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THE TATTLE

A new high school building soon come to Springfield and will inevitably come a new high school, larger and better than the old. Old students will return and new ones will come with the advent of equipment to compete with neighboring schools, but a fine building and its equipment are not the only necessities.

Students must have recreation and a school is dead without interscholastic athletic contests. The gymnasium which must be a part of the building will serve for part of these but baseball and football are out-door games that require space. The new school cannot succeed without an athletic field and for athletic success the field must be near the building.

In years past we have always managed to find some vacant lot large enough for a gridiron or diamond but they have always been at a distance from the building and have never been equipped, save temporarily. This year we are fortunate in getting a lot just across the street but we must be at considerable expense to clean it up and then have no assurance that we may have the same place next year so that it is not worth our while to spend much money on it and our baseball team must again work under a discouraging handicap.

The fate of a new school must be the same unless an athletic field is provided. If nothing better can be done at least give the school the space, a space that it can be sure of year after year. The old school has done great things on a new and different fields each year, but save for the immediate benefit of that year, the effort has been wasted. Let the new school put their efforts to an ever accruing good.

BASEBALL PROSPECTS

So far this year, the baseball outlook seems very promising. A large number turn out for practice and much enthusiasm is shown.

The school has rented a practice field across the street from the school house. The field has not been put into shape but has been used some, regardless of this. A field so close to the school will give much more practice to those who go out for baseball, as the noon hour can be used and no time is lost going to and from the field. The eighth period is to be used for practice, twice a week.

The Booth Kelly team has loaned their baseball outfit for the use of the high school and this, together with what the high school has and the stuff furnished by the students, is plenty for the present.

A meeting of baseball enthusiasts was held at which Lowell Sikes was elected manager and a committee appointed to see about fixing up the field. Springfield belongs to the state athletic association.

Molly Doane has returned to school after a short absence, necessitated by a severe case of tonsillitis.

Kenneth Girard was absent Friday because of an injured foot received while chopping wood. He is again in school but with the wounded member still bandaged.

Old clothes day was not much of a success on April fool's day as very few attended school. Some students think another day should be proclaimed.

The Junior girls are all suffering from severe cases of sunburn. (We wonder why?)

Visitors at the H. S. recently have been. Miss Fern Travis, a member of the S. H. S. Alumni, and Miss Dorothy Chase.

The boys and girls of the S. H. S. have been taking turns at working over the tennis court with hoes and rakes at vacant periods. It is now in good order and these same people are increasing their ability at tennis playing.

RESTAURANT CHANGES HANDS

Mrs. Griffin has sold her restaurant to Mr. and Mrs. George McClure, who took possession yesterday afternoon. Mrs. McClure had been employed in the dining room most of the time for two or three months, and Mr. McClure had been helping in the kitchen. They expect to do their own work as far as possible.

RAILROAD READJUSTMENT IS NOW CONTEMPLATED

Oregonian of last Friday contained a lengthy article concerning certain radical readjustments of the railroad systems of the country which seem to be pending. The article was based largely on information drawn from interviews with Portland officials of the railroads most directly affected in this region. The contemplated changes which were especially dealt with in the Oregonian's article would be of vital interest to the people of Western Oregon and especially to the people of Springfield.

These changes are one of the features of a plan or plans recently submitted to the Interstate Commerce commission on behalf of the railroad interests, and now under consideration by that body. It provides for a rearrangement and recombining of all principal railroad systems of the United States. The plea made in favor of the plan is that it will prepare the way for a more economical operation of the railroads and by this means serve the interests of both the railroad companies and the general public. This seems to be a reasonable view of the matter, so far as information concerning the plan has come to light. Some recent legislation seems to have prepared the way for such a readjustment.

That part of the contemplated changes dealt with in the Oregonian's article and which especially concerns us is this: To transfer those parts of the old Central Pacific lines running from Ogden to Roseville, California, and from Roseville to Tehama and that part of the Southern Pacific line from Tehama to Portland from the Southern Pacific to the Union Pacific. We would thus be attached to a system whose principal lines would run from Omaha to Portland via Granger and Huntington; with another line leaving this line at Granger and running West to Roseville and North to Portland; with other lines outside of that field and numerous branches inside.

The knowledge that such a rearrangement was pending seems to have awakened a lively discussion among Portland business men, and some anxious inquiry as to how it would be likely to affect Portland's interests. In these discussions as shown forth in the Oregonian's article, it seemed to be held that in the event of such a change, the Natron-Klamath Falls cutoff and the line from Portland to Coos Bay through Eugene would assume a greater importance than has been attached to them in late years.

The people of Springfield have considered for years that the future prospects of this town are to a great extent involved in the completion of the Klamath Falls line, and the location of great railroad stops here which is expected to follow since the dissolution of the old Harriman merger, and the interruption of railroad building by the war, following soon after, the people in this region have ceased to cherish any immediate expectation of a revival along this line. But it was bound to come some time; and our people may be on the eve of a rude, but not unpleasant awakening. Not much matter how it comes, so it comes.

FRUIT TREES IN BLOOM ARE DAMAGED BY STORM

The following items are clippings from the Grand Island, Nebraska, Daily Independent and were handed to The News by Walter Mountjoy, now of Springfield, whose former home was Alda, Nebraska, within a few miles of Grand Island. Mr. Mountjoy figures he didn't miss any thing by not being there at that time.

Frost Ruins Many Cherries and Peaches—Many peach trees in Northeastern Kansas along the line of the St. Joe and Grand Island Ry. were in bloom, when hit by the recent cold snap. Around Council Bluffs and Omaha many cherry trees were in full bloom and south of Council Bluffs a few apple trees had burst their buds. All prospects of a fruit crop are cut into, according to predictions.

Cars Carried Snow—Practically all of the freight and passenger cars that came through Grand Island from

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

This paper gives its readers a summary of payrolls, industries, and investments for development enterprises and you are asked to send copies to your friends in the East showing our states activities.

Salem.—Broccoli growers form an organization to plant fifty acres this year.

Plans completed for \$100,000 hotel to be built at North Bend.

Naval station at Youngs Bay to cost \$75,000.

Several thousand acres leased near Merrill to make tests for oil and gas.

Albany.—First National bank deposits increased from \$300,000 to \$2,000,000.

Marion and Linn county mint growers have organized.

St. Helens.—Three road contracts awarded aggregating about \$25,000.

Gold Beach to have \$10,000 community social center.

Baker.—Ben Harrison gold mine in Greenhorn district to resume operations.

Dallas.—Valley sawmill and logging camps resume at \$3.00 a day.

Two Bend sawmills sent out 86 car loads lumber last week.

Port of Astoria will complete improvements on Skipanon river.

State farm bureaus will open offices in Portland.

Wheeler.—Contract let for \$26,000 steel span over north fork of Nehalem near Covell place.

Portland issued 314 building permits, total \$1,069,650, during March.

Forest service will plant 450,000 trees in Oregon and Washington.

Salem.—\$18,000 will be spent on state capitol improvements.

Portland exports for first quarter 1921 break records—\$10,879,547.

Vale will spend \$35,000 on water system.

Klamath Falls banks to import two carloads dairy cattle.

St. Helens slippard resumes after being idle several months.

Condon to get \$5,000 grade school.

Creswell.—Bear Creek sawmill to be rebuilt.

Gresham.—Northwest Potatoes Starch Co. to start plant here.

Portland.—Lower rates on East bound lumber effective March 31.

Malin.—Bonds issued for Union high school here.

Klamath County Creamery Co. start work on new plant.

Marstfield.—Smith mill opens with force of 150 men.

Pendleton.—Addition to county hospital may be built.

Banks Herald sold to Hallett and Graber of Washington.

Coquille.—Contract let for bridge here at \$76,568.

Expenses of special election to be held June 7 will be \$145,000. The 7 bills will cause additional taxes.

Newberg Graphic sold to Nottage and Diamond, experienced newspaper men.

Wheeler.—33 acres loganberries to be planted in Nehalem valley.

Condon will vote on water and improvement bonds June 7.

Clatskanie has taken bids on a new schoolhouse.

The International mining convention to be held in Portland April 5 to 9 will be of great importance to the western mining industry coming at this time when many important matters must be placed before the next session of Congress. Any person attending the convention is a delegate and as such is subject to reduced rates on railroads.

Salem.—Oregon Pulp & Paper Co. files for 465 feet of water from Mill Creek and Santiam river for development 1300 h. p.

The west Monday, carried a small amount of snow. A pullman conductor, on Burlington train 42, east bound, that passed through Grand Island Monday morning, said that the train had been in a perpetual snow storm all of the way from Yakima, Washington to Deer Lodge, Mont., and from Butte to Billings.

Rev. B. C. Miller, of Creswell, has taken the place of George R. Varney as pastor of the Baptist church; Rev. resigning owing to poor health. Rev. Miller was pastor here some fifteen years ago. He will continue to make his home at Creswell for the present.

WEST SPRINGFIELD'S NEW IMPROVEMENTS

O. F. Bevere had been running the West Springfield store at the old site between the railroad and the street car line, for three years, and had built up with it a gasoline service station, located at the roadside in front of the store. Last fall his lease expired and he bought a patch of ground at the road crossing south of the railroad, and began to prepare to remove his business to the new location. Little by little, in the open chinks of the long wet season, with pick and shovel and plow and scraper he filled the hollow alongside the Pacific highway, and prepared a site for a snug little service station. He erected a building for his store on pillars over the hollow, a little further south. He has converted an unsightly spot into a respectable business stand and seems to be doing a good business there.

About the beginning of winter, James Precett bought of Ed Griffin the residence property which used to be known as the Ham property, west of the school house. Later he bought of the county a strip of ground which brought his premises out to the road running to Springfield Junction. He repaired the house and barn; enclosed the eastern part of his tract with the best of fencing, part wire and part wood, for chicken parking. He has built two large chicken houses back of the old buildings, and seems to be laying out an extensive chicken ranch which will be one of the important industries of the community. Lately he has built the forms for a concrete foundation and is preparing to erect a dwelling on a scale in keeping with the rest of his farm.

BAPTIST CHURCH

B. C. Miller, pastor.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. The falling health of Dr. Varney made it necessary for him to resign the pastoral of the church. He preached his last sermon last Sunday to a large and appreciative audience. The church called Rev. C. B. Miller to the pastorate. Preaching next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. At 6 p. m. the young people will meet for the purpose of reorganizing their society. A cordial invitation extended to all.

METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Thomas D. Yarnes, pastor.

Next Sunday morning there will be a special feature at the preaching service. There will be a baptismal service for infants, to which all parents are invited to bring their infants and present them for baptism. The pastor will then preach on "The Religion of the Child to the Kingdom of God."

In the evening the second of the series of sermons on the "Fundamental Doctrines of the Christian Religion" will be given. This number will be on "The Justice of God." You are cordially invited to these services.

H. B. CORSAW ADDS NEW LINE OF STANDARD PAINT

We have added to our stock a complete line of Oregon Standard Pure Paint. This paint is known as one of the best, if not the best paint handled on the Pacific coast. In the first place it is strictly pure, having in it only such materials as are known by experience to combine greater covering properties and durability and is highly recommended and absolutely guaranteed. And yet sells for less than some of the common paints.

Oregon Standard Pure Paint can be used satisfactorily by any one but to save time and expense and make the paint spread over more surface, and to get better results we recommend practical painters be employed to apply the paint. You will be surprised when you get our prices.

We carry in stock: Outside and inside paints—all colors. Varnishes and Stains, Raw and Boiled Linseed Oils, Turpentine, White and Red Lead, Putty, Sand Paper, Paint Brushes and etc. All absolutely guaranteed. Oregon Standard Pure Paint is made in Oregon. Buy Oregon made products—demand 'em use 'em and boost 'em. (paid adv.)

TOWN AND VICINITY

Springfield Taxi Service, Phone 2.

Friday evening, April 8th, there will be a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce in Steven's hall at which time election of officers will be held and plans laid for the Spring work. Every business man owes it to himself and community to attend these meetings.

John Smith from up the McKenzie was a business visitor in town Wednesday.

Dr. S. Ralph Dippel, dentist, Springfield, Oregon.

Bill Dawson was in town Wednesday from Albany.

Arthur McCracken and family moved Wednesday to Eugene. Mr. McCracken recently sold his property on E street between 9th and 10th to Billie Rodenbaugh.

Ask your dealer for Springfield poultry and dairy feeds manufactured by the Springfield Mill and Grain Co.

Mrs. W. M. Rouse returned Tuesday evening from Monmouth.

There will be an American Legion meeting and band practice at the W. O. W. hall Friday night.

Mrs. W. H. Adrian has recovered sufficiently to be up and about again.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Tyson are receiving congratulations on the birth of a nine pound daughter, Tuesday.

Mrs. John Robertson underwent a major operation at the local hospital Monday.

A. C. Miller was badly cut about the face last Saturday when his team ran away and upset the wagon. His daughter with him at the time was not injured.

F. O. Spencer and L. M. Anderson and families motored to Portland last week-end.

E. A. Castle, of Salem, who is helping to compile a history of Oregon soldiers during the war, was in town Wednesday. The history consists of three volumes and will be out of the publishers hands this coming fall.

For results use Springfield dairy feed manufactured by the Springfield Mill & Grain Co.

M. N. Thompson left this morning for Portland to attend the mining convention.

M. M. Male has purchased the interest of Harry Whitney in the Smith & Whitney vulcanizing shop Wednesday.

Demand Eggmann's bread from your grocer.

F. G. Lewis, traveling agent for the traffic department of the Southern Pacific was in town Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Tennis moved Wednesday to Star, Oregon where Mr. Tennis will be employed in the woods.

The Junction City lodge, A. F. & A. M. will meet with the local lodge next Tuesday evening at which time the Master Mason degree will be conferred on two candidates by the Junction City lodge.

Richard Cook of Irving spent Monday in town on business.

Dell Hinson visited at Shedd over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Clark moved a week ago Saturday to their hop ranch on the Goshen road where they will remain for the summer. Joe Clark will make his home in Eugene until school is out.

At the regular meeting of the A. F. & A. M. No. 171, Tuesday night, the Master Mason degree was conferred on Hugh Kester of Springfield and Rillie Sales of Wendling.

Last week the American Paving Co. completed laying cement sidewalks in front of the H. M. Stewart property on 2nd street; the Frank Powers property on 5th and A, and the John Winzenreid property on A street.