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UNCLE BOB VEATCH DIES AT AGE OF 82 YEARS

Prominent Pioneer and Legislator Received First Diploma to Be Given at O. A. C.

Robert M. (Uncle Bob) Veatch, former state senator and the last of a family of 16 children, several of whom were pioneers of 1853, died at 6:25 this forenoon. He had been seriously ill for some time with an ailment which failed to yield to medical treatment. The funeral will be held at 2:30 Friday afternoon from the H. H. Veatch home, A. R. Spearow officiating. The Masonic lodge will be in charge of the services at the grave.

Mr. Veatch was born June 5, 1843, in White county, Ill., and was aged nearly 82 years. His father, Isaac Veatch, served in the war of 1812 under Andrew Jackson and his grandfather, Elias Veatch, in the Revolutionary war under Washington. He crossed the plains in 1864 and came to Lane county the following year, this ever after being his home. Mr. Veatch's life after reaching Oregon was an active one. Although his education as a boy had been meager, he succeeded in entering Willamette college, Salem, and was a member of the first graduating class from Oregon Agricultural college in 1870, five years following his arrival in Oregon. He was the first of the class to receive a diploma and had planned to attend the approaching commencement exercises at the college.

Mr. Veatch taught school in Eugene, studied law there under J. J. Walton and was admitted to the bar, although he never practiced. He was married March 14, 1872, to Miss Surphina Currin, of Cottage Grove, who died February 28, 1885.

In politics Mr. Veatch was a democrat and was elected to the Oregon assembly upon the ticket of that party in 1882 and was reelected in 1884. In 1886 he was advanced to the senate, being reelected in 1890. He was appointed by President Cleveland as the first receiver of the land office at Roseburg and in 1900 was a delegate to the democratic national convention in Kansas City.

Surviving children are H. H. Veatch and Mrs. J. E. Young, of this city, and John C. Veatch, prominent Portland attorney. There are eight grandchildren, Raymond Veatch, Eugene; Margaret, Joseph, Muriel, Katheryn and Lillian Young, Cottage Grove and Lillian and John Veatch Jr., Portland, and scores of other relatives.

R. A. BOOTH HEADS DRIVE

American Legion to Start Effort to Raise Endowment Fund.

Robert A. Booth, of Eugene, pioneer lumberman of Oregon, past district governor of Rotary clubs and one of the best known citizens of the state, has accepted the chairmanship of the state committee having in charge the American legion endowment fund campaign for Oregon and the canvass for subscriptions for the Doernbecher hospital maintenance fund.

With the chairmanship determined, the campaign which has for its object the raising of $50,000 as Oregon's quota of the national endowment fund and the raising of $60,000 for the support of the Doernbecher hospital, will be started immediately.

State Fire Marshal Visits.

State Fire Marshal Wolfe was here Tuesday giving instructions for the standardization of the fire protection equipment at the Anderson & Middleton mills and inspecting the work which has been done by the city in standardizing its equipment. Standardized equipment means that, in case of a large conflagration, equipment sent here by some other city could be used in conjunction with Cottage Grove's equipment, or equipment sent from here to some other city could be used in conjunction with the equipment there. It also means that all local equipment is interchangeable.

To Participate in Pageant.

The Cottage Grove schools will enter a float in the pioneer pageant to be held Saturday in Eugene under the sponsorship of County Superintendent Moore. The local schools also will take space in the armory for the display of pioneer relics. It is anticipated that a hundred school children from here will attend. A number of parents will accompany them.

The Saginaw and Cedars schools have also signified their intention of participating in the pageant.

Say it with printers' ink. xxx

Thornton Corners Strawberries Are Ripening

Strawberries are beginning to ripen in this favored section of the famous, fertile, fruitful Willamette. Mrs. Alfred T. Beidler picked a few on April 29 and on May 5 had enough to serve. Mrs. James Plaster served strawberries yesterday. Both live in the Thornton Corners neighborhood, from which section the first berries usually are reported.

These berries will continue to bear until October or November.

CIRCUS EMPLOYE IS CRUSHED UNDER CAR WHEELS

Had Disobeyed Orders in Being in Position to Be Pitched Forward to Death.

Circus day was marred by the tragic death of one of the employes of the Al G. Barnes show. Wesley Alloway, 692 east Ash avenue, Portland, was killed instantly under the wheels of one of the cars of the show train.

Alloway and a companion were watching the unloading of the show and were standing on top of a wagon which was about to be unloaded. They did not note that the signal had been given to move the train and when the locomotive moved the train the two men pitched forward onto a flatcar ahead of them. Alloway's companion saved himself but Alloway rolled between the two cars and onto the rails and the wheels passed over his abdomen, cutting the body in two.

Alloway was employed as a dish washer and was aged 16 years.

A large number of the citizens of the city, who had gathered to watch the circus unload, were witnesses of the tragedy.

Alloway had been with the show company but a few days and Mr. Barnes stated that he had disobeyed strict orders by being anywhere on the train.

The body was shipped to Portland where the funeral will be held tomorrow.

Innovation in Church Services.

An innovation in church services will start a week from Sunday at the Presbyterian church. The forenoon service will be entirely educational and the entire time will be given over to the Sunday school, the hours for which will be 10 to 11:30. All devotional energies will be centered upon the evening service, the hour for which will remain 7:30.

Five Answer Liquor Charges.

As a result of a roundup of alleged bootleggers here circus night, Henry LaBlue, of this city, was fined $300 in the Eugene justice court yesterday and was sentenced to 60 days in the vounty jail. E. B. Dodd, V. S. Damewood, Archie Oliver and Phillip Mosby, arrested with LaBlue, pleaded not guilty and their bail was fixed at $1000 each.

Weather Report for April.

The weather for April, as reported by Miss Nellie Stewart, local observer, was as follows: Mean maximum, 60.87; mean minimum, 40.9; mean, 50.88; maximum, 80 on April 28; minimum, 32 on April 27; total precipitation, 6.12 inches, clear days, 13; partly cloudy, 9; cloudy, 8.

Wantads Set the Pace.

Sentinel wantads are fast workers. The Monday issue was delivered at about 5 o'clock. That evening A. P. Gerrard had a visitor who had read a wantad in that day's issue in which Gerrard advertised a sewing machine for sale. Early the next forenoon the machine was sold.

Korean Missionary Coming.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Young, a missionary to Korea from the Columbia river branch of the women's foreign missionary society, will speak in the Methodist church at 2:30 Monday afternoon. All those interested in missionary work are invited to attend.

Baby Injured in Play.

London, May 5.—(Special.)—Little Jackie Newton, baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Newton, nearly sustained a dislocated shoulder a few days ago when the tot was lifted by the arms in play. The ligaments were strained and torn.

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

BLAMES SENATE FOR EFFORT TO DEFEAT BUS TAX

W. B. Dennis Visits Quicksilver Mines and Talks Upon Legislative Matters.

The Oregon senate is to blame for the fact that an effort is being made to invoke the referendum upon the bus and truck tax law of the recent session, in the opinion of W. B. Dennis, of Carlton, highway legislative encyclopedia, who was a visitor this week at his Black Butte quicksilver mining property.

Mr. Dennis was a member of the special roads and highways committee appointed by Governor Pierce which reported at the recent session. Mr. Dennis was at the state capitol during most of the session and took a prominent part in drafting the bus and truck taxing bill that originated in the house committee. According to Dennis, had the senate left the rates provided in the house bill, there would have been no effort to refer, but when the senate doubled the rates of the house bill the referendum was invited. Dennis is not, however, upholding the attempt to refer.

Dennis is of the opinion that the governor acted unwisely in vetoing the special election bill, thereby further inviting the attempt to invoke the referendum.

Dennis is encouraged by the upward trend in the price of quicksilver and expressed the opinion that a slight further advance would warrant the resumption of operations at the Black Butte mines.

CREWS COMMENDS OIL OPERATIONS

Stockholders Do Not Want to Get Their Money Back.

An enthusiastic meeting of stockholders of the Guaranty Oil company was held last night in Eugene. A feature of the meeting was an address by Corporation Commissioner Crews, who expressed entire satisfaction with the manner in which the affairs of the company have been handled and who encouraged stockholders to believe that they have made a safe investment.

The two years time during which the oil company guaranteed to bring in a well or refund the price paid for stock having expired, it was announced at the meeting that any who wished could cash their stock and receive 8 per cent interest upon their investment. No one at the meeting made a demand for a fulfillment of the guaranty.

The stockholders voted to increase the price of shares to non-stockholders to 50 per cent above the price to stockholders.

Officers of the company were authorized to invest $100,000 in tanks and other equipment, such equipment being necessary in case oil is reached.

Steen to Remodel Buildings.

E. A. Steen has been granted a permit to remodel his buildings just north of north first alley on Seventh street. The building being used for sample rooms will be moved to the sidewalk, glass fronts will be put into both buildings and fire proof roofs will be put on both buildings.

The council has also granted permits to Mrs. E. E. Ellsworth for the erection of a dwelling on east Eleventh street and to Roy Leonard for the erection of a dwelling on north Tenth street and to Hamloth & Rohde to remodel the interior of their blacksmith shop.

Local Bowlers Win.

The Cottage Grove first string bowlers started what they hope is to be a winning streak by taking a one-sided game from the Eugene shoemakers' team on the local alleys Monday evening. The score was: Eugene, 1,935; Cottage Grove, 2,401. The locals put up one of the best games that has been played in the inter-city tournament that has been in progress for some time. The local team was Saltsman, Cochran, Lindsey, Walker and Jones.

Harvests 1924 Potato Crop.

London, May 5.—(Special.)—J. E. Banton has just completed harvesting his last year's potato crop. He did not let this work wait because of a disinclination towards work, but because the ground upon which the potatoes grew, being so low, became so wet by the time the potatoes had matured that it was impossible to get upon it to dig the tubers and the ground has only recently dried out.

If you know what you want, use a wantad to get it for you. xxx

EDITORIAL

STEPPING ON OUR CORNS.

Even preachers are not exempt from the necessity of treading lightly or not at all upon the toes of those from whom the dollars come. That is a startling statement that was made Sunday evening by A. Ralph Spearow, pole-vaulting Presbyterian pastor, whose resignation recently was accepted.

The statement is startling, not so much because of expressing a new idea as because expressed by one who has been recognized as a successful preacher.

Spearow was not singling out his own church as the object of his remarks, nor the churches of Cottage Grove. The remarks were meant to apply to churches everywhere.

If preachers find it necessary to omit to say things that they often would like to say, few of us are in a position to criticize. The criticism of preachers because they often do not dare to speak their own minds is equally true in every other walk of life.

The business man keeps to himself things that he would like to say—things that he believes really should be said—because he doesn't care to offend a customer. He feels reasonably certain that should he speak his mind his competitor would take advantage of the ill will created, even though that competitor might think the same thing but had the good judgment to keep his mouth shut.

The public official who is also in business, and may be giving valuable time without coat to his community, suffers in a business way every time he exercises his judgment in a manner to offend someone; therefore he often lets his judgment as a public official be influenced, perhaps unwittingly, by what will be the results to his business. As a public official he must come out in the open, while his cometitor keeps his mouth shut, although his opinion may be the same, and reaps the benefit of discretion. Incidentally that is the main reason why it is so hard to get business men to accept public office—and why there is so much dissatisfaction with the things our public officials do. It is no uncommon thing to hear some dissatisfied person say that some person who has offended by his act as a public official will get no more of his business, while the person getting the business may get it merely by keeping his opinions to himself.

And even preachers must think of the almighty dollar. They get so few of them that it would seem to be useless to worry about them.

Anyway this is something that can not be charged to a new age. This condition always has existed. If anything we are a trifle more liberal, a trifle more charitable than we used to be.

Nor should we greatly blame the preachers who are subject to Spearow's criticism. They are merely doing what we make it necessary for them to do in order that they may carry forward the great work in which they are engaged, in which they accomplish much despite the many obstacles placed in their way.

If any of us feel that we could do better, there are plenty of preaching jobs for us.

A Virginia man has secured a wife through a poem he wrote. Writing poetry never did appeal to us as a manly form of exercise and, so far as we are concerned, the man who employes his time that way can take the consequences.

All Are Kids When Circus Comes

There are no grown-up folks when the circus comes to town. Schools in the city and in the rural districts were dismissed Tuesday afternoon in order that the pupils might attend the Al G. Barnes show, which was here that day.

Miss Vera Kimball, teacher in the Cedars district, treated her 14 pupils to tickets. In the city a friend of the kiddies, although he has none of his own, furnished tickets for a number whom he thought might not otherwise be able to attend. The kiddies do not know the name of their benefactor.

The streets of the city were crowded throughout the day and the mercantile establishments did a large business. A number had put on a special sale for the day.

Many of the children between the ages of 6 and 60 were at the station to watch the unloading of the big show in the forenoon and to watch it reload after the evening's performance.

WATER BONDS COME UP FOR VOTE NEXT TUESDAY

Street Improvements Wait Action of Voters Upon Proposed $3,000 Bond Issue.

Next Tuesday is the day for the special election to vote upon an issue of $25,000 in bonds for the erection of a water storage reservoir and upon an issue of $3,000 in bonds for paving street intersection.

The need of the water storage reservoir is apparent to all patrons of the water system, and it is anticipated that there will be little opposition to the issue. It is proposed to build a reservoir that will store a million gallons. With such a reservoir the water that is now wasted during the hours that the water demand is low would be stored for the hours of peak use. The present reservoir is inadequate for the dry seasons of the year. In case the bonds are voted, construction work will be rushed in an effort to get the reservoir ready for use this fall.

The demand for street improvements has been so great this year that the city is short of funds with which to pave the street intersections and some street improvements will have to be carried over to next year unless the $3,000 bond issue is authorized.

The $25,000 issue will be a charge against the water fund and will be paid from the profits of the operation of the water system. The $3,000 bond issue will be paid by future levies made for the general street fund.

WATER USERS MUST PAY

Tardy Ones Will Be Disconnected From City System.

Water users who do not promptly meet their rental payments will be disconnected from the water system, according to orders which have been issued by the water committee of the city council. A charge of 50 cents is to be made for cutting the water on again.

All those wishing to use city water will be required to make application therefor. This applies to those now receiving water as well as to new patrons. A penalty is to be provided for those who use water for other purposes than those shown upon their applications for water.

The irrigation rate has been set at $2.50 for the season, with irrigation hours from 6 to 7 a. m. and 5 to 9 p. m., these hours to be shortened or lengthened as the water supply may require or permit.

DORENA.

(Special to The Sentinel.)

May 5.—Mr. and Mrs. Grimes and family, of Star, were Sunday guests at the L. M. Hankins home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Ward and sons, Eolo and Verlin, motored to Trent Sunday and spent the day at the home of Mrs. Ward's brother, Willard Bohart.

Ed Tuller and County Commissioner Crowe were up from Eugene Friday on business.

Jeanette Spahr, of Star, spent Saturday night with Miss Florence Land.

Walter England went to Patterson mountain Thursday to accept a position with the forest service.

Mrs. James Chapman and baby, of Eugene, visited last week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Bales.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Volgamore and children spent Saturday night at the home of Mrs. Volgamore's brother, John Teeters.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McKibben and son Glen, of the Grove, visited Sunday at the Fred Kelly home.

Glen Scott returned Friday from a business trip to Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. England and son Alvis motored to Eugene Sunday for a visit at the John Chapman home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Combs and daughter, of Eugene, visited Sunday at the Charles Teeters home.

Opal Wagner and Patricia Mendell visited Sunday at the W. P. Van Schoiack home.

SILK CREEK.

May 5.—Mrs. Richard Cook and Misses Eva and Ruth Fowler were callers at the Burcham home last week.

Mrs. Eloise Wheeler left Wednesday morning for Butedale B. C. She plans to spend the summer with her daughter, Mrs. W. W. Gildersleeve. Oscar Wheeler, who accompanied her as far as Portland, returned Friday.

Mrs. Oscar Wheeler visited at the Ernest Darnell home last Thursday.

The John Overholser family have moved into their new house which is closer to the public road.

Sentinel Travels Far in Getting to St. Helens

(St. Helens (Ore.) Mist.)

From Cottage Grove, Oregon, to St. Helens is about 5000 miles, that is, via Chicago. The distance by highway, as many local autoists know, is 180 miles, but the former route is the one the Cottage Grove Sentinel of March 23 chose, or some postal employe chose, for The Mist received the paper Monday and on the wrapper was the notation, "Found in supposedly empty equipment, No. 11, P. O. annex, Chicago, Ill." When the mail was dumped from the sack at the St. Helens postoffice, possibly The Sentinel was at the bottom and the empty sack was returned to Chicago with other empty sacks. But The Sentinel is too good a paper to be at the bottom, therefore it came to the top and started again for its destination and after traveling 5000 miles arrived here only 28 days late and even then we read a whole lot of what that good newspaperman, Elbert Bede, had to say.

BETTER HOMES WEEK PRIZES ARE ANNOUNCED

Electrical Time Savers to Be Demonstrated Tuesday at the C. E. Frost Home.

Next week is better homes week, a national movement sponsored locally by the Elmartes club.

Prizes are to be offered for the best looking yards and for best essays upon "Value of Better Homes and How Better Homes Week Will Improve the Community."

The essay contest is for grade and high school students. The prizes for best essays submitted by grade girls will be: First, choice of order for $2 worth of merchandise offered by Helliwell & Marksbury or a $2 Brownie camera offered by Kem's for Drugs. Second, remaining first prize. Third, fruit stand offered by Burkholder & Compton.

The prizes for best essays submitted by grade boys will be: First, choice of baseball bat offered by Darby & Liston or baseball offered by Knowles & Graber. Second, remaining first prize. Third, jackknife offered by White's pharmacy.

High school essay prizes are yet to be announced. The contest closes Friday.

The judges of the essays will be Mrs. Arch Proctor, F. L. Grannis and Elbert Bede.

The contest for the best looking yards will close Saturday. The prizes will be: First, $4 worth of of flower garden plants offered by Sunnyside greenhouses. Second, $2 worth of flower plants offered by Sunnyside greenhouses. The judges will be H. K. Metcalf, D. J. Scholl and W. E. Lebow.

On Tuesday an electrical day will be held at the C. E. Frost home. Electrical time saving apparatus will be shown in action. Demonstrations will include the making of waffles, coffee and toast. Various makes of waffle irons, toasters and percolators will be used.

To Foreclose on Springs Property.

Seeking to foreclose a mortgage on the Calapooya Springs company's property at London, the Union Savings and Loan association of Portland has begun suit in circuit court. The sum alleged due on the note given to secure the mortgage is $7755.50 and interest at 10 per cent per annum from March 31, 1925, besides $175.75 taxes paid by the plaintiff and $800 attorney fee.

Clean-Up Day at Park.

The Keepers of the Den are sponsoring a clean-up day at the city park, to be held next Thursday afternoon. Men wishing to aid in the work have been requested to be on hand as soon after 1 o'clock as possible and to bring rakes, scythes and other implements suitable for the work. The women will arrive later in the afternoon and will prepare supper for the workers.

Silk Creek Has Fire.

Silk Creek, May 5.—(Special)—Mrs. Ernest Darnell spent a busy and exciting half hour Thursday endeavoring to extinguish a roof fire at her home. Her efforts being in vain, she succeeded in attracting the attention of one of the truck drivers for the Ellsworth mill and he quickly extinguished the flames. No great damage was done.

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COUNTY COURT MAKES REPLY TO RECENT QUESTIONS

Lane Affairs Being Conducted in Business-Like Manner Is Claim Made.

The county commissioners have answered the somewhat embarrassing questions recently directed to them by a Farmers' union and Pomona grange committee.

In substance the answers are that the county debt has decreased steadily for the last four years, which gives credit to the preceding commissioners;

That the money budgeted for the timber cruise and not expended because the bill for same has not been allowed, has been used in retiring warrant, as provided by law;

That the present commissioners are sincere in their desire to continue the timber cruise and thought that they had made provision for doing so;

That the commissioners were not certain that the total of the items of their budget was in excess of the amount that could be legally levied under the 6 per cent limitation;

That the commissioners have no interests to serve except that of the taxpayers generally;

That the county owns five touring cars; that no other cars are maintained by the county or furnished gas by the county; that the county has bought and exchanged four cars during the past year, paying about $800 in exchange, the cars being some confiscated as liquor carriers; that cars owned by the county presumably are never used for pleasure riding or for private purposes;

That it was the intention of the court to have a bridge foreman and a road foreman, the salary for the bridge foreman being paid from the bridge fund; that two roadmasters are not employed to do the work of one.

COMSTOCK GETS ROUTE

Black Butte Delivery Is Extended South on Highway.

Two important changes are to be made in mail service to the rural sections out from here. Beginning May 11 the Black Butte or Coast Fork route will have added to it service south on Pacific highway to the John Watkins place half a mile south of Comstock. The carrier will double back to Latham, from which point he will carry the route as it now exists. This addition will make this route 55 miles in length. C. A. Kurre is the carrier.

Beginning May 16 the Walker and Lynx Hollow country will be served by rural delivery from Creswell, the postoffice at Walker to be discontinued.

Hatless Women Renowned.

The women of the Christian church of Cottage Grove, who went hatless to church on Easter, continue to be the talk of the nation. Mrs. T. C. Shaw writes from Grants Pass to send a clipping from the Louisville (Ky.) Post in which the stunt by the Christian church women is featured. The clipping was sent to Mrs. Shaw by a nephew living in Indiana. Mrs. Shaw adds: "Cottage Grove's hatless women are getting more and more renowned each day, it seems. This should give them a hunch for some other much needed reform in some of the latest wearing apparel."

Goes Into Evangelistic Work.

A recent issue of a Vancouver, Wash., newspaper states that Miss Elise Price, of Sifton, Wash., teacher for the past year of Spanish in the Vancouver high school, has resigned in order to prepare herself for an evangelistic singer. Miss Price has been much in demand for solo work in churches and concerts. She is a graduate of the Vancouver high school and Oregon Agricultural college and taught in Cottage Grove high school for several years.

Moorre Confesses Murder.

R. S. Moore, sent up from this county for the larceny of an automobile, has confessed to a murder in California. Moore was brought back from Iowa for the theft of an automobile in Eugene and while in Colorado on the way here attacked and nearly killed one of the officers who was guarding him.

Coyotes Are Hunted.

London, May 5.—(Special.)—A number of the men of the community were out hunting coyotes Friday but were unsuccessful. Many lambs have been killed this year by the coyotes and sheep owners are determined to get the depredators.