

CHARTER ELECTION TO BE JANUARY 25

New City Charter Ready for Action of People; Polls at City Hall with L. K. Page and L. E. Thompson Acting as Judges.

January 25 is the date of the special election to be held in Springfield for the purpose of submitting the proposed new charter to a vote of the people. Polls will be open from 8 o'clock in the morning until 8 in the evening, and voting will take place at the city hall.

This was decided by the city council this week, following the completion of the drafting of a new charter which will change the Town of Springfield to the "City of Springfield" if adopted. The whole of the charter is to be printed in the Springfield News, and following a favorable election the document will be included in an act submitted to the state legislature.

L. K. Page and L. E. Thompson have been named judges of the election, and clerks are Mrs. Hattie Myers, Mrs. Evelyn Emery, and Mrs. Maude T. Bryan.

The charter was drawn up by a special committee appointed by the council. Much of the present document, it is said, is obsolete and inadequate to serve the needs of the city, and a new charter is needed to conform to the requirements of a modern city government.

Due to revised provisions in the proposed charter its adoption will automatically clear up the clouded situation regarding the \$7000 fire bond issue, now being held up.

NEW STORE MAY LOCATE IN I. O. O. F. BUILDING

A general merchandise store may locate in the Odd Fellows store building at Fourth and Main streets, it was learned today. The building has been vacant since Hall's cash store went bankrupt.

Trustees of the lodge are understood to be negotiating for the new business here but a definite announcement has not been made. Several prospective business men have considered the location, it is understood.

Mrs. Stewart Entertains

Mrs. Harry Stewart entertained several members of the young married set with an afternoon of bridge Friday in honor of her daughter, Mrs. Theron Sausser, who was visiting here during the holidays.

Invited guests included Mrs. Clair Parsons, Mrs. Larson Wright, Mrs. Clifford Wilson, Mrs. Jack Henderer, Mrs. Jack Larson, Mrs. Walter Gosler, all of Springfield, Mrs. C. Campbell, Mrs. Jean Ward and Mrs. A. P. McKenzie of Eugene.

Chrysanthemum Meeting

Sewing and cards furnished entertainment for members of the Chrysanthemum club, who met yesterday at the home of Mrs. J. C. McMurray. Luncheon was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. S. Ralph Dippel.

Those present were Mrs. F. A. DePue, Mrs. Leland Ewbank, Mrs. W. J. Scott, Mrs. J. A. Seavey, Mrs. William Dawson, Mrs. Maude T. Bryan, Mrs. W. H. Adrian, Mrs. M. M. Peery and Mrs. S. R. Dippel.

Hold New Year's Party

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Seavey entertained a small group of friends at their Springfield residence New Year's eve. Bridge playing and radio music combined to make a pleasant evening. C. E. Kenyon won the prize at cards, with Mrs. Maude Bryan receiving the consolation prize.

Those present included: Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Larimer, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Adrian, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Kenyon, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Roberts, Mrs. Maude T. Bryan, Miss Crystal Bryan, Welby Stevens, Mrs. Grace Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Will Dawson and Mr. and Mrs. Seavey.

Mill Worker Hurt

Dan Webber, worker in the Springfield Mill and Grain company plant, sustained an injured shoulder when he fell from the dock of the mill Tuesday. The injured man was rushed to a physician's office, where it was found the shoulder had been badly bruised but not broken. Webber will not be able to work for some time.

Postal Receipt of 1926 Increase

All Months Have Gain But Last, With Net Lead of 4 1/2 Per Cent

Postal receipts for 1926, announced today by Postmaster F. B. Hamlin, show a gain of 4 1/2 per cent over 1925 and indicate a substantial gain each month with the exception of December. The total receipts for the year just ended were \$8473.21, and for 1925 they were \$8121.04.

December showed a falling off of \$100, despite the fact that the post office recorded a record figure one day during the midst of the holiday shipping. The month kept ahead until after Christmas, when the slump was much greater than that of last year.

Here is the table of postal receipts for the two years, by quarters:

| | 1926 | 1925 |
|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| First quarter | \$1953.58 | \$1684.84 |
| Second quarter | 1977.85 | 1862.81 |
| Third quarter | 1948.66 | 1912.91 |
| Fourth quarter | 2593.12 | 2660.48 |
| Total | \$8473.21 | \$8121.04 |

COX IS NAMED HEAD OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Re-election of H. J. Cox and F. B. Hamlin as president and vice-president, respectively was the chief feature of the December session of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, held Friday night. Following his election, Mr. Cox again named Walter Gosler secretary of the civic organization. C. E. Kenyon was elected treasurer.

The election was followed by the appointment of standing committees for the new year. They follow:

Commerce, trade and industry—A. J. Perkins, Welby Stevens, John Wenzel.

Legislative, highway, fish and game—W. F. Walker, E. E. Morrison, and Dr. W. C. Rebhan.

Publicity, civic, social and educational—H. E. Maxey, F. B. Hamlin and Dr. W. H. Pollard.

House Committee—M. M. Peery, C. F. Eggmann.

Bridge Committee, E. E. Morrison, H. E. Maxey, A. J. Perkins, G. G. Bushman, Welby Stevens.

Finance—G. G. Bushman, C. E. Kenyon and W. G. Hughes.

Board of directors—Julius Fulop, W. G. Hughes, W. F. Walker, W. C. Wright and Harry M. Stewart.

THREE ARE ADDED TO NATIONAL GUARD GROUP

Bringing the enlisted strength of the National Guard company up to its quota of 25 men, three new members were added this week, it was announced by Guard officers. Eli W. Miller, Gordon M. Lee and Orval Cantrell are the new guardsmen.

The company will meet tonight for drill. Last Thursday night was muster night, with 100 per cent attendance. A feed followed the drill. Major W. G. White of Eugene was present, and made a short talk expressing his satisfaction with the work of the Springfield company during its first year.

Trade Offices

City Recorder Ira M. Peterson has moved his law offices to the city hall, and is spending the week in renovating that building and systemizing the keeping of records. The office he vacated next to the postoffice has been occupied by former City Recorder R. W. Smith, who will continue as justice of the peace and in the insurance business.

Junior Church Organized

Organization of a Junior Church at the First Methodist Episcopal church was completed last Sunday, with 36 present for the first day. Mrs. W. H. Pollard is director of the juniors division, and Miss Elizabeth Hughes is assistant.

School Board Meets

The Springfield school board will meet at the city hall tomorrow night to consider routine business, according to announcement of R. W. Smith, clerk of the board. The trustees were to meet on Monday, but postponed the session.

Visits in Portland—Miss Winifred Tyson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Tyson, spent the holidays at Portland visiting at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George Ditto, former Springfield residents.

Romance



Lena Wilson, a girl from the Canadian backwoods, is engaged to marry "Bud" Stillman, son of James A. Stillman, multi-millionaire New York banker. This girl of the Lumberlost met the rich man's son and their friendship blossomed into love, just like movies and books.

SCHOOL SEMESTER TO END ON JANUARY 21

Springfield public schools started again this week, following Christmas holidays of ten days. The high school semester will end on January 21, and the last two days of the period will be given over to examinations.

The cantata, "The Moundbuilders," which was to have been given in December, will be presented on January 28, it was announced today. The glee club already are working on the program. "Laughteresque," annual high school fun fest, will take place February 18.

TRACK TEAM MAY BE DEVELOPED AT HIGH

Development of a Springfield high school track team may result from physical ability tests inaugurated there this year by Walter Fenwick, senior in physical education at the University of Oregon and director of athletics at the local preparatory school.

The physical ability tests will furnish Fenwick with a means of grading students in physical education, and at the same time will bring to the surface in various track activities. Included in the tests are the following:

High jump, 75-yard dash, rope climb, bar vault, baseball throw for accuracy, and posture rating walking, standing, and general.

Everett Squires, a high school student, has considerable ability as a pole vaulter, and coach Fenwick expects to discover several short distance sprinters as soon as the weather will permit outdoor running. Standards for jumping have been made by the manual training department.

Improving Second

Improvement of Second street was started this week in an effort to put the thoroughfare in shape for its last winter of hard usage. Construction of the Springfield bridge will eliminate traffic from Second street, and only temporary improvement work is being done. Gravel has been distributed from Main street to the bridge.

Entertain For Friends

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Leonard, who have been visiting at the C. E. Swarts residence, were guests of honor at a delightful party held last Monday evening. The Leonards left for California Tuesday.

Those present were Mrs. F. DePue, Mrs. H. W. Whitney, Mrs. Knox, Mrs. J. T. Moore, Mrs. C. E. Kenyon, Mrs. B. A. Washburne, Mrs. Mary Keasey, Mrs. M. M. Peery.

Wire Down, Lights Go Off

Springfield was plunged into darkness for 12 minutes Monday night when the Copco line which furnished the Mountain States Power Company with power from the south, went out. Arrangements immediately were made for tying in with the Portland end. The lights were out at 9 o'clock.

Aenas Club Meets

The residence of Mrs. M. J. McKlin was the scene of a meeting of the Aenas club Tuesday afternoon. Those present were Mrs. C. E. Swarts, Mrs. L. May, Mrs. E. Brown, Mrs. Ella Lombard, Mrs. C. E. Kenyon and Mrs. N. W. Emery. Guests were Mrs. McGowan and Mrs. Howard Cotton.

Mrs. Cotton assisted the hostess in serving refreshments.

LARGE WOOLEN MILL TO LOCATE IN SPRINGFIELD

PAVING PROJECT IS TALKED BY CHURCH

Pavement of the block between Fifth and Sixth on C street was discussed at a meeting of the official board of the Methodist Episcopal church Monday night, and a definite report on possible means of financing the enterprise will be heard at a business meeting following tonight's mid-week service.

It was said that pavement of the street would provide a run-off for water which, during storm weather, backs up from the street against the church building and threatens to flood the basement. Pavement of the street must be financed by the church and property holders on the opposite side.

Improvement of the acoustics of the church was discussed at length at the meeting. An echo which has been noticeable for some time may be eliminated by hanging velvet curtains along the balcony at a price of \$295. The Ladies Aid has been asked to consider a plan of raising this amount, and a report will be heard at tonight's meeting.

BASKET-BALL SCHEDULE OF HIGH SCHOOL GIVEN

Four basketball games to be played in Springfield have been scheduled by the high school, and negotiations are under way for a game with Eugene here. So far, three games have been scheduled to be played away from home, and Eugene and Harrisburg may be added to this list.

The first game of the season will be played tomorrow night, when Shedd will be met on the local floor. Undismayed by the sound drubbing given them New Year's eve by the Alumni, who marked up 23 points to the high school's 12, the team is going in strong for practice this week and a good game is promised.

Fifteen men have answered Coach Fenwick's call for basketball material.

Here is the tentative schedule to date:

- Shedd here, Jan. 7.
- University High here, Jan. 21.
- University High there, Feb. 16.
- Lebanon here, Feb. 4.
- Cottage Grove there, Feb. 11.
- Cottage Grove here, March 2.
- Lebanon there, March 11.

A game with Harrisburg is being considered.

SPEEDER IN UPSET, MARCOLA YOUTH HURT

A runaway hand-speeder which left the track of a logging railroad in the Marcola district on Sunday afternoon resulted in painful injuries to Nelson Wright, 15-year old youth of that community.

Wright was riding on the speeder when he found himself on a sharp incline in the tracks. The machine gathered speed and the rider was unable to control it. Near the foot of the grade the speeder jumped the tracks and landed in a ditch, throwing Wright on his face. Severe bruises and lacerations resulted.

LARAWAY NOW RUNNING PILCHER DEPT. STORE

Purchase of the Eugene branch of the R. A. Pilcher store by Seth Laraway, Eugene business man, was announced this week and is now operating the business as "Pilcher's Department Store, Seth Laraway, successor."

A. A. McDonald is managing the store. Mr. McDonald was formerly with the Weyerhaeuser interests in Wisconsin, and managed their big store at Potlatch, Idaho. The new Pilcher store owner came to Eugene 17 years ago, and has been operating the Laraway jewelry store for many years.

Mr. Laraway plans improvements for the store.

River High

Continued rains through the week have increased the height of the Willamette, but as yet the highway at Judkins point has not been flooded. Marsh land in the Springfield district has been under water, and drains have been taxed to their capacity.

Here From Thurston—Mrs. Walter Platt of Thurston was a visitor in this city Monday.

Bold Bad Bandit



New photo of Mrs. Rebecca Rogers of Austin, Texas, 22 year old co-ed bandit, who is charged with holding up and robbing the Farmers' National Bank at Buda, Texas. When released on bail she went off to be married and faces trial after her honeymoon.

NELSON BIRDS ON WAY TO L. A. EXHIBITION

Five first-class fowls from the Nelson Poultry Ranch here, considered the best exhibition of poultry in the Northwest, are on their way to Los Angeles to represent the poultry interests of this section at the Greater Los Angeles poultry show, largest exhibition of its kind west of Chicago.

Robert Nelson, owner of the farm, shipped three cockerels and two pullets to the Los Angeles show. One of the cockerels took third prize at the recent International Livestock show at Portland, and first and second prize pullets of the Portland show will be exhibited. Two of the cockerels have not been shown before.

Winning prizes at the Los Angeles show will direct nationwide attention on the Springfield poultry. Much interest is being taken in the exhibition by Ed Snow of Monroe, president of the Oregon Poultrymen's Association.

BOY SCOUT COUNCIL TO HOLD MEETING TONIGHT

Springfield Boy Scout committee will be represented at the annual meeting of the Lane County Boy Scout Council, to be conducted at the county courthouse in Eugene tonight. The meeting will start at 8 o'clock.

This is the first annual conclave to be conducted since Springfield became a member of the council.

Boy Scouts of Troop 1 are now meeting at the Christian church gymnasium at 7:30 o'clock. Last Thursday night, Holt Grimes, formerly a Scout worker in Eugene, let the meeting and conducted signal practice.

MRS. PEARL HARVEY OF JASPER BURIED MONDAY

Mrs. Pearl Harvey, for several years a resident of the Jasper district, died at the home of her parents at Jasper at 7 o'clock on the morning of January 1. Funeral services were held at the Walker chapel Monday morning, and burial was at Pleasant Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Harvey long had been ill. She was 31 years of age. She leaves her husband, John L. Harvey of Pendleton, two little daughters, Edna Hazel and Iris May, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Higgins of Jasper, and five brothers and sisters.

SMITH MOVES OFFICE TO 4TH STREET LOCATION

R. W. Smith, justice of the peace and notary public, has opened his office in the Commercial State bank building on Fourth street, and intends to add real estate and collection work to the insurance business in which he has been engaged for some time. School warrants also will be paid at that office.

Mr. Smith has been a resident of Springfield for 23 years, and during the past year has served as jury recorder.

Woodcraft Installation

Installation of officers of the Neighbors of Woodcraft circle will take place on Wednesday night January 12. Circles throughout this section have been invited to attend.

Wright Away—Will Wright is transacting business in Portland today.

\$400,000 Investment to be made on Industrial Tract by Oregon-California Cooperative Woolen Mill and Tannery; Mill Workers Coming From Scotland.

The erection of one of the largest and most modern woolen mills in America at Springfield has been announced by the Oregon-California Cooperative Woolen Mills and Tannery, an organization of eastern Oregon sheep and cattlemen that has been formed during the last few months. The officers of the new mill have reserved a site on the industrial tract immediately east of the site leased to S. R. Jaynes for a tannery and bordering on the mill race south of the Southern Pacific tracks.

The selection of Springfield for the new industry which will employ 500 people when in full operation came about after two months of negotiation between officers of the company and H. E. Marey, chairman of the Industrial and Park committee. Eight other cities of Oregon have been trying for the location there but all have been eliminated in favor of Springfield because it is the first city in the Willamette valley on the new Naton cutoff and strategically located in relation to other lines of transportation as well as having water and electrical power in abundance.

The new company expects to incorporate about March 1 for \$750,000 and start the erection of Woolen mill buildings immediately. The buildings and machinery which are expected to be ready for operation by August 1 will cost in the neighborhood of \$400,000, say officers of the company who will arrive here in a few days with their architect to make plans for the building.

The Oregon-California Cooperative Woolen Mills, and Tannery is a new departure in woolen goods manufacture in the west. It's purpose is to make the woolen growers manufacturers. Eastern Oregon sheepmen declare they have been receiving too little money for their wool which is shipped to Boston and sorted into 14 different grades, selling from 30 cents to \$1 a pound. For their best wool they say they get about the lowest grade price.

The new mill expects to cater to both foreign and domestic trade with representatives in nearly all countries of the world. Springfield can expect a great deal of advertising from the products as they will all bear the city's name as the place of manufacture. Everything from blankets to the finest worsteds will be manufactured and clothing and suit making will also be branches of the new mill, according to plans. Only pure wool goods will be made.

The mill manager is presently managing one of the largest woolen mills in the country and is regarded as one of American's foremost woolen experts. Heads of the various organization of the mill have all been selected, most of them being trained in Scotland, which leads the world in the manufacture of woolens. While most of the help will be brought here from Scotland and the east, local help will be trained in building up the plant organization, it is announced.

Only high class help will be employed and union labor used throughout the organization, all garments bearing the label.

Wheel Chair Sent

The wheel chair purchased by the American Legion Auxiliary for the Veterans Hospital No. 77 at Portland was sent north yesterday. Much appreciation of the Auxiliary's efforts was expressed to Mrs. M. B. Huntly, president, when she visited the veterans institution recently.

Pays Fine

Arthur Owen paid a fine of \$5 Monday after being found guilty of charges of speeding on east Main street. Owen was the first traffic law offender tried before City Recorder Ira M. Peterson, who took office January 1.