

## LOCAL CHAMBER VOICES PROTEST

### Testimony of State Chamber As Given by Corey Not in Accord With Local Body

The testimony of H. H. Corey, of the Oregon public service commission, before the interstate commerce commission at Washington, D. C., Monday, in which he said the state body favors the unmerging of the Central Pacific and the Southern Pacific as the best means of securing long-needed railroad development in eastern Oregon, to include the Natron cut-off, to be constructed by the Central Pacific, has brought forth sharp protest from the Springfield Chamber of Commerce. W. F. Walker, president, acting on behalf of the local body, has sent a letter to the state public service commission, at Salem, in which are asked several pointed questions relative to the testimony of Mr. Corey, and the reasons for support of the proposed dismemberment of the two lines.

Mr. Walker, in his letter, makes it plain that Springfield being the western gateway to the Natron cut-off, is vitally interested in the building of this line, and requests an immediate reply to the questions, which, in full, are as follows:

- 1) What action has the public service commission taken relative to the dismemberment of the Central Pacific and the Southern Pacific?
- 2) What are the reasons for thinking that the Natron cut-off is more likely to be constructed under an independent Central Pacific management, than under Southern Pacific management, since the Southern Pacific board of directors has set aside the necessary funds for the building of the line if same is retained by the Southern Pacific company?
- 3) How does the commission expect to have the Union Pacific railroad to have joint use of the Southern Pacific main line tracks?
- 4) Why is it that the public service commission does not desire the construction of the Natron cut-off without the completion of the trans-state line from Odell to Crane?
- 5) Was Mr. Corey directed by the public service commission of Oregon to go to Washington for the avowed purpose of testifying in behalf of one main line in Oregon as against another line, and ARE HIS EXPENSES TO BE PAID FROM PUBLIC TAX FUNDS? If so, why should the public pay the expense of Mr. Corey when his testimony is all strictly partisan and against the building of an independent Natron cut-off from Oakridge to Kirk?
- 6) Did the public service commission authorize the complaint presented by Mr. Corey at Washington, D. C., before the Interstate Commerce commission asking for the construction of all lines therein mentioned?
- 7) We would be pleased to know the attitude of the public service commission of Oregon generally in regard to the unmerging of the Central Pacific and the Southern Pacific railroads. What is it?
- 8) Why is it that the public service commission of Oregon favors one line of railroad, seemingly, in this state as against another line?

Mr. Corey was the lone representative of the Oregon public service commission at the unmerger hearings before the Interstate Commerce commission at Washington Monday. Several other delegates from Oregon reported in favor of dismemberment, among them: J. E. Shelton, business manager and part owner of the Eugene Guard; E. C. Simmons, Ford dealer of Eugene; and J. S. Maglady, lumberman, and Bruce E. Brundage, banker, also of Eugene.

In his testimony, Mr. Corey told of the enormous timber resources of Oregon and that it was the opinion of the Public Service commission that their development depended upon the completion of several missing lines of railroad in eastern Oregon. These lines, he cited as: the Central Pacific from Kirk to Oakridge (Natron cut-off) a line from Crane to Odell on the Natron cut-off; a line from Bend to Odell, and another line from Lakeview to Klamath Falls. In connection with this testimony a resolution of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce endorsing the position of the state public service commission was placed on the record.

### OFFICERS ARE ELECTED AT REBEKAH MEETING

The regular weekly meeting of the

## Mill Men To Get One Week Rest

Cessation of active operations for a period of one week, beginning December 23 and ending December 31, is the plan of the Booth-Kelly mill for the coming holidays as announced by O. H. Jarrett, superintendent of the local plant.

Mr. Jarrett said that though the majority of the crew would be laid off for this period, about 20 men will be retained to assist in making minor repairs, and these will probably work during the entire week. There is also a probability, he said, of the planing mill continuing operations throughout this period, depending upon conditions during the next two weeks. If the planing mill does continue operations, 70 more men will be employed during the week.

### G. P. SIMMONS, FORMER RESIDENT, DIES AT DONNA

Numerous Springfield residents will regret to learn of the death of G. P. Simmons, a one time resident of this city, at his home near Donna, Monday morning.

Mr. Simmons has been a prominent citizen of this vicinity for many years, being engaged in the farming industry. He was 53 years of age when death overtook him. The funeral services, which were attended by a large group of friends and relatives, were held at the Christian church of Marcola. Interment was made in the Marcola cemetery, with Rev. Workman performing the last rites.

### DEATH TAKES PIONEER WHEN OPERATION FAILS

Death took toll of another Springfield pioneer this week in William H. Bainbridge, who succumbed to a major operation at the Mercy hospital, in Eugene, Tuesday morning, at the age of 67 years. Mr. Bainbridge has for some time past been suffering from a lingering illness, and his weakened constitution could not survive the strain of the operation. His departure is mourned by a wife and an aged mother, one brother, one sister, eight children, and a host of friends.

Born February 6, 1856, in New York, Bainbridge moved with his mother to Wisconsin and then to Iowa when still a boy. At the age of 21 he moved to Nebraska where he met Miss Julia A. Daniels, whom he married in 1882. In 1889 he emigrated with his wife to Oregon where he spent the remainder of his life.

Nine children were born to the couple, all of whom are living except one daughter who died in 1911. Children of Mr. Bainbridge who survive him are: Mrs. Lillie Goddard, of Springfield; Mrs. Edith Goddard, of Eugene; Mrs. Maggie Wetzel, Mrs. Sophia Lyons, John Myron, and Frank Bainbridge, all of Springfield; and Mrs. Florence Burner, of Portland. The deceased is also survived by 20 grandchildren. Other relatives are his brother, Emmett Bainbridge, of Portland, and one sister, Mrs. Side Ingerham, of Washington.

A large crowd attended the funeral services yesterday afternoon, which were held from the Walker Chapel at 2 o'clock. Interment was made in the Laurel Hill cemetery with Rev. Harry Neal of the Bible Standard Mission officiating.

### DRIVE IS ON FOR MEMBERSHIP IN P-T ASS'N

Thos. McKinnis, chairman of the Parent-Teachers association membership committee, has announced that a house to house canvass will be made starting next week and closing by the 15th in an attempt to increase the membership. Mr. McKinnis has divided the city into eight districts, with a chairman for each one.

Following are the districts and the chairmen: One, 6th to 10th and north of D. Mrs. R. G. Masters; Two, 6th to 10th and south to Main. Mrs. F. M. Roth; Three, 6th to 3rd and north of D. Mrs. Hanna Holverson; Four, 6th to 3rd and south to Main. Mrs. F. E. Louk; Fifth, from 3rd west and north of D. Mrs. W. P. Tyson; Sixth, from 3rd west and south of D. Mrs. C. E. Lambert; Seven, south of Main. Mrs. Alfred Morgan; Eight, from 10th east on Main. Mrs. Criss Lybarger.

Springfield chapter of the Rebekah lodge, held last Monday evening in the Oddfellows' hall, resulted in the election of the following officers for the ensuing term: Mrs. Jennie Fenwick, N. G.; Mrs. Marjorie Moshier, V. G.; Mrs. Cora Kinson, financial secretary; Mrs. Grace Lansberry, treasurer.

W. O. W. initiation at the hall every Tuesday evening.

## COMMERCE BODY TO ELECT HEADS

### Large Turnout Expected at Club Rooms of Chamber Friday Night at 8 O'clock

What will probably be one of the most important meetings that the Springfield Chamber of Commerce has held for some time is scheduled for tomorrow evening, Friday, November 8, at eight o'clock in the new club-rooms above the Commercial State bank. The occasion is the yearly election of officers which was postponed at the last meeting because of the small attendance and held for the special meeting tomorrow evening.

President Walker is emphatic in his plea that every member of the organization should turn out for this meeting in order that the excellent work which the chamber has been doing the past year will be carried on in the coming year under an efficient body of officers. In order that the important business of electing a new directorate may be conducted at once the usual luncheon will be dispensed with.

The officers to be elected at tomorrow night's session comprise the offices of, president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, and the Board of Directors. The present incumbents of these positions are as follows: president, W. F. Walker; vice-president H. B. Freeland; secretary, W. N. Gosler; treasurer, W. G. Hughes; and W. H. Pollard, G. G. Bushman, J. F. Ketala, C. F. Eggmann, O. B. Kessey, Board of Directors.

Because of the energetic stand which the local chamber has taken during the past year on several questions relating to the common welfare of Springfield and this community in general, a large attendance is anticipated at the election meeting. The most prominent question on which the chamber has taken a determined stand is that of opposition to the unmerger of the Central Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads with regard to the building of the proposed Natron cut-off. A great deal of their ultimate success may depend upon the election of officers tomorrow evening.

Another matter of importance to the citizens of Springfield is that of the installation of cluster street lights, which the chamber is now working on and which will, if successful be of commendable service to the city. From present indications the cluster lights will soon be a reality, due to the energetic work of the chamber. The chamber at its last meeting also by unanimous vote pledged its support to the American Legion in the latter's plans for a community Christmas tree.

### KINTZLEY FAMILY REUNION HELD THANKSGIVING DAY

Over half a hundred relatives sat together at a gigantic Thanksgiving dinner at the G. W. Ketchum home here last Thursday. The occasion was a reunion of the Kintzley family. Fifteen families were represented.

Among those present were: Z. T. Kintzley, Mr. and Mrs. Dot Kintzley, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Kintzley, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kintzley, Charles, Edna, and Delwin Kintzley, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Fredmore and daughter Gene, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rhinevault; Joe and Eunice Rhinevault; Mr. and Mrs. Asa Rhinevault and sons; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Bowen; Mrs. Jessie Bowen and children, Ed and Mary; Mr. and Mrs. Pete Russell and sons; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Doane; Molly, Dorothy, Belvin, and Milton Doane; Phyllis Kester; Mamee Tacker; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ketchum and children; Mr. and Mrs. Ewing and children, and Mrs. White-wing.

### \$59 IS PAID TO THE CITY BY TRAFFIC VIOLATORS

Offenders of traffic ordinances enriched the city coffers by almost \$60 during the past week, according to Mrs. Vina McLean, city recorder. Fifty-nine dollars in all were paid out in fines by six violators of various offenses, ranging from speeding to having improper lights.

W. D. Shepard, C. K. Pryor, and Mr. Harper, were each assessed \$15 for speeding. Clarence Stock was fined \$10 for the same offense. Having improper light cost Harry Benton two dollars, and Robert McLean paid out two dollars for parking too close to a fire hydrant.

## SITE PURCHASED FOR PLANT HERE

### Carroleum Wood Products Co. to Erect New Dressing Concern Near S. P. Tracks

Negotiations completed Tuesday assure the immediate construction in Springfield of a modern, up-to-date, wood treating plant that will have an initial capacity of one carload a day.

The Carroleum Wood Products company of Portland is the concern which Tuesday purchased a site for the new plant near the old Weinhart warehouse on the Southern Pacific tracks, and will immediately begin installation. George P. Hitchcock, Eugene lumber dealer, is general manager of the new concern and will maintain offices in the First National bank building of Eugene. The concern has owned and operated a similar plant at Alder, on the Yaquina bay branch, but this plant is being rapidly dismantled and will be brought to Springfield, where it will be erected as soon as possible, with much added new equipment.

Springfield was picked for the site after several sites in Eugene were examined and found less suitable. The company desires to locate here because the plant here will be tributary to every line of the Southern Pacific in Oregon, and also will be close to the source of supply. In the past hundreds of thousands of ties and other lumber products that must be treated, have been sent out of Lane county each year. The treating of ties here will mean that the product can be sent east ready to be used and in many cases will eliminate the unloading and loading of cars for treatment in the east before the material reaches its final destination. The new plant will undoubtedly benefit many of the smaller mills in this vicinity.

At the start it is planned to employ from eight to ten men, but this force will be increased as fast as the business demands. The plant, besides the carboleum, will also be prepared to do creosote wood finishing. Its principal equipment will consist of a 65 foot open vat for treating lumber, and an upright tank for handling piling and poles. The lumber will be taken off the cars and taken to the vats by means of big derricks which will be installed for the purpose. Experts in wood treating employed by the company will be sent here.

Railroad tie treating will compose the most of the business, but equipment to treat shingles, wood-paving blocks and poles and piling against decay will also be installed. It is said that the carboleum method used by the company is the best wood preservative known.

### LOCAL POSTMASTER GIVES INSTRUCTIONS

In anticipation of the usual Christmas rush of parcels and packages, and the turmoil and stress which the post office department is always subjected with during the holiday gift sending drive, Postmaster F. B. Hamlin, of the Springfield office, acting under orders from Postmaster General Work, has already sent out words of timely advice to local citizens with regard to their Yuletide mailing.

Four paramount admonitions are given in these instructions. These are: "mail early"; "wrap securely"; "Make address plain and complete"; "supply return address". If these four main instructions are strictly adhered to, the post office forces will be able to work with the best possible efficiency and the sender can practically rest assured that the parcel will reach its destination in good order and in plenty of time for Christmas.

With regard to the wrapping of the packages, the advice is to wrap with tough paper, and tie with a stout cord. If the contents are perishable, or fragile, they should be marked so in a conspicuous place. Articles liable to breakage should be enclosed in corrugated paper or wooden boxes and packed in excelsior or a similar substance. Mail early and insure are the final admonitions. All parcels may be marked "not to be opened until Christmas" if so desired.

The local postal department reports that already many parcel post packages are going through the mails. J. B. Mayworth, who has been quite ill, is reported improving.

## Injured Vets Get One More Chance

Disabled war veterans who failed to meet with the Clean-up squad of the U. S. veterans' bureau, during its last visit Springfield, will have another opportunity, next Tuesday, to meet with its representative and have their claims settled.

W. L. Loomis, contact representative of the U. S. Veterans' bureau, in a letter to M. B. Huntly, of the local American Legion post, says that he will be in Eugene for one day, Tuesday, December 12, and requests that all disabled veterans of Springfield, who did not see him before, make an effort to do so this time. His stay will not extend over one day.

### SILAS M. KEENEY PASSES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Silas M. Keene, well known Springfield resident, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Rychar, sixth and D streets, Sunday morning, at the age of 68 years, after a lingering illness. His remains were interred at the Pleasant Hill cemetery yesterday afternoon. The funeral service was conducted at the Walker chapel with Rev. T. D. Yarnes officiating.

Mr. Keene was well known as the son of Eli Whitney, famous old pioneer of Pleasant Hill. The only surviving relative besides his sister, Mrs. Rychar, is his daughter, Mrs. R. B. Haulhorst, of Indianapolis, Indiana. Mrs. Haulhorst arrived in Springfield Tuesday night and was present at the funeral Wednesday.

### L. S. WHITAKER PASSES: RESIDED HERE 12 YEARS

One of Springfield's best known citizens went to his final resting place Monday morning, when Lee S. Whitaker was buried in the Oddfellows' cemetery at Coburg.

Mr. Whitaker has been a resident of Springfield for the past 12 years and up to the last few months had taken an active interest in the life of the community. Several months ago he became ill and was in poor health continually until he finally passed away on the evening of November 30th at his home. The funeral services were held at ten o'clock Monday morning, Rev. T. D. Yarnes officiating.

Lee S. Whitaker was born in Virginia, August 19, 1858, and died at his home in Springfield, Oregon, November 30, 1922, aged 64 years, 3 months, and 11 days.

On May 26, 1880, he was married to Martha E. Dixon, and to this union was born eight children, four sons, and four daughters.

In March, 1903, he removed with his family to California, and seven years later, in 1910, came to live in Oregon, finally settling in Springfield, where he made his home until the day of his death.

For several months past he has been in poor health, being confined to his bed much of the time. But in all his suffering he was patient, and submissive to the will of God.

For many years he had been a member of the Methodist church, and has found great comfort in the faith which was his. Until he was stricken, he was faithful to the services of the church, but for several months has been deprived of this privilege, much to his regret.

Mr. Whitaker leaves to mourn his departure, his wife, four sons, B. F. Whitaker, of Williamson, W. Va.; W. W. Whitaker, of Oakland, Calif.; Nelson Whitaker, of Coburg, Oregon; and Clay Whitaker, of Marshfield, Oregon; and four daughters: Mrs. Ida Cole, of Springfield; Mrs. E. A. Tinker, of Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Hugh S. Bettis, of Harrisburg; and Miss Lottie Whitaker, of Springfield, and a number of grandchildren, and other relatives and friends.

### MINERS RETURN TO CITY: BUILD HOME IN THE WILDS

W. J. Pengra, of Pruneville, and Victor Chapman, of Eugene, returned Tuesday morning from a six-weeks stay in the mountains beyond Oakridge. The two men have a mining claim about twenty miles back in the hills from this point, on the waters of the little North fork (Christy creek), a tributary of the Willamette river. They have just finished a cabin of split logs, 20x16 feet, and floored it with split cedar clapboards or puncheons, as used in the days of the pioneers. Their nearest wagon road is High Prairie, some 6 or 8 miles above Oakridge, and all supplies must be packed in from there. They report snow from the depth of a few inches to almost ten feet all of the way out to the railroad.

## POWER CONCERN REPAIRS PLANT

### \$1300 Being Spent to Fix Boilers at Mountain States; Union With P. R. L. & P. Planned

Announcement of repair work on their boilers to the extent of \$1300 now being carried on by the Mountain States Power company and that the concern is negotiating to connect its lines with those of the Portland Railway Light and Power company were given out this week by W. C. McLagan, superintendent of the local power plant.

Mr. McLagan said that brick work repair on six of the big boilers of the plant was begun November 1 and up to date, work on three of these have been completed, leaving three more to repair before the plant will once more be in the best possible shape. Although the Mountain States Power company had planned to begin repairs on its boilers early this summer the enormous strain which the plant was forced to endure because of the great amount of power being furnished made this impossible. Hence the boilers were forced to operate for 15 months without repair.

Up to November 1, the plant alone furnished power and light for Albany, Corvallis, part of Eugene, Cottage Grove, Springfield, the Booth-Kelly mill, Coburg, Junction City, Harrisburg, Halsey, Tangent, Shedd, Brownsville, Philomath, Jefferson, and Creswell. On this date the local plant connected its lines with those of the California-Oregon Power company, and since then it has been carrying about two-thirds of the total load with the C. O. P. company carrying the remainder.

If the negotiations with the P. R. L. & P. are successful it will mean one continuous power line through the state, from Portland to Southern California. At present the interstate line goes as far as Albany and the P. R. L. & P. to Salem. The proposed plan is to use the Oregon Electric line as a connecting link between Albany and Salem and join the two. It is also planned to build over to Independence and, there being already a small plant at Dallas, to supply Dallas and Mouth by means of the Oregon Electric line.

Speaking in regard to the charge that the Mountain States Power company plant was responsible for the spread of soot over numerous neighboring sections, because holes had been shot through the screens of the plant's smokestacks, Mr. McLagan said, "The shooting of screens was discontinued about four years ago. Since that time new screenings have been put on all three stacks. Of course, the new screening is coarse enough that small particles of soot can still get through, but in my opinion, a considerable quantity of the offending cinders comes from the Booth-Kelly refuse burner. Especially is this true since three shifts are employed at the mill, thus necessitating the crowding of the burner."

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

### METHODIST CHURCH

Thos. D. Yarnes, Pastor.

The revival meetings which began in the Methodist church last Sunday are proving to be real interesting meetings. The attendance has been very good, considering the stormy weather of the past week.

Miss Caffray has proven herself to be a very unusual preacher, and her messages bring conviction to both the mind and conscience of her hearers.

Miss Miller is a very fine singer and musical director. Her voice is really an unusually fine one, both for purity and range. Her solos are very much appreciated. But perhaps the most appreciated feature of all is the duet work of these two. Their voices blend perfectly, and the effect is exceedingly gratifying to all music lovers.

### NO MID-YEAR GLASS; ONE WEEK VACATION

There will be no mid-year entrance class in the Springfield schools next term. Such was the decision reached by the local school board at their regular meeting Monday.

The overcrowded condition of the lower grades this year is given as the reason for this decision. The board also decided to grant but one week of vacation for the Christmas holidays.