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Swan Song

A MONTH AGO the prospects were that this writer would be editing The Sentinel the remainder of his active years, but by the time this is in the mails the editorial duties will have been passed on to another.

This writer has said good bye to readers upon several occasions during his newspaper career, which has extended over 38 years, but it is one thing to say good bye to those with whom you have been associated for two or three years and another thing quite to say good bye to those who have been your audience for a quarter of a century.

IN 25 YEARS many things have happened in Cottage Grove.

The Cottage Grove of today is not the Cottage Grove that greeted this writer when he cast his lot here.

Mud streets have given way to paving, brick blocks have replaced wooden shacks, a ramshackle high school building gave way long ago to a beautiful brick, and this was years ago found inadequate for the service to which it was first put; The Sentinel is now in a modern building and the one-story frame shack on south Sixth, which was the newspaper home of 25 years ago, is no more; a modest printshop has in a quarter of a century become one of the best equipped plants on the coast; The Sentinel itself has attained something of a reputation far beyond the territory which it serves.

WHILE ALL these things were taking place, friendships were made that have endured during the years, other friendships have been severed by death, joys have been many and unpleasant things have been few.

As this writer passes his duties over to another, he will remember the friendships that have meant much, and will continue to mean much; if he held any enmity toward anyone in the community he would forget it, but he has none to forget.

This writer has always believed that the best memory forgets all except the pleasant things.

NO DOUBT many will be astonished to have this writer say that one reason he welcomed the opportunity to turn his duties and worries over to another is because he felt he had been a failure.

However astonishing that statement may be, it is truth.

This writer has failed to give Cottage Grove the kind of paper he feels that a city the size of Cottage Grove should have. He has lived years in the hope that development here would be such, or increased business for the newspaper such, that the kind of paper he would like to publish would be a possibility.

So far as this writer is concerned that hope can never end in fruition, but in relinquishing the pen (or typewriter) to others he wishes to voice the belief that the city is on the eve of the greatest development it has ever known and that others may succeed where this writer has failed, and may succeed beyond this writer's hopes and dreams.

Development of the Bohemia district, which seems certain beyond the slightest doubt, and greater development of the saw-milling industry, which seems equally certain, should result in a city of the proportions of which this writer, and others who have held their faith through the years, have dreamed and for which they have planned.

RELINQUISHMENT of editorial duties gives this writer the opportunity to follow a line of endeavor in which he has long wished to engage. It is one that will not take this writer from the city which has been his home during the greater portion of his active years, where his family has been reared, where a large portion of his friends live.

THIS WRITER has never published a newspaper in any city where business interests were more loyal to the home newspaper and the home printshop. While this writer has always felt free to express his opinion upon any subject, while many patrons of the newspaper have at times held

varying opinions, this writer has no recollection of ever having, during a quarter of a century, said or done anything that caused a cessation of pleasant business relations.

That is a record of which this writer is proud, and justly so.

WE HAVE heard much about giving flowers to the living. This writer undoubtedly has received many bouquets that he didn't deserve, but if the kind and complimentary things that have been said in the past two or three weeks had been said a month sooner, he probably would have taken The Sentinel off the market and would have said that he would continue indefinitely to serve those who thought so well of him. But the change has been made and bridges burned behind. It may be better so for all concerned.

A CHANGE in ownership or management often is a good thing for a business.

A person who has been on the same job for 25 years gets into a rut.

New management means changes.

New management means that things a business has been overlooking will be done.

New management means that enmities or dislikes for a business will be forgot.

Change is the order of the day. Often change is desirable.

THIS WRITER would never have consented to sell his interest in The Sentinel except to one whom he felt would carry on as well or better than this writer has done.

This writer's interest in Cottage Grove has not changed. So far as he knows he will be indefinitely doing his part in boosting for bigger and better things for this most favored spot of the famous, fertile, fruitful Willamette.

He may often wish that he could again write about the big potatoes, about what the biddies are doing to make the city famous, about what some industry is doing, about the weather that is better than that found anywhere else, but someone else will be doing that for him, and possibly better than this writer has done it.

THE INCOMING EDITOR, Leonard S. Goddard, is, this writer feels, a person who will fit well into the life of the community, who will take an active part in affairs of the city, who will be in every way a part of the community, whose advice will be welcomed and heeded when the city's welfare is being discussed.

Mr. Goddard is a man of wide experience and a kindly, courteous gentleman. While he has been away from the continent for many years, he is much better posted on affairs of the country than nine-tenths of those who have lived their entire lives here.

He has been eminently successful in other endeavors, successful to such an extent that he has been able to make a substantial investment here in business and in a home. He is determined to give the city the kind of newspaper of which it will be proud. He wishes the friendship and good will of every resident of the community, and he is entitled to both. He will be found entirely worthy of both.

Mr. Goddard may, with the modesty that becomes a new resident, move slowly in expressing opinions upon local affairs, but with the passing of the years it will be found that The Sentinel in his hands is a force in the community, a force for bigger and better things.

Mr. Goddard's family will also be found a delightful addition to social and civic activities.

THIS WRITER could hardly let pass this opportunity to say a word about A. W. Shofstall, who will remain as Mr. Goddard's associate.

Mr. Shofstall came here as competitor, but he didn't stay that way very long.

For 10 years he has been in the mechanical department, in recent years in charge of that department. In all those years this writer and the employee, in recent months partners in the business, have had not so much as one word of disagreement.

Mr. Shofstall will be found in every way qualified to handle his end of the business and to maintain the reputation of the metropolitan printshop in a coming metropolis.

This writer will not say more, for the reason that Mr. Shofstall is the one that will put this into type and his modesty might impel him to refuse to permit anything more complimentary to be said.

THIS WRITER'S best wishes for success and prosperity will be with The Sentinel always.

As editor we bid one and all "good night."

No, positively no—

2920 West Avenue 34, Los Angeles, Cal., March 24, 1936.—To the Editor: No, absolutely and positively no! I do not like the style exemplified by W. M. Kiplinger's Washington News Letter, if it is at all like the sample on page

four of The Sentinel for March 19. I may be old-fashioned in my likings but, if you wish to please me, and you asked my opinion, let me say please, please do not take it for the pattern of your editorials in The Sentinel.

Yes, I live, for the present, in L. A., but I do not agree with the apparent opinion of the L. A. chief of police that his jurisdiction includes the whole United States. So do not hold my present place of residence against me.

Moreover, I do not expect to remain here always. I have a small farm not too far from Cottage Grove. My family is there now. The exigencies of my employment require me to remain here until September, but after that, glory be, I hope to be completely and permanently Oregonian.

Now may I tread on your toes a little? There is another thing that I do not much fancy, and that is the practice of abbreviating the names of the days of the week in all, or nearly all, your news items. Perhaps you lack space to print them in full, but it seems to me (will you pardon me if I say it?) a bit slovenly.

GEORGE L. MOXLEY.

Mrs. John Barker Dies.

Mrs. John Barker died Monday at the family home following an illness of several years. Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Saturday at the chapel, with Rev. E. E. Coulter officiating. Interment will be in the A. F. & A. M. L. O. O. F. cemetery.

Mrs. Barker's maiden name was Minnie Lorraine Carey and she was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carey, pioneers of this section. She was born in Missouri Jan. 7, 1868, and came here with

her parents in 1873. She was a member of the Christian church. Surviving are the husband and two sisters, Mrs. Sarah Ellen Markley and Mrs. Mattie Medley, both of this city.

Mrs. Tillie Tarr Dies.

Mrs. Tillie Tarr, for many years a resident of Cottage Grove, died March 26 in Artisia, N. M., of pneumonia. Funeral services were held there March 26. A son and two daughters of this city, George Tarr,

Mrs. Ara Franklin and Mrs. Laura Allen, left for Artisia immediately upon learning of their mother's death and expect to make their homes there. Surviving are the husband, a brother, three sons and six daughters.

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