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PEDAGOGUES CONFRONTED BY SERIES OF TOUGH PROBLEMS

Enforced Vacations Incident to Flu Epidemic Raise Cain With Course of Study in City Schools.

Examinations covering the work of the first semester of school are being conducted this week in both the high school and the grades. On account of the influenza epidemic during five weeks of the first semester there were only fifteen weeks of actual teaching. And, as this is the twentieth week since the opening of school, the next semester will be sixteen weeks long. This division has been arranged to divide the year's work into two equal parts. The second semester will begin next Monday and many new students will be enrolled.

This has been a trying year for the school. She has put in extra time and labor every day in an effort to make up lost time, only to find herself the next morning worn and weary, facing pupils she had not seen for weeks, and with many pupils of the day before absent.

The average attendance for a period of about four weeks was a little over 50 per cent of the pupils enrolled, though in this respect Cottage Grove has been far more fortunate than many other cities.

With the opening of the new semester Monday will come many new problems. Every grade will have new pupils who have not been in school for several weeks and some have not been in school this year. What shall the teacher do with these pupils who are practically beginning school? She is already overworked making up lost time; she cannot neglect those pupils who have been more regular in attendance; she cannot possibly give the late comers individual instruction to bring them up to grade; she has a prescribed course of study which she must cover in order to fit her pupils for the grade ahead; thus the teacher is in a dilemma; again, the school system this year has three less teachers than last year, but has as many pupils. Last spring many families moved from Cottage Grove and the number of pupils was materially decreased so it seemed wise to cut the teaching force. But this fall many more families moved into town which brought the attendance up again. The total enrollment of the two fifth grades last year was 33; this year it is 51; and 35 pupils in heavy work for a teacher of the fifth grade. Last year the average attendance in the east side primary grade was 28; this year it is 43. Twenty five pupils in a heavy load for a primary teacher.

HANNAH ABIQAIL DURKEE DIES AT LORANE AT 80 YEARS OF AGE

Mrs. Hannah Durkee died at the home of her son, H. F. Durkee, at Lorane, Friday, February 7, 1919, of chronic rheumatism, at the age of 88 years, 11 months and 1 day. The remains were taken to Ashland for interment beside those of her husband, who died 25 years ago.

Hannah Abigail was born in Yarmus, Nova Scotia, March 6, 1830. She was married to J. C. Durkee in 1858 and came to California the same year. They moved in the fall of 1872 to Ashland, Oregon, where they made their home. Mrs. Durkee has resided with her son, H. F. Durkee, at Lorane for the past three years. She was a prominent and faithful member of the Baptist church.

Four children survive her. They are: Mrs. L. E. Myer, San Jose, Calif.; Mrs. N. A. Gerhart, Portland; George A. Durkee, Klamath Falls, and H. F. Durkee, Lorane.

1919 W. S. S. Sales Here Total \$1286.33.

Citizens of the Cottage Grove county have purchased \$1286.33 worth of war savings stamps since January 1, 1919.

THE SENTINEL AND COL. LEADER AGREE

Following from the Hillsboro Independent indicates that Col. John Leader may have been reading the Sentinel.

Colonel John Leader of the U. S. military department, who visited Hillsboro last week, was a guest of L. M. Hoyt, Mr. Hoyt having attended officers' school under the direction of the colonel. When going to Mr. Hoyt's home he noted the condition of the flag on the court house and commented on it somewhat caustically. Contrary to regulations the flag has been permitted to remain continuously on the staff day and night and has been whipped by the winter winds into a remnant.

LANE COUNTY BOY GABBED AND REPORTED AS MISSING, IS SAFE

Jesse Lang, of Eugene, has arrived safely from France, and is at a Virginia camp. He was in the 91st division and participated in the battle of the Argonne and other of the most serious engagements that that unit fought, was wounded and gassed, and spent three months in an American base hospital recovering from his wounds. He was reported missing in action at that time, so the news of his safe arrival is a great relief to his relatives. His mother, who now lives at Marshfield, expects her son to arrive home soon.

Ernest Purvance, writing from Metlakatla, Alaska, encloses a check for the renewal of his subscription to the Live Wire newspaper and says they have had a pleasant winter and are not expecting any severe weather from now on.

Session Squibs From Salem

(By Elbert Bede.)

State Capitol, Salem, Ore., Feb. 5.—This was somewhat of a Lane county day in the house. Representative Wheeler, after his propitious start of yesterday, took part in the debate several times today and when he squared away and prepared to put it over the members perked up their ears and began to inquire what manner of man was this fellow from Lane who kept his mouth shut except when he had something to say and then sat down as soon as he had said it. Wheeler attracted more attention than he otherwise would have because of the fact that he preserved a discreet, dignified and observing silence during the early part of the session. Representative Graham had quite a little fight to put over his innocent little bill creating a legislative service and reference bureau of the faculty of the University of Oregon. Representative Bean was several times called in to explain deficiencies in bills as they came up. As an old member and always an active one he is something of an encyclopedia upon what the effect of proposed laws will be, although today he smilingly admitted that he was in error in rising to a point of order, although this is the first time that he has been so mistaken. As chairman of the judiciary committee, which handles most of the new legislation, Mr. Bean's impress will be left upon the new laws of this session and the chairmanship of this committee seems to be in eminently fit hands.

One measure that aroused the Lane county members today was the one providing that teachers must give school boards 90 days notice in throwing up contracts. Representative Wheeler told of one case of his own knowledge where one teacher had agreed to teach three schools for the same term, with the result that two of these districts were left in the lurch at the last moment and other teachers were kept from being accepted for the positions which this teacher afterward turned down. This bill was referred to committee for amendment.

A bill in which Representative Bean took particular interest was one in which the specific date was set upon which taxes should become delinquent and penalties should attach. By unanimous consent he further amended the section by striking therefrom the provision that all interest and penalties should go into the general fund. If the measure passes the senate the interest and penalties will follow the delinquent taxes, and port districts, school districts, etc., whose taxes remain unpaid, will receive the benefit of waiting for their payment.

E. J. Adams, of Eugene, and L. J. Simpson, of Coos Bay, breezed in last night in the interests of the proposed Roosevelt coast highway which seems now to be somewhat of a probability requiring a two and a half million bond issue.

State Capitol, Salem, Ore., Feb. 7.—Senator Bell's bill raising the salary of the county treasurer, county commissioners and county judge of Lane county \$1500 annually passed the senate today. Being a local measure it is expected to meet no opposition in the house and these county officers soon will be able to buy new shoes for the babies and will receive salaries somewhere near equal to those paid deputies and street sweepers.

Members of the legislature find the referendum a very handy instrument. They can grant increases of salary to their friends in the state house and then get out from under by referring the whole matter to the dear people who should have a hand in saying what they wish to pay their servants. It is my prediction that every salary increase will be turned down by the people except that of the dairy and food commissioner, and this is said without going into the merits of the increased salaries which have been granted.

Conditions at the state penitentiary are so notoriously bad that Representative Lewis, of Multnomah, made the statement today that any man who attempts to escape is showing cleaner American citizenship than he who calmly submits to the conditions he finds there.

"What do the folks at home think about such and such a bill?" That is one of the first questions asked of all those back from a week end trip to their homes. Most of the members are men having decided ideas of their own

COUNTY BOY DIES IN COE FIGHTING LIKE A HERO

Waldo H. Farnham, one of the first Lane county boys to make the supreme sacrifice for his country, died gloriously upon the field of honor, fighting like a hero, according to a letter from Lieutenant M. Vernon Parsons, former Eugene lawyer. Excerpts from the letter, which was written to W. R. Farnham, brother of the dead soldier, follow: "Your brother was killed in action in the Champagne sector battle of Blanc Mont Ridge on October 4, 1918, in line of duty. Our company was in the lead on a charge for the ridge resulting in many casualties, and we were under severe fire all during the battle, which lasted several days.

Your brother had the reputation in his company of being a good soldier, and you can feel the loss of such a boy all the more keenly because of his qualities. His family has the sympathy of the entire company, which also mourns his loss. He did not die for a lost cause, for his comrades went on, took the ridge and held it in one of the most stubborn battles of the war.

To have participated in the battle of Blanc Mont Ridge is one of the highest honors that could fall to any man, and particularly so in his company, which took the lead and drove the wedge which, being widened, finally resulted in the relief of all pressure on Rheims, and forced the retreat of the entire German army. This was the key to the whole front, and on division by its fierce fighting drew several German divisions from the front at Cambrai and St. Quentin, allowing another advance there by the British and French."

4 Are Born and 5 Die in January. Health Officer Oglesby's report for the month of January shows five deaths and four births in the Cottage Grove community. Of the deaths three were males and two were females. Of the births three were males and one a female. No new cases of influenza have been reported.

but they have a due respect for the opinion of their constituents.

People of Lane county generally will be interested in the bill by Senator Hurley providing military drill in the high schools of the state and a training camp at the University of Oregon.

Those who fear that there is to be an unreasonable increase in the automobile tax may as well calm themselves. The intention now is to double the present tax and to use the present method in determining the size of the tax, that of horsepower. The weight of ear method was found to be too expensive and cumbersome and would produce no more than the present method. The feeling towards bonds is much different than that of two years ago and members no longer speak in awed tones of applying the emergency clause to a bond measure, and this for ten million, the largest in the history of the state. Even Master Spence, master lobbyist for the grange and allied interests, says that he will not oppose bonds issued with certain restrictions as to the amount of money which may be spent each year. He has changed his opinion about the ability of the auto license to absorb the bonds and with the change that has come over him in two years it would be no surprise if he came down here two years from now a howling enthusiast for a still larger bond issue. The fact that the paving trust is being gouged front and rear may have had something to do with Spence's changed opinion.

Representative Bean, who, by the way, is not of the Boston variety, demonstrated floor strategy of a rare quality when he saved his text book bill from the shambles which had been especially constructed for the occasion.

What promised to be a neat little scheme for the building and maintaining of a republican-endorsed democratic political machine was nipped in the bud in the house yesterday when the senate joint memorial asking that the United States continue the national employment service was neatly and expeditiously put out of its misery by the resolutions committee. It had passed the senate without a dissenting vote, although it was sponsored by that old democratic warhorse, Senator Pierce.

In addition to looking after the material welfare of the members of the senate to the very best of his ability, Colonel Mercer, sergeant-at-arms, has had to do a large part of saving what little there is left spiritually of these hard working solons. The other day he opened both houses with prayer single handed and filled in again in the senate the next morning for the preacher who had to hurry away to catch a train.

Any member is likely to be right once in awhile and it now seems that Senator Walter B. he from Lane, was right in voting against the soldiers' preference bill, which received an indefinite postponement from the house committee from which it failed to rally and this after it had passed the house with three dissenting votes. Even the author, Senator Huston, made no complaint.

It is beginning to percolate into the minds of the legislators that a few who had patriotic orations that were jamming up their windpipes have been playing horse with the returning soldier and have been asking for legislation that the returning soldier does not want and would not take advantage of. He has not been mollysodded while in the army and thinks he is still able to stand on his own feet and does not want to be treated like a suckling infant. It is thought that a number of fatalities have been prevented by allowing speech-clogged solons to get their systems cleaned out and that they will now function properly and attend strictly to worth-while business. Thus the soldier

FEATURE FILM HAS PERSONAL ENDORSEMENT OF GERARD

One of the most important and interesting productions ever produced in motion pictures is the dramatic production filmed from Ambassador James W. Gerard's book, "My Four Years in Germany." Throughout the entire production of the film Mr. Gerard was in close touch with William Nigh, who directed it, and the scenes and incidents have been staged with the most painstaking care in every detail.

Nothing will so clarify in the minds of the public the reasons why America went to war with the autocratic dictator of Europe, as this clear and lucid tale of the hidden forces working for the future downfall of America and the forces of democracy. The results of the German inability to really understand America is clearly shown in the incidents which took place in Germany before the war and in which Ambassador Gerard was involved. The whole history of German intrigue, dirty diplomacy and double-dealing, is exposed in the intensely interesting and dramatic picture of Mr. Gerard's book, which will be shown at the Arcade theater Friday and Saturday, February 21 and 22.

Idaho Man May Locate Here. J. J. Waverick, of Weiser, Ida., was in the city a day or two the first of the week, and then went on to Myrtle Creek to visit relatives. He is stopping here on his return and plans to locate here. He is very favorably impressed with the Cottage Grove country and indicated a commendable quality of citizenship by subscribing for the local newspaper.

Former Grove Man Married. John W. Skaggs, a former resident of this city, wedded Miss Julia Veatch at Enfield, Ill., January 30, 1919. Miss Veatch was a cousin of the first Mrs. Skaggs, and visited a year in this city some time ago. Mr. and Mrs. Skaggs will reside in California.

WORK ON COTTAGE GROVE WALKER HIGHWAY TO BEGIN SOON

Bids For Its Construction May Be Advertised For Within Next Few Days

Figures on the new highway between Cottage Grove and Walker are practically completed, according to Engineer Morse, and bids on the construction work may be advertised for within the next few days. The new highway will extend along the side hill on the west of the Southern Pacific track, avoiding a number of bad crossings that now exist between Walker and Cottage Grove and which are characterized by motorists as the most dangerous in the entire state.

The county will do the grading on this new stretch, which will be three miles long and practically all new construction and the highway commission will pave it.

Apparently the state highway commission is planning a new route for the Pacific highway between Eugene and Junction City. It has a crew of engineers at work between the two cities, running a line along the west side of the Oregon Electric track.

This crew has been at work for a number of days and seems to be seeking a route entirely independent of any other established road between Eugene and Junction City. P. M. Morse, acting county surveyor of Lane county, says they are surveying as straight a line as possible between the two points and intend to avoid all railroad crossings.

RANDALL BOYS SEND HOME 100-POUND BOX OF WAR RELICS

In addition to their joy over the safe return from France of their sons, Marvel and Vinal, and the knowledge that their arrival home is now only a matter of days, the L. A. Randall family is pleasantly intrigued with a mysterious 100-pound box which arrived Monday and which will remain unopened until the boys themselves get here. It is supposed to be filled with a collection of war relics.

FARMERS ARE IN THE MINORITY IN NEW CIRCUIT COURT JURY PANEL

The panel of jurors for the term of the Lane county circuit court, which convened at Eugene February 24, was drawn last week and is unique in that its personnel includes a majority of men of other occupations than farming. In former panels the farmers have predominated.

GROVE WOODMEN WILL PUT ON GOAT-RIDING PROGRAM AT DRAIN

J. W. Kennedy, district manager for the W. O. W., visited at Drain this week and secured a class of 17 new members. The Cottage Grove camp has been invited by the Drain members to come and put on the team work Saturday evening, March 1.

Sutherland Man Buys Farm Home Here.

E. D. Owens, of Sutherland, has purchased the 10-acre farm of Mrs. Laura McKernan at Gowsdyville, just west of this city, and will remove here with his family this spring. The deal was closed Monday, having been handled by Brainard & McInturff.

TAX MONEY IS TURNED OVER TO COUNTY TREASURER WARD BY SHERIFF STICKELS

The first turn-over of tax money since Miss Edna Ward took the office of county treasurer, was made last week by Sheriff Fred G. Stickels. The money consists of 1917 taxes that had become delinquent, and has been segregated into the following funds:

State and county	\$2910.26
Cities	924.19
School districts	848.87
Union high schools	70.79
Road districts	151.91
Port of Siuslaw	118.48
Forest fire patrol	2.38
Total	\$4926.98

The collection of 1918 taxes will begin some time this month, says Sheriff Stickels. The rolls will soon be turned over to him by Assessor Burton and a definite date for the beginning of collections will soon be announced.

Letters From Soldier Boys

Following are excerpts from letters by Milton C. Burton, who is in France with battery C, 11th field artillery, written to his parents, Assessor and Mrs. D. P. Burton:

"Just a word to let you know I am alive and able to do my usual amount of kicking. At present I am billeted in a French house—not a stable this time, but a real house. These French people can't do enough for an American soldier. I just returned from my seven days' leave; got back the day before Christmas. We had a fine Christmas dinner. We also had a Christmas tree for the small children of the town in the school house; had music and a real fine time.

"We are again in our old division the 6th. When we were in the fighting we were with the 80th—and that was some division. The way we chased the Hun out of the Argonne woods was real sport.

"I have not received the Christmas package yet. In fact none of the boys have had one, but all expect them any day. There is some rumor that we are to sail for the states soon and only hope it is true. Will close this for the time being."

"Sunny France—that's what they call it; but so far have seen little sun but plenty of France to suit me. Will be glad when I am safely on board ship headed for home. We are having one big rest; nothing to do but get and sleep, but you know that gets tiresome. I don't know whether we will go to Germany or home, and don't much care where. We are having the usual good weather—rain and snow. This country reminds me of Oregon, only it rains much more here than at home. Have received several papers from home; many thanks. I suppose you all had a big time when peace was declared, for I see by the papers there was something doing every minute.

"I am with the best bunch of men you would ever expect to meet—men from all parts of the world, and men from all walks of life.

"It seems mighty funny you never got my letters telling you what division I was with and what we had been doing, so I will again endeavor to tell you roughly of the fight we were in which was of 17 days' duration. We were then what was known as the first army, being in the 58th brigade, 89th division. We took our first position on October 25 near Romagne, which is in the Argonne forest. Our location was about three kilometers from the Heinties' front line and was pretty hot with both gas and high explosive. There we helped send over a barrage—and that barrage was the greatest in the history of the world. It was the beginning of the end for Heinie and when the doughboys went over the top we were close behind them and followed them for 11 days under shell fire and through mud and rain for a distance of about 40 kilometers, taking the villages of Renonville, Barcroux, Nonatt, Beaufort, Beauclane, Laurville, and Stenay, the latter being on the other side of the Meuse river, and also cutting the Metz-Sedan railroad—in other words, Germany's throatline—and high explosive. There we helped receive honorable mention for our splendid work and will be decorated for same. In our last position E battery went into action even ahead of the doughboys and only 2000 yards from the Hun, in an open position, under direct observation of Heinie. They silenced some German batteries. It was hot work and took brave men to stick it out, but they did it. The rest of us fared little better. We went into position only one kilometer behind the front line—even ahead of the light artillery. That is some stunt for heavies—and that was some hot place, believe me; but we never gave the Hun any time to rest. Infantry reserves were stationed on a small hill just behind us, and we were only about 50 yards from a main road, and being so near the doughboys and the road, both of which drew fire, both night and day, we sure caught hell. And besides that, the German airplanes would take a crack at us with their machine guns in the daytime. It turned cold, too, and there were no fires night or day, and no hot meals—just corned beef and hard bread.

"With the coming of darkness everything opened up—our machine guns, 75's and one-pounders, and then the heavies would help in the racket. "But don't think Heinie was asleep. He would shell the road all night, dam him, and being mostly misses, and we being so close to the road, we got ours. "To make a long story short, there is where we were when he quit; and from that time on we haven't done much of anything. We have been sent back to our old division, which is the

Legal blanks at The Sentinel office.

COTTAGE GROVE BOYS WILL NOT PASS THROUGH HOME CITY

Regiment Will Be Divided at Kansas City, and Oregon Boys Will Be Sent to Portland.

The 65th artillery will not return home by the southern route, and will not, therefore, pass through Cottage Grove. The regiment left Camp Dix Tuesday and is scheduled to stop and parade at Kansas City. There the regiment will be divided, the California contingent going south and the remainder continuing on to Camp Lewis. Great disappointment is felt here over the news that the war department had wired that it was not considered practical to have the 65th routed farther south than Portland.

The following telegrams, which have been exchanged during the past few days are self-explanatory:

"Cottage Grove, Ore., Jan. 31.—Commanding Officer, 65th artillery, C. A. C. Phil. Pa.—The citizens of Cottage Grove rejoice to learn of your safe return. Kindly convey greetings to our boys. A hearty welcome awaits you.—Cottage Grove Commercial Club."

"Camp Dix, N. J., Feb. 1.—Commercial Club, Cottage Grove, Ore.—Your kind message has been conferred to your boys and they thank you. Oregon is to be congratulated on the fine men it sent to France in the 65th. They were simply wonderful in battle.—Benj. H. Kerfoot, Colonel C. A. C."

"Cottage Grove, Ore., Feb. 9.—Commanding Officer, 65th artillery, C. A. C., Camp Dix, N. J.—Citizens unanimously and kindly request that train at least stop thirty minutes to greet our brave boys who number fifty or sixty.—Cottage Grove Commercial Club."

"Camp Dix, N. J., Feb. 10.—Cottage Grove Commercial Club, Cottage Grove, Ore.—65th artillery will stop in your city one half hour, if possible to make arrangements for a stop. Will wire you at a later date.—B. H. Kerfoot, Col. Commanding 65th Artillery."

"Portland, Feb. 12.—65th artillery routed Union Pacific Kansas City-Portland, not through Sacramento. Now advised will arrive Portland 11 a. m. Sunday. If any change will advise.—John M. Scott."

Mrs. John Martin Dies.

Thurston Doak has received word of the death of his sister, Mrs. John Martin, at her home at Silver Lake, Ore. Mrs. Martin is a daughter of Andrew J. Doak, of Siuslaw, and formerly resided in this city. Her husband and son, Guy survive her. Her son had just been mustered out at Camp Lewis, having been in service in France, and received Portland Sunday night enroute to his home. News reached him Monday morning of the death of his mother, she having died at 8 o'clock.

M. W. A. Initiate and Feed

The Modern Woodmen met Tuesday night in the Odd Fellows hall and after regular business initiated a large class of applicants for membership. The session was followed by a well provided supper served in the dining room by the special committee in charge. Another class of applicants will be adopted at their next meeting which will be held on March 11.

Arthur Bales Not With 65th

Arthur Bales, son of Mrs. Naomi Bales, of Dorena, is not with the 65th artillery, as reported last week. He is a member of the 20th engineers, and is still on duty with his regiment in the vicinity of Paris.

S. R. SMITH SELLS INTEREST IN COTTAGE GROVE MANUFACTURING COMPANY

C. A. Stevens and H. K. Metcalf have practically closed a deal whereby they become the owners of the interest of S. R. Smith in the Cottage Grove Manufacturing company at Tenth and Main. Mr. Stevens identified himself with the company nearly a year ago, and Mr. Metcalf has been employed there for some months.

Mr. Smith purchased and incorporated the concern eight years ago and has built up a splendid business with up-to-date equipment from a very modest beginning. Mr. Smith, who is in Portland at present, has announced no definite plans for the future.

Dr. Coan to Speak Here Tonight

Dr. Frederic Coan, recently from Armenia, will tell his wonderful story of the suffering of the Armenian people, at the high school auditorium tonight. Dr. Coan is an eloquent speaker. He has spoken to immense audiences in the east and will appear in only a few of the principal cities of Oregon, having but a few days to devote to this state. There will be no charge for admission.

OLD TIMER PAGE AT SALEM OVER 50 YEARS AGO

The fact that the legislature is now in session reminds Walter Cochran that he was a page for the Oregon legislature away back in 1868, when the state house was across the street from the Marion hotel. He lived near Eugene at that time and his father was a member. The trip to the capital was made by team, and it was at this session that a right-of-way was granted the Oregon-California railroad. Walt carried water to Senator Mitchell while he debated the route the road should take. Binger Hermann, afterwards congressman, was also a member of that session.