

COTTAGE GROVE HAS ITS FIRST TOUCH OF WINTER

Mercury Has Unusual Modest Streak; Tries to Hide in Bottom of Thermometer.

The first real winter weather for Cottage Grove has prevailed during the past few days. The thermometer dropped to 19 above on Monday and during the day 4 1/2 inches of snow fell. On New Year's it dropped to half a degree above zero and New Year's night to 3 above. The mercury has risen, reaching 33 above yesterday, and the barometer predicts moderate weather. Because of the low temperature the snow was "dry" and remained on the ground. The city's Christmas tree, in its new dress of white, was made wondrously beautiful as the lights played on it at night. Nearly all of the young people and many of those not so young enjoyed sleigh-riding and coasting as a New Year's diversion. An inch or so more snow fell yesterday.

Logging camp operations had to cease because of the danger of overweighted limbs falling and injuring the workmen. A number of camps were already shut down for the holidays. It is thought that unless there is more snow all the camps can resume operations within a few days.

The early snow softened and when the freeze came traveling upon the paved highways was made dangerous. The danger was so great and so apparent that drivers were unusually careful and no serious accidents have been reported.

The weather conditions elsewhere seem to have been moderately severe and train service was not materially interfered with.

INDICATIONS OF OIL SHOW AT OAKLAND OPERATION

Estimated 15-Barrel Flow Is Declared to Be High Grade Paraffin Base.

Roseburg, Ore., Dec. 28.—Oil was the main topic of conversation in this city today, as the result of the announcement of the Oakland Oil & Gas company that oil indications had been struck in the well between Oakland and Sutherlin, simultaneously with the "spudding in" of the first well of the Roseburg Oil & Gas company.

While working about 10 o'clock last night at a depth of 1200 feet, the drill at the Sutherlin-Oakland well dropped through a hard rock formation into a nine-foot strata of coarse sand and broken shale. As the drill went through into this hole, a large quantity of gas, carrying globules of oil, shot to the surface of the hole. At this well a rotary type drill is being used and consequently the hole is kept full of water. This water, almost filling the 1200-foot shaft, it was said, exerted sufficient pressure to keep back the oil so that it was impossible to determine the volume of the oil flow.

The work of removing the drill and pumping out the water was started at once, but this will require considerable time, and until the task can be completed and the hole explored the value of the well, if any, cannot be determined. If it is found that the flow is not sufficient to make the well a paying proposition, drilling will be continued. F. E. Merrick, vice-president of the company, declined to make any statement other than that indications had been found. The indications, however, point to a high grade of oil with paraffin base and from the showing made it appears that the existing flow is from 12 to 15 barrels with a possible increase when the water is removed.

Weather for December.
The record of the weather for December, as kept by Nellie Stewart, local cooperative observer, is as follows:
Mean maximum, 48.6; mean minimum, 32.5; mean, 40.5; maximum, 59; minimum, 19 plus. Precipitation, 6.54 inches; snowfall, 4 1/2 inches; clear days, 12; partly cloudy, 6; cloudy, 13.

The weather for December of 1923 was as follows:
Mean maximum, 45.8; mean minimum, 34.1; mean, 39.95; maximum, 62; minimum, 21. Precipitation, 10.41; snowfall, 1 1/4; clear days, 3; partly cloudy, 1; cloudy, 27.

Back Taxes Turned In.
More than \$27,000 back taxes were turned over to County Treasurer Edna Ward Saturday by Sheriff Fred G. Stickle. The amount collected for each year was as follows:

1916	\$ 14.05
1917	148.07
1918	395.80
1919	739.69
1920	1,957.38
1921	7,902.08
1922	16,336.76
Total	\$27,493.83

Hill Block Progress.
Splendid progress has been made upon the Earl Hill block despite the inconvenience of the winter weather. Within another month it will be completed and occupied.

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POULTRY OWNERS FAIL TO JOIN FOR COOPERATIVE SELLING

Association Head Says Organization Which Has Raised Prices Is to Quit.

About 12,000 hens were represented at a meeting of poultry owners held here Thursday night, at which State Market Agent Spence, E. J. Dixon, manager of the Pacific Poultry Producers' association; C. J. Hurd, of the O. A. C. extension service; A. W. Ayres, of Eugene, promoter in cooperative marketing affairs, and F. C. Schroeder, of Portland, director of the poultry association and owner of a large poultry farm near Portland were the speakers. The hen owners hesitated, however, to be among those who, Mr. Dixon stated, must sign up 250,000 hens to keep the association from going out of business, and none of them signed. When the party was here the number of hens yet required was 60,000.

Mr. Dixon explained what the association has done in past years in stabilizing the price of eggs and presented figures to show that all egg producers, whether or not members of the association, had greatly benefited in the price received for their product.

State Market Agent Spence said the producer must help himself in getting better prices through cooperative selling and the elimination of so many splits between the producer and the consumer.

The other speakers told what had been accomplished by cooperation and what cooperation held for the future of agriculture.

TWO GRADES ARE DISMISSED BECAUSE OF LACK OF HEAT

Because of the difficulty in heating the old high school building, which has been used to care for the fifth and sixth east side grades and the agriculture class of the high school, the two grades had to be dismissed for the remainder of the week when the schools resumed Wednesday morning. All the heat was thrown into the room used by the agriculture class, but unless the weather moderates Superintendent Hays doubts whether it will be possible to continue the use of even the one room. It was possible to resume Wednesday in all the high school rooms and in the west side school, but during the day a pipe burst at the west side school and all grades there had to be dismissed for the day.

If the weather becomes sufficiently moderate, the grades dismissed on the east side will resume.

LOCAL BUDGET NOT TOUCHED BY LAW KNOCKOUT

Supervising Commission Had Made No Change in the Cottage Grove Levies.

The budgets for the city of Cottage Grove and of the Cottage Grove school district will not be affected by the fact that the supreme court has knocked out the law creating the tax supervising and conservation commissions and giving them arbitrary power over tax levies. The budgets for the city and the school district were in no way changed by the commission and were regularly adopted by the city and by the school district.

Several tax levying bodies of the county may attempt to change their levies to what they were before the commission acted upon them.

By the action of the supreme court Herbert E. Walker, who resigned his position as county assessor in order to accept the position of secretary of the Lane county commission, is out of a job.

SHERIFF FRUSTRATES ATTEMPT AT COUNTY JAIL BREAK

Tom Murray and Eddie Walker Had Almost Completed Effort to Make Escape.

The escape of Tom Murray and Eddie Walker, confessed robbers of the Lane County State & Savings bank at Florence, and Jimmy Wells, who was arrested with them in Portland and who had some of the money alleged to have been stolen by them, was prevented Sunday afternoon when Sheriff Fred G. Stickle discovered that they had swiped off one of the steel bars in their cell and had sawed part of the way through two more. The one sawed in two had been replaced and the mark of the saw painted over with charcoal.

Sheriff Stickle said they could have crawled out of their cell with but two bars out, pried loose a sheet of steel lining of the wall and dug through the bricks, as six men did a few weeks ago.

All three of the prisoners were given a thorough search for hack saws. The officers were about to give up the search when a saw was found in an out-of-the-way place in the cell. The sheriff said that the only way a hack saw could have been smuggled in was through one of the trustees or by a woman who was allowed to see the three men a few days ago.

Hold a regular position by having an ad every week.

Review of Lane County Agriculture

WHILE COUNTY IS ONE OF LARGEST PRODUCERS OF THE STATE, ITS PRODUCTION OF MANY CROPS IS BELOW AVERAGE

Some surprising data upon agriculture in Lane county were developed in a talk delivered recently before high school students by N. E. Glass, president of the Bank of Cottage Grove. Mr. Glass secured the data through the agricultural man of the Oregon Bankers' association, who had secured them through the extension department of the Oregon Agricultural college. Mr. Glass' talk in its entirety makes interesting reading, even though largely statistical, and is as follows:

Lane County's Agricultural Rank.
Lane county's agriculture is composed of 3200 farms, having an average improved acreage per farm of 62.7 acres, valued in 1920 at \$51.79 per acre, according to the census figures of the United States department of agriculture.

Lane county ranks ninth in income received from agricultural sources, being exceeded by Baker, Clackamas, Linn, Malheur, Marion, Umatilla, Washington and Yamhill counties.

Lane county has slightly over 2,900,000 acres of land, of which only 5.9 per cent is improved agricultural land.

In the production of winter wheat Lane county ranks sixth in western Oregon counties, but has a yield of six bushels less per acre than the average for western Oregon, and in

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATORS ARE TO EARN THEIR WAY

Woman Is Sent to Poor Farm as Assistant and Man Goes to County Barns.

The county commissioners are trying the experiment of having liquor law violators earn their keep.

Mrs. Minnie Larkin is now working at the county poor farm and Harry Nelson is at work at the county machinery barns. The transfer of these prisoners from the jail to outside employment was made on the order of County Commissioners Emmett Sharp and L. N. Roney, according to Sheriff Stickle, the latter official stating that he had nothing whatever to do with it.

County Judge Barnard opposed sending the woman prisoner to the poor farm and said he could find no authority of law for it, although the law provides that prisoners may be put to work on roads or any work of a public nature. The judge said he presumed that the law would cover Nelson's case.

Mrs. Larkin was sentenced last summer to serve two months in jail and pay a fine of \$500. She had about 125 days yet to serve, according to the sheriff. She was arrested by a squad of deputy sheriffs in a raid upon a fake moving picture studio erected near the state game farm at the direction of District Attorney Johnston as a snare for bootleggers. Nelson was sentenced about 10 days ago to serve six months and to pay a fine of \$500 for unlawful possession of liquor.

OVERLOADED VEHICLES PAY FOR DAMAGES TO MACADAM

Ray Morris and E. R. Darnell paid \$5 each in Justice Young's court Friday upon a charge of hauling on macadam roads heavier loads than those permitted by law. Both pleaded guilty. Mr. Morris, who was driving a truck, pleaded guilty to an overload of 1700 pounds and Mr. Darnell, who was driving a wagon, to an overload of 2200 pounds. Both were hauling ties.

The complaint was made by A. H. Shortes, a county traffic officer, who is keeping close tab on the loads being hauled upon the macadam roads of the county.

BRADLEYS NOT TO GO TO ANY PLACE WITH LESS ATTRACTIONS THAN C. G.

The W. E. Bradleys are not going to locate in California, despite a statement to that effect made in The Sentinel. They may go through California on their way to eastern points on a motor trip, but they will not visit in our sister state any longer than necessary. They are among the many who having once lived in Cottage Grove can not be satisfied to live anywhere else where the social and climatic advantages are not equal to those here. They are of the opinion that they will have to travel a long way to find a location where they will be satisfied and if they should fail in that they may return to what the world acknowledges to be the best little city in the famous, fertile, fruitful Willamette—the city which has made the Willamette famous.

Loads Too Heavy for Roads.
Eugene, Ore., Dec. 27.—J. B. Hill and E. Merrill were each fined \$15 by Justice Wells yesterday on charges of hauling loads on gravel and macadam roads of the county in excess of the weight limit allowed by law. Hill is a wood hauler and Merrill is a driver for the Standard Oil company.

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the production of spring wheat here five bushels less per acre than the average for western Oregon.

Lane county ranks seventh in the production of oats, although her yield is five bushels less per acre than the average for the state, and nine bushels less per acre than the average for western Oregon counties.

In the production of potatoes Lane county ranks ninth in quantity produced, although her production is 25 bushels less per acre than the average for the state and 23 bushels less per acre than the average production in western Oregon counties.

In the production of fruit Lane county ranks tenth in apples, sixth in pears, sixth in prunes and third in cherries.

Lane county's 10,500 beef cattle are valued at \$507,000. Her 18,000 dairy cattle produce for the farmers through dairy products the value of \$707,000 annually.

In 1920 2200 of Lane county's farms spent \$488,000 for feed.

The census figures show that 1240 farms are free from mortgage, indebtedness while 951 are mortgaged. The figures indicate that 466 farms made no report to the census.

The figures quoted above are taken from the 1922 record of the federal statistician, F. L. Kent, Portland, Ore., and from the 1920 United States census report.

Some Fundamental Considerations.

Dairying—Lane county ranks fourth in number of dairy cows owned (18,000) but ranks eighth in receipts from the sale of dairy products. The average production per cow in Lane county is approximately 155 pounds of butterfat, or 13 pounds less than the average for the state. Clackamas, Coos, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Tillamook and Washington counties, averaging 1000 head of dairy cattle less per county, receive an average of over half a million dollars more income per year from the sale of dairy products than is received by Lane county. The average production of butterfat per cow, however, is 16 pounds more than is produced in Lane county, or an average return of approximately \$7 more per cow than in Lane county. This is a striking comparison and indicates some of the reasons why the production per cow should be increased. While the average production per cow in Lane county is more than the average for the state, 14 counties are producing considerably more per cow than is produced in Lane county.

If the cows in Lane county now producing 155 pounds of butterfat on the average were to increase their production per cow to the same point as the average production of the counties listed above it would increase the income of Lane county dairy farmers approximately 18 per cent, or approximately \$130,000. If

40,000,000 IS ANNUAL CUT CONTEMPLATED

Government Advertises First Unit of Large Tract in City Watershed.

Anderson-Middleton Company Will Bid and Are Anxious to Start Logging.

Following the agreement between the city and forestry officials as to terms upon which permission will be given for the cutting of logs upon the city's present watershed, the forestry department has commenced advertising the sale of approximately 375,000,000 feet of timber upon the Herman creek watershed. The land, comprising 5900 acres, will remain the property of the government.

According to government estimates, the timber to be disposed of on a stumpage basis, includes the following: Douglas fir, 346,000,000 feet; western red cedar, 8,000,000 feet; incense cedar, 900,000; western hemlock, 20,000,000 feet; sugar and white pine, 100,000 feet.

The tract is a part of a total of 63,000 acres in that district which the government plans to release for cutting at the rate of 40,000,000 feet a year. This will give operators who enter that field the opportunity to continue operations for a long period.

No bids will be considered for less than the following prices per thousand feet: Douglas fir, \$2, with a special rate of \$1.75 for the first 46,285,000 feet; white and sugar pine \$2, western red cedar \$2, and hemlock and incense cedar, 50 cents. The purchaser will be allowed until October 1, 1925, to begin actual logging operations on the unit, and the contract will expire November 30, 1935.

The Anderson & Middleton Lumber company will be a bidder for this timber and it is understood that it is upon their application that the timber is being offered for sale. The sale can not be made until April 22, but they have already made their plans for making the necessary extension of their railway and for extending the city's watershed, which will be required by the forestry department.

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Lane county would go a step further in increasing the production per cow to the point where it would rank with the average of the three highest producing counties listed above it would increase her income from dairy products 70 per cent, or approximately \$522,000 annually.

These increases could be brought about without a large amount of additional expense or labor and would represent practically net gain.

Some of the outstanding factors to be considered in increasing production per cow are as follows:

1. The keeping of production records to determine which cows are producing a profit and which are producing a loss. This involves the testing of cows.

2. Better breeding through the use of purebred bulls and the selection of cows.

3. Control of diseases, abortion, tuberculosis.

4. Better feeding.

5. Each dairyman carrying a minimum of ten cows in his herd to enable him to do these things.

Crop Production—The production figures listed above, indicating that Lane county's average production of grains and potatoes is less than the average of the state, show the importance of crop rotation and the use of manures and fertilizers. They indicate the necessity of planting more leguminous crops.

FLORENCE BANDITS GIVEN 20 YEARS EACH IN PEN

Plea of Eddie Walker, Who Had Protested Innocence, Comes as Surprise.

Tom Murray and Eddie Walker, two of the trio of bandits who robbed the Lane County State & Savings bank at Florence of \$7500 December 11, were sentenced Monday to serve 20 years each in the state penitentiary, 10 years for each of the two counts against them, one of larceny, the other of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Sentence was pronounced by Judge Skipworth after both had pleaded guilty. The plea of Walker came as a surprise as he had protested his innocence from the time of his arrest in Portland until he was brought before Judge Skipworth. Within an hour after sentence was pronounced the men were on their way to Salem.

As Murray, handcuffed to Walker and a deputy sheriff, left the county jail he turned to S. G. Barker, bootlegger, who is a trusty and was sweeping snow off the walk, and said, "I'll get you when I get out."

He had accused Barker of telling the sheriff that he had saved the bars of his cell Sunday in an effort to escape.

Nels Berkem, Charles Blaxier and John C. Herring, west Lane ranchers, accused of aiding the robbers, all pleaded not guilty and they will be tried at the spring term of circuit court.

COL. MERCER TO DELIVER LECTURE ON MOTHER LOVE

Colonel W. G. D. Mercer, of Eugene, will deliver his lecture, "Mother Love," before the high school assembly at 9 o'clock on Thursday, January 10. Colonel Mercer has delivered this lecture before a number of high schools and has been effusively complimented for his manner of handling the subject and upon his delivery of what has been characterized as a masterpiece of English.

Nephew of J. Q. Willits Killed.

Amos Willits, who was killed in the theater fire Sunday at Medford, was a nephew of J. Q. Willits. He was 39 years of age. Mr. Willits went to Medford to attend the funeral.

NOW THEY ARE STOPPING CARS AND WALKING OFF THE HARRISBURG FERRY

Anyone traveling south from Portland and intending to use the Harrisburg ferry should carry a rabbit's foot and several horseshoes—but the horseshoes should be of light weight so as not to interfere with swimming in case the traveler takes an unexpected bath in the treacherous waters of the Willamette.

The drivers of several automobiles, not being familiar with the danger of the approach to the ferry from the north, have driven their cars into the deep waters of the river. There have been at least two drownings and a number of miraculous escapes from drowning on the part of those who plunged into the river. As a result extra precautions have been taken in placing danger signals, but even these are not always effective. A tourist drove to the approach Saturday evening. He did not know about the ferry but the warning signals stopped him. He walked ahead to learn why they had been placed and walked off into the river. His two sons, who had remained in the car, heard his cries for help and rescued him.

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FORD STOPS CHEVROLET WITH DAMAGE TO ITSELF

Car Off Grade Jumps Onto Paving Just as Haight Car Attempts to Pass.

The Chevrolet touring car owned by C. H. Haight, of Delight Valley, was somewhat damaged in an accident Friday evening that was unavoidable so far as the Haight car was concerned. Lionel Haight was at the wheel and his father was in the car with him. As they swung around one of the curves between here and Saginaw, northward bound, a Ford touring car operated by Fred Dempier, transient dealer in fur and hides, which had slid off the grade, got traction suddenly and before it could be controlled was onto the highway crosswise of the paving. There was no room to get by and the Haight car could not be stopped in time to avoid a collision. Had the Ford gone forward a few feet farther the Haight car would have been able to pass to the rear. As it was, the Haight car plowed through the rear end of the Ford, tearing off the wheels and wrecking that part of the car. The force of the collision put the Ford in motion. It slid along the paving for a short distance and turned turtle and at this time about all that was left was one wheel and the motor. The hides and furs that had been strewn along the road were placed on a passing truck and brought into the city. Mr. Dempier sustained slight injuries. None of those in the Haight car was injured and the car was able to complete its trip home on its own power, despite a severely sprained axle. The glass of one headlight of the Chevrolet was demolished and the supporting framework was badly twisted but the bulb remained burning.

FIRE DEPARTMENT INSTALLS ELECTRIC SIREN WHISTLE

The fire department has completed the installation of an electric siren whistle at the city hall. The city had been without a siren since the closing down of the Western Lumber & Export company mill, where it had been placed after the burning of the electric light plant where it had been before. Because of the hard luck the department had had in keeping a siren in operation and not wishing it to be a nemesis for other steam plants, a decision was arrived at to have an electric whistle installed on the city building.

The whistle got its first use announcing the arrival of the new year.

HAS QUANTITY OF VENISON OUT OF SEASON; PAYS \$125

L. T. Groat and S. O. Read Caught by Cruson; Hawker Vents Spite on C. G.

L. T. Groat and S. O. Read were arrested last week at their cabin in the Black Butte section upon a charge of killing deer out of season. A large quantity of jerked meat and two deer which had been killed but recently were found. Indications were that not less than a dozen deer had been killed. A search warrant had been secured by Deputy Game Warden E. N. Cruson, of this city. He took Deputy Warden E. S. Hawker, of Albany, with him. Much to the surprise of Cruson and of the court here, Hawker took charge of the venison and took the men to Eugene for trial. A fine of \$125 was assessed against Groat and Read was freed.

It is thought that the unusual action on the part of Hawker was due to the fact that he has not forgotten that he failed to avoid paying a fine for a violation of the traffic laws while passing through Cottage Grove a year or so ago.

FEED THE LITTLE BIRDIES IS SUGGESTION BY FINLEY

Bird lovers should take pity on the members of the feathered tribe while there is snow on the ground and put out food for them. William L. Finley, president of the Oregon Audubon society, has made such an appeal. Beef suet, nut meats, baked apples and crumbs from the table, all to be piled where the birds can get them, are some of the foods suggested by Mr. Finley.

Two Start in Motorcycle Run.

L. G. Cornwall and Bill Patton, of this city, were among those who started in the motorcycle endurance run from Eugene to Seattle and return, which started at the first stroke of the new year. Cornwall dropped out at Salem when his machine gave out. His toes were frozen, indicating that those who continued on the trip probably suffered severely from weather conditions. The drivers were to have arrived home yesterday.

Whites Hold Reunion.

For the first time in 16 years all the children of the W. J. White family were able to be together on Christmas day. They were Miss Wilma White, who is attending Reed college; Miss Marian White, of Eugene; Noble White and Miss Esther White, of Seattle; Mrs. Eleanor Huntington, of Fossil, who has been with her parents for several weeks while convalescing from an operation, and Gordon White, who is at home. All those who came from outside points returned the day following the reunion.

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O. W. HAYS CAR IS INJURED IN COLLISION SUNDAY

Owner of Truck Which Causes Damages Arranges for Repair of Car.

The O. W. Hays Nash car sustained severe injuries Sunday evening, on the first grade this side of Walker, where it crashed into the trailer of a truck owned and operated by C. Kay, of Molalla. The accident apparently was unavoidable so far as the Hays car was concerned and Mr. Kay readily agreed to pay the repair bill.

Both cars were bound toward Cottage Grove. Mr. Hays stated that when he sighted on his headlights after passing a car bound north, he saw the trailer of the truck a few feet ahead carrying no taillight. The truck was taking the middle of the road and in order to avoid a head-on collision Mr. Hays put his car into the ditch, but the rear of his car slapped the rear of the trailer, with the result that the right side of the body of the Hays car was wrecked.

The only injury suffered by the truck and trailer was the breaking of the coupling. Both the car and the truck came on into Cottage Grove, where a settlement was effected the following day.

Mr. Kay stated that he had been blinded by the light of the car which passed in the opposite direction and had not had time to get over to the right side of the road.

No one was seriously injured. In the Hays car, beside Mr. Hays, were Mrs. Hays and daughters Evelyn and Eleanor and Mr. Hays' sister, Miss Fern Hays. Miss Fern sustained an injured spinal column from the jar that will keep her for two weeks from her duties as a teacher in the Delight Valley school and Evelyn was badly shaken up but the others escaped injury entirely.

Mr. Hays took his car to Portland Monday and Mr. Kay made arrangements to have the repairs made.

CURRIN HILL ON ROW RIVER ROAD IS TO GO

County Is Endeavoring to Secure Right of Way for Highway Changes.

Import changes in the route of the Row river road are contemplated and Commissioners Sharp and Roney and County Engineer Morse were here last week endeavoring to secure the necessary right of way. The most important change, from the standpoint of eliminating danger, is to put the road around Currin hill, where a narrow grade has been left unimproved because of the intention to change the route. This would require the construction of three-quarters of a mile of road.

Another important proposed change in the route is to turn to the left at a point near the Currin bridge and follow the tracks of the Oregon Pacific & Eastern railway for a distance of a mile, thereby eliminating two railway crossings. This would put the railway grade between the road and the river, thus eliminating danger to the road from high water.

The county officials believe there will be little difficulty in getting the required right of way at little expense to the county.

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