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SPRINGFIELD FLOUR MILL AND WAREHOUSE CO. COMBINE

A deal was consummated on June 4 by which the Springfield Mill and Grain company became owners of the Springfield Warehouse company, which consists of the wholesale warehouse on the S. P. tracks and the retail store on Main street, formerly owned and operated by C. E. Lyons.

Through this deal Mr. Lyons will become a stock holder in the larger concern and have charge of its feed department.

The deal was made with a view of eliminating overhead expense by cooperating and running the two firms under the same management, thus reducing costs to a minimum in the feed line.

Mr. Lyons, who has had many years experience in handling feeds and hay, will be very capable for his new duties as manager of the feed department of the Springfield Mill & Grain Company.

In order to comply strictly with the new commercial feeding stuffs law, which goes into effect July 1st, the Springfield Mill & Grain Co. is installing a complete and modern feed plant. With this plant they will manufacture a strictly guaranteed line of poultry, dairy, and hog feeds, which will come under the Noxall brand.

The flouring mill of this concern is also to be renovated in many ways this summer so that a superior quality of either hard or soft wheat flour is assured. Besides, says Mr. Busman, president of this growing concern, who has been in the flour milling business for over fifteen years, "the flour end of our business will be handled ever so much more efficiently due to the concentrated effort I can afford this part of the business, by having Mr. Lyon take charge of the feed end."

The exact date of the turnover is to be July 31, 1921.

Just what will be done with the retail store has not been decided. In any event it will be kept separate from the general business. For some time to come, Mr. C. O. Brady, who has had considerable experience in this line through the employ of Mr. Lyon, will have charge of the store. After July 1st the store will be run on a cash basis, as Mr. Lyon's time will be taken up with his new duties.

CONTRACTS AWARDED ON NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

The school board, at its meeting Monday evening, opened the bids on the new High School building, and awarded the contracts. The contract for the erection of the building was let to Geo. W. Perkins. It is expected that this will result in most of the money being paid out to home men. The contract price was \$33,524.

The contract on the plumbing, heating and ventilating was let to W. S. Fleming, of Portland, for \$6,265.

The old building is to be wrecked, and the available material used in the erection of a gymnasium. The contract for wrecking was let to R. W. Smith and E. W. Walker. It is expected that the ground will be cleared in a couple of weeks. The seating and other furniture has already been removed to the Lincoln building.

It is expected that the work on the new building will be pushed from the start so that it may be ready for the opening of the school at the proper time for next year.

HONORS GRANTED LOCAL GIRL

"It is hard to graduate with honors from the University school of music, but Ruth Scott, of Springfield, is going to do it," said Dean John J. Landsbury. Only one student, Marian Neil Geiger, '17 has received honors in that department before.

The work of Miss Scott is excellent, according to John Stark Evans, professor of piano, under whose instruction she does most of her study. "Her work shows much promise," the professor said. She is now preparing material for recital programs to be given next year. The recitals, according to all indications, will be very good, Mr. Evans said.

Springfield Chautauqua, July 14-20.

SMALL BOY DANGEROUSLY WOUNDS OLDER BROTHER

An accident occurred Tuesday morning by which Dean Knight, a boy of 7 received a dangerous, and possibly fatal wound at the hands of his little brother, Bernard, commonly called Bud, aged 5. They are children of J. C. Knight, who lives on B street, between 3d and 4th, and works as a barber in Eugene. Several boys, including these two and an older brother, went through an open window into a house lately vacated, not far from the Knight home. They found a short 22-caliber rifle which they supposed was unloaded. Bernard was handling the rifle, and discharged it, the ball striking Dean in the abdomen. The wounded boy was carried quickly to the hospital. An examination showed that the intestines were pierced in three places. The wounded parts were treated, and at last reports the boy was doing well and, unless infection set in, seemed to have a fair chance for recovery.

BROTHERHOOD BANQUET AND DISCUSSION OF MEASURES

The postponed Methodist Brotherhood banquet Monday evening, was a reversal of the usual order of procedure. Rather it was the reversal of the unusual or occasional. The usual order is for the ladies of the Aid Society to prepare the supper and the members of the brotherhood and their invited or accepted gentlemen guests to eat it all by themselves at so much a plate; the proceeds to defray the cash expenses, and the surplus to go to the funds of the Aid Society. This time, the members of the brotherhood undertook to prepare the supper, serve it and do all the incidental work; and the ladies and a number of gentlemen who were not engaged in menial service sat down to the tables and were treated as "company," and paid their bills, as the gentlemen alone had been doing before.

Special tables were set for children. A special spread was prepared for the kitchen and dining room tables, who took a leisurely meal after the "company" was cleared out and the partitions were pulled down. There may have been some "scraps" from the main feast that were eaten at this festal aftermath, "just to keep them from being spoiled," you know. But you have observed such affairs to no purpose if you imagine that some of the choicest viands, that had been held in reserve against a time of scarcity, did not find their way to "the cooks' table," now that the last chance to get rid of them had come.

The gentlemen seemed to be proud of their culinary skill and their expertness in service. Men who had accustomed to fill the most prominent positions in the affairs of the town were seen, arrayed in white aprons, officiating as cooks, assistant cooks, waiters and dish rattlers. While no formal menu was prepared, the following articles, choice of their several kinds, with perhaps some others, made up the bill of fare: Royal Chinook salmon baked, creamed potatoes creamed peas, fruit salad, strawberries with sugar and cream, coffee, pickles, bread butter and cake. About ninety persons in all sat down to the tables. This is probably the largest number that has partaken of any of the brotherhood banquets.

Arrangements had been made to occupy the time after supper with a discussion of the measures to be voted on at the special election the next day. Dr. Pollard called the meeting to order, and then hurried away to a school board meeting, leaving J. E. Torbet in command. The state measures were taken up in their order, each was discussed by several persons, and the voters present were called upon to express their preference by a rising vote. All the measures received a decisive majority. The recall proposition received so little favor that the chairman thought it not necessary to call for a vote.

After Dr. Pollard's return, he stated that this was probably the last meeting before the summer vacation. The hour was late, the people were restless and no formal adjournment was taken or other business done.

The sixty gallon chemical tank ordered last winter by the city council arrived this morning and will be mounted on the fire truck at once. This will add greatly to the fire fighting apparatus of the city, and the council should be commended for this move.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

The nation's credit depends largely on her western mines and at this time it is highly important that precious metal mining be offered every encouragement to increase production. Two Portland plants compressing sawmill waste into fuel blocks.

Pilot Rock.—Wool clip from one ranch of 130,000 pounds shipped to Boston.

Freight reductions on dried prunes will save \$100,000 to growers.

S. P. Co. will build wagon road from Mapleton to Cushman, costing \$100,000.

Oregon City.—Hawley paper mills building wireless plant at mill here.

Portland gets outfit and work clothes factory from St. Joseph, Michigan.

Timber owners pay \$111,531 out of \$172,412 expenses of fire patrol in state.

Marshfield lets \$21,000 street improvement contracts.

Diamond and Timber lakes to be connected by highway.

Oregon has promise of largest hop crop on record.

Multnomah station to have \$10,000 community church building.

Oregon University medical school gets \$163,269 from Rockefeller funds for new wing to be erected at once, making it largest in the west.

Portland retail meatcutters wages cut six dollars a week.

All advertising signs ordered removed from Oregon state highways.

Corvallis to have new hospital built by private capital.

Baker sawmill enlarges force to 306 men.

Condon.—Butte Creek ranch sells 119,000 pounds of wool for 18 cents.

Seaside.—Necanicum river to have \$15,000 fish hatchery.

Mt. Tabor building \$50,000 community house.

Dallas is organizing and may operate a cooperative cannery.

Brownsville to build a community house, with gymnasium and hall.

Gas well and signs of oil found by drillers at Malheur lake.

Portland building permits in May, 2866, totaling \$1,640,545.

Near Mt. Jefferson thirty men are planting 175,000 3-year old firs.

June 7th Redmond votes on \$200,000 water supply system bonds.

Prairie City.—Sawmill and box factory at Dixie Meadows operating.

Portland.—Loyal Legion of Loggers accepts pay reduction from \$3.50 to \$3.

Brick manufacturers resumed June 1st at Bend.

Heppner post American Legion to erect concrete building.

Washington grangers will take referendum on county salary raise.

La Grande.—O. W. R. & N. machine shops to have \$25,000 improvement.

Silverton new lumber yard opens.

SPRINGFIELD VOTE IN SPECIAL ELECTION

We give below the vote in Springfield by the four precincts, at the special election, Tuesday.

Legislative regulation: yes 111; no, 147.

Veterans' aid: yes, 203; no, 89.

Emergency veto: yes, 123; no, 109.

Hygienic marriage: yes, 161; no, 124.

Women jurors: yes, 152; no, 130.

Recall: yes, 137; no, 120.

For commissioner: Harlow, 134; Roney, 133.

The vote for Roney and recall was chiefly in the 3d precinct.

The indications from the meager reports Wednesday were that about half the vote in the state was cast; that the Veterans' Aid measure would carry by a vote of two or three to one, and that the result on any of the other measures could not be predicted with certainty. The recall measure in this county appeared to be defeated by a large majority.

GRADUATING EXERCISES OF SPRINGFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

The commencement exercises of the High School were held at the Methodist church Friday evening. The main auditorium was comfortably filled, with a large number in the gallery.

Supt. F. B. Hamlin acted as master of ceremonies throughout. He announced at the opening that word had just been received that Prof. Perfect was quarantined on account of smallpox, so the orchestra could not perform its part. This necessitated some changes in the order of the musical numbers. Notwithstanding this, the audience, we judge, regarded the musical part of the program as very satisfactory. Its principal features were a piano duet by Misses Edwina Parsons and Vernita Morrison and vocal solos by Mrs. J. T. Moore and George Signor.

Supt. Hamlin, in presenting the class to the audience, touched upon the personal record of each student, the features of the school work in which he had been distinguished and the personal peculiarities which had been the subject of jest or other remark among the students. This feature was made more prominent than ever before in a commencement in Springfield; and, the class being large, it occupied a considerable part of the program. It took the place of the old-time class history and prophecy presented by the students, and these were transformed to the Annual.

The central feature of the evening's program was the address by Prof. J. C. Almack, of the Extension Department of the University of Oregon. His theme was "The Theory of Success." In the speaker's manner of presenting it, it might not be taken as an unpracticed listener as an address directly to the class; but the thought was really fitted to the needs and directed to the minds of the graduates. Prof. Almack is a thoughtful speaker, and his addresses require close following by the hearer. His address was really an inquiry as to what constitutes true success. The speaker proceeded from the starting point to the goal of his thought: by orderly steps, whose connections the fond parent who was thinking most about the boquets, intellectual or floral, his boy or girl was expected to receive might not always pick up.

This thought was expressed at the opening: "If the criterion of judgment of an educational system is the percentage of the total school population graduated from the high school, then the Springfield school would take rank among the highest in the state." In the development of the theme, various definitions of success were examined and passed by as unsatisfactory. Success must be viewed in two aspects, the individual and social. These rejected estimates made the individual's acquisitions, in wealth, position, etc., the standard. On the other hand distinguished examples

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A. W. McFarland late principal of the Lincoln school left Wednesday for Coachella California. Mrs. McFarland is already there, and their household goods are on the way.

FRIDAY EVENING, FIGHT, FUN AND FESTIVITIES

There will be a water fight on lower Main street, between the First National bank and the garage, Friday evening. Not exactly a naval engagement, with battleships and submarines, though some of the contestants may be submerged before they are through with it. The band will begin to play at 7 o'clock, the company will follow the band to the stand, and after a little music two picked teams from the Booth-Kelly force and the fire company will be arrayed against each other, and hostilities will begin. Each band of contestants will have its own "naval base," so to speak, and the fighting will be done with long range guns. A bountiful supply of pies—not the kind we make in the printing office, but the kind your mother used to make—will be on the ground, and after the engagement is over, there will be a special sale on pies, on just what plan we cannot state, and everybody will have a chance to get his fill. If there are any "spoils of war," left after the fighting is over and the pies are disposed of, they will be divided between the band and the fire company.

Any lady wishing to furnish one or more pies for the occasion, it will be appreciated. Bring your pie to the park at 7 o'clock with your name in an envelope if you want to eat the pie with the one that buys it.

The regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, that evening, may be delayed a half an hour by the fighting and festivities.

Today, from 9 a. m. to evening, is the day of the "rose show." Every body who grows roses is requested to send to the library a sample suitable for decoration purposes. The first show was held two years ago, under the auspices of the Women's Civic League. It was intended to make it an annual exhibit. Last year the rose crop failed, and there was no show.

FOUR L FIGURES SHOWING REDUCTION OF PRICES

The 4L Bulletin published at Salem, has established a system of gathering and publishing data showing the reduction or increase in the cost of the food consumed daily by an average family in a certain area, as a basis for calculation in family economies. A family of five, consisting of parents boy of 12, girl of 8 and boy of 2 is taken as the standard. The amount actually consumed by such a family is drawn from a survey made by the statisticians of the Bureau of Labor. The actual prices of the various kinds of food are obtained from persons informed on such matters in each community, represented. From this data the averages are figured out in the office, and the results published in tabular form. In the May number of the Bulletin the results of the reports from 13 towns are given for the month of April. The June number carries reports from the same towns and three others for the month of May. These reports will be continued in the coming months. The figures show the actual daily cost of the food purchased for such a family in each town reported, the towns being listed in the order of relative lowness of cost.

For April: Portland, Ore., \$1.46; Springfield, Ore., \$1.48; Everett, Wash., \$1.51; Bellingham, Wash., and Banner's Ferry, Idaho, \$1.53; Silverton, Ore., \$1.58; Deer Park, Wash., \$1.59; Spokane, Wash., \$1.66; Seattle, Wash., \$1.69; Bend, Ore., \$1.70; Potlatch, Idaho, \$1.74; Tacoma, Wash., \$1.82; Aberdeen, Wash., \$1.85.

For May: Springfield, \$1.31; Portland, \$1.38; Bellingham and Everett, \$1.39; Spokane, \$1.41; Silverton, \$1.46; Tacoma, \$1.48; Deer Park, \$1.50; La Grande, Ore., \$1.52; Baker, Ore., \$1.54; Seattle, \$1.55; Potlatch, \$1.57; Bend, \$1.58; Aberdeen, \$1.74; Astoria, \$1.90.

A decided reduction was shown for every town reporting for both months, ranging from 7 cents in Bonner's Ferry, Idaho, to 34 cents in Tacoma, with an average of 14½ cents. The gathering and publication of this data will doubtless promote an emulation between the towns reported that will help forward the downward trend.