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**CRUELTY TO A BABE.**

Nothing has more aroused the Cottage Grove community than the case of the Silk creek parents who tied the hands and feet of their two-year-old son and left him at home in that condition while they went to Eugene to spend the afternoon.

Fortunately there were others who cared more about the babe than did its own parents. They heard its pitiful cries, rescued it and took it away from its parents. The probate court has since made permanent the separation of parents and child.

The child had been placed in an upstairs room. The day was the hottest that has ever been known here. The heat beat its way through the roof. The struggles of the child to free itself only added to the discomfort of the heat. With its hands tied behind it the child could do nothing to drive away the hundreds of flies that attacked it. With both its feet and hands tied it could not get water to slake the thirst caused by the heat and its efforts to free itself.

During the recent war we were horrified by the tales of cruelty to Belgian and French children. These tales fired our patriotism and made us free with money for war bonds and for the support of the Red Cross.

The Belgian and French children we had never seen. They were far away from us. They meant little to us. But nevertheless our blood was made to boil by the tales of how the Germans treated the little ones that had done nothing to harm

anyone and were helpless in the hands of the huns. Often we doubted the tales that were told us. It was hard to believe that human beings could be cruel to innocent little children.

But these Silk creek parents live in a highly civilized community in a time of peace. The child is their own. It is their own flesh and blood. It came to them as a result of the sacred marital relation. It was to them the greatest gift of God. It was theirs to protect and cuddle.

The sound of its pattering feet on the floor should have been sweet music to their ears. Its tinkling childish laughter should have been unshiny to light their home. Its tiny outstretched arms should have been an appeal that they could not resist.

No right-minded human can fail to respond to the appeal of a babe even though not his own. No person with red blood in his veins would hesitate to risk his life to save a child even of another from suffering such as these parents inflicted upon their own flesh and blood.

No ordinary humans could inflict upon the child of another the suffering that was imposed upon this child by its own parents. There are few who could treat a dog as this child was treated.

It is difficult to believe that in this community, so bountifully blessed by the Creator, there could be parents so lost to the duties of parenthood, so lost to the appeal of a child, so lacking in the ordinary feelings of human beings that they could so cruelly treat one for whom the mother approached the dark valley of the shadow of death.

It was right that the probate court should take children from such as these. It would be better could we provide against further reproduction by such as these. We don't wish any other community harm, but this is not the right climate for those who have brought such disgrace upon us.

**COTTAGE GROVE'S QUEENS.**

A story recently appeared in The Eugene Register to the effect that Cottage Grove would not be satisfied to participate in the Trail-to-Rail celebration by sending a mere princess for the court of Queen Susanna and that we purposed to enter a candidate for queen.

While no such statement has been seriously made here, there are reasons why Cottage Grove might be expected to make such a statement.

Firstly, we are interested in helping to success those less favorably endowed by nature than we are and we could easily furnish several hundred queens superior in appearance, bearing and knowledge of what a queen should be than any that Eugene can provide.

Secondly, Cottage Grove is the home of royalty, as a perusal of a city directory will provide. There are Kizers, several families of Kings, numerous families of Queens, a Scotch royal family McQueens, Princess galore and some Queeners. Despite Cottage Grove's superior ability to provide a queen, or any quantity of them, far superior to those Eugene or any other city of Oregon or the world can provide, we shall be content to let Eugene provide its queen for its own party. It will be Eugene's fault if our princess outshines the Eugene queen.

We are content to have the greatest timber empire of the world, to be the movie capital of the northwest, to be the original and present garden of Eden, to have the prettiest and most queenly girls this side of heaven and to be the most favored section of the famous, fertile, fruitful Willamette.

Besides we have Buster Keaton, Marion Mack and Keaton's movie company and what does a city thus honored care about minor things like the queen of a Trail-to-Rail celebration?

More than 80 boys and girls, members of Salvation Army Sunday schools at Portland, Salem, Albany and other valley cities, passed through here Wednesday on their way to Calapooya springs to spend a ten-day vacation. Captain Rooney of Portland is in charge.

**Society**

All society items were omitted from Thursday's issue because one of The Sentinel's typesetting machines fractured a leg three hours before press time. It was impossible to even get out the type to explain the absence of the items.

**Saltsman-Swanson.**

Miss Hazel Swanson and Ralph Saltsman were married at 10:30 Tuesday morning at the Presbyterian manse in Roseburg, Pastor W. S. McCullough officiating. Miss Evelyn Veatch and Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Morelock of this city were the only guests. A wedding breakfast was served following the ceremony. Miss Swanson is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Swanson and has lived here 11 years. She is a graduate of the local high school. Mr. Saltsman is a son of Mrs. Myrtle Saltsman and had been in the restaurant business here. The young couple will make their home in Long Beach, Calif., where Mr. Saltsman will be associated in business with his brother Will.

Four generations of the Mrs. Sinal Vaughn family attended a picnic held yesterday at Latham. Those present were Mrs. Vaughn and daughter, Miss Leona, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Cruson, the Oscar Vaughn family and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Nelson and son, all of this city; Mrs. Eugene Wheaton and son Billy and Mrs. Billing Harding and daughter, all of Portland, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baker of Noti.

The Mothers' club was entertained Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. T. C. Shaw. Fourteen were present. The afternoon was spent quilting and a quilt to be given to the W. C. T. U. children's home at Corvallis was completed. Husbands of the guests joined them at the supper hour and a picnic dinner was served in the yard.

The women's relief corps held its quarterly dinner Saturday, July 16, in the parlors of the Methodist church. Fifteen members were present. Following a business session, Mrs. Thiel, president of the organization, gave a report on the department convention held recently in Marshfield. The next meeting of the corps will be held Saturday.

Mrs. George Knowles entertained Friday evening, honoring Mrs. Carrie Hemenway. Guests were Mrs. R. R. Meeks, Mrs. J. P. Graham, Mrs. William Thum, Mrs. A. W. Swanson, Miss Lula Currin and Mrs. H. A. Miller. The evening was spent playing bridge. Delicious refreshments were served.

The Latham Community club will be entertained Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles Frye. A special invitation has been issued to teachers in the Latham school to attend. The club will continue its study of the book, "The Pre-School Child," which is taken from the teachers' reading circle course.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Whitlock were hosts Friday evening to the Foremost club, an organization of employees of the local J. C. Penney company store. A mock wedding was a feature of the evening's entertainment. Dainty refreshments were served.

The Utopia club held a housewarming Friday night at the new Albert Woodard home on south Fourth street. Mr. and Mrs. Woodard were presented a pretty table electric light. Refreshments of ice cream, cake and coffee were furnished by the guests.

Pastor Nieva, University of Oregon student who is spending the summer here, entertained at a birthday dinner Sunday noon at Hotel Bartell. His guests were Miss Elsie Lea, Miss Geneva Kime and Miss Beth Bede.

Mrs. C. T. Powell entertained Sunday, July 11, with an informal dinner in honor of her birthday anniversary. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. George Hoffman and son and C. T. Powell, all of Portland.

**London Society.**

Mrs. Massenio Perini of Perini will give a weenie roast Wednesday night for her house guests, the Misses Frances and Ruth Adams and Miss Phyllis Primley of Marshfield, who have been spending their summer vacation with her. About 55 friends and neighbors were present.

**FIELD DAY THURSDAY  
W. T. GAROUTTE PLACE**

A field day will be held Thursday afternoon at the W. T. Garoutte place on Coast fork. Professor Hyslop will be here from O. A. C. for the purpose of inspecting several patches of potatoes which are being grown for the purpose of selling certified seed. Those who are participating in the seed certification experiment are John Sutherland, Howard Cox, W. T. Garoutte, Hugh Trannell and Elmer Berggren.

Last Week of Revival.  
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planned for the final week. The trio, Evangelist and Mrs. R. E. Griffith and Miss Lorena Koenig, will sing "The Southern Melody" Monday and Tuesday evenings and Pastor Griffith will preach on "The Greatest King in the Bible." A special young people's program will be given Friday evening and the subject will be, "The Tragedy of a Wrong Choice."

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