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NEW CHARTER IS BEATEN AT POLLS

People's Rejection of New Document To Be Considered At Special City Council Session Next Monday Night And Also Fire Truck Payment.

Special meeting of the City Council has been called for Monday night to consider Springfield's rejection of a revised city charter at the polls Tuesday, according to Mayor G. G. Bushman. What action may be taken in arranging payments on the \$7000 owed for the new fire truck, included in the disapproved charter proposition, probably will be discussed at length at the session.

The charter plan was snuffed under with a vote of 214 against 69 by the people Tuesday. The vote leaves the city with its assertedly obsolete charter, and sends a \$50,000 sewer extension financing program into the discard.

Mayor Bushman deplored the action of the people in rejecting the charter plan, declaring his belief that the cause of the adverse vote of many was failure to read or understand the proposed new document.

He indicated that the council at Monday's session may consider bringing the charter proposal up again, or on the other hand may drop the matter altogether.

The \$7000 fire bond issue proposal was injected into the charter bill as a rider in order to validate the bonds voted by the people last summer but refused by acceptance by the house because of minor technicalities. Mayor Bushman is of the opinion that some means of handling the fire bonds may be arranged when the auditors have completed their survey of the city's financial situation. A warrant for the amount is held by the Howard-Cooper company, which furnished the city with its new fire truck.

MRS. PAUL BASFORD IS TO GET CONTRACT

Inability of Miss Hazel Stevens to continue her work as teacher in the Springfield elementary schools because of illness has led to the forfeiture of her contract, it was announced this week by Superintendent V. D. Bain.

Mrs. Paul Basford, who has been substituting during Miss Stevens' illness, is to receive a contract as regular teacher to serve for the remainder of the year, according to plans. Mrs. Basford will teach a grade in the Brattain school.

Miss Stevens has been in a sanitarium for some time. She was given a leave of absence last year when it was found that her health made it impossible for her to continue her work then.

FOUR CHILDREN IN CAR AS IT STRIKES TREE

Four small children were in an automobile which struck a tree near the Rue home here Monday, and Harold Rue, 4, was seriously injured.

The car was driven by an older sister, who lost control of the machine when her foot slipped from the brake to the accelerator. Harold, who was sitting in the front seat, was thrown into the windshield when the car collided with the tree, and glass caused severe lacerations of his neck. One of the cuts was dangerously near the jugular vein.

One of the other children was slightly hurt.

P. T. A. To Meet

The postponed meeting of the Parent-Teachers association will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at the Lincoln school. Regular business will be taken up at the meeting.

Dr. Redmond of Eugene will speak on the care of the teeth. A musical program will be provided. All are invited to attend the meeting.

More Articles Lost

No clue as to the identity of the burglar who entered the M. B. Huntly residence last week has been uncovered by Police Chief Jess Smitson. Mrs. Huntly reported this week that she has discovered more articles to be missing than were at first noticed. Total loss in jewelry was more than \$200.

Visits Father—A. E. Senseney is enjoying a visit from his daughter, Vivian Bailey of Astoria.

Deeds Given City For New Street

Deeds of dedication for the new street, two blocks east of 10th street, and leading into the industrial tract from Main street south have been signed by M. C. Bessler, of Cottage Grove, and C. E. Colcord. Both men are giving half of the street free to the city in order that an east entrance may be gained to the new industrial tract.

The new street will not only extend through the Bessler and Colcord property but also across the industrial tract south to the Mill race and thence down the bank of the race to the Woolen Mill site. The street will run through the lease property of S. R. Jaynes tannery site and also the railroad right of way.

Grading and graveling of the street will be done by the city as soon as the weather permits. The Woolen Mill people want to start construction in March and Mr. Jaynes who is at present in California, has also indicated that he wishes to start early in the Spring.

Both industries expect to build modern fire proof buildings. Sewer, water, electric light and power extensions is desired by the new people. These utilities must be made while the two plants are in the process of construction.

Since the 10th street sewer is not to be built the sewer for the industrial tract will have to be connected on to the end of the Main street sewer, running a block south and two blocks east to the Jaynes plant and another block or two to the woolen mills.

SPRINGFIELD SPAN IS TALKED AT CONFERENCE

Further plans for the new Springfield highway bridge were developed in Portland today when members of the county court conferred with state officials in charge of planning for the new span. Actual preliminary work on the bridge is expected to get under way soon, it was reported by E. E. Morrison, chairman of the Springfield bridge committee.

No difficulty is anticipated by Mr. Morrison in arranging for the right-of-way for the new bridge and its approaches at the foot of Main street and this side of the Pacific Highway. The committee has the right-of-way plan lined up, and is awaiting word from the state engineer as to the exact location of the new bridge before acting further.

LIONS REPORT KLAMATH DEN CEREMONIES GREAT

A royal good time was enjoyed by all the Lions of the Willamette valley who attended the charter night ceremonies at Klamath Falls Tuesday night, according to John Ketels and Harry Stewart, Springfield club delegates, who returned home yesterday. The new club instituted at Klamath Falls started off with a hurrah, says the local delegates, who attest of a live meeting. The visitors were entertained elaborately. Lion Stewart acted as tall-talker at the ceremonies.

HIGH SCHOOL TO GIVE CANTATA FRIDAY NIGHT

Thirty-five voices will be heard in the Indian cantata, "The Mound Builders," to be presented by the glee clubs of the Springfield high school tomorrow night. Seats are on sale now for the program, which will open at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

Miss Fay Spaulding is director of the cantata, which is featured with Indian music and tells a beautiful story of primitive Americans. Accompanying will be Winifred Tyson.

Special numbers to be presented during the program include a duet by Agatha Beals and Naomi Carlton, a violin solo by Charles Nadornik, piano solo by Miss Tyson, and vocal selection by Melba Melloa and a selection by William Pollard.

Many At Banquet

Sixty-five attended the Mothers' and daughters' banquet held at the Springfield high school last Saturday night. The luncheon, sponsored by the Women's League, was prepared and served by the girls of the domestic department working under the direction of Miss Peterson.

Play Lebanon Next

Lebanon High school basketball team will be faced by Springfield on February 4, the next game to be played by the local team.

HONOR STUDENTS LISTED AT SENIOR, JUNIOR HIGH

Twenty-five high school and 20 junior high school students achieved places on the semester honor rolls, according to announcement of the lists by principals this week. Hannah Shidler, with an average of 95.2 per cent, again led the high school list.

High school honor students are: Margaret Swartz, Hannah Shidler, Louelle Williams, Evelyn Walker, Agatha Beals, Naomi Carlton, Chesta Hayden, Edith Hurd, LeRoy Imman, Elma Lansberry, Margaret Mortensen, Margaret Oederkirk, Esther McPherson, Nadine McMurray, Ola Sayles, Hilda Wagner, Winifred Tyson, Bertha Paddock, William Pollard, Dora Pederson, Lawrence Roof, Nellie Sankey, Audrey Shultz, Audrey Smith, and Maxine Snodgrass.

Those on the junior high list are: Ruth Carlton, Frances Tuller, Dorman Chase, Barbara Chandler, Irma Crider, Dale Daniels, Mary Hadley, Irene Manley, Faye Parsons, Harold Geigerk, all of the eight grade, and Wayne Eghart, Lela Squires, June Clover, Dora Hunter, Daisy Tomseth, Helen Knight, Junia May, Eunice McFarland, Lydia Meyers and Eunice Greenwood.

DEED FOR OLD STREET CAR PIERS RECEIVED

Quit claim deed to the right-of-way of the old street car bridge and piers was received by the Town of Springfield from the Southern Pacific Company today.

The deed was promised five months ago, and has been passing through the hands of various officials of the Southern Pacific since that time. A letter accompanied the deed, asking that Springfield acknowledge the deed by ordinance.

The piers and right-of-way become the property of the city through negotiations started when the Springfield highway bridge plan was agitated. A part of the right-of-way is included in the right-of-way of the approaches to the new bridge to be built soon.

FIREMEN NEED SAYS EXPERT

Insurance Rating Bureau Makes Survey of Water System and Equipment.

Springfield should have a volunteer fire company of 20 men in the opinion of W. F. White, representative of the Oregon Insurance Rating Bureau of Portland, who spent Tuesday making a comprehensive survey of this city for his organization. White indicated that the organization of a volunteer company would probably result in a better insurance rating for Springfield.

Fire Chief Jess Smitson accompanied White on the survey, and is shaping plans for bringing the volunteer fire-fighting idea to the attention of the city council. Volunteer fire fighters are merely listed as such and given no pay except for the time they spend in actual service. Smitson pointed out that by such a plan the fire department always would be assured of sufficient men to adequately fight any blaze.

It is possible that Smitson may ask the council to consider a plan of giving two men a place to sleep in the city building if they will agree to serve as fire-fighters in case of emergency at night.

White approved of Springfield's water system while making his survey. Tests at the hydrants showed the water has a pressure of 98 pounds and 1000 gallons of water a minute are available.

The insurance rating given Springfield by White will be made public shortly in the Rating Bureau's report.

It is expected that because of the new fire engine and equipment insurance rates will be lowered.

Young People Meet

The young people's class of the Baptist church met for dinner in the church parlors after church Sunday. The class is taught by Oscar Gladish.

May Move Water Main Intake Soon

Extension of the Springfield water system intake main to a point farther out on the mill race will probably be done this summer by the Mountain States Power company. Company officials have been considering ways and means of bettering the water supply and getting the intake past the industrial tract. At present the intake is on the race near the east end of the Booth-Kelly mill pond.

Officials of the company have requested money to make test wells in the river bottom section east of the city park on the industrial tract. It is believed that sufficient underground water can be gotten from wells in this district to supply a city many times the size of Springfield. The theory is that the McKenzie river once flowed across the Willamette river about Seavey's ferry. If water were struck in sufficient quantity in these test wells it would insure the city a water supply for coldness and purity second to none in this part of Oregon.

Whether the wells work out or not the water system intake will have to be moved along the race nearer to the river. Members of the industrial committee have been assured that the Mountain States Power company would not hold up development on the industrial tract because it might contaminate the water supply under existing conditions.

SCOUT OFFICIALS TO BANQUET ON FEB. 9

Scouting officials of the Springfield troops 11 and 12, will attend a banquet to be conducted at Eugene February 9 in connection with the program for anniversary week of Boy Scouts of America, it was announced today.

Troop committees, Scoutmasters, assistant scoutmasters will attend the banquet. Details of the event have not yet been determined, but will be announced later. The affair is to be given under the auspices of the Lane County Council of Boy Scouts with which the Springfield troops are affiliated.

STILLMAN DOW, AGED MAN, BEING SOUGHT

An effort is being made to locate Stillman Dow, 70 years of age, whose relatives report that he was last known to be working on a ranch three miles out of Eugene, probably in the Springfield district. Anyone knowing of the whereabouts of the aged man, or having information which may assist in locating him, should report to Mrs. M. B. Huntly.

Letters and money are being held in Astoria for the man, it was reported. Friends fear that he may be in want, and are anxious to get the money to him, according to Mrs. Huntly, who has turned the matter over to county authorities.

CLINE BUYS 160 ACRE FARM NEAR SPRINGFIELD

Ira Cline has purchased a well improved 160 acre farm located 3½ miles northeast of Springfield from Mike Greal. Mr. Cline has traded in his 2-acre tract located in this vicinity as a part payment. Mr. Cline has also become the owner of about 120 head of livestock and a complete set of farm machinery which were included in the deal.

Mr. Cline is a former Missourian and has recently returned from his native state.

Benefit Card Party

The Eastern Star Club will entertain at a benefit party at the Chamber of Commerce rooms tonight, Thursday, it was announced today. All Stars and masons and their families are cordially invited to attend the party.

For those not interested in cards, other games will be arranged, it was stated by the committee in charge.

Woodcraft Meeting

New officers of the Neighbors of Woodcraft gave the drill work in connection with initiation of new members into the lodge at the meeting at the W. O. W. hall last night. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

Falls On Ice

Gerald Morrison sustained serious lacerations about his head when he fell on the ice while skating last Saturday. Glasses he was wearing broke as his head struck the ice, and a gash to the skull resulted.

CHAMBER TO HEAR WOOLEN MILL PLANS

Officials of Big Mill Proposed for Industrial Tract to Appear Before Chamber of Commerce Membership Friday Evening.

The large woolen mill proposed to be constructed on the industrial site by the Oregon-California Cooperative Woolen Mill and Tannery association will be explained to the people of Springfield by officials of the concern at the regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Friday evening. A wire to the effect that they wish to meet the people of Springfield was received by H. E. Maxey, chairman of the Industrial and Park committee, Monday.

Five officials of the new concern accompanied by their architect will make the trip here to go into detail plans for the new woolen mill. Building of the new mill is expected to start early in March and represents an investment of about \$400,000. The woolen mill people are anxious to start in August operations of the big plant that is expected to employ between 400 and 500 people. Heads of the different departments of the new mill have already been employed, officials say, to operate the most modern woolen mill in the west. Fine Worsteds, tweeds and other high grade woolen goods will be made for the first time in the west, according to the plans of the new people. Textile workers familiar with this class of woolen goods manufacture are being brought from the east and Scotland.

The woolen mill officials are anxious to find out the civic spirit of Springfield and its attitude toward industrial enterprises here and whether it is the sort of town their people would like to live in. For that reason President H. J. Cox has urged a full turnout of the membership to meet the new people and hear first hand what is proposed in the way of this development. The visitors have complimented the industrial committee for its entergetic and public spirited activities in bringing Springfield to their notice. President Cox says he is anxious to show them that the whole town is as appreciative and wise awake as the industrial committee when it comes to industrial development.

The meeting is called for 8 o'clock in the Chamber of Commerce rooms over the Commercial State bank.

Included in the party visiting here to pick the location for the new mill site on the industrial tract is D. F. Shiel, formerly of Hawick, Scotland; director of sales of the Oregon-California Cooperative Woolen Mills; Circuit Judge R. H. Bunnell of Klamath county; C. F. Stone, attorney of Klamath Falls; C. Coseboom, architect, the mill manager also of Scotland, and a contractor who will build the plant. The last two are making plans to move here to have charge of construction.

Twenty woolen experts who have been employed as heads of departments will be brought here during the summer to start operations as soon as the mill is finished.

Financing of the new mill is far enough under way to insure its construction officials declare. The bringing together of the wool grower, the expert manufacturer and the experienced sales managers is expected to make a combination that will insure success from the start for the new venture. Climatic conditions are said to be exactly right here for fine woolen goods manufacture. Abundance of moisture and mild weather are needed, otherwise the mill would probably have been located in eastern Oregon near to the wool supply.

The finest tweeds and worsteds for suitings will be manufactured and made up into garments. Socks, underwear, shirts, suits, overcoats, blankets and other articles will be made according to manufacturing plans. All will bear a made in Springfield label thus giving the city much advertising in other states and countries.

Baby Daughter Welcomed

A baby daughter was born this morning at 7:30 o'clock to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gessler of Springfield. The newborn weighs a little more than seven pounds, and has not yet been named.

The event occurred at the Pacific Christian hospital, where officials report that both mother and baby are doing well.

Clay Chimney Trail

Gripping Story of the Early West



By **EDWIN L. SABIN**

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She stared, round-eyed.
"I reckon you're a gambler!" she accused.
"I am seeking health in the West," I said, "where the climate is high and dry."
"My Gawd!" she blurted. "High and dry! You're goin' to the right place. For all I hear tell, Benton is high enough and dry enough. But laws sakes, you don't need to go that fur. You can as well stop off at North Platte, or Sidney or Cheyenne. They'll sculp you sure at Benton—unless you watch out mighty sharp."
"How so, may I ask?"
"You're certainly green," she apprised. "Benton's roarin'—and I know what that means. Didn't North Platte roar? I seen it at its beginnin's. My old man and me, we were there from the fust, when it started in as the railroad terminal. My sakes, but there were times! Gamblin', shootin', drinkin' and high-cockalorumus night and day! 'Twasn't no place for innocence! Easy come, easy go, that was the word."