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BOLSHEVIK G. KNOCKOUT BY BOOK-KEEPER

When Disgruntled Laborer Hurls Vile Epithets He Is Invited Out to a Real Cleaning.

Bolsheviks are not very popular in this section and one of that breed got all that was coming to him a few days ago. After working a few days for one of the lumber companies, and none of them work more than a few days at a time, he kicked about the deduction for hospital fees and accused the book-keeper of "knocking down." After the dispute and as he was leaving the office, he hurled a vile epithet at the bookkeeper. The latter is not very heavy set but it did not take him many seconds to start landing his fists on the place where the vile epithet had come from, while other members of the office force lent their encouragement from the sidelines. As soon as he conveniently could the bolshevik beat a hasty retreat and took the next train out of the city.

MUNICIPAL LANDING FIELD FOR C. G. PLANNED

Commercial Club Committee Selects a Site and May Put Special Tax Up to People.

Cottage Grove soon will have a municipal landing field for airplanes if plans by the commercial club are successfully carried forward. A committee from the club has been actively engaged for several months in an endeavor to get a suitable tract at a reasonable price and a field owned by Mrs. Anna J. Gowdy, located in the Gowdyville suburb, has been selected and an option taken thereon at \$5000. It is planned to put up to the people a special annual tax for the purposes of purchasing the field.

WHEN ONE FAMILY MOVES HALF OF CITY GETS INTO MOTION

When one family moves in Cottage Grove these days, about half the city has to move. Here is a moving stunt that the film magnates should get hold of: The George Kerr family have moved into the Mounts property on Washington avenue, the H. A. Miller family into the house on Second street vacated by the Kerrs, which the Millers recently purchased, the Dr. McCargar family are moving into the house on Third street vacated by the Millers, the T. G. Suddell family are moving into the Larch property on Main avenue vacated by the McCargars, the W. O. Wilson family are moving into the house vacated by the Suddells, which the Wilsons recently bought, the Oscar Woodsons are moving into the house vacated by the Wilsons which the Woodsons recently bought, and Dr. and Mrs. Robert Sutcliffe have rented the property on Birch avenue from which the Woodsons are moving.

FEBRUARY OF 1920 IS DRIEST ON RECORD

February of this year probably was the driest February the Cottage Grove country has ever known. The precipitation was only .37 of an inch, compared with 2.75 inches for the same month in 1919. The complete weather report for the month, taken from the records of C. E. Stewart, local observer, is as follows: Mean maximum temperature, 49.5; mean minimum, 29.8; mean, 39.6; maximum, 57; minimum, 19; clear days, 17; partly cloudy, 8; cloudy, 4.

MOUNTED "ALBINO" ROBIN TO DISPEL DOUBT OF UNBELIEVERS

No longer can anyone dispute the statement that white robins frequently visit the Cottage Grove country. Peter Tonoli found such a bird which had died from the severe cold and he has mounted it as indisputable proof that there are "Albino" robins. A robin with a pure white head is now making its home near the Tonoli place.

COTTAGE GROVE PUPIL WINS IN ESSAY CONTEST

Clyde Leonard, of the Cottage Grove high school, won fourth place in the county in the recent essay contest, the judging having been held Tuesday at Eugene. He received a ukelele, contributed by the Morris music house of Eugene, as a prize.

BAN RAISED; QUARANTINE TO BE ENFORCED IN EUGENE

The ban on public gatherings in Eugene was raised Wednesday morning, the schools reopening upon that date. A special officer has been appointed in that city to see that all quarantines are rigidly enforced. His duties will be to keep any and all that are supposed to be at their homes off the streets and away from public gatherings. Another duty of his is to see that all cases of influenza are quickly reported, arresting the ones who attempt to violate the rulings of the board. A statute enacted in 1919 to cover just such cases as this will be brought to bear.

Your home newspaper is first entitled to your support.

CALIFORNIA HAS NOTHING ON US FOR CLIMATE TO LIVE IN

No other state in the union has anything on Oregon for climate, according to John Bader, who recently returned from spending several months in California, and he thinks Cottage Grove is about the most pleasant place in the state in which to make a permanent abiding place. He caught a severe cold just before returning home from which he has not yet fully recovered.

J. T. SMITH IS VICTIM OF SERIOUS ACCIDENT

Sustain Concussion of Brain When Thrown From Gasoline Speeder Which Hits Automobile.

A gasoline speeder and an automobile mixed in a wreck Monday afternoon that came near proving fatal to Joe T. Smith, bookkeeper at the Southern Pacific tie plant, and who had just resigned his position preparatory to entering business in the city.

The gasoline speeder upon which Mr. Smith and two others were returning to their work after the noon hour collided with an automobile driven by John Thomsett which was crossing the track to the Chambers mill, where Mr. Thomsett is foreman. Mr. Thomsett did not see the speeder approaching. Had he seen it he could have prevented the accident by speeding his car just enough to get him over the track hardly more than a second quicker.

G. M. Scott, who was driving the speeder, had brought it almost to a standstill but not in time to prevent an impact with the rear wheel of the automobile, which threw the speeder from the track. Mr. Smith was thrown between the rails and sustained a severe injury on top of the head. The skull was not fractured but it is thought brain concussion resulted. This seems to be working itself out and Mr. Smith seems well on the road to recovery. The Inspector E. C. Cochran, also a passenger, sustained a deep but not dangerous wound on the head. Mr. Scott escaped without injury.

Man Lincoln Pardon Dies.

Lieutenant L. Lancaster died at Eau Claire, Wis., on December 29, at the age of 90. He became a national figure in 1863, while a member of the 2nd Wisconsin cavalry, through a court martial in which he was found guilty of insubordination and sentenced to be shot. Lieutenant Lancaster had presented a petition signed by 600 members of the regiment asking the resignation of the commanding officer, General George A. Custer signed the death warrant. Lieutenant Lancaster was lined up before a firing squad when a representative from President Lincoln arrived with a pardon.

Boy Wrecks Two Autos.

Portland Oregonian: H. Meyer, 4036 Sixty-third street southeast, was fined \$25 yesterday in municipal court for permitting his 15-year-old son, Millard Meyer, to operate an automobile.

Mrs. Effie Hinds Dead.

Mrs. Effie Hinds, a native of Cottage Grove, died Tuesday at Seattle. The news was conveyed to Pingal Hinds in a message which gave no further information. He had not known that she was ill. Mrs. Hinds was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Knowlton, well known residents here a number of years ago. She was born and raised here and was about 45 years of age. A daughter, Eleanor, aged 11 years, survives.

Fire Department Called Twice.

The fire department was called out Friday to a fire at the house on Third street from which the H. A. Millers had almost completed moving and Saturday afternoon to a roof fire at the house on Sixth street occupied by Mrs. Rosa Currin. There was no damage done at the first fire and little at the second, it not being necessary to turn on the water in either case.

Mrs. Fawcett Speaks Today.

Mrs. Mary Fawcett, dean of women at O. A. C., will address the high school student body and the public at 1 o'clock today in the high school assembly room. Her subject will be "Leaders in the Making."

Purchase Mill.

A. C. and D. D. Wigle, formerly of Devitt, Ore., are preparing to operate the Grove Lumber company mill on Mosby creek, which they recently purchased, and report already having a number of orders to ship as soon as they can commence operations.

Two Injured on Silk Creek.

Silk Creek, Ore., March 3.—(Special to The Sentinel.)—Mrs. A. L. Whitwood sustained two fractured ribs and a severely injured arm in a fall Friday.

Mrs. C. W. Dwyre sustained a severely injured arm in a fall Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sanders spent the week end in the southern part of the state and say it is not necessary to go outside of Oregon for the most beautiful scenery in the world.

Mrs. D. L. Guard and son Donald, of Yoncalla, visited during the past week at the home of Mrs. Guard's sister, Mrs. A. H. Sprinkel.

Is Opal Whiteley Herself or Someone Else?

In Most Remarkable Child's Diary, Published in Atlantic Monthly, Cottage Grove Maid Sets Up Claim That She Is of Unknown Parentage

Cottage Grove people and the many in Oregon who know Opal Whiteley, are greatly interested in the lending story in the March Atlantic Monthly, entitled "The Story of Opal," which purports to be the diary of a girl from the age of six years. The people of Cottage Grove are deeply interested in the story, not alone because of the fact that the Cottage Grove girl of whom they have expected so much has achieved a fame that comes to few and has secured the most prominent position in Atlantic Monthly while yet barely in her twenties, but also because of the unusual and unexpected claim which the diary sets forth, in which Opal expresses the belief that she is not Opal Whiteley.

The question that naturally arises, and which is not answered in the diary, is: If Opal is not Opal Whiteley, who is she?

We have always known her as the unusual, the most remarkable daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Whiteley, who, though brought up in the woods and lumber camps where her parents made their abode, developed an unusual side of her nature to a point that was marvelous—to an extent that astounded geologists, astronomers, psychologists and men of letters.

To us she has been a prodigy, a product of the Oregon outdoors who knew that outdoors almost as well as the One who made it, who could commune with nature, understand the language of the birds, of the trees, of the treads and of almost every living thing in that great Oregon outdoors.

To us her remarkable rise has been all the more remarkable because of her lowly origin, because of her life in surroundings which one would not expect to inspire to greater and nobler things.

To us she has been a human wild flower or bird; we have listened rapt in wonder as she told the wonderful things about each of the many thousands of butterflies in her collection, as she told with an intimate familiarity of the life of some feathered songster, of the domestic affairs of the squirrel, or the toad, or interpreted for us the language of the leaves, of the waters, of the rocks, with an almost supernatural knowledge of such things.

We have listened charmed as she put life into the great tree that wrapped her in its arms, as she gave almost human intelligence to the animals with which she seemed to hold communion, as she wove fairy stories about the birds, the moths, the butterflies, the reptiles, and always we have wondered at the remarkable learning of one whose parents admitted that they had never encouraged her along the lines which her unusual nature was bound to follow and who expressed a natural parental fear of the results of so abnormal a development.

Now like a thunderbolt from the skies comes Opal's diary in which she attributes her unusual talents to parents who died when she was a little tot and in a fascinating manner she relates how she came to be substituted for another Opal Whiteley who died at about that time and how she was brought to Cottage Grove from Washington, where the Whiteleys had been and where the tot whose place the diary has her take is supposed to have passed on, and ever after she passed as the other little girl whom many Cottage Grove people had known before.

It is admitted that Opal kept a diary, that she was ever writing in it and that she was woven in a most fantastic style the history of her early life in that portion of the diary which has so far been published. That the greater number of the events related in the diary, about which she has painted word pictures that are most weirdly remarkable, sometimes pathetic, childishly yet supernaturally told, are in the main true beyond doubt, but the father who is yet employed in the lumber camps, is apparently too much grieved and too much worried about Opal's welfare, when questioned upon this subject, to leave any doubt that he believes Opal to be his own

child; and none but a finished actor could act the part taken by the Grandmother Scott, unless she thought she told the truth, when she explains how impossible is this astounding revelation in "The Story of Opal," as related in Atlantic.

On the trip from Washington to Cottage Grove, when the alleged substitution is supposed to have taken place, according to the diary, Opal was with only her mother, but there were but a few weeks between the time Mr. Whiteley preceded Mrs. Whiteley and the arrival of the mother with the child.

Could Mrs. Whiteley have made a substitution and hidden from the father



OPAL WHITELEY Who Says She Is Not Opal

er the death of his own child and found another whose resemblance to the other Opal was so remarkable as to fool even the father? No mother will believe that anything of this sort could have happened.

No father will believe that such a substitution could be made without discovery. No one can doubt the sincerity of Mr. Whiteley's grief when he speaks of this most unusual denial of parentage and says that the child he left with the mother was the one who arrived here. Opal has a remarkable resemblance to pictures of Mrs. Whiteley and a characteristic resemblance to other members of the family.

Mrs. Whiteley is no longer here to speak for herself.

That Opal believes that she is the daughter of angel parents who were great lovers and students of nature, highly cultured and wealthy, is equally almost beyond doubt. Is the unusual story of her substitution a childish dream upon which her mind has worked until she has come to believe it?

Is the entire story the child of a most inventive imagination, or does it partially reveal an inexplicable mystery?

That probably is the most talked of question in Cottage Grove, where so many know Opal and are interested in her every act, particularly in her arrival as a writer able to get her story into the most prominent position in so exclusive a magazine—and so remarkable a story, so unbelievable yet so realistic, woven about daily events in such a manner as to give it all the earmarks of truth and accuracy—written, so the editors say, in the cramped and painful print of a child of six, an age when it would seem impossible for a child to invent a piece of fiction which would be so unusual.

The only story like unto this that comes to mind is that of the peasant maid, Joan of Arc. She, too, heard voices, and they directed her life and actions along a path of glory. Few persons in modern times believe that she really heard those voices, but the maid believed that she heard them and the things they directed her to do, and which she did do, were very real.

Can it be that at about the age of six, that at the time of the removal of the Whiteleys from Washington to

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9-YEAR-OLD LAD SAVES HIS YOUNGER BROTHER FROM DEATH

The rescue of a nine-year-old Levi Carpenter saved the life of his three-year-old brother Lester Sunday afternoon. While the three sons of Mrs. Goldie Carpenter were playing on the banks of the Coast fork, Lester fell into the water where it was over his head. Seeming to realize that his brother would drown before he could get help, Levi waded into the water and pulled his brother to shore.

FLU GERM IS RESPECTED MEMBER OF SOCIETY

Only Getting Into Bad Company and Bad Surroundings Causes Him to Do Damage.

When the case of "The People of Cottage Grove versus Mr. Flu Germ" was called for trial at the meeting of the city council Monday night, there were none to appear for the prosecution. When Acting Mayor Veatch called for an expression of opinion from those who had asked to have capital punishment reinstituted in order that Mr. Flu Germ might be given his just deserts, all limited those in that famous bible story when the Savior asked who would cast the first stone, except that they did not slink away but remained to uphold Mr. Flu Germ as a respected member of society, who did nothing to destroy the peace and good order of society except when confined under environments which developed his evil nature.

It was therefore decided to let him roam at will about the city, but to warn the people that he was a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde who should not be taken into the family and coddled.

As a matter of fact there were few at this meeting called for the purpose of deciding whether or not to put a ban on all public gatherings and there was not a person to speak in favor of a closed city and not a person who attempted to say that the conditions in the city were such as to warrant the ban. All seemed to be of the one mind that the epidemic this winter is nothing but the regular grip except in perhaps a few cases, that no healthy person has suffered at all severely, that there has been no pneumonia, that serious cases have been the result of carelessness and improper living conditions, that two-thirds or more of the cases being treated by the physicians of the city are in the rural districts and that little good would be accomplished by putting on a ban in the city and leaving the country running wide open and, finally, that no one had presented any proof that there was anything to get scared about.

Several spoke in favor of shutting off the dances, recognized as the most prolific dispenser of flu germs, and this probably would have been done had there been any way of putting the ban on dances in the surrounding country. The matter of closing the schools was left to the discretion of the school authorities.

The schools were hard hit for the first time Monday morning, when Miss Anna Graham and Miss Elizabeth Deane, teachers in the high school, were both reported ill at home. Miss Frances Cox, teacher of the east side fifth grade, failed to report that morning, as did also Mrs. V. T. Randall, who was taking the place of Miss Leonard, teacher of the east side third grade, who had been ill several days. Miss Madeline Silver, teacher of the west side first grade, had been ill for two weeks or more, her place being taken by Miss Bertha Stephens. Miss Forrest Schneider took Miss Cox's place, but the high school had to close Monday and Tuesday because no teachers could be secured to take the places of the sick ones.

Miss Marian Hooper has taken the place of Miss Bertha Stephens, who was taking the place of Miss Silver and had to return to Eugene to resume her duties there Wednesday morning.

Miss Essie Fair, of the London school, has taken the place of Mrs. V. T. Randall, who was taking the place of Miss Leonard. The London school is closed temporarily on account of the prevalence of sickness there.

There have been no more deaths in this section and the physicians report that the epidemic here this year is much milder than a year ago, with but few cases being more serious than the old-fashioned grip which never caused any great worry. Only three cases of influenza have been reported to the city health officer. Cases outside the city would not have to be reported to him and the greater part of the sickness has been in the rural districts.

Road at Lynx Hollow Is Asked.

Eugene Register: A delegation headed by R. Y. Porter presented a petition to the county court Wednesday asking that a road be built between Camas swale and Lynx Hollow, about six miles west of Creswell. The petition was signed by nearly all residents of that neighborhood.

Auto Paint Shop Coming.

An automobile paint shop is a possibility of the near future for Cottage Grove. A party with whom the commercial club has been corresponding expects to be here within a few days to look over the field with the idea of starting such a shop.

A panacea for everything—Sentinel wants.

Big W. O. W. Meeting Planned. A special meeting of the local Woodmen of the World lodge will be held Thursday, March 18, when Peter F. Gilroy, of San Francisco, deputy head consul, will be here. The Wows are planning a big time for that night.

DELIGHT VALLEY MUD IS TO BECOME HIGHWAY

Road Which Got Bad Reputation While Used as Pacific Highway Detour Being Fixed by County.

Delight Valley is to have its road regraded and surfaced with gravel during the coming year. That is the statement of Ed. Tullar, road superintendent for this end of the county. In fact, the grade stakes already have been set and the work will commence as soon as weather conditions are favorable. The work will include the entire length of the road from the Saginaw bridge south to the hill. Work will also be done on the same road south of the hill, leaving only the hill with no work and this already has a foundation, that makes it possible to negotiate it in any kind of weather. This road was used as the Pacific highway detour during the time last year when the highway was being rebuilt and had the reputation of being the worst piece of road on the entire highway.

MILLER MILL AT ANLAUF IN NEW HANDS

Pioneer Lumber Company, From Washington, Will Increase Capacity and Put in Second Mill.

The W. L. Miller mill at Curtin has passed into the hands of the Pioneer Lumber company, of Washington. H. J. Potter is here to manage the business under the new ownership. The capacity of the present mill will be increased to 25,000 or 30,000 a day and another mill owned by the company will be moved here from Washington and set up in the timber near the present mill. This mill will have a capacity of about 40,000.

Mr. Miller has bought the J. W. Buckley mill four miles up Row river and has a crew at work getting the plant ready for operation.

CANS AND REFUSE MAR THE BEAUTY OF OUR FAIR CITY

"You have a lovely city here and a mighty pretty one, but your civic pride needs a little stiffening." This statement was made by one who came here to make a permanent investment for his company. "As we are now taxpayers here and a part of your civic life, we believe we have a right to mention these things. In looking about your city, as a newcomer often will, I found heaps of tin cans, refuse piles, etc., which show the need of a live clean-up campaign. You are not taking advantage of the things wherewith Nature has blessed you. You could just as well as not have a city whose beauty would be the talk of all visitors. We are willing to do our part."

SCHOOLS SO GOOD HERE THEY DISLIKE TO GO ELSEWHERE

The main reason why we dislike leaving Cottage Grove is because of the excellent schools here, was the statement by S. H. Sweet just before he and his family left for their old home at Canova, S. D., being compelled to return because their son threw up his lease. Cottage Grove's schools are getting an enviable reputation and only recently Carlton Spencer, registrar at the University of Oregon, made a statement that graduates from here outranked the graduates of all other schools of the state.

CAR SHORTAGE HERE IS NOT YET BELIEVED

While the Booth-Kelly company at Eugene reports that it is getting 100 per cent of the cars that it can use, the car shortage here has not been entirely relieved by any means. The mills have been getting about a third of the cars that they needed until this week when the number delivered probably is 50 per cent or better of the number needed. Officials of the Southern Pacific have sent word which would indicate that one of the first acts under the renewal of private ownership is to be an endeavor to supply the needs of the industries along their lines.

FISHWAY ALREADY IN PORTER & STEWART DAM

James Porter, one of the owners of the dam on Mosby creek, where representatives of the fish and game commission said a fish ladder must be placed, states that there already is a fish ladder there and always has been one. He states that it is placed under the dam quite a distance and comes to the top quite a distance back from the framework of the dam, so that it might easily be overlooked by those who did not know that it was there.

SEVERAL FROM HERE ARE MENTIONED FOR OFFICE

Cottage Grove men figure in the straw ballot conducted by the Eugene Register. For county commissioner, E. R. Spencer led all other nominees with 104 votes. Emmett Sharp, also of this city, was next with 56 votes. T. C. Wheeler and Elbert Bede were among those mentioned for the legislative ticket. In every case, the present incumbents of county offices received the greatest number of votes.

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