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A BATTERED OLD TYPE CASE AND ITS STORY

E. P. Thorp, Drain, Ore., C. O. D. \$38.00—2.

That was the inscription found on the back of an old type case which The Sentinel discarded a few days ago.

E. P. Thorp was the editor of the first Cottage Grove newspaper. For several weeks it was published at Drain, which was at that time a more important place than Cottage Grove.

The old type case, with the legend so pregnant with meaning for those who know what pioneering in the newspaper business meant 35 years ago, accidentally saved from the bon fire because of the wording on it, will be preserved by the Sentinel for historical purposes.

Thirty-eight dollars probably was a lot of money to the pioneer editor. That amount probably represented a large part of his first investment in the newspaper business. The "2" in the legend meant that there were two packages in the shipment. Thirty-eight dollars and two packages of equipment would mean little in the newspaper business of today.

But what stories this old case might tell could it but form into words the thousands of letters that have been thrown into it and set out again during the 35 years that it held its place against the encroachment of more stylish and more aristocratic type cases and printing office furniture.

The pioneer editor and his early-day successors no doubt slaved many weary hours picking type from it, often by the light of an oil lamp. Possibly they at the same time worried for fear they

might not have the necessary coin of the realm with which to pay for the ready prints upon which the type they were setting was to be printed.

The type set from this old case no doubt was used in some of the burning editorials of the early editors. The type taken from it told of the coinings and goings, the joys and sorrows of those who were laying the foundation for the Cottage Grove of today. The types taken from it formed the words with which editors for many years did their best to direct public thought and form public opinion. The type set from it probably told of the birth of some babe whose wedding has since been told by inotype slugs.

We can only cogitate upon how many hands have picked type from this old case, a relic of early day journalism—a journalism that many of us look back to with pleasant recollection—the journalism of the day when an order on an advertiser issued to the printer was just as good, sometimes better, than the checks for a much larger amount which must be issued today. Wages were probably one-fourth of what they are today and minutes of time were not so valuable. There was time for greater sociability between employer and employe and between employes. The employer usually did the same work as those who worked with him, only more of it. When the paper was out there was a day or so when employer and employe "took it easy." Even in the busiest hours before the forms were put into the old Washington hand press, there was time for "ten" or a "growler." The latter word has been made obsolete, but it was an important one in the life of the pioneer towns and the pioneer newspapers.

As we have said, we can only cogitate upon the many hands that have taken type from this old case. The names of the hundred or more printers who have set type on Cottage Grove newspapers, most of whom probably set type from this old case, have been forgotten even by those living who knew them, but the names of former editors are often spoken and there is little doubt that every one of them set type from this old case and wrote copy that was put into type from it. They are important names in the history of Cottage Grove. There was L. E. Wadley (living), C. W. Wallace (living), the inimitable W. C. (Billie) Conner (living), A. Clifford Gage (living), Horace Mann (dead), C. J. Howard (living), T. H. Supple (dead), Lee Henry, C. Y. Brown, Mr. Root, J. McKenn Fisher, D. M. C. Gault (dead), D. W. and I. S. Bath (living), F. W. Chausse (living), Law Cates and others of recent years.

But the legend, "C. O. D. \$38.00—2," on the old case tells better than columns of words of the struggles and tragedies of early-day journalism. The early editors did not have so many problems as we have today—there was no bobbed hair, not nearly so many drug store examinations—the girls themselves did the worrying about the length of their dresses—parents did not have to buy silk stockings for 12-year-olds—there were no automobiles to take young folk and their parents away from their homes. "The Morals of the Movies" was not yet an editorial subject—there was no danger of round-the-world fliers dropping on the city—but the pioneer editors did have their troubles and worries—the historic case and its legend tell the story better than we can.

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The battered old case, with its inscription on the back may be read, may spend its remaining days in stolid ease—its days of labors are over—it has done its duty well—it has been the helpmate and companion of those who struggled to make Cottage Grove what it is—predicted 35 years or a quarter of a century ago that Cottage Grove would be all that it is today—and more. The old type case deserves to be preserved for future generations—and it shall be.

May the stories which its history suggests be an inspiration to all those who may in the future endeavor to promote and carry forward the great and noble things for which Cottage Grove's pioneer editors struggled so manfully and well.

Card of Thanks. We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their expressions of sympathy and kindness shown us during our recent bereavement. The floral offerings were also appreciated.

J. S. MILNE and family.

Say it with printers' ink.

CHINESE DISCOVERED ILLINOIS, HE SAYS

Asserts Orientals Painted Piasa Bird Centuries Ago.

Springfield, Ill.—Chinese explorers, antedating Balboa, and perhaps Columbus, discovered Illinois four or five centuries ago and set the flag of the Chinese empire on the cliffs above Alton, according to E. W. Payne, a local banker, who for many years has collected Indian relics and studied the early history of the western hemisphere.

"When Balboa rushed into the Pacific, carrying the flag of Spain, he didn't have even a druggist's prescription for one-half pint of the water of the sea," Payne says.

"At the time Columbus discovered America, Cahokia was probably the capital of North America and the most important western city north of old Mexico. It was situated at the junction of the Illinois, Missouri and Kaskaskia rivers with the Mississippi and was near the mouth of the Ohio.

"The country was thickly populated. Probably there were as many people in the country districts as there are today. The bluffs of the Mississippi river were used as a graveyard and the western coast of the Americas was thickly settled from Alaska to Patagonia.

Old When Pyramids Were Built. "Balboa lived with these people for two years and was told again and again about the Pacific. Finally, with a guard of 150 Indians he ventured to cross the divide and claim the Pacific for Spain.

"As he did it, he was standing over ruins that were old when the pyramids were built. If he had been attending a big league ball game today he would have drawn a seat in the grass in front of the bleachers. He was the last one through the gate. The Pacific had been discovered and rediscovered again and again before he arrived, and every island in it of any importance was inhabited.

"Before Balboa reached the Pacific and probably about the time that Columbus was landing on the eastern extremity of North America, Chinese explorers arrived at the west coast of the country, and, following the best marked trails, the Platte trail and the Chin trail, which was centuries old before Clark ever saw it, they penetrated to the Mississippi river and the capital of the continent at Cahokia.

"Like Columbus and Balboa they claimed the country, and in doing so placed the Chinese flag on the cliffs at Alton. This was later known as the Piasa bird. Superficial examination of the painting shows that it is undoubtedly a Chinese dragon, the national emblem of the empire.

Probably Never Returned Home.

"In those days there were no afternoon editions. It is doubtful if anyone in China knew what the hardy explorers were about. They may have been members of a crew of Chinese pirates, or they may have been adventurers who sailed into unknown seas out of curiosity.

"Furthermore, in those days travel was so difficult that pioneers never expected to return to their homes. The European explorers returned to report to their kings, but the Chinese probably carried all they owned with them. It is improbable that they ever returned, or that their discovery was ever announced. Only the painting of the dragon, or Piasa bird, remained to tell of their journey.

"The time of this exploration is very hard to fix. Limestone weathers easily, and, as the dragon could still be seen 50 years ago, it seems improbable that it was painted more than five centuries ago.

"The theory that the dragon was painted by aborigines of Oriental stock is not tenable as it could not have survived on the cliffs that long. There is no doubt in my mind that it was painted by the Chinese explorers who came at a recent date, historically speaking."

The Piasa bird, which is supposed to have been seen for the first time by a white man when Joliet floated down the Mississippi, was for centuries one of the most mysterious of the stone drawings, or petroglyphs, in America. It was quarried away more than 50 years ago and the original was lost.

Herbert Forcade, a member of the Alton boy scouts, is now preparing to repaint the dragon on the cliffs. The work of smoothing and facing the bluffs is now in progress.

Film 1-254,000 of Inch Thick Is Manufactured

Washington.—Probably the thinnest celluloid films ever produced have been made by the bureau of standards. They are so thin that 254,000 of them can be packed in a space an inch thick.

They were made by dissolving the celluloid in amylacetate and dropping the solution on a clean water surface, allowing the acetate to evaporate. The bureau will use the films in X-ray work.

Turtle, Dated 1884, Is Found Twice by Man

Moorefield, W. Va.—Zack Reel found a land turtle on the Woerner place near Kessel on which was carved the name of "Joseph F. Woerner," and the date, "May 11, 1884."

Woerner is living with his daughter, Mrs. Edward Smith, at present. The same turtle was found by Reel once before about 100 yards from where it was discovered this time.

You Will Want to Attend This Big Rummage Sale at Umphrey & Mackin's

There are real bargains in this sale of odds and ends, broken lots and staple merchandise from every part of the store—many lots have been priced at a fraction of their real worth for we are determined on entire clearance—here are just a few items quoted from the sale here and there from among the scores of bargains offered—

Bargains for Every Member of Family

- Women's pumps and oxfords—both kid and calf leathers, a pair \$2.98
Children's fleeced cotton union suits, a pair 69c
Misses waist union suits, winter weight—all sizes, each 95c
Women's shoes—six lots, good styles, 50c, 98c, \$1.98, \$2.39, \$2.98 and \$3.49.
Gingham street dresses, complete range of sizes—marked at one-third and one-half off—two lots \$2.19 and \$3.49
Men's lde brand linen collars, each 10c
Women's heavy weight khaki riding skirts 69c
72x72 pattern mercerized table cloths, priced \$2.19 and \$2.49
Women's rubber fudge aprons—assorted styles and colors, each 69c

Buy Fall Supply Groceries Now Here Are Good Savings

- Vim hard wheat flour, a sack \$1.89
Preferred Stock and Royal Club coffee, a lb. 48c
Bulk cocoa, a lb. 10c
3 1/2 lb. box Seafoam washing powder 25c
50 lb. sack table salt, a sack 69c
Pint Mason fruit jars, a doz. 73c
Quart Mason fruit jars, a doz. 88c
Half gal. Mason fruit jars, a doz. \$1.23
Olympic Cake and Pastry flour. 25c
Assorted bars toilet soap, a bar 5c
Economy jar lids, a doz. 25c
Extra heavy jar rubbers, 4 doz. 25c
No. 2 1/2 can fancy pack tomatoes 18c

Prices Slashed on Odds and Ends Staple Merchandise

- One lot 5c school tablets, 3 for 7c
Remnants in wool, silk and cotton piece goods one-third to one-half off regular price.
Men's heavy wool work socks, gray, white and tan, a pair .34c
56 inch all wool coatings from \$1.98 to \$2.69
Men's large size all wool union suits \$3.69
Women's wool and cotton union suits \$1.69
Men's oxfords priced per pair from \$3.49 to \$4.69
One lot boys' wool cloth hats, each 89c
Boy's knicker trousers, sizes 6 to 15, a pair 89c
Boys' two-piece corduroy suits, each \$3.98

SALE CLOSSES SATURDAY NIGHT



Why do prescriptions bear this mark? Image of a doctor and a prescription with an 'R' mark.

—because the "R" is the first letter in the Latin word Recipe, which means "take." Doctors the country over prescribe

Puretest Castor Oil

as a gentle laxative to keep the body internally clean and functioning regularly.

Puretest, Castor Oil is a clear, bright oil from recently harvested beans and is made absolutely pure by a new process. Not nauseating like old-fashioned castor oil, but mild, sweet, nutty and easy to take.

One of 200 Puretest preparations for health and hygiene. Every item the best that skill and care can produce.

Kem's for Drugs

The REXALL Store
C. J. Kem, Prop. Cottage Grove, Ore.

A Common Question: Where do you bank? Advertisement for First National Bank, The Old Reliable.

Church News

Presbyterian Church—E. V. Osterander, acting pastor during the absence of A. Ralph Spearow. Sunday school at 10, forenoon services at 11, evening service at 7:30. Midweek services Thursday evenings at 7:30.

Baptist Church—Tenth and Adams, E. R. Clevenger, minister. This church stands for the full gospel message. A welcome is given to all who come. Bible school at 10, preaching at 11 and 7:30. Young people's meeting at 6:30. Prayer meeting Thursday evenings at 7:30. After the prayer meeting the pastor conducts a class in bible study.

Christian Church, the "home-like" church—A. J. Adams, minister. Sunday school at 9:45, sermon and communion at 11, Christian endeavor at 6:30, evening service at 7:30.

Methodist Church—Rev. J. H. Ebert, Pastor. Sunday school at 9:45, morning worship at 11, Epworth league at 7, evening service at 7:30. Everybody is welcome to attend all of these services.

Christian Science Church—Corner of Jefferson avenue and Second street. Sunday services at 11 a. m. Wednesday services at 7:30 p. m.

Seventh Day Adventist Church—West Main street. Services every Saturday. Sabbath school at 10, church service at 11; prayer meeting Wednesday evenings at 7:30.

Free Methodist church—Corner of Monroe avenue and south Fifth street—D. S. Forrester, pastor. Sunday school at 10, forenoon services at 11, evening service at 7:30. Prayer meeting at 7:30 Thursday evenings.

Sunday School services in the Latham school house every Sunday

TH' OLE GROUCH

THEY'S ONE R TWO RECKLESS AUTOMOBILE DRIVERS 'ROUND TOWN WHO COULDN'T QUALIFY TO OPERATE A WHEELBARROW! AS TH' FELLER SEZ, "SCIENCE WAS PLACED HORSE POWER UNDER TH' AUTO HOOD, BUT ONLY GOD GAW PUT HORSE SENSE UNDER TH' DRIVERS' HAY!"



at 9:45. Mrs. Hugh Trunnell, superintendent; Mrs. Winnie Hagerty, assistant superintendent.

In this queer old world the man who does things is more severely criticized than the man who tries to do nothing.

If a man writes the same kind of love letters after marriage as he did before, it is an infallible sign that he married happily, or is a plain idiot.

When looking for help the employer usually passes up the man or boy who seems to have nothing to do.

Women may not be mathematicians but when it comes to figures they always get the right result.

If man is a transition from a monkey, it is about time for some people to start to transish.

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