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EDITORS TALK PROBLEMS NEAR HEARTS

Cottage Grove Man Gives Prescription for Making Success of Country Newspaper.

A conference of newspaper men which those who attended probably will characterize as the most successful meeting of its kind ever held in the state was that of the Oregon Newspaper Conference held at the University of Oregon Friday and Saturday.

The discussions were upon the questions closely related to the daily problems of every newspaper man and were of such a character as will tend to continue the upward trend of the newspaper business in the state and to make it one of the best professions and one in which it is a high honor to be engaged.

The city of Eugene has always been particularly cordial in its reception of visiting newspaper men and upon this occasion it really surpassed all past efforts of the kind. A sumptuous banquet was served at the chamber of commerce Friday evening and a dinner was served in Hendricks hall at the close of the session Saturday.

The reception and entertaining of the editors was in the hands of the members of the journalism department and of the honorary journalism societies. The hosts and hostesses acquitted themselves with honor and credit, even to the speeches they were called upon to make. The editor of "Gibbs and Scribner," issued annually at the sessions of the conference and usually under trying circumstances, was edited in a manner to indicate that Oregon need have no fear of a shortage of real editors when those now on the job get "30."

The officers elected were: Carl Abrams, Statesman Publishing company, of Salem, president; N. J. Vansike, publisher Milton Eagle, vice-president; George Turnbull, University School of Journalism, secretary-treasurer; Eric W. Allen, dean, University School of Journalism, chairman of program committee.

Elbert Bede, editor of The Sentinel, and Mrs. Carrie Hemenway, local representative of the Eugene Guard, attended from here. Mr. Bede delivered an address, "Live News and Strong Editorials, Full Value to the Reader." His address was summed up in the following formula: "Honesty, a style of your own, in which there is keen appreciation of the humorous and human interest, pungence and spice, a sprinkle of sunshine, have your local field and cover it, accuracy, fearless editorials of original style, keep the paper dressed in its best clothes, and make your plant look like a regular business. Mix this well and take frequently."

Mr. Bede also acted as chairman of the nominations committee.

ANOTHER GOOD YEAR FOR FRUIT MEN IS PREDICTED

Canned goods will be in strong demand this year and prices will be good, in the opinion of C. E. Wilcox, manager of the Sprague-Warner company, of Chicago, one of the largest wholesale grocery houses in the United States. Mr. Wilcox is making a tour of the coast canning districts.

"I would like to be in a position to answer the question as to what is going to happen in the way of food prices," said Mr. Wilcox, "but the best I can do is to say that as long as labor costs remain as high as now there is little prospect of a drop in food prices—particularly canned goods prices, with which I am immediately familiar. I think this will be another good year for the canneries and the growers, and last year the growers of the Pacific coast made more money than anybody in the country."

AUTO PARK SEASON ALREADY OPEN HERE

Cottage Grove's auto park season has officially opened. A. L. Denton, of 6313 Ninety-second street, Portland, reports that he camped in the park one night last week while on his way home from Riverside, Calif. He also reports that he found California very dry.

Mrs. A. J. Crow Buried Here.

The funeral of Mrs. A. J. Crow was held here yesterday afternoon. She died in Eugene Tuesday and was aged 29 years. Surviving relatives are the husband; a son, Lillard; the mother, Mrs. Lucy LaBlue; two brothers, Frank and Alphonse, of Eugene, and four sisters, as follows: Mrs. Tom Masters, Mrs. J. A. Low and Mrs. William Thurn, all of Eugene, and Mrs. Cora Baker, of Albany, Tex.

Botany Class Given Demonstration.

The botany class of Cottage Grove high was given a demonstration in tree pruning and grafting, budding and tree surgery Friday afternoon by "Professor" Frank Royer. There were 60 in the class. Mr. Royer conducts a commercial business in this line and donated his services.

Lets Sawdust Into Creek.

Eugene Register: Game Warden Hawker has collected from J. S. Maglady, formerly of this city, a fine of \$25 for allowing sawdust from his mill at Row River, above Cottage Grove, to get into the creek.

Take Over Arcade.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Dickinson arrived Wednesday from McMinnville and will take charge of the Arcade theater Monday. Mr. White, the present owner, will devote his time to the drug business, which he recently entered.

STATE MASTER SPENCE IS GUEST AT GRANGE ANNIVERSARY

Cottage Grove grange observed its ninth anniversary Saturday with an all-day session and a big dinner at noon. State Master Spence was present and delivered an address, as did also County Agent Whitney and Mrs. Minnie Bond, state lecturer.

State Master Spence urged the cooperation for which the grange is organized and cited the results of such cooperation in other countries and in other sections of the United States. A Stevens, of this grange, urged greater interest in fairs and particularly the county fair, for which he will make up an exhibit by Cottage Grove grange.

NINE-YEAR-OLD IS WINNER IN ESSAY CONTEST

Son of Major H. K. Metcalf Knows Benefits of Military Training and Gets One of the Prizes.

The paper by a nine-year-old girl, Thelma Kem, was adjudged the winner of highest honors in the essay contest in the Cottage Grove schools upon the subject, "What Are the Advantages of an Enlistment in the United States Army?" which was a part of the state and national essay contest upon that subject. The rules by which the papers were judged were rigid and judged by these rules there was no doubt in the minds of the judges that this paper had won the honor of being entered in the state contest.

There were six local prizes, three for the high school and three for the grades, and these were awarded as follows: High School—First, Clyde Leonard; second, Marian Lowry; third, Opal Emerson. Grades—First, Thelma Kem; second, Donald Metcalf; third, Dana McGargar.

The judges did not know the names of the authors of any of the papers. It is an interesting coincidence that upon a subject of this kind the winner of the second prize in the grades is a son of Major H. K. Metcalf, who has had 11 years of military experience, and who was one of the judges but did not know that his son was one of the winners until the names of the winners were given out by Superintendent W. G. Beattie. The other judges were Mrs. J. T. Smith and Elbert Smith. A committee of teachers had previously selected the nine best essays from the high school and the nine best from the grades and these were all that went to the board of judges, who gave more than a day's time in passing upon them.

Portland merchants and the Portland Evening Telegram have offered prizes for a number of the best essays in the state. The essay adjudged the best in the state will be sent to Washington to be passed upon along with an essay from each of the other states by a board of judges consisting of General Pershing, General March and Secretary of War Baker. The three contestants judged to have submitted the best essays will be given a trip to Washington, D. C., and return with their own expenses and those of their chaperones paid and each will in addition to this be presented with a medal.

Local merchants gave the following prizes: High School—First prize, \$5 merchandise bond, offered by Helliwell, Bangs & Marksbury; second prize, \$2.50 lady's or gentleman's knife, offered by Wynne & Kime; third prize, \$2 worth of choice Elite products, offered by The Elite.

Grades—First prize, \$5 in merchandise, offered by Humphrey & Mackin; second prize, guaranteed fountain pen, offered by The Fair Store; third prize, one-pound box of chocolates, offered by the New Era Drug Store.

PERCY ROGERS PUTS FRILLS ON DON QUIXOTE

Rides His Chevrolet Into Battle With Southern Pacific Freight Train—out Injury to Train.

Percy Rogers endeavored to imitate Don Quixote Saturday evening and the results were as serious to him as they were to the legendary knight errant. The settings were a little more modern, however. A Chevrolet car took the part of the warhorse and a Southern Pacific freight train successfully impersonated the windmill.

Returning from a trip to Eugene he approached the crossing at Walker. He saw what appeared to be a shadow upon the track but when he hit the supposed shadow it proved to be a slowly moving freight train, which was taking the siding to let No. 17 pass. Mr. Rogers sustained a severe cut the left cheek probably caused by a piece of his eyeglasses which were broken by contact with some part of the car. The radiator, fan and front fenders were wrecked. While Mr. Rogers was endeavoring to push the car away from the track, No. 17 passed and it too hit the car as it had not been pushed far enough away from the track by the first impact to leave clearance.

Percy says this is the first time his car has failed to do anything that he has tried to have it do.

Dean Morton to Speak Here.

Dean Walter Morton, of the school of commerce of the University of Oregon, will address a public meeting Monday evening in the high school auditorium, his subject being "Educational Values." The meeting is especially for parents and voters.

FINDS EASTERN CONDITIONS SAME AS HERE

Only High Prices of Lumber Now Save Milling Industry From Ruin Through Car Shortage.

W. Fraser Johnson, president of the Western Lumber & Export company, who has just returned from the east, reports that the congestion there in the lumber business is just as bad as it is here. "Everyone," he says, "is endeavoring to catch up with the building that was put off during the war and the result is that at a time when it is impossible to get cars with which to get the lumber to market the demand is greater than could be taken care of even with normal transportation conditions. With those who want lumber bidding against one another, the result is a high price that does not seem to be any way curtail the demand. Only the fact that lumber is selling for more than it is worth saves many from ruin because of inability to ship their product. The mills of the coast can not get cars for more than a third of their normal production. We are now piling on the docks lumber which we should be shipping on orders. Conditions are no better in the east and I found no one who would venture a prediction as to what the result was going to be. We are all simply up in the air and do not know what may happen next. Other industries are similarly affected."

"We have as yet been unable to get a new Shay engine to take the place of the one recently wrecked. We do not want to get a small used engine that we might have to scrap within a year or two, and yet we can not find an engine on the market that we can get to handle the logs in our upper camps. We would not worry a great deal about that at present except for the fact that there has been so little rain that we are unable to get the logs from our lower camps down the creek to the loading station. A little freshet would give us a million feet of logs. Unless we get enough water to float the logs within a very short time we will be entirely out of logs for the time being."

MR. AND MRS. CARL KING KEEP WEDDING SECRET OVER TWO MONTHS

Carl King, who was a star in the local baseball club last year, has been starring in an entirely different kind of a game since December 19, and none of his friends knew anything about it until this week. Upon that date he took unto himself a wife in the person of Miss Merle Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Phillips, of London. They have made their home at Eugene until this week but are now permanently settled here. Carl says that he will be able to watch the home plate better than ever before.

REFUSES \$100 THE MONTH IN ORDER TO ATTEND UNIVERSITY

That the young people of today are putting education above everything else is indicated by the fact that Miss Ethel Powell, of Lorane, a graduate of Monmouth, has refused a position at \$100 a month in order that she may complete her education at the University of Oregon.

WHAT TO DO WITH PEACE PACT TAKES A BACK SEAT FOR WHERE CAN I SLEEP?

What to do with the peace pact and the railroads are but minor questions in Cottage Grove compared to the question of what are we going to do for places in which people can live. "Do you know where I can get a house, or furnished rooms, or rooms that can be furnished, or one room, or a barn, or any other kind of a place where a person and his family can sleep and do some kind of housekeeping?" This is the all-important question that is being asked many times by new arrivals in the city, who report that lack of accommodations here is as serious as elsewhere on the coast, if not more so. The commercial club receives many queries of this kind and any who may have anything that can be used even for temporary accommodations would be doing a favor by listing whatever they have with C. A. Bartell, secretary of the commercial club, or with some real estate agent.

POTTS IS GIVEN VERDICT OF \$50 AGAINST RAILWAY

A verdict of \$50 was given the plaintiff in the case of J. H. Potts vs. the Oregon Pacific & Eastern railway, which was tried before a jury in Judge Young's court Wednesday. The attorney for the defendant immediately served notice of appeal. The amount sued for was \$200, claimed on account of an accident in which the Potts car was struck by a gasoline car on the railway line at the Main avenue crossing. The jury was J. E. Ostrander, C. W. Jackson, W. C. Johnson, G. H. Young and Elbert Bede.

SWIFT & COMPANY OPEN PRODUCE BUYING STATION

Swift & company have opened a produce buying station here in the Case building opposite the postoffice. A. A. Disque, representative of the company, was here this week completing the arrangements. Black Beaudoin, who has been with the company for a number of years, will have charge of the local station, which will buy principally eggs, cream and poultry. Mr. Beaudoin has arrived with his family.

GROVE HAS FIRST DEATH FROM INFLUENZA

Miss Verna Fulmer, Native of This City, Is the Only Victim of the Plague.

Cottage Grove has had its first death from influenza, Miss Verna Fulmer having succumbed Tuesday morning to pneumonia which followed influenza. She suffered a paralytic stroke some time before and was physically weakened before attacked by the plague. Several other members of the family have also suffered with the disease but are now out of danger.

Miss Fulmer was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Fulmer and was born here July 4, 1893, being 26 years of age upon her last birthday anniversary. The funeral was held at 2:30 yesterday afternoon, Rev. S. Hamrick officiating.

Besides the parents, the following sisters and brothers survive: Mrs. Shelby Teeters, of The Dalles; Harry W., of San Francisco; Earl and Ors, who live at home.

This city seems to still escape the ravages of the plague and conditions in the surrounding country are improving rapidly. School has reopened in the Delight Valley and Silk Creek districts. Attendance in the grades of the local schools has been almost up to the average but in the high school there is a 25 per cent absence. A meeting of citizens was being held at The Sentinel went to press to decide upon whether or not to close the schools.

At Eugene the public schools have been closed and the ban has been put on all public meetings and gatherings. The order went into effect Monday noon. It was found that the epidemic was becoming serious and pneumonia was developing in many cases.

Spring Ready to Arrive.

The swallow, certain harbinger of spring, has been reported in large numbers in the county. Robins have been here for many weeks. While the nights remain unusually chilly, indications are that spring has decided to arrive on time.

MORE EASTERN CAPITAL IS INVESTED IN COTTAGE GROVE TIMBER

As a still further indication that easterners are looking to Oregon and the Cottage Grove country for investment, a large party has arrived this week from Punksutawney, Pa. In the party are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Grabe, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Grabe and son Joe, Ward Bargerstock and Joseph Stigers. The members of the party already have large land and timber interests here, the timber being near Anlauf, where they may locate.

Mrs. B. F. Strange Dies in Portland.

S. V. Allison was called to Portland Sunday by the death of an aunt, Mrs. B. F. Strange, sister of Mrs. J. T. Allison, Mr. Allison's mother. Mrs. Strange died as the result of an attack of influenza.

FISHWAY IS ORDERED FOR MOSBY CREEK DAM

A fishway is to be installed in the Stewart & Porter dam on Mosby creek. This is the statement made by W. A. Mack and E. S. Hawker, of Eugene, who are connected with the state game commission and who were in this section of the county last week looking for game violators and looking over the game conditions generally.

In order to spawn properly the trout must be able to reach the shallow waters. Thousands of trout are lost annually to this section because the trout cannot get above this dam. The law is plain and a fishway must be installed.

SENTINEL ADS. SOMETIMES DO THEIR WORK ALMOST TOO WELL

"You'll have to take my ads. out this week," said O. E. Woodson, "for the ads. we already have used have cleaned out all the Ford and Fordson tractors we had on hand." Sentinel ads. do their work almost too well some times, and this seems to have been one of the times. Woodson Brothers are still taking orders for future delivery, however, on the advertising already used.

A panacea for everything—Sentinel wants.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

AT THE recent meeting of the Oregon Newspaper Conference the many editors gathered there spoke most favorably of the kind of a newspaper which The Sentinel is giving Cottage Grove—from a news standpoint, from an editorial standpoint and as to typographical appearance. Many of the newspapers of Oregon got ideas from The Sentinel for use in improving their own papers and the editor of The Sentinel got ideas for making The Sentinel a still better paper. Only our inborn modesty prevents us from reprinting some of the nice things that were said of The Sentinel, but we call the attention of our readers to the fact that they were said, in order that we may again assure you that Cottage Grove has a newspaper which in their opinion is entitled to a continuation of your most ardent and whole-hearted support.

ADVERTISING IS INDIRECT CAUSE OF AMPUTATION OF INDEX FINGER

Bill Bartell is sore on Sentinel advertising, and this is the reason he gives: "The City Market's advertising in The Sentinel brought in so many customers Saturday and I was trying so hard to wait upon all of them before they got a chance to go out and go somewhere else that I hit the meat block with my butcher knife and my finger was forced along the edge of the knife, almost completely amputating the index finger of my right hand at the knuckle. Only a small part of the flesh held the finger together."

Bill had the painful injury dressed and is still on the job but the finger will be of no use for several weeks.

COTTAGE GROVE STUDENTS LEAD THE STATE

Graduates From Here Are Found to Be Fully Equipped to Take Up Higher Education.

"The scholarship of the graduates of Cottage Grove high school is in advance of that of the students from the rest of the state," says Carlton E. Spencer, registrar of the University of Oregon, former resident of Cottage Grove and himself a graduate of this school. This statement is not a matter of opinion, explains Mr. Spencer, but is proved by cold figures. The scholarship of the entire 1600 students at the university for the full term of the current school year has been averaged. The grades of the students from the Cottage Grove high school have also been averaged and are found to be higher to a marked degree than the general average.

Students at the university are graded as follows: H means honor or highest and indicates a grade of approximately above 95; S means superior and ranks 90 or above; M means medium and includes the average student—that is, about 50 per cent or more of the students should normally get M; P means poor and F failure. Between the grades P and F, however, is often given a "condition," which means that the student has not gained a passing mark but is given an opportunity to bring his grade up to a P. In arriving at a numerical value, H is considered as 5, S as 4, M as 3, P as 2, Cond. as 1, and F as 0. The general average of all the students in the University of Oregon, worked out on this basis, is 2.81. The average of the Cottage Grove students, worked out by the same method, proves to be 3.21. These figures do not include the grades of one student who failed to pass in enough work to remain in the university, nor of a very bright student who was forced to withdraw on account of illness.

Graduates of Cottage Grove high school who are now in the university and their special lines of work are as follows:

Mae Armstrong, English; J. E. Arnold, zoology; Victor Chambers, commerce; Herman Edwards, journalism; Warren Edwards, commerce; Fern Holcomb, economics; Carey H. Medley, commerce; Marie Ridings, mathematics; Reta Ridings, English; William E. Skidmore, chemistry; Ruth Stewart, music; Sylvia Veatch, mathematics; Herald W. White, commerce.

"The fact that Cottage Grove students lead the state in scholarship is indicative," says Mr. Spencer, "that not only does a fine type of boys and girls attend the Cottage Grove high school, but that a high quality of instruction is being given them and that good habits of scholarship are being inculcated in them."

CERTIFICATES PRESENTED KIN OF SOLDIER DEAD

Service Men Receive Medals at Unostentatious Ceremony on Washington's Birthday.

The exercises for the presentation of certificates from the French government to the nearest of kin to the who died during the war and of the state medals to those from Oregon who served with the colors were conducted modestly Sunday afternoon in American Legion hall. Because of the influenza epidemic no general invitation was extended to the public.

The presentation of the certificates and medals was made in a brief address by Elbert Bede, Major Metcalf, chairman of the post, presiding. No program was given.

Mrs. J. W. Veatch received the certificate issued for her brother, Jesse McDole, who died at Camp Lewis; Wm. A. Kelly received the certificate for his son Delbert, who was killed in action in France; Ardy Eby received the certificate for his brother, Corporal Dan Eby, who died in France. No one was present to receive the certificate issued for Sergeant Calvin T. Funk, killed in action and for whom the post is named. There were other certificates for Fred Lattanzi (probably for death of son), for Mrs. Louise J. Kelly, of Drain (son); John W. Nelson (son), and J. A. McCully (son).

Valley Roads in Good Condition.

Roads down the valley are in better condition than one would expect, reports Albert Woodward, who returned the first of the week from a trip to Dallas with a planer, which he took down on a motor truck. He went by way of Junction City, Corvallis and Independence. He found plenty of hilly country around Independence but had no trouble in getting over it. He returned by way of Salem and found the roads passable everywhere.

CORNER CUTTER HELPS OUT CITY TREASURY

Motor Drivers and Others Using the Streets Are Safe If They Use Ordinary Judgment.

Cutting corners is cutting the cost of city government. More properly speaking, cutting corners is providing the wherewithal to pay the city's bills. Another arrest this week added to the city's coffers.

Not only has Marshal Pitcher announced that traffic regulations must be obeyed but Judge Young has announced that fines will be passed around without fear or favor. Rank or station will count nothing when a law has been broken.

During the busy part of the day Monday a boy on a bicycle came up Main avenue going west at full speed. At the Sixth street corner he cut clear over onto the wrong side of the street and at the same full speed passed not more than two feet in front of A. S. Powell, who was crossing the street. This lad was as criminally careless as any motor vehicle which might have done the same thing and was fully entitled to pay a fine, and Marshal Pitcher intends to "get" bicycle riders who disobey regulations in this criminally careless manner just as well as he does drivers of motor vehicles.

Several of those who express their approval of the campaign to enforce traffic regulations are asking The Sentinel why some of the big guns are not brought before the court of justice. The Sentinel has nothing to do with making the arrests and if those who want to see some of the big bugs paying fines will file the proper complaint when a law is disobeyed. The Sentinel will not hesitate to publish the names of those who pay the fines. It has so far refrained from publishing names for the reason that many who are reported to have been just as great offenders have escaped arrest and it did not seem fair to publish the names of those who were caught and let other offenders who escaped the officers go without publicity. Hereafter, however, the names of those who are arrested will be published without regard to who they may be.

Many have asked The Sentinel to publish the ordinances which they are expected to obey. The Sentinel intends to do so at an early date, but meanwhile, drivers are instructed to use just ordinary common sense in the operation of their cars and they will run no danger of getting into the courts. The officials are after those who endanger life and property and are not sticking to the mere technicalities of the law.

BOYS BADLY INJURED IN FRIENDLY TUSSELE

Gordon Wright and Leo Brand sustained somewhat serious injuries in a friendly wrestling match on the west side school grounds Friday. While the two were on the ground Leo brought his head into contact with Gordon's face in such a manner as to cut an ugly wound over one eye and it was necessary to have Gordon taken home in a car. Leo's head was injured from the impact but not to such an extent as Gordon's face. Gordon was quite ill for several days and unable to attend school. Gordon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wright and Leo the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Brand.

Still Fining 'Em in Eugene.

Wednesday Register: Four traffic violators yesterday paid the penalty for their thoughtlessness or carelessness. One was haled into the local justice court while the other three paid their fines in police court.

George Kremmel, driver of a bakery car, paid a fine of \$25 before Judge J. G. Wells, of the justice court, for reckless driving. He was fined \$50 the judge remitted half of it on good behavior. It is alleged that he was driving his car at a reckless rate of speed on Fourth avenue west late Saturday afternoon.

J. C. Koepke and E. E. Matlock each paid a \$2 fine in police court for parking their cars in the street at night without lights, and L. E. Bonney paid a fine of \$2.50 for running on the wrong side of the street.

Mrs. Nail Victim of Influenza.

Sigman, Ore., Feb. 25.—(Special to The Sentinel).—Mrs. Julia Nail died here February 20 of pneumonia following influenza. Funeral services were held at the Walker church Saturday afternoon, Rev. Matlock, of Eugene, officiating. Interment was in the Walker cemetery. Mrs. Nail was born January 17, 1851. She had made her home here for five years with Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Dick. Her husband died several years ago and the only known surviving relatives live in Kansas.

Forest Patrol Begins May 1.

Official notification that Eugene will be a base for the airplane forest patrol, and announcement that the service probably will begin May 1, have been received at the office of W. F. Gilstrap, secretary of the Eugene chamber of commerce, from Colonel H. H. Arnold, head of the patrol service on the Pacific coast.

Barnard Out for County Judge.

The first candidate to appear for the republican nomination for county judge is C. P. Barnard, of Eugene. Mr. Barnard has been prominent in county affairs and was once a candidate for sheriff. He has been prominent in the fight against the proposed issue of road bonds.

Arrested for Speeding.

Eugene Register: Jack Michael was arrested Friday for speeding his car on Thirteenth avenue east, and was cited by Chief of Police Christensen to appear in Judge King's court.