

## SPRINGFIELD WILL COOPERATE WITH STATE CHAMBER

**Local Committee Pledges Help in Chamber's Plan to Aid Growth of State.**

Announcement of a state-wide campaign that will be conducted by the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce and the part Springfield is to play in the movement was outlined Monday of this week by James G. Stafford, representing the state chamber, who visited Springfield in connection with a survey of the state, now in progress, that will precede the intensive organization work.

The campaign, its purposes and aims, were discussed at length by Mr. Stafford with a number of leading men of Springfield, including O. B. Kenney, M. C. Bressler, Simon Director, E. E. Morrison and B. A. Washburne, all of whom are interested in the plans of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce. O. B. Kenney was selected and accepted the chairmanship of the Springfield executive committee, which will cooperate with the other cities and towns of Oregon in this state-wide movement. Associated with him on this executive committee will be M. C. Bressler, E. E. Morrison, B. A. Washburne and Simon Director.

The Oregon State Chamber of Commerce has undertaken plans to play a big part in the future development of the state. Funds will be raised to carry on an extensive program of activities. Among those will be an advertising campaign to set forth the opportunities to be found in Oregon and encourage land settlement; administration to promote irrigation, extension of railroads; refund on reclamation fund; extension of highways, both for commercial purposes and through the national forests; cooperation with agricultural and lumbering interests and numerous other projects, the development of which will be of incalculable value to the state.

Mr. Stafford was assured by the local leaders with whom he talked that Springfield could be relied upon to do her share with the other communities of Oregon. Other representatives of the state Chamber of Commerce will visit Springfield later and complete the organization work for this statewide movement which it is declared will benefit every section of Oregon.

### Will Make Home in California.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cox and daughter Ardis, and Miss Jennie Smitson left Saturday for San Bernardino, Cal., where they will visit with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Cox, who recently disposed of their department store in Springfield, will remain in the south, but Miss Smitson will return after a visit.

### LARGE CROWD ENJOYS LEGION PICNIC AT COBURG BRIDGE

About 50 people, members of the American Legion and their friends, enjoyed the American Legion picnic at Coburg bridge last Sunday. Several automobiles transported the picnickers to the grounds. Mr. Wool, who was sent out by the war risk insurance bureau, and Mayor Morrison both made short talks.

After the picnic lunch several races were held the winners in which were: ladies race, Mrs. Brashear; men's race, Leslie Shackford; and boys' race, Orval Eaton. Ice cream was furnished by the American Legion.

The Berry Furniture & Piano company donated the use of a player piano for the occasion.

A short business session was also held during the afternoon at which time the post endorsed the Soldiers', Sailors' and Marines' Educational and Revenue bill which is on the state ballot at the primaries Friday.

John Seavey recently purchased the Cockerlin home on Mill street in Eugene, the consideration being \$11,000. The deal was made by J. E. Edwards of this city, through the Stewart & Genn company of Eugene. Mr. Seavey has sold his brick home on 6th and E streets here to Jack Hyatt.

The University of Oregon coached its baters won from both Washington teams Tuesday night, thus securing the Oregon-Washington championship.

H. Cogill of Portland was in town Wednesday looking after property interests here.

### SPRINGFIELD GRANGE SEEKS SAVING IN TAXES OF STATE

At a recent meeting of Springfield grange two resolutions were passed which will later be referred to the state grange. One resolution favors a measure which would change the election law so that state elections would be held every four years at the time of the national elections instead of every two years as at present. The other resolution suggests that a person to be a qualified voter on bonds or special tax levies must be a realty holder or taxpayer.

### CLAUDE VALLIER INJURED WHEN TRAIN IS DERAILED

Claude Vallier, fireman on the new Pullman sleeper train on the Marshall line, is at his home here suffering from injuries about the face and arms, which he received when the train ran off the track near Nekoma, Monday morning at 3:15. While the injuries are not serious they are severe and painful. Mr. Vallier was the only one injured although several passengers were thrown out of their berths by the sudden stopping of the train.

Investigation showed that a large tree had fallen on the right-of-way, and while it did not fall across the track, it landed in such a manner that the rails were kinked. This caused the derailment of the engine, the sudden jar of which threw the fireman through the cab window. None of the cars left the track.

### Free Methodist Conference at Cottage Grove.

The annual conference of the Southern Oregon conference of the Free Methodist church is in session at Cottage Grove this week, commencing Wednesday and closing Sunday.

Rev. F. M. Childs, pastor of the Free Methodist church at West Springfield for two or three years, and later at Medford and Madras, Ore., has been in West Springfield this week, attending to the removal of some of his goods, which have been stored there. Mrs. Childs is with him. On account of a serious breakdown in health last year, he is retiring, at least temporarily, from the pastorate, and they will make their home on a small farm near Newberg, Oregon.

### Catch String of Fine Trout.

Dr. W. H. Pollard and Dr. W. H. Emery returned Tuesday night from a two days fishing trip on the Staslaw, bringing with them a string of 31 trout.

### CLARK PLANTS MORE LOGANS AND TWO ACRES FILBERTS

W. H. Clark recently completed planting two and a half acres of loganberries on his farm which is a part of the old Felix Scott donation claim on the McKenzie river. Next year he will set out about 14,000 more loganberry plants making a total of about 20 acres. His main crop, however, will be filberts which he is planting on the same ground along with the loganberries. He has completed setting two and a half acres of filberts and plans to finish setting out the twenty acres next year. Mr. Clark is a firm believer in filberts for this section of the country, as other growers have proven that they will come to excellent fruition here.

### Ex-President Taft to Speak in Eugene

"Americanism versus Bolshevism" will be the topic on which ex-President William Howard Taft will speak at the armory in Eugene, Friday evening, May 28. He is also expected to give a review of the league of nations up to date. Mr. Taft is not campaigning for any candidate, his tour being under the direction of the Ellison-White lyceum bureau.

Roy Evans, Clifford Fields and William Wade of Roseburg were in Springfield Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Hamlin and Joe Deets.

## The Grandoldope

By Ma. C. F. Eggmann

Under cover of darkness  
A mere printer of Eugene  
Slid into our precinct.  
Having nothing better to do,  
He began a slanderous attack  
Upon a Maiden Lady of uncertain age.  
We have heard of these repeated  
Attacks on our beloved  
Relative before.  
'Twould seem to us,  
Whose interests are involved,  
That Robert might be more of a  
Respector of old age.  
How does he get that way?  
We have never been given to retort,  
But feel it our duty to protect  
Our dear ancient and much  
Sought after Lizzie,  
Who is being put on the Eggmann's  
Pension list.  
But there is one thing that  
Gentle lady has never held up to  
Public gaze;  
Furnitance—  
Pink tights and green netting.  
She may be a disgrace,  
But goes the pace.  
Not much for looks,  
But has the crooks;  
If speed's the thing,  
She has them beat.  
I'll say she has "Toot Sweet."



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### EX-PRESIDENT WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT.

He will speak on the most important question of the day, "Bolshevism versus Americanism" in the Eugene Armory, Friday evening, May 28, 8 o'clock.

Mail or phone orders for tickets may be sent to Taft Management at Kuykendall Drug store, Eugene. Seats will be reserved from Tuesday, May 25, to Friday, May 28. Best reserved seat \$1.25 plus war tax, and \$1 plus war tax. General admission ticket 75c, securable evening of lecture at Armory.

### FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS BACK TAXES SAVED FOR CITY

Through the insight and efforts of Herbert E. Walker, present county assessor, the city of Springfield has been enriched by the collection of \$4088.79 taxes on property in the city limits. This amount is for five years taxes previous to the 1919 assessment and is on the holdings of several corporations in the town. For various reasons he was unable to assess and secure collection of taxes further back than this.

Mr. Walker says that in some manner past assessors have failed to put this property on the books. This means that the city will continue to realize a benefit of more than a thousand dollars each year, ranging according to the tax levies and which would probably have been lost indefinitely to the city had not Mr. Walker been keen enough to unravel the situation.

Mr. Walker was appointed county assessor to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Burton, deceased, about nine months ago. He is now a candidate for the Republican nomination of county assessor in the primaries Friday.

### AMERICAN LEGION TO PLAN FOR MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

A special meeting of the American Legion has been called for 4:30 next Sunday afternoon in the Woodman hall. They will make plans for the Memorial Day exercises in which they will cooperate with the G. A. R. Every member of the Legion is expected to be present. This is a patriotic duty. Don't be a slacker in remembering your dead comrades.

### COMMITTEE ARGUES FOR ELEMENTARY EDUCATION BILL

The committee in charge of the elementary education bill desires to place briefly before the public the reasons for supporting this measure by voting YES on item 314, as placed on ballot.

1. This bill, if carried, will add \$240 to the resources of each one-teacher district in Lane county and will aid more populous districts at the same ratio. Owing to the increased cost of keeping up the schools, this money is absolutely essential in many districts.

2. Where so large a sum is not needed, the district receiving the \$240 portion will be in position to diminish its district tax proportionately, consequently there will be no waste.

3. This bill enables the school to receive a return from property located in no school districts, in lapsed districts, etc. In Lane county the value of such property is \$2,097,917.

4. There are some small districts in Lane county with full quota of school children which have less than \$10,000 of taxable property in the district. Ordinary district taxes do not produce enough money to secure results. The measure now before the voters will give such districts good schools.

5. If this measure fails, 500 schools in Oregon will be closed next year. Can we afford this?

On May 21, 1920, vote 314 (X) YES.  
Executive Committee:  
H. D. Sheldon,  
C. A. Howard,  
Mae Kinsey,  
Margaret Halverson,  
E. J. Moore.

### Three La Plan Entertainments.

Twenty new members were taken in at the meeting of the Ladies Loyal Legion in Morrison's hall last Thursday night. Among other business matters was the appointment of a committee on entertainment consisting of Mrs. Prettyman, Mrs. Harpole and Mrs. N. F. McLeod. This committee has made plans for a series of musical entertainments which are to be given every second Thursday in the month.

### Herbert Hansen Has Son.

Friends of Herbert Hansen, graduate of Springfield high school and formerly bookkeeper at the First National bank here, will be interested to know that a son arrived recently at the Hansen home in Portland. He has been named Herbert Junior. After leaving Springfield Mr. Hansen went overseas with the American troops. He is a grandson of Mrs. M. J. Beckett of West Springfield.

A price-cutting move in wearing apparel seems to be sweeping over the country. Leading business firms declare that it is only temporary. Reductions of from 15 to 50 per cent have been made in some cases.

The Creswell Sunday school district will hold their convention in the Creswell Methodist church Sunday, May 23. An interesting program has been prepared for all day.

A small crowd heard E. J. Adams of Eugene and M. C. Bressler of Springfield argue on the road bonding question at the Bell theater last night. Mr. Bressler argued that this is not the right time to pass the road bonds, Mr. Adams favoring them.

## VOTERS WILL DECIDE ON ROAD BONDS FRIDAY

**City Will Have Special Election; Polling Places Are Given; Hours Are 8 to 8.**

On account of the interest in the county and state road bonding issues, the educational millage bills on which intensive campaigns have been made, together with the political issues before the voters, an unusual heavy vote is expected at the polls tomorrow.

The town of Springfield also has a special election at the same time. Nine amendments to the charter are to be voted on. These are all for the purpose of making the city charter conform to the state law passed in 1907. This law requires that cities and towns shall hold their elections at the same time as the general state and county elections and at the same polling places. This is in order that a saving might be made for the municipalities.

Eight of the amendments as referred by the common council to the voters of the city define the election times and places and define the fiscal year of the city and the commencement and ending of the terms of the elective offices of the city. The third amendment provides that the councilmen shall be elected for a term of four years and that one-half of the members shall be elected at each general biennial state election, thus holding some experienced aldermen in office at all times.

The sixth amendment provides that the council shall choose one of its members to act as president of the council in the absence of the mayor or if he be for any cause unable to perform his regular duties.

On the state ballot will appear nine proposed constitutional amendments and measures. The ballot titles are as follows: Constitutional amendment extending eminent domain over roads and ways; Limitation of four per cent state indebtedness for permanent roads; Restoring capital punishment; Crook and Curry counties bonding amendment; successor to governor; higher educational tax act; Soldiers', sailors' and Marines' educational and revenue bill; State elementary school fund tax; Blind school measure.

The \$2,000,000 road bonding measure seems to be the main issue on the Lane county ballot. There are also candidates for the county offices.

The polls will be open from 8 a. m. to 3 p. m. The polling places of Springfield and other nearby precincts are as follows:

Precinct No. 1, high school; No. 2, the real estate office in the Fry building on Main street; No. 3, the Lincoln school house; No. 4, the residence house on the southwest corner of 8th and A streets. Glenwood precinct will vote in the school house in West Springfield; Thurston in the Thurston school house; Wendling, Booth-Kelly office; Wilkenzie, Grange hall.

Following are the names of the chairmen of the election boards for Springfield, the names being for the first and second boards respectively:

No. 1—Alberta Walker; Reuben W. Smith. No. 2—C. M. Dority; Elizabeth C. Page. No. 3—R. L. Drury; M. V. Endicott. No. 4—C. E. Wheaton; Thurston—Water F. Platt, Wendling—H. B. Lawellen, Wilkenzie—Ira H. Calef.

J. J. Totten, for many years a resident of Springfield, and later of California, has been taking treatment for cataract, affecting both eyes, for several weeks past in Eugene, and making his home with his son in East Springfield. He expects the treatment to be completed this week, with measurably satisfactory results. He plans then to prospect for a location in central California.

### War Risk Insurance Expert Here.

Clifford Wood, field representative from the government war risk insurance bureau, was here last week on business. His business is to assist all ex-service men to straighten out their insurance difficulties and help those who have allowed their policies to lapse to reinstate. He says that reinstatement privileges expire on July 1st, 1920. By payment of two months premium on the amount of insurance desired, in multiples of \$500 to the largest amount carried while in service, reinstatement may be accomplished.

Under the conversion privilege any amount of this may now be converted to one of the six standard forms; ordinary life, 20 payment, 30 payment, 20 year endowment, 30 year endowment and endowment at age of 62. On converted forms the insured has the privilege of stating whether he wants payment to beneficiary of the face of the policy in one lump sum or of equal monthly installments to extend over a period of three or more years.