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## PEDESTRIANS; KEEP TO WALKS

Dangerous to Both Vehicles  
And Footmen to Walk  
On Pavements

A business man of Springfield, who owns an auto, as most of the business men of Springfield do, and who, of course, sees the matter from the autoist's viewpoint, calls the attention of the News to the need of admonishing pedestrians of the danger they are incurring by persisting in walking on the pavements of the most traveled streets. There is great danger in it. You may include in that practice 999 times, and incur no damage by it. But if a fatal or seriously damaging accident happens the thousandth time, as Dooley used to say, "There ye are." If your neighbor's remains are smeared over a nice, clean pavement on his thousandth venture, you will say, "How foolish he was." But it might just as well have been you.

But there is danger not only to the pedestrian, but also to the auto driver and to all in his car. The man referred to above says that it is a common thing, as a driver swings in from a side street upon one of the streets carrying the most traffic, especially at night to find a group of pedestrians just in his path or crossing it at any kind of an angle; and in the glare of the uncertain and changing light, as he swings, the driver is often hard put to avoid a collision. Such situations are a terror to autoists driving at night on such streets as Main, A, and 5th.

Both the pedestrians and the drivers of the vehicles have their rights, and the law and public sentiment will protect each when he is in his proper place. The streets are prepared for the use of the vehicles and the sidewalks for the use of pedestrians. If each keeps on his own ground and due care and proper lookout is kept up at the intersections, there will be but little danger of accidents.

There has been some excuse for this improper and dangerous practice in the past. The sidewalks were so generally bad nearly all over town that people found it pleasanter to turn into the middle of the street when they struck the pavement or good macadam. But now the paved streets have generally good walks, and the bad walks are being rapidly replaced all over the better part of the town. Let us correct the bad habits formed under worse conditions.

The man who makes this plea shows up another phase of the matter which, though not so vital, is worth considering. He says visitors have expressed surprise that the Springfield people so generally take to the streets, instead of keeping to the sidewalks which were made for people to walk on, and have laughed at us as a countryified people. Now Springfield is in a fair way to become a city by and by, and we need to be learning to conduct ourselves as city people should, especially in matters of common prudence like the one here discussed. We do not want visitors to think that this is a "jay" town, and that none of us were brought up to know what sidewalks were for.

Although November 1st was the advertised limit set on Booth-Kelly's bargain sale on lumber, the price tags placed on the plits of lumber marked for the special sale are still there, and the lumber is still going rapidly. Sales have been brisk, both for local distribution and for shipment, last month and so far in this.

## STEAM SHOVEL FINISHES WORK

A Wonderful Machine and the  
Wonderful Stories  
Told About It

The big steam shovel which has been at work so long on the face of the bluff between Springfield Junction and Kincaid station, on the new trolley line, finished its work last Thursday. Friday, it was standing on the Y, awaiting shipment, and the crew were awaiting orders. They were expecting to go to some point in northern California, just where they did not know.

To look at that big steam shovel at

## SIDEWALK PROBLEM IN THE WAY TO SOLUTION

The people who are promoting the building of a new sidewalk west of the river bridge have been pushing the matter energetically. The elevated wooden walk extending from Mr. Mason's gate to the bridge is finished. It is constructed on about the same plan as the old walk. The supports are better braced. Most of the posts, a good part of the stringers and hand rails are of new timber. The rest of the structure is made of the materials of the old walks. This part of the work was financed by the chamber of commerce. The work of laying the cement walk from the Pacific highway to a connection with the board walk was commenced Tuesday morning.

The chamber of commerce will circulate a petition to the county court to build a foot walk on the south side of the wagon bridge. They have good grounds to believe that the court will grant the petition. These improvements, when completed, will solve what had become a very serious problem.

## TOWN AND VICINITY

The doctors, dentists and druggists on the north side of Main street have challenged the same professions on the south side to a series of three games of bowling. The games will be played on the local alleys, probably next week.

A notice signed by W. A. Hall, and posted in the window of the building formerly occupied by Hall's shoe store, reads: "This store will open about November 15 as a first-class shoe repair shop. New machinery will arrive soon." It has been rumored for the past month that Mr. Hall would open such an establishment soon.

"The U. P. Trail" is adopted from the widely read novel of the same name by the famous author, Zane Grey. Its thrilling story of life and love in the pioneer days of the cutting of the trail for the great Union Pacific railroad is even more intense gripping when viewed on the screen than in its original book form. Bell, Saturday, Nov. 12th.

Springfield Hospital, located on F street between 8th and 9th. Modern surgery and graduate nurses. Miss Riten, superintendent.

D. B. Murphy returned Wednesday evening from a two days business trip to Salem.

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

Mr. M. N. Thompson left Tuesday

work, and see some of the things it would do, one could almost imagine that it was possessed of human intelligence. But the "human intelligence" in the case was encased in blue overalls and jumper, generally just a little out of sight of the observer; and back of this embodiment were the various men who invented the appliances which made this marvelously adjustable piece of clumsy-looking machinery so effective.

All sorts of stories have been told about that shovel, especially as to where it came from. Its preceding seat of operations has been located in every state to the south-east, as far as Texas; but what seems to be the most reliable account of its recent history is that it came here from some point in northern or central California. We hate to write these words, but this seems to be the sober fact—sober, if it did come from California.

## SPRINGFIELD WILL OBSERVE ARMISTICE DAY FITTINGLY

Military and Civic Bodies Will Form  
Parade. Program and Address  
At New High School

Arrangements are being made for a general and fitting observation of Armistice Day tomorrow. The expectation is to give the day the character of a general holiday, as far as possible, and at the same time recognize its memorial significance by fitting observances. Nearly all the business houses have arranged to close for at least part of the day, most of them all day. Everyone will thus be free to take part in the exercises, and nearly everyone will do so.

The memorial tree planting will be in the morning. No time and place of meeting has been agreed upon. Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh are the streets selected for the planting. Where the space will not admit of planting large trees, small shrubbery will be planted.

The parade will form at Sixth and Main, at 1:30. The order will be substantially as follows: Band, Colors, G. A. R., Ladies of G. A. R., Spanish War Veterans, Gold Star Mothers, American Legion, Legion Auxiliary, Schools, Churches, Civic Bodies and Lodges, Individual Citizens. The course of the march will be: From Sixth to Second on Main; Main to A; Second to Fourth on A and Fourth to the high school.

The memorial program will open at the high school auditorium at 2:30. It will be as follows:

March ..... Band  
Invocation ..... Rev. J. T. Moore  
"The Recessional" ..... Double Quartet  
"November Eleventh" ..... Recitation  
America ..... Assembly  
Greetings ..... Post Commander  
Memories ..... Songs by Members of Post  
Sketch ..... French Cafe scene ..... Yank and Marie  
Illustrated Songs ..... Double Quartet  
Address ..... Wm. Moll Case  
The Flag of the Free .....  
Veterans of 1861; Veterans of 1898; World War Veterans;  
Double Quartet, The Flag and Herald.  
"The Name of Old Glory" ..... "The Flag"  
"The Star Spangled Banner" ..... Assembly  
Benediction ..... Rev. J. T. Moore  
March ..... Band

morning for Denver and as far east as Chicago, on business connected with mining. He expects to be gone several weeks.

Start the morning right with a wholesome dish of Jasper's Breakfast Graham. Sold by leading grocers.

The Red Cross will not hold a meeting Friday as that is Armistice day. The next regular meeting will be held a week from Friday.

Orders taken for sixteen inch or four foot old growth Fir. Loffer Blacksmith shop, South 2nd. street.

W. O. W. meets every Tuesday evening at W. O. W. hall.

The delayed roofing for the High school gymnasium came the fore part of this week. The work on the building is now practically done. A reception to the Freshman class by the rest of the school, to be held there tomorrow evening.

Roy Cairns is home from Reedport visiting his parents.

"The Journey's End"—the first serious drama ever made without a single sub-title. Two men loved her;

## LIBRARY BENEFIT AT BELL THEATRE

A moving picture drama, entitled "Madam X", spoken of by Mr. Ward as a fine drama, will be put on at the Bell theatre Friday evening, November 18th. This will be followed by a comedy, entitled "Matrimaniac". This exhibition will be given under the auspices of the library board. The proceeds will be devoted to the purchase of new books, for which there is a great demand, and for which there are not sufficient funds.

Prices: adults, 30 cents; High school students, 25 cents; children, usual prices.  
Everybody come and help replenish the library.

a millionaire and a laborer. And she—? See "The Journey's End" and find out. Bell, Sunday Nov. 13th.

Charles Elliott, who was associated with Charles Buchanan in the blacksmith shop at the foot of Main street for several months, is now working in a shop in Eugene.

I am hitting "The U. P. Trail". It's leading me to the Bell theatre. Saturday, Nov. 12th.

## REVIVAL MEETINGS AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The people of the Christian church have planned to commence a revival campaign on Sunday, November 20. The time of its continuance is indefinite. There is no set limit. This will depend on the interest and results. It will probably continue for three or four weeks, as long as may seem necessary or profitable.

They have engaged an experienced and successful evangelist, Rev. F. Wallace Zook. Mr. Zook's evangelistic work has been mostly in California. He has conducted about forty revival campaigns in that state. He is said to be a very forceful speaker and to be unsparing in his denunciations of the evils of the times, and especially of the iniquitous attacks upon the deity of Christ and the integrity of the Bible. His wife is spoken of as a very efficient personal worker.

Everybody in Springfield is invited and urged to attend these meetings.

## INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

First National and First Savings banks of Albany consolidated, with Percy A. Young as the new president.

Western states to get \$2,000,000 each of federal road funds.

Scappoose will build \$20,000 water system.

Grants pass has raised present tax levy of 22 mills to 23 mills.

For the fourth time Roseburg lost its proposed bond issue of \$500,000 for the purpose of acquiring the holdings of the local water and light system.

St. Helens—Large mill increases cut to 200,000 feet per day.

Mitchell votes \$30,000 bonds for school building.

Sellwood ferry to be displaced by \$500,000 bridge.

Highway from Mapleton to Rain-rock to be built.

Astoria—Steamer clears with 8000 cases of salmon, 250,000 pounds of flour 1,500,000 feet of lumber and 150,000 lath.

Seven Portland I. O. O. F. lodges plan \$200,000 building.

Oregon highway administration for 1921 will cost 6 per cent.

Hay growers will ship 35,000 tons outside of the state.

La Pine—Eastern capitalists investing in lodge pole pine for paper.

Scio—Large feed mill began operations here November 1.

Real estate pays 7 1/2 per cent of the taxes in Oregon.

Portland—5 ships for Europe and 7 for the Orient cleared Saturday.

Portland industrial payrolls for 1920 were \$46,814,000.

McMinnville to get water supply at cost of \$350,000.

Ashland raising \$150,000 for new hotel.

Deschutes county potato crop totals \$250,000.

Grants Pass farmers buy \$25,000 irrigation bond issue to water 1000 acres in Fort Vanney district.

Plans under way for \$25,000 modern hotel building in Milton.

Albany college alumni planning \$50,000 building.

Newport—Strong oil indications reported in Lincoln county.

There are indications in New York that certain of the war issues are in much greater demand and it is predicted in some circles that they may be selling at par before the end of 1922, if business recovery continues in the course it is now following.

Mrs. Silverstein loses her job in the Portland city treasury. Going to her work in a \$4000 automobile in a seal coat and wearing diamonds disturbed the morale of the office force. Her husband is also well-to-do and an ex-service man with a finally to support needs the job. There are too many Mrs. Silversteins holding public jobs.

## SALVATION ARMY WELCOME MEETING

Adjutant Clemens, in charge of the Salvation Army work in Eugene, was in Springfield yesterday, advertising some special services the army is to hold in Eugene next Sunday. Commissioner Adam Gifford, who assumed charge of this division about a year ago, will make his first visit to the work in Eugene. The army will have its usual service in the morning, and the commission will preach at 3 p. m. a general "Welcome Meeting" will be held at the Christian church, in which the other churches and civic bodies will take part. The commissioner will preach at the M. E. church at 7:30. Commissioner Gifford is one of the strong men of the Salvation Army, and it will be well worth while for any who care to join in this "welcome", and hear him preach.

## LARGE SAWMILL TO OPEN SOON

An Eight Hour Shift Here  
After December 1st;  
Wending Later

After a suspension of nine and a half months, after listening to numberless hopeful rumors, soon to be contradicted, after a long period of the "hope deferred that maketh the heart sick", the people of Springfield, last Friday, were rejoiced to receive a positive and authoritative statement that the Booth-Kelly sawmill here was soon to open, and that operations at Wending were probably to be resumed later. Following is the exact language in which A. C. Dixon, general manager, made the announcement, as given in the Eugene papers: "We expect to start operating at our Springfield mill December 1st. Will operate with a normal crew and at normal capacity for eight hours.

"If market conditions permit, we will start our logging operations immediately after January 1st, and hope to be able to start the Wending mill at that time, or soon after. We have an ample supply of logs at Springfield to run for some time, and will not attempt to make a final decision at this time as to when we will start the camps or the Wending mill, but hope conditions may permit the program as outlined above.

"We are not anxious to operate at this time, and are doing so largely in accordance with a nation-wide demand that those who can should make an extra effort at this time to help out on the unemployment situation, and do whatever they can to again start all the wheels of industry moving."

Whatever other interests Springfield may have, and however important they may be on a long range view, there is nothing else of a material character that begins to compare with this as it concerns the people of this town and surrounding country in the immediate present. There are hundreds of people whose homes are here, who have heretofore looked to their employment at this mill for the means to maintain these homes. Some of them have scraped the bottom of the flour barrel more than once during this period of suspension. Some of them have strained their credit to the breaking point, and perhaps in some cases, forced the merchants to strain theirs. Some of them have given up hope, or been unable to hold out longer, and have gone away to seek work. A few of these may never come back, they may be lost to Springfield altogether.

Not only the employees of the mill and their families, but everyone who does business in the town, in fact every interest of the town has suffered from the long suspension of this, as yet, the town's chief industry. The present, pressing material need is so great that, in the minds of the people of Springfield, December 1st far overshadows November 11th. But the elasticity of the human mind is so savingly great that as soon as the hum and buzz of the mill machinery becomes familiar, becomes a daily matter of course, we will unaccountably forget the pinch of the past few months, and be ready to plunge into the gayety of the holiday season.

The question of the wages the men are going to get now becomes a matter of general concern. This will probably not be known definitely until about the time of opening. There has been a general talk that, upon resumption after the suspension, a great reduction might be expected. We really hope that some people are putting their figures too low. The present wage for common labor is \$3.20 a day, and the minimum of the 41 scale is \$3.00. Probably, at a guess the new wage will be found in there somewhere. But the pay check for the first month will look big even at that.

Somebody took pains to walk over the newly laid cement walk beyond the river bridge, Tuesday night, leaving his foot prints in the soft cement between the boards that had been laid to protect the walk, and draw obscene pictures on the walk. The people who have been interested in building this walk are also interested in finding the person who did this piece of work.

The Booth-Kelly Lumber company is laying a new cement sidewalk along the south end of a piece of ground it owns near the river bridge.

