

Cottage Grove Has Rosy Future, Says Eugene Publisher

No One East of Mississippi Knows Anything About Oregon Except Rain.

Cottage Grove Business Can Be Kept at Home By Live Merchants.

"No one east of the Mississippi knows anything about Oregon, except that it rains here 13 months of the year. That canard about our rain has had greater circulation than any other story except that about the great flood of Noah's time," said Frank Jenkins, editor of the Eugene Register, in an address at the Tuesday noon luncheon of the Cottage Grove chamber of Commerce, his subject being "How to Keep Cottage Grove Business From Going to Eugene, and What the Other Half of the World is Not Doing."

"Instead of permitting our rain to remain a liability in getting others to come here to live we should capitalize it. Anyone who has crossed the deserts in getting to and from the east will ever be thankful for the plentiful rainfall of Oregon, and we should get to those of other states the truth about our rain. I was in Louisiana, where a precipitation of 90 inches a year is not unusual, and there a native commented about our unusual rainfall which is actually a foot or so less than that of Louisiana."

"We in Oregon move everywhere in our automobiles, to neighboring cities, between home and business, and wherever else we wish to go, but in the east the automobile is practically useless for these purposes. Time is saved by traveling by train or street car. There is hardly a spot on Manhattan Island upon which a car can be parked. Those who use automobiles in the big cities of the east must be able to afford private chauffeurs to drop them down town and return for them when they are ready to leave."

"Cottage Grove can keep its business from going to Eugene only by employing the same methods that Eugene employs to keep its business from going to Portland, the same methods that Portland employs to keep its business from going to San Francisco, the same methods that San Francisco uses to keep its business from going to New York. Briefly, your merchant must carry complete stocks in their lines, must have a real service to render and must let those of their section know that they have such stocks and such service. There is nothing new in these suggestions, but many new kinks can be put into rendering this kind of service to the community."

Mr. Jenkins highly complimented the progressiveness of Cottage Grove and painted a rosy future for Lane county's second city. He said that the larger part of the timber about which Eugene boasts is tributary to Cottage Grove and that Cottage Grove will be a city of 5000 long before Eugene reaches the 50,000 to which it aspires.

"Eugene rejoices in the prosperity of Cottage Grove. Eugene can not become a great city unless the surrounding country also develops. No city can grow like a (Continued on page 4.)"

MICKIE SAYS—

IT DOESN'T MAKE US MAD WHEN FOLKS COME IN AND SLITCH 'EM PAPERS OFF 'TH PRESS WHEN WE ARE A LITTLE LATE. WE ARE TICKLED PINK TO THINK THAT FOLKS CARE THAT MUCH FOR OUR NEWSPAPER!

Newspaper Displays Publicity It Gets For City

The Sentinel has taken a unique way of impressing upon residents of its city the fact that the local newspaper gets for its home city a lot of free publicity for which it is given little or no credit.

The Sentinel has displayed in its front office newspaper clippings saved during four months. They are editorials reprinted from The Sentinel or news items reprinted with credit to The Sentinel, or editorial comment made concerning The Sentinel or its home city. The clippings occupy a space 108 inches by 12 inches, or 1672 square inches, and then do not include clippings which the editor considers worthy of a place in his personal scrap book.

Modestly displayed with the clippings is this information: "Display of part of the free publicity which the home town newspaper brought to its home town during four months, September to December, 1925. He who tootheth not his own horn, the same it shall not be tooted."

New Water Supply Is Ready for City

Anderson & Middleton Complete Dam and Extension Of City Mains.

The Anderson & Middleton Lumber company has completed the extension of the city's water line to Dinner creek in the national forests, where a storage dam has been constructed. The pipe line can be connected into the dam at any time the city is ready. It is believed by city officials that the extension of the line to a higher level will result in the delivery of a larger quantity of water at the city's reservoirs and that there can be no shortage of water during the coming summer.

At present the city is having trouble to dispose of the overflow, despite the fact that the amount delivered into the water line has been cut down. During the past year a new overflow line has been built down Madison avenue from the reservoirs and the overflow water allowed to run into a ditch that conducts it onto private property and there have been several complaints. It was ordered by the council Monday night that the new line be connected with the remaining portion of the old line that formerly carried the overflow to the mill pond of Anderson & Middleton's mill A.

DR. DYOTT SELLS OUT AND GOES TO VIENNA

Dr. Gaven C. Dyott, who has been a successful medical practitioner here for five years, has sold his business to Dr. Harold Axley of Chicago and Dr. and Mrs. Dyott will leave in the near future for Vienna, where Dr. Dyott will take a post graduate course in medical research work.

Dr. Axley will take over the business January 1 and has also purchased the beautiful Dyott home in St. Helens court. Dr. Axley is a graduate of Rush college and for five years past was on the staff of the hospital at Hot Lake, Ore.

Dr. Dyott came here in 1920 and purchased the practice of Dr. S. M. Wendt.

The Christian church is to have an all-day meeting Sunday. Kenneth Jerry Husby of Portland, who has asked for the pastorate, will have charge of both forenoon and evening services. A basket dinner will be served at noon and a business meeting will be held in the afternoon.

The RED RAIN MYSTERY by HEADON HILL



"Humph! Rather a tall order, but worth looking into," said Klyne.

BEGIN HERE TODAY.

SAMUEL HONEYBUN, known to his neighbors as a retired countryman who passed a great deal of time in studying the weather, finds a red fluid, which proves to be human blood, in his rain gauge. Five miles distant is the home of—

SIR FRANCIS LATHROP of Lathrop Grange, whose dead body, with a knife wound in the neck, is discovered just back of the house the same morning Honeybun finds blood in his rain gauge. Suspicion is directed toward Sir Guy Lathrop, nephew of the murdered man. Sir Guy is betrothed to—

MARGARET LATHROP, beautiful and only daughter of Sir Francis.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.

CHAPTER II
Followed by Margaret, Sir Guy hastened forward. "Nothing personal was intended, Mr. Klyne," he said. "No one will be better pleased than I if you fulfill Miss Lathrop's expectations."

The two men shook hands in a silence which was rather prolonged, for Adrian Klyne subjected the baronet to a steady scrutiny, suggesting the genial medical adviser rather than a detective.

"You would have reason to be pleased," he said, as he released his grip. "In the train I studied the evidence given at the inquest, and you are in a tight place, Sir Guy. But for your title you would probably be in custody already."

Margaret and Guy begged their visitor to be seated, but he insisted that he had his own methods and that he preferred to move about as they "reconstructed the crime."

First Guy briefly recounted the relations between the members of the family who dined at the Grange on the fatal night; Sir Francis Lathrop, his daughter Margaret, his nephew Guy, and Mrs. Vansittart, the widowed sister who acted as chaperon to Margaret.

The two gentlemen were left in the dining room by the ladies a little after nine. At half-past nine Guy, who was only staying at the Grange for a few days, had appeared in the drawing room alone, saying that Sir Francis had gone to his study and did not want to be disturbed. Margaret had played and sung a little, and after the ladies had retired to their rooms Guy had gone out to smoke a cigar in the grounds. He had come in just as the butler was locking up the house—a fact which no doubt had told against him.

At this point Klyne broke off and asked to be shown the study.

"Ah, French windows," he remarked as he entered the cozy apartment. "Access or egress could be had that way. Well, I gather from the evidence, Sir Guy, that you never saw your uncle alive again—that his bed was found in the morning not to have been slept in, and that on search being made his body was found in a shrubbery. I should like to see the spot before we go farther. But, hullo! what have we here?"

The investigator had broken off to make a dart at about the most innocent looking object in the room, and yet one which seemed strangely out of place among the sporting trophies which adorned the walls.

It was a little wooden horse, with a mane and tail of scarlet wool; such a toy as a child of three might play with. It occupied the post of honor in the center of the mantelpiece.

Margaret took upon herself to explain, though the explanation was not very enlightening.

"For some reason or other that was my father's most cherished possession," she said. "He would never permit anyone to touch it, even dusting it himself. He resented an allusion to it, and when as a little girl I made a silly remark about the toy, he was more angry than I have ever seen him since. I have always fancied that it must have belonged to him when he was a child, and that it had some sentimental association with his mother, perhaps."

"Possibly," said Klyne shortly. "Now show me the place where the body was discovered, please."

They went out through one of the French windows and crossed a wide expanse of park to the dense shrubbery that skirted the high boundary wall of lichen-covered stone. Margaret remained in the open, but, pushing his way through the undergrowth, Guy led Klyne to within six feet of the wall and pointed to a rhododendron, the shoots and foliage of which were bruised and broken.

The only question Klyne asked was: "What is on the other side of that wall?" On being told that the public road ran there he dismissed the subject.

They walked back toward the (Continued on page 4.)

Appomattox Post Has But Four Active Members

Appomattox post, G. A. R., once many in numbers, now has but four members who are able to attend meetings, and of these the oldest, William H. Cain, has been elected commander. He is aged 85. H. C. Fuson, commander during the past year, has been elected vice commander. The other two members able to attend meetings are F. A. Clow and R. G. Elliott. The three members not able to attend are H. R. Godard, Jephtha Hart and Joseph Perkins.

Years ago the members of the post adopted a resolution that meetings of the post should be held regularly so long as one member is able to attend.

The new officers will be installed January 9.

No Excitement At Lane Budget Meet

Half Million Dollars Is Appropriated With Almost No Comment.

The county budget appropriating nearly half a million dollars was adopted at a harmonious county taxpayers' meeting held Tuesday in the court house at Eugene.

County Clerk Bryson, Sheriff Taylor and County Assessor Keeney explained that increased business has made necessary larger appropriations for their departments. In the case of the clerk, the fees of the office equal the expenses and fees in the sheriff's office are also large.

An item of \$600 for bounties on wild animals was increased to \$1200, but otherwise the many items were adopted as presented and with little comment.

The general fund items adopted are as follows:

Advertising	\$ 3,000
Agriculturist	2,500
Assessor's office	13,000
Auditing	600
Care of poor	22,500
Circuit court	12,000
Coroner	700
County court	6,000
County fair	3,500
Court house	7,000
Clerk's office	16,000
District attorney's office	4,770
District sealer	500
Emergency	14,400
Fruit inspector	1,800
Health officer	200
Indigent soldier	800
Insane	600
Justice court	3,000
Juvenile court	1,200
Registration and election	14,000
Retiring warrants	25,000
Scalp bounty	1,200
School superintendent	6,750
Sheriff's office	31,400
Slaughtered animals	800
Surveyor's office	6,715
Tax rebate	500
Thistle, plant and insect	2,000
Treasurer's office	3,365
Widow's pension	12,500
Roads and highways	111,025
Total	\$329,355

The general roads and highways fund is as follows:

Road districts	\$ 32,000
Emergency	10,025
Maintenance	10,000
Equipment	10,000
Bridges	10,000
Eugene city	8,000
Ferries	1,000

Following are the sums budgeted for the several market road projects:

Maintenance and betterment	\$32,000
Bridges	20,000
Crow-Vaughn	20,000
Emergency	10,000
Noti west	9,000
McCullum gap	9,000
Perkins road	6,500

Special Annexation Election on For Monday, January 4

Council Committee Gives Reason Why Outsiders Ought To Vote Yes.

Saving in Cost of Water To Equal Increased Taxes To Be Paid.

Cottage Grove will hold a special annexation election Monday and reasons why those living outside the city should vote to come in are advanced in posters which have been issued by the annexation committee of the city council and are to be distributed over the city. The posters read as follows:

To Those in Territory Proposed to Be Annexed.

Beside the patriotic desire which every resident and property owner living just outside the boundaries of the city has to have a part in supporting the city which is his, the following additional reasons are advanced by this committee why residents should vote for annexation:

WATER SUPPLY—An adequate water supply will be provided for all those living within the city limits, while it is the present policy of the city to make no further extensions to property outside the city, with the probability that water service to those outside the city will be discontinued entirely or rates made double those charged to residents inside the city. Those outside the city now getting water, who come in through annexation, will automatically get the same rate as that charged those now living within the city.

REDUCED INSURANCE RATES—Insurance rates upon residence property outside the city are 50% higher than upon adjoining property that is annexed to the city. Reduced rates will take effect at once upon property that is annexed.

CITY PRIVILEGES—Those coming into the city through annexation will automatically become entitled to the privileges enjoyed by those now living inside the city, such as fire protection, police protection, street lights, street improvements, sidewalks, etc., and may expect to receive such privileges under the same terms and conditions as do those now residents within the city.

TAXES—Those living outside the city limits now pay state, county and school district tax. These taxes will be the same whether or not they come into the city. The city tax for 1925, to be collected in 1926, will be approximately 24 mills, or \$24 on each \$100 of assessed valuation. This would be \$4.80 on \$200 valuation; \$7.20 on \$300 valuation; \$9.60 on \$400 valuation; \$12 on \$500 valuation; \$14.40 on \$600 valuation; \$16.80 on \$700 valuation; \$19.20 on \$800 valuation; \$21.60 on \$900 valuation.

WATER RATES—The average charge for water in the city for domestic purposes is \$1.75 the month, or \$21 the year, to which is usually added \$3.75 for irrigation during the summer, a total of \$24.75. Consumers outside the city pay 50% more, or an additional charge of \$12.38, which is slightly more than city tax on \$500 of assessed valuation. The property owner living outside the city, if his property should be annexed to the city, and his assessed valuation should be \$500, would be a few cents ahead; if his assessed valuation should be slightly more, he would pay a small amount for the added privileges which would be his.

If water rates outside the city (Continued on page 2.)

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Its Beauty Floored Him

