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A HUMAN TRAGEDY.

A few days ago a man committed suicide only a short distance from Cottage Grove.

The fact that he had cut his own throat and afterwards hung himself indicated that he was determined to end it all.

Not a scrap of paper was found on his person to indicate his identity.

He was buried by the county and lies in a pauper's grave, while those who knew him in life know not that he is gone.

This is not a peculiar case. Similar cases happen many times every year in this broad country of ours, but coming so close to home we are led to speculate.

Where are those who knew him in his younger years?

Where are those who knew him in his prosperity and mayhap enjoyed his hospitality?

Did he leave a family somewhere in this great, big world of ours?

Is there a wife somewhere wondering why she does not hear from the one who for years shared her joys and her sorrows?

Are there children somewhere who once were under his paternal care, who romped and played with him, who jumped onto his lap and entwined their arms about his neck, and who wonder where is the one who once cared for them so tenderly?

What is the tragedy in this human life?

Why was there not a scrap of paper that might lead to the finding of those who once must have loved him?

Why was there not a shred of information that might lead to the establishment of his identity and to the finding of those who knew him in better days?

No monument will rise on the mound under which the unknown will mingle his bones with the dust. Not even a headstone above will tell who once inhabited the tenement of clay that lies buried there.

Unwept, unhonored, unsung, unknown, he is at last at peace and those who tread the sod that grows above his grave may never know the tragedy of his life, may never know what sent him an unknown wanderer upon the face of the earth.

Such is human life. We fuss around a little while and make quite a stir. We pass to realms beyond, are soon forgot and in but a brief span of years even the chiseled name upon the monument erected by those we once caressed bring back no recollections to those who take our places and fuss along the route that knows our footsteps no more.

A PUZZLER.

What is the explanation of the influx of population to the entire coast?

For years the optimists predicted that a turn in the tide was certain to come, that all the empty houses would fill up, that industries would prosper as never before, that the climate of the Willamette valley would attract hundreds of thousands from the east, that the natural resources of the coast would attract many millions of eastern money, that those who hung on would be richly rewarded when the coast came into its own and that those who

gave up the fight would regret their action.

Almost overnight the predictions of the optimists have come true.

Cottage Grove may be taken as an example.

New families are arriving every week. Much eastern money has already come here. Much more wants to come. Industries are prospering as never before. Labor is prospering as never before and, despite the influx of new labor, there are yet jobs for all who are here.

The optimists who have kept predicting better things almost against their own judgment have been dumfounded by the rapidity with which their predictions are being fulfilled.

But what is the explanation?

What brings the people here? Where do they come from and why do they come? Where are they coming from and what is happening in the places from which they come?

Is the east being depleted to populate the west and is the west to become the center of population and industry?

Appearances point in that direction. Let 'em come. We've got room for many more. No longer do we need to issue warnings that there are already too many here, as we did several years ago.

FILLING UP THE ROOSTS.

One by one the chickens are coming home to roost.

We were kept out of war to invent a campaign slogan, but war was certain even before the election had been won.

The Adamson law was enacted as a sop to hundreds of thousands of votes, and now we are reaping the harvest in the arrogant attitude of certain labor organizations.

We jumped this way and that to keep out of trouble with Mexico and the arrogant attitude of Old Whiskers and his former bandit ally have made intervention more certain every day.

We still parley with those who have left a trail of blood and tears along the way that led to their positions of power, influence and affluence. It is no wonder that the greasers think we are too proud or too scared to fight, for they probably know little of the truth of what four million fighting men did, and were prepared to do, in Europe.

A Roosevelt would have settled the trouble at the time we demanded the salute we did not receive, or when so many of our brave lads fell before greaser bullets when they entered Mexico from the north in search of the bandit who had pillaged American property and killed American citizens. The bloodshed would have been less than that which intervention now will mean.

The administration still in power is largely responsible for all these troubles. It is fortunate for those of the opposing party that all the chickens have come home to roost while the responsible party still is in power.

And every red-blooded American is asking how much longer we are going to allow the forces of rapine and murder in Mexico to destroy American property at will and to pick out Americans for the firing squad because they feel certain that the Yankees will not fight.

NEGLECTING THE BALLOT.

A road tax carried in one of the nearby road districts by a vote of 3 to 0 and in other districts mere handfuls of voters were out to express their wishes upon a subject of such vital import to every resident of a country road district.

At Bend, Ore., with a population of 6000 or more, a \$15,000 bond issue was acted upon favorably by the even dozen voters who went to the polls.

When voters let road tax levies and school bond issues go by default, well may we ask what are we coming to in this great land of the free and home of the brave, where every man and many women have the right of ballot.

No doubt every one of these who neglected to go to the polls or to the place of meeting would be loud in their denunciation of any effort to take from them a right which they fail to exercise.

Every year the minority which conducts the affairs of government is growing smaller. Are the American people tired of self-government, or what is the matter with them? One

thing is certain, they are not showing the interest in their own affairs that is necessary for the preservation of a democracy in its fullest vigor.

The Sentinel has received a letter signed "Mother of Three Boys," taking a position in opposition to capital punishment. No reputable newspaper prints any letter unless it knows for its own information the name of the writer. If this writer will make herself known to The Sentinel the letter will be published. Although no one should cringe from coming out openly and using his or her own name in taking a position upon any public question, yet The Sentinel will respect the wishes of writers and withhold the name when so requested.

STEPS ARE TAKEN TO BOND FOR HIGHWAYS

Proposed County Budget Would Provide Sum of \$284,000 for Roads During Year.

Preliminary steps toward bonding the county for the construction of roads in 1920 were taken at the meeting of the county budget committee with the county council last week. E. J. Adams, chairman of the budget committee, was authorized to name a special committee to look into the advisability of such a bond issue, to specify the amount of bonds proposed to be issued and to designate the roads to be improved. This committee will report at the annual taxpayers' meeting next month.

The sentiment of the meeting seemed to be strongly in favor of a bond issue. So great is the demand for road construction in all parts of the county that the comparatively small amount of money available next year from taxation and from other sources would, it was pointed out, not begin to satisfy that demand. Representatives from widely scattered portions of the county placed their demands before the meeting and it was apparent to a majority present that very few of the projects suggested could be carried out unless the money is raised by the issuance of bonds.

Some opposition was expressed to the idea of bonding the county but when a motion was put to appoint a committee to look into the advisability of such action it carried by a vote of over two to one.

Ancient Testament Found.

Mrs. E. E. Finnen has a rare curiosity in a copy of the Psalms of David which was printed in 1825. The book was found by Mrs. N. C. Divilias, of Hillsboro, when she moved into a house there. She is a sister of Mrs. Finnen and presented the latter with the curiosity upon a recent visit here. The book is discolored with age but is still in a good state of preservation. Isaac Watts, D. D., edited the book.

Commercial Club Election Postponed.

On account of the great amount of business that came before the meeting of the commercial club Monday night, the annual election of officers was postponed for one week and those who have been campaigning for offices and importuning their friends to vote for them have another week of anxiety before them.

Lost, \$100 Worth of Walnuts.

I know where my walnuts on the old Vench place went to, and I also know where my peaches went to last year, and I am finding it too expensive to supply luxuries to these particular parties in such quantities. If those who are stealing my stuff will ask me I will be pleased to supply them with a reasonable quantity for any family and I will thereby ease their consciences and at the same time get my name recorded in the big book upstairs. I have been as patient as I can and the next time this happens, someone, and I know who that someone is, is going to have his house searched by the constituted authorities. d5pd W. B. COOPER.

Neighborhood News

GOWDYVILLE.

(Special to The Sentinel.) Dec. 3.—Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Wheeler spent Thanksgiving with their son Harry at Roseburg.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Smith had Thanksgiving dinner at the Sprinkel home.

Mrs. Aubrey and daughter Frieda spent Thanksgiving at the home of Roe Aubrey.

Joe Schneider has sold his ranch to Mr. Burnside.

Will Haldeman was home for the Thanksgiving vacation.

L. M. Stepp spent Thanksgiving at the Dorward home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Smith, Charlie Aldrich, Beulah and Clarence Smith spent Thanksgiving evening at the W. E. Dorward home.

John Metcalf spent Thanksgiving at the home of his son Harry.

A pleasant evening was spent at the home of Herman Rudolph Saturday, about 25 of the neighbors being present. Dancing was the main feature, with a lunch at midnight.

John Coleman, A. E. Smith, W. E. Dorward, M. M. Shelbourne, Herman Rudolph and Bert Hands attended the road meeting at Silk creek school house Saturday afternoon.

DIVIDE.

(Special to The Sentinel.) Dec. 3.—Misses Mildred Dugan, Eunice Baughman and Ruth Mackey returned Wednesday evening from Eugene.

Johnnie Mostachetti and Bonnie Perini were in the Grove Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George D. Foster spent Thanksgiving at the G. L. Alleman home.

Misses Gerda Soderstrom and Ruby Ellis returned to Eugene after spending their vacation at Divide.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gates, of Springfield, have been visiting at the G. W. McReynolds home.

Bread

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