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SILVER THAW HITS HIGHWAY TRAFFIC

Balmy Weather of Yesterday is Suddenly Ended by Snowfall which Brings Silver Thaw and Sleet in its Wake; Chase Garden Road Gets Gravel Coat.

Springfield residents who have been worried that the balmy weather of yesterday morning would melt the snow and spoil the outdoor sports were given reassuring comfort last night when they came out of their houses to find their automobiles and everything else in sight was covered with a fine coating of sleet and more was falling.

The thermometer took a sudden drop late last evening, after having climbed to the 29 degree mark at noon and hovered there most of the afternoon, when it suddenly went down to 19 degrees, where it remained until late this morning.

Traffic on the highway was almost at a standstill. Stages are operating, but are running behind their schedules, and all those who must travel on the roads are just barely moving along.

There have been no serious accidents reported here this week and the roads have been worse than they have been for several years. Garagemen have towed cars in, but they were not wrecked, merely too cold to start.

Every effort is being made by the Chase Gardens to keep the road between the Booth-Kelly Lumber mill here and their plant open for traffic, as any blocking of this road for a long period will be disastrous to the green crops growing in their greenhouses.

Earlier in the week the road was dragged to remove much of the snow, and later, when the ice began to form on the highway, a light coating of fine gravel was spread on the road.

It is very imperative that the hogged fuel trucks be able to get to the heating plant at the gardens, as they depend on this fuel for their heat.

The state plow is again scraping Main street this morning, removing much of the ice crust which formed on the fresh snow last night.

ELECTRIC LINE NEAR CITY IS DAMAGED BY RAIN AND SLEET

Slight damage to one of the power lines of the Mountain States Power company running to Dexter was the only damage reported here this morning to the wires and equipment of the company, as a result of the silver thaw which visited this section of the state last night, coating the wires with a heavy layer of ice.

More damage may be reported, say company officials, if the sleet continues.

Considerable trouble is being experienced by the power company with their lines in Southern Oregon and Northern California. These lines from the prospect plant have been down for several days and it has been necessary for the local plant to receive its current from Portland. A crew from Albany are here this morning doing some alteration work and are standing in readiness to repair any break which may develop.

No trouble is being experienced with the telephone wires out of Springfield exchange this morning, according to Mrs. Zella Cantrell, the manager, although she too expects trouble if this weather continues very long.

Bus drivers and motorists in general are having a very difficult time in keeping their windshields clean. The sleet freezes on them, making it impossible to see through the glass.

BRIDGE LIGHTS ARRIVE; ARE NOT INSTALLED YET

After several weeks delay the electric light fixtures for the new Springfield bridge have finally arrived and are now in the warehouse of the Mountain States Power company. Nothing definite has been done about the installation and it is not expected that they will be placed until the present disagreeable weather has passed.

Considerable trouble was encountered in obtaining these fixtures. It became necessary to finally send to Philadelphia for the particular fixture that was wanted here.

The county is paying for the light brackets and the city of Springfield will furnish the electricity to illuminate the bridge.

Springfield Male "Girls" Bowl 'Em Over in Follies

"BELIEVE IT OR NOT"
"NOAH" HAD NO ARK

Noah had an ark according to the bible, but Noah insists he did not have any. They are two different Noahs. Friday, Noah Heltterbrand assayed forth on one of the large logs at the Booth-Kelly mill pond to break a little ice which was forming around the logs. The log upon which he was standing, as logs will sometimes do, turned over and Noah entered the icy waters.

No statements were made, or explanations given by Heltterbrand as he walked off stiffly towards his home and dry clothes.

Liquor Explosion Wrecks Eagle Cafe

Officers are Unable to Locate
Mrs. Goodman; More Liquor
Found in Lettuce Crate.

The two plate glass windows of the Eagle cafe here were blown out and smashed into small bits and Ted Seymour, the cook, and his wife narrowly escaped serious injury Saturday morning at 8:00 o'clock when a glass jug, presumed to have contained moonshine, exploded in the oven of the kitchen range, splattering the cook and his wife with the hot liquid, which burst into flames immediately on becoming released into the air. Both the arms of Seymour were painfully burned.

No one will volunteer any information as to how the explosive happened to be in the oven Saturday morning. Mrs. William Goodman, wife of the proprietor, is reported to have been in the building with a few patrons when the cook went home at 9:30 Friday evening. He came down about 5:30 Saturday morning and started a fire in the range, not realizing that there was anything in the oven.

County and city officials are searching for Mrs. Goodman, to ascertain what she knows about the placing of the jug in the oven. Both she and the Pontiac car, which is claimed is not fully paid for, have not been seen since the night before the explosion.

A search of the building by W. R. Davis, chief of police, and deputy sheriffs from Eugene failed to find any more liquor, but the cook later located almost a pint in another glass gallon jug, which had been hidden in a crate of lettuce. He notified the sheriff's office immediately.

Neither Seymour or his wife are being held. The investigation failed to bring to light any evidence which would warrant holding them.

The damaged windows were closed off immediately with a large section of canvas and an old glass front. Yesterday new plate glass windows were placed in the building.

E. E. Kepner is the owner of the building. It was not insured.

MRS. MARY M. PLATT DIES AT HER HOME SATURDAY

Mrs. Mary M. Platt passed away at her home at 658 B street, Springfield, at 6:15 p. m. Saturday. She was 69 years old and had been a resident of Springfield for the past 11 years. She was born at Knoxville, Tenn., September 26, 1860.

Surviving Mrs. Platt are four sons and six daughters, as follows: Austin Platt, Cleveland, Ohio; Charles Platt, Springfield; Elmer Platt, Muncie, Indiana; Glenn Platt, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Bertha Rouse, Springfield; Mrs. Ida Halvorson, Springfield; Mrs. Marie Barley, Eugene; Miss Edna Platt, Springfield; Mrs. Carol Lehr, Fillmore, New York; Mrs. Winona Bailey, Springfield, Mass., and ten grandchildren.

Mrs. Platt was a member of the Methodist church and of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The funeral services were held on Tuesday at 2:00 p. m. from the Methodist church. Rev. Pike officiated and interment was made in the Laurel Hill cemetery. Walker-Poole chapel had charge of the funeral.

Returns From Salem

George Kennett returned last night from Salem, where he has been conducting a special sale for a men's furnishing store. He stated that the weather had been fine in Salem until Tuesday night, when twelve inches of snow fell.

The Springfield Follies, all star cast, played last night to a full house at the Bell theatre. Hilarity reigned supreme and every act received a big hand. Now that the chorus girls are used to the local stage, tonight's performance is expected to eclipse even last night's, if humanly possible.

The show clearly demonstrated that the female sex is dispensable, even in a girl show. The cast of 50, nearly all of whom had feminine roles, is taken by prominent men about town. Costumes are the latest imported fashion, and the women in the audience were given many valuable pointers on how to wear and not to wear their clothes.

The chorus, as chorus girls usually do, had the heavy part in the show. Everyone said that the girls were too sweet for words. The Spanish dancers, Alfred Freese and Clifford Darr, gave a good exhibition of how they do in Spain, while Dallas Murphy and James King, flappers of 1776, put on a very graceful dance.

Fred Walker, as Gall Curci, revealed a hidden voice that surprised even his most ardent admirers. Jack Henderer, as Pola Negri, was another Hollywood luminary who shone up like the beacon light.

John Ketels, the old maid aunt with the hay fever, G. G. Bushman, the Jewish salesman and the bride in the wedding scene, William Runde, brought screams from the audience. Henry Adrian, the country boy from Coburg, and his mother, W. K. Barnell, gave a mirthful exhibition as long as the punch held out.

It must be admitted that every member of the cast played his (her) part cleverly and in a finished manner. The amount of applause each one got was governed largely by the number of relatives in the house and there were some large families present.

The management of the Bell theatre is busy today repairing the seats and the next and last performance in Springfield before the show takes to the road, will be given at 8:00 o'clock this evening.

Auditors Report Shows 1929 Budget Overdrawn

City Budgeted \$14,164 and Expended \$15,236.01 According to Analysis Presented to the Council on Monday Night; Sinking Funds Large.

The city of Springfield overran its budget in 1929 by \$1,072.01 according to analysis of Departmental and General Expenditure with Budget Appropriation, December 31, 1929.

Advertising	100.00	34.45
Attorney	240.00	240.00
Care of Poor	10.00	8.50
Clean up	125.00	114.83
Emergency	950.00	
Health office	50.00	83.00
Police and Fire departments	4746.00	5321.06
Recorder's office	945.00	900.00
Street Cleaning	1380.00	1276.51
Treasurer's office	180.00	180.00
Light and Water	3000.00	2954.93
Library	643.00	689.47
Street Improvement	1500.00	2042.95
Municipal Band	250.00	250.00
Fuel	45.00	38.25
	\$14164.00	\$15236.01

The report also says: "It will be noticed that the net debt of the city has increased to over \$100,000, but this should not be treated with alarm, as we found it necessary to close out some old debt cash balances, such as

The treasurer's books show \$30,324.08 in the various funds as follows: Bancroft Improvement Fund L. R. \$ 7334.74 Bond Sinking Fund 20287.69 Bond Interest Fund 44.02 Improvement Interest 1292.56 Library 15.23 Real Estate 1349.84 \$30,324.08

Summary of General Obligation Due
A summary of the general obligation bonds of the town shows the following indebtedness:
Issue of 1910 due 11-1-30 at 6 per cent \$15000.00
Issue of 1910 due 11-1-35 at 6 per cent 20000.00
Issue of 1911 due 11-1-36 at 6 per cent 15000.00
Issue of 1911 due 11-1-36 at 6 per cent 20000.00
Issue of 1922 due 2-1-32 at 7 per cent 35000.00
Issue of 1924 due 4-1-44 at 6 per cent 50000.00
\$155,000.00

Summary of Bancroft Improvement Bonds
Issue of 1926 \$ 2961.00
Issue of 1927 9050.56
Issue of 1928 13000.00 \$ 25031.56
\$180,031.56

New War Secretary



Col. Patrick Jay Hurley of Oklahoma, appointed by President Hoover to succeed the late James W. Good in the Cabinet. Col. Hurley is the first military man in this post for years.

SNOW PLOW CLEARS MAIN STREET; LOCAL BUSINESS MEN SHOVEL

Snow plows are not uncommon sights on the streets of Springfield, they being frequently seen here when are taken up to the McKenzie highway in the fall, or back to their shelters in the spring, but when they are actually used in the streets of the city, that is another item.

Monday morning the state highway department brought one of the scrapers down from Waltherville, where they have been for the past week, to clear the highway between here and Eugene. Springfield residents were surprised upon coming to their places of business Tuesday morning to find that the scraper had come across the bridge and right up Main street, shoving most of the snow off the pavement and up on the sidewalk.

Most of the business men took it good naturedly, got out their shovels and went to work.

The city street department had men working Tuesday clearing the snow from the intersections.

Uncle Dies in Eugene

Virgil Parkhiser, uncle of Herbert Moon, proprietor of Moon's delicatessen, passed away at the Pacific Christian hospital in Eugene Tuesday evening at 10:00 o'clock, at the age of 75. Funeral arrangements are being made at the Brandstatter funeral home in Eugene.

Basketball Team Drops First Game

Albany Wins Friday 17-13; Playing Very Ragged; Cottage Grove Game Next.

Springfield dropped her first conference basketball game to the Albany high school team on Friday evening. The game was played on the Albany floor and the score was 17 to 13 when the final whistle blew.

The two Squire brothers, Freeman and Everett, started as guards for the locals; Gerald Morrison held down the center berth, and John Lynch and Thayer McMurray started at forward positions. They all played the entire game with the lone exception of McMurray, who was replaced by Fred Buell at the end of the first half. McMurray was having some hard luck with his shots and was unable to recover.

Game is Ragged
The game was marked by the ragged playing of the two teams, Springfield being even worse than her opponents, according to spectators who saw the game.

Fred Buell brought his team out of their slump and was very successful in his attempts to land the ball squarely into the hoop.

Play Cottage Grove Next
All eyes are now set on the game with Cottage Grove in that city on Friday evening. The local boys do not expect any difficulty in this clash, but they have no victories to their credit so far this season, and it is expected that a strong effort will be made to run up a large score.

The University high school team completely overwhelmed the boys from the southern Lane county school last week, and the University high school team is rated as the underdog of this high school district, although they were successful a few years ago in capturing the state championship.

Monmouth Game Flops

Negotiations with the school officials at Monmouth have failed at the present time to result in any early home game. An effort was made last week to play a return engagement with the Monmouth boys here on January 25. This has not been successful and the first home game will be played on February 3, when Corvallis sends her players here for the first game between the two schools.

HIGH SCHOOL CLASS WRITES LETTERS TO STUDENTS IN MEXICO

Thirty-seven letters written in the Spanish language by that number of students in Ernest McKinney's Spanish class at the high school were mailed to Mexico City yesterday, where they will be distributed among a class of students in one of the Mexican schools in that city.

The idea of exchanging these letters was conceived by Mr. McKinney, and early last fall he wrote to the director of education in Mexico City asking if such a thing could be worked out. A reply was received here just before Thanksgiving saying that they would be glad to exchange letters with the local high school students, but added that their school year was almost over and that there would not be any more classes until the first of February. (The Mexican schools have almost three months vacation during the winter.)

The letter writing idea has greatly spurred the students to do better work, says W. E. Buell, principal at the high school, who declared that despite the largeness of the class which Mr. McKinney has this idea has been instrumental in raising the standard of the work done by the group.

The Mexican students will receive the letters when they attend school again in February, and they will write replies to them. The answers are expected here about the middle of next month. They are expected to arouse a great deal of interest when they come.

MOTO-METER IS STOLEN; THIEF KNEW INTRICACIES

Mayor W. P. Tyson reports that someone stole the moto-meter and radiator cap from his automobile while it was parked in front of the Christian church last Sunday night during the union services held there in the observance of prohibition. "Whoever took the appliance knew just what he was doing," said the mayor, "for he was very careful to find the hidden screws which fastened it to the radiator and removed them all without apparently damaging the moto-meter or the radiator neck."

CITY OFFICIALS FOR 1930 ARE APPOINTED

Treasurer Authorized to Pay Off \$15,000 in Bonds Due in November; West Springfield Signs Agreement for Fire Engine Protection.

Reappointment of city officials for the year 1930 and a discussion of the city finances were the chief business at the Monday night meeting of the council. All of the city officials now serving were reappointed. They are I. M. Peterson, city attorney; Jesse Smitsen, fire chief; W. A. Davis, chief of police; Fred Hinson, night watchman; George Vallier, street commissioner; Dr. Carl Phetteplace, health officer; W. K. Barnell, electrical inspector.

The city treasurer was instructed to offer to take up \$15,000.00 in general obligation bonds due in November. The city has over \$20,000 in the bond sinking fund and if the holders will surrender the bonds before due they will be paid off at once. A story of the auditors' report is published in other columns of this newspaper.

West Springfield property owners have pledged on a petition \$97.50 for fire protection in 1930 and it was said that still others will sign up. The council agreed to give these petitioners protection of the chemical truck, and if any of them have open wells, water protection also, in case of fire.

A purchaser for the old public market building was reported and the street committee was given authority to tear down the structure.

The wooden sidewalk on west D street will be taken up because it is dangerous and gravel put down for temporary use.

Several old unused buildings in the city, which are unsightly and a fire hazard, were discussed and the owners will be prevailed upon to tear them down.

Licenses to operate eating places and soft drink parlors were issued to the following: Tony Graves for the Drop in cafe; E. E. Kepner for the Eagle cafe; C. F. Eggmann for his confectionery; Herbert Moon for a restaurant.

CREAMERY MAN MOVES FAMILY HERE MONDAY

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Pyle, and his son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Pyle, arrived here over the week-end from Lakeview, and have established their home here in the William Vashy residence. Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Griffin will make their home in Eugene for a while, as they own a home there which they formerly lived in before moving to Lakeview, where they have been operating a creamery.

Mr. Griffin and Mr. Emory Pyle will operate the Springfield creamery in the Morrison building on Third street.

PENTECOST TO BE THEME FOR SERMON ON SUNDAY

"The Victory of Pentecost" will be the morning sermon topic at the Springfield Christian church next Sunday. In the evening Veltie Pruitt will take as his theme "Why Did Jesus Die?" Mrs. D. B. Murphy and Wilma Scott will sing a duet at the evening service. The choir will sing an anthem in the forenoon.

The Bible school meets at 10:00 and the Christian Endeavor will have their regular evening meeting at 6:30.

MISSIONARY TO TALK AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. L. R. Randle, for six years a missionary in China, and now pastor at Cottage Grove, will deliver a lecture at the Baptist church on Tuesday evening, January 28, on China and her peoples.

Rev. Randle collected a large number of curios while in China, and they will be on display here at the time he makes his address. The lecture is open to the public and all are invited to hear it.

METHODISTS WILL HOLD QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

The first quarterly conference of the Methodist church will be held here tonight at 7:30 in the church parlors. Dr. M. A. Marcey, district superintendent of the Methodist church, will be present for the meeting. Reports from all officers of the church will be heard and work for the next quarter will be talked over at the meeting.