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INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING IN DIRE STRAITS

Increase in Attendance Is 150 Per Cent While Income Buying Power Is Cut in Half.

Former students of the agricultural college, the state university and the normal school in this vicinity have just received a booklet explaining the crisis at the three institutions. The booklet shows that in seven years the number of students at the agricultural college has increased 148 per cent and at the university 152 per cent but that the income from the state has increased less than four per cent. In addition, the buying power of the income has declined steadily since 1913. As a result the three institutions are trying to train two and a half times as many students on the equivalent of less than one-half the income and can not make ends meet. These are some of the reasons for the higher educational relief bill that is to come before the people on May 21.

In 18 months 154 members of the Oregon Agricultural college faculty have resigned. This is an average of one every three and a half days. Resignations at the university have also been numerous. Many of these men were technical specialists in branches of agriculture, whom the state can ill afford to lose, as new men can not learn the state in a year or two.

THIS CITY IS REPRESENTED ON GLEE CLUBS OF BOTH U. OF O. AND O. A. C.

Cottage Grove is honored this year by having representation on both the University of Oregon and Oregon Agricultural college male glee clubs. Warren Edwards and Herald White are members of the former and Dale Wyatt of the latter.

Cottage Grove has for years had a large number of vocalists and there has been hardly a year in recent years that this city hasn't been represented in a college glee club.

COTTAGE GROVE GOAT MILK FOR DENIZENS OF FAR NORTH

Cottage Grove goats soon will be furnishing milk to the benighted denizens of the frozen north. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Spencer, who are here from Alaska spending the winter, have shipped a nanny and two kids to their northern home and will themselves leave for there as soon as they can get steamer reservations. Mr. Spencer is in the laundry business at Craig. Chickens and rabbits went with the goats and the Spencers will have a regular stock ranch.

WILL CONSIDER UNIFORM WAGES FOR ALL TEACHERS

Superintendent W. G. Beattie and one or two members of the school board will attend a conference of representatives of the schools of the valley to be held Friday afternoon at Albany. The object of the conference is to take up the problem of uniform salaries for teachers, and other matters pertaining to the welfare of the schools. Fair play for both the teachers and the school districts is what is wanted.

COUNTY TRUCK AND CRUSHER FOR THIS END OF COUNTY

One of the county's road trucks and probably one of the county's rock crushers are to be located here permanently. The truck will come at once for use in transferring gravel and crushed rock. The crusher, if it comes, will be set up at the rock pit on the Boyd place. Ed. Tullar, in charge of road work in this end of the county, says that both of these are necessary in order to keep pace with the repairs that become heavier every year.

Geo. H. Brainard Sells Business. Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Galloway and three children arrived a few days ago from Elgin, Ore. Mr. Galloway recently purchased the Geo. H. Brainard real estate and insurance business and is now in active charge. Mr. Brainard will remain with Mr. Galloway for the present.

Your home newspaper is first entitled to your support.

NEW TAX BILL NECESSARY FOR SCHOOLS—CARLETON

E. F. Carleton, assistant state superintendent of public instruction, in his address Thursday of last week to the school teachers and a few citizens who were hurriedly invited to be present, upon the proposed two-mill levy for elementary education, said in part: "The bill provides for a two-mill state tax to be levied upon all the property of the state for the support of elementary schools. The exact amount raised by this tax in each county is to be apportioned to that county for distribution among its school districts.

"The funds in each county are distributed among the school districts according to the number of elementary teachers employed in the district. This, or some other plan for added support, is going to be necessary to enable many of the weaker districts to maintain school at all next year, owing to the increase in teachers' salaries and other expense of maintaining school.

"At the present time 70 per cent of all expenditures for public schools in Oregon is raised by local district tax levies. I believe this bill to be one of the most important school measures ever presented to the voters of Oregon, as it is the beginning of placing school support upon a state basis."

VERY FEW ARE GETTING READY TO VOTE.

Although April 29 is the last date upon which electors may register for voting in the May primaries, County Clerk Bryson reports that the number of registrations is yet very few. O. O. Veatch, registrar for Cottage Grove, reports that there have been but 30 registrations here. One of these was a woman from the Divide neighborhood, who said she wanted to register so she could vote for Emmett Sharp. She said that was the only name she intended to give an X. All those who have not voted during the past two years, or who have not registered within that time, or who have moved from the precinct in which they voted or were registered, are required to register in case they desire to vote at the approaching election.

JOHN WOODARD FINDS EAST UNCOMFORTABLE

Hears Debate in Congress on Peace Treaty and Finds Oregon Members Splendid Fellows.

Washington, D. C., March 8.—(To the Editor.)—Since leaving the beautiful city of Cottage Grove and the delightful warm climate there I have encountered some severe weather and have been delayed on my trip to New York city by the flu or some kindred ailment. Have recovered, however, and am leaving today for New York.

The Canadian Rockies were covered with heavy snow and the snow extended as far as Minneapolis. The heaviest snow, two to three feet, I found at Winnipeg. Despite my heavy winter woollens I was chilled through after five minutes exposure to the atmosphere at Calgary; and Winnipeg was even worse. There I had to rub my ears and nose to keep them from freezing. I prefer to feel that kind of climate through the triple windows of a well-heated Canadian Pacific railway sleeper. At Chicago I encountered a light blizzard. The weather here at Washington has been very decent since I arrived except for Saturday night when the city was swept by a 60-mile gale during a snowstorm. One man was killed. I saw several people swept off their feet by the wind, and once myself experienced the icy sidewalk coming up to meet me as I took a high step in rounding one of the street corners.

This forenoon was a comfortable morning for the man who had his overcoat and wraps buttoned tight around his throat. Oregon isn't so bad a place after all. Tell the folks I'll be back before another winter.

During my stay in Washington it has been my pleasure to take in the usual places of interest, also to listen to some of the senatorial discussions on the peace treaty.

The middle western and eastern cities are crowded with people, and hotel accommodations are inadequate for the travel. I can learn of nothing to threaten the unprecedented industrial and commercial prosperity, unless perhaps it be the uncertainty of labor conditions.

It has been my pleasure to meet several congressmen and senators, among them three of our own men, and I find that our Oregon members are splendid fellows and stack up well with the best of the easterners. Congressman Sinnott is one of the busiest men in Washington. His office walls are fittingly adorned with large and beautiful hand-tinted photographs of Oregon's unparalleled mountain grandeur.

Frank D. Beaulieu, from Minnesota, who at one time was my partner in the timber business at Cottage Grove, is here appearing before the congressional committee on Indian affairs in behalf of the Chippewa Indians of Minnesota. He is practicing law at White Earth, Minn. He sends greetings to his friends at Cottage Grove.

Now, Mr. Editor, this is only a friendly letter to yourself, such as I promise you; and since I am seeking neither political favor nor social limelight, it is not dictated for publication.

JOHN T. WOODARD.

LIST OF DEFECTIVES AND DELINQUENTS WANTED

A number of citizens of Cottage Grove have been appointed to represent the University of Oregon in this section in the gathering of statistics under the provisions of a resolution of the recent legislature asking that a survey of the state be made for mental defects, delinquency and dependency. The gathering of this information was given over to the extension department of the university, which secured the aid of United States public health service, which has sent Dr. Chester L. Carlisle as director of the entire project and he is making the necessary appointments of assistants over the state. Special blanks will be furnished upon which to tabulate the information.

The appointments for Cottage Grove are as follows: Dr. S. M. Wendt, Dr. W. W. Oglesby, A. B. Wood, Dr. C. E. Frost, Dr. B. R. Joh, Dr. A. W. Kime, Rev. E. G. O. Groat, Elbert Bede and Elbert Smith.

Fining 'Em in Eugene.

J. P. Koepf was yesterday fined \$15 in police court for speeding on the streets. He was caught exceeding the speed limit while driving on Fourth avenue west. * * * W. W. Moore was assessed \$2 in police court yesterday for parking his car in the safety zone in the business section of the city.

WATCH YOUR LABEL.

BREEDS ARE BEST FOR ANY AND ALL PURPOSES

Meeting Is Held Here Under Auspices of Lane County Purebred Live Stock Association.

Whether you are breeding for milk, for beef, for pork, for wool, for eggs, or for any other purpose, it always pays to use only full-blooded stock. That was the burden of a number of talks at the commercial club Wednesday afternoon when a meeting was held under the auspices of the Lane County Purebred Livestock association. County Agent Whitney, owner of a famous herd of Jerseys, acted as chairman of the meeting and himself made a talk, in which he went into some of the details of his own work and urged community breeding of livestock. He advised farmers that they would be most successful in raising the breeds they liked the best but that they should get into a community where a large number of others were interested in the same breeds, to the end that community breeding, the most profitable kind of breeding, might be successfully carried forward.

O. M. Plummer, manager of the Pacific International Livestock exposition, cited many instances of the success that has come to many as soon as they discarded grades and bought full-blooded animals. He also told of the incidents leading up to the establishment of the exposition, which already has won international fame. He sold a number stock in the exposition. Ames Wilkins of Eugene, told of the success he has made with full-blooded Herefords, in the breeding of which he was one of the pioneers in Oregon. Others who spoke were E. A. Morgan, buyer for Swift & company, who told why buyers pay more for full-blooded stock on the market, A. A. Rogers, of the First National bank, of Eugene, and Mr. Robertson, of the United States National bank, of Eugene. The latter two said that the banks always stand ready to finance the farmer in the buying of full-blooded stock of any kind.

USES SENTINEL WANTADS AND GETS OTHER MAN'S GOATS

One way to get someone else's goat is to use Sentinel wantads. O. H. Heine has found this out to his entire satisfaction. He used a wantad and now has the other fellow's goats, which he really wanted to help clear his brush land and to produce mohair. You can get most anything except the other fellow's wife by the use of wantads.

G. Evert Baker Story of Statement from Mrs. Whiteley Is Not Believed Here

RESIDENTS OF COTTAGE GROVE COUNTRY CAN NOT BE CONVERTED TO THE FOSTER PARENT FANTASY EXCEPT BY THE MOST INCONVERTIBLE PROOF

The G. Evert Baker story in Tuesday's Oregonian, in which he stated that Mrs. Whiteley had stated to him in her own home that Opal was a foster child, has not proved the bombshell here that it might reasonably have been expected to prove.

Despite the fact that his statement seems almost conclusive, and despite the further fact that Mr. Baker is well and favorably known to a number of people here, no one has yet been heard to express belief in his statement. It will be necessary for him to produce the letter in Mrs. Whiteley's own hand, to which he refers, before the statement will have much weight here. The members of the family, who would much prefer not to talk much upon a subject which has naturally become so embarrassing, have nothing to add to what already has been said and are in no way nonplussed by Mr. Baker's statement.

Word has been received here that at one time while Miss Whiteley was attending the University of Oregon, she was introduced to a Philomath audience as an orphan, but this circumstance has no more weight here than the Baker interview.

Mr. Whiteley has asked that the statement be made that the story in the Sunday Oregonian was in error in the picture it showed as a former residence of the Whiteleys. Mr. Whiteley states that this building was on the place but that it was not used as a residence and that the residence building is no longer recognizable because of having been several times remodelled.

The story in Tuesday's Oregonian was as follows:

Another angle to the mystery surrounding "The Story of Opal" was revealed yesterday when G. Evert Baker, Portland attorney, who has known the Whiteley family for nine years, announced that he had received direct information from the Whiteley family that Opal Whiteley is not the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Whiteley.

Mr. Baker first became acquainted with the Whiteley family at Cottage Grove in 1911, when he spoke there at a Christian Endeavor meeting. It was then, Mr. Baker says, that Mrs. Whiteley told him Opal was not her daughter, but had been adopted by the family within a few days after the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Whiteley had died.

"When I first read of the doubt concerning Opal's parentage a couple of weeks ago I thought nothing of it, as I assumed members of the family would straighten out this doubt within a short time," said Mr. Baker. "But it now appears that they deny Opal was a foster child."

COTTAGE GROVE SHOULD BE CITY OF 8,000

Bartrum Says This City Has All the Things Many Big Cities Would Be Satisfied With.

"You have here everything needed for a city of 6000 to 8000 people," stated S. C. Bartrum, of Roseburg, former supervisor of the forest service, who was in the city this week and who made a short address before the commercial club Monday night.

"I have made a rough calculation of the pay rolls of your some 15 sawmills, of your tie plant and other industries and I find that you have some 500 to 600 men employed in the timber industry alone, with a pay roll of \$100,000 to \$125,000 a month. Your bank deposits I find to be close to a million dollars. Many cities now having a population of the size I mentioned would think they were well fixed if they had the foundation for a prosperous city which you have here, and still you have only something over 2500."

Oregon has a fifth of the standing timber of the United States and in the Cottage Grove country are found the densest forests of the state, containing some 15 to 17 billions of feet of merchantable timber.

"You do not realize what you have at your door. You should take the steps that will result in the building of a city the size which you are entitled to be."

"You need a first-class hotel building. No one feature helps a city like good hotel facilities. I could point to such cities as Marshfield, Klamath Falls and Roseburg, which date their growth from the advent of a hotel that was out of proportion to the city. You have a hotel man who will keep you on the map if you will give him the opportunity to do so."

John E. Flurry, who was here with Mr. Bartrum, spoke briefly upon the necessity of organized community effort.

The Sentinel, \$2.00 the year.

POTATO PLANT MAKES BIG RECORD SO AS TO GET ON FIRST PAGE

H. R. Godard has a potato plant with ambitions to get onto the front page of the newspaper. As a preliminary to the attainment of this ambition, it produced a mess of new potatoes for Thursday's dinner. It is thought that the plant got this idea soon after it came out of the ground late last fall.

W. B. DENNIS, LEGISLATOR, IS SOME CATECHISER

When W. B. Dennis, former resident of this section, pays out any of his good money he wants to know the reason why, as the following letter from him will show:

Carlton, Ore., March 17.—I have your tri-color "First Alarm." I would like to ask you a few pertinent impertinent questions.

1st—Bearing in mind the fact that I do not want to buy your plant, is your paper worth \$2.00?

2nd—Would you be willing to furnish me your paper for one year on the cost plus basis?

3rd—In determining the price of your paper, what value have you placed on brains?

4th—On cost plus basis, would brains be figured in at a specified value, or at a discount?

5th—Inasmuch as I am a candidate for the joint senatorship from Yamhill, Washington, Tillamook and Lincoln counties, do you think you have done your duty to the public by failing to enlighten your readers concerning my virtues and qualifications for the high office?

6th—Being a candidate, if I subscribe for your paper, will I have violated the "corrupt practices" act?

With ardent idolatry, I remain, W. B. D.

SCHOOL BUDGET IS UP FOR DISCUSSION BY CLUB

Necessity for Large Increase in Taxes for Next Year to Be Explained at Commercial Club.

The proposed school budget for the next term of school will be discussed at the meeting of the commercial club next Monday evening, at which time members of the school board have been invited to be present to explain in detail the necessity for the various items which show an increase of nearly 50 per cent in the tax to be necessary for the conduct of the schools next year.

The several measures to be voted upon at the May primaries will come up for discussion at succeeding meetings.

U. OF O. GIRLS GLEE CLUB TO GIVE CONCERT HERE

The girls' glee club of the University of Oregon will appear in Cottage Grove Monday, March 29. This concert is part of the annual concert tour taken by the glee club. The program to be presented is as follows:

"Woe Thou Sweet Music (Elgar)—Glee Club.
Piano Solo—Mr. Engeldinger.
"Sleep Little Baby of Mine" (Dennee) Quartet, Misses Clancy, Holman, Chaburn, Lane.
"Cupid Made Love" (Smith)—Miss Lane and Glee Club.
Soprano Solo—Miss Keagy.
"Barcarolle" (Offenbach-Sherwood)—Glee Club.
"Millican Man" (Bergh)—Glee Club.
Violin Solo—Miss Phelps.
Original Stunt—Ensemble.
Soprano Solo—Miss Clancy.
"Dragon Flies" (Graben-Hoffman)—Misses Garrett and Alstock and Glee Club.
"The Years at the Spring" (Beuch)—Glee Club.

George Randolph Buried Here. The funeral of George Randolph, a former resident, was held here Wednesday afternoon. Death occurred at Ashland of cancer of the throat. The Randolphs moved to California last year for the benefit of Mr. Randolph's health. He was 70 years of age. The surviving widow accompanied the remains here.

Car Gets White Tag. Wednesday Eugene Register: A white tag was attached to a Buick six bearing the license number of 47650 yesterday afternoon at 4:40 o'clock meaning that the owner should appear in court today and answer a charge of leaving the engine running while the car was unoccupied. Chief C. B. Christensen attached the card.

Stickels Files for Sheriff.

Fred Stickels has filed his declaration of intention to seek renomination for the office of sheriff at the hands of the republicans. Mr. Stickels is the first republican sheriff the county has had for many years but it is understood the democrats feel that it would be wasted effort to attempt to unseat him this year.

Dr. Sutcliffe Arrives Home.

Dr. Robert Sutcliffe was discharged Tuesday from Mercy hospital at Eugene and A. J. Armstrong and son John brought Mr. and Mrs. Sutcliffe home by motor that day. They are at the J. S. Benson home at present and Dr. Sutcliffe will be able to receive his friends within a few days.

Taxes Coming in Slowly.

Less than two weeks remain in which to pay the first half of 1919 taxes in order to avoid penalties. The sheriff's office reports that collections are coming in slowly and that it is now too late to avoid a rush in the last few days. After April 5 the usual penalties attach.

Northern Lights Visible.

Residents of Cottage Grove who happened to be out between 10 and 11 o'clock Monday night were entertained with a display of northern lights. The display probably was the most distinct ever seen here. Other parts of the state report a similar display.

CANNERY STOCK IS NOW IN DEMAND

Capitalization Is Increased So That Money May Be Secured for Increasing Capacity.

Cottage Grove cannery stock is in demand, according to a statement made by President Knowles at the special meeting of stockholders held Saturday forenoon. This is something of a contrast to the condition in the early days of the cannery, when stock was bought by local business men and growers largely as a donation to get the industry started. It now pays a substantial annual dividend and is a good investment.

Important business was transacted at the special meeting in record time. But a few moments were required to change the fiscal year to end on April 30, thus allowing the receipts to be accounted for during the year of the pack, which will prove a great aid in bookkeeping and in making government reports. But a little more time was required to increase the capitalization from \$10,000 to \$20,000. President Knowles explained that the increase in capitalization was necessary in order that more stock may be sold in order to get money with which to increase the equipment. He also said that there should be plenty of cash on hand with which to handle purchases that must be carried until the pack is sold and intimated that the dividend this year might be paid in stock, thus keeping the money in the treasury.

Chester Banta Dies.

Word was received here Friday of the death at Mill City of Chester Banta, a resident of this city several years ago. The body was taken to Reno, Nev., for burial. He was a member of the Cottage Grove Masonic lodge and the body was interred with Masonic honors.

RUNS BLOCKS: GIVES ALARM DOESN'T TELL WHERE BLAZE IS

A fire that occurred at the old Sears property on Sixth street Monday destroyed the wall paper and did a small amount of damage in one room. The house is occupied by the Hatfield family, and one of the small boys ran several blocks to the electric light plant and turned in the alarm but did not give the location of the fire. The fire department answered the fire whistle but had to stand at their equipment ready waiting for someone to tell them where they were wanted. Someone who assisted in putting out the flames came down and told the fire ladders it was all over.

METEOR MAKES DAY OUT OF NIGHT IN DORENA NEIGHBORHOOD

J. A. Elliott reports the falling of some heavenly body not far from his place near Dorena a few nights ago. He and his son Earl had been out tending their incubators and chickens and were returning to the house when quick as a flash the night turned as bright as day and they saw what appeared to be a blinding light falling swiftly towards the earth. It seemed to strike the earth not over a few miles away and all was darkness again.

SCANTLING HITS MAN AT BASE OF SKULL

Emmett King sustained a severe injury in an accident at the Chambers mill Saturday. He was engaged in taking lumber from live rolls and while his head was turned for a moment a piece of scantling struck him at the base of the skull. It was at first thought that the spine at this point might be fractured but the injured man is now well on the road to recovery.

Mrs. A. M. Brown Dies.

Divide, Ore., March 23.—(Special to The Sentinel.)—Mrs. Mabel S. Brown, wife of A. M. Brown, section foreman here, died Saturday in the Goshen hospital, where she had undergone an operation a few days before. The funeral was held Wednesday at Central Point. Mrs. Brown was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Askew, of Stockton, Calif. She was born at Central Point, Ore., February 20, 1892, and was 28 years and one month of age at the time of her death. When 16 years of age she moved to Goshen. In 1912 she married Mr. Brown at Central Point, after which they lived at Goshen until moving to Divide a few years ago.

Besides the parents and husband, the following children survive: Frank, aged 7; Rollin, aged 5, and Justin, aged 3. A number of brothers and sisters live in California.

Want General Delivery Open.

The question of having the general delivery and stamp window at the postoffice open all day, after being opened at 8 o'clock in the morning, was taken up at the commercial club meeting Monday night and the club is getting into communication with the postoffice department asking for sufficient help here so that this can be done. The department also will be asked to keep the window open until 6 o'clock, instead of closing at 5:30, as at present. Postmaster Veatch is in favor of the plan if sufficient help can be provided.

Springfield Raises Salaries.

The school board at Springfield has fixed the minimum salary of teachers in the grades at \$115 a month and in the high school at \$125 a month. Strong efforts are being made to retain F. B. Hamlin, the superintendent.