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## ITS LEADING INDUSTRY

### Row River Lumber Co's Plant Sawing to Capacity.

### SOMETHING OF ITS EQUIPMENT

Established Only Since Last June Large Shipments of Railway Materials Have Been Shipped—A Prosperous Hamlet.

A representative of The Sentinel recently visited the sawmill of the Row River Lumber Company, twelve miles east of Cottage Grove on the line of the Oregon & Southeastern railway, and found there an industry of considerable proportions actively operating, having forty-two employes on its payroll and disbursing approximately \$2,700 per month for labor. The mill is located one-half mile from Star postoffice, and is connected with the main line by a spur track, known as Vaughn's Spur, named after Syd. H. Vaughn, one of the pioneer settlers of that section, who could relate some thrilling experiences of early days. The company, which is unincorporated, is comprised of Albert Stocks, C. A. Harlow, Joseph Stocks, T. B. Hankins and W. T. Hankins, the first named being manager and the latter secretary and treasurer. In the site occupied by the mill there are 120 acres, and here quite a hamlet has been built for the accommodation of employes. Besides a well-stocked commissary, there are a number of cottages 16x24 feet, and in these twelve families reside.

The sawmill building, which was erected early last spring, is 50x200 feet, and contains two 56-inch circular saws and the other necessary equipment, which are driven by a 16x18 Ames engine. The planer is 12x24, and an engine 18x25 drives this machine, besides the conveyors, etc. There is in the institution 125 feet of live rolls. The mill, as well as the yards, is lighted by electricity, the company having a plant of 125 light capacity. Logging operations are carried on by the aid of a donkey engine, which is commonly used throughout this district. The logs are put into a pond which has a capacity of about a half million feet, and thence to the saws.

This sawmill has a capacity of 40,000 feet per day of ten hours, and is being operated to its capacity day in and day out. The equipment is first-class in every particular, and consequently delays or shutdowns are scarcely known. The principal product is car builders' material and bridge timbers, for which Oregon fir is famous throughout the world. Over half a million feet of materials of this character has thus far been shipped, and orders are coming in freely. At present the stock on hand is something less than 200,000 feet. The company has twenty million feet of timber, and more is available when this is cut.

Messrs. Stocks and Harlow, who have been connected with lumbering and mining in this section for upwards of twenty years, purchased the 120 acres on which the sawmill is located from Al. Anderson for a nominal sum. Mr. Anderson, had in years past, felled and destroyed four million feet of timber in an attempt to clear the tract. He succeeded in clearing twelve acres. Had Mr. Anderson allowed the timber to stand it would now be worth a fortune. Mr. Anderson now resides in Douglas county. Messrs. Stocks and Harlow are the pioneer lumbermen of the Row river, their first mill having been operated by water power, on the Pitcher place, at what is known as Pitcher's falls, and the manufactured commodity was hauled to Cottage Grove by team.

These men were also the original incorporators of the North Fairview Mining Company, now operating claims in the Bohemia district, from which was recently reported one of the richest strikes in free milling ore ever discovered in that camp, the strike having been made on one of the claims of this company. Mr. W. T. Hankins, the secretary and treasurer, is a practical millman and gives careful attention to the business end of the operations. Those now having families residing at the mill are Z. O. Earl, Frank Hensley, Wm. Gillispie, Matt Gardiner, S. H. Vaughn, L. Gillispie, Thos. Sears, C. W. Hensley, Frank Johnson, Herman Brees, F. A. Crites, Geo. Barlow, H. Hainey, Frank Van Schoick and A. E. Davis. Wm. Gillispie is sawyer, Matt Gardiner, millwright and Frank McIntyre planer.

School Entertainment. The Kelley district school, situated three miles from Dorena, gave a basket

social last Saturday evening, the object of the entertainment being to create a fund for the purchase of new seats. The young ladies provided abundantly filled baskets, and these were sold at auction blindly, it being incumbent upon the purchaser of a basket to share its contents with the lady who furnished it. The proceeds aggregated \$55.50, the average price per basket being \$2.22. Miss Mary Smith of Springfield is teacher in this district, and it was through her efforts that the affair was arranged and successfully carried out.

### INVESTIGATES PAVEMENTS.

Bitulithic Finds Favor With Alderman of a Southern Town.

A Grants Pass councilman recently visited Portland for the purpose of investigating pavements for streets, and upon his return home gave a representative of The Courier of that city his conclusions. Inasmuch as Cottage Grove is about to undertake the improvement of its principal thoroughfare they may be of interest to readers of The Sentinel. He said in the interview: "I had an opportunity to see bitulithic, Hassam, asphalt and wood block pavements. I made a careful and critical examination of all of these various pavements and am fully convinced in my own mind that the bitulithic is by far the most practical pavement. The Hassam, which is used quite extensively there, is nothing more than a concrete pavement, and like the concrete walks, the pavement will crack, giving water a chance to work down through it and to disintegrate the cement, and gravel, and then the passing over of vehicles, such as heavily loaded wagons, automobiles, etc., grind up the pavement, causing holes which become more worn with every passing team, and within a very short time it becomes necessary to apply a patch, which leaves a rough surface and is very apt to soon break up again.

"So far as wood block pavement is concerned, it soon becomes rough and uneven and is very slippery, and personally I would not think it a good pavement at all for the streets of Grants Pass. The asphaltum, as is generally well known, is not suitable for streets where there is heavy traffic, as in the summer it becomes very soft and cuts up badly.

"The bitulithic pavement, in my opinion, is far superior to any other in use. In the first place, the streets in Portland where the heaviest traffic is carried on are paved with this material. It does not cut up nor wear and is easy, so far as foothold is concerned for teams. This style of pavement is the process of one parent company and they allow only certain companies in certain sections of the United States to construct this pavement and they are under bond to lay it according to their specifications. If Grants Pass were to use the bitulithic pavement it would be done in exactly the same manner, the same material would be used, the same thickness and foundation as on the heaviest traveled streets in large cities. The secret of the success of this pavement is that they use a bituminous product in their mixing which has a tendency to congeal and cement the rock and gravel, thus making a perfectly tight covering over their foundation, which is of concrete.

"I had an opportunity of seeing street workers attempting to take up some bitulithic pavement on Washington street in Portland. It was like attempting to take up the solid bed rock. In my opinion there is no pavement that will compare with this kind and I hope that it will be used in this city."

### URGE SALE OF TIMBER.

Citizens Petition Forester to Proceed With the Big Deal.

A petition to Mr. C. S. Chapman, district forester for all national forest work in Oregon, Washington and Alaska, asking that the proposed sale of 173,000,000 feet of timber in the Umpqua reserve be consummated, is in circulation in Cottage Grove, and is meeting with general approval. The petition sites the vast benefit such a sale would prove to this city from a financial standpoint. The document was unanimously sanctioned by a largely attended meeting of the Merchants' Protective association Tuesday night, and is receiving the signatures of hundreds of citizens who have the best interests of the community at heart.

### Movement for Dike.

There is a movement under way for the construction of a dike at the point of overflow to prevent further flooding of the city. Some plans will probably be laid and worked out with this end in view in the very near future.

### Train Delayed by Slide.

A mud-slide at Cerro Gordo point on Saturday morning delayed the Oregon & Southeastern train about two hours. A force of men was gathered and the track cleared in remarkably short time.

## METHOD IN THIS MADNESS?

As an unengaged maiden of Cottage Grove will you permit me space in your valuable paper to make a suggestion for the protection of some of our marriageable girls. Why would not it be wise to have an engagement badge, and let the city council adopt an ordinance enforcing its usage. Our bachelor alderman, I believe, would introduce and champion such a measure. My reasons for this are many. Lots of young men bestow their attentions mistakenly because they do not know, and cannot know without an expression from the young lady herself, that the solitaire diamond no longer serves its historic purpose. Most modern girls are lavishly provided with diamonds and they cannot keep the third finger of the left hand immune to all but engagement. And neither does the air and actions of the engaged girl serve for detection, for although the capture of a man will cause a look of triumph to be permanently engraved upon the maiden's face, such has been the influence of modern independence that the girl who isn't engaged feels as fine about it as though she were. She does not miss anything. With this view of the situation I suggest the badge. The fortunate young

woman should be made to wear it at all times. It might be a white ribbon such as that used by the W. C. T. U. with the word "engaged" or "promised" printed in letters of gold in order that the young man who runs, or loiters, may read and know the truth. It may be said that any maiden has a historic right to keep her secret if she chooses, and also that the unengaged could, with malicious intent, bear the badge also, even if she had to go to Recorder Vandenberg with a convincing tale to secure it. But truth crushed to earth will rise again, and when once this deception was discovered it would place her in a class by herself in the community. I hold that there are not more than enough young men to go around, and when a young woman makes a catch, betrothes herself she should be willing to let go of all others. If The Sentinel thinks favorable of this idea I would be pleased to have the above published, and I should also like to hear from others, both engaged and unengaged on the subject. It is one of vital importance to many of us girls, and while this may be ridiculed it is no laughing matter.

UNENGAGED GIRL.

### EARLY CLOSING OF STORES.

Merchants of Cottage Grove Regard Practice With Satisfaction.

Cottage Grove merchants are abreast with the times as regards the early closing of their places of business. The 6:30 closing gives more than two hundred people, including employer and employe, an opportunity to spend evenings in social intercourse with their fellowman, or otherwise, and practically eliminates "all work and no play." The public, however, seems to insist that the merchant remain behind his counter until a late hour Saturday night to deal out shoe strings and laces, sugars and teas, but the time is not far distant we hope, when we shall have taken on metropolitan airs to a sufficient extent to also discontinue this practice. All stores should be closed promptly at 8 o'clock on Saturdays. Once the purchasing public comes to understand that this condition will obtain throughout the city, arrangements will be made accordingly and the merchant will not suffer financial loss by so doing.

It is quite permissible that all business establishments handling holiday goods should keep open evenings a reasonable length of time before Christmas in order to give ample opportunity for shopping, and this the Cottage Grove merchants purpose doing.

### AN UP-HILL JOB.

Six Days Consumed in Hauling One Load Five Miles.

Mr. Ely, of the Kelso Mining Company, came down from camp on Monday and spent several days in Cottage Grove on business. Mr. Ely has just completed a somewhat difficult undertaking for this season of the year, that of taking heavy milling machinery into camp. Last week the entire six days were spent in taking a load weighing approximately four tons a distance of five miles. At that time there was three feet of snow, and a sled was improvised to convey the machinery to the district from Disston. Four horses and a block and tackle were used, both up hill and down. Mr. Ely has taken 70,000 pounds of supplies into camp for the winter.

### BENSON'S CASE DISMISSED.

Perjury Charge No Longer Hangs Over Local Druggist.

The perjury indictment which has been pending in the Federal court for five years against James Benson, the druggist, has been dismissed on motion of U. S. District Attorney McCourt. Mr. Benson was charged with perjury in connection with the sale of timber land which he had previously taken as a claim. Thus comes to a close one of the older of many similar cases. In this particular instance there could have been no cause of action, otherwise Uncle Sam would have prosecuted it with characteristic vigor.

### We Are Not Yet "Busted."

By its statement The First National Bank of Cottage Grove shows individual deposits subject to check of \$236,199.36, and demand certificates of deposit of \$4,584.88, making the total deposit of \$240,784.24. When it is taken into consideration that this is but one of two financial institutions of the city, it shows that we are not as "hard up" as we might be.

### Schools Have Vacation.

The public schools closed on Wednesday, and will not resume until next Monday.

### WOULD VETO LIGHT BILL.

Mayor Job Thinks City Can Stand No Further Burden at Present.

If the municipal council votes to accept the contract between the city of Cottage Grove and the Lighting company, which is now on its third reading, it will have Mayor Job's veto. The chief executive's position on the question was thus defined at a gathering of business men at the Commercial club parlors Tuesday evening, and resulted in the adoption of a resolution requesting the council to delay action for thirty days from the date of its next meeting for a more thorough investigation of the matter.

The proposed contract calls for an expenditure of approximately \$800 per annum more than the present contract, which would mean an extra tax of about one and a half mills on the city's assessed valuation, and the mayor holds that the city is financially incapable to bear the additional burden. Reports from several cities of comparative size in the valley showed that the price now paid by Cottage Grove is excessive, and also that the new contract price is higher than paid by these cities. At present the city has seven arc lights, for which it pays \$110 per year; sixty-five 32-candle-power incandescents at \$30 per year, and sixteen 16-candle-power incandescents at \$16 per year. The minimum called for by the contract is \$194.50 per month.

Under the terms of the new contract the minimum charge per month would be \$291.62 or \$3,500 per annum, and the contract if made effective would run five years. Arc lights, the number of which must not exceed thirty, is priced at \$80 per year, while the charge for incandescents remains unchanged.

The mayor stated that the city had not been extravagant in its expenditures for lights and to clinch the assertion said the increase had been \$1,440 during the past four years. Mr. Burkholder, who presided over the deliberations of the meeting, suggested that a vote of thanks be tendered Mayor Job for presenting the question to citizens for discussion, saying that he was the first mayor Cottage Grove ever had who had shown the business people that courtesy; it was the first time they had been requested to meet on matters of public policy. The vote of thanks was unanimously extended.

### THE MOON WILL HIDE.

Total Eclipse Is Booked for Tomorrow. Early, But Worth Seeing.

There will be a total eclipse of the moon tomorrow night, and if the sky is clear it will be worth getting up for by people who are interested in astronomy and who have never witnessed the phenomenon. It will take place between 1:20 and 4:47 a. m., the totality lasting from 2:23 to 3:45. An eclipse of the moon is awaited by astronomers with less eagerness than an eclipse of the sun, for it is not expected to unlock new secrets, and telescopically, it is less spectacular. Nevertheless it is a weird sight, the more impressive when the fact is recalled that the first intimation of the rotundity of the earth was derived from the circumstance that the earth's shadow, cast upon the moon, is always round. Long before the Christian era this was noted by the Greeks, and it shook the confidence of some of them in the theory of their geographers which assumed that the earth was a plane.

Halley's Comet, which is now in the northern part of Orion, will pass into

Taurus in the concluding days of the month. It is still too distant to be defined by The Sentinel's telescope.

### His Plan May be Feasible.

Dr. W. J. McGee, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, during his study of soil and forest conditions in Western Washington the past summer, found many abandoned tracts of cut-over land which had reverted to the counties for non-payment of taxes. To solve the problem of the disposition of such land, Dr. McGee advocates their disposal of the state, provided the state is in position to administer them intelligently. As an alternative to this solution, he suggests that the counties co-operate with the state for the protection or utilization of the cut-over lands: first, in protecting them from fire, and next in utilizing them in some economic manner, either in reforesting or for agricultural purposes when better adapted to such purpose.

### RIVER LEAVES ITS BANKS.

Large Portion of City Submerged by Continuous Rains.

High water the first of the week, coupled with continuous storms, had a demoralizing effect upon travel, and consequently business generally. By reason of the river leaving its banks a considerable portion of Cottage Grove was submerged, and while some damage to property was done it is generally conceded that we got off easy. A torrent of water poured down Fourth street during Monday afternoon and all night, carrying drift with it; sidewalks were dislocated and set afloat, and pedestrians traveled with much discomfort. Several residences in the flooded district were filled with water, and this also applies to a number of business houses on the south side of Main street east of Fourth. No alarm was felt, however, as high water of this character is not infrequent here. There is a disposition on the part of the citizens, however, to remedy the evil in the near future, and we may hope that the flooding of the town will soon become a thing of the past forever.

### MERCHANTS WILL BANQUET.

An Interesting Meeting of Protective Association Held Tuesday Night.

At a regular meeting of the Merchants' Protective association, held Tuesday evening, it was decided to hold a banquet on Tuesday evening, December 14. Messrs. Veatch, Tyson and Wheeler is the committee in charge of the affair, which is sufficient assurance that there'll be something doing.

It was also decided to request the city council to clean the streets and crosswalks from the bridge to the depot at intervals, the merchants declining to give their services further in this direction.

Kerr & Silsby, Walker & Kinter, Vandenberg & Simeral and H. C. Cook were admitted to membership.

### NOW IN NEW QUARTERS.

Star Theatre Is Now Located in the Woodward Block on Main Street.

The Star Theatre is enjoying an increased business in the Woodward block, its location being more central. Several improvements have also been made for the better entertainment of patrons. The Star is giving the people of Cottage Grove the very best obtainable amusements for their money, the films being of a high order. The Star is snug and cozy in all its appointments. The program is changed three times each week—Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. An advertisement for this theatre appears elsewhere in The Sentinel, to which your attention is directed.

### Farmer Gets Big Results.

Ed Ziniker, a Lane county farmer, narrates the Register, is one of the men who does his work well and gets results accordingly. He is ahead \$1100 this year on the income from four acres. He has one acre in apple orchard which brought him in \$300. Twelve trees of Waxens brought him in \$100. He raised an acre of onions and the crop sold for \$275. He also has two acres of prunes, the fruit from which he gathered and dried himself and sold for \$475.

### Flour Prices Still Soaring.

The steady advance in wheat prices is lifting flour values and a general advance in local quotations will probably be announced within a day or two. The advance will amount to 20 or 30 cents a barrel and will affect all domestic grades remain as now quoted. The flour trade is active in all quarters and some of the millers are unable to fill all their orders.

### The Best in the State.

The Cottage Grove Sentinel is the best weekly paper published in a town of the size in the state—Eugene Register.

The proceeds of Tuesday's performance at The Arcade was given to the High school piano fund.

## TELL OF PIONEER DAYS

### An Interesting Service Held at Presbyterian Church.

### MEETINGS IN ROW VALLEY

Messrs. Vernon Veatch and W. W. Oglesby Relate Reminiscences of Primitive Life in Cottage Grove and Near Neighborhood.

A unique service was held at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning in honor of the pioneers of that denomination. Aside from the regular church choir, and Pastor Adams, there were seated on the platform Dr. W. W. Oglesby, the speaker of the day, Mr. H. C. Veatch, Mr. Sylvester Veatch, Mrs. H. C. Veatch and Mrs. S. E. McFarland. The four last named persons constituted the Pioneer Quartette, and sang four numbers from the old fashioned fifties. Mr. H. C. Veatch, now eighty-two years old, was formerly the singing teacher of this community. The singing was appreciated. Mr. H. C. Veatch was elected Elder of the Coast Fork Cumberland Presbyterian church on the day of its organization in July 1855. The church is now known as the First Presbyterian church of Cottage Grove.

Dr. W. W. Oglesby, a gentleman who has been intimately identified with Cottage Grove since its infancy, gave an interesting discourse on pioneer life, beginning with his crossing of the Missouri river in 1853, and following the history of the church down to the present day. He briefly outlined the trip across the mountainous country to the Willamette valley, and related tersely some of the hardships and privations encountered by the early settlers, following with the settlement of this section, in which the primitive state of Oregon at that time was touched upon. He described the manner of raising the cereals, and told how the grain was threshed on the ground by horses and oxen treading upon it, and how the chaff was removed by the winds. The nearest flouring mill at that time was in Brownsville, Linn county, and hither the wheat was taken by ox teams for grinding into flour, the round trip consuming six days.

The Presbyterian church was organized in 1855 by a small band of believers, with William Oglesby, the speaker's father, Vernon Veatch and Dr. Bealieu as its first deacons. In the primitive forests on the banks of the picturesque Row river, among the maples and ash, a spot was cleared for camp meeting grounds, and 'twas here, under the canopy of heaven, the first services were held. Seats were made of split logs, and the pulpit was similarly devised. Many ministers in those days walked to their appointments, there being no transportation facilities in the valley. They labored through the six days and devoted the seventh to worship and to the instruction of small congregations, receiving no compensation for their services in religious work. The Lord blessed the early settlers with abundant crops every year and now those who are left are able to worship in a good building, sit on comfortable seats and pay their ministers.

Dr. Oglesby paid glowing tribute to pioneer mothers for their devotion to family, and the training of their children. The child was taught honesty and sobriety, and the character of the child was moulded and fashioned largely by the mother's influence. An angel, said the speaker, was once sent from heaven to earth for the most beautiful thing obtainable, and returned with an exquisite wreath of roses. Again was the angel sent, and this time gathered the smiles of the beautiful child, but still its mission was not fulfilled. A third time the messenger went, and returning presented a mother's love for her child. The roses had faded, the child's smiles had changed to frowns, but the mother's love for her child lived through all eternity.

The speaker closed by reciting a poem, which he had been taught in childhood, and one which has endured the lapse of time. It follows:

My buried friends can I forget,  
Or should the grave eternal sever,  
They linger in my memory yet  
And in my heart they live forever.  
They loved me once with love sincere,  
And never did their love deceive me,  
An' oftimes in my conflicts here  
They rallied quickly to relieve me.  
I heard them bid this world adieu,  
I saw them on the rolling billow,  
Their far-off home appears in view  
While yet they pressed the dying pillow.  
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