

PROBABLE RAISE IN STREET CAR FARES

F. G. Lewis of Eugene, traveling traffic agent of the Southern Pacific company, called on the News last Monday. Mr. Lewis submitted the following statement of financial conditions affecting the Eugene-Springfield street car system:

Fixed valuation, \$519,856. The actual valuation is considerably more, on account of repairs and improvements that have been made.

For the year ending June 30, 1920, the earnings were \$ 7,116, and the expenses were \$103,713, leaving a deficit of \$36,597. The indications are that at the end of this fiscal year there will be as large a deficit as last year, if not larger.

This exhibit is evidently made to prepare the public mind for a raise in street car fares, for which an application has already been made to the state railroad commission. A statement was made in the Oregonian several days ago that the raise had already been ordered, to take effect July 1st. The fare was to be raised from five cents to eight cents for each division of the trip from Springfield to Eugene, or 16 cents for the through trip. This statement was premature, but it probably indicates what is coming.

W. O. W. DECORATION

The members of the W. O. W. and their families and friends will meet at the hall at 9:30 a. m., next Sunday and proceed to Laurel Hill cemetery, for the annual ceremony of decoration of the graves of members of the order and their families. Following are the names of those whose graves are to be decorated:

Chas. Cleaver, Grant Holcomb, E. S. Anders, Fred Rich, Chas. Stevens, Arthur Kirkland, John McGill, Brown, Albert S. Walker, Ora Trine, C. W. Rychard, E. C. Colcord, Delph, James Casteel, Harry Bryan.

FREE METHODIST APPOINTMENTS

At the Free Methodist conference, at Grants Pass, last week, the following ministers well known in this vicinity, were stationed at the places named:

D. D. Dodge, district elder of this district for several years, at Grants Pass; L. M. Phillips, pastor at West Springfield a few years ago, at Trull, Jackson county; R. H. Dollarhide, a former pastor here and later district elder, at Roseburg; Ernest F. Lee, brought up at West Springfield, at Star on Row river; Otto D. Fuson, lately engaged in mission work at Marshfield, is the pastor at West Springfield.

The members and attendants of the Baptist Sunday school will hold an all-day picnic at Campbell's grove, down the river, next Saturday. They will meet at the church at 9:30 a. m. and go in a body. Everyone connected with the Sunday school is requested to come and bring his own lunch.

C. N. Parker, of Portland, who has been in charge of the Hall stock of goods for several weeks as the representative of the receiver, is released from his task by the sale of the stock. He will remain here for a few days on other business.

J. L. Underwood, wife and son Neal; Randolph Kuhn and Lloyd Gilson, all of Lebanon, and former parishioners of Rev. T. D. Yarnes, were guests at the Methodist parsonage Sunday. Neal Underwood and Randolph Kuhn are students at the state university.

Fin Male, who for a long time has been employed in Portland, is spending this week with his relatives and friends here.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our most sincere thanks and appreciation to the American Legion, Loyal Legion, the G. A. R., the pastor and members of the M. E. church and the many friends and neighbors who have so kindly assisted us during the burial of our dear son and brother, and for the many beautiful floral offerings.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Meats and family.

EVENTS CONNECTED WITH COMMENCEMENT

Saturday evening the Senior play, "Home Ties" was presented at the Bell theatre. The houses were filled almost to capacity. The net receipts were over \$50.

Sunday evening the baccalaureate sermon was preached in the Methodist church by Rev. Thos. D. Yarnes, the pastor. Theme: "Making Our Dreams Come True." Text: Gen. 37:20. A fair congregation attended.

Tuesday evening a reception was given to the Senior Class at the residence of Supt. Hamlin. All members of the class were present. Social games and refreshments were the features. Mrs. Deets and Mrs. Torbet assisted Mrs. Hamlin in entertaining the guests.

Wednesday evening the Junior class gave a reception to the Seniors at the Lincoln school.

The Commencement exercises will be held at the Methodist church tomorrow evening. The Commencement address will be by Prof. John C. Almack, of the U. of O. Theme: "The Theory of Success."

ROSE SHOW

Springfield's annual Rose Show will be held at the library Thursday June 9th, afternoon and evening.

Prizes for roses on display will be given as follows:

Class A—Best individual table display of twelve varieties.

Class B—Best collection of six of one variety.

Class C—Best collection of three of one variety.

Class D—Best single bud or blossom.

No display exhibits will be accepted after 11 o'clock Thursday morning. All containers will be furnished. Committee on registration are Mrs. Elizabeth Page and Hannah Hill. Chairman of Decoration committee, Mrs. Carl Olson. Refreshment committee: Mrs. I. A. Valentine.

A cordial invitation is extended to every lady in Springfield to bring the roses from her own garden and by so doing help to make this annual affair a great success.

167 TO BE GRADUATED FROM STATE UNIVERSITY

University of Oregon, Eugene, May 30.—On the twentieth of June, 167 students will be graduated from the University of Oregon. This is the largest of the 43 graduating classes turned out by the University.

Of those graduating, 120 will receive the degree of bachelor of arts, 24 bachelor of science, 4 bachelor of science in education, 13 bachelor of business administration, 1 bachelor of music and 5 bachelor of law.

The commencement address will be given by M. Edgar B. Piper, editor of the Morning Oregonian.

The baccalaureate address will be given by Virgil Johnson, of the class of '98, who is now general secretary of the National Association of Travelers' Aid Societies with headquarters in New York.

Rev. H. C. Ethell returned from his trip to Seattle about 2 o'clock Tuesday morning, walking from the Eugene depot with heavy baggage. He went to attend the annual session of the North Pacific District of the Church of the Nazarene, which includes the territory west of the Cascades in Oregon and Washington and the whole of British Columbia.

The city street force is patching the pavement along Main street.

Mrs. Kate Randall, of Oregon City, sister of Mrs. W. H. Pollard, and Mrs. Rosa Tigard and Mrs. Herbert McDonald of Tigard, Oregon, sisters of Dr. Pollard are visiting here this week and also attending the Grange convention at Eugene. Mrs. Randall is an officer of the Grange. Mrs. Tigard and Mrs. McDonald are delegates.

Mrs. Belle Spang of the Hotel Spang left this morning for a months vacation in different parts of California.

The bids on the new High School building will be opened at a meeting of the school board to be held next Monday evening, unless a postponement should be necessary on account of a conflict of dates.

The regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be postponed one week, on account of the Commencement exercises. The date will be Friday evening, June 10.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Salem.—\$12,853 industrial building going in at deafmute school.

S. P. Co. cuts lumber rates to terminals which will help interior mills make larger shipments for export business.

Application of Eastern Oregon saw mills for reduction in accident insurance rates under state workmen's act refused.

Hood River to have new two-story grade school costing \$27,511.

Condon GlobeTimes sold to N. C. Westcott of late Aurora Observer.

Clatsop lumber mill closed indefinitely on account of heavy Astoria tax.

Portland.—Westover terraces to have ten new dwellings, costing from \$7500 to \$16,000.

Albany has completed plans for a \$45,000 junior high school.

Philomath planning to build a fruit cannery.

Salem.—75 applicants are in for three positions of state highway patrol.

Southern Pacific and other railroads placing large orders for lumber.

Oswego.—Contract let for building Elk Rock tunnel on S. P. Co. line.

State highway commission let 100 miles of road contracts last week.

Steamer Willamette loaded with lumber gets off after 3 weeks of strike.

Linnton to have street car service after suspension for many years.

Oregon and Washington lumber cut for 1920 exceeds all past records, totaling 8,841,000,000 feet. The housing shortage continues to grow worse.

Estimated shothole now over a million dwellings.

Portland.—Pensacola Lumber company to build \$750,000 plant—work is started.

Grants Pass.—Work to start on \$200,000 Savage Rapids dam.

Portland.—City sewer building on \$93,000 job exceeds the estimated cost by \$25,800.

Marshfield votes June 4 on \$85,000 school proposition.

Managers of Eugene fair grounds erecting race horse barn.

Lorane Harney county, building community church.

Nyasa.—\$30,000,000 of ore blocked out at Red Ledge mine.

Wheeler.—Building boom on along beach from Bar View to Manhattan.

Postal Telegraph Co. to rebuild line between Gloge and Astoria at cost of \$50,000.

Tri-weekly passenger service will be restored on June 1 between Eugene and Marshfield and through standard sleeping car service will also be restored between Portland and Marshfield.

Klamath Falls.—\$20,000 Lost River diversion dam to be built near Merrill.

Astoria.—\$75,000 being expended on Young's river naval station.

State highway projects total \$21,293, 606, counties to pay \$10,830,974.

Hood River.—Columbia Gorge hotel nearing completion.

Hood River.—Apple Growers Association distributes \$50,000 to apple growers. Total disbursements for 1920 crop now \$1,140,000.

Lebanon paper mill employees get 20 percent wage reduction, which places minimum pay at about \$3.25 per day and \$6 maximum.

Salem.—Oregon Growers ship 100,000 pounds prunes to London during past week.

Excavation completed for Hood River's new \$40,000 theatre, completely equipped, and with seating capacity of 900.

First National Bank of Aurora with 62 stockholders soon to be ready for business. New building to be erected.

Lincoln county proposes to cooperate with state in grading and macadamizing Corvallis Newport highway to Benton county line, expending \$213,240 of total cost of highway, or 40 per cent.

Many new cottages building on Tillamook beaches.

One of the 5 new laws to be enacted June 7, hygienic marriage examinations, would cost about \$500,000 a year to enforce, and much of

FUNERAL AND BURIAL OF GEORGE F. MEATS

The casket containing the remains of Corporal George F. Meats reached Springfield last Sunday evening, and was kept in Walkers undertaking parlors until the funeral, at 2 p. m. yesterday. It was draped with the American flag on all its journey from France. The funeral was held in the M. E. church. A large congregation was present. The American Legion of which his three brothers are members, had general charge, acting as pallbearers and furnishing the firing squad. The G. A. R. attended in a body. Rev. F. E. Fisher of Dallas, Oregon, formerly pastor of the Evangelical church in Eugene, and an old friend of the family, preached the sermon.

The body was buried in Laurel Hill cemetery, near his former home.

He was born in Benton county, Oregon, April 6, 1885. Came with his parents into the neighborhood where they now live, July 5, 1904.

Fred, as he was commonly called, enlisted for service on the Mexican border in August, 1916; served there about six months with Battery A, Oregon Field Artillery; was mustered into the federal service early in 1917; and went over seas Jan. 19, 1918. He served in the Artillery in some of the heaviest engagements in Northern France. He was decorated with the Croix de Guerre for meritorious service in support of a French division at Juvigny, Sept. 3 to 6. He was seriously gassed in this action but recovered. He afterwards had influenza, followed by pneumonia, from which he died in a hospital Jan. 31, 1919. The circumstances of his death left no question about the identity of his body.

He is survived by his parents, Geo. H. and Alice Meats; three brothers, Jesse, Earl C. and Vernon L.; and four sisters, Mrs. Ivy Davidson, Mrs. Bessie Weed, Mrs. Edna Gardner and Mrs. Mabel Neet. All live in this immediate vicinity except Mrs. Weed, who lives near Timber, Tillamook county.

this would fall on the general taxpayer.

La Grande.—Palmer sawmill to start operations soon.

Bend.—Farm products distribution company to erect \$20,000 building.

Paper mills at Salem and Oregon City reduce wages 20 per cent.

St. Helens sends shipload of Washington and Idaho pine to South Africa.

Four hundred state laws went into effect during the past week.

Corvallis to pave north 9th street to connect Pacific highway.

Medford.—Contract closed for logging 87 million feet of timber in Crater Lake National Park east of Butte Falls.

La Grande.—Union county votes June 7 on salary raise bill.

New business booked by Oregon and Washington sawmills for the past week totaled 68 million feet, production only 57 million.

Dallas, Independence and Month mouth may have free postal delivery.

Roseburg.—Work starts on \$3000 business building.

Roseburg.—Work to start on trout hatchery at Rock Creek.

Albany gets new business building to cost \$25,000.

Hood River to vote on \$350,000 road bond issue June 7.

Mollala.—\$40,000 water bond election carries 106 to 12.

Work involving the expenditure of \$10,000 begins at once on Clatskanie river hatchery; capacity 8,000,000 fry.

Government work on Bandon bar started.

La Pine.—Work started on Third street across meadow.

From Corvallis south to Monroe paving to cost \$226,552.

Brownsville votes \$25,000 for new water system.

Klamath Falls creamery moves into recently reconstructed building. New machinery installed that will give the plant capacity of 50,000 pounds of butter per month.

Astoria.—Good indications of gas and oil at Lower Columbia Oil and Gas Co.'s well.

Astoria to have \$40,000 apartment house to relieve housing problem.

DECORATION DAY IN SPRINGFIELD

The Decoration Day exercises were under the direction of the American Legion, the Grand Army men assisting. The two posts and other citizens gathered at the park at 9:30, formed a procession of automobiles and preceded to Laurel Hill cemetery. The veterans gathered at the reservation, and Capt. F. B. Hamlin, chaplain of the Legion read the burial service of the Legion. At the conclusion, committees from the Legion, with G. A. R. men for guides decorated the graves.

After the return from Laurel Hill, a deputation from the Legion went to the Mt. Vernon cemetery, and decorated the graves there.

At 2 p. m. the band, followed by the veterans, marched to the mill race, on 2nd street, where the naval decoration ceremony took place. Rev. Walter L. Bailey was pressed into service on short notice, and made a brief address, which has been greatly praised. He also offered prayer.

At 2:30 the company gathered at the stand for program, with Capt. Hamlin as master of ceremonies.

The prayer and benediction were by Rev. W. L. Bailey.

Lincoln's Gettysburg address was read by W. F. Walker.

A male quartette sang "In Dreamless Sleep."

An address was made by Col. John M. Williams, of Eugene. It consisted largely of a review of the country's wars from the beginning.

"Flanders' Field" was read by Miss Mabel Humphrey.

The "Star Spangled Banner" was rendered by the band and audience. The band furnished music throughout the day.

WOMEN ON JURIES

The bill to permit women to serve on juries should receive the vote of every woman in the state. We should say, perhaps, that it will receive the vote of every woman who thinks. Just as in the case of suffrage, there are women who did not want to vote, there are women who do not want to perform jury duty, and whose votes may kill the bill.

Is there a better place for a woman than on a jury before which is being tried another woman or minor boy or girl? Who understands better than a sister woman, the woman's side of the problem? Who comprehends better than the mother heart of every woman—no matter how bad she may be—the temptations to which the boy or girl finally yielded and which brought them to court?

But in Oregon today, only men are considered competent to judge. The woman who has borne the child, nursed him, taught him in school and guided him into manhood, is not considered competent under our laws to judge him in his failure to meet troubles and temptations.

What will the motherhood of Oregon answer at the polls on June 7th.

Fred Walker's team started yesterday afternoon while he was loading some stuff at Pitt's shop. One line being down, he could not regain control. They ran a short distance east on C street, straddled a tree and were entangled and thrown. The wagon overturned and the heavy tongue shivered. Mr. Walker was thrown out, and was taken home in a dazed condition. It is reported this morning that his injuries are not serious. The horses were not seriously injured.

It has been reported, on what seemed good authority, that the sawmill would open about July 1st. But Mr. Dixon has again announced that there is no immediate prospect of either mill opening.

The State Grange is in session in Eugene this week. The session opened Tuesday morning and continued over Friday. Several hundred delegates are present. Lane county is the banner county of Oregon for membership of granges.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gott, May 26, a son.

Rev. Walter L. Bailey, now pastor of the Baptist church at Carlton, Oregon, visited relatives and friends in this vicinity during the past week, and took part in the Decoration Day exercises. Mrs. Bailey and the little ones accompanied him.