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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE NOW BACK TO NORMAL

Influenza Still Entertains Some Whole Families But Epidemic Seems Well on the Wane.

The fact that school attendance is again practically normal indicates that the influenza epidemic has nearly abated, although there are some few cases where whole families are down with what is being called influenza, although not so reported to the health authorities. One physician reported last week that everyone has had it so that there are few left for it to attack. The number of business men who have been affected has been very few and the number of children affected at any one time has been so few that the schools have not been shut down. In fact, no ban of any kind was put on any public meetings.

Nearly all the school teachers who were ill have returned to their positions. Miss Leonard, teacher of the third grade on the east side, and Miss Queen, teacher of the third and fourth grades on the west side, returned this week. Mrs. Joe Landess has taken the place of Miss Forest Schneider, who was substituting for Miss Cox in the fifth grade on the east side and who has been called back to her school at Coquille. Mrs. Leslie Engram, formerly Miss Maud Hooper, is on her way here from Redding, Calif., to fill out the term of Miss Silver in the first grade on the west side. Miss Silver resigned two weeks ago on account of illness. Mrs. Engram formerly taught in the primary department here.

COME AND LEAVE BECAUSE OF NO HOUSES

Campaign of House-Building Will Be Necessary if Growth of City Is to Continue.

The matter of providing places of residence for the many who wish to make Cottage Grove their home is a problem that soon will have to have consideration by civic bodies and others interested in the continued growth of the city. Hardly a day passes but someone calls at The Sentinel office asking for some place where they can get their household goods and family under cover. Every week families go to other places because they can not get houses here. All other cities in the valley are rapidly approaching the same condition. A campaign of house-building seems to be inevitable.

FORMULA IS GIVEN FOR PEAR AND APPLE SPRAYING

County Fruit Inspector Stewart has recommended the following formula for spraying for pear and apple scab:

"No. 1—Lime-sulphur solution, one gallon to 30 of water, plus one pound of iron sulphate (copper) previously dissolved in water to each 100 gallons of the solution. Apply when the young leaves around the fruit buds are unfolding and are one-half to three-quarters of an inch in length.

"No. 2—Lime-sulphur solution, one gallon to 40 of water, plus the iron sulphate as in No. 1. Apply just before the blossoms open.

"No. 3—Lime-sulphur solution, one gallon to 45 of water, plus iron sulphate as above. Apply within ten days or two weeks after No. 3.

"Practically all primary infections of scab on apple leaves occur on the under side of the leaves, hence care should be taken to cover the under side as well as the upper side of all leaves.

"In spraying De Anjou or Comice pears use from five to ten gallons more water for each gallon of the lime-sulphur solution than is used in spraying apples. In spray No. 3 where lead arsenate is used in combination with lime-sulphur, not more than one gallon of the lime-sulphur should be used to 65 gallons of water.

"Spray guins, wide open, in the hands of inexperienced men were at most as destructive in some orchards last season as the scab was."

Directions for coding moth sprays will be given when the first adult moths appear."

CANNERY MEETING FOR TOMORROW FORENOON

A special meeting of the stockholders of the Cottage Grove cannery will be held at 9:30 tomorrow morning. The principal business to come before the meeting will be to authorize an increase of capitalization. In event of such an increase being authorized, it is probable that a substantial dividend payable in stock will be declared by the directors.

Mrs. A. V. Connelly Dies.

Mrs. A. V. Connelly died Monday at her home in Roseburg from complications following an attack of influenza. She had been ill two weeks. The funeral was held yesterday. Mrs. Connelly was 30 years of age and had spent most of her life in Roseburg. The surviving husband, who is a brother of Mrs. Worth Harvey and Mrs. E. E. Wyatt, is a former resident of this city. Other surviving relatives are the mother, Mrs. Eliza Hunt, of Oakland; an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Banks, of Roseburg, with whom Mrs. Connelly made her home before her marriage, and a number of brothers and sisters.

SUPERINTENDENT BEATTIE IS OUT TEN-SPOT ON SON'S VICTORY

The victory of the Eugene high school debating team at Roseburg Friday cost Superintendent W. G. Beattie, of this city, a ten-dollar bill. His son Ronald was a member of the team and to encourage the son he had promised him, a bill of that denomination in the event of his team winning the decision. Ronald visited his parents here over the week end and collected the ten-spot.

Welsh Glee Club Pleases.

The Welsh glee club, which appeared here Friday night in the high school gymnasium, was a delightful treat to music lovers. While this number may not have been as generally appreciated as some of the other numbers, the club is a musical organization that is way above the average. This was the last number of the course and the high school student body treasury is richer about \$75 through undertaking to put it over.

MOONSHINERS ARE FOUND IN LANE COUNTY

One Still Captured in City of Eugene and Another Unearthed Near Junction City.

Two moonshine stills, a quantity of raisin and corn whiskey and 28 pints of home-made beer were unearthed in raids on three residences in Eugene and vicinity by local officers and internal revenue men Friday afternoon. Harvey Jones and Jesse Eddy are in the county jail charged with unlawful possession of liquor and the officers say they believe they have enough evidence to convict these men of manufacturing it.

At the Jones residence a complete still fashioned out of a milk can and a coil of copper wire was found and confiscated. Several quarts of finished moonshine and some mash were also found there. At the Eddy residence in the city a milk can which is thought to have been used as a portion of a still, about 20 gallons of mash and some of the finished product were discovered but the officers were unable to find the worm. Eddy declares that he and Jones used the same worm alternately in making their moonshine and that they were operating together. The mash found at the Eddy residence consisted of a mixture of raisins, apples that had been ground up, and corn meal. A sack of the meal was also confiscated.

After his arrest Jones declared that the liquor found by the officers was only the second "batch" he had made, the first one being a failure, and he said he poured it out. The officers say the liquor found yesterday was still warm.

Jones is quoted as saying that he had told his wife that on account of the prevalence of influenza he had better make a little booze to keep in the family. He said he had not sold any of it.

The arrest of Elvin Witham, a foot-hill farmer living about nine miles west of Junction City, in the Union district, was made Monday by Deputy Sheriff George Croner and revenue officers after they had found a complete moonshine still and 150 gallons of raisin mash on his premises.

Witham had been suspected by the officers of operating a still, and a visit to his farm was planned. When they arrived Witham was away at a neighbor's house. The officers made a thorough search of the premises and finally discovered the still in a cellar beneath the barn, which Witham had dug, evidently for this purpose, and the entrance to the cellar was a trap door in a manger. The officers say that Witham had cleverly concealed the entrance.

A raid was made upon the premises of a neighboring farmer not far off and a large quantity of raisins were found, but there were no indications of the operation of a still there. While the revenue officers were searching the premises Deputy Sheriff George Croner stationed himself at the telephone so that no one could warn a third farmer living in that neighborhood of their presence, but the wife of the man whose premises were being searched slipped away on horseback and was seen proceeding at breakneck speed up the road toward this other place. After the officers had finished their work on this farm they started for the farm of the third suspect and met this woman on the road. The officers say she gave them the "horse laugh" and told them they would find no moonshine there.

Upon their arrival the officers found several empty barrels and bottles with the unmistakable odor of moonshine. They are confident that this woman warned her neighbor of the presence of the officers and that he dumped his mash and moonshine into a creek and hid his still.

CAR OWNERS NOW PAY TWO CENTS MORE FOR GASOLINE

The price of gasoline sold by the Standard Oil company went up two cents a gallon Wednesday in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, California, Nevada and Arizona. Distillate and all grades of kerosene will advance one cent. It is thought other oil companies will follow suit.

The differential of 2½ cents the gallon against Oregon motorists still remains. One cent of this is due to the state tax and the other 1½ cents to the antiquated state law requiring that all gasoline sold in the state must be of 56 specific gravity.

A panacea for everything—Sentinel wants.

Truth and Possible Fiction Are Strangely Intertwined in Opal Whiteley Foster-Parent Fantasy

Incidents Gathered Where Prodigy Author Once Made Her Home and Spent Her Younger Years Tend to Prove Precocious Authorship of Diary of Understanding Soul

By ELBERT BEDE.

"The Story of Opal," appearing in Atlantic Monthly, continues to be the most talked of subject in Cottage Grove and the Cottage Grove country.

It is only natural that this should be so, for the author spent almost her entire childhood in Cottage Grove and vicinity. The Walden referred to in that part of the diary so far published is but three miles from here, and Cottage Grove is the mill town so frequently mentioned. Not only that, but all the relatives still live within a few

miles of here and any affairs of theirs of such human interest as those developing from Opal's weird story are the affairs of the whole community.

The opinion is quite unanimous that the foster-parent theory is a childish fantasy and Atlantic Monthly is being quite severely criticized for making not the least investigation as to the authenticity of this statement by the author.

Many go so far as to say that the foster-parent fantasy was adopted at the suggestion of the magazine itself, others that the fantasy was invented by the author to put the story across.

With the matter of the parentage settled to the satisfaction of the larger number who discuss the almost amazing story, the question given most serious consideration is whether or not Opal could have written the diary at the age at which it is presumed to have been written and, if so, what explanation is there of the classic words woven in at such tender years.

Probably never will the facts be known beyond the possibility of doubt. I will attempt to draw no conclusions, but present merely the facts, sometimes almost conclusive, as I have been able to find them.

The Foster-Parent Fantasy.

Fortunately for the pursuit of an investigation of this kind, there are in existence many pictures of the children of the Whiteley family. There are pictures showing what is undoubtedly the real Opal at the age of about three years, in company with the next younger daughter of the family, Opal being the oldest of four children.

There are also pictures showing this same second daughter of the family with the Opal of about five years of age and also at the age of 12.

The embarrassment already caused the members of the family impels them to refuse for the present to permit the publication of these pictures which might prove an interesting study, but in the earliest picture the two look enough alike to be twins; in the second picture they look still more like two peas in a pod; in the picture taken in late girlhood, the striking resemblance is there; the picture of Opal at 20, already published in The Oregonian, could be substituted for that of Mrs. Whiteley at the same age and many who knew the latter could not tell that a change of pictures had been made. In pictures taken in later life, there is quite a resemblance to the grandmother. The complexions of the children are remarkably alike and the resemblance of Opal to the third child of the family is thought by some to be more striking than that to the one so frequently photographed with her.

The prominent front teeth of the upper jaw, a characteristic brought out in pictures taken during young womanhood, are a characteristic tending to prove family ties from the Whiteley side of the family.

None who knew the mother presume to think for a moment that any secret was kept from the husband, or from Mrs. Whiteley's own mother, still liv-

ing. Even the diarist does not stretch fancy that far, so that if any substitution was made, it is known to the members of the family still living. That much can be accepted as fact.

In company with Dr. Conklin, professor of psychology of the University of Oregon, I have visited several members of the family, including the father and grandmother, also many of the former chums of Opal. Dr. Conklin has made a study of hundreds of cases of foster-parent fantasy and is more than usually interested in this pe-

culiar case because it has so many angles so entirely different from that of any case of foster-parent fantasy which he has before studied. The further the inquiry was conducted the deeper became the mystery, but not in a single instance did he find what seemed to him the minutest evidence of an attempt on the part of anyone to hide a mystery from the world. Seven separately, none told a story that was at divergence with that told by others.

If we presume that the story of Opal is true it necessarily follows that we say that the relatives have woven into their lives a fantasy that has become as deeply rooted and is equally as fanciful as is this fantasy of the prodigy diarist in the event we presume her story not to be true.

Here is something that I have seen no others call attention to: In an interview not over three years ago Opal said, "One of my earliest recollections is of pulling up wild flowers when I was three years of age and planting them in a bed my mother had prepared for geraniums."

In the introduction to her diary she speaks of many things which took place before the alleged adoption by the Whiteleys. She remembers that her mother gave her the instructions often given cub reporters, "Always get the what, where, when, how and why." She remembers that the little cabinet of drawers and the two little copy books were given her by her parents. She remembers other details of the things that took place at that time. Why, then, does she not remember what her name was before she was taken by the Whiteleys?

A child's name, by which it is called many times a day, which every child usually has written many times before it attains the age of five, which such a precocious child as Opal must have been, regardless of whose daughter she is, would be likely to have written hundreds of times, would be likely to be more deeply impressed upon the mind than the little incident about the wild flowers, than the little incident of walking through the fields.

If the copy books referred to in the author's introduction were given Opal by her real parents for the guidance of her future life, why was there nothing in the books to give any clue to Opal's real name and the names of her parents? Parents in making a present of this kind as a rule insert a few loving words of presentation.

It is a fact that a trip was taken at about the time the alleged substitution is said to have taken place; it is a fact that the Whiteleys came to Lane county from Washington by train at that time, and the substitution is said to have taken place on a train; it is true that the diary describes truthfully in minutest detail many of the events in Opal's life which took place at the age between five and six; it is possible that a whole family has woven a fabric of deception so perfect as to defy all efforts at finding a weak spot; but we can not believe this unless we believe that a child would forget its own name while remembering

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OPAL WHITELEY
PICTURE WHICH HAS GREAT RESEMBLANCE TO THAT OF MRS. WHITELEY.

ROY COUNTS FALLS; TEARS UP LANDSCAPE AND S. P. RIGHT-OF-WAY

The Southern Pacific company may have a damage suit against one of its own employees, Roy Counts, for demolishing its right-of-way. Mr. Counts, who is a brakeman, stopped off here Tuesday evening to visit his wife at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Counts. He got off the passenger here and boarded a freight to take him nearer home. In alighting he stumbled, tore up the landscape and imbedded various portions of his anatomy in the company's right-of-way, but did not tear up the grade sufficiently to wreck the train. He found that he was not more than slightly bruised and completed his journey home in a dignified manner. A member of the train crew, who noticed Mr. Counts riding the car, yelled at him to ask where he was going. This happened just as the train reached Mr. Counts' "station" and the trainmaster was of the opinion that he had scared a "tourist" out of a trip when he noted the alacrity with which Mr. Counts alighted from the moving train.

50 PER CENT INCREASE IN SCHOOL TAX ASKED

Rising Expenses Make the Amount of \$24,480 Necessary, as Compared With \$16,783 for 1920.

The board of education having received word from the superintendent of public instruction that the attorney general has ruled that taxpayers can levy a tax in advance of the year for which the tax applies, the annual school meeting has been called for April 9, which will give the taxpayers an opportunity to decide for themselves the kind of schools they want for the ensuing year. Heretofore it has been necessary for the school board to incur the indebtedness for the year before the tax to care for the indebtedness had been acted upon by those who would pay the tax.

The total amount estimated necessary to be raised for next year by district tax is \$24,480, as compared with \$16,783.57 for this year.

The following table compares figures for last year and this year in a manner to show the necessity for the increased tax:

	1919	1920
Teachers' salaries.....	\$13,392	\$17,300
Sup'rs salary.....	1,800	2,200
Operation.....	2,550	3,250
Maintenance.....	2,125	2,600
Home economics.....	960	1,450
Manual training.....	1,300	2,500
Science laboratory.....		400
Total estimated receipts not including local tax.....	\$13,170	9,850
Total estimated expense 29,953		34,330
Amount necessary to be raised by district tax.....	16,783	24,480
*Includes item for play sheds.		
*Includes \$1000 for equipment.		
*Includes \$4000 in uncollected taxes.		

The complete budget appears elsewhere in this issue.

Fining 'Em in Eugene.

Eugene Register: Clarence Gochemi, the boy arrested a few days ago charged with turning his car between intersections and running into a boy on a bicycle, has been fined \$5 in police court and he agreed to pay the damage to the wheel.

When E. H. Dieker, an employee of the Shell Oil company, went to the city hall to get a warrant he left his motor running while he was in the building. The sharp ear of Chief Christensen, who was there at the time, detected the violation of the law and when the owner of the car appeared he was told to go back to the office of Judge King and explain. He was assessed the usual \$2.

Janitor to Get Big Pay.

Eugene Register: H. M. Fisher, superintendent of buildings and grounds at the university, is faced with a janitorial problem. One of his men is going to a better janitor position, which pays \$6.00 a day, with house rent free. One of the campus statistics sharks computed that this capable janitor will earn \$171.50 a month and that, if his house has four walls and a roof it can be figured at \$20 more, which, a little figuring will show, brings the total to \$229.20 per annum. This is a smaller sum than is received by several of the professors on the university faculty—smaller by just 80 cents a year.

Obituary.

Mrs. Effie Hinds died at Seattle, Wash., March 2, 1920. Interment was in Washelli cemetery, Seattle. Mrs. Hinds was born March 20, 1876, at Cottage Grove, Ore., where the early years of her life were spent. In 1914 she moved to Portland, and in 1916 to Seattle. Surviving relatives are her ten-year-old daughter Eleanor, her aged mother, Mrs. S. J. Knowlton, of Seattle, and the following brothers and sisters: L. F. Knowlton, Portland; Mrs. Orvel Knapp, Wolt Point, Mont.; H. S. Knowlton, Mrs. Ethel Morris and Mrs. M. L. Seovell, of Seattle.

Lumbermen Are Sued.

Eugene Register: The state industrial accident commission is plaintiff in a suit filed in circuit court against John W. Buckley and John L. Buckley, lumbermen at Loggers, seeking to recover the sum of \$263.38 alleged due the state as fees for workmen's accident insurance.

Cottage Grove Has Orchestra.

For the first time in a number of years, Cottage Grove has an orchestra. The members are E. A. Steen, first violin; A. L. Monroe, second violin; Sam Venatch, trombone; Albert Griffin, cornet; Miss Myrtle Potts, piano. The orchestra is appearing at the Arcade.

D. D. KNOX SUCCUMBS TO BRIEF ILLNESS

He Was a Native of Cottage Grove, Member of Pioneer Family and Former Athlete.

Duke Don Knox, a native of Cottage Grove and member of a pioneer Cottage Grove family, died suddenly Tuesday morning after an illness of but a few days. He was employed as bookkeeper for the Western Lumber & Export company and called a taxi to take him from his work Saturday afternoon. Influenza and pneumonia followed. During the night previous to his death he suffered a severe hemorrhage. The funeral was held from the Mills chapel at 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon, Rev. S. Hamrick officiating. The funeral was largely attended and there were many beautiful floral tributes. Interment was in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Mr. Knox was born here March 6, 1880, and was a graduate of this high school and of the University of Oregon. In 1903 he was a member of Cottage Grove's crack football team and was prominent in athletics both here and at the university. He was a bookkeeper for the First National bank for a number of years but had been with the lumber company, until a year ago the Brown Lumber company, for a long period of years.

Surviving relatives are the wife, a baby daughter, the mother, Mrs. S. L. Knox, of this city, and the following brothers and sisters: Captain Roy Knox, of Albany; Frank, of this city; Miss Mamie, of this city, and Mrs. Elizabeth Price, of San Francisco. The mother has been in poor health for some time.

WORK ON HIGHWAYS HERE ABOUT TO START

London Road, Row River Road and Lorane Road Down for Early Improvement.

Extensive road improvements in the southern part of Lane county are being planned by the county court. E. R. Spencer, county commissioner, and J. R. McKy, county road superintendent, have just returned to Eugene from a trip over this territory, laying out the work for the different road patrolmen.

The officials announced that beginning next Monday the Pacific highway between Gosham and Cottage Grove will be scarified and the work of scarifying the road between Cottage Grove and London springs will start soon. The road from Cottage Grove up Row river will be similarly improved. As soon as this work is completed the road crew will begin on the Cottage Grove-Lorane road, a portion of which is new construction.

ROADS ARE GOOD BUT CHOPPY IN FEW SPOTS

All roads in this immediate vicinity are in fairly passable condition except a stretch of a hundred yards north of here on Pacific highway where road work is in progress. There is rock underneath but the ruts have become so deep during the recent rains that there is hardly clearance for cars. All macadam roads, especially Pacific highway, have become choppy during the winter but all are standing up to the traffic except where work is being done. South from here the rains have put a stretch of the old highway near Divide into bad condition. There is plenty of rock underneath but the surface has not been kept up because of the building of a new piece of road which will be put into use this coming year. Just north of Comstock there is another very bad stretch but the road through Pass creek canyon is in excellent shape.

DOCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY STUDIES WHITELEY CASE

Dr. E. S. Conklin, professor of psychology at the University of Oregon, was here over Saturday night gathering information as to the peculiar psychological study furnished by Opal Whiteley in her claims made in the Atlantic Monthly.

Social Saturday at Dorena.

Dorena, Ore., March 17—(Special to The Sentinel).—A basketball game, pie social and dance will be the features of a big time billed to be pulled off here Saturday night. The basketball game will be between Wendling and Dorena and will be followed by the pie social. The remainder of the evening will be given over to tripping the light fantastic.

Sailing Is Appropriate Word.

An item in the Eugene Register a few days ago stated that a party of tourists leaving there bound south might find some hard sailing. "Sailing" pretty well describes the kind of travel that is found in spots where road work is in progress.

—is old H. C. L. making inroads into your income?

—did you know that the best way to deal him a solar plexus is to read the ads. in the newspapers and take advantage of the prices made there by enterprising merchants?

—some merchants will give you better goods, some will save you money, some are cutting profits way down to interest you, but you lose all the opportunities unless you read the ads.