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HOSPITAL CLOSED— ANOTHER NEEDED

Backing of the Business Men The Deciding Factor at Present

The Springfield hospital, which has been operated for a month or two as a sort of adjunct to the Mercy hospital of Eugene, by a force detached from that hospital, was closed last Saturday. The owner, Mr. Baker, of Eugene, was proposing to exact double the former rent. The temporary management thought this was extortionate. They offered to engage for a term at the same rent as before, \$50. The owner, when he found they were preparing to move out, offered to accept the former rent. But dealings with him had not been very satisfactory. So the building was vacated. It is said Mr. Baker contemplates converting the building into an apartment house.

Springfield needs a hospital. Where is it dangerous, too burdensome or otherwise impracticable to care for surgery cases or other cases which require skilled help in their own homes. It is worth a great deal to the patient and his friends to have him cared for as near home as possible, within easy reach of his family or immediate friends and surrounded by congenial influences. It will thus be easier, too, for him to be attended by his usual physician.

It will be worth something, too, in a business way to Springfield, to have any vital need of its own citizens and the people of its "hinterland," so to speak, supplied by local institutions. This new suspension may bring about the formation of a stock company or some kind of a combination to establish a hospital in a good location, with the proper equipment and on a safe, stable and satisfactory basis. This new break has started and these lines, but no definite plan seems to be on foot yet.

NOTES ON CURRENT LUMBER ACTIVITIES

From the 4L News Letter, Portland, February 15, we glean the following notes relating to the lumber industry. Railroad construction authorized and contracts let for two weeks in January has not been equaled for a like period in seven years.

Weather and ground conditions have been generally unfavorable for logging on the Pacific coast for nearly three months. With these conditions now improving, camps are reopening. Stocks of logs are low.

Lumber traffic through the Panama canal from the Pacific coast increased 118 per cent in 1921.

Willamette valley: Production is about 75 per cent of the 8 hour capacity—the snow above Wendling has to some extent hampered the Booth-Kelly camps, where some new equipment is being installed. Remodeling of the big spruce corporation plant at Toledo, recently taken over by the Pacific Spruce corporation, is being rushed. About 150 men are working.

Three large Portland mills have been inactive for months. Aside from these, Columbia river mills producing about 90 per cent of their capacity.

In Eastern and Central Oregon, operations have been hindered considerably by severe weather. About 60 per cent of the usual number of loggers at work in Eastern Oregon. The Bend mills are planning to run throughout the coming year.

MARGARET E. RUSSELL

Died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Grant Hendricks, at Lodi, California, yesterday morning, February 15, of heart failure, aged 72. She was the widow of Dr. Benj. F. Russell, who was for many years in charge of the county farm, as her son, B. F., Jr., is now. She and Dr. Russell came to Oregon from Kansas in 1853, and settled at Thurston. Mrs. Russell retained their fine home there until her death, though she had divided her time in late years among the homes of her children in this vicinity and in California.

Her surviving children are: Ben F. and Harry W., of Eugene; Fred, of Thurston; Mrs. Edward Shipley, of Portland; Mrs. Grant Hendricks, of Lodi, California; and Mrs. George Hendricks, of Florin, Cal. She leaves leaves two brothers: Jack Hull, of Bremerton, Wash.; and Mann Hull, of Boise, Idaho; and one sister, Mrs. Minerva Billings, of Springfield, now sick at Corvallis.

Funeral arrangements have not been made yet.

TOWN AND VICINITY

Ivan Male has been employed at the Springfield garage during the sickness of Henry Korf.

Mrs. Edith Shahan is suing her husband, Oren E. Shahan, for divorce with alimony.

"The Man from Lost River," is a story of a brawny, hard-fisted giant of the lumber camps, who laid his heart on the altar of love. Photoplay made 8000 feet above sea level. Bell Theatre, Sunday.

Patronize Hall's Cash Store and save.

R. E. Davidson was kicked on the back of his left shoulder by a young horse he was breaking, Monday. He sustained no serious injury, but had to have the attendance of a physician.

A boy was born, Monday morning, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Phillips, who live just above Springfield Junction.

If you are in the market for a used car, see what I have to offer from \$135 to \$1500. R. G. Masters, 2nd Avenue Garage, Phone 19.

The Walker brothers, Fred and Ernest, with two assistants, are cutting timber between the Mohawk and the McKenzie, about two miles above Hayden bridge and hauling in to the National Products company in short bolts. The Products company have been experimenting with some of the oak in this region for stove timber, but find very little of it satisfactory for their use.

"Quo Vadis" a massive spectacle, appears at Bell Theatre Sunday, 20,000 people in the cast.

When your eyes need attention consult Dr. Royal J. Gick. Glasses correctly fitted. No case too difficult. 908 Willamette St., Eugene, Oregon.

The completion of the house which the Loud Manufacturing corporation has been building for Melvin Fenwick has been delayed by the sickness of the lather.

Mr. Al Montgomery is much improved after his illness of about two weeks. He is able to be out on the street a little now.

First class shoe repairing at Hall's. A carload of matched lumber, various lengths, was unloaded at the Loud factory Tuesday.

"The Ghost in the Garrett", featuring Dorothy Gish is a rollicking farce comedy with a smooth combination of fun and thrills. Also our old friend Jack Perrin is in a two reel western, "Valley of Rouges", last but not least is a one reel comedy, "Look Pleasant, Please". At Bell Theatre, Wednesday.

W. A. Hall opened his shoe repair shop and small stock of goods for business, Monday morning. Jack Henderer has his electric appliances and washers in the same room.

Lee Craft was up from Reedsport over Sunday.

Henry Korf was taken with influenza, on his return from an expedition to Monroe, in the line of his work on Monday of last week. He has been down ever since, and not able to take much food. He is beginning to mend, but will not be fit for work this week. In the mean time, Mrs. Korf and Mrs. McGowan have had their turn at the epidemic, but not so severe as Mr. Korf's case.

You can't keep a good man down. Hall is working again.

The Springfield and Goshen Granges

M. E. BROTHERHOOD MEETING AND DEBATE

Next Monday will be the regular meeting of the Methodist Brotherhood. The meetings were suspended during the revival. The supper will be about 6:45. At 7:45, there will be a debate on the subject: "Resolved, That it would be for the best interest of Springfield to become a part of the incorporate limits of Eugene." The debaters, so far as at present chosen, are: affirmative, Dr. Pollard and Rev. B. C. Miller; negative, M. C. Bressler and Prof. C. E. Lambert. A third speaker on each side may be chosen.

The chicken supper to be given by the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion on the 22nd of this month will be served in Morrison's hall, corner of 4th and Main instead of the W. O. W. hall as advertised on the tickets sold. Nearly three hundred tickets have been disposed of which has made it necessary to procure a hall with a larger kitchen in order to facilitate the serving of so many. All having tickets that are not sold are to turn them in Friday.

Moore—Brattain

Coming as a great surprise to all here was the wedding of Hazel Brattain and Ray Cecil Moore at the First Methodist church at Oakland, California, February 7, 1922. Rev. John Stephens officiating. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Brattain, of Springfield. She has been attending school at Richmond, Cal. The groom is a graduate of the college of pharmacy of the U. of C.

The young couple arrived at the Brattain home on the 9th. After a visit here of several weeks, they will return to Richmond, where Mr. Moore is engaged as a pharmacist.

Virginia Richmond

Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Richmond, formerly of Springfield, now of Eugene, lost their daughter, Grace Virginia, who died on Thursday, February 9. She had never been strong from infancy. The immediate cause of her death was pneumonia. She was just past 13. The funeral was held in the Baptist church in Eugene, on Sunday and was conducted by Rev. C. E. Dunham, the pastor. The burial was at Laurel Hill. The funeral and burial arrangements were in charge of W. F. Walker.

are to unite in entertaining the Lane county Pomona grange at its April session.

WANTED—Plain sewing to do. Mrs. Walter Lipps, B and 2nd Streets, Springfield, Oregon. f23p

Miss Frances Baker was sick with the "flu" so as take her from her duties at the Springfield restaurant from Wednesday evening to Monday morning. Miss Carrie Ditto took her place most of the time, and Miss Bessie Lynch on Thursday.

When you think of shoe repairing remember Hall is at it again.

Cottage Grove is ambitious to be known as the petaluma of Oregon. It is said that 100,000 chickens were owned in that immediate vicinity during the past year.

Lives were imperiled in making the lion scene in "Quo Vadis". It is the picture of the century. A powerful story of the wildest ruler (Nero) in history. See "Quo Vadis" at Bell Theatre, Sunday.

JOHN EDWARDS CLOSES BIG REAL ESTATE DEAL

John E. Edwards has, in the last few days, concluded a real estate deal of considerable magnitude. It is the last of a series of deals, which has been under way for a month or more. He traded a quarter block on the south side of A street, including the three houses at Fifth street, to Ivan Anderson for a farm near Pleasant Hill. Then he traded this farm for a farm of something near 500 acres near Drain. There were some adjustments of equities in both deals. Mr. Edwards is already in possession of the Drain farm. This deal will not take him from Springfield. His brother Charles will occupy the newly acquired farm.

WHERE NORTH PACIFIC LUMBER WENT LAST YEAR

For the first 9 months of 1921, covered by a recent report, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia exported 444 million feet of lumber. Of this, Japan, China and India took about 70 per cent. The other considerable customers were: Australia, Cuba, Egypt, New Zealand, South Africa, South America, Great Britain.

Of all the countries named, there were increases in shipment to Egypt, India, New Zealand and Japan; and decreases to all the others. There was a net decrease of 46 millions, as compared with 1920. The greatest change was in shipment to Japan, a gain of 132 millions.

In shipments to China, Oregon led, the figures, in round millions, being: Oregon, 29; Washington, 37; British Columbia, 24. In shipments to Japan, the figures were: Washington, 103; Oregon, 71; B. C., 34. In the shipments to India, totaling 10 millions, British Columbia had a decided lead.

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

WASHINGTON COMMENT

The last Knickerbocker victim buried, the last maimed body shipped away to sorrowing relatives in the home town, official Washington turns wholeheartedly to the task of "holding investigations", "fixing the blame" and uttering portentous and voluminous remarks designed to show the folks at home how much on the job the utterer is!

After a battle the buzzards gather, after a holocaust the authorities who did nothing to prevent it gather to discuss whose fault it was.

All very necessary, doubtless, but rather ineffectual. Regardless of the cause of the disaster, whether it was weight of snow or weakness of steel or inefficiency of engineering or laxness of building inspection, or vibration caused by street cars on a crossing, the undoubted fact remains that it is not nearly so important to "fix the blame" and "punish the guilty" as it is vitally important to know whether other such accidents, both in the National capital and in other cities are now in process of getting ready to happen!

The nation will look with far more favor on the congressman or senator who initiates something concrete and tangible, looking to the prevention of such dreadful calamities in the future than on those who seek an ephemeral local notoriety by proposals to make a memorial park of the site or to decorate heroic rescuers, or to hang, draw, and quarter the committee of stockholders of the steel mill which hired the managers who employed the superintendent who paid the workman who rolled the steel which went into the truss which gave way.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Klamath Falls.—100,000 feet capacity sawmill to be built near Patter son.

Chiloquin.—Lumber plants here and at Modoc Point to be served by electric light and power from a new extension of California-Oregon Power company.

Medford.—20 families brought here from San Francisco by the California Oregon power company.

Roseburg.—Garden Valley road to be paved west from the Pacific highway.

Scio.—New lodge hall completed at a cost of \$5,000.

Salem to have a \$75,000 cold storage plant.

Marion and Polk counties broccoli harvest will employ 100 men.

North Pole mine in Josephine county shows big gold values.

Portland firm ships \$100,000 ready cut houses to Japan.

Reedsport sawmills and box factories in full operation.

Lakeview.—Quicksilver mine being developed 25 miles south.

Coquille.—Mountain States Power company to expend \$40,000 on extension lines to distribute light and power in this section.

Crater Lake highway from Trail to Prospect to cost \$300,000.

State highway to be built from Dallas to Tillamook beaches.

Gardiner.—\$2,000,000 sawmill to operate April 1.

Umatilla county lets a \$28,475.30 road contract.

68,993,221 feet of lumber shipped from Columbia river during January.

Oregon City—\$30,000 Redmen's lodge building to be constructed.

Mt. Angel is to get a \$22,000 cannery.

Portland's municipal wood yard is aiding 500 daily.

North Bend.—Many new houses are under construction.

Pendleton.—Total expenses of running the city during 1921 are \$88,576.

North Bend authorizes \$44,948.55 bond issue for street work.

Seaside boosting \$10,000 "End of the Trail" monument for the city.

Astoria.—New shingle mill promises to add good sized payroll to the city.

Salem building permits for January 1922 shows an increase of 400 per cent over those of January 1921.

INCOME TAX FACTS

The new requirement of the income tax law that returns shall be made of gross income of \$5,000 or more regardless of the amount of net income upon which the tax is assessed, necessitates careful computation on the part of the taxpayer. "Gross income" includes practically every dollar received by the taxpayer during the year 1921 in salaries, wages, commissions, rents, royalties, interest on bank deposits, cash dividends on stock, "or income from any source whatsoever." "Net income" is gross income less certain deductions provided for by the act, including all business expenses incurred in the conduct of a business, trade, profession, or vocation.

Certain expenditures, however, are not deductible as a business expense when made for the purchase of articles more or less permanent in character, or for permanent improvement of property. For example, a merchant would not be allowed to deduct the amount expended in the erection of a new store, or a farmer the costs of a new tractor or threshing machine, since such investments are held to be capital investments. The law expressly prohibits deduction of family or living expenses, such as rent for a dwelling, repairs to a dwelling, cost of food and clothing for the family, education of the children, servant's wages, and similar items. Amounts spent during the year 1921 for any of these items are not deductible.

BERTHA M. REAVERLY

Wife of William T. Reaverly, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. McCantlin, at Fall Creek, aged 26. She leaves two small children, Inona and Elmer. Mr. and Mrs. Reaverly had lately come to Oregon from Boulder, Wyoming, for the benefit of Mrs. Reaverly's health. The funeral will be held at Walker's chapel at 2 p. m. tomorrow, in charge of a Christian Science reader from Eugene. The burial will be at Laurel Hill.

LOUIS E. FLEGAL

Died at his home in Eugene yesterday, February 15, aged 56. Mr. Flegal was in business in Springfield some years ago: first, as a member of the firm of Flegal & Rycharde, groceries, in the Morrison building; then as a member of the firm of Flegal & Long, plumbing, in one of the Walker buildings, on South Mill street.

A NEW ELECTRIC POWER PROJECT

California-Oregon Company to Connect Up With the Mountain States

There has been a great deal of rumor afloat in the air in this region for the past two weeks concerning some new project in the way of electric power and transmission facilities in which the upper Willamette valley and the regions to the south were supposed to be vitally interested. Such of these matters as found their way into print were but little more than speculations as to what might happen, throughout a wide field of possibilities of human activities, provided certain other things should happen. Those more or less acquainted with that line of business in this vicinity could not give much precise information concerning the new movement. Evidently they did not have it to give.

But the facts concerning any business enterprise like that must ultimately come to light. Light on the situation is beginning to filter in. Certain local transactions that had to be made before the real work can begin have in part disclosed the nature of the new enterprise. We pass onto our readers such information as is available here today, subject to all the usual modifications and enlargements as the project is developed.

It seems that the California-Oregon Power company (that may not be its precise legal designation) operates a system of power lines from Kennett, California, north of Redding, to the neighborhood of Medford, Oregon, with a side line to Klamath Falls. This is a region rich in resources of power supply. It seems that this company is one powerful unit in a chain of interlocked power lines with continuous connections as far south as San Diego, California.

The project under consideration is an undertaking of this California-Oregon company to build an extension of its present line from Prospect, on the upper waters of Rogue river, northeast of Medford, to a connection with the Mountain States system at Springfield. This line, its representatives say, will be about 115 miles long. Its plan seems to be to build on the most direct line practicable; not following either the Pacific highway or the Southern Pacific line very closely, but shorter than either and very much shorter than the railroad, which is very crooked in the southern part of the line in question. They would probably make short lines to substations on the railway. Such a line to Roseburg has been specially mentioned.

It seems that the California-Oregon company has effected a joint arrangement with the Mountain States Power company (we hear it spoken of as a 50-year contract) in interlocking of lines, such as binds them to their southern neighbors; and a pact of neighborly exchange in time of need, such as the Mountain States has with the Eugene city plant. This new link from Prospect to Springfield is spoken of as a 110,000 volt line, whose ordinary working capacity would be 66,000 volts. This would match the extreme capacity of the local line, whose ordinary working power is said to be 33,000 volts.

The California-Oregon company has been securing the right of way for this new line; has this part of the preliminary work nearly completed, we judge. The work is to be commenced, at both ends and at intermediate points, as soon as the necessary preparations can be made, and pushed to completion as rapidly as possible.

The starting point at Prospect, so far aside from the lines of traffic, is not a new feature of the company's operations. They have had a power plant there for several years; not an imposing structure, not a great mass of machinery; such are not necessary; but a unique situation, with tremendous power possibilities. Welby Stevens and O. B. Kessey visited it on a trip to Crater Lake, several years ago.

The funeral will be at 2 p. m. tomorrow, in charge of Gordon and Veatch Eugene.

Remember the Branding Iron? "The Man from Lost River" is by the same author and it is a story of the lumber camps. Bell Theatre, Saturday.

Miss Armol Smith whose home is at 5th and C streets, sustained a major operation at the Eugene hospital, Monday morning.

