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BOND DEBT PEAK BELIEVED REACHED

City Reaches Point Where Reduction Can Be Expected; New Bancroft Bonds to Be Issued for 1927 Improvements; Finances in Good Shape.

With the issuance of approximately \$15,000 in Bancroft bonds, for which an ordinance is now being drawn, Springfield will likely have reached a place where it can begin the gradual reduction of its bonded indebtedness, in the opinion of City Recorder Ira M. Peterson.

This city will have, when the new bond issue is completed, a bonded indebtedness of about \$200,000, including improvement bonds, according to Mr. Peterson. The auditors who go over the city books each month declare that despite this seemingly large indebtedness, Springfield's situation in this regard is as good or better than most towns of its size in this part of the state.

The city retires bonds regularly, but for some time it has issued more than it has retired. However, Mr. Peterson now believes that Springfield has reached the place where major improvement programs are unnecessary, and the change in the bonded indebtedness figure should start the other way.

"With the completion of two large summer sidewalk building programs, the city finds itself without the necessity of going into this sort of a thing another summer," said the recorder. "Streets are in fair shape, and in general the conditions are good. Of course, there must be some improvement under way at all times, but I doubt that it will make it necessary for us to create such large bond issues in the near future."

Mr. Peterson hopes to have the new bond ordinance drawn in time for the council meeting Monday night. About \$11,000 has been spent for sidewalk construction, and the remainder for streets and other work. Where assessments have been paid, of course, no bonds are issued under the improvement act.

The city, according to Mr. Peterson's information from the auditors, has kept well within its budget figures during the past year, and the 1927 finances appear to be in good shape. In the past year, the city has paid off its debt for the new fire equipment, and has made other financial gains.

The first council meeting of the year will be held Monday night. Officers will be reinstated at this session, and operation of Springfield business under the 1928 schedule will get off officially under way.

WATCH NIGHT PARTIES SEE PASSING OF 1927

The arrival of 1928 was fittingly celebrated at several watch-night parties held in Springfield Saturday evening.

One of the most interesting of these was that at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Seavey, at which Mrs. Seavey and Mrs. Arthur Roberts entertained. Five tables of bridge were enjoyed by the guests. These included Messrs and Mesdames C. E. Kenyon, A. J. Perkins, Welby Stevens, L. Larimer, Arthur Roberts, J. A. Seavey, W. H. Adrian, W. H. Dawson and Frank DePue, and Mrs. Maude Bryan and daughter, Crystal.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Moon Endeavors of the Christian church frolicked in celebration of the new year. Members of the Epworth League of the Methodist church held a party at the church parlors, which broke up after 1928 had been issued.

Springfield Beats Santa Clara

The Christian church volleyball team went to Santa Clara Tuesday evening and defeated the team at that place. This was the last game of a series of which Springfield has won three out of four games. The local lineup included Rempel, Kneeland, Moffitt, Danner, Robertson and Smith.

Methodist Church Service

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Public worship at 11 a. m. Sacrament of the Lord's supper will be administered. Sermon subject by the pastor, "Communion, or Coming into Union with the Best." Worship, 7:30 a. m. Sermon topic, "Christianizing Our Human Adolescence."

Mr. Poole at Halsey—Charles Poole was a business visitor at Halsey yesterday.

LIBRARY BOOKS ARE DAMAGED BY WATER WHEN PIPES BREAK

One of the most serious results of the week-end cold spell was the damaging of many volumes in the Springfield public library, as a result of a broken water pipe which allowed water to flood the library building.

The pipe broke in the upper story, which is now vacant, sometime during the week-end, and flooded the entire upper floor. The water then seeped through the ceiling of the lower floor, soaking many valuable volumes of books.

It was not until Monday morning that Miss Mary Roberts, librarian, opened the building to find several inches of water on the floor. She waded into the room, and removed as many books as possible from danger of damage, asking the police department for help.

Salvage of as many books as possible is under way this week. Nearly all books damaged are readable, and Miss Roberts believes she can repair many of the volumes. In some cases, new books were badly soaked.

What the damage is was not definitely estimated, although it was thought to have run over \$200.

The library board wishes to thank the boy scouts and others who helped salvage the library books from the flooded room. The work of the boys probably saved many more books from being damaged.

The flood made it necessary to close the library for a couple of weeks until the books are again rearranged.

THREE DEACONS NAMED AT CHRISTIAN SESSION

Three new deacons were elected by members of the First Christian church at the annual meeting Monday night. They are F. K. Gates, D. H. Rempel and Mark Cole. All old church officials were re-elected.

All Sunday school officers active at present were reelected. Mrs. W. P. Tyson was named to take charge of the primary division, which she has taken over since Mrs. Roland Moshier's removal from the city. Emmagene Travis was named secretary and treasurer of the Sunday school.

Mrs. Alta Manning was named to take charge of the junior church. Reports showed that this department has had a successful year, although the paralysis scare cut into attendance. Mrs. H. T. Mitchell is assistant of the junior church.

Charles Poole was named assistant superintendent of the Sunday school. S. G. Moshier was re-elected to the superintendency. The Sunday school has had an average attendance of 181.

All other officials were re-elected at the business meeting, which followed a supper.

HILDA BERG, CHARLES JORDAN ARE MARRIED

Of much interest to Springfield people was the marriage last Saturday evening of Miss Hilda (Billie) Berg and Charles E. Jordan, which was solemnized in Eugene at the residence of Rev. S. Earl Childers, pastor of the Springfield Christian church. Accompanying the bride was Mrs. Elmer Pyne, a sister of the groom, and Mr. T. Berg, a brother of the bride, acted as best man.

On Sunday evening, Mrs. Sophia Berg, mother of Mrs. Jordan, gave a dinner in honor of the newlyweds, with a house full of guests invited.

Miss Berg is a popular member of the younger set here. Mr. Jordan is a resident of Portland, and the couple left yesterday to make their home in that city.

NEW FRESHMAN CLASS TO BE FORMED AT H. S.

Sixteen Springfield Junior high school students will take state eighth grade examinations January 19 and 20 in an effort to gain promotion into the senior high school, where the successful candidates will form a new mid-year freshman class. The state examinations will be given at the Lincoln school, under the supervision of the teachers and Principal L. C. Moffitt.

The second semester of the local schools starts on January 23, but returns from the state examinations probably will not be in at that time, so the actual membership of the new freshman class will not be known for a few days after the new term starts. Eight of those taking the examinations are girls, and eight boys.

Back Is Injured—R. C. Burnett of the Mountain States Power company injured his back in a fall on icy pavements early this week.

New Business to Be Started Here

J. F. Inman Establishes Store in I. O. O. F. Building; To Carry Dry Goods

A new entry into the business field here is that of J. F. Inman, for 29 years manager of the Brownsville Woolen Mill store of Eugene, who is establishing a dry goods and clothing store in the I. O. O. F. building at Fourth and Main streets.

Mr. Inman is busy renovating the building previous to installing a complete stock of dry goods, men's ready to wear clothing, notions, and similar things, and will be ready to open about February 1, perhaps a little sooner.

That Springfield has a future which will vindicate the establishment of such a new business house as that he plans is the first belief of Mr. Inman, whose experience in the business field has been long and varied. After leaving the woolen mills store in Eugene, he went into the J. Matt Johnson company store, which is being sold out at the present time. Mr. Inman made an investigation of the Springfield situation, and decided to locate here in the Odd Fellows building.

New paint, additional fixtures, and a general renovation and rearrangement is adding much to the attractiveness of the store room as Mr. Inman prepares to move in his stock of goods.

Mr. Inman's decision to locate here marks the first important downtown business change of the new year, and may presage something of prosperity and growth for 1928, it is believed. The new business man here expects to carry a high class, medium priced stock of goods.

MARCOLA FARMER IS DEAD AT AGE OF 81

Henry Neff, aged 81 years, died at his farm home near Marcola on Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock, following an illness. His death terminated a residence of more than 20 years in Lane county, three of which were spent in Springfield.

Funeral services for Mr. Neff will be conducted at the Walker chapel this afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. S. E. Childers in charge.

Born in Ohio, Mr. Neff moved at an early age to Indiana, where he was raised. It was in 1906 that he moved to Oregon, living for a time at Springfield and then buying a home on Parson creek, where he was living at the time of his death. Mrs. Neff died in 1920. Mr. Neff retired some time ago.

Survivors include Mrs. Mable Ellingen, a daughter, of Marcola, and Mrs. Nettie Fischer, step-daughter, of Marcola.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO HEAR PARK PLANS

The situation regarding the proposed new Springfield park will be placed before the chamber of commerce at the January meeting, according to C. E. Kenyon, member of the park committee. Three sites are under consideration for the park, and the committee will seek the attitude of the chamber membership on these proposals.

Mr. Kenyon is of the belief that the plan for establishing a rest room at Fourth and A streets is generally acceptable to all concerned, and that this will go through, regardless of the disposition of the park plan as a whole.

HEALTH SITUATION IS DECLARED IMPROVED

The health situation here, in general, is improved, according to Health Officer W. H. Boillard. A few cases of chicken pox reported this week and a scattering of influenza make up virtually the whole of the dark side of the situation, he said.

Springfield's two surviving infantile paralysis cases are said to be improving slowly, and no new cases of the disease have been reported recently.

Springfield People Wed

The holidays resulted in marriage licenses being granted to a number of people in this vicinity. Those issued were to Arthur Kreuger and Marie Thomas, both of Springfield; Teddy Oldham, Eugene, and Erma Keenan, Springfield; Charles E. Jordan, Portland, and Billie Berg, Springfield; Cecil Chaefer, Pocatello, Idaho, and Helen Lacy, Portland; Alton Stock and Dorothy Dorfler, both of Oakridge; Lloyd Armes and Mary Oarrut, both of Eugene.

New Wheat King



C. Edson Smith of Corvallis, Montana, competing in Chicago with the best wheat producers in the United States and Canada, was crowned wheat king of North America. He is the third of Uncle Sam's wheat growers to win the cup in 17 years of competition.

POSTAL RECEIPTS FOR 1927 AT SPRINGFIELD SHOW TOTAL OF \$8351

Total receipts of the Springfield postoffice for the year ending December 31, 1927, were \$8351.46, according to announcement this morning by Postmaster F. B. Hamlin. This was \$121.75 less than the receipts of 1926, due to a falling off in mailing during the latter part of November and early in December, just before the Christmas rush.

For three quarters of the present year, total receipts kept ahead of 1926, Mr. Hamlin pointed out, and the holiday mailing total, he said, was larger than ever before. The loss in receipts is but 1 1/2 per cent for the entire year.

The postmaster has prepared a report of the receipts, showing comparative figures by each quarter of the year. It follows:

	1926	1927
First Quarter	\$1953.58	\$2110.34
Second "	1977.85	1934.69
Third "	1948.66	1889.13
Fourth "	2593.12	2417.30
Total	\$8473.21	\$8351.46

CIVIC CLUB WILL HOLD ANNUAL MEET TUESDAY

Annual meeting of the Springfield Civic club is to be held at the chamber of commerce next Tuesday evening, it was announced by officers of the organization today. A large attendance was urged.

Officers of the organization for 1928 will be elected at the Tuesday meeting. Plans for the year program will be shaped.

Refreshments probably will be served at the close of the business session.

NEW SCHOOL TERM TO START ON JANUARY 23

Discouragement to any wishing to enter children in school for the first time at mid-year was voiced by W. G. Hughes, chairman of the school board, following a meeting of the board Monday night. The new term starts January 23 in the local public schools, and in some cases new classes must be formed, but in general the board hopes to minimize mid-year classes as much as possible, it was said.

While no complete change of this sort is to be made at once, Mr. Hughes said that experience has shown that the best method of conducting schools in a city of this size is to operate the classes on the year schedule, that is, to have the pupils begin work in a certain grade in the fall and continue through to spring, without the so-called "A" and "B" grades.

CHICKEN THIEF BUSY AT ROBERTSON PLACE

Chicken thievery broke out anew here early this week after a lull in this sort of petty crime of several months following the arrest of two thieves by Sheriff Frank Taylor in the road near here early one morning. The new thief visited the hen house of Ed Robertson, who lives on Second street. He stole 12 chickens, wringing their necks on the spot and leaving the heads in the chicken house that the owner might count his loss.

Alumni Win Game

The Springfield high school alumni basketball team defeated the regulars in a practice tilt late last week, 24 to 14. The regulars showed up fairly well against the more experienced graduates.

PROSPECTIVE DEAL MAY BRING MUCH BUSINESS TO SPRINGFIELD PLANT

A deal which may bring between 30 and 40 carloads of business to the Carbolinum Wood Preserving plant here as an immediate result, and may result in even greater business in the future, was negotiated for by C. O. Wilson, manager of the company, on a trip in December to Salt Lake city.

While Mr. Wilson was unwilling to make known the name of the concern with which his is negotiating until the deal is complete, he was enthusiastic over the results of his trip from a business standpoint. The concern is a large one, and will have much work of the type done by the local plant, and there is reason to believe that the successful completion of one deal may lead to others, he said.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and their two sons drove to California, where they encountered ideal weather conditions. Fearing to tackle the snows in the Sierras in an automobile, Mr. Wilson left his family visiting friends and relatives at Palo Alto and San Francisco and went by train on the business trip to Salt Lake city. He encountered much snow and cold weather in eastern California and Utah.

The Springfield party enjoyed good weather throughout the return trip, but hardly had they put their car in the garage after arriving than the sleet storm of last week broke on this district.

HIGH STUDENTS WILL ATTEND STATE EVENT

Springfield high school will have nine students and one faculty member at the seventh annual high school conference to be conducted at the University of Oregon, January 13 and 14. About 650 students from throughout the state will gather for the discussions of problems coming up in student body officers' work, high school press activities, girls league organizations, and student advisory work.

William Cox, president of the student body; Elaine Archambeau, president of the girls' league; Nadine McMurray, editor of the school notes, and Francis Hodge, faculty advisor, will be the official delegates. Others who will attend are Jack Danner, Don Palmer, Alfred Harper, Maxine Snodgrass, Margaret Mortensen, and Esther McPherson.

Principal A. J. Morgan will attend sessions of the first annual principals conference at the school of education.

WOODCRAFT INSTALLS OFFICERS JANUARY 11

January 11 is the date set for the annual installation of officers of the Springfield Neighbors of Woodcraft lodge, and a public ceremony is to be held at the W. O. W. hall on that night by the local organization. Mrs. Lillie Kizer will act as installing officer.

Mrs. C. F. Eggmann will be installed as guardian neighbor, and the following officers will take the pledge: Mrs. Marion Adams, past guardian neighbors; Mrs. Ada Hulbert, advisor; Mrs. Walter Laxton, magician; Edith Hurd, attendant; Mrs. Wilburg Lloyd, captain of the guards; Mrs. Mabel Mortensen, musician; Mrs. Earl Baldwin, banker; Mrs. Hal McPherson, clerk; Mrs. Mary Magill, managers; Mrs. Daisy Clover, flag bearer; Lucille Richmond, correspondent.

SPRINGFIELD SCHOOLS SHOW IN NEW HISTORY

Photographs of the high school and the Lincoln school building of this city appear in the new history of the Willamette valley, written by R. C. Clark of the University of Oregon history faculty. The pictures are opposite page 610, and are presented as typical Oregon school buildings.

Both photos are exceptionally good, and the local school building show up to advantage besides others in the book.

LOCAL WOMEN ATTEND RED CROSS BANQUET

Several Springfield women, workers and officers in the Red Cross, will attend the annual banquet of the Lane county chapter of that organization tomorrow night, it was announced today. What has been done in Springfield in Red Cross work will be reported at the business meeting following the dinner.

Widows To Meet

The Springfield Widows club will meet Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Vina McLean.

SPRINGFIELD TAX LEVY TAKES JUMP

Total for 1928 is 69.6, An Increase of 5.6 Mills Over 1927; Valuation for City is \$1,161,528; for Schools, \$1,369,917, Both Have Decrease.

Springfield taxpayers will submit this year to an increase of 5.6 mills in the levy for all purposes in this city, it is revealed in figures announced today at the office of County Assessor Ben F. Keeney. The total tax rate here for 1928 is 69.6, as compared with 64 mills even last year.

A table showing the comparative rates for the two years follows:

	1928	1927
Mills		
City	23.6	22.3
Schools	23.7	21.1
County and State	22.3	20.7
Total	69.6	64.0

Thus, it is seen that in all three divisions of the rate, an increase has been made in making up the 1928 levy. This, it appears, is due to the fact that budgets continue to increase the possible 6 per cent, while in the case of Springfield, assessed valuations have decreased this year. This is shown by the following table:

	City Valuation
1926	\$1,268,859
1927	1,161,528
Decrease	\$ 107,331
	School District Valuation
1926	\$31,462,017
1927	1,369,917
Decrease	\$ 92,100

Attaches at the assessor's office gave as the chief reason for the decrease in the city valuation this year the fact that last year the Booth-Kelly Lumber company property was included in the city valuation by mistake. While this error was corrected in making final levies, the valuation appears in the final figures, but was eliminated when this year's valuations were tabulated.

In each case above, the public utilities valuations are included in the figures.

Comparative budget figures indicate the chief reason for the increase in the tax rate, in view of the decreased valuations. The 1928 school district budget states that \$32,351.71 is to be raised by district tax, while last year the amount was \$30,782.72. In the case of the city budget, gross expenditures for the two years are: 1928, \$31,362.40; 1927, \$29,729.

BIRTHS FOR 1927 NUMBERED AT 96

Total births for 1927 were 96, as against 115, according to tentative figures prepared by Health Officer W. H. Pollard. Deaths totaled 65, as against 57. Not all December reports are in.

Contagious diseases reported follow: Small pox, 12; chicken pox, 16; measles, 6; pneumonia, 1; scarlet fever, 1; diphtheria, 1; mumps, 7; infantile paralysis, 3 (1 death); tuberculosis, 3; specific, 3; German measles, 2; influenza, 8.

LOCAL MEN IN NET OF LAW AS 1927 IS ENDED

Several local men were arrested in dry raids staged by officers over the New Year's week-end.

Marvin Nystrom and Andrew Nystrom were arrested on liquor charges, the former being sentenced to spend two months in the county jail and pay a fine of \$200; the latter was fined \$200. Andrew Cohgan, Jr., was arrested on charges of selling liquor, and paid a fine of \$300. D. M. Morse of Springfield pleaded not guilty to a charge of selling liquor, and is out on bail.

A. W. Lansberry of Cottage Grove associated with Morse in the taxi business, was arrested for selling liquor.

Mrs. Gossler Very Ill

Mrs. P. M. Gossler is in a critical condition at the home of her son, Walter Gossler, and little hope for recovery is being held out. Mrs. Gossler has been very ill for several days. Her daughter, who arrived recently from California to be at the bedside, and Mrs. Walter Gossler, both were reported ill this morning.

Nose Is Broken—Elmer Sankoy broke his nose in a fall from the monorail at the Booth-Kelly mill yesterday.