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## BRIDGE PLAN UP AT HIGHWAY MEET

County Court and Span Committee to be Represented at Commission Meeting in Portland on Tuesday, Says E. E. Morrison.

Further development of plans for the new highway bridge across the Willamette River here is expected at a meeting of the Oregon State Highway commission to be conducted in Portland Tuesday. This was assured today with the announcement that the county court will attend the session to discuss arrangements for the new span, which was made possible through the better than 2 to 1 endorsement of a \$75,000 bond issue by voters of the county in the election November 2.

Al Perkins, representing the Springfield bridge committee, which actively directed the campaign which brought victory for the bond issue proposal will attend the Tuesday session, according to E. E. Morrison, committee chairman. The committee has decided not to cease activities with the passing of the bond issue, but will continue to cooperate with the highway commission and the county court in rushing arrangements for the new bridge.

Mr. Morrison said today that he had been assured that the bridge construction will start as early in the spring as possible. Height of the water in the river must be taken into consideration by the engineers directing the construction, but it is understood that the commission regards the condition of the old span as demanding immediate construction of another bridge.

Location of the bridge has not been definitely decided, despite rumor to the contrary, according to Mr. Morrison. This is one of the matters which will be considered at Tuesday's session. Engineers are expected to visit Springfield in a few days to survey the situation. It is thought likely that the span will be built on the old street car piers, thus affording a direct route from Eugene to Springfield.

Just what action may be taken by the commission was not predicted by Mr. Morrison, but he is optimistic over the prospects of traffic passing over the new and safe bridge here in the not remote future.

The bridge committee will confer with the county court on Saturday with regard to taking the matter up with the commission.

## POLICE CHIEF GOES INTO REALTY WORK

Southern California's highly touted sub-dividers have nothing on Springfield's chief of police.

Chief Smitson has undertaken the sale of Sunnyside addition, which by means of unpaid assessments, is now largely the property of the town of Springfield. The chief has platted the subdivision, and with lots listed at from \$20 to \$60 each, is soliciting business for the city.

Already he has sold several lots and others are expected to go soon, Chief Smitson says.

## Entertain Choir

Mrs. N. H. Litherland last night entertained the choir of the Baptist church at her home. Her daughter, Zelma, is a member of the choir, which has a membership of more than a score.

## Chamber to Meet

Meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be conducted Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Numerous matters of interest to the city will be considered, according to President H. J. Cox.

## Collection Taken

A large sum was taken for home mission work when the Home Missionary Society asked for collection at the Methodist church Sunday. A sermon dealing with missionary work was preached by Rev. Gabriel Sykes.

Idaho Editor Here—E. M. Olmstead, editor of the Idaho County Free Press, the oldest newspaper in North Idaho, called at the News Office Tuesday. Accompanied by his wife, Olmstead was on his way to Los Angeles to spend the winter.

Smith North—R. W. Smith, city recorder, is in Portland this week-end visiting relatives.

## MARTIN RESIGNS FIRST NATIONAL BANK CASHIER

Lloyd C. Martin, cashier of the First National Bank of Springfield, has resigned his position and is leaving December 1 for Wisconsin where he has business interests. His interests in the bank have been assumed by the stockholders and Iral Nelson, bookkeeper in the bank, has been promoted to assistant cashier.

Mr. Martin came to the First National bank in February, 1920, taking the place of L. G. Hullin. Previous to that he had been employed at the Bank of Commerce in Eugene.

Mr. Martin has a half interest in the Ford garage at Argyle, Wisconsin, and he is returning to the state where he formerly lived to manage this business. He says it is with regret he is leaving Springfield but believes it to his best interests to take charge of this business in a prosperous Wisconsin town.

## CHILDREN GIVEN TO MOTHER DURING SUIT

Award of the custody of Shirley Sprenger, 4 and Elizabeth Sprenger, 7 to their mother, Mrs. Clara Sprenger of Springfield, during the pendency of Mrs. Sprenger's divorce action against her husband, was made by the court Monday. The children have been in their father's hands.

In her complaint, Mrs. Sprenger asserts that Sprenger became infatuated with Mrs. Dan Mulliver, and that when Sprenger attempted to take the children away with him and Mrs. Mulliver, Mrs. Sprenger's resistance was met with an assault by Mrs. Mulliver. The latter was fined \$25 in justice court here for the offense.

## CAR DAMAGED IN TRAIN COLLISION ON SECOND

His foot slipped from the brake by which he was holding his automobile in check during the passing of a train at the Second street crossing, James Davis of Portland, former Springfield resident, allowed the car to crash into the side of the locomotive.

A front wheel was torn from the car and a fender badly smashed. The automobile was thrown completely around by the force of the impact. Davis was uninjured.

The Portland man was enroute to Cottage Grove. The train which struck his car was a Southern Pacific freight.

## Fractures Arm

When she slipped and fell while walking in the mud, Mrs. R. O. Carr sustained a fractured arm last Saturday. Mrs. Carr was taken to a local physician's office for treatment. The accident occurred in the barnyard at her Mill street residence.

Platt Back—Charles Platt is back for the Thanksgiving holidays from Bridal Veil, where he has been working.

## Turkey Reigns in Springfield Today

Union Services Will Be Conducted At Christian Church This Evening, Plan

Turkey is reigning supreme in Springfield today, with stores, schools and industrial plants quiet.

The spirit of Thanksgiving will be observed in a union service of Springfield churches conducted at the Christian church, with Rev. C. H. Blom of the Baptist church giving the sermon. The services will start at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. Gabriel Sykes of the Methodist church and Rev. S. E. Childers of the Christian church, will also take part in the services.

During the early part of the week there has been an ingathering of members of many Springfield families, and reunion will feature the dinners in dozens of residences today noon.

Ardent football fans willing to forego a lengthy dinner for the enthusiasm of a gridiron clash will leave at noon for Cottage Grove, where the High School team will meet the Grove footballers.

Pupils of the public schools are enjoying a holiday today which will continue until Monday.

The postoffice will be open an hour today for window delivery.

## AGED LANE PIONEER

### DIES AT METZGAR

Another of Lane County's old-time residents passed in the death Sunday night at Metzgar of Philip Sylvester, aged 81 years and 9 months. Born in Wisconsin, Mr. Sylvester at an early age moved to Oregon and settled in Lane County, residing here ever since.

Surviving the pioneer are his widow and four children, Mrs. Charles Smith of Metzgar, Mrs. H. Ellissman of Oak Grove, Joe Sylvester of Metzgar and Charles Sylvester of Canby.

The funeral was held Tuesday at the Walker parlor, with Rev. S. E. Childers in charge.

## ALFRED B. AUSMAN

### DIES AT BLUE RIVER

Resident of Blue River for 26 years, Alfred B. Ausman died at his home there Monday morning. Mr. Ausman was 60 years old, and the death came unexpectedly. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Harriet Ausman.

The body was taken to the Walker parlors here and prepared for shipment yesterday to the Portland crematorium.

## Infant Dies

Charles Vernon Winter, 3-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Winter of Goshen died Sunday night. The funeral was conducted at the Walker chapel at 3 o'clock Tuesday with Rev. Warner of Goshen in charge.

## New "Baby"



Here is George H. Combs Jr., 27 year old congressman-elect from 8th District of Missouri, who will go to Washington as the "Baby Member" of Congress. He ran for election to the same office when only 25 but was defeated.

## Sidewalk Measure Passed by Council

### Assessments May Go Into Bonds or Be Paid At Once At Citizen's Option

Adoption of an ordinance providing for payment of assessments on property charged for between \$7000 and \$8000 in sidewalk construction, under the Bancroft improvement act, was the chief business transacted at a session of the City Council Tuesday night.

The act provides that the assessments may be paid immediately, or will go into bonds drawing 6 per cent interest, with payment in full in ten years. Property holders will be given their choice of either method of paying.

The sidewalk construction program was completed last week by Briggs and Doty.

## Budget Adopted

At a meeting on Monday night, the City Council and taxpayers adopted the \$29,729 budget drawn up by the city budget committee. The financial schedule, by virtue of this action, will go into effect for providing financial appropriations for municipal government during the coming year.

Following are the appropriation items in the budget: street improvement \$1500; police \$2230; fire \$2340; recorder \$900; treasurer \$180; attorney's fees \$240; lights and water \$3000; street cleaning \$1380; town hall supplies \$45; health officer \$50; recorder's supplies \$35; adv. riding \$100; town library \$570; care of poor \$10; annual cleanup \$125; interest on bonded indebtedness \$17,124.

Visit Kessey Home—Mrs. Ruth Hall of Seattle is visiting a few days at the residence of her sister, Mrs. O. B. Kessey.

## Reject Fire Bonds On Technicalities

### Mayor Predicts Situation Will Be Cleared By Election Next Jaunary

Sale of the \$7000 Springfield fire bonds has been halted by attorneys of the bonding house because of technicalities in the proposition voted in the bond election last summer. It was made public yesterday by Mayor G. G. Bushman and City Attorney Ira M. Peterson.

The proposition should have read "to amend the city charter," while in the ballots used the city was merely authorized to sell bonds for purchasing additional equipment for the fire department. The charter, it is said, is not clear on this point, but attorneys of the bonding house were unfavorable to the bonds under the circumstances.

Mayor Bushman said that it is hoped to clear up the entire proposition at an election to be conducted in January, when it is proposed to vote a new charter for Springfield. By changing the provisions in the charter, it may be made to read so that further action on validating the bonds will be unnecessary.

## BUDGET TO BE TALKED

### AT MEET FRIDAY NIGHT

Taxpayers of the Springfield school district on Friday night will decide whether or not the district will exceed the 6 per cent limitation on annual increase provided in the school law. The meeting will be held at the high school, starting at 7:30 o'clock.

The budget board's financial schedule calls for an expenditure of \$49,900 which is more than 6 per cent above that of last year. A vote of the taxpayers of the district is required to make this increase legal.

An effort is to be made by the board this year to decrease the warranted indebtedness of the Springfield district.

## FIELD OFFICERS HERE

### FOR SESSION OF 4-L

Neighboring mills are to be asked to join the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen organization, according to plans developed at a meeting of the local unit Tuesday night. Among operations to be invited are the Western Lumber Company at Westfir, and the Anderson-Middleton mill at Cottage Grove.

W. D. Smith and H. E. Vanness, field officers of the Leigon, were present at Tuesday's session. Vanness promised to return for the social meeting to be conducted by the Springfield local on January 24. The two field officers will return to Portland after visiting the Wendling plant.

## LEBANON FALLS BEFORE

### SPRINGFIELD ONSLAUGHT

Succumbing before the relentless attack by the trampling Springfield backs, the Lebanon football team went down to defeat by a score of 10 to 2 in a football clash at the Strawberry City Friday. Springfield's victory avenged a defeat at the hands of the Lebanon team here on Armistice Day.

Superior playing of the backfield, with the excellent kicking ability of Bates, kept the Strawberry pickers on a losing defensive throughout the game. Springfield started the game, however, with a series of fumbles that gave Lebanon the first score, a safety.

The fun started when Springfield captured the ball from Lebanon on the 35 yard line. In a beautiful end run, Cox carried the pigskin to the four yard line, and Bates plunged through for a touchdown. Bates then converted.

Springfield threatened to repeat this performance in the third quarter, but lost its chance on a 15 yard penalty for holding. In the last period, Pollard broke through and blocked a punt, giving Springfield the ball on Lebanon's 4 yard line. A line-plunge failed, and then Bates kicked a field goal.

Rain fell throughout the game.

Finger is Smashed—The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Gravos sustained a painful injury to one of her fingers when her hand was caught in a door at the Gravos restaurant Monday.

Has Operation—Miss Abbie Tompkins underwent an operation at the Pacific Christian hospital Monday.

## TOWN GOVERNMENT MAY BE CHANGED

### New Charter Needed to Supplant Old Document says Councilmen; Change Would be Put up to Voters at Special Election.

Springfield may be re-incorporated as a city instead of a town and a new charter adopted if plans of the city council materialize. Steps toward framing a new charter were discussed at the council meeting Monday evening and the city attorney ordered to make a report of the cost and requirements at the next meeting.

A special election likely will be held in January to pass on the new document.

The charter the town is working under now is obsolete and has been amended several times. Councilmen all agree that a new charter is needed and if a new one is made some of them believe that it would be better to incorporate as a city instead of a town.

It will be necessary to submit any change in the charter to a vote of the people. Rather than continue to amend the old charter councilmen believe that it would be better to draft a whole up-to-date document. Cost of amending the old charter at an election would be practically the same as making an entire new one.

Attorneys for bonding houses have objected to the old charter several times and each time an issue of bonds are voted ask for a copy of the charter and the amendments. The city has no printed charter to give them and it necessitates delay and objection to selling bonds.

Citizens of the town are entitled to a copy of the charter out in the past have had no way of getting it. The only copy in existence is typewritten on paper that is yellow with age and can hardly be handled without falling apart. It is to satisfy all these requirements that the council now feels that a new charter and a general review of city ordinances are necessary.

## SPRINGFIELD PRIMED

### FOR TILT WITH GROVE

Springfield High School's fighting football team today will end one of the most successful seasons in local grid history when it meets Cottage Grove in a Turkey Day struggle on the Grove field. The game is called at 1:30 o'clock, and a large attendance of Springfield fans is expected. Men who have been off the first squad for grades, injuries and sickness are back in the eligible list and Coach Fenwick's proteges are in first class shape for the Turkey Day Thanksgiving dinners are not on schedule for the footballers until after the game, and they are expected to push a hard, fast battle with visions of well-stuffed turkeys as a reward.

The Springfield team has gone through the season with but one defeat, that at the hands of Lebanon. That loss was avenged last Friday when the Lebanon team was humbled with a 10 to 2 score in the return game at the Strawberry city.

The Cottage Grove team also had a successful season, and is considered the strongest team faced this year by the local eleven. The Grove team today will be chosen from the following list of eligible men: George Brund, Harold Bede, Cecil Caton, Kenneth Goff, Harold Hauser, William McCarger, Robert Schafter, Roy Scheuple, George Scheuple, Claude Shortridge, George Stennett, Roy Murry, Glen Swanson, Donald Umphrey, Elliott Vinson, Fred Wanker, Kenneth Ward, George Wilson, Erwin Small, Kermit Sams, and Alta Kelley.

## DR. PHETTEPLACE GOES FOR GRADUATE WORK

Bound for New York to study for four months, Dr. Paul Phetteplace boarded a Southern Pacific train here Monday. He was accompanied on part of the journey by his mother, Mrs. H. E. Phetteplace.

Dr. Phetteplace will pursue post-graduate work at a New York hospital during his stay in the metropolis. He will return by way of New Orleans, travelling south along the Atlantic coast by Southern Pacific steamboat.

Dr. Phetteplace moved to Springfield recently from Marshfield and has his offices with those of Dr. W. C. Robbitt, who recently spent four weeks studying at Rochester, Minn.

## BREAKING HOME TIES

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