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BRIEFS READY IN CROSSING CLOSING

City Document Finished This Morning for Filing With Public Service Commission, Removing Obstacle from Decision; Others Already Filed.

Brief of the Town of Springfield and the southside property holders in the second street crossing closing case was completed this morning at the office of Attorney Charles Hardy at Eugene, and will be filed with the public service commission shortly. This will remove the last technical obstacle to a decision by the commission on the closing of the intersection of the street with the Cascade line of the Southern Pacific.

Briefs of the Southern Pacific company and the state highway commission, other parties to the case, have been filed, and copies of these documents are in the hands of Mr. Hardy, he said today. City Attorney I. M. Peterson will go over the city's brief today with Mr. Hardy, and immediately after the conference the document will be mailed to Salem.

Bridge Plans Halted

Further steps toward construction of the Springfield bridge stand in check until the public service commission makes its decision on the crossing closing case. It is understood by attorneys and property holders here, D. W. McKinnon, leader of the southside faction which fought the closing of the crossing, received a letter from the public service commission yesterday stating that decision only waited the filing of the city's brief.

County Judge Barnard declared today that on January 26 he will be at the meeting of the state highway commission and will urge that action go forward rapidly in completing plans for the Springfield bridge. The highway commission hopes or a decision from the public service commission closing the crossing, hoping to obtain financial help on the bridge construction program from the Southern Pacific if the dangerous crossing is eliminated.

The city and the southside property holders, as well as the Southern Pacific, have now lined up against the crossing closing, basing their chief contention on a question of the jurisdiction of the state commission to close Second street. They hold that the Town of Springfield alone holds this right.

While the completion of the city's brief represents another step in the matter, local people were doubtful this morning as to the possibility of an immediate decision by the public service commission, as the briefs are lengthy and the case is an involved one.

Attorney Hardy said this morning that the city was granted until January 15 to file its brief. The Southern Pacific was required to file on January 1.

LORANE COMPANY TO MEET ON JANUARY 16

Annual stockholders meeting of the Lorane Timber and Milling company will be conducted on January 16 at 7:30 o'clock at the Wheaton and Whitney barber shop. It was announced today by secretary, C. E. Wheaton. Annual election of directors and other business will be transacted at the session. The directors will name officers of the company.

Baptist Church Service

At the morning service, the topic will be "The Bible." Norton Pengra will sing a solo, and there will be an anthem by the choir.

In the evening, the choir will sing "The Memory Bells," and Mrs. Arthur Pengra and Wilfred Cook will give a duet. The pastor, Rev. C. H. Blom, will speak on "The Ten Virgins."

In response to a question of the national women's committee on law enforcement, a union prayer meeting will be held at the church at 3 o'clock Sunday for all Christian women of the city.

Court Urges Road Work

Members of the Lane county court will appear before the state highway commission on January 26 and urge that the state immediately fulfill its part of the Willamette highway building program as planned some time ago.

The state, county, and bureau of public roads were to finance the road work, each standing one-third of the cost. The county has now spent its part, and will ask the state to do likewise.

FIRST MILESTONE IN SECOND CENTURY IS NEARED BY MRS. LYONS

The first milestone in the second century is to be crossed by Mrs. Elizabeth Lyons, of Springfield, on January 18.

Family reunions and celebrations which greeted Mrs. Lyons as she reached the century mark last year are to be largely done away with this year, due to the frail health of the aged woman. Many friends, however, coming in in family groups, and relatives, will visit Mrs. Lyons at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Grace May.

Born in 1827, when the railroad was little more than a dream, when many of the things commonplace today were not even thought of, Mrs. Lyons can recall revolutionary changes in communication and transportation facilities which have taken place in her time.

Her health during the last year has been fairly good, but anything too strenuous in the way of celebrating the 101st birthday is to be eliminated. She was injured in an accident at her home in December.

FATHERS, SONS WILL DINE MONDAY EVENING

A community father and son banquet is to be held at the Methodist church Monday evening. It was announced today. Rev. W. A. Elkins, Eugene, is to deliver the principal talk of the evening.

Women of the Christian church will serve the dinner. Claude Neely will have charge of the musical features. The Boy Scouts of the city will put on a demonstration.

All men and boys of the city have been invited.

FEBRUARY 3 DATE OF COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

February 3 is the date decided on for the Springfield community festival, which was planned for the fall but was postponed on account of infantile paralysis.

The event will be held at the high school. Mrs. Ora Read Hemenway, in charge, said that new plans promise to make an even better program than was planned previously.

SIGNS OF SPRING ARE ALREADY SEEN IN OPEN

Signs of spring already have been found by Springfield people who have roamed in the open, despite the fact that winter actually began but three weeks ago and there was snow on the ground New Year's Eve.

Clark Wheaton on Sunday found pussy-willows sprouting on the lower bushes. This is not usually the case until February.

For several nights recently, frogs have kept up a continual chorus, as if it were an April evening. Unusually fair weather is being enjoyed generally.

GIRL SCOUTS RESUME WORK FOR NEW YEAR

Springfield Girl Scouts resumed activities last week, and will meet regularly on Thursdays henceforth. Their meetings on Thursday was the first to be held since the work was called off during the paralysis scare.

Girls were appointed to help the city library with the books damaged when a water pipe burst recently. The Scout library has been re-opened. Attendance of the girls at the meeting is now being counted in connection with the awarding of badges.

SNOW IN MOUNTAINS ATTRACTS AUTOISTS

Snows in the mountains east of here attracted several automobile parties over the week-end. Driving is still good as far as McKenzie Bridge, and many find the sights in the higher altitudes worth the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Kenyon drove to McKenzie Bridge and had Sunday dinner at the Log Cabin hotel. Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Pollard, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Whitney and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Crites and family were others who made the trip.

Mrs. Perry Entertains

Mrs. M. M. Perry entertained a number of friends at bridge on Tuesday. Luncheon was served by the hostess.

Present were Mrs. S. C. Wright, Mrs. Harry Whitney, Mrs. John Henderson, Mrs. Mary Kessey, Mrs. Anna Kessey, Mrs. W. N. Long, Mrs. C. A. Swarts, Ida Swarts, and Mrs. H. M. Perry from Eugene.

NEIGHBORS INSTALL AT CEREMONIES FOLLOWED BY VARIETY PROGRAM

With appropriate ceremony, officers of the Springfield lodge of the Neighbors of Woodcraft were installed at a public ceremony Wednesday night. The W. O. W. hall was crowded at the installation ceremony, which was followed by a program.

Mrs. O. F. Kizer was installing officer, and the following officers accepted the duties of their position:

Mrs. C. F. Eggmann guardian neighbor Mrs. Marion Adams, past guardian neighbor; Mrs. Ada Hylbert, advisor; Mrs. Walter Laxton, magician; Edith Hurd, attendant; Mrs. Wilbur Lloyd, captain of the guards; Mrs. Mabel Mortensen, musician; Mrs. Earl Baldwin, banker; Mrs. Earl McPherson, clerk; Mrs. Mary Magill, Mrs. R. Stevens, Mrs. Nellie Wright, managers; Mrs. Daisy Clover, flag-bearer; Lucille Richmond, correspondent.

Following the installation ceremony the following program took place: Orchestra numbers by S. H. S. orchestra.

Reading, Mrs. Marion Adams. Piano duet, Jewell and Pearl Hitebrand.

Reading, Mrs. Ora Read Hemenway. Selection, S. H. S. orchestra. Piano duet, Lena and Francis Frizell. Vocal solo, Mrs. Stella Pengra. Vocal solo, Mrs. Barnell. Spanish dance, Hazel Pedersen. Exhibition drill of the guard team, considered one of the best teams on the coast. Refreshments.

PORTLAND MAN WILL SPEAK HERE SUNDAY

Rev. C. B. Harrison, Portland, will preach on "The Guardian of the Sacred Flame," at the Methodist church Sunday morning. It was announced by Rev. Gabriel Sykes, the pastor. Rev. Harrison is representing the movement in the Oregon conference known as the Retired Minister Endowment association, which is seeking to complete the raising of \$250,000 during the next three years.

An offering will not be taken on Sunday, said Mr. Sykes, but Rev. Harrison will visit homes on Monday with the pastor.

In the evening, Rev. Sykes will preach on "Making Young People Safe for Democracy." Sunday school is at 9:45 a. m., and junior church at 11 a. m. Rev. Sykes urged that parents who have children of junior church age and prefer the Methodist church encourage them to attend the junior church service.

MRS. AUGUST VITUS DIES AT EUGENE HOME

Mrs. August Vitus, 51, a resident of Oregon since 1882, died at the family home in Eugene Tuesday, following an illness. Mrs. Vitus was born in Cloverdale, California. Recently, she and Mr. Vitus celebrated their silver wedding anniversary.

The funeral will be conducted at the Veatch chapel, Eugene, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Survivors include the husband, two daughters, Lucille and Mildred, a sister, Mrs. Nettie Lyons, four brothers, Walter, Ernest, Alfred and Charles Westrope, all of this district.

POOLE PROPERTY AT SWEET HOME IS SOLD

Sale of the postoffice building at Sweet Home to Albert Weddle was announced today by Charles Poole, Springfield undertaker, who held the property for some time.

Mr. Pole also has sold one of the two residence properties he has held at Lebanon, his former home.

Priscilla Club Meets

The Priscilla Club met at the home of Mrs. Jack Larson Friday afternoon. The afternoon was spent in playing bridge and fancy work. A dainty two course lunch was served.

Members present were: Mrs. Wm. Curtis, Mrs. John Seavey, Mrs. N. H. Howard, Mrs. L. E. Basford, Mrs. T. V. Henderson, Mrs. John Tomseth, Mrs. I. Larimer, Mrs. W. H. Stearmer, Mrs. A. J. McKy, Mrs. Riley Snodgrass and Mrs. Howard Freeland. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. N. H. Howard on January 20.

More Chickens Stolen

Ed Robertson, who lives on Second street, reported to police that thieves again visited his chicken house and stole 21 hens, last Friday night. Earlier in the week Robertson had reported the theft of 12 hens.

Chickens have been stolen from the state game farm recently also, it is reported.

Fulop's Store Sold to Salem Merchants

The Farmers Exchange store, owned and operated by Julius Fulop, has been sold to Kafoury Brothers, of Salem and Portland, according to an announcement made today by N. H. Thompson, stock broker, who is representing the new owners. Mr. Thompson is in charge of the store while Mr. Fulop is in Salem today completing the sale. Mr. Fulop has been wanting to sell for some time on account of ill health. The new owners are branching out in the merchandise business in the Willamette valley and picked Springfield as a good location.

The Salem store is one of the best in that city and Kafoury brothers have always been noted for their progressive merchandising. While Mr. Thompson could not make any statement as to the policy of the new owners who are expected to arrive in Springfield tomorrow, he says that Springfield is fortunate in having business men of the type of Kafoury brothers enter this field.

COUNCIL RATIFIES ALL OFFICER APPOINTMENTS

All officials of the city of Springfield were reappointed for 1928 by the mayor and were ratified by the council at its meeting Monday evening. The council also appointed Mrs. Vina McLean a member of the library board for the ensuing term. No appointment was made for city engineer to take the place of Simon Klovdahl who resigned last fall.

The council voted Bancroft bonds in the amount of \$13,000 by ordinance to cover the cost of sidewalk, streets and sewers built during the last year. The bonds will be advertised and sold to the highest bidder. A copy of the ordinance is published in other columns of this newspaper.

The mayor told the council that it seemed imperative that the city library find some other quarters. He proposed that if a rest room is built on the city lots at Fourth and A streets the building be large enough to accommodate the library. He pointed out that the librarian could then be in charge of the whole building.

RELIGIOUS SURVEY IS TO BE ENDED FRIDAY

Survey of the religious situation here, which has been under way for some time, will be completed Friday night, when the committees of the various protestant churches conducting the survey will meet at the home of Rev. Gabriel Sykes.

Final work in their respective territories is being completed by the committee of the mission and the Christian church. Work in the other districts is virtually complete.

BANK RE-ELECTS BOTH OFFICERS, DIRECTORS

Officers and directors of the First National bank of Springfield were re-elected at a meeting held Tuesday.

The directors are Wm. G. Hughes, president; L. K. Page, vice-president; S. M. McPherson, vice-president; Paul Hadley; A. R. Sneed. Iral Nelson was re-elected assistant cashier. The Commercial State bank will hold its annual meeting tonight.

SPRINGFIELD WOMEN IN RED CROSS WORK

Three Springfield women, Mrs. M. B. Huntly, Mrs. A. B. Van Valzah and Mrs. William Donaldson, were elected directors of the Lane county chapter, American Red Cross, at the annual meeting held in Eugene. Mrs. Huntly was named one of the vice-chairmen of the organization.

Reports read at the meeting indicated an active work by the Red Cross throughout Lane county, including considerable activity in Springfield.

Danner Team Loses

The Danner Motor company volleyball team lost two games out of three to the Eugene Y. M. C. A. squad at the Christian church gymnasium Monday night.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH TO FEATURE CHORUS CHOIR ON SUNDAY EVENING

The chorus choir, led by Claude Neely, will be featured in the service Sunday evening at the Christian church. The following numbers will be included:

Anthem, "The Lord is My Shepherd." Duet, "Jesus Leads," with chorus accompaniment. "The Lord God Omnipotent Reigneth" by choir. Reading, "He Touched Her Hand and the Fever Left Her." "Who Would be Greatest Among You," by the choir. Male quartet number. Anthem, "Seek Ye the Lord."

Evangelistic services are being held each Sunday evening at the Christian church. Last Sunday there were five additions to the church.

MRS. P. M. GOSSLER DEAD AT AGE OF 60

Death came last Thursday night to Mrs. P. M. Gossler, of Camp Creek, at the home of her son, Walter Gossler, of this city. Mrs. Gossler was seriously ill for some time previous to her death.

Born in Washington County, Iowa, in 1867, Mrs. Gossler came to Oregon in 1900, and resided in Springfield and vicinity from that time. For years she has lived with her husband on the Camp Creek ranch.

Surviving are Mr. Gossler, two sons, Walter and Harry of Springfield, two daughters, Mrs. Margaret Harms of Cottage Grove and Mrs. Charlotte Simon of Grangeville, Idaho, and one sister, Mrs. Mary E. Rivers of Berkeley, California.

Funeral services were held at the Walker chapel here Sunday, with Rev. Gabriel Sykes, pastor of the Methodist church of which Mrs. Gossler was a member, officiating. Interment was at the Laurel Hill cemetery.

SPRINGFIELD GROUP AT JUNCTION MEET

Springfield had a large delegation at the installation service of the Junction City Neighbors of Woodcraft lodge Monday evening, and the local drill team, headed by the captain, Rhoda Lloyd, put on an exhibition drill.

Among those attending from here were Mrs. Charles F. Eggmann, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Adams, Mrs. Walter Laxton, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Clover, H. Eaton, Orville Eaton, Ernest Finley, Lucille Richmond, Helene Richmond, Edith Eaton, Mrs. Deeds.

1927 FIRE LOSS WAS \$5650, SAYS SMITSON

Springfield's 1927 fire loss was \$5650, of which \$4500 represents damage to the Mountain States Power company fuel bin, according to the annual report of Police Chief Jess Smitson, submitted to the council Monday night.

The total number of calls answered during the year was 17. Property value involved in the fires totaled \$51,100. Feet of hose laid aggregated \$51,100. Feet of hose laid aggregated were used.

MRS. ELLISON BURIED AT LAUREL HILL HERE

Funeral services for Mrs. Alice Riggs Ellison, 61, former resident of this district, was held at the Walker chapel here last Saturday with Rev. Gabriel Sykes in charge. Interment was at Laurel Hill cemetery.

Survivors include Frank Ellison, West Springfield, divorced husband; sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Wilson, Portland; Mrs. Maude LeRoy, White Salmon, Washington; brothers, Grover Purvance, Provo, Idaho, and Ernest Purvance. Mrs. Ellison died at the Good Samaritan hospital, Portland.

Legion To Give Minstrel

The Eugene Past American Legion is presenting a minstrel show at the Heddig theatre January 16 and 17 which Springfield ex-service and general public is invited. James W. Evans, an entertainment director during the war in France, has charge of the production which is composed of local talent. The Eugene Gleemen are cooperating with the legion in staging the show and reports are that a first class performance will be presented.

Mammy's Cabin Looted

"Mammy's Cabin," situated on the Pacific Highway between here and Eugene, was looted by burglars some time last week. Jack Crawford, owner, has closed the place for a month.

BOOTH-KELLY MILL NOT TO SHUT DOWN

Alternate Plan With Wending Abandoned, Report from Headquarters; Log Deliveries Started and Camps at Wending are Operated.

Announcements earlier in the week that the Springfield plant of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company was to be shut down Saturday and start on an alternate running basis with the Wending plant were refuted this morning at the general offices of the company in Eugene.

The News was informed that the mill is not to be shut down at all, changes having been made in the plan. It had been previously stated that the Springfield plant was to be shut down while the Wending mill was operated for a time, and then the Wending mill was to be down during Springfield operation.

The report that the mill is not to be shut down will be greeted with pleasure by Springfield people. The local mill has been operating since the holidays, with the result that the customary after-holiday slump has been minimized here, it is said.

The Wending plant of the Lumber company began operations yesterday, and it is expected that the mill there will operate steadily. Logging camps at Wending have been started, and are suffering no handicaps from snow conditions, it was reported at the office. Log deliveries at the Springfield mill have been started.

SPRINGFIELD P.-T. A WILL MEET FRIDAY

The Springfield Parent-Teachers association will meet Friday at 3 o'clock at the Brattain school for a program. Mrs. W. K. Barnell will give a solo, a piano duet will be played by Francis and Lena Frizell, and Oscar Glasfish will give an address. Other numbers also are planned.

All members have been urged by P.-T. A. officials to be present. Refreshments will be served by teachers and patrons of the second grade.

DOG LICENSE BEING SOLD AT CITY HALL

Much less than half of the dog owners in Springfield have obtained 1928 licenses for their canines, according to Police Chief Jess Smitson, who has a dog-catcher busy picking up unlicensed curs.

Thirteen dogs are listed as picked up during the last few days. Many of these have been given away after being kept in the pound a few days.

There being no column in his book for animals of that sort, Chief Smitson also has listed two cows in the dog column, the bovines having gotten into canine company because they were found wandering on the streets.

AGED NATRON MAN IS KILLED BY S. P. TRAIN

Harry Haskins, 70-year old resident of Natron, was killed when struck by a Southern Pacific northbound passenger train while walking on the track near his home Sunday.

Mr. Haskins was walking on the tracks with a bucket of eggs, which he was taking to Natron. He was deaf, and did not hear the approaching train. The engineer stopped the train after the engine had struck Mr. Haskins, and found him dead.

Coroner W. W. Branstetter investigated the accident.

DR. PHETTEPLACE TO LEAVE WITHIN MONTH

Dr. Carl Phetteplace today verified reports that he will leave Springfield shortly, probably within a month. He is considering locating either at Salem or Portland. Dr. Phetteplace has been in practice here with Dr. W. C. Robhan.

Needlecraft Meets

The Needlecraft club met with Mrs. Long with Mrs. Floyd Westerfield as joint hostesses on last Thursday afternoon. A two course luncheon was served. Carnations and holly were used in decorating the room.

Present were Mrs. William Dawson, Mrs. Ralph Dippel, Mrs. F. B. Flanery, Mrs. J. F. Ketels, Mrs. E. May, Mrs. W. H. Pollard, Mrs. S. V. Ward, Mrs. Harry Stewart, and Mrs. Bennett, a guest from Wending, and Mrs. M. Rupert, Eugene. The next meeting will be on January 19, at the home of Mrs. Carl Olson, at which time the new members will be initiated.