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## PROPERTIES ACTIVE IN BOHEMIA DISTRICT

### Ray Nelson Visits Properties and Notes New Claims Being Staked.

Activity that reminded him of old times in the Bohemia gold mining district was reported by Ray Nelson, who has returned from visiting his properties.

Dale Wyatt had a crew at the old Helena, which has been out of operation for a third of a century although it once produced a fortune. It has been reported that ore of high value has been uncovered.

Another crew was at work at the Noonday, also practically inactive for many years.

Activities continue at the Evening Star, reported about to be sold.

There appeared to be activity at the Music, but Mr. Nelson did not investigate and it may have been a party merely camped there.

The forest service road crew was camped at the Champion and was preparing to do a lot of work this season.

Indicative of renewed interest in gold mining, many new claims have been staked and many prospectors were noted.

Mr. Nelson estimated that at least 50 men are on payrolls in the district, not counting prospectors and those doing assessment work on their own claims. Prospects are that this number will be greatly increased during the summer.

A deal for the purchase of three well known properties in the district is reported to have been closed yesterday, with operation on a large scale planned.

## USE OF BEAUTIFUL CITY PARK BEING ADVOCATED

"What good does the city get out of its beautiful park?" That question was asked the other day by one who had noted the inconvenience to those who wish to listen to band concerts.

The city park has had no use of any kind for many years. Years ago there was a bandstand there, and seats for several hundred. Concerts were held there. Preaching services were held there. Several picnics were held there every year.

In recent years the band stand has disappeared and foundations for the seats have rotted away. Probably even the planks for the seats have disappeared.

The property is a valuable one and in a larger city would be in use at all hours of the day. The fact that the park is rather inconveniently located may have much to do with its falling into disuse.

## Detective Breese Gets Awning Back

City Recorder Breese is likely to be featured as a detective of the Sherlock Holmes type.

Some time ago he had an awning for the city hall, cached in a room next to the chief of police's office, disappeared. The theft was not discovered until he desired to put the awning back on the building this spring. Suspicion was cast upon COC boys who, during the cold weather, used the city hall that waiting for a return to their camps. Officers of the camp were notified, but were unable to find the missing awning.

Boys from one of the camps here were sent to Ragged Mountain to find the awning returned, and a few days ago it arrived and is now keeping the sun out of the recorder's office.

## 4-H Clubbers Having Big Time

Mrs. J. A. McCall has received an interesting letter from Rene Trunnell describing events at O. C. C., where she is attending a brief summer session for selected 4-H clubbers. The letter reads in part as follows:

"Last night the boys had a smokeless smoker and the girls a pajama party. We have classes every morning from 9 to 10:30 and from 11 to 11:30 we listen to a talk at the domestic science building. From 3 to 3:30 we have classes. Today at assembly the college yell leader of the past year taught the 4-H clubbers the Beaver yell. There was a fat boy who whistled like a bird. Tuesday and Wednesday we had tap dancing and today twirling. I checked in at classes today, but sat and watched, because yesterday I did some real fancy tumbling. The 'cut out' on the stage of a steel grating and I couldn't get my balance. I skinned one knee, cut the other, broke off about half of a toenail and tore my toe."

## City At Home Day Next Week

Friday, June 29, will be an at-home day in Cottage Grove. Business interests will sponsor a picnic and program of sports for guests of the city. A complete program of sports will be published next week and business houses will advertise a bargain carnival. Loggers will be featured in the sports.

## Two-Ball Foursomes Continue.

A series of two-ball foursomes, being sponsored by women of the golf club, was started Friday evening. First prizes went to Leonette Stark and Elmer Nest. Winners in each foursome won prizes of two-for-a-penny wood tees.

Play will be continued at 5:15 each Friday evening, with a picnic lunch following.

## Many Million Earwigs Being Killed

Reports from over the city are that residents generally are entering with spirit into the earwig poisoning program sponsored by the chamber of commerce. The number of earwigs that are likely to turn up the toes during the week has not been estimated, but it will run well into the millions, not taking account of the number of earwigs that do not appear because of destruction of parent "wigs."

Dealers in earwig bait report heavy sales during the week.

The chamber of commerce is considering the purchase of a colony of earwig parasitized earwigs for distribution by those who are willing to pay a small sum to have a few hundred of the parasites released on their properties.

The city has purchased a quantity of bait to be used on vacant property.

## Eighty-One Members Veatch Clan Reunite

Eighty-one relatives and five guests were present for the fourteenth annual picnic of the Veatch clan held Sunday on Mosby creek. A basket dinner was served at noon and a program and business session followed. A number of talks reminiscent of the old days were given and a quartet selection, "Beacon Light," was sung by Mrs. Harriett McGee, Mrs. Rosetta Veatch Miller, Mrs. Eva Holderman and Mrs. Fine Mosby, four daughters of the late Uncle Burne and Aunt Jane Veatch. The song was a favorite one sung by the late Robert Veatch while attending school at Corvallis in 1871.

## Eugene Asks Cooperation.

The Eugene Pageant association has requested Cottage Grove's cooperation in the pageant on July 4 of its Oregon Trail pageant.

Pioneers of this section have been asked to participate in the celebration. Material of every kind, particularly vehicles and clothing, is desired.

## LONDON.

June 19.—Mrs. J. W. Bemis returned Tuesday from Woodburn, where she visited a daughter, Mrs. Harry Stone.

The Cecil Gear family have moved from Hebron to the A. A. Powell farm. Mr. Gear and Mr. Powell expect to get out of wood for the pencil factory at Cottage Grove.

The Elmer Hanson family, en route to their home in Rodeo, Ore., last week, where they visited Mr. Hanson's relatives, were guests Wednesday and Thursday at the C. H. Wood home. Mrs. Hanson's sister, Mrs. Nancy Ewing of Cottage Grove, accompanied them to California.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Townsend and son visited Monday at the home of Mrs. George Bailes in Santa Clara. They were accompanied by Eugene by Clifford Townsend.

Dale Thorn of Portland arrived Friday to visit his grandmother, Mrs. W. H. Thorn, during vacation.

Miss Bernice Thorn suffered a badly cut hand from a broken finger in fruit canning.

The Friendly Neighbors club met Thursday with Mrs. W. H. Thorn. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. George Bailes on June 28. The club has made eight quilts for an orphan's home. The church furnished part of the material.

Miss Viola Welty and Miss Marcelle Holmes of Centralia, Wash., came Friday to spend school vacation at the C. H. Wood home.

Johnny Lancaster of Mount View spent last week at the home of a sister, Mrs. W. C. Townsend.

W. E. Addleman of Eugene was an overnight guest Saturday at a home of his daughter, Mrs. W. L. Townsend.

The Howard Cox family have moved into a house belonging to W. H. Thorn. Mr. Cox went to Garfield Sunday to get their household goods.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Funk and Guy Vanatle left Friday for Brookings looking for work.

The John Perint and Miller families of Cottage Grove visited Sunday at the Will Lively home.

Thomas Moxley has gone to Kitz Springs during the summer.

A 9-pound daughter was born June 13 to Mr. and Mrs. Puls of Black Butte.

The John Sutherland family, Mrs. George Sutherland and daughter Wilma and Christine Hooker attended church services and a basket dinner Sunday at Centralia. Mrs. Sutherland accompanied them home for a visit at the home of her son.

Mrs. P. A. Welzbacker and children and Mrs. Florence Morris and son Stewart of Portland and the Norval Williams family of Corvallis spent the week end at the L. W. McKeel home. Mrs. Welzbacker and children and Louis and Beverly Williams remained for a week's visit.

Glen Banton is building a house on his father's farm for his family to occupy.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Davis have taken an apartment in Eugene and expect to be there several weeks.

Claris Abene and infant daughter Donna Dean, returned from Cottage Grove Sunday.

Billy Collier of Marshfield has come to spend the summer at the home of an uncle, Nelson Bemis.

## Ebony Waters

By Anna McClure Sholl. W N U Service

She peered through the glass door into the hall. No one there! But someone might be watching and waiting for her exit—to spring upon her, or to follow her with their eyes up the curved staircase. To be seen and not to see was dreadful. She crossed the hall as if a great weight were on each foot and the pursuers would soon be upon her. Up she climbed, and for a moment stood in the moonlight that streamed through a window at the head of the stairs. Then realizing that this was a conspicuous position, she moved on to the shadow—just as voices reached her from below. One of them was Haskell's, and he was saying in a sharp whisper: "Take those horrible figures down in the basement. Balder. If you ever dare play a trick like that again, I'll horsewhip you."

Peering over the banisters she saw the "gorilla man" enter the schoolroom. Haskell stood guard, but he seemed to shrink back against the wall as his servant emerged with one of the wax figures under his arm. He carried it nonchalantly, as Janet had seen such figures being carried about, and returned after a time for the others.

She did not wait to see these transfers, but went quickly down the corridor, and, being a light on her feet, she slipped and fell. She spoke her name softly and was at once admitted.

"I've been down stairs. I felt I must know what kind of a place we are in."

"Did you see anything?"

"Those four scholars were still in the schoolroom studying!"

"Oh, but Mr. Denner!"

"No, they are wax figures."

"Wax figures! Why, that's dreadful! Do you think he means to murder?" she added inconsequently.

"What object would he have in murdering strangers? No, there's nothing here less simple than killing innocent people."

"Then there are no scholars?"

"Only four wax ones—so far. Mrs. Denver, are you willing to see it through? He's not really know nothing; it's strange—but strange things are not always criminal. Let's see it through."

"I agree with you. I was never one for running away. My dear, you had better try to get some sleep."

"I intend to."

She stood back to her room. The house now lay in profound silence, but still she had the uneasy sensation that the quiet veiled a sinister activity. Speculating on this, she fell asleep.

She was awakened next morning by a faint tap at her door; then a voice: "Miss Mercer, may I see you as soon as possible?"

She recognized it as Arthur Fleming's. "Yes, in about a quarter of an hour."

"I'll be waiting at the end of the passage."

When she joined him he stood by a window in the morning light with "Hamlet," who seemed deep in his musings. He and Arthur both looked at her curiously.

"Well—how do you feel about it now?" Arthur asked.

"Why do you ask?"

"Payne and I were wondering if we ought to let you stay on here."

"You really think there's danger?"

"Yes."

"What kind?"

"That's just it," Payne remarked. "We don't know. I hate to use a misused word, but I am what is called a 'nosie'." "I am sensitive enough to scent a sort of menace in this house."

"The gods of destiny are here, then?"

"Listed to my adventure," she said. "I'll tell you the story of her visit to the schoolroom."

"Ah, you shouldn't have gone down there—it was dangerous," Payne said. "Janet remarked, 'I have asked me—I saw at once that the figures were wax.'"

"Why didn't you tell me?"

"Why alarm you—but Fleming and I talked half the night about it."

"Do you remember what the old farmer said—that it would be easier to come to the gate to get away? What did he mean?"

Payne shook his head. "There's something queer about the place that I know and we don't."

"Well, I have to go over later," Arthur said, looking at his watch. "Let us stop at Mrs. Denver's door, and if she's ready, go together."

Janet knocked. "Mrs. Denver," she said gently. There was no answer. They knocked louder—a faint from the window perhaps swung open and they entered. The occupant of the room was not there.

"Let us go down, too," Payne said. "It's a quarter of eight. I should think hungry pupils would be waiting breakfast."

The silence reigning over the great house was profound.

"Really?" Arthur remarked, "this is getting on my nerves."

They descended the main staircase and stood uncertainly in the hall; then Janet looked through the glass door of the study room. The figures were absent.

"Ah, breakfast?"

Turning they saw their principal, with a fresh flower in his button-hole and an air of amiable concern for their health. "Did you sleep well? The first night in a new place is always trying. Miss Mercer, you look somewhat pale. A cup of coffee I prescribe for you—at once."

He led them to a really bright and airy breakfast room flooded with the morning sunshine. The white paneled walls and bright chintzes were like a guarantee of normality. Even Wilton began to wonder if they had not been over-excited.

Midway of the meal, Janet put down her fork with a sudden realization. "Oh, where is Mrs. Denver?" she asked.

"Long ago! She is a very solitary little woman; I foresee reveille at six, taps at nine. Mrs. Wilton Payne, more coffee? Have you in your psychology studies tabulated the effects of caffeine and other drugs upon the human conduct—for example, the actions of the same person began on a day without coffee? Personally I should not be responsible for my actions on a day initiated without this wonderful coffee bean? More eggs, Miss Mercer?"

They were all feeling better; half ashamed of their suspicions.

"Are all new teachers favored with breakfast with the principal on the first morning?" Janet ventured to ask. "Where is the general dining room of the faculty?"

"Oh, Miss Mercer, we are the

## CROPS REPORTED GOOD DORENA NEIGHBORHOOD

Wild Blackberries, Big Crop, Adding to Income of Many Families.

Dorena, June 18.—(Special.)—indications point to abundant crops in this section.

Spring grown grain, which headed out a trifle early, has made rapid growth within recent weeks and thickening of the stand has been noted.

Clover and alfalfa hay is being cut and is a much heavier crop than for several years. Old timers prefer grass to grain hay, for the reason that mice get the grain.

Velvet grass, proclaimed a splendid conditioner for horses, and means of great value for the reason that mice get the grain.

It is said that a half acre of this is sufficient for one cow. This is a surface feeder and does best on moist soil.

Raspberries have followed strawberries. While the price of \$125-\$150 is lower than in past seasons, the crop is adding materially to producer income at a time when income from other sources is low.

Charles and Joe Thrasher have thrifty patches.

Wild blackberries are adding to many family incomes. This berry is always at a premium and is a large crop. One family picked ten gallons one day recently.

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Pulled First West Side Train With Homer Davenport Wiper

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## Home Patten Is Injured.

Home Patten, head rigger at the Bohemia Lumber company's camp on Shappa creek, was severely injured Friday. A log hit across the lower part of the back and upper legs. His injuries, though painful, did not prove serious, as no bones were broken. He was taken to a Eugene hospital.

## Burris Young Goes to Anity.

Burris Young, agriculture teacher in the high school, left Monday for Corvallis to attend a summer session at O. S. C., after which he will move his family to Anity, where he will have charge of the Smith-Hughes course in the union high school. Mr. Young taught here for two years.

## Balladeers Sing at Creswell.

The Balladeers gave a concert at Creswell last Thursday evening under the direction of Mrs. Edna Pearson. Soloists were Mrs. Murnard England. A number from here accompanied the group.

## Three-Cent Postage Continues.

Three-cent postage has been extended to July 1, 1935, according to word received by N. J. Nelson, acting postmaster. The local rate of 2 cents also continues.

## Church News

Seventh-day Adventist, Paul Iversen, pastor.—Services Saturday, Sabbath school, 9:30, John Gibson, superintendent; preaching service, 11. Pastor Ross Dustin of Eugene will speak the first Saturday of each month. Prayer meeting, 8, Tuesday.

Pentecostal Assembly of God, Atwood Foster, pastor.—Sunday school, 9:45, Mrs. Chas. Cochran, superintendent; forenoon service, 11; evening service, 7:45, evangelistic service, Tuesday, 7:45, Bible study, Young people's meetings, Friday, 7:45. Prayer meeting Thursday, 9; Saturday, 3, children's church, 3:30, street meeting.

First Methodist Episcopal Church, Meredith A. Groves, pastor.—Sunday school, 9:45, Omer Moore, superintendent. N. forenoon or evening service, conference Sunday; Epworth League at 7.

Baptist Church, Henry W. Davis, pastor.—Sunday school, 10, Mrs. Emerson, superintendent; forenoon service, 11, sermon by the pastor; evening service, 8, sermon topic "Three Steps toward the Better Character." Prayer meeting, Thursday at 8.

Church of the Nazarene, C. V. Bryson, pastor.—Sunday school, 9:45, Mrs. E. C. Evenson, superintendent; forenoon service, 11, sermon topic, "An Unfailing Foundation." evening service, 8, sermon topic, "The Ransom Punt." Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 8 W. M. S. Thursday, 2.

Presbyterian Church, James Aik- in Smith, pastor.—Sunday school, 10, Tom Short, superintendent; forenoon service, 11, sermon topic, "An Understanding Heart." evening service, 8, sermon topic, "A Bunch of Sweet PPPs." Prayer meeting Wednesday, subject, "How Jesus Used the Bible." 7:30, no evening service.

Christian Science Society, 242 south Second street. Sunday school, 9:45; forenoon service, 11, topic, "Is the Universe Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?"

Lutheran Church, services at the Seventh-day Adventist church on west Main street. W. A. Sylvester, Rosburg, pastor. Adult Bible class, 10; forenoon service, 11; no evening service.

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## WIDOW IS UNKNOWN WEST CASCADES, MOTE

Best Plan to Kill All Black Spiders, Taking Care Not to Be Bitten.

The sudden infestation of Black Widow spiders reported from many parts of eastern Oregon has brought many inquiries concerning their identification and the effect of their bite to Dr. Don C. Mote, entomologist of the Oregon experiment station, who says that so far as he knows these spiders are not found west of the mountains.

The three distinctive features for identification given are a glossy black body with round abdomen about the size of a pea; long, strong black legs that stick up above the back somewhat like those of a grand-daddy long-legs; and finally a distinctive red marking on the lower part of the abdomen of the adult female.

Though roughly described as in the shape of an hourglass, these red markings may be in a number of different forms or may even be rather indistinct, warns Dr. Mote.

Though the ordinary spider does more good in eating insects than harm, it is a safe practice in regions where the black widow is known to exist to kill any black spider, says Mote, but in doing so be careful not to be bitten.

The bites of the black widow do not prove fatal to humans so far as authentic records go, though there are some reports of death in the southwest that may be true. The distress caused by the poison is so great, however, as to warrant every care to avoid being bitten. Several days in the hospital is an uncommon result of the bite of the black widow. There is no specific treatment, according to medical men, the only thing to do being to put the patient to bed and give supportive treatment.

The spiders are not known to willingly attack man unless one comes in contact with a web where the female has a sack of eggs. The spiders are found most frequently in outdoor toilets, old barns, and wood or rock piles.

## School Budget Approved

A tentative budget prepared by the school board received the hearty approval of a citizens reviewing committee, which met with the school board Monday night. The American Legion, chamber of commerce, Lions club and other interests were represented on the committee.

A taxpayers' meeting for consideration of the budget will be called shortly.

## Earwig Killing Here Gets Attention

Cottage Grove continues to lead the way in civic activities. This time it is the earwig poisoning week in progress here that has attracted attention. The Eugene News advocates a similar plan for its city and remarks, "The Cottage Grove plan appears about the only sensible one."

## Baidler, Harvey Elected

Little interest was manifested in the annual school election Monday. C. A. Baidler received all of the 24 votes cast for director and Worth Harvey the same number for clerk. Both were reelected. Following the election the board organized by electing Mr. Baidler as chairman.

Roseburg Golfers Are Coming. A team from the Roseburg country club will be here Sunday for a return match with Cottage Grove golfers. Roseburg won the match played on its course.

## Spanish War Officials Visit.

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