

History of Springfield Linked With Local Mill & Grain Co.

By Mrs. Maude Bryan, Ladies' Civic Club.

The Springfield Mill and Grain Co. owned and operated by G. G. Bushman was purchased by him in 1920. From almost no business the first year he has increased his trade to about a half million dollars last year. The different products of the flouring mill are, first, Featherflake flour—an all H. W. flour made from all northern H. and W.

Once a month a sample is sent to one of the best laboratories in the northwest and the analysis so far shown it to be one of the best hard-wheat flours on the market.

Every day's run of flour is tested by baking before it is placed on the market to be sold.

Blend flours are, Noxall, a half soft and half hard wheat; Snowball, an all valley hard wheat.

Cereals which this mill puts out are cream of wheat, graham and whole wheat and they may be had in any quantity desired.

Feeds—Commercial feeds manufactured are, Noxall egg producer, Noxall scratch feed, Noxall milk producer. These feed products show the highest laboratory test on the market today.

Second grade feeds are: Commodity egg mash, Commodity scratch and dairy meal.

The amount of products consumed in Springfield is very small compared with what it should be. Goshen as small as it is buys more than Springfield.

The Springfield Mill and Grain Co. is putting out a car load of feed and flour per day and can mill from 1000 to 1150 bushels of wheat per day. Territory covered in sales extends south to the California line and west to Powers in Coos county and north to Corvallis and Albany.

These sales could be greatly increased if each housewife in Springfield would ask for home manufactured products. At least give them a trial. The next sack of flour I buy, shall be Featherflake. If we are to keep our money at home we must spend it at home.

Mill Long Established.

The Springfield flouring mill was completed in the year 1854. It was built by Driggs, Briggs and Co., who arrived in the Willamette valley in 1847. Its construction was supervised by an experienced millwright engaged in the eastern states and brought out especially for that purpose. None but the best and latest improved machinery of the time was used and the mill remained in the same condition as when first erected until 1865 when it was purchased by B. J. Pengra.

In 1871 it was again improved and extended to three times its original capacity or 1000 bushels daily.

The Springfield Mill was the first flouring mill started in Lane county on any considerable scale.

The lumber used in the construction of it was sawed at a mill then located near what is now called Hayden bridge and which was built by Felix Scott in 1853 and was the first saw mill in Lane county. This was known for years as Scott's mill.

In 1852 with the idea in mind that water power was needed to run the mills which Isaac Briggs and son, Elias, were to build the following year a mill race had to be dug.

Dug Race with Oxen.

Kids of tools at that time were very limited and much of the work was done with a spade and shovel, some of course was done by ox team and plow. It was at first built narrow and deep and quite a bit of fishing took place in its waters.

I have been able to learn of only a few of the many men who helped dig the ditch besides Isaac and Elias Briggs, Harrison R. Kinsade, later founder of the Oregon State Journal, also secretary of state at one time, worked on the mill race at \$1.00 a day, plus the late T. G. Hendricks, founder of the First National bank of Eugene, Oregon. His nephew told me he had often heard his uncle Tom say the first money he ever earned was on the Springfield mill race, receiving \$1.00 a day. From this Mr. Hendricks saved his first twenty dollar gold piece. Lane county history published in 1884 mentions these two boys in their teens having done this work.

Mrs. Frank Powers on Fourth and S streets, Springfield, Oregon, stated that her father, William Ebbert, also helped on the mill race.

These three men I remember well who only personally acquainted with the latter. From such a small beginning they made very successful business men both financially and otherwise.

During the early days passage

across the Willamette river was first made by lashing two canoes together and when the freight was a wagon, it was taken apart, placed in the canoes and taken across, while the live stock was forced to swim, later this was replaced by a small plank and cable ferry, both located just south of the grist mill, between that and the old sawmill. This ferry, owned and operated first by Mr. Briggs and Son, was used until the year 1890 when the steel bridge was built.

Perhaps a few of you do not know just how Springfield derived its name.

When Elias M. Briggs in 1849 located his claim where our beautiful little town now stands, he chose as the site for his dwelling a spot convenient to a beautiful spring of water. A part of the prairie where stood this town, was in due time fenced and this enclosure became known as the Springfield. Hence the name of our town.

The Springfield Mill and Grain Co. has had many owners. From Driggs, Briggs and Co., it passed in the hands of W. B. Pengra, Cady, Washburne, Noel, Baker, Caswell, Elmer Paine, Frank Chambers was then appointed receiver and sold it to the present owner, G. G. Bushman.

In Mr. Bushman we have a reliable energetic and enterprising business man, who is working for the benefit of a better and bigger Springfield and I think in return we should use our efforts to help him in his enterprise by buying Springfield Mill and Grain products.

West Heard From



Gov. Nellie Ross, Wyoming's dynamic leader, made a special trip to see Pres. Coolidge and protested granting concessions in Colorado River Basin giving private interests control of water power. Wyoming and other Basin State Governors will appear before Federal Power Commission in public's interest.

VACATION PLAN FOR 4-L MEN BEING CONSIDERED

Consideration of the resolution asking for a week's vacation for all members of the organization who have given service at one operation for a year or more, presented to the recent convention at Westport by the Springfield local, is being given by a committee of five members of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen. The committee will study the plan and present its findings at a meeting of Districts 1, 2 and 3 to be held in Eugene.

The resolution was presented at the convention by Roy W. Carlton and D. W. McKinnon, delegates from the Springfield local.

At the convention election, Mr. McKinnon was chosen a member of the board of District 1, which includes Springfield.

A resolution urging the increasing of the 4-L minimum wages by 5 cents an hour was passed to the board of directors without comment, the local delegates reported. Another, opposing any reduction of the minimum wage was adopted.

The convention voted W. D. "4-L" Smith thanks and appreciation for his services to the organization. Mr. Smith, with President W. C. Ruesnitz, was a Springfield visitor Tuesday, stopping at the Booth-Kelly mill here enroute to Wendling.

The local delegates were enthusiastic in their praise for the Westport local in playing host to his convention.

Restaurant To Remain.

Because of lack of space in the Spong hotel, the Spong and Thomas restaurant will not be moved there, as it was announced several weeks ago. Thomas Thomas one of the proprietors says.

A new Lang range, with two large ovens and a 72-inch top, has been added to the equipment of the restaurant.



TWO CONVICTED AND TWO FREED IN THEFT CASE

Conviction of Harry Briggs and Hugh Roach and acquittal of James Roach and Joseph Rutledge all of whom stood trial on a charge of receiving stolen property, was the decision of a jury in the circuit court in Eugene Wednesday.

The trial followed the arrest of the four youths in Roseburg several weeks ago, on a warrant issued in Eugene charging them with the theft of a suitcase belonging to a Eugene salesman. The charge later was changed to receiving stolen property, and the court appointed four attorneys to defend the youths. The attorneys were James K. King, Howard M. Brownell, M. G. Hoge and S. M. Calkins. District Attorney J. S. Medley and Assistant District Attorney Gordon Wells prosecuted the case.

The jury recommended leniency

for Hugh Roach.

The court docket for the remainder of the week, as made up by Judge O. P. Satporthi, follows:

State of Oregon versus H. H. Fisher for forgery.

State of Oregon versus Percy Sawyer and William Hunsicker.

Joseph Malone versus Signal Lumber company, a corporation.

State of Oregon versus Eugene Fruit Growers' association, a corporation.

L. G. Scott versus O. C. Gilchrist.

Eugene Butler versus State Industrial Accident commission.

Cora Barklow, as guardian ad litem of Opal Barklow, a minor, versus E. G. Sutton.

Eugene Hotel company versus John Vail.

REPORTS ARE MADE BY ROUTE VIEWERS

Reports of the Lane county route viewers on two roads have been presented to the county court. The viewers recommended that damages of \$150 be awarded to Anthony Shuster, on the Fiddle creek road. No dam-

ages were allowed for property owners along the Charles Acheson road. On the Tom Hugh road, on Wolf creek no agreement had been reached as to the amount of damages, the viewers report.

RECEIPTS INCREASE AT CLERK'S OFFICE

Total receipts at the office of R. S. Bryson, county clerk, during October were \$1922.29, a record for the local office, indicating the large amount of legal business transacted in Lane. During the month a total of 93 instruments were filed in one day, this being the largest single day in several years, it is reported.

The total for the months was segregated as follows: Recording fees, \$1011.25; circuit court fees, \$558; probate and county court fees, \$170.75; marriage licenses \$108; miscellaneous, \$74.45.

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- Raisins, non sticky, per lb. 10c
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