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CENSUS GIVES 593 OF SCHOOL AGE

Loss of 23 From Last Year; Average Attendance Better This Year.

The 1920 school census for Springfield has been announced as 593. There are 281 boys and 312 girls in the district. This is a loss of 23 from last year, the 1919 census giving 616. The reason for the loss is said to be partly due to the poor high school building and facilities here as it is known that many from this district removed to other communities for the school terms.

It is requested that if there is anyone who knows of a person of school age who has not been enumerated that they notify either A. P. McKenzie, school clerk, or Superintendent F. B. Hamlin. The failure to secure a name in the school census means the loss of about \$15 to this district.

The attendance, however, is better this year, due probably to less contagious diseases than last year. In November, 1919, the number enrolled in the high and grade school was 444; 203 boys and 241 girls. The average number belonging was 415 and the average daily attendance was 409.

In November, this year, there are 440 enrolled in both schools, 205 boys and 232 girls. The average number belonging is 423 and the average daily attendance is 410.

In November, 1919, there were 36 boys and 65 girls in the high school with an average of 96 belonging and an average daily attendance of 93. In November, 1920, there are 34 boys and 57 girls enrolled, with an average number belonging of 89 and an average daily attendance of 85.

ARMISTICE SUNDAY MEETING WAS WELL ATTENDED

A packed house marked the services at the Baptist church last Sunday evening. The services were in celebration of Armistice Sunday and under the auspices of the local post of the American Legion. The post was well represented by attendance of its members.

Rev. Earl Childers, pastor of the Christian church, delivered an interesting address. A duet by Dr. and Mrs. Driver was beautifully rendered and a patriotic reading by Miss Amy Carson were delightful features of the service.

WITHAM'S MOVE TO HOME IN MARCOLA

Rev. and Mrs. F. M. Witham, who have been staying in Springfield since the first of October, moved to Marcola last week and will make their home in the Methodist parsonage there. Mr. Witham is pastor of the Marcola, Mable, Fall Creek, Lowell and Jasper charges. Mr. Witham has started special meetings at Mable and Rev. H. C. Ethell of Springfield took charge of these meetings Saturday and Sunday while Mr. Witham filled the Marcola pulpit.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, of North Bend Monday, November, 15, a boy weighing 8 1/2 pounds. Mrs. Fisher was formerly Miss Ethel Howard of this city.

NO SCHOOL NEXT WEEK; TEACHERS INSTITUTE

The annual teachers institute for Lane county will be held in the high school building in Eugene, November 22, 23 and 24, according to an announcement made by County School Superintendent E. J. Moore.

Because of this there will be no school in the Springfield schools next week. The institute will occupy the three days preceding Thanksgiving, which is a holiday, and no sessions will be held on Friday.

The presidents of the University of Oregon, Oregon Agricultural college and Monmouth normal school, will deliver addresses at the sessions. Other speakers and instructors will cover the various educational subjects and problems. An interesting and instructive program has been arranged. On Tuesday evening, Nov. 23, there will be an informal reception and program at the Eugene Chamber of Commerce, to which all teachers and their friends are invited.

SHOULD BE TRULY THANKFUL SAYS OLCOTT

Governor Ben W. Olcott, in issuing his Thanksgiving day proclamation Saturday, said that the people of the United States are blessed today as never before in the history of the nation.

Following is his proclamation:

On the 21st day of November 300 years ago, the little ship "Mayflower," carrying its 102 passengers of men and women, cast anchor in American waters. This vessel brought with it the beginnings of a nation which we now know as the United States of America, and out of the devotion of those men and women to the principles of civil and religious liberty came our glorious democracy of today. The first act of those pilgrim fathers, as they stepped upon the soil of America was to throw themselves upon their knees and give thanks to Almighty God that they had found a harbor where they might worship Him according to the dictates of their own conscience. That was the first Thanksgiving day.

For 300 years, as this nation has grown and prospered, we have seen the unfolding of a new order of things standing for liberty and enlightenment. At no time in history have the people of these United States been so crowned with manifold blessings as are we today, and on the Thanksgiving day of this year we should all be truly and devoutly thankful to our Creator for what He has wrought for us and our nation through the 300 years that have gone by.

Realizing the munificence of these blessings and our unbounded prosperity, I, Ben W. Olcott, by virtue of the authority in me vested as governor of the state of Oregon, do hereby proclaim Thursday, Nov. 25, 1920, as Thanksgiving day a legal holiday, and I call upon the people of the state in the churches, in their homes, or wherever they may be, to observe each day as a day of special thanksgiving and prayer.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the state of Oregon to be hereunto affixed. Done at the capitol at Salem, this 13th day of November, 1920.

BEN W. OLCOTT, Governor.

Mrs. W. C. McLagan is ill at her home, suffering with an attack of tonsillitis.

AMERICAN LEGION WILL HELP NEEDY

Relief Committee Appointed to Work With Civic Club in Caring for Poor.

At the meeting of the American Legion post last Friday night two important actions were taken.

A relief committee was appointed, consisting of Fred Lemley, chairman; Levi Neet and Carl Peterson. This committee will cooperate with the Civic club in caring for the poor and the sick of this community. The case of one family who were in need was given attention.

Eleven instruments were ordered for the Legion's band. Besides this a number already have their instruments, so that it is expected by those in charge, that there will be about twenty pieces in the band. Under the leadership of Albert Perfect practice will start as soon as the instruments arrive.

The Legion endorsed the lyceum course which is being brought to Springfield this winter by the 4Ls. The play being put on Friday night by the high school student body was also endorsed.

High water Wednesday night weakened piers on the street car bridge so that cars could not pass over today. Cars from Eugene stopped in West Springfield. A crew of workmen are repairing the damage.

BUDGET OF \$29,858 FOR SCHOOL PASSED

Meeting Has Small Attendance; Board and Voters Talk of New Building.

An estimated budget of \$29,858 for the Springfield school district for the fiscal year 1920-21, was unanimously adopted by the school board and the few voters who attended the school meeting at the high school Monday night. Nine votes were cast.

It was also voted to allow the board to increase the expenses for this year by more than 6 per cent over last year. This was necessary in order to pass the budget which provides for a greater expenditure this year than the previous year.

The total estimated receipts, not including the tax voted, is placed at \$9,510.52, leaving a balance of \$20,347.48 to be raised by district tax.

The estimated expenses for the current year call for \$6748 more than was asked for last year. This increase is made necessary by an increase of \$5801 in salaries of the teachers, and an increase in the cost of operation and maintenance of the school plants together with the installation of some necessary equipment and supplies.

After the passing of the budget the meeting was opened for discussion on building a new high school. It was brought out that this district is behind every other district in this section of the state as regards high school building and facilities.

THE TATTLER LET 'ER GO!

Everything is ready for the play to be given next Friday evening, and every one is "on the ball of their foot." The cast of "The Kernel's Maid" after much time and practice, is made, and the "prop man" has done his share of the task. The school seems to be ready to give the people of Springfield a good evening's entertainment. Special music has been arranged for both before and after the show. Children are especially urged to go to the matinee at 2:00 as there will be no reserved seats at that time. In the evening all the best seats will be reserved. The play is planned to be a very enjoyable affair for all.

FROSH "HARD TIMES"

A hard time party was enjoyed by the freshman class last Saturday evening. An interesting program was prepared and every one took part in some old-fashioned games. Mr. Torbets room was decorated with the class flower, daffodil, and a large 24 in green and yellow adorned the blackboards. Prizes were offered for the best costumes, Miss Lula Edwards getting the first prize, and Miss Mabel Roof the second. Kenneth Girard took the "cake" for the boys and Alfred Townsend took the "pie." Refreshments were served at a late hour—nearly morning—and the spirit of good-will prevailed throughout the evening.

The "Old Maids Union" has taken

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EDITORIAL

SIX PEOPLE.

At the annual school meeting Monday night, for the purpose of adopting an expense budget for the school district, there were only six citizens present, besides two out of three members of the school board, the district clerk, the superintendent of schools and the writer. In all there were but nine citizens present who voted and ten qualified voters. The ballot box wasn't stuffed very much.

Think of that—only six taxpayers enough interested in affairs pertaining to the management of schools to voluntarily attend a public meeting and have a voice in said affairs. Out of a town with a population of nearly 1900 and a school census of 593, only six citizens are enough interested and concerned about their public schools to give a few hours one evening in the year for the purpose of considering how their school shall be operated and how much money shall be devoted to educational purposes.

With an attitude like this, no wonder the town has an old delapidated high school building; no wonder the town does not grow as it should and as it could.

The school board has the welfare of the district at heart, and will, no doubt, see to it that the affairs are managed to the best of their ability. But this should not relieve the taxpayers from any interest whatever in the education of their children, save the paying of taxes, which are small in comparison to the high cost and increase of every thing else. And those who stay at home are sure to be the ones who complain the most about high taxes, not to mention numerous other complaints which they heap upon the heads of those in authority.

3Ls AND 4Ls WILL HAVE REGULAR MEETING MONDAY

The members of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen and the ladies auxiliary to that organization will hold their regular meeting Monday night at 8 o'clock in the Woodman hall, the ladies meeting in the small parlor.

After the business session of the 4Ls the 3Ls will give a short entertainment and serve refreshments.

Baptist Workers Have Unusual Experiences In Churchless Communities

"Did you ever hear of a circumstance where practically every person converted as the result of the work of some particular denomination would later join some other church?" asked Dr. Driver yesterday when interviewed by a writer for The News.

Dr. and Mrs. Driver, who are in Springfield with the chapel car, "Good Will," held meetings in their car at Eddyville, on the Newport railroad last summer, and it was there that they had this experience. While Dr. Driver said this was somewhat uncommon for all their converts to join some other church, yet they encouraged this particular move and that other incidents of a like nature illustrated the character of their work. It is their practice to encourage converts to join the church of their preference or the one with which it is the most convenient for them to join.

In Eddyville there are 100 people in the school district and 40 per cent of them attended the meetings in the car every night for a month. There were 25 conversions, all of whom were baptised by Dr. Driver. The Methodist church at Toledo was the nearest and these people were urged to put their membership there, which they did.

Another interesting phase of this incident is that the work of that month cost \$200 and they received a free will offering of \$80. Later these new converts raised \$260 as their part of the budget of the church into which they went. "Again this shows the scope and attitude of our work," said Dr. Driver. "We are supported and directed in this work by the Baptist association, which owns

REBUILDING OF FUEL BIN STARTED SAT.

One Large Structure Instead of Two; Loss Estimated About \$12,000.

Work was commenced Saturday on the rebuilding of a fuel house for the Mountain States Power company. According to plans announced by the company one large building will be erected in place of the two which were destroyed by fire last Wednesday night. The new building will be 50 feet wide, 130 feet long by 50 feet high. The east end of the building will be used for storage, while the end next to the plant will be used for the boiler room conveyor. Work will be rushed. The conveyors will be erected first and it is expected to have them ready for use about the first of December. Until that time the furnaces will be fired by hand.

Loss to the company because of the fire is placed at about \$12,000. Approximately \$4000 worth of motors and machine shop tools are included in this.

The origin of the fire has not been definitely decided. In the opinion of W. C. McLagan, superintendent of the plant, the fire was most likely caused by fire on the back haul of the boiler room conveyor. It is said that the fire started in the fuel bin where the boiler room conveyor returns. Fred Rosebery was in the fuel house at the time and escaped by crawling over the fuel in the storage room and through the east door.

MILL, EXCEPT PLANER, RESUMED WORK TODAY

The sawmill, which has been closed since the fire at the power plant last Wednesday, began operating again today with the exception of the planing mill department. On account of the sawdust carrier from the planer being down, this part will not be operated for sometime yet.

The Booth-Kelly mill at Wendling is expected to start work next Monday, after being closed for several months for the purpose of repairing the machinery and part of the mill structure.

Dr. Emery Recovering From Injuries

Dr. N. W. Emery was severely injured by falling into a loading pit in the mill yard last Wednesday night while watching the fire at the power plant. He fell upon his head, sustaining severe bruises, injuring his chest and back. He was given medical attention at once and is now convalescing and will be out in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Dennis have moved to Springfield and are making their home on B street between 5th and 6th streets.

Winnifred May came down from Wendling to spend Sunday at his home here. He is employed in the office of the Booth-Kelly mill at Wendling.

"Doings" of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen

A Little More Encouragement
Our old friend, H. I. Cost, is slowly but surely fading. Weighed index numbers published by the statistical department of the Bureau of Labor show that wholesale prices, in general, all over the United States sank twenty seven points between June and Sept. 1920. Prices are still higher than they were a year ago, but the encouraging feature is the recessive movement.

The index number represents the relation of present prices to a period arbitrarily regarded as normal. This period is the year 1913, which being normal is given an index number of 100. When we learn that an index number for a given commodity is 200, what it means is that the commodity cost just twice as much as it did in 1913; if the index number is 250 it costs two and one-half times as much; it costs \$2.50 to buy just the same amount of goods as \$1.00 would buy in 1913.

Latest reports show that the num-

ber of food shrank from 279 in June to 223 in Sept. All commodities as a whole shrank from 269 in June to 242 in Sept. The recessive movement is noted in farm products, food, clothing, building materials, and the opposite tendency in fuel and house furnishings. Metal products rose from June to August and dropped back one point in Sept. Chemicals and drugs slumped from June to August and rose in Sept. beyond the June level.

It is neither to be expected, nor is it desirable, that prices should drop too suddenly. It will make the whole process of readjustment easier if there is a gradual recession over a long period. If a year from now prices stabilize themselves at a permanently level—but still higher than 1913—it is all that can be expected.

The index number of groups of commodities for June-Sept. as compared with 1913, which is "100," are given below.

	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
Lumber and building materials.....	337	333	328	318
Food, etc.....	279	268	235	223
Clothing.....	335	317	299	278
Fuel and lighting.....	246	252	268	284
Metal products.....	190	191	193	192
Chemicals and drugs.....	218	217	216	222
House furnishings.....	362	362	362	371
Miscellaneous.....	247	243	240	239
All commodities.....	269	262	250	242