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## SPEAKS OF EARLY DAYS

### Mr. McFarland Located Here in the Early Fifties.

## COTTAGE GROVE THEN UNBORN

### Made the Long Journey With Father's Family Before Railroads Had Penetrated the Great Pacific Northwest. Freight Provisions From Portland.

Mr. J. Henderson McFarland, after having been confined to his home for upwards of a fortnight, visited his customary haunts last Saturday. Mr. McFarland is a pioneer in the truest meaning of the term, and when in a reminiscent mood relates some interesting instances connected with the early settlement of this section of the Willamette valley.

In 1850 Mr. McFarland's father came from Missouri to the present site of Cottage Grove, traveling the entire distance with an ox team. He was greatly impressed with the country, its prospects and possibilities, and after securing land a mile west of the present town he returned to the Bourbon state for his family, going by water to San Francisco. The McFarlands consisted of a wife and two sons, J. Henderson and Charles, and this group, one bright spring morning in 1853 bade adieu to their old home friends and acquaintances and started for their future home many hundreds of miles away, employing the same means of transportation as had the father in his initial trip.

"At that time," said Mr. McFarland to the Sentinel, "there was no Cottage Grove, and our market place was Eugene, a mere hamlet then. Many of the necessities of life the settlers brought from Portland, going and coming the 144 miles with ox teams. Nearly everything consumed was freighted in, and we could do it as cheaply as the regular freighters. Our cattle and hogs were also marketed there for a number of years. The first store, according to my recollections, in Cottage Grove was conducted by Chas. Samuels, a Hebrew, and was situated on what is now the O. P. Adams place. This was about 1860."

In those days, according to this authority, the native grass was luxuriant, the hillsides and the valleys waving with it. Recalling the picturesqueness of this scene, Mr. McFarland said he remembered that when plowing the first field his father had yoked the oxen where they had left the furrow at night, and in the morning found them within a hundred yards of the plow, they having filled themselves within this short distance. But the grasshoppers came in swarms in 1856 and cleaned out the native grass totally.

The Calapooia Indians were settled in Lane, Douglas and Linn counties. They were a peaceable tribe, and were anxious for the whites to settle among them, thinking that the newcomers would aid in defending them against the hostilities of the Rogue River Indians. The latter tribe frequently made trips northward, stealing the Calapooia's squaws, their ponies, and occasionally causing serious trouble for stockmen, who sometimes drove cattle from this valley into California.

For thirty-five years Mr. McFarland resided on the old homestead one mile west of town, during which period he witnessed the rapid settlement of this valley with no astonishment, for from his early manhood he appreciated the value of its resources and consequently believed firmly in its future.

## REFLECTS CREDIT UPON CITY.

### Eugene Register Has Kindly Words for Our New Undertaking.

What was formerly the Cottage Grove Western Oregon now comes to our exchange table as The Sentinel, with Lew A. Cates as publisher. The first issue of the Sentinel is a 12-page paper and a vast improvement over the Western Oregon. Editor Cates also demonstrates that he is a newspaper man of experience and ability and the Grove should back him up in the work he has undertaken in giving to that city a publication that reflects great credit upon Lane's southern metropolis. The Sentinel is republican in political belief. Success to Editor Cates. He has started in to give the Grove the kind of paper it deserves and needs.—Eugene Register.

## Now Pay the Penalty.

Taxes have been delinquent since Monday. During the closing days for payment a considerable number of property owners found their way to the First National Bank and departed with the necessary receipt to tide them over for the coming twelve months. The delinquencies from this part of the county are not numerous. Some of these may not understand the provisions

of the new law by which certificates of delinquency are issued by the sheriff to persons paying taxes which are unpaid by the owners of the property. The owner may redeem these at any time within three years by paying the holder the amount of the tax and interest at the rate of 15 per cent per annum, but at the expiration of the three years they operate similar to a mortgage and the holder may foreclose and gain title. It is believed that under the new law the county will practically clean up the delinquent list within a very short time after the six months limit expires, for it is believed speculators will be eager to buy the certificates.

## GATHERED GOAT HAIRS.

### Woodmen to Do Team Work at Drain. Mr. Rosenberg Honored—Notes.

On Monday afternoon next about forty members of the Cottage Grove lodge of Woodmen of the World will go to Drain, where initiation ceremonies will be held in the evening. The visitors will be headed by Consul Commander John Veatch, while Mr. F. H. Rosenberg, captain of the drill team, and sixteen others will perform the operation upon the initiates. Head Consul I. L. Boak of Denver will be present. The Cottage Grove lodge may boast of its team work, for, in the language of the head consul, "it is as good a team as ever put on the work." Jendutus Lodge, No. 48, K. of P., held an interesting session Wednesday night at which one candidate for membership was admitted. The members enjoyed refreshments at the conclusion of the work.

Snark J. H. Baird, whose headquarters are at Nashville, Tenn., has appointed Frank H. Rosenberg of Cottage Grove Vicegerent of the Hoo-Hoo for the Southern Oregon district, to succeed himself. Mr. Rosenberg was filling an unexpired term, caused by the resignation of J. S. McGladry of Eugene, and his reappointment to the exalted position is a recognition of the excellent services rendered during his incumbency.

The Eastern Star will meet at Masonic Hall this evening, and a special invitation is extended by the Worthy Matron, Mrs. J. H. Chambers, to all members and visitors in the city to be present. Degrees will be conferred, after which refreshments will be served.

## THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT.

### Chief Executive Accorded No Notable Reception by Citizens.

President Taft was in Cottage Grove last Sunday night between 11:00 and 11:30, but owing to the very limited time he was within the corporate boundaries no ovation was tendered him. Then, too, the chief executive of the nation was snugly ensconced in his downy birth, and it would have been rudeness on the part of the common people to have awakened him for the sole purpose of exclaiming, "Hello, Bill," even if the special train had paused on its rapid flight from Portland to San Francisco. At Oregon City, Salem and Albany, President Taft appeared upon the rear platform of his train and spoke briefly to the assembled crowds, but he had retired before reaching this point.

## ITS BUSINESS IS GOOD.

### Oregon and Southeastern Handles 116 Carloads of Lumber Last Month.

During the month of September last the Oregon and Southeastern, which penetrates magnificent timber lands for a distance of 20 miles, delivered to the Southern Pacific at this point, 106 carloads of lumber, or approximately 1,500,000 feet. Ten carloads, or about 150,000 feet were delivered to Cottage Grove for local use. Besides this, the railway brought to the Brown Lumber Company's saw mills in this city 156 carloads of logs. The passenger traffic, as well as the merchant freight business, was somewhat above the average.

## Circulars Are Belated.

The circulars giving colonist fares to Cottage Grove from all Eastern points which have been issued by the Home-seekers' Bureau of the Sunset Magazine, arrived on Monday, and although somewhat late will probably be the means of accomplishing some good. The rates hold good only until October 15. Many thousands of the circulars have gone forward to Eastern points for distribution.

## Accident at the Brown Mill.

The mills of the Brown Lumber company did not operate on Monday, the shut-down being occasioned by a broken throttle valve on the engine. The repairs were speedily made and operations resumed on Tuesday.

## To Them a Son is Born.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hutchinson, on Saturday, October 2, an eight-pound son.

## ADVANTAGES, POSSIBILITIES AND PROSPECTS

### Cottage Grove Presents to the World Opportunities Unsurpassed by Any Other Section in the Great Pacific Northwest.

At the southern end of the beautiful Willamette Valley in Lane county, 144 miles south of Portland, and advantageously located on the main line of the Southern Pacific railroad, is the thriving progressive city of Cottage Grove. It has a population of 3000, which is rapidly increasing. The city affords exceptional educational advantages, and in addition to the graded schools, which have an enrollment of more than 800 pupils, with sixteen teachers, there is a graded high-school, whose graduates are entitled entrance in the University of Oregon. The population is more than 95 per cent American, and there is a healthy interest in education, churches and organizations of a purely social and fraternal nature.

Cottage Grove is an important point along the Southern Pacific system. It enjoys terminal rates on its exports of lumber and in the all important matter of passenger transportation is accorded distinct advantage, being the initial point for certain local trains. The Oregon and Southeastern railroad has a line running from Cottage Grove twenty miles up the Row River Valley to the great Bohemia mining district. This line taps the famous timber belt in Lane county. It is estimated that tributary to Cottage Grove there is as much tonnage for railroad traffic as would be found in any equal area in the state. This consists mainly of lumber, mining and farm products.

There are thirty-one lumber mills tributary to Cottage Grove, a score of which are within twenty miles of the city. The employees of these mills trade in Cottage Grove, and the monthly payroll exceeds \$50,000. One of the principal resources of Southern Lane county, of which Cottage Grove is the pivotal point, is its extensive forests of standing timber, therefore one of the leading industries of Cottage Grove for many years has been the manufacture of lumber and other timber products.

It is estimated by timber experts that there are sixteen billion feet of merchantable timber in the area contiguous to Cottage Grove. It will cost \$7.50 per thousand feet to prepare this timber for shipment in its crude form, according to the United States Government estimate of costs. This involves an expenditure of \$120,500,000. The movement of this timber, it is estimated by the experts of the Government, will be completed within thirty years, and this vast sum of money will be expended in and about Cottage Grove.

The destiny of the timber growth of Lane county is little short of amazing. There are quarter sections, 160 acres, in the vicinity of Cottage Grove that contain 22,000,000 feet of merchantable timber. The grade of this timber is excellent, running as high as 54 per cent clear. It must not be forgotten that the natural outlet for these vast resources of timber is at Cottage Grove, and that Cottage Grove will continue to be the market place for the workers in the lumber camps and sawmills of this rich territory. The merchantable timber area of Lane county embraces 5956 square miles.

The lumber industry of this section is in its infancy, and offers tempting opportunities for investment, not alone in timber, but in a variety of kindred industries. It is not strange that dense forests of towering timber, and luxuriant plant growth are characteristic of Lane county, and particularly of its southern section, in which Cottage Grove is situated. Ideal climatic conditions and deep, rich soil form a combination which produces big things, giant trees and bounteous crops.

## NO DAMAGING FIRES.

### McKenzie District Fortunate Again in This Respect—Up-river Notes.

Mr. S. K. Lewis, who spent the summer in the vicinity of Leaburg as fire warden, returned to his home in Cottage Grove on Saturday. This was Mr. Lewis' fourth year in the service on the McKenzie, prior to which he was on Mosby creek two years. During the past season there were no fires of a destructive character in his district.

There is a large force of men working near Leaburg on the proposed power plant of a Eugene company. The McKenzie will furnish the power. Mr. Lewis of this city says about 100 men and many teams are engaged in the work.

The fish hatchery on the McKenzie river, about three miles below Gate Creek, has this season taken something over ten million salmon eggs. These are hatched, and when the young salmon are large enough to care for themselves they are returned to the stream,

The mining interests of the city next to lumber are the most important of her industries, as it affords such a splendid market for all local products of the farm. Mines and miners produce nothing but money, and are consumers of every necessity of life that is produced by the farmer, stock raiser, gardener, poultryman, etc. The principal mining district tributary to Cottage Grove is the Bohemia gold mining district, 36 miles to the east which is fast proving itself to be among the leading camps of the Pacific Coast. Numerous large mills, concentrating plants, electric power plants, sawmills, etc., are operating in the district, employing several hundred men. The Black Butte quicksilver mines, 18 miles to the southwest, contain large deposits of cinnabar, ore, which are being extensively developed. Large deposits of mineral paint have been discovered four miles north and a company has already been incorporated to develop them.

Cottage Grove besides being the supply point for the various mining districts and lumbering camps, already mentioned, is also the principal trading point for a vast scope of surrounding country, such as the fertile Lorane Valley, 12 miles west, which is important for its dairying interests, also Calapooia Mineral Springs, located 12 miles southwest, which is becoming noted as a health resort, and is reached from Cottage Grove by daily stage.

So successful has been the business of poultry keeping in the country surrounding Cottage Grove and so large are the shipments of poultry and eggs from this point, that the city is frequently referred to as the Petaluma of Oregon, by those who are interested in the poultry business. There is no more promising opportunity for the development of a lucrative business than the raising of poultry in this section.

All grains, clover, vetch, alfalfa, corn, oats, rape and roots do well in this section and yield abundantly. Clover yields from six to eight bushels of seed per acre, and vetch will yield from twenty to twenty-five bushels. Many farmers receive from \$30 to \$50 per acre from vetch and clover seed, besides securing a good pasture. From one-quarter of an acre near Cottage Grove a little more than one ton of clover has been produced, and twelve acres in clover recently yielded thirty-six tons. Fifty-five bushels of wheat to the acre is not an unusual yield in this vicinity, and oats show a productiveness of one hundred bushels to the acre. The country surrounding Cottage Grove is regarded as ideal for dairying, and the industry is more profitable because of the great demand for the products of the dairy.

Cottage Grove offers splendid opportunities for the fruit grower because of the deep fertile soils of the surrounding country, and because of the favorable conditions which serve to produce fruit of the finest quality. The conditions for successful apple culture are especially good. Spitzenberg, Baldwin, Ortley, Yellow Newtown Pippin, Northern Spy, Jonathan, Gravenstein and Winter Banana varieties are all grown here and attain perfect coloring. Sales of these varieties of apples in the New York market during the last season netted shippers \$1.80 a box. All varieties of American grapes are grown here in profusion, the sunny slopes of the surrounding hills, as well as the sandy loams, offering ideal locations for grape culture.

## NOT LARGELY OPPOSED.

### Eastern Oregon Gives Appreciated Lift to Nesmith County.

Mr. M. H. Anderson, of the real estate firm of Veatch & Anderson, while in Morrow and Umatilla counties last week, secured something over 200 signatures to the petition asking that the proposed formation of Nesmith county be submitted to a vote of the people. The necessary 10,000 signatures have already been secured, but an additional work along this line will be done. There is very little opposition to the measure when it is considered.

## Open Season Deferred.

The last legislature having changed the date of the opening of the season, it will not be lawful to kill the China pheasant until October 15, instead of October 1, as heretofore. The birds are said to be scarcer in this section than in former years.

## Very Plain Proposition.

There is no reasonable excuse for

any man to live in a town if he does not like it. If you have no good word for your city, its institutions or people, emigrate. You won't bust the town by going away. The church bells will have the same musical ring, the little dogs will play just as well and the pure air, bright sunshine and sparkling water will have the same health giving qualities. Speak a good word for your city, if you can; if you can't, do not everlastingly enlarge upon its faults. If you have become thoroughly disgruntled, move away.

Cottage Grove needs boosters, not knockers. Knockers may be had without the asking. Give the town a good word. It will pay every time.

## HURT BY FLYING STEEL.

### Sherman Shortridge Suffers Painful Injury on Monday.

Sherman Shortridge, an employe of the Brown Lumber Company, met with quite a serious accident, from the results of which he will be "laid up" for several days. While in the blacksmithing department a piece of flying steel struck him across the left eye, injuring the globe and lacerating and bruising the flesh. A physician removed a tiny piece of steel from the tissue of the globe or eyeball, and iron rust from the eye, and while the sight will be impaired for a time, it is thought that the accident will not cause permanent injury.

## COUNCIL ON RIGHT TRACK.

### Citizens Gratified With Its Position on Public Improvements.

The public-spirited citizens of the community cannot but appreciate and commend the position taken at Monday's meeting by the mayor and councilmen on matters for the betterment of the municipality. A spirit of progress prevailed the atmosphere, and contemplated improvements which have seemingly been unwarrantably delayed were given a new impetus. There was no outward sign of the part of the aldermanic body to balk or retard public improvements, and no disposition to shrink from meeting every legitimate financial demand was manifested by the numerous tax-payers present. It was a gathering of the forces that have the material interest of the city at heart; it was a meeting of the representative citizenship of Cottage Grove imbued with one thought and one purpose, that of municipal advancement, and if results are not attained it will only be attributable to some Judas.

## DONS A NEW DRESS.

### Promise of The Sentinel Management Is Fulfilled Today.

Last week The Sentinel noted the fact that it had purchased a complete new "dress" for the paper, and expressed the hope that the type would arrive from San Francisco in time for presentation to its subscribers today. It is before you—new, spick, span and sparkling—and we trust that you will appreciate the clean-cut appearance of The Sentinel in its new garb. The type is somewhat smaller than that heretofore used, but this is from choice. The smaller the type the more reading matter to the column, as you must know, and it is our aim to give Cottage Grove a newspaper in the truest sense of the word. When we become familiar with our surroundings, and get worked into the harness, we shall expect to do better. Until then we shall miss items of news, and ask our readers to be patient with us.

## MERCHANTS TO BANQUET.

### Association Discusses Collection of Long Standing Accounts.

The attendance at the regular semi-monthly meeting of the Merchants' Association on Tuesday evening was somewhat larger than usual, and no inconsiderable interest was manifested in the questions brought up for discussion. Principally among these subjects was the important one of collections, and some definite action will likely be taken in the near future to employ a man to give them his personal attention, as is done in other cities. Lew A. Cates, of The Sentinel, was admitted to membership. The association will hold a banquet, or love feast within a few weeks, the date of which will be named at the next regular session.

## Up Goes the Rate.

Postmaster Gault informs The Sentinel that after November 1 all persons registering a letter in the United States mail will have to pay 10 cents for the service. The United States will assume a maximum liability for registered matter of \$50 instead of \$25.

## New Firm Formed.

Mr. Nichol, who recently sold his printing plant in this city to The Sentinel, has purchased an interest in the repair shop of A. B. Cochran. The firm is known as Cochran & Nichol.

## WORK TO BEGIN SOON

### Thousand Acres of Fruit Trees to Be Planted This Winter.

## CANADIAN IN CHARGE OF WORK

### Many Men and Teams Will Be Employed for Several Months in Preparing the Land.—Plan to Sell Small Orchards on Installments.

Mr. Ruben Phillips, of Toronto, Canada, has been in Cottage Grove this week making arrangements to move his family hither. Mr. Phillips will have the management of the Churchill-Matthews fruit ranch of approximately one thousand acres, near Lorane, twelve miles from this city. He has had no inconsiderable experience in fruit culture. He will commence at the very foundation in this instance, by ploughing the extensive tract and setting out the trees. The land has but recently come into the possession of the Churchill-Matthews Company, and there is a large amount of preliminary work to be done this fall and winter. Part of the acreage was under cultivation and there are a number of line fences to be removed, some timber to cut, and brushing to be done before the entire tract can be utilized. This work will go forward as rapidly as possible after October 15, and twelve teams and about forty men will be engaged throughout the winter months. When it is learned that these possessions extend three miles down the valley, one can more readily comprehend the magnitude of the work to be accomplished. It is the purpose of the company to plant apple and pear trees, and dispose of the young orchards in five and ten acre tracts at \$350 per acre, the agreement stipulating that the company shall care for the trees for a period of five years. Payments may be made on the installment plan, and purchasers may occupy the land whenever they so elect. Ten acres in the geographical center of the thousand acres will be reserved for a community settlement, and owners of orchards may make their homes at this place in case they so desire. Mr. A. C. Churchill and Mr. Phillips went over the land together the first of the week, and for the winter it was decided to have a boarding house at each end of the tract, and prosecute the work of making ready and planting from either direction. Mr. Phillips will move his family, consisting of wife and daughter, here during the present month.

Mr. Phillips went to Portland yesterday afternoon to complete arrangements for the commencement of work, and will be absent about a week. In the meantime supplies and tools are being taken to the ground.

## PREPARING FOR THE FRAY.

### Basketball Boys Industrious Practicing for Coming Games.

The basketball team is doing some good preparatory work at the armory these evenings, and when the season opens a fortnight hence will be in fine form to enter contests for honors. Games have already been arranged with Roseburg and Albany, and others will be had later. The sporting editor of The Sentinel watched the young athletes practice Wednesday night, and is confident that if they are vanquished the other fellows will have to go some. Walter Mason is manager, Mert Earl captain and Geo. Baker referee. The team is composed of the following young men: Mert, Earl, Robt, Sherwood, Jesse Lewis, Elmer Hastings, Chas. Beals and Fay Allison.

## THEATRES CONSOLIDATE.

### The Arcade Closes and Dreamland Becomes the Arcade.

Cottage Grove is now without competition in the moving picture business, but notwithstanding this there is no immediate prospect of raising prices. Mr. N. H. Martin of the Dreamland and Mr. Chas. Hall of the Arcade this week consummated a deal whereby a consolidation of interests took place, the latter closing his theatre, and moving his paraphernalia to the Dreamland building. The consolidation will prove advantageous to patrons of these entertainments, as the elimination of competition will afford the united forces to present a higher class of amusements.

## Made a Trip With Cook.

Mr. B. F. Pitcher of Disston was in Cottage Grove on Tuesday for a load of freight. Mr. Pitcher went to Alaska some years ago on the same steamer as did Dr. Fredrick A. Cook, discoverer of the North Pole, when he climbed Mount McKinley.

## The End is Near.

Mrs. Oliver, who has been confined to her home by illness for some months, is very low, and her recovery cannot be hoped for.