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Cottage Grove Has Resources and Advantages Worthy of Careful Investigation

THIEVES ARE AT WORK

Marshal Snodgrass' Tormenters Again Busily Engaged.

SEVERAL DWELLINGS ROBBED

Troubles of Four Months Ago Return to Detriment of Citizens and to Perplexity of Officer.—Some of the Past Operations.

Some four months ago numerous complaints from citizens came to Marshal Snodgrass that their residences had been entered and pilfered of edibles of various kinds. The officer, as well as the victims, were inclined to believe that the perpetrators of the petty crimes were hobos, and a systematic campaign against such intrusions was waged. There is practically but one entrance and one exit to Cottage Grove, and at each of these sentinels were stationed with instructions to detain any and all suspicious looking characters. This vigil was kept for several days. During the meantime the depredations continued unabated. Mrs. Holland's boarding house was entered and a sack of flour, several pounds of sugar and other articles of similar nature carried away. Form Alderman Atkinson's residence a considerable amount of canned fruits was taken, while Mrs. Eddy, a widowed lady residing on the East side, and Mrs. W. Higgins suffered similarly, these being only a few of the numerous victims.

Marshal Snodgrass was puzzled, but not undaunted. Two men were employed to patrol the residence sections, and the thievery came to an abrupt end, only to be resumed after a lapse of the two intervening months. During the past fortnight dwellings in various parts of town have been entered, ransacked and goods carried away, but single-handed the marshal has been unable to apprehend the guilty ones. He tells The Sentinel that he is reasonably confident he can put his finger on the parties, but as his evidence is too flimsy to convict them, he must abide his time. It is practically certain, however, that unless the high-handed lawlessness is discontinued the officer will have the perpetrators in the toils, as it is an acknowledged fact he has yet the first time to show the white feather to wrong doers.

LUMBER NEWS IMPRTANT.

Secretary of Association Applauds The Sentinel's Efforts.

The Sentinel has received the following appreciated communication from Mr. A. B. Wastell, secretary of the Oregon and Washington Lumber Manufacturers' association: "The Sentinel; I beg to state my personal appreciation of the improvement you have made in the Cottage Grove newspaper, which I am very much pleased to have reach my desk at intervals, and consider that you are doing a splendid work in establishing a lumber news department as noted in recent issues. I consider that publicity work through our local newspapers should be encouraged by lumber manufacturers more than it has been in the past, and hope that you will be successful in obtaining items of sufficient importance to keep up an interest in these columns."

GRANGE IS ACTIVE.

Coast Fork Grange Meets Regularly With Good Attendance.

Coast Fork Grange, No. 243, is in a most prosperous condition, financially and otherwise. At a meeting last night notice was given that commencing with the second meeting in December the meeting nights would be changed to the first and third Saturdays of each month. The meetings are held in the Hogue & Banton hall in London, and the average attendance is about twenty. The time is spent in the transaction of business, followed by addresses, recitations, songs and oftentimes debates. Arrangements are now making for an entertainment, to be given at the first meeting in December.

Roads in Bad Condition.

H. M. Damewood, who resides six miles from Cottage Grove on the Lorane Rural Route, was in the city on Saturday, and to The Sentinel said there was need of road improvement

in that locality. The highway to the mountain is in excellent condition, one of the best in the county, but beyond the mud is almost too deep for an empty wagon. Mr. Damewood has about two and a half tons of potatoes in storage in Cottage Grove, waiting an advance in price.

MORE PHEASANTS FOR STATE.

The Reeves Variety Will be Distributed Early Next Fall.

One hundred pair of Reeves pheasants, costing \$15 a pair, have just been ordered for distribution throughout Oregon next fall, says the Corvallis Gazette-Times. R. O. Stevenson, state game warden, has ordered the birds. When turned over to Mr. Stevenson, next year these gamesters will be liberated in the most favorable sections, where landowners will agree to see that they are protected according to law. Just now this class of birds is protected indefinitely.

The Reeves pheasants are larger than the Chinas, and thrive equally as well in wild state. They are very scarce in the United States, but in England are considered the gamest of all game birds. They are a timber bird and will make a most valuable addition to Oregon's game birds, as they will not remain out in the open prairies as do the Chinas. They will be strong, healthy birds, already acclimated to this country. Birds imported from the old country usually arrive in poor condition and rarely ever breed the first season.

VOTE THE TEN-MILL TAX.

Public Schools of City Need at Least \$10,000 for All Purposes.

It must be acknowledged that the educational advantages of a community are an important factor in its numerical advancement, and while Cottage Grove is rapidly forging forward in other directions there should be no disposition on the part of its citizens to conduct its public schools along such economical lines that it will prove a handicap to them. Every person qualified to participate in the school meeting to be held at the High school building tomorrow, should attend, and advocate proper maintenance and the up-building of our educational facilities by voting for a ten-mill tax. It has been carefully estimated that \$9,500 will be required for the actual maintenance of the public schools during the fiscal year, and in addition to this there should be purchased some comparatively small items of equipment which would bring the grand total in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

PRELIMINARY WORK.

Taylor & Kurtz Contract to Locate Water Pipe Line.

Messrs. Taylor & Kurtz have entered into a contract with Mr. J. W. Roberts, consulting engineer for the proposed water system from Layng creek, to perform the preliminary engineering under his immediate direction. Mr. Roberts will probably be here some time next week, when the work will be inaugurated forthwith and completed without unnecessary delay. Mr. Kurtz informs The Sentinel that the party will be composed of eleven men, and it is thought that it will consume twenty days.

LARGE SPECIMENS OF KALE.

Mr. O. P. Adams Enthusiastic Over This Splendid Cow-Feed.

Mr. O. P. Adams has brought to The Sentinel some splendid specimens of kale, grown on his place near town. Two of the leaves measure 30x16 inches, and these, he says, are only fair samples of the entire quarter-acre patch, which was planted as an experiment. The stalks are three feet apart, and the field is one solid mass of leaves, each stalk bearing sufficient for a day's feed for a cow. Mr. Adams says this is the first kale grown on the ground, which has been under cultivation for fifty-three years.

Tourist Dies Suddenly.

One day last week Mr. and Mrs. Anberry Grace of Roseburg passed through Cottage Grove by wagon enroute for Portland. They stopped here an hour or more for supplies. At Eugene, while camping temporarily in an abandoned house, Mrs. Grace died suddenly of heart failure. She had been in good health up to the time of death.

New Trial Granted.

The arguments for a new trial in the Joe Matlock attempted rape case were heard by Judge Harris of the circuit court Saturday afternoon, and soon afterward the judge granted the motion, setting the time for the second trial on December 1.

THE TRY-OUT DEBATE BETTERING ITS SYSTEM

Contestants Will Discuss Four Questions Tonight.

FIRST OF SERIES OF DEBATES AFTER PROFESSIONAL BEATS.

Beautiful Sterling Silver Cup Donated by University Regents to Stimulate Interest in Debating in Public Schools of the State.

At the Armory tonight will occur what is known as the try out debate, preparatory to participation in the state debate, which is held under the auspices of the Oregon High School Debating League. The regents of the University of Oregon, as individuals, give a beautiful sterling silver cup to the League to stimulate debating among the high schools of the state, and it is presented annually to the winning team, and becomes the permanent property of the school winning it twice. In previous contests, in 1908 Lebanon won the cup on May 29, and in 1909 Grants Pass won it. There is interest manifested in the debates. The schools of the state are divided into districts, and a series of debates are held by each to determine which school shall represent that district in the final contest.

At the preliminary debate tonight there will be sixteen speakers on the various questions assigned, two for the affirmative and two for the negative. The time allotted each speaker is eight minutes. Following are the questions for debate:

"Resolved, That the constitution of the United States should be amended so as to elect the U. S. Senators by a direct vote of the people." Affirm: Ernest Anderson, Harry Kime. Deny: Elmer Spencer, Melvin Jordan.

"Resolved, That Lincoln was a greater man than Washington." Affirm: Myrtle DeSpain, Lautretta Atkinson. Deny: Allie Phillips, Audrey Langdon.

"Resolved, That Music has had and does have a greater power over mankind than Oration." Affirm: Myrtle Kems, Armorel Sutcliffe. Deny: Benny King, Ethel Chrisman.

"Resolved, That history warrants the conclusion that woman has exerted a greater power and influence in the world than man." Affirm: Pearl Gray, Vera Cochran. Deny: Maude Hooper, Gladys Farley.

TO OBTAIN DIFFICULTY HOW ARE THE DOORS?

County Assessor of the State New State Law Says They Must Called to the Capitol. Swing Outward.

Tax Commissioner's Purpose Equalizing Assessment of Every County in Oregon—The Proposed Method of Procedure.

The state board of tax commissioners has issued an order that all of the county assessors of the state are to meet in Salem on Wednesday, December 8, at which time the commission will be in session as a board of equalization and it is probable some plan will be adopted to obviate a difficulty which has been experienced ever since the establishment of the state—the difficulty of assessing all other kinds of property than real on an equitable basis, says the Salem Statesman.

To arrive at some method whereby a cash value assessment may be secured on personal property will require a full statement from every assessor in the state to determine methods to be arrived at which will cause an assessment to be made in every county, which will place that county on a footing with every other county.

The state board of tax commissioners, by a careful research into the records of every county, have now statistics in hand which will bring them to practically an exact estimate of cash values on real property in every county. But the records do not show the value of personal property and it will be only by careful investigation into the subject that the commission will be able to bring about any satisfactory result.

BETTERING ITS SYSTEM

Merchants' Association Weeding Out Poor Pays.

AFTER PROFESSIONAL BEATS.

Monthly Reports Will Be Exchanged and Merchants Will Thus Have the Financial Protection to Which They Are Entitled.

The Merchants' Protective Association, with which organization all the leading merchandising institutions of Cottage Grove are identified, is formulating a system whereby its aims and objects will be more fully carried out. As its name implies, the primary object of the association is mutual protection against financial loss through the credit system, which here obtains quite largely. It is proposed that each merchant keep a watchful eye on his customers and make monthly reports to the secretary. If a customer pays his bills promptly he is so reported and consequently is given the benefit of a better credit with all stores. If any are a trifle negligent, or perhaps the "no funds" men, they too are promptly reported and of course their credit is immediately impaired just that much. The merchants are forced to take advantage of the protection such an organization affords. The professional dead beat is relegated to the rear, and slow-pays are made more prompt. On the other hand those trying to do the right thing are benefited by a better credit everywhere.

The credit system is wrong at its best, and cannot fail to result in loss to both the retailer and the purchasing public. But so long as it obtains in the business world, there is every reason why the merchant should safeguard himself against loss as best he can, and the most perfect way is through organization.

Predicts Hard Winter.

According to a Washington weather prognosticator, the coming winter will be the hardest the Pacific Coast has ever experienced. He opines that there will be snow and blizzards galore. Everything points to a severe cold spell in December and people should prepare for it. Last winter's cold snap will be nothing compared with which is due to come in December.

HOW ARE THE DOORS?

New State Law Says They Must Swing Outward.

All Schools, Churches, Theatres and Other Public Buildings Where People Congregate Come Under Provisions of the Act.

A state law went into effect on Wednesday requiring the outside doors of public buildings to swing outward, yet no attention has been paid to its provisions by those who have to do with the matter in Cottage Grove. According to this enactment the outside doors of all theatres, churches, schoolhouses, public buildings used for public purposes, where people congregate, shall be so hinged that they will swing outward. The statute was approved March 17, and went into effect November 17. For failure to comply with the law, a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100 may be imposed, or the violator of the statute may be imprisoned for not less than ten days nor more than 100 days in the county jail.

The law is a good one and should be speedily enforced. It is a protection against loss of life in case of fire, or stampedes from other causes. Every public building in Cottage Grove should, if not already so-arranged, forthwith be provided with outward swinging doors, and not wait for the provisions of the act to be enforced.

Company E Favorable.

Company E, Fourth Infantry, when called upon to vote on the question of transfer to the Coast Artillery service by Capt. Johnson, voted aye to a mem-

ber. Eight other of the twenty companies forming the Oregon National Guard will vote on the proposition, and the Guard will be reduced to twelve companies. It will be necessary to rearrange titles of the various companies.

SHORT OF INFORMATION.

Drain Newspaper Thinks Little of the Great Bohemia District.

The gentleman who wields the faber for the Drain Nonpariel is evidently short on information and long on surmise, as the following concerning the Bohemia district would indicate: "There may be lots of precious metal in the ground, but it was put there in the form of machinery and prospective development. The old mining saying that there is 'more money put into the ground than is taken out of it,' may hold good in this case."

There is gold in the Bohemia district, and development work is progressing in many places in the camp along lines that are bound to prove fruitful. The specimens of ore exhibited in several places in Cottage Grove, Eugene and Portland would convince the Drain editor that his opinion is erroneous if he would but investigate.

RENDER BROTHERLY AID.

Farmers Near London Double Up the Muddy Shortridge Hill.

Messrs. J. E. Banton, Joseph Geer, George Bales and A. H. Nowell of London were in Cottage Grove on Saturday, coming hither for supplies. On account of the frightful condition of the Shortridge hill it was found necessary on the return trip to "double up" in order to get their loads over the hill. Each team took about a ton, whereas, under ordinary conditions, at least 3000 pounds would not have been an excessive load. With the opening of a road through the Beaulieu & Woodard lands, which has been granted by the owners, the Shortridge hill will be avoided. The farmers beyond this grade appreciate the opening of this private highway.

WALNUTS PAY WELL.

Twelve Tons Gathered by One Grower in Yamhill County.

Thomas Prince, the "Walnut King" of Yamhill county, has just finished gathering twelve tons of English walnuts from his orchard near Dundee. Mr. Prince has about 125 acres of walnut trees, but the trees on 75 acres are too young for bearing. The trees on the other 50 acres are twelve and thirteen years old, and are not supposed to be at their best for a number of years yet. As the gross receipts to the producer are less than 20 cents per pound, and it takes about 1 cent a pound to harvest the nuts, it is easily figured that the orchard will not quite average \$100 per acre. Mr. Prince considers an acre that yields \$200 extra good.

HANDSOME? WELL, YES.

Most Beautiful Apples Yet Seen Produced in Peculiar Way.

On Saturday last Mr. G. W. Kelley brought to the Commercial club some specimens of apples of the Tompkins County King variety, which are pronounced by Manager Conley the finest he has ever seen. The apples are from a tree which had its origin in a peculiar manner. While ploughing a field on the ranch now belonging to C. F. Walker, ten miles up the Coast Fork, Mr. Kelley nine years ago turned under a broken limb from a Tompkins County King tree, which grew and is now producing the most handsome fruit in this section, if not anywhere. The apples are large, and the coloring is a rich crimson, while those of the parent tree are light of color. Those who are interested should see the exhibit at the Commercial club rooms.

Hobo Finds Soft Thing.

The other night Marshal Snodgrass, as is his custom, sauntered into the east side fire station, and there discovered a hobo toasting his shins beside a cherry blaze, which he had kindled in the stove. Mr. Snodgrass seized upon the tourist, tossed him into a cell for the night, at the same time admonishing him to rest well as it would become his duty on the following day to clean the mud from Main street. The man retired with a satisfied smile overspreading his countenance, firm in the conviction that he had at last found a winter's job.

Meets Next Tuesday.

The Merchants' Protective Association will meet next Tuesday evening, and every member should be present.

LUMBER MAKERS MEET

Hoo Hoo Booked for Gala Day in Cottage Grove.

MANY MEMBERS ARE COMING

Monthly Session of Oregon and Washington Lumber Manufacturers' Association Calls for Enthusiastic Gathering Tomorrow.

No inconsiderable interest is manifested by lumbermen throughout Oregon and Washington in the meeting of the Lumber Manufacturers' association of these states to be held in Cottage Grove tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, for which quite extensive preparations have been made. Secretary A. B. Wastell of Portland has urgently requested that not only members of the association be present, but that they invite their neighbors to accompany them hither, to enjoy a profitable session and a pleasant occasion. The business men of Cottage Grove will tender a reception to the visiting lumbermen at the Commercial club Saturday evening, and the hours will be spent in social intercourse. Refreshments will be served, a committee having this end of the entertainment in charge. Arrangements have been made with the Southern Pacific to have a standard Pullman sleeper set out at this point Saturday evening so that those who desire to return north that night may conveniently do so. The car will be picked up by train No. 16, which arrives at Portland about 7:30 Sunday morning.

During the afternoon a meeting of the directors of the association will be held in the parlors of the club, when several matters of importance will be considered, among others probably being the question of odd lengths. There is a vigorous campaign for the supplying of lumber in odd as well as even lengths, and while some retailers are opposed to the innovation the right and justice of the movement must at once be apparent. The manufacturer presents arguments to offset points that may be raised as to the impracticability of utilizing odd lengths, and some keep on shipping odd lengths wherever possible. They believe that the utilization of such will be accomplished without cluttering up the yard with odds and ends if the retailer will present the matter fairly to his customer. When this problem is fully solved it will mean less waste of material, an important item for consideration.

The attendance will undoubtedly be large, not only from throughout the more distant points of the state of Oregon and Washington, but from this immediate locality. An urgent invitation has been extended to all lumbermen of this section, whether members of the association or not, to be present. Mr. Rosenberg is active in the preparations, desiring to make this gathering one of the most successful in the history of the organization, and The Sentinel hopes and trusts that the invitation will meet with a large response. Cottage Grove is one of the foremost lumber centers of the two states, and should give the visitors a hearty welcome.

SHRINERS JOIN PILGRIMAGE.

Local Wearers of the Fez Attend Large Doings at Albany.

Several Cottage Grove Shriners went to Albany, the Mecca of the pilgrimage of Al Kader temple of Portland, last Saturday, where a ceremonial session was held in the evening, followed by the traditional banquet and division of the last loaf. Sixty candidates were initiated. Albany was in gala attire, its principal streets being decorated with yellow and red, the Shrine colors, and wearers of the fez, some 600 in numbers were given the key to the city. The Shriners from this city who attended were T. J. Wheeler, Ben Lurch, F. T. Wheeler, J. I. Jones, J. H. Chambers and Andrew Brund.

Capital Is Increased.

The A. C. Bohnstedt company, which controls several thousand acres of fruit land in the vicinity of Creswell, has increased its capital from \$125,000 to \$150,000, and will plant 45,000 trees this winter instead of 40,000, as at first intended. An order has been placed for 100,000 trees, the rest of them to be planted next year.