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GOOD START FOR A REAL BAD FIRE

A Threatening Blaze at the Mill, but no Serious Damage

About 7:15 last evening an alarm of fire was sounded. It was turned in by watchman Powers at the sawmill. The fire had caught on the roof on the main sawmill building, probably from sparks from the light plant. Two other fires catching in different places beyond this building had been put out earlier in the day.

The roof was burned through, and the blaze and a column of black smoke was seen by people near the business section, and the firemen had manned the truck before they heard the alarm. They had the hose cart from F street building, and the hose attached ready for work if needed. But the fire was extinguished by the mill force with the mill appliances.

The damage was slight, but looks scary for a little while.

MAIL ROUTES TO BE EXTENDED

This office received the following telegram last Saturday:

"Washington, D. C., July 30, 1921. The Springfield News, Springfield, Oregon: Post Office Department has ordered extension of Rural Route No. One over five miles, and Route No. 2 four tenths of a mile, to accommodate fifty three families, beginning August 16th. W. C. Hawley, M. C."

Mr. Nice, on Route 1, will take a number of families to the north of Springfield, on his way out; and thus miss a section of the macadamized road between here and Hayden Bridge, which Mr. Sankey, on Route 2, will deliver on his return. Mr. Nice's route will also be extended in the neighborhood of the Mt. Vernon cemetery.

GROCERS' AND BUTCHERS PICNIC

The Eugene Grocers' and Butchers' picnic will be held on Thursday, Aug. 11th, at Robinson's grove six miles north of Eugene, on the river road.

A varied program of sports will be given, under the direction of A. E. Britton, Y. M. C. A. physical director. It will include races, baseball games, boxing and tug-of-war. Large prizes in merchandise are offered for each event.

There will be a free barbecue, with bread, coffee, lemonade and ice cream, at noon.

The Oregon State Band will furnish music during the day, and will give a jitney dance after the sports are over.

COAST TRIP

R. W. Smith, his daughter Dorris and Geo. I Dean spent Sunday at the home of James McHenry, a brother-in-law of Mr. Smith, near Brownsville, returning the first of the week. The three, with Mr. McHenry, make up a party who leave in Mr. Smith's car, this morning, for a trip to Eureka, California, where they will visit for a few days at the home of David Watson, another brother-in-law of Mr. Smith. Mr. McHenry used to live in Springfield, and Mr. Watson near Thurston.

The party will swing away from the Pacific highway about Grants Pass, and go by way of Crescent City, California. They will probably return by the same route. They expect to be back not far from the 20th. Mr. Smith desires to attend the Methodist camp meeting at Cottage Grove for the last day or two. It closes on the 21st.

A party consisting of a man and two women, whose home was at Emmett, Idaho, had spent the past year at various places in California, expected to scout around to the north until fall, and then probably settle in this region, possibly in Springfield for the winter. Their farm at Emmett was leased for another year. They were seeking the betterment of the man's health.

A SERIES OF FUNERALS

Rev. T. D. Yarnes conducted four funerals during the week just past.

The first was on Wednesday, July 27; that of Ansel Leon Parker, drowned at Oregon City. He was working in a paper mill. He had called for his time, and had only one more day to work. The intervening day was a holiday. He went in swimming with some friends, and was drowned. He was about 20 years old. He was a son of Fred Parker, who formerly lived here, and now lives at Weed, California. The body was brought to an undertaking establishment in Eugene, and the services were held in the cemetery at Pleasant Hill, where the family had once lived.

On Thursday, 28th, occurred the funeral of Mrs. W. H. G. Ireland, which was reported in the News of that date.

On Sunday, the 31st, was held the funeral of Merle Fountain, reported at length elsewhere in this issue.

On Monday, August 1st, a simple service was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stokes, who have lately removed from some point down the valley to a house on the Eugene road beyond West Springfield. To them a babe was born on Sunday, July 31, and had only a few hours of life.

NOTES FROM THE AUTO CAMP GROUND

There were ten or twelve cars on the ground over Wednesday night last week. Among them were two cars carrying a family party, consisting of the parents, whose home was at Yakima, Washington, and a son and his wife, from Portland. They had gone by way of Bend to Crater Lake, and were on their return. They expected to spend a little time at the beaches in Tillamook county before going home. The elder gentleman of this party thought the Yakima valley the most productive land he had ever seen. His wife admired the abundance of the timber and the richness and rankness of the foliage and vegetation of this region, in contrast with the natural barrenness of central Washington.

A good many of the campers going south start very early, so as to get by some of the stretches where the work on the highway is going on before the workmen begin work. Some of those coming from the south come late because they lose time at those points. Some of them, learning of the attractions of our camp from other tourists make a special pull for it.

Judging from observations here and the reports of travelers, the travel is now at its height for the season. With the finishing of the work on the Pacific highway, and connecting roads laid out for this season, and the improvement in general business conditions which may be expected, a much heavier tourist travel should be expected next year than this. If the early spring is normal, the season should open earlier.

A party of eighteen, of all ages from 60 down to 5, travelling in four cars, with one large tent, came on the ground Thursday evening and left Saturday afternoon, spending the intervening time in securing repairs and refilling, as is usually the case. They were from Twin Falls, Idaho, and had traveled together all the way. They had followed the general course or the railroad had come by way of Portland and were going on south, without any precise limits of time, distance or direction set for their journey. When asked if they were going back to Twin Falls, the lead man of the outfit replied that they were like a swarm of bees leaving their hive and looking for a tree; if they did not find a good looking tree, they might go back into their hive.

E. M. Young and wife, who camped on the ground a week or more, several weeks ago, came back last Thursday. He went down to the Siletco lake region, and tried the work on his old job, running an edger in a sawmill there, as an experiment under the direction of his physician, and decided that he was not fit for that work yet.

SPECIAL MEETING OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Only a few men came out to attend the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce which was announced for last Friday evening. Mr. I. J. Sparks, District Freight and Passenger Agent of the Southern Pacific was to address the chamber that evening. After a little consultation, it was decided to adjourn the meeting to next Friday evening, make sufficient announcement and make special effort to secure the attendance of the citizens of Springfield generally. Mr. Sparks has made special arrangements to attend that evening. He will have some matters to lay before the meeting which will be of interest of all who have concern for the business prosperity of Springfield.

Everybody come, both men and women, whether you are members of the Chamber of Commerce or of the Civic Improvement League or not.

DR. McCALLUM'S ADDRESS ON AMERICANIZATION

A fair audience gathered at the Christian church, Sunday evening, to hear Rev. J. S. McCallum's address on "Americanization." He had delivered it in the Christian church in Eugene in the morning. He has been engaged in the work of which the delivery of this address is a prominent and representative part, in the east, for the past year and a half.

After a little humorous by-play, by way of introduction, he commenced the address proper by describing the concerted outbreak of the I. W. W., which was planned to occur in Seattle while Dr. McCallum was engaged in pastoral work there, and which was nipped in the bud by the prompt and vigorous action of Mayor Ole Hanson. Hanson had obtained conclusive evidence that a similar outbreak had been planned to occur about the same time in several large cities of the country, and that the movements aimed at nothing less than the overthrow of the United States government and the reduction of the country to a state of anarchy.

The speaker showed that a persistent propaganda, under cover, has been carried on in this country for several years, with such a purpose in view. He showed that its principal field is the ignorant foreign population of the country. The remedy proposed is the Americanization of this alien population by Christian education and evangelization. The chief feature of the process outlined is to gather capable and adaptable men from every nationality, Christianize and educate them, and help them to carry forward the same work among their own people, and thus Americanize the mass and prepare these dangerous classes to become good citizens in the country of their adoption, instead of a constant and growing menace to its peace and the stability of its institutions. This is a matter which has been engaging the attention of thoughtful men in all the churches and of real patriots outside of the churches for some years past in this country.

The particular movement in which Dr. McCallum is engaged is a movement within the Christian church; but wherever it is presented it is coupled with an appeal to the patriotism of all the people, regardless of church affiliation. It takes the form of a proposition to raise a fund of \$25,000,000, for the establishment and maintenance of schools for the promotion of Christian education among the foreign-born population and for the work of evangelization among them.

Two elderly couples were camped on the ground Tuesday night, whose scheduled course was somewhat similar, and such a one as is likely to become popular with the completion of the McKenzie highway over the pass. One couple live at The Dalles, and had driven all the way from there to Springfield that day. They expected to go over the pass, and back by way of Bend. They have been making a short tour each summer, laying out a route at least partly new each time. The other couple live in Portland, and were going to stop awhile at Belknap Springs, and go home by way of Bend. Another couple, that afternoon, were inquiring on the street about the route to Belknap Springs.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH PICNIC

A hundred or so of people, members and friends of the Christian church congregation of Springfield, gathered at Myers' grove, on the banks of the McKenzie river above Hayden bridge, last Sunday morning. About 25 automobiles and one large truck were parked in a semicircle around the picnic grounds. About 25 chairs were taken along.

The Sunday school was called to order, and, after the opening services, the classes hunted logs convenient for seats, and proceeded with the lessons. An automobile horn was sounded to mark the divisions of services. After the Sunday school, the pastor, Rev. Earl Childers, took his stand on the rear of the truck, and preached.

A continuous stretch of table cloths was spread on the grass, and the provender arranged on them. Blankets were spread on the grass alongside the table cloths, on both sides, and the people seated themselves on them.

The company passed a very enjoyable day.

Everybody come out to Chamber of Commerce meeting, at Morrison's hall, Friday night.

TOWN AND VICINITY

The new dam across the mouth of the race will make a fine swimming hole for the boys. No charge for this notice.

Zane Grey insisted that a strong cast be used in "Desert Gold," Sunday at Bell, August 7th.

Dallas Crouch, a traveling salesman well known here, now living in Portland, has been in town most of this week.

Fresh melons, any quantity, at 2 cents per pound. Saeeds Grocery.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fitzgerald left Tuesday, for a visit at Lakeview, Oregon. They went in a car driven by Arthur Steinhauer. They were going to go over the McKenzie Pass, and visit Crater Lake from the east on their way.

The ladies are making the most delightful gems and whole wheat biscuits out of Jasper's Breakfast Graham.

Mrs. Kate Bidwell opened the restaurant lately known as "Mack's Cafe," last Monday noon. Mrs. Glendinning is the cook.

The most unusual romance ever told of the artist quarter of Paris, is "Body and Soul," featuring Alice Lake at the Bell, August 6th, Saturday.

Hard fighting in "Desert Gold," joy for E. K. Lincoln, star of Zane Grey's famous book "Desert Gold," at Bell, Sunday, August 7th.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Ladies 4L Community club, July 29, the following new officers were elected for the rest of the year:

President, Mrs. Marion Harpole; vice-president, Mrs. Osha B. Webb; Sec-treas., Mrs. Jess Smitson; member at large, Mrs. Geo. Davenport.

After lodge adjournment, light refreshments were served the 4Ls and ladies.

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

A fire has been burning in the hills beyond Coburg bridge for the past two days.

Wherein a woman finds herself two women, and yet is unaware of it. See Alice Lake in "Body and Soul," at Bell, Saturday, August 6th.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Spencer and family went down to Portland Tuesday. They expect to return, bringing with them Mrs. Spencer's grandmother, who is coming from Illinois to spend the winter here.

Do not fail to hear Mr. Sparks at Morrison's hall, Friday night.

Chas. L. Scott has returned to his home, after several weeks spent in a sanitarium in Portland. In speaking to the people in the bank, over the telephone yesterday, he expressed himself as feeling much better in every way than before he went.

FOUNTAIN'S BODY IS BURIED HERE

Pvt. James M. Fountain's Body Laid to Rest in Native Soil

The body of James M. Fountain arrived in Portland on the morning of Wednesday, July 27, with a shipment of 44 bodies of American soldiers, exhumed in France, and sent to the United States for reinterment. His body was brought to Springfield that evening, and kept in Walker's undertaking parlors until 2:30 p. m. Sunday, when the funeral services were held. A great many people came to attend the funeral than could be crowded into the chapel.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. T. D. Yarnes. A military escort, under the command of Capt. Hamlin, was furnished by the American Legion post at the chapel and the grave. The burial service of the Legion was read at the grave by Chaplain F. B. Hamlin. The body was laid to its final rest in Laurel Hill cemetery.

The following brief life sketch is based on notes read at the funeral:

James Merle Fountain was born at Waltherville, Oregon, October 13, 1895. He was 22 years, 11 months and 17 days old at the time of his death. He enlisted in the United States service December 12, 1917. He went overseas about 6 months after his enlistment. He was a member of the 55th Company, 5th Marines, Second Division, and took part in some of the biggest engagements in the war. Besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Fountain, of Waltherville, he leaves a brother, Marvin, and a sister, Nettie. His mother is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Barnes, of this city; and Mrs. Zella Cantrell and Mrs. Drusa Howard are her sisters.

The following communication, slightly abridged, in the hands of Merle's mother, from some one at the front familiar with the facts, recites the manner of his death and some of the main points of his service. Another account varies in a point or two as to the precise manner of his death, but this is so circumstantial that it may be accepted as substantially correct:

Private James Merle Fountain, 5th Regt., U. M. C., lost his life in the battle of Champagne, or Blanc Mont Ridge. It was here that some of the most vicious fighting of the whole war was waged; and as they had gone through Belleau woods, Soissons and St. Mihiel, so the always faithful "devil dogs" went into Blanc Mont Ridge the morning of Oct. 3. Private Fountain with them, always advancing, through that day, that night, and up to the next day, when a bullet from a German rifle, during a counter attack, pierced his abdomen.

Pvt. Fountain was immediately evacuated to the rear by hospital attendants, given first aid treatment and sent by ambulance to Evacuation Hospital No. 5, at Le Verne, France. From the nature of the wound, it was found he could not live, and during the following morning Oct. 5, he died. He was buried in a little cemetery not far from the hospital, in the little town of Le Verne. His grave was marked with a cross, upon which are two metal disks; one with his name, company and regiment; the other with the American flag.

To the above notes of his record may be added that Private Fountain was cited for bravery at the battle of Soissons, July 18, 1918.

Deceased was a member of the W. O. W. at Waltherville.

Mrs. N. H. Nuem, of Seattle, Washington, a niece of Wm. Donaldson, made a visit of about two weeks at the Donaldson home, returning the first of this week. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Thumm, of Junction City, also relatives, visited with them over Sunday.

A lone woman, who had come all the way from Missouri in an auto camped on the ground last week.