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BRIDGE BIDS WILL BE SOUGHT SOON

County Court To Insist on Action at February Meeting of State Highway Commission; Answering Brief on File Here; Steel is Cheap.

Fearful of delays again in the Springfield bridge project, members of the county court will insist at the February meeting of the highway commission that bids for construction of the span be sought in advertising. Every effort is to be made by the court to bring about early action on the bridge, in order that work may get under way as soon as possible in the spring, according to County Judge C. P. Barnard.

Edward Ostrander, chairman of the public service commission, assured Judge Barnard recently that his organization would be ready to grant a decision shortly on the Second street closing proposal, which is holding up further action on the part of the highway commission at present.

Judge Barnard said, however, that the county court would urge bids be advertised for, regardless of action by the public service body, as the highway commission had promised that it would go ahead with plans, whatever the decision on the crossing closing.

"We are especially anxious that steps be taken in order that purchase of the steel can be made," said the judge this morning. "Steel is coming very reasonable at this time, and it would be very advantageous to be able to buy during the low price stage. It is our hope that the period of delay in the Springfield bridge project is at an end."

City Attorney I. M. Peterson this week received a copy of the answering brief of the state highway commission in the crossing closing. It will be remembered that the state highway body is seeking the closing of the crossing, in the hope that it will get financial aid for the bridge from the Southern Pacific company. Little of general interest was contained in the brief received by Attorney Peterson, the document being chiefly a long list of citations of cases having a bearing on the matter at hand.

SUDDEN DEATH COMES TO MRS. K. WECHTER

Mrs. Katie J. Wechter, aged 52, died suddenly here January 28 after she was stricken on the street while walking toward the town. She called out for help, and was taken into a house she was passing. Medical aid had hardly reached her before she passed away. Mrs. Wechter was a native of Wisconsin. She is survived by her husband, Frank, a daughter, Mary, a teacher in the Portland schools, and an uncle, George McDermott.

Hemorrhage of the brain and of the lungs was given by Dr. Eugene Kester as the cause of the death of Mrs. Wechter. Dr. Kester was called by Mrs. Miller, who heard Mrs. Wechter call for help as she passed her Mill street home.

The funeral service was held Tuesday at the Poole chapel.

MRS. DOANE IS HEAD OF G. A. R. AUXILIARY

Mrs. Bert Doane was elected president of the Ladies of the G. A. R. at a meeting late last week. Other officers named were Mrs. Mary Platt, vice-president; Mrs. C. F. Ergmann, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Jennie Cannon, chaplain; Mrs. Nettie Metcalf, patriotic instructor; Mrs. Pearl Metcalf, musician. These officers were installed immediately.

It was decided to hold meetings on the first Tuesday of each month.

CLARK SHOWS PHOTOS OF CAMP AT MEETING

Scenes at the summer Boy Scout camp on Blue River were shown to members of the Lions club troop at a meeting held at the Methodist church Monday night. C. R. Clark, county executive, displayed the pictures.

Scout officials announced that the new issue of the boys' handbook has arrived, and that Scouts may procure copies at Kettel's Drug store.

Hindu Is Speaker
Christianity will save India, D. Devapatura, Hindu student at the University of Oregon, told the audience at the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday evening. Mr. Devapatura outlined the problems of India, touching especially on the conflicting religions and races.

HEMLOCK IN DISTRICT TO BE SURVEYED FOR POSSIBLE PULP PLANT

Herbert Cox, former president of the Springfield chamber of commerce has consented to conduct a survey for the Portland chamber of commerce of the hemlock resources of the surrounding region, in connection with a project for bringing pulp and paper mills to the Springfield district. The survey is directly under the auspices of the local chamber, but was requested by the Portland body.

Mr. Cox expects to confer with logging and mill men of Lane county, as well as owners of large tracts of timber to ascertain just how much hemlock and other pulp woods exist here, how easy it would be to cut, and what the facilities are for transportation. He stated yesterday that he will go ahead immediately with the survey.

Considerable timber of the species wanted exists in this region, but not in large stands, said Mr. Cox, and this will be an obstacle to any sort of development program. He voiced the opinion that there is much hemlock in the McKenzie basin, which might be cut and used for pulp and paper purposes, but that the transportation problem in this case is a drawback.

Several large concerns are understood to be eyeing this region with the idea of establishing pulp and paper mills here, provided there is enough of the right kind of timber and other conditions are favorable.

PUMP FROM 2 WELLS AT POWER PROPERTY

A pump has been rigged up and is hoisting water from two of the wells located on the Mountain States Power company property above the local plant, according to W. C. McLagan, resident engineer.

The purpose is to experiment with the water, to determine how well the supply holds up. The pump has not been busy long enough to allow for definite deductions as to the supply. For nearly a year the Mountain States company has been experimenting with underground water possibilities here.

SCHOOL BOARD IS TO MEET MONDAY NIGHT

First meeting of the city school board in the second semester will be held at the First National bank offices Monday night, it was announced today by W. G. Hughes, chairman. Several matters have to do with second semester work will be taken up.

Applications will soon be pouring in to the school offices from teachers desiring positions here next year. Elections of teachers will be held as usual during the early spring.

BAPTIST PLAN STUDY PROGRAM FOR MONTH

The book of John will be studied by the Baptist church during February, according to announcement by Rev. C. H. Blom, who terms the gospel of John "probably the most important document in all the literature of the world."

A preparatory study will be made Sunday morning. The choir will sing an anthem.

In the evening, Mrs. Arthur Penga and Winifred Cook will sing a duet, and Rev. Blom will preach on "The Deity of Christ—How Important It Is?"

DR. PHETTEPLACE TO RETAIN PRACTICE HERE

Dr. C. H. Phetteplace announced today that he is to remain in Springfield, retaining his practice here established about a year ago. Recently, Dr. Phetteplace indicated his intentions of moving either to Portland or Independence.

The physician has established his own private offices in the second story of the First National bank building.

Mrs. Poole Feted

Mrs. C. P. Poole, who recently came here from Lebanon, was the honor guest at a reception given yesterday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Murphy. A number of Springfield women were guests, invited to Meet Mrs. Poole. A most enjoyable social afternoon was spent.

Mill Is Shut Down

All departments of the local Booth-Kelly mill but the planer are shut down for the remainder of this week, according to a notice posted on the bulletin board at the mill.

Rail Project Is Backed By C. of C.

Springfield Concurs With Eugene; Advertising to Tourists is Approved

Concurrence with the Eugene chamber of commerce and the county court in a petition of intervention with the interstate commerce commission in favor of a Crane-Odell cross-state railroad was voted at a meeting of the Springfield chamber of commerce late last week. The proposed project was explained by local men who attended the recent meeting in Eugene with the state public service commission, which has filed a complaint with the Interstate body urging the joining of the Natron cut-off and the Oregon Short Line through Oregon.

Springfield is to be represented in a folder being published by the Bend chamber of commerce, to be furnished tourists and attracting them to the Dalles-California highway and the McKenzie highway. Secretary Cram of the Bend chamber told of the advertising scheme, and asked that Springfield take a page of the folder.

A caravan to escort Governor Patterson to California to visit Governor Young of that state will leave Portland on February 20, and may include the automobile of Julius Fulop, local business man, who plans a trip to California about that time. Mr. Fulop stated that he might join the caravan after the plans were explained at the chamber session.

The rest room committee was authorized to go ahead with the project of establishing a rest room at Fourth and A streets. The matters of establishing a smelter in Springfield, and of surveying this region for spruce and hemlock, were taken up and are discussed with later development in this issue.

ANNIVERSARY WILL BE CELEBRATED BY LOCAL BOY SCOUTS NEXT WEEK

Springfield Boy Scouts will join in a national celebration of the 18th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America to be held next week, it was announced today by Clayton Barber, retiring Scoutmaster of the Lions club troop.

On Tuesday night, both local troops will join in listening to a radio program broadcast by KGEH, Eugene, by a Eugene Boy Scout troop. W. H. local radio dealer, will fit up a receiving set for the local scouts.

On Wednesday, regular weekly meeting of the Lions troop will be conducted at the Methodist church. At 8:15 o'clock, all troops in America will take the scout oath. A general good time is planned for that night.

Scouts of both troops will attend church in a body on Sunday, February 12. Details of this event have not been completed yet.

BIBLE INSTRUCTION TO BE GIVEN HERE

Plans for a week-day Bible school, to be shaped along the lines of that in Eugene, were furthered at a meeting of the committee in charge Monday night, and the school will start in the Methodist church basement within a week or ten days.

Children will be given an opportunity, if their parents are favorable, to study at the Bible school in connection with their regular school work, although operated entirely separate from the public schools. This plan has worked successfully in many places, it is said.

Mrs. Ora Read Hemenway heads the committee in charge, and represents the Christian church. R. W. Carlton is the Baptist representative, Mrs. Gants the Methodist, and Mrs. Roy Koch the representative of the Bible mission.

MR. AND MRS. MITCHELL LEAVING FOR ASHLAND

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Mitchell, for several years residents of Springfield and possessing a wide circle of friends here, will leave next week for Ashland, where they will make their permanent home. An aunt of Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. L. E. Reader, died recently, and asked before her death that Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell occupy her old home.

The missionary society, of the Springfield Christian church gave a farewell party for Mrs. Mitchell last night at the home of Mrs. Herbert Moon. A beautiful Royan bed spread was presented as a token of friendship.

Disappears



Photo shows Miss Frances St. John Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. St. John Smith, of New York, who disappeared from Smith College on Friday, January 13. A reward of \$1,000 has been offered.

REGISTRATION STARTS FOR PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 13

Legal voters of the four Springfield precincts will register for the primary election to be held May 18, at the city hall, it was announced yesterday. I. M. Peterson was appointed by the county clerk to handle the registration here.

Mr. Peterson was supplied with a list of the voters of the precincts, and by calling at his office those in doubt as to their registration status may obtain full information. It was announced. The names of several hundred voters are on file there.

So far, little or no local politics have been apparent preliminary to the primary election, and it is doubtful that the matter of city offices will be contested at all at that time. Incumbent officials refused to make any statements regarding the election. Springfield usually reserves its political contests for general elections, it was pointed out.

Springfield people were warned by Mr. Peterson that they must be registered if they vote, as the new law prohibits "swearing in" at the poles.

13 GRADUATED FROM EIGHTH GRADE WHEN EXAMINATIONS ENDED

A new freshman class of 11 members was graduated into high school ranks from the Lincoln Junior high school this week when returns arrived from the examinations conducted by the state public education department. Thirteen of the 16 taking the examinations passed, but two of them will not enter high school immediately.

Those now in high school are Merle Carr, Thelma Baker, June Clover, Blane Fisher, Rose Hrynshuk, Laura Hunter, William Hustwaite, Floyd Kock, Verrol McFarland, Velma Moskop and Daisy Tomsett. Carroll Adams and Raymond Armitage graduated, but did not enter high school. Emma Tinka was conditioned.

Results of the examinations were considered satisfactory by L. C. Moffitt, principal of the Lincoln school.

MRS. DIANA PRESS DIES AT AGE OF 84

Mrs. Diana Press died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. D. S. Cannon, at Trent, near here, Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Press was born in Ontario, Canada, May 7, 1843, the daughter of Philip and Elizabeth Badgero. She was a resident of Oregon for several years. The funeral was held here Tuesday, with the Christian Science church in charge.

The Poole chapel had general charge of the services.

S. P. LINE CIRCUIT IS BEING INSTALLED

T. P. Duzan, linesman of the Southern Pacific company, is here today in connection with the installation of a talking circuit between Crescent Lake and Portland for the railroad company. As soon as the circuit is installed from Paulina to Dunsmuir, he said, the company will have a full telephone communication between Portland and San Francisco.

The line is being run into the switchboard at the local Southern Pacific station.

SMELTER PROPOSAL IS MADE; CHAMBER PROBES EFFECTS ON HEALTH

Officials of the United States bureau of mines, at Washington, D. C., and the minister of mines of British Columbia, Canada, are being consulted by the Springfield chamber of commerce as to the possible detrimental effects on the health of persons residing near smelters, as the result of the proposal of J. A. Miller, Eugene mining man, for the construction of a smelter here.

Mr. Miller, who has control of the Lucky Boy mining property in the Blue River district east of Springfield, advanced a plan to the chamber for the establishment of a smelter here in connection with the development of the mining property there. A committee headed by Mayor G. G. Bushman is making the investigation, following a meeting of the chamber of commerce last Friday evening at which Mr. Miller appeared and explained his plan.

It will be several days before the information from Washington and Victoria, B. C., arrives. Before the chamber agrees to support any such project, Mr. Bushman said, it is desirous of knowing just what the effects of smelter fumes are on the health of residents.

Mr. Miller is confident that there is potential wealth in the Lucky Boy mining region, and believes that the establishment of a smelter would aid materially in developing this resource. Several local men, who are interested in mining and experienced with minerals, have expressed the belief that the ore is there, in ample quantities, and only awaits exploitation.

GILLESPIE MANAGES FARM UNION CONCERN

Don Gillespie, Springfield, former manager of the Farmer's Union store here, has been appointed manager of the Farmers Union warehouse at Eugene, and has served in that capacity since January 1. Mr. Gillespie has been connected with the Farmers Union for several years, and his friends say he is deserving of the advancement granted by the company. Cecil Mulligan, who was also connected with the local store when it was operating, is now employed at the Eugene warehouse.

MISSIONARY TO SPEAK AT CHURCH ON FRIDAY

Mrs. W. Campbell, returned missionary from China, will be the speaker at a meeting to be held at the Baptist church Friday evening, according to announcement by Rev. C. H. Blom. Mrs. Campbell will tell of conditions as she found them in the Oriental country. She plans to return soon to her field there.

On Friday afternoon, Mrs. Campbell will speak to the Baptist mission society in meeting at the home of Mrs. Dale Horton, 832 C street.

LEGION AUXILIARY HAS FIRST 1928 MEETING

Officers were elected at the first regular 1928 meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary at the chamber of commerce last night. Mrs. H. E. Maxey is president; Mrs. F. B. Hamlin, vice-president; Mrs. Pearl Slinnar, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Walter Gosler, historian; Mrs. M. B. Huntly, chaplain.

Hereafter, the organization will meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month at the chamber rooms. A good attendance marked the first session of the year.

ALDRICH NAMED NEW LIONS TROOP LEADER

Resignation of Clayton Barber as scoutmaster of the Lions club troop of Boy Scouts has been accepted by the troop committee, and Chester Aldrich was named new leader of the troop. Mr. Aldrich has served for some time as assistant to Mr. Barber.

Selection of an assistant for the new scoutmaster, or a junior assistant, will be made shortly.

WALKER COMPLETES 2 REAL ESTATE DEALS

Exchange of three residence properties of W. F. Reed in Eugene, for a 151-acre fruit and stock ranch near Riddle owned by C. W. Hess was announced today by W. W. Walker, local real estate man.

Frank Shearman, Eugene, formerly of Springfield, sold his property on Seventh and K streets to W. B. Ferrer of Marcola.

2 CITY PROJECTS BEING DISCUSSED

Rest Room at Fourth and A Streets Seems Assured; Library at Corner Now Talked; Park Plans are Dropped for Present.

Estimates on the cost of constructing a rest room at Fourth and A streets are being obtained by C. E. Kenyon, head of a committee in charge of this project, and an effort to finance the erection of the building either by subscription or bonds is to be made, he announced today.

A library structure, badly needed in Springfield is also being proposed for the vacant lot at Fourth and A streets, and it is pointed out that if this project should go through, the person placed in charge of the library could also take charge of the rest room.

Mr. Kenyon is of the opinion that the city should be able to afford \$4000 or \$5000 for a library building, in view of the advantages a good structure of this kind would hold for the city. The present library building is said to be entirely unsatisfactory.

These projects will be talked over at a meeting of the city council February 14. The chamber of commerce has retained Mr. Kenyon's committee to work on the proposal for a rest room, and he believes that this project will go through.

For the present, park plans are being dropped.

FUN FESTIVAL PLANS PROGRESSING; WHOLE CITY TO PARTICIPATE

Rapidly developing plans for the community fun festival, scheduled for tomorrow night at the high school gymnasium and auditorium, indicate that this will be one of the largest attended events held here in many years. Many local organizations are planning to participate, and the various features offer unusual attractions.

The affair starts with a program at the auditorium at 7:15 o'clock. This will include orchestra numbers, a minstrel, and other interesting features. At 8:15 o'clock the gymnasium program starts, with a group of stunts preceding a funny parade. Any couple may enter the parade, and attractive prizes will be given.

Mrs. Ora Read Hemenway is in charge of the program, said today, that all persons in stunts or in the parade are asked to enter the back door of the gymnasium, dressed for the stunt.

Another program, similar to the first, will be held at the high school auditorium at 9:15 o'clock.

Tickets for the event are now on sale at Kettel's Drug store and Eggmann's candy kitchen.

COBURG FIRST TEAM DEFEATS SPRINGFIELD

Coburg high's first team, one of the strongest aggregations in the county B league, defeated the Springfield high school cagers, 29 to 18, at the local gymnasium last night. Although obviously superior in experience, the Coburg team was given a stiff fight by Coach M. Field's players, and the game was a good one.

The Springfield second team showed its superiority over the Coburg team, winning 29 to 18. Much good potential first string material was revealed at the local second team performed.

REV. SYKES GRANTED MONTH ABSENCE LEAVE

Rev. Gabriel Sykes, pastor of the Springfield Methodist Episcopal church, on Sunday was granted a month's leave of absence in order that he might undergo an operation for an ailment which has caused him ill health for several months.

Dr. Sykes left Monday for Portland for treatment and the operation. Arrangements for handling the services during his absence will be announced from time to time.

Services at M. E. Church

W. H. Meyers, of Eugene, will preach at the Methodist church Sunday both at the morning and evening services. He is taking the place of Rev. Sykes who is away on a vacation.

Dallas Barber Hurt—Dallas Barber, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Barber of West Springfield, was injured Monday night when a gasoline stove exploded. He was treated by a local physician.