

# THE SPRINGFIELD NEWS

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If all the year were playing holidays,  
To sport would be as tedious as to work.  
—Shakespeare.

### A FEW CHEERS FOR FLYING SCHOOL

Major G. H. Eckerson is expected to return in a few days with his new airplane from Troy, Ohio. His return will mark the actual beginning of a flying school at the newly developed airport here. The airport committee is planning an informal celebration at the time of arrival of Major Eckerson.

Like every business the flying school must be advertised and have public support if it is to be successful. A public demonstration will do much to start things off right at the new flying field. Let every citizen do his part toward the celebration even if it is only to tell someone that does not know it that Springfield has an airport and flying school.

### A LUMBER TARIFF

Senators McNary and Steiwer and Representative Hawley have assured us that they are in favor of a lumber tariff and would do all possible to bring it about. McNary and Hawley head powerful committees in the senate and house that are guiding the tariff through. If it were not that the greater part of the country, where there are no forests, is for free lumber, the tariff on that commodity could be brought about easily by these strong congressmen. As it is we can only hope that the strength of these men, whom we have elected term after term to congress, will be able to overcome the opposition and get some protection from the increasing lumber imports.

The general manager of the largest chain grocery store in the west recently met a delegation of farmers in Oregon City. Out of four sacks of potatoes submitted to him he sorted out enough for one sack. This he said was a No. 1 sack and the kind that he would buy and pay a premium for. But he did not expect to buy four sacks of potatoes to get one. The farmer, he said, must do his own sorting. Now the Oregon City chamber of commerce is getting the farmers to plant tested seed and are arranging to market their potatoes in specially labeled sacks. It's a good way to market a farm crop. Find out what the market demands and then set out to raise that kind of product.

The bureau of standards is carrying on experiments to fireproofing match stems and cigarette butts, because last year fire losses of ninety million dollars were caused from this source. We suggest they extend their research to some brands of cigars which are now practically fireproof. They might get an idea.

"Give the kickers a job" is one way to raise the morale of a community according to a Washington newspaper. That plan might work well in Oregon also.

Down in Polk county six out of the world's sixteen Jersey cattle records are held. Wonder why we can't have a few in Lane county?

### FARM FIRE LOSSES

Although practically all of the fire losses that annually rob American farmers of \$150,000,000 are preventable, the per capita losses seem to be increasing constantly. This is a very grave problem for farmers to face, especially as the per capita losses in the country as a whole are on a decline.

Unceasing care and vigilance are necessary, as well as knowledge of the causes of fire and its ever-present danger. South Dakota is among a number of states in which organizations are now giving serious thought to the problem of educating the farmer in the matter of fire prevention. Let us hope this work is extended throughout the country.

Statistics compiled by the National Board of Underwriters indicate that lightning causes 18 per cent of the total destruction. Defective chimneys account for 12 per cent; sparks on roof, 7 per cent; matches and smoking 6 per cent; spontaneous combustion, 4.69 per cent; petroleum and its products, 4 per cent; stoves and furnaces, 4 per cent. Other leading causes are open lights, electric wires, etc., which account for 32 per cent, and which, also, are largely preventable.

Eugene went to Thurston for "Miss Eugene" in the state beauty contest. We always thought this was the best side of the river and now that it has been proven that the prettiest girls live on the east side we are sure of it.

A man who applied for a motor truck license in the east the other day gave his occupation as a bootlegger. We must admit that there are some honest bootleggers.

When Lindbergh weds he will lose a bet of \$1,500 made with a flying companion, Phil Love, a number of years ago. Love on both sides seems to have "Lindy" cornered.

Whether a man lives to the age of three score and ten in this age depends on whether he is a pedestrian.

## Editorial Comment

### AVIATION ON THE GROUND

Along with all the aerial wonders revealed by aviation at the celebration of its twenty-fifth birthday is the equally notable development of its sustaining groundwork. It is evident that the design and equipment of the modern airport does provide opportunity for constructive ingenuity and business acumen. In the present stage of airport design are included many improvements which would have seemed visionary to aviators in pre-war days.

Administration buildings are now proposed in magnitude to equal railroad terminals. Lighting and equipment, "air weather" bureaus, permanent fire-resistant hangars, storage and repair buildings, and paved runways are only a few of the features which now have become commonplace appointments. None of them was standard ten years ago. But they constitute only the physical attributes of progress. More intangible, but directly contributory to the advancement of aviation, is the enlightened public spirit for airport construction.

Nearly \$8,500,000 was voted in that behalf at the election on November 6. Eleven cities or counties passed bond issue proposals ranging from \$500,000 voted by Detroit to the \$25,000 issue approved by the citizens of Albany, Oregon. It is significant that in most of the communities where similar proposals were defeated, failure was traceable to circumstances which had nothing to do with the public attitude toward aviation. In Chicago, for example, where every administration bond issue was defeated, the item of \$450,000 for the development of the airport received the highest vote among the defeated projects.

During the last year airport appropriations or bond issues amounting to more than \$21,000,000 have been passed.—Nation's Business.

### Marriage License Issued

During the past week marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk to the following: William Arnold and Jean Tomkins, both of Pasadena; Clifton Adams and Loretta Miller, both of Cottage Grove; Edward Silkwood, Creswell, and Sylvia M. Robertson, Saginaw; Claude Abeene and Uleta Miller, both of Cottage Grove; Charles Irish and Edith Schroll, Marcola; Marion Fogarty, Veneta, and Hilda VanCurler, Elmira; Lloyd Keeney, Greenleaf, and Adna Brooks, Swishome; Aubrey Brown, Noti, and Juanita Lombard, Springfield.

"Well, my man," said the Irish doctor to his patient, "What's the matter with you?"

"Pains in my back, sir," replied the patient.

"I'll put you right," said the doctor, handing him a few pills. "Take one of these a quarter of an hour before you feel the pain coming on!"

### Oakland Men Here

Nelson Page, brother, and Charles E. Woolley, brother-in-law, of C. E. Page of this city, were visitors here this week from Oakland, California. Both are retired railroaders from the Southern Pacific company. Mr. Page had 42½ years service and Mr. Nelson 47 years when they were put on the pension list by the railroad. They report conditions good in California.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to sincerely thank the Odd Fellows Lodge and others who were so kind to us during our recent bereavement.

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John Cane in—John Cone of Lowell was a visitor in Springfield Monday morning.

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