

PROCTOR SUCCEEDS CRUSON AS CAPTAIN OF COMPANY D

Retiring Company Commander in Military Work 18 Years; Rank of Major Is Declined.

First Lieutenant George A. Proctor was elected captain of company D, 186th infantry, national guard of Oregon, Thursday night, succeeding Captain Claude C. Cruson, commander of the company from January 12, 1922, until recently resigning. Captain Proctor appointed Second Lieutenant Clarence Milne as first lieutenant, First Sergeant Herbert W. Lombard as second lieutenant, and Sergeant W. O. Wilson as first sergeant.

About 60 men of the company, almost the entire membership, were present at the election and at the inspection which was conducted by Adjutant General George A. White, commander of the national guard of Oregon; Captain Thomas E. Riley, 162d infantry; Major Eugene Libby, commander of the first battalion of the 186th infantry; Major J. V. Schur and Captain Rufus Boylan, United States army.

Captain Cruson resigned on account of the press of business affairs, although he had been offered promotion to the rank of major if he would continue in the service, according to announcement of Adjutant General White at the election Thursday evening. Few knew of the offer of promotion which Captain Cruson declined until the announcement by the adjutant general.

Captain Cruson, who had been a member of the Cottage Grove military unit since 1910, had been in military service for 18 years, his first enlistment being in troop A, cavalry of the Oregon national guard at Lebanon. His next service included two terms in the First battalion of engineers, regular army, from 1902 to 1908. At the entrance of the United States into the world war, Mr. Cruson was the first lieutenant of Sixth company, the Cottage Grove unit of the coast artillery corps. At the time of his discharge, at the close of the war, he was captain of the regimental supply company of the Twenty-seventh coast artillery corps.

Captain Cruson was the senior captain of the 186th infantry, of which there are four companies and a headquarters unit in Oregon, comprising the first battalion. The other units of the 186th are in Idaho. Captain Cruson has been recommended for a major in the reserve corps of the United States army and has also been honored with life membership in the military club of company D. In the near future, at a call from the organization, he will be presented with the ten-year medal for honest and faithful service. His resignation brought forth many compliments on the splendid record of the local unit, the excellent condition of the company property and the completeness and accuracy of the records.

Captain Proctor, who succeeds Captain Cruson, has been active in military affairs almost continuously since 1908, when he enlisted as a private in company K, 54th infantry, Iowa national guard. A few years later he enlisted in company L, First infantry, Colorado national guard, in which outfit he received his commission as a second lieutenant December 12, 1916, while on the Mexican border. After the First Colorado had been mustered into federal service at the entry of the United States into the world war, Mr. Proctor was advanced to first lieutenant, receiving his commission July 24, 1917. He spent thirteen months in France and Germany with the 40th, 35th and 6th infantry divisions.

Cottage Grove is certain to receive an appropriation for an armory at the next session of the legislature, according to Captain Cruson, since the application of the local company is now first on the list of recommendations of the adjutant general.

METHODISTS MAKE PARK ON VACANT PROPERTY

Members of the Methodist congregation have started a park on the ground at the rear of the church. A fence has been erected around the plot and roses and other flowers and shrubs have been planted.

OFFICERS OF LAW LOSE CAMP EQUIPMENT ON HUNT FOR MCKENZIE MOONSHINE

When deputy sheriffs go out looking for moonshiners they have to take undue precautions against having their clothes taken away from them and having to come home in barrels. Deputies Ronch and Svarverud learned this at the time they captured a big still up on the McKenzie a few days ago. They were sent out equipped to remain for several days, if necessary, to get the makers of the illicit liquor. They located what they thought was the spot, cached their bedding and camp equipment and reconnoitered. They were successful in finding the still and a batch of the liquor but the operators had disappeared. When the deputies returned to the spot where they had cached their equipment, they found that the moonshiners had found it and taken it with them when making their getaway.

IMPROVEMENTS IN LUMBER INDUSTRY HERE TOTAL LARGE SUMS EACH YEAR

Improvements in the sawmills of the city and surrounding country are so common that they attract little attention, yet in the course of an ordinary year they probably aggregate \$100,000 or more. A similar expense for improvement in any other industry would attract considerable comment. Within the past few years several mills in the Cottage Grove country have been remodeled, repaired and improved until they rank among the best in Oregon, all without ostentation or heralding of triumphs.

As an example of how improvements at the mills are continually in progress, the Western Lumber & Export company has installed another boiler, J. H. Chambers is installing an additional boiler and the Walter A. Woodward mill is installing what is probably the most powerful donkey engine ever to be received here. Each of these improvements means added production.

SPECIAL ELECTION WANTED TO CONSIDER CITY HALL

Citizens Will Be Asked to Authorize Bond Issue for Proposed New Municipal Building.

The proposition of a new city hall will be put up to the voters at a special election to be held in the near future. The amount that will be asked is \$30,000, according to a decision of the city council.

At the same time a measure will be submitted to repeal the electric lighting bond issue of \$50,000 voted two years ago but never used.

An amendment to the charter giving the council power to form electric lighting districts will also be submitted, as well as an amendment to take from the council the power to sell the west side watershed.

All of these measures have been submitted by the council.

Tentative plans for the proposed new city hall are that on the ground floor shall be the recorder's office, clerk's office, city rest room, fire hall and firemen's dormitory. The city library would probably be placed on the second floor and there would be a large amount of space for a community assembly room, as well as for office room for other city officers, such as the city attorney and city engineer. In the case of city attorney, rest probably would be charged. It is possible that the plans might be made so that a gymnasium and swimming tank could be added.

It has been learned from an authoritative source that if the city should hire one paid fireman and arrange for several members of the department to have their sleeping quarters at the fire hall, the insurance rates of the city would be reduced 10 per cent. A paid fireman would cost probably \$1,800 a year. The saving in insurance rates might be as great as \$6,000 the year. The saving would within 10 or 15 years pay for the entire city building. Those who would have on their insurance rates are the same ones whose property would guarantee the payment of the city's bond issue.

If this plan for securing reduced insurance rates should be adopted, it would be necessary to strictly enforce the ordinance prohibiting the storing of any inflammable material in alleys, streets and outbuildings in the business section.

If the council is given power to form electric lighting districts, the plan is to ask owners of property in the business section to petition for a lighting district and to assume a portion of the cost of replacing the present are lights with standing lights. If this is done, all light poles in the business section will be ordered into the alleys. The power company is ready at any time to comply with the order. Ordering of telephone poles into the alleys probably would soon follow.

BOY SCOUT UNIT NUMBERS 30; WEINER FEED ON TONIGHT

Thirty boys are now actively enrolled for work in the Boy Scout unit recently organized under the direction of Calvin Funk post of the American Legion. About two-thirds of this number have already passed the tenderfoot examination, the first stage in scout life, and have commenced work for the second class examination.

Tonight the boys will meet at the armory at 5:30, with a lunch and a nickel apiece and will go for a weiner roast on Mt. David. No matches will be permitted in the crowd and before they can have the weiners the boys will be required to build a fire, using methods they have learned in scout class. They will be accompanied by members of the committee in charge of the scout work and each boy will be expected to know a story or joke to repeat while sitting around the campfire.

Members of the committee are George Proctor, C. E. Roberts, R. L. Stewart, H. W. Titus and Herbert W. Lombard.

Mrs. Elbert Smith has been appointed by Mayor Brund as a member of the library board to succeed Mrs. Worth Harvey, who recently resigned.

OIL IS TO FLOW WITHIN YEAR

Dr. Olson, Who Says Cottage Grove Is the Last Place He Would Make Promises Which He Could Not Fulfill, Prepares to Drill into Mount David and Assures Success.

Where once the city of Cottage Grove stored its water an oil well is to be located and from it is to flow prosperity for the city and its people. Drilling is to start inside the old abandoned reservoir which crowns Mount David just as soon as machinery can be gotten here. That is the statement of Dr. David Olson, who has predicted a hundred oil wells for Cottage Grove as the result of his examination of the geological formation of this section and his tests with four oil-finding instruments owned by himself, his brother, Carl A. Olson and their associate, W. A. Sage, all of whom make the statement that all the profits from their various oil interests are to go to the support of the Christian Americanization movement, of which the first named is secretary.

"My instruments have never failed in thousands of tests. With them Mr. Sage located the famous Signal Hill field and lost millions because he let the information leak out; these instruments located the Huntington Beach oil fields, they located a producing well which we own at Half Moon bay, all of these in California; they located a large part of the Winnett field in Montana, they pointed out for the first time the Salt Creek fields in Wyoming, one of the most famous in the world. There is oil here. The first well was drilled where the indications are strongest and at least 3000 feet we will strike oil in paying quantities. There can be no failure and the personal fortunes of myself and my associates are behind my statements. We will also return in full every cent invested with us should we fail to get oil in merchantable quantities. The people of Cottage Grove are supporting me splendidly, but should they fail to furnish sufficient funds, I will get them elsewhere.

"You are going to have an oil well inside of a year, probably in much less time than that, and as soon as we strike oil thousands will rush here to purchase the surrounding country with oil drills. I make my honor and reputation upon these statements. I came here at the earnest solicitation of President Sanderson, of the Eugene Bible university, of which I am three times a graduate. He is backing us in what we are doing. He got us here because he knows what we have done elsewhere. A well will be drilled upon property owned by the Bible university just as soon as the machinery can be placed and one will start here almost as soon. Here where my friends are, where I once lived, is the last place where I would make promises if there were any chance that I could not fulfill them in full.

"I have checked every oil field in the United States, with the exception of two, with my instruments, and they have proved 100 per cent correct in every instance. You can blindfold me, take me into an oil field and I will tell you which derricks are dry, which are light producers and which are heavy producers. My instruments are scientifically correct. They can not fail. They have never failed. They have told me that you have wonderful opportunities and there is no question whatsoever that I will prove the truth of what I say."

These are statements made by Dr. Olson. There is no question that he believes every word he says and he seems to have little trouble in convincing others of his sincerity. His method of financing is an out-of-the-ordinary as are his methods for locating oil. His company, Sage & Olson Brothers, sells a stock which has taken the 3,000 acres on which it has leases here and has divided the value of these into 300 units. Each unit is sold at \$1000 and each purchaser of a unit is given a certificate of ownership to one

three-hundredth interest in the entire proposition. No less amount is sold, but several may combine in buying one unit. The certificate of ownership contains a guarantee that the money will be refunded in case the investment does not prove profitable. According to Dr. Olson's statement this guarantee is backed with \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000 worth of property which is growing more valuable each day. He states that within a few years he expects to make not less than \$10,000,000 out of the oil business for the movement to which he has dedicated his life.

If all the units in the Cottage Grove leases were to be sold the amount of \$300,000 would be realized. It is understood that it is the intention to sell only the number required to bring in the first well. If the sale of 100 units is required, producing \$100,000, which is estimated to be the maximum likely to be required, Sage & Olson Brothers will retain the other 200 units and the profits from that number of units, or two-thirds of the whole, will go for the support of the Americanization movement in which they are interested. There will be no trouble Dr. Olson states, as soon as one well comes in, to bring about the development of the entire tract of 3000 acres. He uses no "ifs"; it is always "when" we get oil.

Questioned as to why he did not sell his oil-finding instruments at a fabulous figure, he replied that he believed the ultimate profits would be larger from using them to locate oil.

Questioned as to why he allowed anyone to go in with him upon such a sure proposition as he says this is here, he replied that he and his associates were unable to now handle all the propositions which they could get hold of and that he liked to give the people of a community an opportunity to show their faith in their community and to enjoy some of the profits of their own natural resources. I have no reason to be selfish for I have more money than I need for myself and all my profits go to the movement in which I am interested. My movement will profit more from this method, I believe, than from hogging the oil fields which we find."

Dr. Olson, who has headquarters in Eugene, visits here each day in his campaign to sell ownership in the oil leases and reports that no one visited has turned the proposition down. "I will sell to no one," he said, "who does not have absolute confidence in me and in my promise that no one will lose a penny."

During the past week he has visited sections of the country which

COMPANY D WILL START LONG RANGE MACHINE GUN PRACTICE FOR THE SUMMER

Company D will commence long range machine gun practice Sunday and such practice will probably continue throughout the summer. The range is located north of the Adventist school building near the cemetery west of the city and near what is supposed to be the prospective location for Cottage Grove's first oil well.

The firing will be in a northerly direction into the hill. Captain Proctor does not fear so much that the machine gun fire may puncture a latent gusher as he does that some of those interested in looking at the spot from which the gusher is to flow may get between the machine guns and the target. Arrangements will be made to hoist a red flag from one of the tall trees during days that target practice is on but the flag will not be up for the first practice.

he had not before covered. He tramped these same hills years ago while pastor of the Christian church here, when he little thought of such a thing as oil fields. He has found one creek where the still water is always covered with oil. When this is cut with a knife it instantly reunites, which is said to be a certain sign of oil with a paraffin base, while vegetable oil, which often is found on creeks, is more slow to rejoin.

Indications of gas were found years ago when a well was drilled at the Cottage Grove Electric company's power plant. Dr. Olson says that this is an indication that there will be gas to force the oil out of the ground.

The uncanny mysterious instruments used by Dr. Olson in locating oil also are designed to point out flows of water and mineral deposits. They are constructed to do this, Dr. Olson states, so that no mistakes may be made. Different combinations of chemicals are used for the several purposes. Mr. Olson states that only the fact that many do not believe his instruments will not what he says they will save him from harm and prevents the government from confiscating his instruments and taking over all the oil fields of the country. Since Dr. Olson's instruments have become the subject of so much comment, it has been stated that the large oil companies have for years experimented with oil finding instruments.

Geologists at the University of Oregon have said that the geological formations here are not those in which oil is to be found. People of Cottage Grove do not care whether oil is here or not, so long as oil wells are drilled which produce it, but there is eminent authority to back Dr. Olson's statement that it is here. He explains that there is a difference between ordinary geology and petroleum geology, and that petroleum geologists say that oil formations are here. Such a one is D. C. Livingston, professor of geology at Oregon Agricultural college. Another is Robert E. Campbell, geologist of national reputation.

Professor Livingston has said: "Oil deposits even richer than those which are being operated in California lie beneath the surface of lands in various parts of Oregon. Oil may be discovered at any time. True, three attempts in drilling for it have proved unsuccessful but this is to be expected and far from proves the absence of oil in this fertile region."

Dr. Campbell, while recently a visitor at Sutherland, made the following statement: "In my career of over 30 years as a geologist I have examined many proved fields of the world. The dunce that went to Rome knew more than the dunce who stayed at home. The same geological conditions existing in Oregon are producing oil in other places. Why not in Oregon? In many localities which I have visited in this state during the past year, I have found all conditions favorable to the discovery of oil; but it is most unreasonable to think that it will be found in any old place. When and where the proper technical skill is applied to the venture of discovery, statistics prove there are over 65 per cent successes in that which is not applied. There are 95 per cent failures. The same old-fashioned law of averages applies to all ventures."

Mr. Olson has made the statement that oil in paying quantities should be found at Sutherland, where Dr. Campbell made his examinations but that Sutherland has only a small amount of the main deposits which will be found here. It has been learned that explorations for oil were made in the Cottage Grove country as long ago as 1907. Oil leases were taken as much as 20 years ago.

THE BANKING BUSINESS

Series of Educational Lectures Being Delivered in Cottage Grove Schools

Talk No. 3, of the banking series being delivered before the high school student body was given April 19 by N. E. Glass, president of the bank of Cottage Grove.

LOADING THE BANK'S MONEY.

"One of the most important services which the bank renders to the community is the loading of money. Through this function the bank earns money with which to pay interest on savings deposits, salaries of its officers and employees, and dividends to its stockholders. The extension of credit to those who need financial help is called the discounting function of the bank.

The banker bases credit on what are known as the three C's of credit—character, capacity and capital. Because of the importance of these in the lives of business men and women it is essential that boys and girls know them. To be the kind of men and women who will succeed in life, it is necessary that character and capacity be developed conscientiously during school life.

Character is an imperative business qualification. It is not formed in a day. Character is developed through honesty and industry prac-

ticed daily. The boy who cheats in class today—"putting one over on the teacher"—or who is dishonest in his dealings with his parents or friends, is stamping on his character marks of dishonesty which in later life will count against him and his success in business or citizenship.

Allied with character is capacity. Before making a loan, a banker takes into consideration, in addition to character, the capacity of the applicant—that is, his ability to earn through his honesty and his industry.

Capital is a man's worth in money, merchandise, stocks and bonds, or lands, which may be given as collateral to secure a loan or make it safe.

Today we shall consider some of the methods used by the bank in loading money or extending credit. In all cases a promise to pay must be entered into, in the form either of a note or some other credit instrument.

Let us again consider the business transactions of Mr. Smith, the storekeeper, who found it advisable to have a checking account at the bank. He now finds that his

business is increasing and that he needs a larger stock of goods. Also, some of his customers do not pay cash and their accounts must be carried until pay day. He realizes that he must have more money for his business, so he goes to his bank for advice.

The banker asks Mr. Smith to submit a statement of his business. The banker finds Mr. Smith's character, statement and the progress that he has been making are satisfactory, and is glad to consider the best method of loaning him the needed funds.

Money is loaned by banks in the following ways:

(1) On a straight note, which means that a man's net worth and business standing are such that the bank will loan to him without security.

(2) On an endorsed note, which means that the banker desires, in addition to the responsibility of the maker of the note, the added responsibility of some person in whom he has confidence who will consent to endorse the note.

(3) On a collateral note, which means that the maker of the note

CADILLAC HALTED HERE BY G. B. FITCHER WAS STOLEN CAR FROM OAKLAND, CALIF.

The Cadillac car halted in this city last week by G. B. Fitcher was a stolen car and is the property of S. J. Newman, of Oakland, Calif., according to word received here. The car, with two occupants, was stopped here upon complaint of Sheriff Starmer, of Roseburg, who notified Deputy Sheriff Fitcher that the men were driving without a license. Fitcher took the men to a hotel to await the arrival of the Douglas county officials and Jameson, the man suspected of stealing the car, escaped by climbing from the window of his room while his companion slept.

At Roseburg Sheriff Starmer first became suspicious of the men when he interrupted an automobile potting party near that city. At that time Jameson, the driver, tried to get away but was halted by the officer who suspected him of having booze in his possession. Jameson did not have a driver's license and was cited to appear the next day. When he failed to show up an investigation was started and the license plates on the car were found to belong to a Ford.

GRANGE DISBANDED BECAUSE OF LITTLE INTEREST

Burden of Organization on Shoulders of Few; Body Was Once Very Active Here.

Cottage Grove grange has surrendered its charter and has disbanded for the present. Lack of interest on the part of those who should be interested in the work of the organization was given as the reason for this action.

The local grange at one time had more than 300 members and was among the largest in the state. In recent years, however, the work of keeping up the organization fell upon the shoulders of a few and these few decided that they would no longer carry the burdens for the many.

Several successful fairs were conducted during the early years of the grange, which was organized about 12 years ago. At that time property was purchased for the erection of a hall and cooperative store, but nothing was done with it. This was disposed of before the organization disbanded. The last meeting was held Saturday.

HAND WINS FROM MOOSE NORBECK AT SUTHERLIN

One headlock and one toe-hold, applied by Ralph Hand upon the person of Moose Norbeck at Sutherland Friday night of last week won the match for the local middleweight. Hand took the first fall in 32 minutes with a headlock. Norbeck took the second fall with a like hold in 32 minutes and Hand won the deciding fall with a toe-hold in six minutes. Dale Cutsforth refereed the bout.

Norbeck has prodigious strength but is no match for Hand in either speed or cleverness. Norbeck appeared at the Arcade theater here last summer as a professional strong man, offering a dollar a minute to anyone in an audience who would wrestle with him. Hand accepted the challenge and stayed the limit of ten minutes. The following night Norbeck raised the ante to 15 minutes but could do nothing with the local boy.

The match Friday night was a good exhibition. Quite a number of fans from this city attended. Charlie White, local lad who appeared in a preliminary event, lost to Guy Cole, of Oakland.

CANBY MAN INTERESTED IN SAGINAW LUMBER COMPANY

M. J. Lee, editor of the Canby (Ore.) News, is the moving spirit in the organization of the Saginaw Lumber company, which has purchased the Ferguson tract of timber out from Saginaw and will at once proceed to cutting it. Logging operations will be in progress within a few days. Machinery already is arriving for the mill, which is to be located at Saginaw station, near the spot where the old Booth-Kelly planer once was located. The timber is located on the line of the old Booth-Kelly flume, which brought the lumber down from the mill, located in the timber, to the planer at Saginaw. The mill will have a capacity of 50,000 or more and only rough lumber will be produced for the present. Portland parties are the other members of the corporation which will file articles within a few days.

JULY 4 CELEBRATION CONSIDERED BY LEGION

A committee to look into the possibilities for a Fourth of July celebration under the auspices of the American Legion was appointed at the joint meeting of the legion and auxiliary Monday night. Another committee, headed by George Proctor, was named to see what steps the legion can take in cooperation with other societies in observing Memorial day. Following the business meeting a feed prepared by the auxiliary members and a social evening were enjoyed.

GOOD MATERIAL SIGNED UP FOR LOCAL BASEBALL TEAM

Five Old Men Back and Yoncalla Talent Secured; Much of Success Depends on Catching.

With five of last year's baseball team and some of the best men who played on the fast Yoncalla team last year signed up, Earl Hill, manager of the Cottage Grove baseball team, has announced the first workout of the season for Sunday afternoon. Cottage Grove will play the season opener in the Lower Willamette Valley baseball league with Yoncalla in this city May 13. The old men back are Cutsforth, Heck, Hill, Cellers and Walt Smith.

Included in the new material on the squad this year are a number of players who come with experience on college and high school and small league teams. So far Manager Hill has signed up O. E. Crowe and Herb Irwin to handle the receiving end of the game. Much of the success of the team this year depends upon the work behind the bat and fans are eagerly anticipating the first workout to see how Crowe and Irwin handle themselves. Crowe has never played here but while a student at Eugene high school made quite a name for himself.

"Hun" Thompson, the kid pitcher from Creswell, Joyslin and Turpin will populate the mound. Joyslin formerly played with Eugene high school. Last year, when Yoncalla finished third in the Upper valley league, Turpin was the star hurler of that aggregation and the equal of any pitcher in the league. Smith and Earl Hill are out for first base. Smith has been playing with a middle western team and Hill has for years guarded the initial sack for the local team. He once was in league baseball.

"Skinny" Hargreaves, former University of Oregon varsity baseball man and coach of athletics in the local high school, will be out for second base. Hargreaves played with the Lower Columbia river league last summer. Walt Smith, league last year's man, is also out for the second sack.

Roy Heck, high school star, and Hamilton, shortstops, are two good men out for the team. Heck played with the locals until they disbanded last summer, then finished the season with Yoncalla. Hamilton is a new arrival from Idaho. Cutsforth, Davis and Randall will be seen at third.

In the outfield Cellers is another one of last year's men who went to the Yoncalla team after the local group disbanded. Kruse played with Yoncalla last year and Frank Brumbaugh and Patterson are Albany men.

The schedule for Cottage Grove for the season is:

- Sunday, May 13—Yoncalla at Cottage Grove.
- Sunday, May 20—Cottage Grove at Sutherland.
- Sunday, May 27—Junction City at Cottage Grove.
- Sunday, June 3—Cottage Grove at Springfield.
- Sunday, June 10—Cottage Grove at Roseburg.
- Sunday, June 17—Harrisburg at Cottage Grove.
- Sunday, June 24—Cottage Grove at Eugene.
- Sunday, July 1—Cottage Grove at Yoncalla.
- Sunday, July 8—Sutherland at Cottage Grove.
- Sunday, July 15—Cottage Grove at Junction City.
- Sunday, July 22—Springfield at Cottage Grove.
- Sunday, July 29—Roseburg at Cottage Grove.
- Sunday, August 5—Cottage Grove at Harrisburg.
- Sunday, August 12—Eugene at Cottage Grove.
- Sunday, August 19—Yoncalla at Cottage Grove.
- Sunday, August 26—Cottage Grove at Sutherland.

Watch the label on your paper.

VOTE FOR THE SENTINEL UNANIMOUSLY IN ONE FAMILY OF FORMER RESIDENTS

J. E. Dunton, former superintendent of Cottage Grove schools and now income tax advisor in Portland, writes: "Wife and I just took a vote and on the final count a number of local papers over the state were prostrate. However, the vote stood 100 per cent for The Sentinel. I don't know why, but we seem ever to be tied closer to Cottage Grove and tier people than to any other place. Don't see anything else but The Sentinel that does it."



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