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UNCLE SAM AFTER PAPERS.

SUBSCRIPTIONS MUST BE PAID PROMPTLY WHEN DUE.

Postoffice Department Is Checking Books of Publishers, and Some Are Ordered to Explain.

It is a dangerous business for a newspaper publisher to send his paper to subscribers who are more than twelve months in arrears. To be deprived of the second-class mailing privilege which is the penalty for non-compliance with the rulings, puts a newspaper out of business, for the expense of putting a one-cent stamp on every paper mailed amounts to much more than the profits on the entire subscription business, to say nothing of the increased amount of labor which would be required in affixing the stamps. The Sentinel has a few subscribers in arrears, and these are most respectfully invited to walk up to the captain's office and liquidate. There's a reason.

Special agents of the postoffice department are traveling around over the country dropping into newspaper offices when least expected to examine subscription lists, to ascertain if the regulation requiring payment of subscriptions is being observed. Several newspapers have been in trouble within the past fortnight. One publisher in Iowa has been called to the national capital because his subscription list is not as well paid up as the law requires. He will have to explain to the government officials why he has not compelled his subscribers to pay up according to the postal rules. An inspector had visited him two months previously and his list was said to be pretty thoroughly paid up but evidently it was not sufficiently so. It seems a little tough that country editors have to be hauled up before the government under the charge of violating federal laws just because they do not eternally keep dunning their subscribers for the small sum they owe on subscriptions, but it is like the end of the world, no one knows when it cometh, and no editor knows what day an inspector may pop in and ask to see his list. And if too many subscribers are behind on their paper it means trouble with the government. It puts an editor in such shape that he is compelled to force his collections unless he has an unusually prompt paying list of subscribers.

Another publication, The Bee of Jefferson, Minnesota, has likewise been called upon the carpet, and its publisher has this to say about it: "The Bee this morning received its first official summons from the postoffice department to conform with the ruling which requires subscribers to keep their subscriptions paid up. We can no longer send the paper to delinquents, no matter how willing we may be to accommodate them. We sometimes question the right of Uncle Sam to interfere in the conduct of a legitimate business, and say we shall not extend credit if we wish to, but whether right or wrong we must conform to the regulation. It will distress us greatly to cut off a lot of good and long time patrons who we know intend to pay, but are careless about the matter, and if such really want the Bee we know they will come to our assistance and relieve us from this embarrassment."

SHORTIDGE NOT GUILTY.

Acquitted of Violating Law By Casting Sawdust in Coast Fork.

Eugene Guard: W. C. Shortridge of Cottage Grove appeared in the Eugene justice court today on the charge of dumping sawdust into a stream that flows into the Columbia river. He had quite a number of witnesses on hand to show that he was innocent of the offense, and after hearing the testimony Judge Bryson dismissed the case, deeming the defendant not guilty. There is a state law against putting sawdust into the streams for the reason that it is fatal to fish. Shortridge was arrested over a week ago on this charge, and he claimed at the time that his prosecution was on account of spite work, and his acquittal today vindicates him.

Improving Their Farm.

F. B. Phillips and his brother-in-law, Mr. Arne, who jointly own 130 acres in the Row river valley, have a fine young orchard of six acres, and this will be increased to fourteen acres this fall. They will also build a \$2,500 house on the place this fall. This farm is on the new county road from the steel bridge to Saginaw, and is one of the most productive ranches in that valley.

Bridge Across Coast Fork.

There is a likelihood that a footbridge will be constructed across the river at a point near the Christian church, on Fourth and Kansas streets, a move in that direction now being under way. It would prove a great convenience to many.

CORPORATIONS HAVE PAID

ONLY TWO IN OREGON ARE DELINQUENT IN REVENUE TAX.

Less Than 1000 Are Subject to New Impost and They Pay Under Protest Against Law.

Oregon corporations are not to be sued in the United States Court for failure to pay the taxes provided by the new revenue law. Only two companies are delinquent and both of them have made arrangements to pay their corporation tax. Of the 7000 Oregon corporations which were required to submit reports of their business for the year 1909, only between 900 and 1000 were found to have earned a net income of more than \$5000. The taxes assessed against the corporations which earned more than the exempted amount of \$5000 net income, range from sums of 20 cents to \$14,000.

While the law provides that inspectors may be designated by chief officers of the revenue service at Washington to check up the returns made by any company, it is not believed that any will be assigned to such work in this state. The returns are said to appear on their face to be absolutely fair. The Oregon record for payment of the taxes as demanded by the department will probably not be equalled in many of the states. It is announced that in many of the Eastern States strenuous efforts will have to be put forth in order to collect the taxes and that in numerous instances attachments will be issued.

TAKES PART IN SHOW.

Cottage Grove Represented in Oregon Car Exhibits in East.

Cottage Grove contributed liberally to the exhibits now being collected for the Oregon car to be operated throughout the East by the Great Northern, and all sections of the state are urged to be represented. Grains and grasses, some thirty different varieties, were shipped to Portland on Wednesday by Secretary Rosenberg of the Commercial Club, which were received by H. B. Wight, expert processor for the Chamber of Commerce. The opportunity Cottage Grove, and Oregon, has to secure wide advertising in this way is very marked. Not only will the exhibits be shown to many thousands of people while they are in the car, but arrangements have been made for space at a circuit of State Fairs and large exhibits will be made at the Land Show this winter in Chicago. The exhibit car will be accompanied by a lecturer, and will be on tour from early fall until next spring.

"J. I." KEEPS BUSY.

Besides Conducting Large Ranch He Has Other Irons.

Never before in the history of this section have better crops been grown here. On Mr. J. I. Jones' ranch near Saginaw, which is one of the best in Oregon, the yield of wheat and oats is something marvelous. On Tuesday Mr. Matthews of Indiana, brother of the local miller, visited this farm and expressed surprise at the stand of cereals. Mr. Jones, in addition to conducting this farm, is planting and selling tracts of five and ten acres southeast of the city and has already sold twenty-five acres to different parties, one being a Maine man who has never seen his purchase. Another tract is to a Eugene man. Mr. Jones, whose young orchard close in has probably attracted more attention than any other similar planting in this valley, agrees to care for the tracts for five years, by which time the trees will be in bearing.

ENGINEER ENGLAND INJURED.

Falls at Light Plant on Monday, Sustaining Painful Injuries.

While engaged in rewinding the generator at the Cottage Grove Light and Power company's plant on Monday, Engineer J. H. England slipped and fell a distance of four feet, striking on his back and sustaining injuries that will confine him to his home for several days. This accident will delay the setting of the boiler until after his recovery.

Hay Crop Is Heavy.

"Speaking of crops," said E. M. Sharp to The Sentinel on Monday, "I harvested 23½ tons of oat hay from exactly nine acres of land, which is not slow." Mr. Sharp has a small ranch near Latham. While harvesting the crop last week one of the hands insisted that the hay would not go two tons to the acre, which resulted in a wager. The hay was being hauled to Cottage Grove, and so each load was weighed, showing two and a half tons per acre. Oat hay brings \$10 in the open market.

Dance at the Armory.

There will be a dance at the Armory tonight, given by the young men of Cottage Grove.

SOLDIERS, ATTEND DRILL

CAPTAIN LAWSON ISSUES SEVERE ORDER TO HIS COMPANY.

Failure to Be Present One Drill Night Out of Four Is Loss of Membership and Citizenship as Well.

Captain B. K. Lawson has issued an order to members of Company E commanding them to drill at the Armory Saturday evening, July 30, and failure to comply means court martial for the offender. Capt. Lawson has found it a difficult proposition to get a sufficient number of his soldiers together on drill nights to make a respectable showing, and hence the new order of things. In addition to the above order, Captain Lawson notifies the members of his company that in case of failure to attend at least one regular drill each month means that such member will be dropped from the roll as a deserter. This is, certainly, a severe order, for to be thus dropped from membership in the National Guard is to lose citizenship, but the commanding officer declares that the order will be strictly enforced.

KANSANS WILL PICNIC.

First Annual Gathering Will Be Held Here on Wednesday Next.

The Kansas Association, organized here a few months ago, will hold its first annual picnic at the city park next Wednesday, and all former residents of the Grasshopper state are invited to be present and participate in the basket dinner and listen to the addresses to be made by prominent speakers, yet to be selected. The general committee on arrangements held a meeting on Saturday and appointed the following sub-committees:

Program and entertainment—Mrs. W. A. Hemenway, Mrs. Alta King, L. A. Ralston.

Tables and seats—Mrs. William Dick, D. B. Chamberlain, George Bisby.

On sports—Col. W. H. Blair, LeRoy Woods, B. F. Adams.

On badges—Mrs. Delure Hemenway, Mrs. Geo. Hall, Mrs. Grim.

On watermelons—Geo. W. McReynolds, Jas. Hemenway, Geo. Hall.

Makes No Negative Argument.

As was to have been expected, the opposition to Nesmith county filed no negative argument against the measure, it being plainly evident that the proposition admits of no honest rebuttal. The Eugene contingent is conducting a bushwhacking campaign in the hope of picking up a vote here and there against the creation of Nesmith county and the upbuilding of the state.

Death of Former Resident.

J. J. Vandervort, at one time a resident of the Cottage Grove territory, died at his home south of Prineville on Monday last, after an illness covering more than a year. He will be remembered by many of the pioneer settlers of this section.

Farm House Destroyed.

The farm house of George Gildersleeve, on Silk creek, was burned last week, entailing a loss of not only shelter but of household effects as well. There was no insurance. The fire originated from a defective flue.

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It would be a far search and a fruitless one to attempt to find a better equipped and more modernly appointed operation than that now nearing completion on Fourth street at a cost of \$30,000. The building is of solid brick, handsome in architectural design and substantial in construction. It is 60x140 feet, the rigging loft towering skyward many feet. A few years ago when this thoroughfare was paved with bitulith there was a protest, but the perseverance of the council made money for the property owners, as is shown by the fact that the operation site was purchased of Mr. Sears at \$175 per front foot, while the other business property between that and Main has brought an equally good price.

The financial condition of Nesmith county is shown by the annual report of the treasurer for the fiscal year just ended. Receipts for the year \$76,583.21; disbursements, \$57,583.21, leaving a balance on hand of \$19,583.21. The levy for county purposes, which has not exceeded 12 mills since the creation of the county, has been reduced to 8 mills for next year. The highways are in splendid condition, and the people of Nesmith county are prosperous, happy and contented.

The public schools of the city opened on Monday with an attendance of 2,487, an increase of 247 over last year. The new McKinley school building,

NEWPORT HAS SENSATION

BODY OF WOMAN FOUND IN GUNNYSACK ON BEACH.

Skull Badly Fractured From Blow Behind Ear Shows Murder. Corpse Dismembered.

The remains of a woman were discovered on the beach close to Williams' wharf, at Newport on Tuesday. The body had been cut up, put in a gunnysack and thrown into the bay, and had evidently been in the water for several months, as no flesh adhered to the bones. The hair which was long and brown in color, had become detached from the skull. There is not the slightest clue to the identity of the dead woman. The jaws contained a perfect set of teeth, and this may aid in ascertaining her identity. The sack containing the body had become partly covered with shifting sands, and the uncovered part had become decayed and torn, leaving the skull exposed, which lead to the discovery. The hands and feet were missing, and the only things found with the remains were a small piece of a silk waist and a little circular looking-glass with an advertisement on it, Dr. Calvin S. White found that the skull had been badly fractured from a blow just behind the right ear. He gave it as his opinion that it had been a clear case of murder, and the corpse that of a white woman about 20 or 25 years of age.

HURT BY TRICK MULE.

The "Do-Nut King" Has Exciting Time With Circus Performer.

Tom Parker, "the do-nut king," is the owner of a mule. He procured the animal at great expense, because it is a trickster. The mule knows a great many things, and Tom knows more than he did before having formed an acquaintance with the mule. On Tuesday the proud proprietor of the quadruped was leading it at the end of a long rope, when the trickster suddenly got a notion to perform one of its stunts. Tom got caught in the belting, and for several minutes his anatomy whipped mother earth, resulting in fracturing his right collar bone, bruising his left arm, cutting a hole in his forehead, skinning his leg and side, and in doing him other bodily harm. Dr. Kime was consulted immediately after the first performance, and Showman Tom is limping about with most of his arms in slings. If you are in the market for a mule see the "do-nut king."

Two Recent Weddings.

Mr. Alfred L. Flynn of this city and Miss Emma Kirkpatrick of Portland were united in marriage last week Wednesday, and will make Cottage Grove their future home.

Mr. J. W. Harms, who was married in Portland on July 20 to Miss Emma Faber, arrived with his bride in Cottage Grove this week, where they will reside, temporarily at least.

Land For the Reservoir.

The city has purchased two acres of land on Landess' hill for a reservoir site, paying \$500 therefor. Work on the reservoir will be instituted within a week.

TRAIN STRIKES A VEHICLE

OCCUPANTS HAVE NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH.

Young Man Is Thrown Into Cattle-guard and Entire Train Passes Over Him.—Others Hurt.

On Wednesday afternoon as Mrs. W. D. Heath of the Row river valley was driving to Cottage Grove, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Anna Jackson of Joliet, Illinois, and her son, William Heath, junior, the vehicle was struck by a train on the Oregon & Southeastern road, the occupants thrown out and the buggy demolished. Young Heath was thrown into a cattle-guard, and the entire train passed over him without doing him injury. He was, however, severely bruised and scratched. Mrs. Heath sustained a dangerous cut at the base of the brain and other bruises, while Mrs. Jackson received similar injuries, none of which will more than temporarily disable the unfortunates.

The accident occurred at a crossing one and a half miles east of Cottage Grove. The train was backing into town and neither the trainmen nor the occupants of the vehicle knew of the presence of the other until the crash came. When the car struck the buggy the young man, who was riding in the rear, touched it with his hand, and was then thrown headlong into the open cattle-guard. The three injured ones were brought to this city, where they were given medical and surgical attention, the young man being first treated because of the serious nature of his injuries. The ladies were taken to Hotel Oregon, where Mrs. Jackson spent a comfortable night, Mrs. Heath resting uneasily. All three, however, are recovering.

COMMITTEE READY TO REPORT.

Charter Amendment Will Be Presented to Council Monday.

City Attorney Couter informs The Sentinel that the committee appointed by the municipal council to make amendments to the charter, and also to investigate and report the amount of money deemed necessary to be raised by the proposed bond issue, will be ready to report to the aldermanic body on Monday night next, the date of the regular monthly meeting. This being the case it is probable that the council will at that time order a special election to be held for the purpose of voting upon the amendments and also the question of bonding the city. It is the purpose of the council to submit to the qualified electors the matter of bonding for a sum sufficient to liquidate outstanding warrants, amounting to some \$6000 or \$7000, and an additional sum for the carrying on of the general business of the city on a strictly cash basis. Under existing conditions the city is paying 6 per cent on its warrants, while the bonds would not draw to exceed that interest. It would give citizens who now hold these warrants their cash, and would be the means of restoring confidence in the city's ability to pay.

ELECTRIC ROAD IS COMING.

Now Perfecting Arrangements to Continue Its Southward Course.

That the Oregon Electric Company will build its line to Cottage Grove, the temporary county seat of proposed Nesmith county, within two years seems assured. The company is headed southward, and has promised to run trains to Eugene, 22 miles north of Cottage Grove, within eighteen months if a franchise is granted it. To show its good faith, the company has offered to put up a bond of \$10,000 for the fulfillment of its agreement. There is no question about the franchise being given. The line has a survey to this city.

SPRINGFIELD HAS FIRE.

Two Store Buildings and Contents Destroyed.—Loss \$3500.

Fire Tuesday morning at Springfield, in the rear of the buildings occupied by Herick's grocery store and Clodfelters' cigar store, destroyed the buildings and caused a loss of about \$3500, part of which was covered by insurance. Had it not been for the fact that there was no wind, the whole block and possibly more of the wooden buildings would have been destroyed. The chemical engine was sent over from Eugene, but arrived too late to assist in quenching the flames.

Sawmill Destroyed.

The Spalding Lumber Co.'s plant at Independence burned down Sunday as the result of a fire starting in the engine room. The plant was left a heap of scrap iron and the loss is estimated at \$30,000.

Buys Two Acres.

M. Miller has bought two acres of land from J. Sims, paying \$200 per acre. The land is situated one and a half miles south of Cottage Grove, in the river bottom, and is set to fruit.

TERSELY TOLD TOWN TATES

MANY MATTERS OF MORE THAN PASSING MOMENT.

Gleanings From Here, There and Everywhere By The Sentinel Reporters—Personal Notes.

Mr. Lon Hill, superintendent for the Brown Lumber company, overheard someone say on Tuesday that there had been a "good catch" made up the Row river, and being an enthusiastic fisherman he hastened home and induced Mrs. Hill to accompany him to the stream. As he sailed up the valley amid clouds of dust—for be it known Mr. Hill drives the fastest one in town—he pictured himself landing speckled beauties by the score as Old Sol slowly wended his way westward. Seven miles were quickly negotiated, and a sudden halt was made beside a dark pool, in the depths of which record trout surely abounded. With bait in hand this disciple of Isaac Walton reached beneath the buggy seat for his rod and reel, but—it wasn't there. In his excitement he had gone fishing "like the old woman kept tavern."

One week from next Sunday, Company E of this city will leave for American Lake in command of Capt. B. K. Lawson, provided forty-one members can be induced to make the trip. Capt. Lawson is having difficulty in getting the required number, many of the soldiers being unable to leave at this time. The encampment will last ten days. There is a probability that Cottage Grove will lose Company E unless it shows up at American Lake, and consequently it is important that the forty-one men be secured.

One of the most sensational shows with the Miller amusement company which will be here on August 11th to 13th, is the electric theatre. Mlle. Freeta, the celebrated European dancer, with all the latest effects, will give the fire, or ribbon dance. This is the same dance that Miss Loie Fuller has been getting \$1,000 a week for dancing over the big vaudeville circuits in the United States and Europe.

Mr. John Cooley will sever his connection with the First National Bank within the ensuing few days, and with Mrs. Cooley will take a pleasure trip east of the mountains.

The sawmill at Prune Hill has shut down for a few days, there being an absence of water on account of a leak in the dam.

Mr. Lilly has completed a contract for 100 feet of tunnel at the Golden Slipper, and came down from camp on Friday last for a few days. He says the lead at this place is looking strong.

The West Coast Mines Company may resume work in the near future. At present there is but one man on the job.

Eugene has an outstanding warrant indebtedness of \$510,000 and \$90,000 school bonds, making a total indebtedness of over \$650,000. And yet it howls that Cottage Grove is overburdened with a bonded and floating debt because this city has an indebtedness of \$148,000.

FOODSTUFFS ARE HIGH.

Cabbage Bringing Big Money, as Are Other Vegetables.

Lovers of cabbage and sauerkraut will have to curtail their appetites. Cabbage brings the highest price ever paid for it in the Pacific northwest. A heavy shortage of the vegetable is likewise reported in Washington and California, owing to the drought which has just been broken by a few showers. The high cost of living is also accentuated by the fact that butter in northwest markets today is selling at the highest price in history and that other and that other provisions are unusually high. Beef is within a fraction of the record-breaking price it sold for during the winter, when an outcry against the elevated price of meat was heard in every part of the United States.

Handsome Residence Promised.

R. C. Barfield has purchased property on East Main street, beyond the corporation limits, and will erect a handsome residence thereon within the ensuing few months. The contractors have the plans and specifications figuring on the work. It is said the residence will cost in the neighborhood of \$4000.

Way Not Yet Clear.

The city has not as yet succeeded in getting the right-of-way from Layng creek to Cottage Grove for the pipe line, but hopes to have the matter closed the coming week. Several farmers are holding out for a consideration larger than the city feels it should be called upon to pay.

Mill Will Resume Sawing.

The Woodard mill, now owned and operated by Mr. Chambers, will resume operations about the middle of next week.