive head of the Pacific Mail Steamship company and former director of operations of the shipping board, that American ships cannot compete with foreign ships because our operating freight and passenger rates under the American flag are equal to those of the American flag on equal terms and in successful competition with the ships of all the other nations of the earth, provided the United States undertakes to produce ships on a quantity basis and operate a merchant marine so extensive as to reach practically all the important ports of the world. It is Mr. Rockefeller's confident assertion that although American ships must pay their employees higher wages than are paid to employees on ships under other flags, yet the efficiency of the men employed is so much higher that results commensurate with the increased compensation can be secured. However, in his judgment, the wages paid to employees and then cost of subsistence on an American standard is such a small proportion of the total cost of ship operation that the difference in wages is not a very material factor. He certainly does not deem it a controlling factor.

Portland—Improvements totaling expenditure of about \$75,000 being completed on properties of East Side Mill and Lumber company.

Oakland—Eight hundred acre stock ranch sells for \$20,000.

Lacomb—Oil struck at depth of 145 feet.

Lebanon to have planing mill.

Echo—Reith highway nearly completed.

Marshfield—New veneer plant to be erected soon.

Albany lumber mill receives new machinery.

Klamath Falls—Six hundred million feet white pine timber, in Klamath county, sold to Long-Bell Lumber company of St. Louis, Mo., for \$1,500,000.

Wallowa county wealthiest, per capita, in Oregon. Per capita \$600.

AUTO PARKING ORDINANCE PASSED BY CITY COUNCIL

At a recent meeting of the city council an ordinance was passed which will prohibit autos from parking on Main street for more than 30 minutes at any one time. There is no restriction on parking on the side streets. It was felt by members of the council that in some instances autos were left on Main street so long at a time that it had become a public nuisance.

Mayor Morrison stated that the ordinance would go into effect about the middle of April.

SPRINGFIELD MEN AT ALBANY CONFERENCE

Last Friday afternoon F. B. Hamlin, Carl Fisher and M. M. Drury went to Albany to meet with other directors and superintendents of the state to discuss the questions of salaries for both grade and high school teachers during the coming year.

Although no definite action was taken by the conference of school workers, it was felt by those attending that much good will result from the discussion, both in the matter of increased salaries and better work.

A committee was appointed by the conference to confer with a committee authorized by the legislature, which is to be appointed by the state school superintendent, for the purpose of working out a plan of state taxation for the support of the public schools.

"RENT HOGS"

By Our Printer's Devil.

I have read a lot of dope about these human curiosities called rent hogs. I don't get much talk say on the subject, although I've a hunch I've heard that Shuckers if I would cite an example "yes." I kinda think he oughta know. He's bin married bout to year or has married all over the P. S. pretty much.

Well, these "rent hogs" is mainly a mistake because the home is one of the world's greatest "pacifiers." Unless it is ever expect to have a peaceful country, a contented people, let's have homes. Well, some people and says "Rent" a single man and some married couples don't live in a home, they live at the expense of other places." I call

M. Motorcycle Turns Over.

Max O. Morrison suffered a fractured collar bone and badly sprained ankle when a motorcycle he was riding turned turtle last Friday evening. He was accompanied by two girls, one of whom was riding on the nose of the side car. When he attempted to turn to the left at the corner of Mill and A streets, the weight of the motorcycle was naturally thrown to the right side of the vehicle, together with the added weight of the girl on the nose of the side car causing them to turn over. Aside from bad bruises the girls were not seriously injured. All are students of the high school.

By mistake the hour of the public sale to be held at the J. M. Talley farm near Pleasant Hill was left off some copies of the sale bills. The time of the sale is set for 10 o'clock, April 5.

Eugene—Booth-Kelly company order new equipment for logging camps above Wendling.

Portland—Forty ships have been assigned for world commerce to Columbia basin.

Coos county projecting three market roads to cost \$75,000.

Sumpter Valley railroad given increased freight rates of \$54,035 annually.

Baker—Eastern Oregon Light and Power company increases plant to serve gold mines of Baker and Grant counties.

Ashland, division point on S. P., reports average of 200 freight cars southbound and 200 northbound per day during December. Check on passengers showed 3000 during December.

Oswego fighting for paved road to Portland.

Ship channel being cut through from Columbia slough to Columbia river.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO MEET FRIDAY NIGHT

The regular meeting of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce will be held Friday night at 7:30 o'clock in the Stevens building.

Important business matters will come before the gathering and every member is requested to be present. All business men and residents of the city who may not be members but who are interested in the welfare of the city are also urged to attend.

Don't forget the time—7:30 Friday night, April 2.

SURVEY OF CIVIC NEEDS WILL BE MADE HERE

Several prominent citizens of Springfield who are known to be in touch with local civic needs have received letters this week asking them to represent the University of Oregon in their locality. They will secure data for the records of the state-wide survey as to mental defect, delinquency, and dependency which the legislature requested at its last session, so as to be able to have accurate figures on the subject as a basis for intelligent legislation in the future. The U. S. public health service is co-operating with the state and has sent Dr. Chester L. Carlisle from Washington, D. C., to Oregon to take charge of the work as director.

The citizens of Springfield who have received letters requesting their assistance in this important subject are Miss Rose Scott, Dr. R. P. Mortenson, Dr. W. H. Pellard, Dr. W. C. Robbison, Mayor E. E. Morrison.

Salem to build camps and motor-ists grounds.

WATER SUPPLY OF CITY FIRST CLASS

Even Raw Water Shown to Be Good as Any Could Possibly Be.

Four samples of water from the Springfield plant of the Mountain States Power company were recently sent to G. V. Copson, acting bacteriologist at Oregon Agricultural college for testing. The four samples were taken from the raw water supply, the reservoir, Mr. Morrison's office and the Mountain States Power company's office.

In his letter, Mr. Copson says: "All four of these samples are singularly free from any bacterial growth whatever, even the raw water passing every required test for drinking purposes. The bacterial count is practically nil in every case. In no sample is it over 10 per cubic centimeter. There was a trace of gas in only one of the three c. c. samples. This proved not to be bacillus colon. "This test shows no results of the efficiency of the chlorine treatment, should you be giving it at this time, since the raw water is just as good as anything could possibly be."

LOCAL LIBRARY NEEDS TO RECEIVE CONSIDERATION

State and local library needs are being considered at conferences of library trustees now being held throughout the country by the American Library association, which is conducting a \$2,000,000 "Books for Everybody" movement on a nationwide basis. The money is being raised through the individual efforts of librarians, library trustees and friends of libraries without resorting to an intensive drive or campaign. Five library trustees have been named to attend the conference by the governor of this state. The conference for the Pacific coast is to be held at San Francisco from March 21 to April 3.

There is a deep and widespread interest in the movement which has for its chief aims self-education and Americanization through the nation's library facilities.

RESCUE WEEK CAMPAIGN FIRST WEEK IN MAY

Rescue week, the designation to be given the financial phase of the Salvation Army home service program for 1920 in Oregon, will be from May 1 to May 10 throughout the state. Fred E. Smith of Eugene will have charge of the campaign in Lane county. The date has been set for the campaign by Director General John L. Ehrbridge and the state advisory board and follows the announcement of the county quotas.

Announcements are expected soon relative to the formal opening of the beautiful White Shield home in Portland as a Salvation Army rescue home to serve the entire state.

STICKS AND STONES By Mark Ireland

A camera man nearly destroyed the prestige of President Ebert of the German republic when he first took office by snapping a picture of him in a bathing suit. Maybe we can get at the real issues in the coming campaign if we make the candidates furnish similar photographs of themselves.

Longfellow said: "In this world a man must be either an anvil or a hammer." If that is the case, we are all forgers.

A town in Massachusetts which has been dry for 285 years voted wet the other day. Maybe the government could induce people to save by passing a law against theft.

"Pa," said a little boy facing his father, "which is your right hand?" "Encyclopedia Pa indicated the appendage. "Which is my right hand?" the young question mark continued. "Pa indicated it. Follows a period of cogitation; then: "Gee, Pa, you must be made wrong." Capital and labor seem to be mired on the question of right hands.

Arthur Brisbane says one way to eliminate stupidity is to make it expensive. The man who sells his Liberty bonds unnecessarily is stupid, and his stupidity costs him money.

La Grande—Six-acre tract sells for \$4000.