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FAVOR SIX CENT STREET CAR FARE

Springfield Business Men Hear Company's Showing and Approve

A meeting of business men of Springfield called to consider the application of the Southern Pacific Railroad company for a raise in fares on the Eugene street car system and the Eugene-Springfield line from 5 to 6 cents, assembled in Stevens' hall last Friday evening. O. B. Kessey presided.

T. L. Billingsley, superintendent of the company's street car lines, was present, and presented figures showing in detail the receipts and expenses of the system for the past five years, from which we condense the following: Total revenues from all sources in 1917, \$47,100.88; total expenses, including taxes, \$47,974.62; deficit, \$872.74. Revenues for 1918, \$45,684.72; expenses \$48,365.65; deficit \$2,680.93. Revenues for 1919, \$61,728.16; expenses \$67,582.58; deficit \$6,154.42. Revenues for 1920, \$71,152.26; expenses \$90,820.29; deficit \$19,667.94. Revenues for 6 months of 1921, \$37,039.77; expenses \$42,661.31; deficit \$5,621.54.

Discussion showed that the sentiment was practically unanimous that the raise asked for was just. A committee consisting of O. B. Kessey, M. M. Peery, B. A. Washburne, M. C. Bressler and H. B. Freeland, drew up the following resolutions which were adopted by the meeting, and ordered sent to the Southern Pacific Railroad company and to the state public service commission and to be given to the press:

"From the facts and figures submitted, which we believe indisputable, it appears that the street railway system serving the people of Eugene and Springfield representing an investment by the Southern Pacific company of more than \$600,000, does not receive sufficient revenue to pay operating expenses and taxes, that during the past five years this deficit has been as high as \$20,000 in a single year. It is plain that no business can long continue under these conditions without relief and furthermore, that the railroad companies in general have been unreasonably harassed by government supervision; so handicapped by regulations so selfishly imposed by adverse public opinion to the extent, that to day the railroads of this country are not managed and operated by trained executives, but rather by untrained legislators.

Until this handicap is removed the railroads will either go bankrupt or the public must pay for its folly and.

Whereas the Southern Pacific company has announced its intention of soon filing with the public service commission a new schedule of rates raising the present five-cent fare in Springfield and Eugene, now with one exception, the lowest street car fare in the United States, to 6 cents which if permitted to become effective will not more than cover operating expenses and taxes, leaving nothing for dividends on the invested funds, and believing the request to be entirely justified, it is unanimously

Resolved by this meeting of Springfield citizens, that we heartily endorse the action taken by the Southern Pacific company, and ask that every citizen of Springfield and Eugene having the best interest of their respective communities at heart and believing in a square deal, use his influence towards enabling the Southern Pacific company to obtain the rate requested, to which we feel they are justly entitled.

Similar action was taken in the Eugene chamber of commerce Monday evening.

METHODIST REVIVAL THEMES FOR LAST DAYS

The congregations at the Methodist revival services for the past few week nights have not been large, and they naturally appear small in that great auditorium; but they have been steadily effective, nevertheless. Rev. S. E. Childers, pastor of the Christian church, dismissed his services Sunday evening, and he and many of his people joined in the revival services. The orchestra of that church joined in the musical part of the service.

Next Sunday will be a great day. There will be an all-day meeting, with a basket lunch at noon. The evangelist, Rev. Geo. Bennard, will speak to the Sunday school at 10:00 a. m., and will preach at three other services: at 11 a. m., 2:30 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. This is planned as the closing day of the evangelistic campaign which

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The American Legion will play a game of basket ball with Company C of the National Guard, Eugene at the High school gymnasium tonight.

Wallace Reid in "What's Your Hurry?" is a rough-rolling romance that runs on love and spurts of blue flames of excitement. At Bell Saturday.

W. G. Hughes returned Monday evening, from a week's trip to Portland, Tacoma and Seattle, chiefly business, and some visiting incidentally.

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

The announcement of the appointment of Capt. Frank B. Hamlin to be postmaster at Springfield was given out from Washington last Friday.

The basketball game which was to have been played Saturday evening between the Eugene and Springfield Sunday school teams was called off because that evening is to be occupied by the revival meeting.

Wood for sale by National Products Co., the old Fisher-Boutin mill on Broadway street. F. H. Walker.

F. A. Worley, who removed from Springfield to North Bend several months ago, moved his household goods back to Springfield yesterday, probably to make a home here again.

LAKE COUNTY'S CRY. "COME AND FIND ME"

In the News of November 24, reference was made to the railroad situation at Lakeview and in the region to the south and west. Lately the Western Pacific acquired control of the southern end of a narrow gauge railroad running from Reno, Nevada, to Lakeview, and affording the only rail outlet for Lake county. Now the Nevada, California and Oregon company, Owners of the northern end of the line, from Hackstaff, Nevada, to Lakeview, have petitioned the interstate commerce commission for permission to discontinue operations.

The Lakeview chamber of commerce in its efforts to preserve Lakeview's connection with the world at large, appealed to the Oregon public service commission. The commission asked to be excused from holding the hearing Lakeview asked for. The chamber reorganized, broadening its scope, adopting the new name of "Lake County Chamber of Commerce", commenced a vigorous campaign for the preservation of its connections, and adopted the slogan, "The County that Oregon Forgot."

Among other publicity efforts in furtherance of this campaign, the chamber has set before the two commissions and general public the following items representing shipments from Lakeview over this narrow gauge road during the past year in these lines: More than 90,000 lambs, 10,000 cattle, 1,500,000 pounds of wool and 400,000 bushels of wheat. It adds that a section of country as large as the state of New Jersey was supplied with merchandise through the same channel. They argue from this that they ought to have a railroad.

The Royal Neighbors and M. W. A. held a joint installation Thursday evening, January 19, 1922, followed by a chicken-pie supper served by the men.

The following officers in the M. W. A. were installed: P. A. Wooley, council; N. O. Nettleton, adviser; C. L. Miller, banker; Geo. H. Ditto, clerk; Clifford Bryan, Escort; Louis McBee, watchman; Lester Cyr, Sentry; Chas. Myers, manager; Dr. Eugene Kester, physician.

4L RELIEF COMMITTEE

Wants the following articles for a needy family in this town, consisting of father and four girls: 2 pairs of shoes, one size 12 1/2 and one size 13 1/2, girls sizes; one cook stove of any kind, old clothes and any kind of provisions.

Has been in progress for nearly three weeks. Everybody is cordially invited to come and take part in these services.

Following is the list of subjects on which the evangelist expects to preach at the remaining services:

Thursday, "Spot Cash," or "What's your Soul Worth" (young people).

Friday, "Is Christ Coming Back to Earth? Is It Near?"

Saturday, "You Must Meet Him at the Judgement. What will It Be?"

Sunday a. m., "The Supreme Command of Jesus."

P. m., "What Is Sanctification? Can We Be Saved Without It?"

Evening, "What is the Unpardonable Sin?" or "Crossing the Deadline."

MEN'S GLEE CLUB TO GIVE CONCERT

A coming event of local interest will be the annual concert of the Men's Glee club of the University of Oregon which is to be held Saturday evening at eight o'clock in the Woman's building on the campus at the university.

Solos, quartets, duets, songs, stunts and skits will feature the entertainment, according to John Stark Evans, director of the club. The club which is composed of twenty-two members, has with it a real jazz orchestra that will have a special part in the program.

The general admission price of the concert will be seventy five cents. Special seats will be reserved for those who wish them. No additional charge is asked for reserved seats.

Arthur Rudd manager of the club wishes it announced that there will be a complimentary dance after the entertainment for those who dance.

CREDIT TO WHOM CREDIT IS DUE

When E. E. Brattain informed a News scout, last Thursday, that a boy was born at his house the day before, the scout failed to catch the qualifying statement that the mother was Mrs. Alberta Rice, Mr. Brattain's oldest daughter. Mr. Brattain said he notified the folks at home that he was going to claim the baby, because he could prove by the News that it belonged to him and Mrs. Brattain. If The News continues to mislocate and otherwise misrepresent Mr. Brattain as it did in the two last issues, he will begin to lose faith in our reliability, and so will we.

CHURCHES ORGANIZE BASKETBALL LEAGUE

The Sunday schools of the three churches met Tuesday evening and organized a basketball league to play a series of games at the High school gymnasium every Tuesday evening. Arthur Pengra was elected manager of the league. If possible a series of games will be scheduled for younger boys and girls to play short preliminary games each evening before the regular game. To be eligible for the different teams the players must be actual members of the respective Sunday schools.

The first scheduled game of the series will be next Tuesday evening between the Methodist and Christian teams. The remainder of the series is as follows:

- Feb. 7 Baptists vs. Methodists.
 - Feb. 14 Baptists vs. Christians.
 - Feb. 21 Christian vs. Methodists.
 - Feb. 28 Methodists vs. Baptists.
 - Mar. 7 Christians vs. Baptists.
 - Mar. 14 Methodists vs. Christians.
 - Mar. 21 Methodists vs. Baptists.
- The league will be called the Springfield Sunday School Basketball league and the purpose is to create an interest in basketball and other sports. No admission will be charged to any of the games.

CIVIC CLUB MEETING

On Tuesday evening, January 24, the Civic Improvement Club met at the city hall, to hold their regular meeting.

After the regular routine business and discussion on plans for future work, the Club adjourned to participate in a delicious luncheon served by the members. A jolly good time was had while this interesting event was taking place.

One new member was added to the roll.

Every lady having the good of the town at heart is cordially invited to visit these Club meetings at any time.

POLLARD APPOINTED CITY HEALTH OFFICER

Under a new law, the city health officer, within the limits of a town under 2000 population, is appointed by the state board of health, reports directly to it, is amendable to it, and may be removed by it; his service is continuous during his acceptability to the board, and he receives no salary. Dr. W. H. Pollard has received the appointment as city health officer for Springfield under the operation of this law, his commission dating from January 22.

Under this law, it is the duty of all persons in whose homes or under whose care cases of contagious diseases occur, where a physician is not in attendance, to report them to the health officer. It is the duty of the physician, where one is in attendance, it will be helpful if the person in charge will report such cases, whether a physician is called or not.

The health officer is furnished with a record book for the recording of all such cases, and, with report cards for reports to the state board of health.

KETELS TO MAKE EXHIBIT AT MEIER & FRANK'S SHOW

Meier & Frank, the great merchants of Portland, will make a special feature of an exhibition of Oregon products during the whole of next week. They offer free display space during that time to all Oregon manufacturers.

John Ketels will take advantage of this opportunity to make an exhibit of his Amber-o-latum Chest Ointment, which is proving itself in his local trade to be a very effective remedy, and which he has lately begun to push into the general market.

He will occupy a booth at this great Meier & Frank exhibit all next week. He will have on one table a display case carrying bottles showing the ingredients of the compound, and on another table a few dozen bottles of the finished ointment. It is not so much his object to make sales, as to introduce the remedy to the notice of dealers. But of course he will be prepared to meet all calls for his product.

DR. JAYNE, EX-MAYOR, REVISITS SPRINGFIELD

Dr. R. L. Jayne who is now practicing medicine at Philomath, and his son Earl, now a practicing physician located at St. Johns, Portland, made a visit of a few hours in Springfield on Tuesday, and took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. John Winzenried.

The elder Dr. Jayne was in practice here for several years when Springfield was a small village. He left here in 1908. He was mayor of the town one term in the later years that he was here. If one who has been here all the time forgets that Springfield has made any progress in these late years, it will wake him up to talk a few minutes with one who was here in those times and has been away since.

HIGH SCHOOL DRAMATIC CLUB TO GIVE PLAY FEB. 3

The High school is giving another delightful play and entertainment, February 3rd, entitled, "Engaged by Wednesday." The plot is decidedly clever and the cast decidedly capable. The people in the cast are different from those in the last play, and have had a great deal of careful coaching.

The cast of characters are:

- Miss Abigail Parsons
 - Mabel Humphrey
 - Mrs. Watson
 - Mabel McPherson
 - Lucile Parsons
 - Dorothy Ditto
 - Arthur Watson
 - Wayne Frady
 - Jane
 - Eileen Killeen
 - Mabel
 - Meriam Spencer
 - Marie
 - Margaret Russell
- (Three friends of Lucile)
- Ted
 - Ivan Cowart
 - Jack
 - Ralph Cline
 - Dick
 - Herbert Taylor
- (Three friends of Arthur Watson)
- Mary, a servant
 - Muriel King
 - Martin Henry, the laziest man in the country
 - Alfred Townsend
- There are about ten other minor characters.

The Plot: Miss Abigail Parsons, who has a niece, and Mrs. Watson, who has a son, expect these young people to marry. In fact, this is the lifetime hope and ambition of these two persons.

Lucile who is away to boarding school, and Arthur, who is going to college, however do not agree with this plan. When Lucile comes home, she brings three of her girl friends to dress and act just as she does, so that Arthur will not know which of them is the real Lucile. Coincidentally Arthur does the same.

Lucile finally becomes disgusted with the actions of her friends, and decides to play the part of a maid.

Arthur decides to play the part of a gardener.

What can you expect to happen when Fate takes a hand. The only way to decide is to go to the High school auditorium February 3rd, and see for yourself.

MRS. EMMA LEE CARDER

Wife of Samuel S. Carder, died Saturday night, January 21st, at her home, between Springfield and Goshen, aged 46 years, 1 month and 8 days. The cause of her death was pneumonia, and she had been sick but a few days. The family had been living at their present home for about seven years. The funeral was held at Walker's chapel at 2 p. m. Monday, and was conducted by Rev. George Warner, of Goshen. It was largely attended. The burial was at Laurel Hill.

The American Legion entertained the Ladies' Auxiliary at the Wood man hall, last Friday evening. A fine musical program was rendered, and a luncheon served afterwards.

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The Ladies of the Auxiliary of the American Legion would like to have any clean old clothes or children's garments that can be either worn or made over, left at the News office. These garments are to be made over immediately so as to have them in readiness for any urgent call that may come in. We would also be glad to have any fruit, vegetables, or any food that is not perishable. There are several families in our town who are worthy, in need of help and we will thank you if you will help us to take care of them in this way.

For private piano lessons see Miss Ruth Scott or phone 126J.

The State bank of Coburg has been reorganized, several substantial people of the town and vicinity having come in as stockholders. John W. Conaway, formerly of Springfield, later of Portland, who took the position of cashier of the bank some months ago, continues in that capacity.

Washington Irving's immortal classic, "Rip Van Winkle", has been adapted to the screen by Ward Lascell, with Thomas Jefferson in the title role, will be at the Bell Sunday.

George I. Dean and Mrs. Alma A. Jarvis, both residents of Springfield, were married at the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. C. E. Dunham, in Eugene, Saturday afternoon, January 21. They will make their home on Mr. Deans farm, between Springfield and Goshen.

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

A Southern Pacific supply train in charge of Assistant Superintendent C. W. Martin, accompanied by other officials, came into Springfield Tuesday from Dallas. This train delivers certain supplies for station use and supplies for all kinds of work crews that draw their supplies from the stations visited. Usually the stations on the branches running out from Springfield are supplied through this station.

Oscar C. Lee and Miss Nona L. Harrison, both of Dorena, were married at the residence of H. E. Lee, a brother of the bridegroom, in West Springfield, Saturday evening, January 21. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Ernest F. Lee, a nephew of the bridegroom.

Dr. Royal J. Gick, Specialist, correctly fits glasses, \$8.00 and up. Bring this notice, 908 Willamette, St. Eugene, Oregon.

The shipment of lumber and timbers from the Booth-Kelly mill here to the west coast of South America, which was mentioned last week, will begin Saturday. Some of the cars were standing at the station yesterday. There will be at least 16 cars of it.

A work train went up to Oakridge Monday, carrying a crew to do a few days' repairing on two tunnels this side of Oakridge.

Swiping melons! A fine thing for a grown-up man worth fifty thousand dollars to be doing. Well, boys will be boys! See Will Rogers in "Boys Will be Boys", at Bell next Wednesday.

A carload of scrap iron, scattered and left over materials gathered by the track crew was standing at the Springfield station yesterday, awaiting shipment. It was made up from this station, Oakridge and Wendling. Usually any such shipments which is ready when the supply train comes in is taken up by it.

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

Mrs. H. C. Dippel of Scotts Bluff, Nebraska, is visiting at the home of her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. S. Ralph Dippel.

Miss Irene Lee of Stayton returned to her home Wednesday after a visit of several days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Lee.

A. M. Beaver, whose advertisement appears in this issue of The News, will be well remembered by all who were in or about Springfield at that time as a member of the firm of Beaver & Herndon, who were engaged in the hardware business here for two or three years about the years 1910 to 1913. Mr. Herndon and his family are making Eugene their home while Mr. Beaver is conducting the liquidation sale at The Fifth Avenue Garage. There home is in Portland.

Will Rogers plays Peep O'Day, who is a middle aged man before he becomes a boy. See him in "Boys will be Boys", at Bell next Wednesday.

SUSPENSION OF CROSSING WORK

Some Points in the History and Present Status of the Enterprise

Since Guthrie & Co. finished the work they expected to do this season on the overhead crossing at McVey's Point, and packed up and left, about two weeks ago, a look over the ground is not very inspiring. With the grounds littered with empty powder cans, wire, scraps of iron and all the usual refuse left about an abandoned camp, with the empty buildings, and an oppressive silence reigning where for a long season there had been the bustle, noise and strenuous activity of a work camp, it is hard to look forward to the time when the new elevated section of highway will be in the full swing of a summer's traffic. For Guthrie & Co. and those who want before them, with all of this season's activity have not yet made a road. They have only made a place for a road. They have not yet finished laying the foundation for a road.

Guthrie & Co. have not quite finished their contract. But there will be nothing more done until settled weather comes in the spring. In the mean time, the traffic will continue over the plankled detour under the bridge, as for months past. A partial review of the proceedings up to this point may be profitable and interesting.

There are three parties to the enterprise, considered as a financial undertaking: the state highway commission, representing the state's interests; the Southern Pacific Railway company, on its own account; and the Lane county court, representing the interests of the county. The highway commission was the prime mover and the most powerful factor in the enterprise. The railroad, in one view of the matter, was in a defensive position, the position of being acted upon by both the others. But, inasmuch as the highway commission had control of all highway movements and the railroad company owned the property directly affected, the county court was in a manner squeezed between the other two, and was in the weakest position of the three.

The highway commission desired an overhead crossing. The cost of such a crossing was estimated at \$75,000 to \$80,000. The county court favored an underground crossing, the cost of which was estimated at \$40,000. As to the railroad company's position on these matters we are not informed; but it seems at least to have acceded to the commission's plans at the hearing before the public service commission at which the conditions were canvassed and the decision arrived at.

In the settlement of this class of cases, it has been customary to apportion the expense on this ratio: 30 per cent to the railroad company, 30 per cent to the county and 40 per cent to the highway commission. According to the estimates, the county's part of the expense of an undergrade crossing would be \$12,000, and the county court stood for that allotment. After the overhead crossing was decided upon, the county court and the railroad company came to an agreement by which the county should pay only the \$12,000 straight, besides furnishing the right of way. But, in effect, there was a drawback from this latter item. To obtain the right of way required the purchase of land from Wm. Denny at a cost of \$1500, and from A. B. Loud at a cost of \$650 or \$700. But, in consideration of the fact that the Denny land would furnish the dirt or the fill, the railroad company agreed to bear half the cost of this land.

So the total cost of the right of way to the county will be from \$1400 to \$1450, and the total expense of the crossing work to the county will be \$13,450 at the outside.

One subject of inquiry concerning the further work on the new roadbed is, will the surface of the fill be reinforced? H. W. Libby the highway engineer, says the plan does not contemplate reinforcing. He points to the fact that the fill is so largely made up of rock that it will not need facing, unless possibly for 2 or 4 feet at the bottom on the river side. The settling between this and the resumption of work in the spring will probably show all the cracking and yielding that may be expected. The action of the elements on the surface of the embankment may require more attention than has been calculated upon.