

Let Us Use Reason

Something of a furor was created for a few days of last week by the activities of Cottage Grove's traffic officer.

During that time, and up to the time that a delegation attended a meeting of the city council Monday night, reports were freely circulated to the effect that the officer was insulting visitors to the city by peremptorily ordering them to obey minor regulations, that he was halting them into court for trifling offenses, that such actions were driving the tourist dollar from the city and giving Cottage Grove a black eye up and down the valley.

The excitement has quieted down considerably since the meeting of the council Monday night, at which time suggestions for some changes in the traffic regulations were made by members of a delegation of citizens present and it was definitely shown that the traffic officer had instructions from the mayor to do about what the delegation suggested that he ought to do.

The Sentinel would compliment those who brought their supposed grievances to headquarters by attending the meeting of the council. It has no compliment for those who suggest that we have no use for a traffic officer, that the tourist should be permitted to drive his car through our city to suit himself, that local people should be permitted to do the same, and that the regular officers are able to cope with the situation. Such contentions are unworthy of serious consideration.

The motoring public, including many who live here, have compelled the city to put on a traffic officer. Those who are determined to break all traffic laws regardless of the safety of life and property must be held within bounds by officers of the law in order that the great majority of the motoring and pedestrian public may be safe when using our streets and highways. That point is beyond argument. The delegation which visited the council Monday night supported the council and police officers in that.

The members of the delegation which visited the council are men who have the welfare of the city and its citizens at heart. They gave the council some ideas it probably will act upon favorably and the delegation learned that many of the things which they thought had happened had never taken place, that there had been unjust criticism, both of the council and the police officials, and that the tourists who are publishing Cottage Grove as a place to shun are simply telling that which did not happen, or exaggerating what did happen.

The following was about the line of argument used by the members of the delegation who talked things over with the council: "Let us not unnecessarily drive the tourist dollar out of the city; let us not get a black eye because of enforcing minor regulations to the letter; let us use reason. We must have a traffic officer, to get the speeders and the reckless drivers but let him use reason. Let us not do things that are not done elsewhere unless necessary for the safety of life and property."

There is sense to that line of reasoning, but this idea of using reason should not be confined to one side. It should apply to the motoring public, as well as to the city council and to the city police officials.

It was reported upon the streets of the city upon Wednesday of last week that the traffic officer had used abusive language towards the drivers of two tourist cars who had stopped to make a purchase in the city and that they had driven on to Eugene because of abuse by the traffic officer.

The statement was repeated at the meeting of the city council Monday night. City Marshal Pitcher immediately rose and testified that he was present when the traffic officer spoke to the two drivers who had been referred to, that he spoke in a gentlemanly and courteous way and that the tourists acted like a bunch of spoiled kids and refused to play in our yard unless we would give them all the candy. So they went on to Eugene, where each morning's paper gives a list of a dozen or more tourists fined for violations of the traffic laws there.

Let us use reason. Certainly, let us use reason, and let us not be selfish. Let us give the motoring public a chance to do the same thing.

This incident was repeated and repeated until it seemed that a large part of the citizenship of the city was ready to condemn the traffic officer to everlasting perdition. Yet when all the facts were known the tourist was in the wrong and acted like a fool.

The report was circulated upon the streets the same day that the traffic officer was bringing into court every tourist who crossed our street intersections at a greater speed than 12 miles. This was said to be a most unreasonable thing to do, and it would have been. We should be reasonable.

At the meeting of the city council Monday night, the police judge and the traffic officer testified that no one had been taken into court for a less speed than 25 miles.

The repeating of this supposed action upon the part of the traffic officer had added fuel to the flames—and yet there was nothing to it.

By all means let us be reasonable.

The statement has been made by citizens who are considered men of judgment that we need no traffic officer with a motorcycle, yet the statement was made at the council meeting Monday night, not once but several times, that tourists frequently hit a speed of 60 miles an hour in leaving the city on north Ninth and on south Fifth. What would a traffic officer without a motorcycle do in such cases?

By all means let us be reasonable.

Ask the regular officers how local people, usually boys, would speed on our streets, especially at night, before we had a traffic officer and "ta ta" at the regular officers as they whizzed by them.

Yes, let us use reason. If all of the motoring public used reason we would not now have a traffic officer.

Let us be reasonable and let us not be petty in the enforcement of regulations that do not endanger life and property. That is good sense, but it is also good sense to read the daily papers and read the lists of those being fined elsewhere for reckless driving. Of course someone must start things, but if we are determined to let George do it, we already have the precedent set for us.

Let us be reasonable.

Those who are inclined to find fault with the enforcement of traffic regulations would have their eyes opened by spending a day in the police court and studying the character of tourists brought there for traffic violations. As a rule they are not of the better class. Most are of the class who do not hesitate to violate every traffic regulation when they think they can get away with it. They have little regard for law—they have little regard for the life and property of others. They are not of the class that any of us would cater to. They are of the small percentage of motorists who have so little regard for anyone or anything that traffic laws and traffic officers are necessary. They have made the officers necessary. They should pay the bill.

It was reported about the streets of the city that the mayor and council had issued orders to (concluded on page 4)

CITY HALL BONDS TO BE PUT UP TO VOTERS OF THE CITY

ENTIRE COST OF BUILDING CAN BE SAVED BY THE EMPLOYMENT OF A PAID FIREMAN.

LIGHTING PROGRAM IN BALANCE

Council Would Like Power to Permit Property Owners to Share Part of the Burden.

The proposition of voting \$30,000 for the erection and equipment of a new city hall will be up to the voters at a special election which has been called for Monday, June 1. A petition asking for the special election was presented at an adjourned meeting of the city council held Tuesday night, which was acted upon favorably and the date set.

Two other propositions will be upon the ballot at the same time. One would give the council power to create lighting districts. The purpose of this is to provide a method of financing a more expensive lighting arrangement for the business section of the city. If this proposition is acted upon favorably, property owners in the business section will be asked to assume the added expense of standard lights. If they do this, the new lights will be ordered at once and will be in use late in the year. If the proposition should fail some new plan for suspending air lights over the street will have to be devised, as it is the intention of the power company to move all poles off of Main street, the work to start at once.

A third proposition on the ballot would take from the city council power to dispose of the west side water system except by vote of the people. This was asked by the council.

The amendment to the charter which proposes the city hall bonds also repeals the \$50,000 issue of two years ago for an electric power system.

No definite plans for the construction of a city hall have been adopted but tentative plans may be adopted to give the voters some idea of what they would be likely to get for their money. Albany has just completed the construction of a city hall at an expense of \$25,000, so that it seems likely that \$30,000 will be sufficient to build and equip one for Cottage Grove.

The city must make some arrangements at an early date to care for its recently-purchased fire truck. The new hall would house the city library and rest room, which would save considerable rent. In addition to that, the maintenance of a fire department with dormitory, which would be provided in the proposed new hall would bring about a saving in insurance rates which would in the course of years repay the entire cost of the proposed new building. To accomplish this it will be necessary to employ one paid fireman.

The petition asked for 30-year bonds, payable serially in the amount of \$1000 the year, bearing interest at 5 per cent.

The Union Oil company was given permission, in an emergency ordinance to establish a station on the Groves property between the Southern Pacific tracks and Pacific highway just south of Quincey avenue. Work is to start at once.

Additional plans for the proposed new city hall were submitted to the council by a representative of Monson-Terweiller company of Portland, who have the contract for the new highway bridge over the Coast fork north of the city. The plans were referred to the building committee.

Arrangements were made to improve the old horse house in the city hall as a place to keep the new fire truck. N. J. Nelson explained that because of the rush of tourist travel which had increased his business he could not longer give storage room for the truck.

The city roller was rented to Force & Carrigan, who have the contract for repairing Pacific highway between Eugene and Goshen. The rental is \$150 a month, and additional considerations which will be advantageous to the city were included in the transaction.

A report was made that there was complaint concerning smoke from the Western Lumber & Export company's sawdust fire on east Madison avenue. Action was deferred pending the possible erection of another sawdust burner on the mill property.

TWO EMPLOYED IN LUMBER INDUSTRY ARE INJURED

Two men employed in the lumber industry near Cottage Grove suffered painful injuries Wednesday morning. Alfred H. Elliott lost a finger while at work at Dorena and Oscar McAllister, of Rujada, injured his knee. Elliott, who was employed at the Joslyn mill at Dorena, lost the third finger on his left hand when a board jammed into the saw, jerking his hand into the saw with it. McAllister was standing on a log when he slipped and fell on a saw. A tooth of the saw punctured his right knee.

VETERANS, LIVING AND DEAD, TO BE HONORED MAY 30

G. A. R., W. R. C. and American Legion Working Together on Memorial Day Plans.

Memorial Day this year will especially commemorate the memory of George W. Reynolds and Isaac J. Taylor, commander and vice-commander of Appomattox post of the G. A. R., who have left the ranks of the post within the past month, as well as of veterans of all other wars who died while in service or since. The ranks of Appomattox post have thinned by death until but fifteen veterans remain. The two deaths which occurred recently were the first to break into the membership of the post for about a year and a half.

Rev. J. E. Carlson, of the Christian church, will be the speaker at the Memorial Day services which will be held in the afternoon in the Methodist church, under the auspices of the G. A. R. and the W. R. C., assisted by members of Calvin Funk post of the American Legion.

The parade, which has been turned over to a committee composed of George Proctor, C. E. Roberts and J. T. Smith, of the American Legion, will be in the morning and will precede the visit to the cemetery for the decoration of the graves of departed veterans. The fifteen remaining veterans of Appomattox post of the G. A. R. will review the parade from a stand of honor on Main street. The military club, Boy Scouts, Women's Relief Corps and other organizations will participate in the parade.

In the afternoon the services at the Methodist church will be held. The program is being arranged by a committee from the W. R. C. and will include the customary floral tribute placed on the water in memory of sailors.

A dinner will be served at noon for the G. A. R., W. R. C. and Legion post. Transportation will be provided for the G. A. R. men, both to and from the cemetery by the Legion.

The few remaining members of Appomattox post are S. B. Busick, now a resident of the Soldiers Home, F. A. Clow, E. D. Handy, Jephtha Hart, C. B. King, O. H. Willard, M. L. Tompkins, R. G. Elliott, H. R. Godard, M. Edington, Henry Dreese, H. C. Fuson, William Rhodes, Joseph Perkins, of Creswell, and D. L. Woods, of Eugene.

Memorial Sunday will be observed in the Sunday morning preceding May 30, Rev. J. H. Ebert having been asked to preach the sermon at the Methodist church. Special patriotic music is being arranged for the occasion.

AUTOMOBILE STOLEN IN EUGENE, ABANDONED HERE

An abandoned Ford car, which later proved to be stolen, was found Tuesday night by Marshall Green Pitcher on the old north Pacific highway. The car, it was found, was the property of W. E. Stroud, of Trent, and had been stolen shortly after 10 o'clock Tuesday morning from the corner of Oak street and Eighth avenue east in Eugene where Mr. Stroud had parked it.

If you know what you want, use a wanted will get it for you.

THREE YEAR OLD CHILD EATS DYNAMITE; NO ILL EFFECTS ARE SUSPECTED

Eldon Godard, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Godard, created no end of excitement at the Godard home Saturday evening when he was discovered eating some dynamite. He was rushed to the office of a physician where the poison was pumped from his stomach. Dynamite contains nitro-glycerine, for which there is no antidote. The powder had been used by Mr. Godard in blasting some stumps and in some manner the child had found some of it. Aside from being a bit pale the child suffered no ill effects and was able to accompany his parents on an automobile trip to Portland and Salem the first of the week.

TRASK RAMS TELEPHONE POLE WHICH APPEARS IN FOG BANK; NO DAMAGE

To see a telephone pole suddenly appear directly in front of his car which was humming along at 30 or better, to smash into the pole head-on while wondering what verbal bouquets the preacher would find with which to make sweeter his journey to the other world, then in some inexplicable way to find himself spinning along the highway as if nothing had happened, was the recent experience of B. S. Trask. The only reasonable explanation he can think of is that the car lights caused a telephone pole alongside the road to be reflected upon the fog bank through which they were passing, producing something similar to a mirage.

Others in the car said they felt the shock. Mr. Trask was unable to swerve his car in time to miss the pole (†) and there was not time to stop the car.

PUNXSUTAWNEY AGAIN IS IN LIMELIGHT; IS HOME OF CHAMPION DISH WASHER

Punxsutawney, Pa., the city with the ravishing and supponous name which has before received prominent mention in these columns, is not satisfied to rest upon such laurels. Punxsutawney already had one claim to fame before it got the prominent mention given in The Sentinel. It was once the home of Harry Grube and other members of the Grube family who are now happier as residents of Cottage Grove, the best little city of the famous, fertile, fruitful Willamette.

In fact, had not the Grubes decided to leave the city which bears the name that ripples like an Oregon trout stream and come to the city where the trout streams are, it is doubtful if we ever would have heard of the city of the sinuous appellation and we might have gone down to dreamless dust feeling that some joy that should have been ours had not been granted us—that is, that might have happened except for an incident that has just taken place there—an incident that will forever fix the name of that city in the minds of man—to parents as an ideal place in which to raise a family of daughters—to daughters as a place to keep parents away from.

Susie Hetlock, a dish washer—a prosaic occupation to exist in a city with such an aristocratic name—stood at her post for 31 hours and minutes in the rafters ring with the latter of the china being put through the suds.

Others may dance until their tootsie-wootsies are worn to the bone—only to be outdone the following day—but Susie and her dish washing record are likely to stand until the end of time—at least so long as Punxsutawney stands—and it has most of the letters of the alphabet upon which to stand.

40,000,000 A YEAR IS PROBABLE OUTPUT FOR W. L. & E.

Local Lumber Mill Plans Extensive Expansion of Operations for 10-Year Period.

A large addition to the lumber payroll will result from plans which the Western Lumber & Export company is working out.

This company contemplates the purchase from the government of 400,000,000 feet of Douglas fir in the Unquaga watershed, near where it is now operating. If the purchase is completed, the contract with the government will require the cutting of this entire amount within a period of ten years, or an average of 40,000,000 feet a year. To accomplish this the company probably would have to double its present number of employees and would have to keep the plant in operation night and day, and would have to have an average daily production of about 14,000,000. It is possible that three shifts would be put on at the mill and even this production increased.

This company expects to complete operations upon Fryther creek about the first of next year. It bought from Booth-Kelly all the timber remaining on the watershed of this creek and has about 15,000,000 of this yet to cut. It is expected that its production this year will be much greater than for any previous year.

The lumber company has but recently been reorganized, considerable new capital being put into the business by wealthy men of Indianapolis.

AGED CIVIL WAR VETERAN DIES FOLLOWING STROKE

Death came to Isaac J. Taylor, aged Civil War veteran, Monday, following a stroke of paralysis, which he suffered Saturday. Funeral services were conducted at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the Christian church, Rev. J. E. Carlson and Elder E. V. Rhodes officiating. Burial was in the Masonic cemetery.

The pall bearers were the following members of the American Legion: Ivan Warner, George Matthews, Herbert W. Lombard, J. T. Smith, Robert L. Stewart and P. S. Bukowski.

Mr. Taylor was born September 3, 1845, in Andrew county, Mo. His marriage to Miss Margaret A. Epperson was in 1866 in Marshall, Kan., and the family moved to Cottage Grove 43 years ago.

Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, the following of whom survive: James C. Taylor, Vancouver, Wash.; Clarinda I. Simpson, Lebanon; Laura E. Hamer, Penn.; Charles H. Taylor, Ridgefield, Wash.; Jennie Walker, Cottage Grove, and Frank J. Taylor, Medford. All of the children are here.

Mr. Taylor was a member of company E of the Third Colorado cavalry in the Civil war. He was vice commander of Appomattox post, G. A. R., at the time of his death.

Recital Is Given.

Popups of Mrs. Beattie Sutcliffe gave a piano recital in the high school auditorium last night at the hour that The Sentinel went to press, for which reason more extended mention was impossible in this issue.

PRELIMINARY WORK AT EUGENE SHOWS SHALE TO BE RICH IN OIL

OLSON IS ENTHUSIASTIC OVER EARLY INDICATIONS OF FULFILLMENT OF HIS PREDICTIONS.

GEOLOGISTS HUNT FOR SOFT SPOT

Machinery Is to Be Brought Here Just as Soon as Humanly Possible to Do So.

A fact of unusual interest in the proposed development of an oil field is that in digging the pit for the derrick for the proposed well upon the property of the Eugene Bible university at Eugene, rich oil shale has been struck at a depth of a few feet; also clam and oyster shells have been encountered, corroborating statements by geologists, including those at the University of Oregon, that the oligocene seas swept over this part of the continent innumerable years ago. This is said to be one of the most favorable indications of the probable presence of an oil sea beneath the surface.

The oil shale which has been encountered in the preliminary work at Eugene is said to be so rich in oil that oil sticks to anything that comes in contact with the shale. Dr. Olson, the promoter of oil wells here and at Eugene, is enthusiastic over early indications of striking oil in even greater quantities than he has predicted.

The fact that his predictions for Eugene give this early indication of coming true leads Cottage Grove people to anticipate to an even greater extent than before that a rich oil field is going to be found here, where the original tests made by Dr. Olson were even more favorable than those for Eugene.

Three drill men with experience of 15 years are on the job at Eugene. They are said to have stated that they have never before found such certain indications of a large oil deposit so early in the operations.

Two hundred tons of machinery has arrived at Eugene from Astoria, where it was being used before purchased by Olson and this is being placed on the hill on the bible university property just outside the city limits of Eugene. Some of it has already been placed there.

From present indications it is possible that the well at Eugene may be completed within 60 days. If that is done, the machinery being used there will be shipped here at once for operations at the top of Mount David, where the old water reservoir will be used for the derrick pit. If formations are struck which impede the work at Eugene, a drilling outfit will be brought here from California, where it is now in use upon some property of Sage & Olson Brothers. "We will have a drilling outfit here just as soon as it is humanly possible to get it here." That is the statement which Olson makes whenever asked as to when operations are to start here, adding, "and we are going to open the eyes of some of those who have been knocking. The geologists who have reported against our proposition are even now picking out soft spots upon which to land when their theories blow up. We know what we are about and Cottage Grove will be astounded when it hears the full extent of what is in store for it."

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Steen, who have been residents here for a number of years, but who formerly lived at Casper, Wyo., corroborate Olson's statement that his machines first pointed to the Salt Creek oil field, near Casper. Word has been received from a former resident of this city, who apparently wrote without knowing that Olson was operating here, stating that no one dreamed of oil at Signal Hill, Calif., until the instruments used by Olson located it.

Six months ago, it is said, there were but three oil operations in progress in the state of Oregon. Today thirty or more operations are in progress, which would not be the case unless scientific men had reported favorably upon oil possibilities. Numerous geologists, particularly some at the University of Oregon, say that the possibility of finding oil is very remote, while others state that there is every indication that it should be found. The latter explain that the valleys and basins in the territory between the Coast Range and Cascade mountains form natural traps, from which the oil could not have migrated and that any oil that is here is still here. It is true that the structure has been broken up in some places by gas blowouts and other causes, but the general contour and formation of the oil-bearing structure remains intact, they state.

If these geologists know what they are talking about, it is probable that within the next year the operations now being started here, at Eugene, in Douglas county, in Klamath county, in Coos county, in several counties in eastern Oregon and elsewhere in the state will prove that Oregon is one of the "rich" states in the union in oil deposits.

Watch the label on your paper.

J. S. LANDERS WILL BE SPEAKER FOR COMMENCEMENT

Thirty-six Seniors Will Receive Diplomas; Rev. Carlson to Preach Baccalaureate Sermon.

Dr. J. S. Landers, president of the state normal school, will be the speaker at the high school commencement exercises of the class of 1923 on the evening of Friday, May 25, at the high school auditorium. Mrs. Earl Arthur and a male quartet composed of George Matthews, Ren Sanford, Cecil Caldwell and Dale Wyatt, will sing.

Thirty-six graduates will receive diplomas. They are Josie Bemis, Ollie Bemis, Wendell Cochran, Hazel Fuhrer, Harry Frost, Velma Hart, Lela Hastings, Elsie Heck, Roy Heck, Harry Skilling, Opal Hill, Leanne Hohl, Lora Haldeman, Doris Holderman, Effie Hopper, Bertha Howe, Lyle Lawrence, Brighton Leonard, Ray McCarver, Kathleen McReynolds, Gwendolyn Mooney, Cleo Morelock, Alice Moran, Audrey Murphy, Veta Plaster, Eston Porter, Harvey Robinson, Floyd Runk, Evelyn Veatch, Wayne Veatch, Hazel Watkins, Harley Williams, Harry Williams, Margaret Young, Ruth Bode, Irvin Cutsforth. Officers of the class are Wayne Veatch, president; Margaret Young, vice president; Elsie Heck, secretary; Effie Hopper, treasurer.

The commencement program follows:

Invocation—Rev. A. R. Spearow. Vocal Solo—Mrs. Earl Arthur. Presentation of Speaker—Superintendent O. W. Hays.

Address—Wendell Cochran, state normal school.

Male Quartet—George Matthews, Dale Wyatt, Ren Sanford, and Cecil Caldwell.

Presentation of Diplomas—C. E. Humphrey, chairman school board.

Rev. J. E. Carlson will deliver the baccalaureate sermon Sunday night, May 20, at the Christian church.

The program is:

Voluntary—Miss Elsie Price.

Song—Men's chorus of Presbyterian church.

Prayer—Rev. A. R. Spearow.

Scripture Reading—Rev. J. H. Ebert.

Solo—Miss Ethel Maekey.

Address—Rev. J. E. Carlson.

Quartet—Methodist church.

Benediction—Rev. H. B. Iler.

The program for class night, which will be held May 23 in the high school auditorium, is as follows:

Salutatory Address—Elsie Heck.

Solo—Doris Holderman.

Class Poem—Wendell Cochran.

Quartet—Doris Holderman, Evelyn Veatch, Audrey Murphy, Margaret Young.

Class Prophecy—Leanne Hohl and Kathleen McReynolds.

Saxophone Solo—Cleo Morelock.

Valedictory Address—Veta Plaster.

Solo—Brighton Leonard.

Eugene High Defeats Grove 4-3.

Eugene high school won from Cottage Grove in a baseball game Saturday at Eugene, the score being 4-3. Edmeds, in the box for Eugene, allowed 10 hits and fanned 11, while Hubbell, Cottage Grove, allowed 11 hits and fanned 12. A return game will be played here later.

IT TAKES MANY LOAVES OF BREAD FOR BAKER TO PAY FINE FOR CUTTING CORNER

Traffic officers whose sustenance depends upon the faults and follies of mankind evidently do not know how many hours' work it takes to make 25¢ selling bread at 10 cents the loaf—even when the bread is in as great demand as that made by the Cottage Grove Electric bakery.

Two fines already have been collected from an employee of that bakery for infractions of the traffic laws and on Monday G. A. Sanders, proprietor of the bakery, was assessed \$15 in Justice Young's court for cutting the corner onto the Main street bridge when returning from the carnival Saturday night. An extra ten bucks was added because Mr. Sanders did not have his drivers' license with him.

Sanders said that he was obliged to cut the corner to avoid hitting several persons. He paid no attention to the sounding of the traffic officer's siren, thinking it part of the carnival noise, which aroused the ire of the traffic officer.

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