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## COUNCILMAN CITY WILL SAVE

Expects That More Than \$15,000 Will Be Gained By Refinancing Bonds

### PRaises Mayor's Work

Points To New Street Lights Without Cost; Eugene Store To Take City Warrants

Pointing out that large savings would be made by refinancing city bonds if the council's program went through Councilman Earl N. Thompson has written the following letter to this newspaper. Mr. Thompson gives much credit to Mayor E. H. Turner for his work preparatory to refinancing and in getting the city street lights restored.

### Thompson's Letter

"I wish to make a statement in your columns that will give the general public, and the citizens of Springfield especially, a picture of the conditions that faced the new Council and what we have attempted so far in bringing the Town of Springfield out of a hole in which it has been for the last ten years.

### These are the facts—

"On January 1 of this year this city had an outstanding warrant indebtedness of some \$26,000, \$11,500 worth of defaulted bonds, a \$20,000 issue of bonds due next October and another issue of \$20,000 due a year from this date. October with no provisions made whatsoever to meet these obligations.

### Cut Salary Method

"The customary method of taking care of our outstanding warrants was to budget the city for every cent the 6 per cent limitation law would stand, and then by curtailing city expenses and all salaries, except those of the City Recorder and City Attorney, there would be a surplus at the end of the year which would be used for the retirement of outstanding warrants or what other obligation might be pressing.

"Springfield is not the only municipality that has followed this method of stringing along, but it is grossly unfair to the property owners who have already paid their assessments for sewer, street or sidewalk improvements.

### Gives Mayor Credit

"The credit for what progress we have made so far is wholly due to Mayor Turner.

"He has laid aside his business duties and devoted night and day at different times to the proposition of raising Springfield out of the financial rut in which we found ourselves.

"If you'll notice I said were. We are practically as good as out of it now.

"Mayor Turner, in making his business tour of the county was introduced to Mr. Breese, city recorder of Cottage Grove, and learned how he (Mr. Breese) had been instrumental in refunding some of Cottage Grove's bonded indebtedness.

### Points to Savings

"In the course of their conversation Mr. Breese offered to come to Springfield and look over our financial situation and give us his opinion of what we could do toward refunding our obligations, and after having done so, said he could see no reason why we could not refund the whole of our bonds at a saving to the city of between \$15,000 and \$25,000 in interest. He told us we should have a complete audit of the books, but whether we hired him or someone else to handle the audit, he wouldn't care to tackle the refunding situation unless he could have a clearer knowledge of our affairs.

### Last Audit 1928

"We also learned from Mr. Peterson about that time that the Bond Lien docket books had not been audited since 1928.

"Mr. Breese was given the job of auditing the books and setting up an entirely new system of keeping our accounts, and when he presented the completed audit to the Council it was accepted unanimously.

"I will say here that the audit had not been made public, however, the next day or so after its acceptance by the Council, a headline appeared in the Eugene Morning News that smelled very strongly of libel, stating that Springfield's books were short some \$33,000.

"The unscrupulous reporter that wrote the headline to that article has no business on any paper that has the slightest of regard for truth.

**Points To New Lights**  
"Did it ever occur to anyone here in town that the lights that had been discontinued at every other intersection throughout the residence district, have been restored and that as soon as the Mountain State Power company can get the remaining lights for the bridge they will be restored as well, and all

## Baseball Team At U. H. S. Today

Springfield Nine Look Bright In Defeating Eugene Friday; Coburg Falls Again

Coach Robert Chatterton's high school baseball nine played heads-up ball all the time here Friday afternoon when they took an interesting game from Eugene 4-5.

The first three innings of the game ended with a tally of no runs, no hits and no errors for either team. In the fourth period the Springfield boys opened up and brought in three runs. Eugene retaliated with three and later brought in one more. Springfield moved along until the close of the sixth inning before they brought in another run to tie the score, making it necessary for another full inning. (All local school games are played only seven innings). Eugene failed to score, and Springfield brought in one run with two more on bases as the game halted.

Surprisingly the first half of the game was played with the star centerfielder, Verlin Posey in the pitcher's box. Posey did some nice pegging to Irvin before he was relieved by Carson. Pete Taylor did some fine work at shortstop and was the spark of the infield combination. Stevenson, Scott and Liles, who worked together beautifully for several double plays just when they were needed most.

Tuesday afternoon of this week Pete Taylor pitched a full game against Coburg on the Coburg field and his team came home with a 7-3 victory.

This was the fifth victory for Springfield in six starts this season. They have defeated Marcola, Coburg twice, Eugene and Oakridge, and were defeated by Lowell.

This afternoon the team is at Eugene playing the University high nine. A game with the Belknap three-C camp will be played on Saturday.

## HIGH SCHOOL SENDS MUSICIANS TO MEETING

Springfield high school will be represented by a quartet and two soloists at the state music meet to be held at Forest Grove Friday of this week. Members of the quartet are Juanita Seaman, Ruth Pollard, Alice Bates and Mary Faye Bettis. Elwyn Gates, bass, and Ruth Pollard, soprano, are entered in the solo competition. Miss Barbara Barnell will accompany the singers. Miss Glyde Dilley, music instructor, will accompany them to Forest Grove.

**Returns from Portland**—Mrs. Wm. J. Phair returned the end of the week from Portland where she had gone to attend a wedding.

that at no extra expense to the city.

**Eugene Store Will Take Warrants**  
"I might also state that a very large and reputable store in Eugene called up the City Recorder, asking him to advise the employees of Springfield that Springfield warrants were good at their store, at par.

"And again, that within 60 days, if the plans go through, and there isn't the slightest doubt of it, that our warrants will be the same as cash at one of the banks in Eugene.

"Does this mean anything to you people here in Springfield, when even your own merchants couldn't cash our warrants heretofore without discounting them, some as high as 15 per cent, and in most cases would rather not handle them at all?

"This has all been done mainly through the efforts of Mayor Turner.

"We have encountered a lot of under cover opposition. Those of you who knew of the City's circumstances before the present Council took hold, know that things were in a deplorable condition.

**Peterson Might Have Helped**  
"If Mr. Peterson had stayed and been so inclined, he could have been of inestimable help to us, and saved us a lot of time and money.

"In our negotiations with the Mountain State company representative here, Mr. Peterson seemingly was all for the company and not for the city.

"It hasn't been a case of sentiment with the present council, but rather, what worked for the best interests of the city.

"In conclusion, I wish to refer again to the audit.

"There hasn't been one breath of word against Ira Peterson as to his honesty. We do feel, however, that his methods of keeping the records were not a credit to any town or organization. I can truthfully say that the Council bears him absolutely no ill will.

"In regard to C. A. Horton, I have heard praise for Mr. Horton's work. I talked with him today and he agreed with me when I told him that the accusations made against Peterson and himself, came from someone else besides members of the Council.

EARL N. THOMPSON, Councilman.

## TRACK TEAMS TO VIE AT U. OF O.

University Freshmen To Defend Selves Against Combined High School Squads

### ALBANY EASY VICTORY

Hall Lists Candidates For Places; Dates For Larger Meets Are Announced

Followers of the Springfield high school track and field teams will have their first opportunity to judge the comparative strengths of teams in the district Friday afternoon on Hayward field in Eugene at 3 o'clock.

All high school track teams in the district except Roseburg will compete as one team against Bill Hayward's freshman team at the University. Teams which will be seen in action are Eugene high, University high, Cottage Grove and Springfield.

### Weather Slows Training

Marion Hall, Springfield track coach, and all other coaches in the district has been having difficulty in getting his team into shape this season due to the unseasonable weather. The local boys made a clean sweep, taking every first and most other places in dual meet with Albany there last Saturday. In the meet Springfield boys took a total of 70 points as compared with 46 for the Albany boys. This was a glorious victory for the local boys, but does not mean much in deciding the winners in this district until the strength of the other schools here have been determined. It gave the boys some valuable experience, however.

### Members of the Squad

Candidates for competition in the various events at the school as announced this week by Hall include:

100-yard dash—Hadley, Clifton Smith, and Billy Orr.  
220—the same trio.  
440—Hutchinson.  
880—Litscher, Malcolm Hanson, Hutchinson.  
1 Mile—M. Hanson, Litscher, Andrews.

High hurdles—Disque Smith.  
Low hurdles—Randall Ray and Disque Smith.

Shot Put—Bill Hill, Ed Hansen, and I. Darr.  
Discus—Ed Hansen, Hill and Tom Goodale.

Javelin—Billy Burnett, Malcolm Hanson.  
High jump—Irvin Darr.  
Pole vault—Darr.

Broad jump—D. Smith and Hutchinson.

### State Meet in Eugene

Irvin Darr sparked in the high jump event at Albany when he cleared five feet four and three-fourth inches. Malcolm Hansen and D. Smith, experienced members of the squad, did not have to exert themselves during the day.

Dates for the state field meet to be held at the U. of O. have been announced as May 17 and 18. The district meet will be held on May 11, and a Willamette valley meet will be held the week before that time.

## MARY E. KELLOGG PASSES AT HOME

Remains Will Be Sent To South Dakota Today For Funeral and Interment

Mary Elizabeth Kellogg, resident of the Garden Way district since 1911, passed away at her home Wednesday afternoon at the age of 75 years.

She was one of 12 children of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McElhaney and was born on December 7, 1859 at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

When she was 13 she moved with her family to Watertown, South Dakota, where she later met and was married to Charles C. Kellogg in 1879.

They lived there for 25 years before coming to Lane county and the Chase Gardens district twenty-four years ago.

She was a member of the Wesleyan Methodist church and the mother of three children, two of whom survive as does her husband. They are Mrs. Allie Nelson, Eugene, and Curtis Kellogg, Watertown, and 13 grandchildren.

She also leaves one sister, Mrs. Matilda Sumner of Elberta, Canada, and four brothers, Robert and Clarence, at Mission, Texas; Harry, at Florence, South Dakota; and U. G. McElhaney, Garden Way.

The body will be shipped from the Poole funeral home in Springfield this afternoon to Watertown, where funeral services and interment will be held.

**Visit Mother**—Mr. and Mrs. Carl Koepfel of Albany were here Tuesday visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Elva Adams.

## Lions to Sponsor City Park Plan

Expect To Plant Grass On Park Lots; Contribution Of Shrubs, Trees, Welcome

Sponsoring of a small city park on the city owned lots on Fourth street between A. and B. streets will be undertaken by the Springfield Lions club. It was voted at last meeting. A committee consisting of Dallas Murphy, H. O. Dibble, Clayton Kirkland and H. E. Maxey was appointed to handle the plans.

The lots are being leveled this week by members of the city SERA crew and the land is being prepared for seeding. Plans are to get a stand of lawn grass grown this year and to have trees and shrubs planted. Arrangements for setting out trees and shrubs will be made by the committee.

Donations of trees and shrubs for the project are being solicited by the committee and anyone having anything that can be used is requested to communicate with some member of the committee the club wishes to change the lots which were partially improved under the CWA for a children's playground into a beauty spot instead of an eye sore. If a good start can be had this year by next season the park can be used both by children and grown ups as a place of recreation.

**Is Changing Document**  
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Under a doctrine of judicial supremacy rather than legislative supremacy, England has her legislative bureau which is an assurance of better laws being presented to the Parliament for consideration.

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**Visiting at Albany**—Miss Evelyn Harris left Wednesday for a short visit at Albany.

## LAW IS FLEXIBLE HOLDS U. O. DEAN

Government Trends Change To Keep Pace With Other Changes in Society

### PEOPLE RESENT CHANGE

"Back To Constitution" Agitation Explained; Judicial Supremacy Upheld

The slogan "Back to the Constitution," already rallying many supporters, promises to become one of the major slogans of the Republican party in the next presidential election, Wayne L. Morse, dean of the Law School at the University of Oregon told members of the Methodist Brotherhood at their monthly meeting Monday evening.

Dean Morse spoke at length on the constitution and the government emanating from it. He concluded his talk with a brief picture of the present legal situation and challenged the right of persons to criticize the law and lawyers when they themselves were so disinterested in changing the present system.

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## Check on Final School Repairs

District Plans Expenditure Of \$3,000 For Materials During Summer Months

A final check up of the painting and repair projects before presenting plans to SERA was made at an informal meeting of the school board Tuesday evening. Glen Martin, manual training instructor at the high school, who is drawing the plans for remodeling the high school gymnasium and improvements to the high school building was present with his drawings.

Blue prints of all the projects are now required and they are being prepared today. The total cost to the district of all the work contemplated is expected to reach about \$3,000 and should include practically all work necessary to bring the school plants up to first class condition.

The high school gymnasium will be remodeled to provide hot air heated dressing rooms, shower baths and check room for clothing. The gymnasium will also be sealed and painted both inside and out according to plans and the cost of materials is expected to be about \$1500.

Lincoln school building will be repainted outside as well as the playsheds and gymnasium at a cost to the district of approximately \$500.

Other repairs are for the domestic science and manual training departments and science laboratory at the high school.

All labor on the project except plumbing will be furnished by SERA. Arrangements are being made to secure the lumber on back taxes from the mill company. Supervision and workman insurance must be furnished by the district.

## FINAL RITES HELD FOR RAILROAD MAN

Lynn Lansberry Passed Away At a Hospital in San Francisco Following Illness

Lynn Lansberry, resident of Springfield since 1915, passed away last Thursday evening at the Southern Pacific hospital in San Francisco following a long illness.

He was born in Pennsylvania and was a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Eugene and of the Christian church.

Mr. Lansberry had been employed by the Southern Pacific company since coming to Oregon. He was also employed in railroad work in the east.

Survivors include his widow Mrs. Grace Lansberry, one son, Arbie, and his father, William Lansberry, all of Springfield, also the following brothers and sisters, Claude Lansberry, Lebanon; Paul Lansberry, Portland; Mark Lansberry, Florence; Hugh Lansberry, Springfield; Coy Lansberry, Leaburg; Ward Lansberry, Eugene; Mrs. Ruth Morris, Los Angeles; and Mrs. Kate Hersey, Wisconsin.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Poole chapel in Springfield. Dr. S. Earl Childers, pastor of the First Christian church in Eugene officiated, and interment was made in the Mt. Vernon cemetery.

**GUESTS PRESENT FOR F. L. CLUB MEETING**  
Misses Eva and Mary Ann Louk were hostesses Friday evening for the regular meeting of the F. L. club. Miss Irma Nolt presided and the following guests were present aside from the membership: Miss Ina Clement, Mrs. Clara Snodgrass, Mrs. Edgar Louk, Mrs. Sarah Johns, Mrs. Mamie Richmond, Miss Evelyn Buell and Miss Florence Long.

**KONTRACT KLUB MEETS WITH MRS. BARNELL**  
Contract bridge players of the city will gather this afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. K. Barnell for a one-thirty dessert and afternoon of bridge when Mrs. Barnell entertains for the Kontract Bridge Klub group.

**COOKING CLASS HAS SUPPER FOR MOTHERS**  
Students in one of Miss Glyde Dilley's cooking classes at the high school entertained at an informal five o'clock buffet supper for their mothers Tuesday evening at the school. Another of the classes will entertain on Tuesday of next week.

**YOUNG WOMEN'S BRIDGE GROUP MEETS TONIGHT**  
Members of the O-No card club will meet this evening at the home of Miss Mary Elizabeth Whitney for their regular social meeting.

## LODGE GROUP TO CONVENE IN CITY

I. O. O. F. and Rebekah Members To Have Morning and Afternoon Sessions

### MANY VISITORS TO COME

Public Invited To Open Program At High School Gymnasium Friday Evening

Springfield people will be hosts tomorrow to the annual all-day convention of the Lane County I. O. O. F. Association. Sessions will be divided into two groups, the Rebekah's and the Odd Fellows.

Large delegations from 15 lodges in the county and some out-of-county visitors are expected to arrive here before the start of the morning session at 10 o'clock.

**Officers Live Here**  
Elmer E. Pyne, Association president, will preside over the Odd Fellows sessions. Other officers are R. E. Morris, vice-president; and Oswald M. Olson, secretary and treasurer. These sessions will be held morning and afternoon at the local I. O. O. F. hall.

The Rebekah group will meet at Taylor hall to entertain women visitors. Day sessions of Odd Fellows are closed meetings, the public being invited to attend the evening program to be presented at the high school gymnasium starting at 7:45.

Program for the evening session will include an opening song, "America," and invocation by I. G. Shaw, pastor of the Christian church. Dr. L. L. Baker, a past grand master, will give a response to an address of welcome, the Spencer Butte I. O. O. F. lodge band of Eugene will play, and introduction of lodge officials and past officers and roll call of lodges will precede a short entertainment program to be presented by the local lodge.

**Winslow Principal Speaker**  
The main address of the evening will be given by George P. Winslow, past grand master from Tillamook, and present Oregon representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows.

Stunts by the following lodges will conclude the evening's program which is open to the general public:

Spencer Butte No. 9; Oasis No. 41; West Point No. 62; Cottage Grove No. 68; Springfield No. 70; Irving No. 79; Heceta No. 111; Lorane No. 122; Oak No. 251; Maple No. 139; Crow No. 167; Gilgry No. 169; Mohawk No. 200; Waltherville No. 203; Elmira No. 207.

Lester Porter, past grand master, will be here from Corvallis for the afternoon session to give an address on "Funeral Aid." A. W. Bowersox of Albany will also be another past grand master, visitor. Paul Potter is scheduled to sing on the afternoon program of the I. O. O. F.

**Plate Supper Planned**  
No plans are being made to feed the visitors during the noon hour, but the Progressive 22 team of Juanita Rebekah lodge, Springfield, will serve a thirty-five cent plate supper at the lodge hall at 5:30.

Committees in charge of the convention are as follows:

Program—R. E. Moshier, W. F. Walker, and Lee Putman.

Decorations—(Rebekahs—Mary Ann Louk, Helene Richmond, and Eva Louk.

General committee—Elmer Findley, M. J. McKlin, Lynn Stone for the Odd Fellows and Clarine Putman, and Stella Eaton for the Rebekahs. The Odd Fellows general committee members will have charge of decorations at the gymnasium.

**LEGION SENDS GROUP TO DISTRICT MEETING**  
Mr. and Mrs. A. Pohl, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Huntly, Miss Ethna Swarts and Mrs. William Curtis went to Toledo last Friday evening to attend the district meeting of Willamette council. They remained over for an outing on the beaches for the week-end. Mr. and Mrs. Huntly returned Wednesday from Yachats where they spent several days visiting with relatives.

**SPRINGFIELD TYPISTS GET WIN OVER MARCOLA**  
Students of Springfield high school won in both the speed and accuracy contests over Marcola high school in a dual meet held here Wednesday. Individual records were not announced by Miss Clara Wagner, instructor.

**LIONS WILL MEET ON FRIDAY AT TAYLOR HALL**  
Weekly luncheon meeting of the Springfield Lions club will be held at Taylor hall Friday noon. W. K. Barnell and P. J. Bartholomew are in charge of the program for the meeting.