

G. W. McREYNOLDS, RESIDENT FOR 40 YEARS, DIES

Was Commander of G. A. R. Post; Death Comes Two Days Before His Eightieth Birthday.

George Washington McReynolds, Civil war veteran and for more than 40 years a resident of the Cottage Grove country, died Monday night at his home at Divide. Mr. McReynolds was in the city Thursday of last week and said at that time that he was not feeling very well. It is believed that the overexertion due to his visit to the city hastened his death. Several months ago he expressed the wish that he might live to draw at least one of Uncle Sam's pay checks issued under the recent increase in the pension to Civil war veterans. His wish was fulfilled two months before his death. Mr. McReynolds was prominent in the affairs of this end of the county, especially as a member of Appomattox post, of which he was commander, which office he had occupied several times.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon from the Mills chapel by Rev. H. B. Her and interment was in the A. F. & A. M. E. O. O. F. cemetery. Members of Calvin Funk post, American Legion, acted as pallbearers, while comrades from Appomattox post acted as honorary pallbearers and conducted the service at the grave.

Mr. McReynolds was born in Indiana April 18, 1843, and died April 16, 1923, two days prior to his eightieth birthday anniversary. He served throughout the Civil war as a member of company C, 18th Iowa Infantry. On October 17, 1869, he married Miss Anna Lynch, who survives. In 1882 they came to Oregon and settled at Divide, which ever since has been the family home. Mr. McReynolds frequently stated that his life had been lengthened 25 years by the fact that he came to Oregon.

Surviving children are a son, Ernest W., and a daughter, Mrs. Eva Ellis. Surviving grandchildren are Kenneth, Kathleen, George and Austin McReynolds and Wesley and Ruby Ellis. All live at Divide.

Mrs. Saiton Buys Hodges Property.

Mrs. Stella Saiton has bought the W. S. Hodges property on Whiteaker avenue and will move there. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Motter, who have been living in the Hodges property, have moved to the Atkinson property on the west side. Homer Galloway negotiated the Saiton Hodges deal.

BANGS SELLS HIS INTEREST IN STORE TO PARTNERS

A. W. Helliwell and George M. Marksbury to Continue Business as Helliwell & Marksbury.

A. W. Helliwell and George M. Marksbury have purchased the interest of Abraham E. Bangs in the Helliwell, Bangs & Marksbury store at the corner of Seventh and Main streets, and will continue the business under the firm name of Helliwell & Marksbury. The deal was concluded yesterday.

Mr. Helliwell and Mr. Marksbury have been in business in Cottage Grove since 1910. Five years ago they and Mr. Bangs formed the partnership which was dissolved yesterday, and established the present business.

Mr. Bangs has announced no definite plans for the future.

Closing Order Effective Soon.

The order of the game commission closing a number of the smaller streams of this section will not become effective until notices are posted on the streams. The notices are expected to arrive within a few days.

MRS. E. A. DORF PLUNGES 20 FEET INTO RIVER TO RESCUE FOUR-YEAR-OLD SON

Maternal love and courage were demonstrated Friday evening of last week when Mrs. E. A. Dorf, although she cannot swim, plunged from the high walk that overhangs the river at the rear of the City bakery, into the water 20 feet below and rescued her four-year-old son Lester from death in the water which is seven feet deep at that point. The child had been playing on the porch and had climbed upon the railing, which broke, and he fell into the river. His small sister saw the accident and screamed for the mother, who jumped from the porch, a little further down the stream where the water is not quite so deep, without a thought of her own peril, and rescued her little son as he was going down for the second time. She succeeded in grasping the overhanging limb of a tree and keeping herself and the lad afloat until rescued by her son Roy and passersby summoned by one of her daughters. The Dorfs recently moved into the city from the country and Mr. Dorf operates the City Bakery, having leased it from Louis Bender. The family lives in the bakery building.

SAM NEWCOMB, INVENTIVE GENIUS, DEVICES A POWER PLOW FROM A JUNK HEAP

The story of the one hoos shay and of Darius Green and his efforts to overcome gravity with his primitive flying apparatus are brought to mind by observation of a unique power plow which Sam Newcomb has made for his own use in tearing up the dirt around his east Main street property.

Sam has an inventive and mechanical turn of mind. Also he is as much adverse to heavy work with a spading fork as other men. Combined with these he had many spare hours during the recent winter, which he turned to good account by putting together the parts of machinery which are now the power plow.

The motive power is an old motor car engine which he dug out of a junk heap. Someone else had used it for a stationary engine and had put it on a platform, to which Sam attached some mower wheels. The fly wheel is connected by a belt to gears which drive the wheels and an "idler" to tighten the belt takes the place of a clutch with which to connect the motive power to the wheels or disconnect the power. The flow of gasoline is regulated by a wire that runs along the frame to the "driver's" position between the plow handles at the rear of the machine, from which position the "idler" also is operated.

At a distance the machine when in operation has the appearance of some mammoth beetle snorting from its efforts to lift itself from the ground. Upon closer inspection it has more the appearance of a Fordson tractor crossed with a flying machine.

The "toggled" up machine, made from pieces picked up here and there, has done the job so well and has saved Sam so much work, that next winter he is going to rig out a real machine.

HIGHWAY BUILDING OPERATIONS BEGIN FOR SUMMER

Cottage Grove-Lorane Road Will Be Macadamized; Coast Fork Bridge Under Way.

Active preparation for macadamizing the 5 1/2-mile stretch of the Cottage Grove-Lorane road are under way with the placing of machinery and equipment on the ground by the Warren Construction company, which has the contract for the work.

The grade is in fair condition except at one place where a slide occurred during the winter, partially blocking roadway damming the drain and causing the water to overflow the grade and cut deep ruts in it. This slide occurred about two miles from the west end of the new grade. The old road has been used during the winter and spring and the new one has not been cut up by traffic. Completion of the job is expected about the middle of the summer.

Excavation for the piers for the steel bridge over the Coast fork on Pacific highway at the northern entrance to the city has been completed. Bedrock was reached at a depth of 15 feet. Monson and Treiweaver have the contract for this structure and E. E. Monson has charge of the work.

HARRY LUNAU DIES AFTER THREE MONTHS' ILLNESS

Harry Lunau died Saturday morning at 2 o'clock at his home in this city, following an illness of three months. Funeral services were conducted from the Adventist church at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon and interment was in the A. F. & A. M. E. O. F. cemetery.

Mr. Lunau was born in Menominee, Mich., September 28, 1890. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Cleona; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Lunau, of this city; three sisters, Mrs. T. K. Johnson, Long Creek, Mrs. Henry Fischer, Eugene, and Mrs. Louis Seitz, Curtin, and two brothers, Walter and Donald, Cottage Grove.

TOOLS ARE STOLEN FROM THREE STAR AUTOMOBILES

Sets of tools belonging to three Star cars have been found, hidden under piles of lumber, by workmen employed on the new Roy Short residence on south Fifth street. It is supposed that the tools were taken from the cars either Friday or Saturday night of last week while the owners were attending the senior class play in the high school building just across the street. No one has reported the loss of the tools.

MANY FISHERMEN GO OUT FOR OPENING OF SEASON

Local dealers handling fishing tackle and anglers' licenses did a thriving business the latter part of last week with fishermen who went out Sunday, the opening day of the season. About 125 licenses were issued, and fish stories, at least, are quite up to the usual standard, many sportsmen reporting excellent catches.

Watch the label on your paper.

Gushers for Cottage Grove Pictured

Rev. David Olsen Says He Has Spent Many Nights on Our Hills Locating Oil With Weird Machines Which Have Never Failed. He Makes Strangest of Promotion Addresses

Cottage Grove can have an oil well within a few months, a hundred or more of them within a year and work on the first one will start within 30 days from the time the people of Cottage Grove offer reasonable cooperation. That was the statement made at a mass meeting Tuesday night by Rev. David Olsen, of California, former pastor here, secretary of a national Americanization movement and oil well promoter. The meeting was arranged by local citizens and was the oddest promotion meeting ever held here.

The Reverend Mr. Olsen devoted the opening of his address to a sermonette and during the progress of his talk digressed to speak upon moral issues and to hold up his adopted country as the greatest, despite its many faults, of any nation in the world. The promotion meeting was odd in another respect, that Mr. Olsen and his associates offered to guarantee that oil in paying quantities would be found and in the event of failure the money invested by local people would be returned to them. Mr. Olsen had on the platform with him four weird machines of his own invention by the use of which he claimed to be able to detect the presence of oil within a distance of a mile and to measure with approximate accuracy the depth of each oil strata. He said that many years of time and hundreds of thousands of dollars had been expended in their production and that in thousands of trials they had never yet made an error.

One having some faith in the appearance of a water witch, indicates the presence of oil underneath the spot over which the machine passes. Another, having somewhat the appearance of a gander's neck, points the direction of oil anywhere within a mile. It was claimed that these machines never make a mistake even when used in an automobile traveling at 40 miles an hour. Two other contrivances check on the first two.

Upon many days during the past two months, while the residents of Cottage Grove peacefully slept, Mr. Olsen prowled around over our hills while his weird machines located for him 100 spots within three miles of the city where oil is to be found in paying quantities. He said that he had found it oozing from the ground in two places and that there is no doubt that it is of a high quality. He stated that oil discovered this far north will be found to have been purified in being pulled towards the north pole. He said that the first derrick which he proposes to erect will be within a mile of the city and will be plainly visible from every point in the city. He admitted that one of his machines, while in motion on the platform Tuesday night, pointed to oil within a mile northwest of the city. Many

believe that Mount David, just outside the city limits, is the point where the first well is to be sunk. "Cottage Grove can have a second Signal Hill," the speaker said, "and land now selling at not more than \$400 the acre should in a few years be worth what land is at Signal Hill, which is way up in the thousands of dollars." He gave his word as a follower of the lowly Nazarene that there could be no failure and that those who joined with him stood no chance to lose a penny, whether oil should be found or not. He appealed to the pride of the citizens to put the city on the map, to do as well as Eugene is doing, where the sinking of a well already is assured.

Olsen and his associates are interested in oil properties in several states and are the owners of several that are paying propositions. Mr. Olsen professed to have a peculiar love for Lane county, which was for many years his home, and said he would like to spend several months here bringing in wells. His own profits, he said, would be used for the support of the Americanization movement, of which he is the head. It was through the desire to provide for this movement that he became interested in the promotion of the oil business.

Mr. Olsen said that for many years he scouted the idea of oil ever being found in Oregon, as did many geologists, just as they scouted the idea of being found in Texas, in Montana, in Wyoming, at Signal Hill and at many other points where the geological formations were said to indicate that there was not the slightest chance of oil being found. Now, however, a number of geologists and scientists corroborate everything which Mr. Olsen's weird machines have told him, as do also a number of the many engineers who employ Olsen and his associates who have been in Lane county for a number of years. Upon the manner of response to the campaign depends whether oil operations shall start at once.

Mr. Olsen has not stated what will be considered reasonable co-operation. As the kind of drilling that will be found is problematical, the amount of money required is indefinite. It is understood that Mr. Olsen's machines have told him that at the spot selected for initial operations a good flow will be found at less than 3000 feet. The cost of drilling a well of that depth is said to be usually not over \$50,000, sometimes much less. Whether it is proposed to organize a local company has not been stated.

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able than he has been led to believe. There will be no stock selling. The plan outlined by Olsen is to sell certificates of ownership in the 3000 acres of oil lands, upon which leases already have been secured, the money to be used in the development of the properties. While few of the residents here feel as certain as Olsen that the oil is here, yet there are few who do not believe that he is absolutely sincere and a large majority have expressed a willingness to back the project to a reasonable extent.

Olsen gave as his reason that he and his associates did not go ahead alone with the project and reap all the profits, that they already are interested in so many similar propositions that they can not finance the project at once, also, that they wish the community to share in the benefits to be derived from the development of its natural resources. The question has been several times asked why Olsen and his associates do not sell their oil-finding machines at a fabulous price, but the question was not asked at the meeting and he did not explain the reason.

It has been learned within the past few days that the belief that there is oil here is not a new belief. Leases were being acquired on lands for oil-drilling purposes as much as a year ago. These leases have now been turned over to Olsen and his associates.

Olsen has been in Oregon 18 months. This, he says, is the first prospecting oil field he has found where development should prove profitable.

The Reverend Mr. Olsen was pastor of a number of years ago of the Christian church in this city. When he came to Lane county he could correctly speak but a few words of English. Tuesday night he had no trouble in putting over a burning message.

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PITCHER BREAKS RECORD; CAR THIEF, ALLOWED TO GO TO HOTEL, MAKES ESCAPE

Sometimes Deputy Sheriff Pitcher's judgment is not quite as infallible as his hunches. Thursday of last week he received word from Roseburg to apprehend two young men with a Cadillac car for driving without a license. When the car arrived here he took the young men into custody but permitted them to take a room at a hotel while awaiting the arrival of the Douglas county officials. The marshal's present hunch had already told him that the two young men did not own the car and upon investigation he found California license plates under one of the seats, while the car bore Oregon plates, evidently stolen in the southern part of the state.

The marshal inquired every few minutes at the hotel as to whether the young men were still there, but before the arrival of the Roseburg officers one of them came down the street looking for the other, who had gotten up and made his getaway while the second one slept. The young man who got away is believed to be the one who stole the car. The other said he was merely a passenger, that he had been picked up and had paid his way to Seattle by buying \$5.05 worth of gasoline. He thought he had been short-changed, as he had gotten only 55 miles of the trip, but he was not permitted to remove the gasoline for which he had paid.

The officers from Roseburg arrived during the afternoon and took the car back with them. Pitcher thinks he should enter complaint against them for doing so, as he had not given permission for the car to be removed. This is the first time that Pitcher has allowed a car thief or a stolen car to get away from him and he is very much peeved at himself.

FOUR TELEPHONE LINES TO BE STRING ON ONE POLE

Change Will Eliminate Noise From Power Line; Many Families Will Be Benefited.

Three telephone lines, Nos. 7, 23 and 39, owned by the Coast Fork Telephone company, are this week being combined and put on one line of poles instead of three. The change will eliminate the noise from the California-Oregon power line which has made hearing over the rural lines about Cottage Grove almost impossible ever since the completion of the power line last summer. A metallic system which will make it possible to use the lines at any time will be used in the wiring. Forty-eight families are served by the three lines on which the changes will be made.

Since the decision of the patrons of the 7, 23 and 39 lines to string their wires on the same line of poles, patrons of the 17 line have arranged to go in with them, and patrons of the 15 line may do the same.

CEMETERY ASSOCIATION TO HOLD MEET MONDAY NIGHT

The annual meeting of the local cemetery association will be held Monday night at Hotel Bartell. A financial report for the year will be read and officers will be elected. The association, which has 100 members, is in good financial condition. A surplus of \$100 remains in the treasury with all bills paid for the large amount of work done during the year and this will be used at once for the employment of a man to give the cemetery a general cleaning up. Additional shrubs and bushes will be planted.

The association has been in existence just a year and during that time the cemetery has been changed from a hideous and neglected thing to a thing of beauty.

WORTH HARVEY ELECTED THIRD WARD COUNCILMAN

Worth Harvey, assistant cashier of the First National bank, was elected at the meeting of the city council Monday night to fill the unexpired term of Nelson Durham as councilman from the third ward. Mr. Durham tendered his resignation upon his removal to another ward.

Mr. Harvey has been clerk of the school board for a number of years and has also served as a member of the city budget committee. His term of office will continue until January 1, 1925.

Motorist Smashes Road Sign.

There is an old saying that "all signs fall in dry weather," which may have had something to do with the fact that the state highway sign at Ninth and Main streets failed to withstand the onslaught of a large car driven by a son of J. W. McMaster, of Dorena. The young man was not familiar with the car which did a thoroughly workmanlike job of demolishing the sign before being brought under control. No arrest happened Wednesday. No arrest was made.

Young men who let their feet lead them astray sometimes become poetical geniuses.

SOUTH FOURTH STREET MAY BE GRADED AND GRAVELED

Council Orders Estimates on Cost of New City Hall; Reservoir May Be Improved.

A petition from property owners on south fourth street asking for a permanent grade in order that grading and graveling on that street may be begun at once was referred to the street committee at the meeting of the city council Monday night. The portion of the street property owners seek to improve is from the railway south to the private road used by A. L. Woodard.

The drainage problem at the west side school house was referred to the committee on sewers. The matter of improving, repairing and enlarging the west side reservoir was discussed and the water committee was instructed to get estimates on the cost of the work.

Councilman A. W. Swanson was appointed to obtain estimates on the cost of a new city hall.

H. H. Fiester, water collector, was instructed to notify property owners to clean up stables, yards and property, and that those refusing or neglecting to comply with the request will be prosecuted.

CLARENCE WHITLOCK DIES IN PORTLAND; BURIED HERE

Clarence Guy Whitlock, formerly of this city but who for five years had resided in Portland, died Sunday morning in Portland following an illness resulting from a trouble of long standing. Funeral services were conducted from the Christian church in this city by Rev. J. E. Carlson. Interment was in the A. F. & A. M. E. O. F. cemetery.

Mr. Whitlock was born in Illinois July 9, 1890. He married Miss Mabel Skaggs, daughter of Mrs. Glenn Green, of this city, April 15, 1919, in Portland, where he was employed at the Swift & company plant. He had been in a hospital for a short time recently but had gone home apparently greatly improved and on the road to recovery.

Mr. Whitlock served five months in the navy during the war. He was a member of the Woodmen of the World lodge.

Besides his wife, who was with him at the time of his death, he leaves four sisters, Mrs. Clara Glendon and Miss Annette Whitlock, of Cottage Grove, both of whom were with him during the last days of his illness, Mrs. Grace Hunt and Mrs. Edith Neal, of Marysville, Calif.; two brothers, Charles, of California, and William, of Washington, and many other near relatives.

FIRE DESTROYS J. D. GRIMES RESIDENCE ON SILK CREEK

Mrs. Grimes Sustains Serious Burns; Household Goods and Valuable Collection of Books Lost.

The J. D. Grimes home on Silk creek, together with practically all the family household goods, which included a valuable collection of books, a piano and a cherished violin, were destroyed by fire about 6 o'clock Monday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Grimes and their daughter were attending to the morning chores when the fire started. Returning to the house presently Mrs. Grimes discovered it to be enveloped in flames, and fearing that the daughter might be within, she rushed in through the flames. The daughter not being there, she attempted to save some of the household goods but was soon driven out by the intense heat. She suffered severe burns on her forehead, arms and hands. The origin of the fire is not known.

The loss was \$1100 and the insurance \$500.

COTTAGE GROVE HIGH AND SPRINGFIELD PLAY TODAY

The Cottage Grove high school baseball team goes to Springfield this afternoon for the opening game of the season. The tentative lineup will be: Hubbell, p; Williams, c; Armes, 1b; Robinson or Miller, 2b; Heck, 3b; Morelock, ss, and Smith, McFarland, Leonard and Cochran will work in the garden.

Lithographing, engraving, steel die work. The Sentinel's live wire print shop is the place.

—ninety-five per cent of all sales in the United States, retail or wholesale, result from newspaper advertising, said a speaker before the St. Louis Advertising club and members of the chamber of commerce of St. Louis.

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