

RECORDS ARE BROKEN CLIMB HELD SUNDAY

Thirteen Machines Make 80 Per Cent Grade and Best Time 10 3-5 Seconds.

The record for the climb of the 80 per cent grade of mount David was broken three times in the annual motorcycle hill climb held here Sunday.

Oscar Mattson, of Oakland, Calif., the first man in Sunday's event to make the 400-foot course did so in 13 1-5 seconds. He was the first man up in the 61 cubic inch expert class and was riding an Indian. This record was immediately broken by Cody Evans, of Salem, on a Harley-Davidson, time 11 1-2 seconds flat.

Mattson broke both of the records already made and made the record of the day in the 80 cubic inch event when he forced his Indian up the course in 10 3-5 seconds. Second money in this event went to Cody Evans on a Harley-Davidson and third money to Jack Frost on a Harley-Davidson. Evans and Frost were tied with time of 11 3-5 seconds. In working off the tie, Evans' time was 11 4-5 seconds and Frost's was 13 4-5 seconds.

In the 61 cubic inch novice event, in which no chains were used, Buster Wescott, of Roseburg, on a Harley-Davidson, took first money with a distance of 277 feet, 4 inches. Dale Croner, of Eugene, on an Indian, took second money with a distance of 238 feet, 10 inches, and Pelkington, riding an Excelsior, was third with 213 feet, 8 inches.

In the 80 cubic inch novice event Wescott was tied with A. Gordon Clarke, of Eugene, also riding a Harley, their distance being 317 feet, 5 inches and 317 feet, a difference of less than a foot being considered a tie. In working off the tie, Wescott covered 307 feet, 3 inches and Clarke several feet less. Third money went to Dale Croner, on an Indian, with a distance of 206 feet, 9 inches.

Thirteen trips over the entire course were made in Sunday's event, which was also a record.

The contest was conducted under the rules of the American Motorcycle Association and C. E. B. Clement, official referee for the association, was in charge. Ray Garner, Pacific coast representative of the Indian, was the announcer. The attendance was estimated at 3000.

The Lions club, which sponsored this year's climb, intends to do so again next year. Motorcyclists agree that the Cottage Grove climb is a permanent affair for the reason that nowhere else is there a more nearly ideal course.

Next year the machines are to be allowed less starting distance.

LABOR SECRETARY HERE

Says Unionism's Object Can't Be the Boosting of Wages.

A number of those interested in the unionizing of the building trades held a social session Wednesday evening. R. J. Stack, secretary of the Oregon Federation of Labor, was present and spoke upon the objects and benefits of organization. He said that the state organization would countenance no organization for the avowed purpose of boosting wages or bringing about conditions that would be irritating to employers. Improving the condition of labor with the cooperation of employers, he stated to be the object of unionism of today. Mr. Stack was of the opinion that the time is not propitious for higher wages in the building trades.

Origin of "x" as Sign of a Kiss

The young folk who close their love letters with a string of x's, the definition of which always is known to the recipient, probably will be interested in knowing the origin of the "x" to represent a kiss.

Long ago, when fewer persons could write, will, deeds and other documents were marked with an "x" by the signer as "his mark." The person then kissed the mark "x" as a pledge of good faith and as an act of reverence. From this the custom grew of using the "x" to represent a written kiss.

Thum and Hawkins Cars Collide

The F. W. Hawkins car was seriously damaged Thursday evening when rammed by the William Thum car driven by Mr. Thum. Leslie Hawkins was driving the Hawkins car. A satisfactory settlement of damages was made by Mr. Thum.

EDITORIAL

It is a principle which there is no gainsaying that we shall pay for the machinery which we use in the conduct of our business. The highways of the state are the most important piece of machinery in the business of the passenger bus and freight truck business. Unless the trucks and busses are ready to reimburse the state for the damage which they do to the highways, they are not entitled to their use. All testimony is to the effect that the trucks and busses do 90 per cent of the damage to the highways, while bearing but a small part of the upkeep. The people are not likely to take kindly to the referendum of the bus and truck taxing law enacted by the recent legislature. The busses and trucks would better prepare to pay their just proportion of the expense of providing the highways without which they could not exist—the highways which brought them into existence. Every other form of business has to pay the expense of conducting that business. The busses and trucks should expect nothing else. If their business will not pay the expense of conducting the same, they are in a poor business, but it is the view of the people that the pleas of inability to pay are without foundation. Higher taxation of busses and trucks is on the way and the busses and trucks must meet the situation fairly and squarely. They must pay their expenses of doing business. The fact that they perform what may be defined as a necessary and legitimate service does not entitle them to a subsidy.

Observance of law is becoming a fad—and one that should be encouraged. The American Legion of Eugene has followed the Progressive Business Men's club of Portland in adopting a resolution pledging its members to strict observance of the laws of the land. American Legion members might well be expected to take the lead in a movement of this kind—and where the American Legion leads the rest of us should be willing to follow.

Most of us would consider it nearly a sacrilege not to have success from our labors on Memorial day—and it should be so considered—but after we have taken the holiday many do about everything else except to take time to do honor to those in whose memory the day has been set aside.

Only a few of the old boys were able to attend the Memorial day exercises—only a few remain with us at all. Their ranks have been decimated and they are giving way before the advance of time. They have never given way before anything else.

NEW BURNER COMPLETED

Cottage Grove Manufacturing Company Makes Improvements.

The Cottage Grove Manufacturing company has completed the erection of a reinforced concrete sawdust burner of the latest air-cooled type. It is situated north of the company's big plant. The old burner, which has been in use for a number of years, will be razed.

The new burner is cone-shaped and is 40 feet in height, with a diameter at the base of 22 feet. The spark arrester has a quarter-inch mesh and a sprinkler system makes certain that there will be no flying sparks.

The office of the company has also been rearranged and remodeled, a part of the fixtures recently removed from the Bank of Cottage Grove having been used in the construction of a cage.

Apartments Are Completed

C. E. Neet has completed work on his Villard Court apartments. The buildings are of the bungalow court style and there are four three-room apartments, each with a breakfast nook. Two are furnished and two unfurnished. There is a garage with each apartment. The exterior color scheme is cream, with white and green trimmings, a pretty combination. The interiors are modern in every respect.

Aged Pastor Weeds Garden on Crutch

E. G. O. Groat, pastor emeritus of the Baptist church, is setting an example that should be an inspiration to many of younger years whose muscles easily tire. Although he is 91 years of age and can little more than hobble about because of an injury to his hip, he gets out on sunny days and hoes the weeds from his garden. In doing this he has to use one crutch and makes the hoe take the place of the second crutch. Mentally he remains as alert as ever and can give the devil everything that he has coming to him, and but for the condition of his lower limbs he probably would have a garden that would put others of the city to shame.

ONLY FIVE OF OLD BOYS OUT FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Miss Queen's Classes Add Pleasing Touch to Impressive Decoration Day Exercises.

Memorial day exercises seemed more impressive than ever before—possibly because it was apparent that not for many more such observations will any of the old boys and their wives be able to participate. Only four of the old boys were able to join in the exercises at the cemetery and only five were in the parade. The number of wives of veterans present was also small. At the exercises at the church in the afternoon only three veterans were present.

The impressive G. A. R. and W. R. C. exercises were conducted at the G. A. R. monument. An additional pleasing feature was the performance of members of Miss Queen's fourth and fifth grades of the public schools. Each boy and girl bore a sash upon which was lettered the name of a state and each state contributed a bouquet for the soldier dead, the contribution being accompanied by a short verse spoken by the donor. These boys and girls also marched in the parade. It was noticeable that the Spanish war vets, who participated in the parade and exercises, are themselves no longer kids. Members of the American Legion also conducted brief exercises. Preceding the exercises members of the American Legion auxiliary placed flags upon 68 soldier graves. The neat and pretty condition of the cemetery was commented upon by many.

At the afternoon exercises at the Methodist church, A. J. Adams, pastor of the Christian church, delivered a short, impressive address. For the first time in many years the church was crowded until there was not even standing room. The following program was given:

- America—Choral Club.
- Vocal Solo—Tramp, Tramp, Tramp—Ralph Boslogh.
- Recitation—My Country and Your Country—Alma Sears.
- Tenting Tonight—Choral Club—solo parts by Ralph and Margaret Land.
- Vocal Duet—Kathleen and Myrtle Kem.
- My Country 'Tis of Thee—Choral Club.
- Vocal Solo—The Little Brown Button—Helen Ostrander.
- The Star Spangled Banner—Choral Club.
- Song by Audience, led by Choral Club.

Two to Graduate From U. of O. University of Oregon, Eugene, May 29.—(Special)—Two seniors enrolled in the University of Oregon from Cottage Grove are candidates for degrees at the June commencement. In all, 428 seniors and graduate students have applied for degrees. The graduating class will exceed 400 and will be the largest in the history of the institution.

The Cottage Grove seniors and the departments from which they will be graduated are: Marjorie Spearow, education; Sylvia Addie Veatch, mathematics.

J. W. Kirk Painfully Injured

J. W. Kirk, of this city, who is employed as bookkeeper for the Joslyn-Knapp Lumber company at Sutherlin, was in an auto accident recently and was painfully injured. He sustained a cut on his head and one on his neck and his left limb, which is crippled, was painfully bruised.

Mr. Kirk, with Mr. Joslyn and his son and another employe, were just leaving Sutherlin for Cottage Grove when the Joslyn car in which they were riding was hit by a California tourist and completely demolished. The other occupants sustained minor injuries.

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Footprints of Pioneer Days

INTERESTING EVENTS IN THE LIVES OF THOSE WHO LAID STURDY FOUNDATION FOR THE PRESENT GENERATION

(Eugene Register.)
Mary Ann Ferguson Pitney was the daughter of an old pioneer family who came to Oregon about 80 years ago. Her mother lived in a little shack at the foot of the large hill now called Ferguson cemetery, where nearly all of the Ferguson family have been laid to rest.

In 1846 her father, John B. Ferguson, was married to Mary Waldrip. Not many months after his marriage, he prepared to cross the plains to Oregon and in 1847 made the hazardous and toilsome journey. He was in the company of Captain Boney and left the Missouri river May 12, reaching The Dalles about October 1.

Getting his family and stock down the Columbia river amid the usual hardships and perils, he went out to the Tualatin plain in search of a home, and there spent the winter. Continuing then on a tour of inspection up the Willamette valley, he was attracted by the fertility of the Long Tom country and there decided to make his choice of land, becoming one of the best known and most influential citizens of that portion of the valley.

In 1849 his wife and two-year-old son James remained alone in the hut on the banks of Long Tom while he went to the gold mines of California, operating on the Feather river, and in 1851 mined near Yreka. In 1862 he pursued the same business on the John Day river, continuing two years, but thereafter turned his attention to the raising of live stock and in the interest of that business crossed the Cascade mountains fourteen times.

Mary Ann Ferguson was married to Joel A. Pitney, a pioneer who crossed the plains in 1852, when but 9 years old, by ox team, with his parents, John Pitney and Eliza

both Pitney. He was the brother of the late William Pitney who was killed by the Southern Pacific train about a year ago. There is still one member of this family left, Mrs. Ross Payton, who was born on the trip across the plains and is now living at Baker City.

Mary Ann Pitney died March 13, 1925, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Inus Flanigan. She told this story to Mrs. Flanigan a short time before her death:

"My father and mother drove an ox team to Oregon about 80 years ago. She was from Missouri and he was from Ohio. At that time there were no houses between what is now called Mogroes and Oregon City. Daddy built a little shanty at the foot of the hill called Ferguson cemetery, on the banks of the Long Tom. Mother and my two-year-old brother, James, remained there during the winter while he went to the gold mines in California. There was a fireplace built out of mud, rocks and sticks up half way to the top of the shanty to keep the rain from running into the room. There was timber all around the house.

"Mother had to get her own wood and kill wild animals for the purpose of supplying her meat. In those days the pioneers had no way to preserve fresh meat, therefore they jerked the flesh of wild animals, such as bear, deer, etc., for their meat supply.

(To be concluded next Monday.)
Old 65th to Hold Reunion.
A reunion of members of the famous 65th infantry regiment will be held at the Multnomah hotel in Portland on Saturday, June 6. Those here wishing to attend should communicate with George Willett.

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11-Year-Old Boy Is Example of Good Citizenship

Eleven-year-old Trevor Kavanaugh, of Dryden, Wash., saddled his horse at 11 p. m. on the night of May 2 and rode from the T. & S. ranch to the nearest telephone, a mile and a half away, to report a forest fire to the forest ranger. The next day he carried water and lunches for the fire fighters and helped in the suppression of the fire.

A simple act of good citizenship! And yet a striking contrast to the actions of thoughtless thousands who leave smouldering camp fires or toss matches and cigarette stubs into the brush and twigs along a forest roadside.

According to Forest Ranger Chartrand, to whom the fire was reported, it threatened valuable yellow pine timber and might have done serious damage but for the prompt action of young Kavanaugh. Appreciating the value of the service rendered, Chartrand forwarded a report of the incident to W. W. Jardine, secretary of agriculture, who has written Trevor a personal letter of commendation.

LAD IS HIT BY TRUCK

Tom Kem Narrowly Escapes Fatal Injuries in Accident.

Tom Kem, 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Kem, sustained painful injuries Thursday evening when he was struck by a truck driven by Claude Shepherd. Tom had been riding a bicycle on west Main street near the home of his parents and had fallen off and was trundling the bicycle across the street. He saw the truck approaching but thought it was going to continue its way on west Main street. Tom was struck when the truck turned onto a side street. The driver attempted to avoid hitting the lad but was unable to stop the truck in time. A hub cap struck Tom in the back and tore a piece of flesh loose and one of Tom's feet was struck by a wheel of the truck, a bone being fractured. The attending physician believes there will be no permanent injury, but the escape from fatal injuries was narrow.

Shepherd was greatly upset by the accident.

S. P. Pays Large Taxes

The Southern Pacific has issued a statement which shows that it paid \$1,338,097.46 in taxes in the state of Oregon for the year 1924, or 3.14% of the total taxes paid in the state. In the counties in which it operates it paid 7.34% of the total taxes. In Lane county it paid 10.12% of the total tax. In Douglas county it paid 17.86% of the total tax.

Farm With Overcoats On

A news story in a Boone, Iowa, paper relates the fact that farmers of that section have been seen working in their fields wearing fur overcoats. "They probably were quite comfortable," the paper states. E. G. O. Groat furnished The Sentinel the paper in which the item was printed. He remarked, "Rather let me stay in Oregon."

Theater News

NO SUB-TITLES WILL BE USED
From time immemorial, ever since the motion picture became an established industry, critics and patrons have complained that subtitles detract from the picture—that these printed words are an expression of literature and not of true art.

Attempts have been made in this country to obviate the seeming deficiency, but not with sufficient success to overthrow the time honored rule and practice.

Now comes a production from across the sea—"The Last Laugh"—which carries no subtitles and is hailed as a remarkable success by the release reviewers. The characterization and plot are so easily understood that there seems to be no necessity for explanatory titles. The story is told forcibly and progressively. The acting and the direction are done so well that titles are not needed.

It is an innovation which Carl Laemmle and the Universal, which has just acquired the right of distribution of this great picture, felt should be shared with the American public.

"The Last Laugh" is a Murnau production by Carl Mayer, author of the sensation, "Cabinet of Dr. Caligari," and starring Emil Jannings. It played at the Arcade theater last evening and will be on again tonight.

Leake's Orchestral Entertainers

Versatile Musical Entertainment Company to Appear Here.



The big American Meritaphones, which have become exceedingly popular with the musical public, are featured by Leake's Orchestral Entertainers appearing on the Chautauqua program this season. Other instruments used by this extraordinary organization of musical entertainers include piano, violin, saxophone, cornet, xylophone, and drums of every variety, all augmented by vocal numbers, and the inimitable whistling and polyphonal numbers of H. J. Leake, leader.

The Leake Orchestral Entertainers appeared daily to an audience of 12,000 to 18,000 tourists at St. Petersburg, Fla., during their recent engagement there, Mr. Leake being song director of the Rotary Club and other members appearing with various hotel orchestras during the same season. Mr. Leake has also been on the Keith Vaudeville circuit and with the Al G. Field's Minstrels, being featured as a xylophone artist and eccentric drummer. Artistry is not sacrificed for novelty in the program of this organization, but pep and stirring action predominate throughout, balanced by a happy combination of personality and musicianship. Four star entertainers make up the personnel of the orchestra, including Beth Woodward-Leake, whose singing is a distinctly favorite feature of each program.

Clever Entertainers Billed to Come Here

Baughman-Pefferle Brings Charm and Beauty to Chautauquus.



One of the daintiest and most attractive numbers which will be offered here during Chautauqua week will be that of Miss Harriet Baughman and Miss Thelma Pefferle, two western girls, who are exceptionally talented and have taken their place with the very best professional. Miss Baughman is a cornetist of established reputation. Her solo and ensemble work is finished and inspiring. She is also a pianist and character artist. Miss Pefferle is a soprano and character reader.

LOVE NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF IS HARD THING TO DO

Graduates Will Recollect Good Times and Love of Teachers, Says Baccalaureate Speaker.

"The Consolation of Power" was the subject of the baccalaureate sermon delivered last night by A. Ralph Spearow.

"Knowledge is power," he said, "a power that should be conserved as well as consecrated. Today you are going out to new possibilities and new responsibilities and often you will think of the good old times at Cottage Grove high, of the love of your teachers and the sacrifices of those who have put you where you are tonight. Each one of you should strive to carry forward that education which has been so well begun. Each one of you should attend one of the institutions of higher learning.

"The hardest thing you will have to do to make your lives the success that they should be is to learn to love your neighbor as yourself. This is a difficult thing to do because we think so much of ourselves. The world is now before you and tomorrow you must commence making decisions for the welfare of yourselves and others."

The class march was by Mrs. Bessie Sutcliffe. The invocation was by J. H. Eberts, Methodist pastor; "In Heavenly Love Abiding" was sung by Mrs. Roy Short, Mrs. Victor Chambers and Mrs. C. C. Croner; the scripture reading was by A. J. Adams, Christian pastor; Miss Kathleen Kem sang "Ava Marie" and the benediction was by A. J. Adams. Miss Silsby accompanied on the piano for the trio. Mrs. Sutcliffe at the piano and Mr. Steen on the violin accompanied for Miss Kem.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY IS OBSERVED

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Beatty Were Married May 31, 1875.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Beatty observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary yesterday. They were married May 31, 1875, at Patterson, Pa. They came to Cottage Grove 18 years ago and have lived here a large part of the time since, although Mr. Beatty's work as a pastor and a missionary has taken them to other parts of the state. Mr. Beatty is aged 72 and Mrs. Beatty 69.

Mr. Beatty was for a year pastor of the Methodist church here and also of the church of the same denomination at Lebanon for a year. His last charge was the union church at Central Point. Mr. Beatty was in the Indian missionary work for eight years, his charges have been at the Klamath reservation, at Marshfield and at Beatty, the latter place having been named after him. For seven years he has been stationed during the summer seasons in the Crater Lake National park in the employ of the federal government.

Children of the couple are W. T. Beatty, Methodist pastor at Wallville, Wash.; Mrs. Marion Birthelette, who is associated with her husband in Presbyterian missionary work at Bogata, Columbia; Miss Frances, of Klamath Falls, and Mrs. Nellie Heaton, Perth, N. D. There are 16 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Commencement Week Starts

Commencement week for Cottage Grove high started yesterday with a splendid baccalaureate sermon delivered by A. Ralph Spearow.

The next event is the annual picnic, to be held tomorrow, having been postponed from Friday on account of weather conditions. The class night program will be held Wednesday night and the commencement exercises will be held Friday night, the address to be delivered by Professor R. R. Hewitt, of O. A. C., who has taken the place of Professor Sweetser, of the University of Oregon, who was first selected.



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LOOK to see if a good buy is not lurking somewhere in the classified columns.

LISTEN when opportunity knocks and seize it by the forelock. Read what others have for you in a trade, a buy, or a sale.