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## GLENWOOD SCHOOL WILL NOT BUILD

### Measure Submitted to Voters Larger Facilities Sought. Majority Adverse

For some time the Parent Teachers' association of the Glenwood school district, No. 150, has been agitating the question of the building of a new, larger and thoroughly modern school building. There is plenty of room in the present building for the teaching work. One of the upper rooms is not occupied. But the movers of the proposition desired a larger assembly room, to be used upon occasion for the meetings of the Parent-Teachers' association, for entertainments and for other social gatherings.

A meeting of the voters of the district was called for last Monday night, to vote on a proposition authorizing the school board to issue bonds for the building of a school house.

As the campaign progressed, divisions on different lines were developed. Under present conditions of a proposition for a levy additional taxes, for almost any purpose, would be likely to meet with considerable opposition. Then the question of location influenced some. The present site is near the boundary of the district. It is a small irregular plot. The promoters of the movement for building seemed to generally desire a basement for a heating plant and there was a quite general opinion that a basement on that site would be flooded whenever the river was high.

A meeting of the Parent Teachers' association was held at the schoolhouse last Friday evening, at which time it was understood that there would be a general discussion of the proposed measure. The assembly room was crowded. County Supt. E. J. Moore was present by special arrangement, and gave an address, which was the prominent feature of the meeting. His address included an exposition of the workings of the school tax system; the different funds available for the operation of the schools, how they are built, and their proportions. He showed how the slowness of the tax collector's office, under present conditions, in segregating the various county funds holds back the distribution of school funds, because none of the funds can be drawn upon until the segregation takes place. He explained the legal rights of a district in building, provisions for issuing bonds, or negotiable, interest-bearing warrants, and matters of that character. He stated that the taxable property of the district is something over \$253,000. The limit on a tax levy for this purpose is 5 per cent, so that the amount the district could raise by a bond issue would be something over \$13,000. Incidentally, he brought out the fact that the public utilities (railroads, street car lines, telegraphs, telephones, power lines, etc.) having property within the bounds of the district pay almost half of the taxes of the district. He answered a question as to who may vote at such an election, and stated that a proposition to build on ground not previously owned by the district requires a two-thirds vote of those present and voting.

Several persons spoke very briefly, mostly as to their general interest in improvements. No special antagonism was brought out. Mrs. O. J. Edson, president of the Parent-Teachers' association, Mrs. Anna Briggs was secretary.

The election Monday night was held in the assembly room of the schoolhouse. It brought out a large gathering, and a full vote. The result was a decisive defeat for the building project, 28 voting for it and 44 against it.

The next meeting of the Parent Teachers' association will be held on Friday evening, May 4. What the next move will be looking to the improvement of the present facilities remains to be seen.

## A FEW VIOLATIONS OF TRAFFIC RULES

From the date of our last report of last week up to Tuesday afternoon of this week, the following persons contributed to the running expenses of the Springfield city government for the following reasons:

- L. F. Powell, passing street intersection at too great a rate of speed, \$2.00.
- C. O. Prentiss, speeding, \$10.00.
- C. A. McClain, speeding, \$10.00.
- M. Rankins, no tall light, \$3.00.
- John Paspley, passing street car while unloading passengers, \$2.00.
- James Bettis, parking too close to hydrant, \$2.00.

## BASEBALL CAMPAIGN FAIRLY LAUNCHED

A meeting of promoters of baseball, and particularly of those interested in putting a strong Springfield team in the field this season, was held at the chamber of commerce rooms last Thursday evening. Besides those who might expect to have a hand in the game, a goodly number of business men attended. Others sent word expressive of interest and encouragement.

W. B. Courtright and Dan Driscoll were appointed to solicit funds to finance the enterprise. The financial response was generous, and the expressions of interest and approval were general and hearty.

The committee and those leading in the promotion of the enterprise wish to express their appreciation of the interest shown in the meeting and the encouragement and pledges of support on the part of those who were called upon.

## NOTES OF ACTIVITIES OF CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The board of trustees and building committee of the Christian church will meet Tuesday evening to make final decisions on all building enterprises, including the location of the new church building on Easter Sunday and four last Sunday.

During the pastorate of Rev. A. G. Sater with the local church, he has received an average of more than one member per Sunday; and that without any facilities for holding a meeting.

Rev. A. G. Sater will commence a meeting at Hendricks schoolhouse next Tuesday night.

## SPRINGFIELD'S NEEDS IN VIEW OF CIVIC CLUB

The Springfield Civic Club held a meeting on Tuesday evening of last week. Notes of the proceedings were handed in too late for last week's paper. The chief object of the meeting, as announced, was to formulate a statement of the enterprises which, in the judgment of the club, Springfield now needs. This list, the result of the deliberations of that meeting, has been handed in to us for publication.

A federal community building, up-to-date cannery, first class hotel, cheese factory, shoe manufacturing plant, sash and door factory, flax mill, large apartment house, bottling works for all kinds of juices, and excelsior mill.

We should have an annual event, such as a street carnival or fair, with products of all kinds raised in the Willamette valley on exhibit in Springfield for at least two or three days such as flowers, fruits, vegetables and nuts.

Wanted, a hundred ladies in Springfield to join the Civic Club.

## METHODIST CHURCH

Next Sunday, April 22, there will be special speakers at both morning and evening services at the Methodist church of this city. Rev. O. L. Howarth, of Portland, who is the Area Secretary of the Pacific Northwest, and who recently returned from a trip to the Hawaiian Islands, will speak at 11 a. m. The great treat of the day will come in the evening, however, when Rev. William H. Huff will speak. Rev. Huff is reckoned as one of the greatest preachers in America, and it is only by a chance occurrence in leaving him on this evening without a date, that enables us to get him here. Everybody who knows a good thing when they see it will surely take advantage of this opportunity.

## CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN ON BONUS CLAIMS

The American Red Cross is undertaking a campaign for the purpose of interviewing all persons entitled to the Oregon state bonus. Records show that there are still several hundred veterans or relatives entitled to this benefit who have not yet submitted applications. The commission is very desirous of closing up all claims for the cash bonus as promptly as possible, but more anxious to know that no one is overlooked.

Many fathers, mothers and wives of deceased veterans have failed to send in their applications for the reason that they have had no one to take a personal interest in their case and assist them in obtaining that to which they might be rightfully entitled. A recent ruling has been extended the time for filing applications for the cash bonus to December 31, 1923.

Application blanks may be obtained at the Red Cross office, and information pertaining to the same will be given by the secretary, Miss Grace Norton, Eugene. Miss Norton has announced that she will be glad to assist applicants in filling out the blanks.

## HOYT'S MOVE OFFICE TO SPRINGFIELD

Some changes took place in the status and in the title of the Hoyt Lumber and Manufacturing company about the beginning of the winter, and for a time there were two independent, but closely allied firms that are now consolidated under the above name. H. A. Peterman is the head of the firm. They moved their office from Eugene to Springfield about a week ago. They are occupying the old Fischer-Boutin lumber office, D. H. Mumme who held a position in the power plant here for a time, several years back, is now in charge of the plant. The factory, which from the nature of the business, is not expected to run continuously through the winter, is prepared to start readily from this time forward.

## PICKPOCKETS TAKE B. D. TYLER'S PURSE

A case of pocket-picking which occurred Wednesday afternoon of last week, was inadvertently sidetracked in the make-up of last week's News. Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Tyler were in the front of a local store. A number of persons were in the store further back, and all the store force were busy. Mrs. Tyler made a small selection of vegetables, and asked Mr. Tyler for the money. He pulled out his purse, and in replacing it, probably left the strings hanging out of his pocket. Two women and two men, strangers to him, came up suddenly about that time, and one of the women jostled him off his balance. After he stepped outside he missed his purse; but he could get no clue to it nor to the identity of the strangers. The purse contained \$9 in bills and something near \$15 in all.

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The stranger there received it so energetically that it caused him to perform a weird gymnastic stunt. There was a raffle of excitement among the spectators as they witnessed his suspended animation trying to overcome the law of gravitation. Gravity won—the player, for an instant, became a physiological spectacle in the sawdust.

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In the three-inning fracas between the prospective league team players and the high school boys, which concluded the afternoon's doings, the score was something like a dozen to a cypher against the snappiness of the high school boys.

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Fuller brush man is now in town. Don't wait for him to call. Phone 129-W. Springfield. Home address: Cottage Grove, G. B. Arnest. 510p

For Sale—\$60 book case as good as new. Will sell for half price. See it at Gibson's 2nd Hand store. tfe

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## REST AND STORE ROOM ON HANSEN'S CAMP

The store building which was put up near the highway, towards the southeast part of Hansen's auto park, last year, has been torn down and a larger building for general business purposes, put up further north. It is about 50 feet long, and of irregular width. About half of the building, in the shape of one large oblong room occupying the northeasterly part of the building, is devoted to a rest room to be furnished with tables and seats. Along the west side of this room are usual accessories of such a room. To the south of the rest room is a lunch room with lunch tables, counter, etc. Provisions are made for furnishing lunches, groceries, and other living supplies. The southwestern part of the building is occupied by family living rooms. A smaller building to the west of the main building, and connected with it by a high walk is devoted to auto supplies.

## J. P. RUCKER, LATELY OF EUGENE, FORMERLY OF MEDFORD, HAS LEASED THIS BUILDING AND WILL CONDUCT THE BUSINESS FOR WHICH IT WAS ERRECTED DURING THIS SEASON.

## "OBSTINATE FAMILY" MAKES GREAT HIT

The entertainment at Morrison's hall, Tuesday night, promoted by the Christian Endeavor society of the Christian church, brought out a packed house. The first part of the program consisted of musical selections and readings. The local talent was assisted by several persons from the E. B. U. The latter part consisted of a play, entitled "The Obstinate Family," or "A Woman's Won't." The proceeds amounted to over \$50. This goes into the church building fund. The society wishes to express its thanks for the patronage and for assistance of every kind.

## TOURIST TRAVEL FAIRLY OPENING

Tourists are beginning to drop in somewhat frequently. Two family parties, not in any way connected, were on our grounds last Friday night. One consisted of a middle-aged couple and a young friend. The elder people were from New Brunswick. They had a slight foreign accent. From this and their complexion, they were probably of French extraction. They had gone as far as southern California, had possibly wintered there and were on their way north. The young man was from Philadelphia.

The other party, consisting of two men and a woman, all middle-aged, were from southern California. They had been engaged in fruit raising, in a small way, and were on the lookout for a place where they could get more land that was suitable for fruit.

## CITIZEN'S MEETING AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

Mayor C. F. Eggmann, at the instance of the chamber of commerce, and with its cooperation, requests that a general mass meeting of the people of the city be held next Monday night, at the high school gymnasium. Several matters of vital local interest will be brought up for discussion. Everybody turnout. Some interesting features are being planned to give spice to the meeting.

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## NEWS NOTES FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL

### Baccalaureta Arranged for School Tests—Baseball—Hi Y Matters

This week is the second of the six weeks tests of the second semester, and examinations are in progress most of the week. The results will appear in the "scandal edition" of The News about the 26th.

Mental tests, under the direction of the university department of psychology, are being provided for the member of the sophomore class, so that their records may be available as vocational guides at the time of the fall registration. Miss Hardy and Miss Stauffer have arranged to conduct these tests each Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon, from 2:30 to 3:40. It is hoped to complete the list of sophomores before the close of school.

At a conference of the local pastors with Supt. Roth, who was delegated by the seniors to represent them, it was decided to have the baccalaurete service at the Methodist church, and the sermon by Rev. E. B. Luther, of the Baptist church, May 27th.

As the result of the recent senior meeting, the graduating girls decided to dress in various colors, producing a rainbow effect. They have also made arrangements for the program, details of which will appear later.

A rare treat is in prospect for the boys of the high school and the junior high school when "Doc" Rutherford will address them in the auditorium at 11 o'clock Friday morning, the 20th, under the auspices of the Hi Y club. He comes highly recommended from many schools and army and navy clubs of California.

The girls of the high school have organized a baseball team and purchased equipment, and are practicing daily, hoping to win the pennant from all the schools of their class. The main difficulties seems to be in finding room for a suitable ground. Even the boys' diamond being found too small either for baseball or football, as shown by the number of broken bases during the sides facing the ball ground.

The game last Saturday with Junction City was remarkably even, the score twice being even, the winning run finally being annexed by the Springfield team, the final result being a score of 3 to 2. Though considerably crippled in the loss of three good players, this game points toward a winning team for this season.

The long expected and often delayed party for the "Jiggies" will take place, the weather permitting, after the ball game with Cottage Grove high school, Friday afternoon. The game will be called about 2:30, and it is expected to be an exciting one, for neither of the contesting teams, so far as known, has been beaten this season. Cottage Grove usually has had an easy walk-over with Springfield teams, but here's hoping that the fates have decreed otherwise for this time.

A banquet of the Eugene and Springfield Hi Y clubs will be held in the domestic science rooms this evening about 7 o'clock. The Eugene club will be represented by secretary Walter and a selected delegation. Mr. Walter will conduct the initiation of a number of new members.

## BROTHERHOOD HEARS FINE TALK ON RIVERS

The Methodist Brotherhood meeting, last Monday evening, was to be a fathers' and sons' meeting. Thirty-eight men and boys sat down to the supper table.

Prof. Edwin G. Hodge, of the U. of O., gave the address of the evening. The theme announced was, "The Ancient History of the Willamette Valley." There had been much speculation as to the scope of it. It was really a tracing of the process of the formation of the courses of streams, the causes of their windings, how their banks were, their deposits, etc., all with special reference to the conditions in the Willamette valley. It was a very interesting and instructive lecture.

It was voted that the program for the next meeting should be a discussion of one or more topics of local interest. Dr. N. W. Emery, third vice-president, whose duty is in that line, was appointed to head a committee, the other members to be chosen by him, to give shape to the program.

## THE SUPERINTENDENCY IN OTHER PLACES

A column article in the Junction City Times of last week proposes disposing with the superintendency of schools in that town, as a means of cutting down expenses and reducing the bonded indebtedness of \$35,000 the school district is carrying. The proposition is to adopt a system similar to that which will be in force here next year. The matter had been

before the school board, but no action had been reached at that time. The article refers to the action of our school board, and states that Eugene and Cottage Grove will be the only towns in the county that will have superintendents the coming year.