

**TIMBER SALE CERTAIN**

**Preliminaries Are Now Being Arranged.**

**ACTIVITY AFTER NEW YEAR**

**Company Being Organized to Carry on Extensive Lumbering Operations in the Umpqua Forest Reserve. Means Much to This City.**

While no further definite action has been taken in the contemplated timber deal in the Umpqua forest reserve, the sale will doubtless be consummated within a few days, when the contract will be executed, and preparations immediately made for the commencement of operations. The government acts very cautiously in such matters, no contracts being transferrable, and hence the complete organization of a company to carry on this extensive industry became necessary before the award could be made by the Forest department. This preliminary detail, as well as others, is being perfected. Chief Forester Chapman of Portland has gone to Washington, where the matter will, it is thought, be finally clinched. The proposed lumber company will construct a railway from the seat of timber operations to connect with the terminus of the Oregon & Southeastern, and this work will probably be the first thing undertaken, the use of the road being necessary to deliver equipment into the reserve.

This gigantic undertaking will mean much to Cottage Grove and Lane county. By the sale the latter will receive something over \$80,000 for school and road purposes, while this city will receive direct benefit throughout the life of the contract from the large number of employees and otherwise. The 173,000,000 feet of timber must be removed within a period of five years, which means that operations will be conducted on a decidedly large scale. Extension of time may be had if it is found that the company is prosecuting work with due diligence, but the government allows only the time specified for removal of the timber. The operators are relieved by the government of all responsibility in connection with the water secured for municipal purposes, and will see that it is in no way contaminated. The people of Cottage Grove have urged the sale of this timber, realizing the vast benefit such an industry will prove to the community, and it is largely through their instrumentality that the deal will be consummated.

**Letter From Forester.**

Mayor Job has received a letter from S. Chapman, district forester, in which that gentleman says it is not necessary to set aside the watershed asked for by the city in order to insure adequate protection to the water right on Layng creek. "In removing timber from water sheds of streams on which municipal water supplies are dependent, particular care is always taken," says, "to prevent cutting to a degree which would interfere with the stream flow. The Forest Service will fully protect the water shed of Layng creek in the manner indicated. In making sales of timber on this area reasonable sanitary stipulations regarding the location of camps and the disposal of material which might pollute the streams will be required and enforced. However, the city of Cottage Grove desires that sales of timber be made within the water shed of Layng creek, and so far as the sale now contemplated is concerned has expressed intention to extend temporarily the city's intake above the sale area, the question of possible pollution as a result of logging operations is not a serious one.

I should, however, like to say at this time that it would not be feasible for the Service to withhold the sale of timber on any water shed unless it was found that such action would interfere with stream flow or result in erosion, or result in actual danger to health or pollution. Mature, or overmature timber must be removed wherever this is possible to prevent actual loss and requiring proper sanitary measures be taken it is felt that cutting can safely be carried on within city water sheds as well as on other national forests. I very much hope that the action of the Forest Service can give the water shed from which Cottage Grove will draw its supply will be considered sufficient."

**Twenty Big Locomotives.** Probably the most remarkable locomotives in the history of railroads now being delivered to the Southern

Pacific, says the Guard. It consists of 33 freight engines of the Mallet compound type. Twenty-one of these are of the same size as the two which are now at work on the mountain division of the Southern Pacific. These engines weigh 200 tons, and are in fact two locomotives in one. A peculiar fact is that some of the railroads between the eastern works and the western destination refused to haul them over their tracks, fearing both for the tracks and the bridges. Despite this fact, the Southern Pacific ordered 20 locomotives of this kind and weight, knowing that they were not especially hard on track. Each of the monsters cost \$30,000.

**There Are No Objectors.**

Aldermen Atkinson and Elledge returned Saturday night from a trip in the hills, whither they went to secure right-of-way for the proposed pipe line. Many owners of property through which the line will pass were interviewed, and no one raised an objection. It will be necessary to remunerate several ranchers for crops destroyed by construction work, inasmuch as the survey crosses some fields already sown. The report that the city would require a right-of-way thirty feet in width caused some misunderstanding between the parties. Only a width sufficient to lay the pipe is asked.

**MUST FOLLOW LAW**

**Doors to Public Buildings Should Swing Outward.**

**NO HEED GIVEN LAW HERE**

**Lessee and Tenant, as Well as Owner, Held Responsible for Non-Compliance With Provisions of Measure.—The Penalty.**

Notwithstanding the fact that abundant time has been given to comply with the law requiring that all outside doors in every theatre, church, school building, public hall, and every other building used for public purposes where people assemble shall swing outward there are cases in Cottage Grove where no attention has been given to the old way of doing things. This is a matter of vital importance in safeguarding the public against loss of life in case of a stampede, and should not be further delayed. The law has gone into effect, and those whose duty it is to comply with its provisions need not be surprised to be haled before the grand jury if they procrastinate.

The Sentinel called attention to this new legislative enactment some weeks ago, yet not a single change to comply therewith has been effected in Cottage Grove. It is the duty of the owner, lessee, or tenant, or persons having control of any of the buildings enumerated above to provide outside doors, and other doors leading thereto in such building, opening outward. Lessee, tenant, or person having control of any such building who fails or refuses to so provide doors opening outward may be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, may be fined not less than \$10 or more than \$100, or by imprisonment in the county jail not less than ten days nor more than six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

**Milling to Begin Soon.**

Mr. Ely of the Kelso Gold Mining company, has gone home to spend the Christmas holidays, but expects to return to Bohemia district soon after January 1. This company is installing a stamp mill at its mines, and hopes to have the wheels revolving early in February. There is a considerable quantity of material ready for the stamps.

**One Day Earlier.**

The Sentinel is published one day earlier than usual this week in order to give advertisers the benefit of their holiday announcements, and likewise for the benefit of its readers who have not already made their selections. If The Sentinel is not up to its usual high standard today the cause may be attributed to fewer days for its production.

**Discharged From Hospital.**

W. H. Warner of Eugene and Mrs. Anna Oglesby of Cottage Grove, who have been patients at the Eugene hospital for some time, were discharged yesterday and Mrs. Oglesby went home on the local last night.—Eugene Register, Dec. 18.

**Albany Beats Roseburg.**

After defeating Nesmith by one point, in one of the fastest basketball games ever played in Albany, the Albany Highs won from the Roseburg Highs by a score of 21 to 20.

**CHRISTMAS IN ALL COUNTRIES**

While bells are pealing joyously, and the hearts of men are peaceful; while women's souls are in sweet accord with kindness; while all Christendom is aglow with the effulgence of Christ's unselfish love; while a rapture and a simple tenderness trues the kinship of all mankind which is the condition we know at the birthday of our loving Saviour, the Prince of Truth, there are hundreds of millions who know not the sense of Christmas tide. For them there is no gentle spirit of seasonable altruism; no dove with hovering wing bearing the eloquent olive branch; no knowledge of Christ's wonderful interpretation of that elemental and eternal Truth, which has been for all time and will be for eternity.

While the big, bronze turkey is being stuffed and baked and basted by the loving motherwoman; while visions of sons and daughters gathering about the hearthstone in family reunion mark the keenest happiness of father and mother; while skillful hands are conjuring dainty gifts for dear ones; while sweet-heart thinks of lover and lover, thinks of sweetheart; while cute little stockings line the chimney corner; while Santa Claus is practicing his reindeer over housetops and limbering himself up so as to swell or shrink in order to fit every sort of chimney flue; while the yule log is blazing and crackling, its ruddy glow leaving no place for glooms and melancholy, three quarters of the world doesn't know a thing about it—no turkey, no family reunion, no stockings in the chimney corner, no Santa Claus.

Please retire, you technical, narrow, ill-conditioned persons who live in the land of Santa Claus and deny good old Kriss Kringle. He is the instinct, the tradition, the spirit of Christmas time and he must be kept alive with well filled stomach, merry eyes and rosy cheeks. He is Christ love and generosity, and forgiveness and peace, and joy and uplift, and inspiration and high resolve that obsess the individual who is true to his better self; the charm for the cure of selfishness, the healing balm for heart hardness, implanted in the hearts of babes at birth and developed as souls grow, finding expressions at Christmas in a way that seizes the Christian world and lifts it out of itself above the sorrows and cares and toil and strife, placing it on a plane from which one may almost get a glimpse of heaven.

It is this that marks the irreconcilable difference between Christianity and heathenism—Santa Claus, the One God-thought; the unselfish Christlove; the fathomless generosity of Deistic altruism.

The hordes of China's four hundred millions have their Taoism, their Buddhism, their Llamasim and their Confucianism. Confucius, particularly, taught of the same love that Jesus Christ revealed when He brought the

Truth and Confucius taught it some centuries before the coming of the gentle Nazarene. But his conception and construction were purely ethical and his application entirely selfish on the one hand and philosophical on the other; no soul thing; no heart throbs. It made for better things in China; gave rise to a purer patriotism; developed a refined filial piety, but it went no further toward altruism than the golden rule and was only the best human interpretation of the eternal verify up to the time of Christ.

The snake-bitten, plague-ridden, famine-stricken millions of India are taught Brahminism to practice self-sacrifice for self's sake; to regard animal life as sacred by virtue of their doctrine of transmigration; to go into caves and deep forests where exclusive and seclusive asceticism may refine the flesh and point the way to Nirvana, but there again the soul creation, the unselfish love, the brotherhood of man kind, the being and doing good for good's sake alone in order to glorify the Father; the crux of the duty that makes us our brother's keeper, are all lacking.

The fifty millions of Japanese have Buddhism, which is all things to all men.

The uncounted people of Turkey, Persia, Arabia, Egypt and their kindred are followers of Mohammed, who came after Christ, but admits Christ and who really distorted the teaching of the Savior into a sensual cult, a thing of all the human appetites that are most base. The reward promised to the Mohammedan is his inspiration to turn his face toward Mecca six times a day wherever he may be and worship Allah. Allah with sweeping obeisance and forehead on the ground, doing which he hopes to enjoy in heaven all of the sweet forbidden things of earth with accompaniments of drowsy perfumes, the gentle falling waters of many fountains, trees of golden fruits, low and languorous music, and served by lustrous eyed houis bearing dishes of finest mother of pearl, with appetite never surfeited, the last to taste as delicious as the first. For this he lives and from this he gladly dies with the veil of a fanatic over his eyes.

All these peoples and also many more, in Thibet, Siam, the tribes of Africa, the savages of the Islands of the sea and elsewhere, do not know or do not admit the Christ. So while we are bathed in the splendor of the wondrous love that comes at Christmas, let us spare a thought and a prayer for them and perhaps a good Christmas resolve would be to do our part toward wooing them and winning them so that Love and Truth as taught by Him whose birth we celebrate may come to pre-empt the earth; to find its way into the minds and hearts of all mankind and to be the standard of the world's existence.

**REPORTS ON PROMOTION WORK**

The semi-annual report of the Promotion department of the Commercial club, presented to that body on Monday evening, makes a decidedly creditable showing, all things being considered, and the committee which is composed of Messrs. Thompson, Wood, Phillips, Spray, Stewart, Wheeler and Conley, was congratulated by the club upon its accomplishments during that period. The report reviewed the progress made since promotion work was undertaken in a systematic manner, and particularly concerned the publicity given to Cottage Grove and the surrounding country adjacent thereto through the community book and magazines. The report follows:

To the President and Officers of the Cottage Grove Commercial Club:—Greeting: As six months have elapsed since the establishment of the Promotion department in the Commercial Club, and whereas said Promotion department deems it best that members of the Commercial Club and subscribers to the promotion fund should know the conditions regarding inquiries received, new business enterprises acquired, general improvements and amount of moneys collected and disbursed we have the following report to offer:

Early in the month of June 1909, complying with the request of the Promotion department, Fred G. Conley was employed in the capacity of Secretary and Manager of the Promotion department, for a term of one year from June 14, 1909, the duties of his office to be that of corresponding secretary, in which capacity he would receive and answer all communications, letters of inquiry, and other propositions pertaining to the upbuilding of Cottage Grove and vicinity. It was also ordered that Mr. Conley collect the subscription to

was expected. They were delivered on or about October 29. But, the work of the printers is first class and those who are in a position to criticize say that the Cottage Grove Community Booklet is the best gotten up publication ever gotten out by any organization. These Community Booklets contain sixty-four pages and are being rapidly mailed out by the Booster Committee, as well as by subscribers to the booster fund and other energetic citizens. In addition to the above arrangements the Booster Committee, through Mr. Conley and representatives of the Bonville Publishing Company of Portland, were successful in completing arrangements by which Cottage Grove and vicinity will be represented by ten colored slides to be shown during the next ten months by the Bonville Publishing Company representatives who are traveling through the eastern states. In addition, the agreement carries with it one quarter page advertisement in the New West and a 1500 word article.

The Cottage Grove Sentinel has given during the past three months 341 inches of advertising, which is equal to 23,871 lines, which if paid for at the regular rate would have cost \$129.35. In addition, more than one hundred Continued on Twelfth Page.

**GETS LIGHT SENTENCE**

**Postoffice Robber Blake Let Off With Three Years.**

**EVIDENCE FOUND ON PERSON**

**When Discharged From Prison Blake Will Again Be Arrested on Other Charges.—Appeared in Court in a Stolen Suit of Clothes.**

Frank J. Blake, who was arrested in Cottage Grove by Marshal Snodgrass after a desperate struggle in the railroad yards, and considered one of the most daring burglars who has ever operated in Western Oregon, has been sentenced by Judge Wolverton of Portland, where the case was tried, to McNeil's Island for three years and fined \$100. Blake was convicted of robbing the postoffice at Irving in October of this year. When arrested Blake was in company with a gang of hobos who surrounded a fire in the railroad yards of the Southern Pacific. When the officers came upon them Blake ran into the shadow of a car and attempted to draw a revolver, with which he decamped from Fort Russell at the time he deserted the Regular Army in June. Marshal Snodgrass found in possession of the prisoner a quantity of plunder, much of which has been identified as coming from various railway depots, which have been entered during the season. He had a railway switch key from Shedd's, handkerchiefs from another place, stamps from Irving and wore a suit of clothes which had been taken from the depot at Jefferson. Blake wore the suit during the trial and it was pointed out by Henry Jones as his property, proof being found in the pockets of the coat, where a label of the maker was found.

Upon being discharged from prison, Blake will be again prosecuted by the state in connection with the Jefferson affair.

**Two Trains Today.**

At a recent meeting of the Merchants' Protective association its president, Mr. H. H. Veatch, was instructed to request the Oregon & Southeastern to run two trains on Friday instead of Saturday, in order to give residents along that line an opportunity to do Christmas shopping. Mr. Wood, manager of the road, readily agreed to comply with the request.

**Only a Few Days Left.**

As Christmas day approaches the time for buying Red Cross stamps draws nearer to a close, and if you haven't already contributed your mite to the fund for relief of consumptives do so today. The ladies of Cottage Grove are doing a splendid work, and should have the aid of all in this worthy cause.

**Millwright Is Injured.**

Charles Jones, a millwright, working for the Booth-Kelly company at Wendling, nearly met his death when he was caught in a rapidly revolving cog wheel Monday morning. His injuries, though only bruises, are quite severe, but not dangerous unless internal trouble is located.

**Musical Recital.**

Warren Glaze, assisted by some of his pupils and other local talent, will give a musical recital at the Methodist church on Wednesday evening Jan. 12. The program will be published later.

**KUTHE WINS HIS FIGHT**

**State Alone Can Enforce the Prohibition Law.**

**FEDERAL COURT FREES MAN**

**Violators of Local Option Order in Oregon Must Be Presented in State Court Is Interpretation of Judge Wolverton.**

In granting Charles F. Kuthe, of Eugene, his freedom from confinement in the Lane county jail, Judge C. E. Wolverton, of the United States District Court, handed down an opinion Tuesday which clearly draws the line between the powers of city councils and state courts in the matter of enforcing the provisions of the local option law of 1904.

In 1893 the legislature granted the City of Eugene a charter which provided that the city council should have the control of licenses issued for the sale of malt liquors. In 1904 the State of Oregon adopted the local option law, and in 1905 Lane county voted on the question of prohibition in the county. It was carried and the sale of malt beverages was prohibited.

In 1905 the City of Eugene was granted a new charter, and immediately passed an ordinance by which the city council attempted to prohibit the sale of non-intoxicating malt liquors, and it was alleged that Charles F. Kuthe was one of the residents of Eugene who persisted in selling the beverage known as "near beer." He was arrested, found guilty in the Police Court for violating a city ordinance and turned over to the sheriff of the county for confinement.

A writ of habeas corpus was asked from the United States Court, and yesterday the Sheriff was commanded to give the prisoner his liberty. Judge Wolverton held that in granting the charter of 1905 to the City of Eugene the legislature had only renewed the provisions of that which was created in 1893, and that the powers of the city council so to regulate the liquor traffic were annulled by the vote of the people of Lane county by adopting county-wide prohibition. The court held that the city had no power to regulate the sale of any kind of malt liquor, and that the conviction of Kuthe for the violation of a city ordinance was an error.

The case had been previously passed upon by the Circuit Court of Lane county and the decision therein rendered was identical with that of the United States Court.

**SNODGRASS MAY QUIT.**

**Salary Deemed Insufficient to Remunerate Him for Service.**

There is a likelihood that Cottage Grove will lose its present peace officer, Marshal F. H. Snodgrass, unless the municipal legislature contributes more liberally towards his maintenance, the sum now monthly disbursed from the city's exchequer being deemed insufficient compensation for posing as a human target for hobos who feel inclined to perforate his anatomy with the Peters' product.

In order to make a comparison of salaries paid in towns of similar size, communication has been had with seventeen Oregon cities ranging in population from 400 to 3000, and as a result it is found that the lowest salary paid is in Hains, a place of 450 inhabitants, and that is \$50. The highest is \$100 per month, and of the seventeen towns four pay this sum, while most of the others pay \$75. The marshal of Cottage Grove receives \$60, the lowest figure paid by any town of like size in the state.

**CLUB BUILDING TALKED.**

**Prospect Informally Discussed at Meeting Monday Night.**

At the regular weekly meeting of the Commercial club Monday evening the matter of erecting a building for club and other purposes was introduced and discussed at some length, but no action was taken toward formulating a plan to that end. Such an undertaking was looked upon with favor, and may be considered further at some future meeting.

**An Attractive Sheet.**

An Iowan who recently asked The Sentinel for a sample copy writes as follows: "I have looked your paper over with care and I can say that you certainly know how to get up an attractive country newspaper. I have had many papers from Western Oregon, but have had none that are as neat and as well edited as your paper. I am enclosing you a subscription."