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FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESERVES ITS RECORD
Not many weeks ago we heard an individual make a rather direct crack about the record of the Cottage Grove volunteer fire department. The substance of his statement was to the effect that the department always managed to save the lot. This statement was challenged by a member of the fire department, who asked the individual to name a total loss within the city limits within the past five years and the individual could not do it. In fact if our memory serves us right the fire department member could have added several years to the five and still could have withstood the challenge successfully. Several buildings in the vicinity of the city limits have been totally lost, but these generally have been due to lack of water.
The record has been made and still stands despite the fact that we have a number of fire traps within the business district and despite the fact that the department has been more or less handicapped by lack of equipment. The biggest factor in favor of the department, however is the fact that it is a volunteer organization. When a group of men can take time out to fight fires and risk their lives in so doing, the record of no total losses is even more remarkable.

THOMAS A. EDISON
It is a good thing to remember that the wonderful electric development which the United States has enjoyed, and where electricity is in more universal use than any place in the world, was brought about by the courage and initiative of individuals.
In recognition of one man who did more to provide electric service for the world than any other, the Thomas A. Edison Centennial will be celebrated throughout the country February 11, by electric power companies, professional societies, electric leagues, and other business, civic, and educational organizations.
It is no exaggeration to say that Thomas Edison made possible more appliances to lighten work and provide amusement than any other individual. After Edison conceived an invention, industry pioneered the way in making its use practical and economical for the average citizen. It would be impossible to estimate the benefits flowing to mankind as a result of Edison's imagination. The ramifications of the use of electricity after his perfection of the incandescent lamp in 1879 are too varied to enumerate.
The Edison Centennial is a fitting tribute to the man who made electric service for the world possible. By the same token, it reflects credit on the individuals and companies who provide electric service at a cost within the reach of every pocketbook.
The record of Edison's achievements is a testimonial of what the United States stands for—opportunity—no limit on the exercise of talent and initiative.
When you turn an electric switch on February 11, play your phonograph, see a motion picture, or enjoy one of the countless uses of electricity, pause a moment and think of Thomas Edison, a typical American who made these things possible.

WHAT IS VALUE?
Our reaction to the price of any commodity is naturally conditioned by past experience. Anyone who compares today's prices, for example, with those of 1941 or 1936, is due for a shock. And it is very easy to get into the habit of thinking that "normal" prices, to which we will some day return, are those of a vanished year in which a five-dollar bill would do a job that it takes a ten or twenty to accomplish now.
The hard truth of the matter is that prices are not going to return to the remembered low, short of an economic debacle of the utmost severity. We have, for example, some \$260,000,000,000 worth of federal debt, which in itself is an inflationary factor. We are paying record wages to all classes of labor, and in many important fields, output per manhour has declined while costs have risen. We are fastened with the highest taxes, corporate and individual, in our history, and these are reflected inevitably in all prices. We are, in short, living in a high-priced economy, and there can be no valid comparison of the present with the past.
The best we can hope for is honest value—which is simply the lowest prices, quality for quality, commensurate with the conditions of the times. The American merchant, whether he operates a little crossroads store or an outlet for a national chain system, is the consumers' most dependable friend in giving us that. He is the man who pares his operating costs in order to hold price raises to the minimum, and to lower prices when he can. He is the man who buys with care, so that the customer will get the most for his money. He can't perform the impossible—but he can and does do all in his power to protect the purchasing power of that green folding stuff you carry in your wallet.

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1. The Fez March Panella
 2. Glory of the Yankee Navy March Sousa
 3. Cornet Solo, The Dubante Clark
 4. In Springtime Overture Gollmark
 5. Clarinet Solo, Selected Julia Warner, Soloist, Johnette King, Accompanist
 6. General Lavine Debussy
 7. Ballet of the Unhatched Chickens Moussorgski
 8. Bolero Ravel
- INTERMISSION
9. Boys of the Old Brigade March Chambers
 10. Waltzes from Der Rosenkavalier R. Strauss
 11. Husetta's Waltz Song, from Lo Boheme Puccini
 - Italian Street Song Herbert
 - June Johnson, Soprano
 12. Begin the Beguine Cole Porter
 13. Komarinskaja Glinka
 14. Florentiner March Fucik

JENKS ESTATE SET AT \$72,128
The estate of the late Edd Jenks of Cottage Grove was valued at \$72,128.04 according to the appraised value set by three Cottage Grove residents in circuit court Friday. The appraisers were A. W. Helliwell, Floyd Githens and H. E. Eakin. G. Graber is the executor of the estate.

THE BETTER WAY
I smiled when my heart was breaking.
'Twas the only way to win
The soul that my heart was longing
To save from death and sin.
I longed, instead of smiling,
To weep, but my Lord said
"Nay."
Go bury thy tears in the bosom
To smile, is the better way."

So I buried my tears in the depths
Of my soul
And carried a smile instead;
And it went straight home to the heart I sought,
To the heart that I thought was dead.
Then the Master came and tenderly laid
His hands on the bended head
Of the one whom the smile had rescued,
The soul that I thought was dead
—Grace Bennett.

Not by birth does one become an outcast.
Not by birth does one become a noble.
Through deeds it is that one becomes an outcast.
Through deeds it is that one becomes a noble.—Sutta.
Goodness and philanthropy begin with work and never stop working. All that is worth reckoning is what we do, and the best of everything is not too good, but is economy and riches.—Mary Baker Eddy.

It is true that we cannot always control our thoughts, but do we always do all we can to encourage them to go away?
Jesus never upset any social customs of his time but many of his spirit filled followers did.
God is not always on the side of the majority, but neither do

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LATHAM
Latham big boys are very active in basketball. They have had two games this week with two different teams from the C. G. U. H. S. Mr. Parrett brought Mrs. Parrett home from the hospital Tuesday. She underwent an operation recently.
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hawley spent the week end in Portland where he went for a medical checkup.
Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Nichols attended an insurance convention in Corvallis recently.
A very large crowd attended the auction sale at the Wm. V. Burgess ranch Sunday. Prices and dispositions were good in spite of the rain.
Among those from out of town to attend the funeral of Lou Garoutte who was born here were Nelson Garoutte and family of McKenzie Bridge, Mrs. Earl Gridley and family of Sisters and Mrs. Elsie McCaleb of Burnt Woods.
Mrs. R. Dixon and daughters of Eugene spent Sunday at the W. V. Burgess home.
A delegation from the Hebron Grange attended the conference of Grange leaders at the 4-H club building in Eugene February 5.
Mrs. Betty Channer has gone to San Francisco to join her husband, Cecile Channer, who works for the Pan American Airways.
Hebron Grange convened Feb. 1 with Harry Lewis acting as master problem. Upon recommendation of the entertainment committee a vote was taken to drop the plans for an old fashioned dance and dinner at the armory in Cottage Grove in March. A basket social and dance will be given at Hebron at that time.
After some discussion concerning the waiting room in Cottage Grove a committee composed of Mabel La Londe, Esther Trunnell and Francis Nichols were appointed on that for the year.
Five names were brought in for candidates. It was voted to give the 3rd and 4th degree February 15 and to vote on the candidates at that time.
On behalf of the home economics committee Marie Geer spoke on the turning in of sales slips which will be started again.
Lillian Marchy, Laurabel Means and Robert St. Elmo were appointed to secure regalia. On the youth committee Mrs. Pynch and Mrs. St. Elmo were appointed.
The Grange approved a motion to visit Goshen February 26th.
The two lecturers were given Hebron's approval to arrange a suitable date for the visit of Irving Grange.
During the lecturer's hour aside from community singing, a history of Hebron Grange was given by Nellie Harris, with short additions given by three past masters, O. A. Nichols, Will White, and C. C. Gilman, a short poem "Be the Best" by Helena Overgaard and the choosing of half hearts by all. After Grange these half hearts were matched and each couple sang in one way or other the old songs given on the backs and after they sang were partners for supper.
The hall and tables were gaily decorated with hearts arranged by Marie Geer. The anniversary of the Grange was also told in hearts.
Refreshments were served by Gladys Means. A social hour followed.
Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Means, formerly of London, just returned to their home in Eugene, from spending four months in Arizona. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Means of Latham visited them last Sunday.
Lorayne Kotrc of Lorane is a new employee added to the Curlette Beauty Shop.

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KEMS FOR DRUGS

It is the little things well done and truly good life.—Theodore that go to make up a successful Roosevelt.

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