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## O. & C. FREE HOMES ARE SNARE AND DELUSION

Squatters Are Already in Possession of Nearly All Agricultural Land That Is Worth Taking.

(Eugene Register.) The city of Roseburg, which is the home of the land office for this district and is also the county seat of Douglas county, in which a large area of the lands is located, is becoming worried as to the possible evil results of the highly colored advertising which the forthcoming "opening" of the agricultural area of the Oregon & California land grant has received.

"That Roseburg merchants view with some alarm the impending influx of ex-soldiers and prospective homesteaders for the opening of the O. & C. grant lands to settlement through the local U. S. land office, beginning next month, was made known last evening when it was announced by a number of prominent local citizens that every effort would be made to discourage further inquiries from coming here with the expectation of securing good homestead land through the opening of the grant."

Since the Chamberlain act, by which these lands are to be disposed of, was first offered in congress there has been little but misrepresentation in regard to them. The people of Oregon were told that the lands were to be taken away from the railroad company and given to the people, to their consequent great enrichment, but all the public has received to date is a tax statement for some half million dollars annually which was formerly paid by the railroad company. True, at some time in the future there will be a return to the state and the counties, providing a buyer is found for the timber at a price the government will accept, but that time is likely to be so far in the future that we shall have gone ahead on our own account and done the hard pioneer work of development for which tax revenue is so sorely needed.

But the loss of tax money, resulting from vesting title to the lands in the government, is not the only damage that has been done to Oregon in connection with them. Press agents for the Chamberlain act spread abroad the story that the agricultural area of the grant would be opened at once to settlement, and the story spread far and wide, as all stories of something for nothing do. For years newspapers, land agents and public officials have been solicited for information regarding the homes to be thus given away, and with the near approach of the "opening" these requests for information have increased enormously in number.

The sad truth is that there is probably not in the whole grant a tract classed as agricultural that is worth taking up under the terms of the act. To add to the pity of it, a fool clause was inserted giving to ex-service men prior rights in the taking up of these tracts, except where the priority thus granted conflicted with the rights of squatters. Service men everywhere were thus led to believe that they would get homes in Oregon for \$2.50 per acre and the cost of proving up. American Legion officials have reported after investigation that there is probably not a single tract that is worth a soldier's while, but of course the story of free homes and there will be many who will come on without knowing the facts.

These stories of free homes were spread as press agent matter, for political purposes, by those who were backing the Chamberlain act. Now, as a result, Oregon will reap a harvest of ill will, due to disappointment and disillusionment of those who seek free homes and find none.

## PRACTICAL JOKER CAUSES CAR OWNER TO PAY DOLLAR FINE

At least one Cottage Grove car owner has determined that the ordinance prohibiting the parking of cars on Main avenue for over 30 minutes at a time is going to be enforced. A few nights ago he entirely forgot his "bus" and left it on the street all night. During the night the idea impressed itself upon a practical joker that there was an opportunity to demonstrate that the city really has traffic ordinances. In the morning the owner of the car found a white tag attached summoning him to appear before the city recorder. He appeared on time, but found that no notice had been given the recorder. However, since the owner of the car admitted that he had violated the ordinance the recorder finished the joke by imposing a fine of \$1, and then and there the owner of the car vowed that it was time for the ordinance to be enforced without fear or favor.

## Speedster Pays \$25.

Eugene Register: When H. A. Rasor was driving his car at a rate of 30 or 35 miles an hour on the streets yesterday he did not know that Chief of Police Christensen was following him with the police department's "flitzer." The chief had occasion to drive out in the southeastern part of the city. He was driving along leisurely when a car whizzed by him. The chief speeded up, and his speedometer registered 30 miles an hour in no time. The car ahead ran faster and faster, and the chief put on all the gas he could, but 35 miles was as fast as the "Lizzie" would amble and the car it was trying to keep up with was soon lost in the distance. The chief took the number of the license plate on the speeding car and, learning who the owner was, notified him to appear in court. Mr. Rasor was fined \$25 by Judge Alta King.

## FIRST TOURIST OF SEASON IS NOT A PATRON OF GAS DEALERS

With the arrival here Friday of Burnside Holmes on his way overland from San Francisco to Idaho, Cottage Grove's tourist season may be said to have officially opened. Mr. Holmes is using a means of locomotion which most tourists have discarded but which he finds gives him a great deal of mileage on very little gas. He is making the trip by bicycle and doesn't have to be pulled out of mudholes or submit to extortion by any of the vultures who are said to await tourists in distress. He is 50-years of age and is making the trip in the hope of benefiting his health. He was just 10 days in reaching here from San Francisco, although he found the going pretty hard in many places.

## COST OF SCHOOLS IS UP TO VOTERS NEXT FRIDAY

Directors Will Tell What They Need and Leave Responsibility Upon Taxpayers Themselves.

The annual school budget meeting will be held a week from today, at which time the taxpayers will have an opportunity to discuss the various items included in the budget and to decide how much they want to pay for the support of the schools for the coming year. The amount which the directors find necessary is about 50 per cent more than the amount of the levy for the present year, which is somewhat in keeping with the increased cost of everything else. The proposed budget will also be up for discussion at the commercial club meeting next Monday night.

## MINIMUM WAGES FOR TEACHERS CONSIDERED

Superintendent W. G. Beattie attended the meeting of school directors and superintendents of western Oregon held at Albany Friday, at which time an attempt was made to agree upon minimum salaries for school teachers. Superintendent Churchill recommended a minimum of \$125 the month, but it was found impossible to agree upon this or any other minimum because of varied conditions in the many districts of the valley. A committee was appointed to endeavor to evolve some workable plan.

## Daniel B. Dinwiddie Dead.

Daniel B. Dinwiddie was born in Hancock county, Indiana, April 30, 1834, and died at Philomath, Ore., March 1, 1920. He was married to Eliza Watson August 16, 1855. To this union were born four children. The oldest died in infancy. The youngest died when seven years of age. The living daughter is Margaret Jane Murfin, who lives at Albion, Ia. The son, William W. Dinwiddie, lives in the Auxiliary district. Mr. Dinwiddie has lived with him ever since the death of his wife in 1886.

In 1857 Mr. Dinwiddie moved to Iowa and in 1886 went to Goodland, Kansas and came to Oregon in 1913, living for two years at Cottage Grove and in Benton county ever since. He was converted in 1861 and joined the Cumberland Presbyterian church in which he was a ruling elder for 24 years. On going to Kansas he joined the United Brethren church and has been a faithful member ever since that time. He leaves 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He was a man highly respected by all who knew him. The funeral was conducted by President Epley, of the college, and the body was interred in the Newton cemetery.—Benton County Review.

## George Settles Dies.

George Settles, who was taken to Ashland on account of his health, died there March 25 and the funeral was held Saturday at Oakland. Mr. Settles was 71 years of age and had resided in Oregon over 60 years, having come here in childhood with his parents from Illinois, where he was born. The Settles came here from Springfield a few months ago and bought the Barrett harness shop. Before that Mr. Settles had lived 30 years at Oakland and also at Lebanon. The wife survives, and his only son, Ed, lives at Lebanon.

## Funeral of Miss Lewis Held.

The funeral of Miss Cleo Lewis, who died Thursday evening of last week, was held Sunday afternoon, Rev. S. Hamrick officiating. Death resulted from hemorrhages. Interment was in the A. F. & A. M. I. O. O. F. cemetery. Miss Lewis was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lewis. She was born here February 14, 1904, and was aged 16 years, 1 month, 11 days. She had been ill for some time and the end was directly the result of an attack of influenza.

## MEETING TO BE HELD FOR ORGANIZATION OF BAND

Cottage Grove is to have a band this summer and all those interested in its organization, whether former members or new arrivals in the city, are requested to be at American Legion hall next Tuesday evening. New arrivals who have had experience upon band pieces are requested to communicate with Charles Hall at Hotel Oregon or with L. L. Hayrel, at the garage.

Actual paving work on the Pacific highway between Eugene and Junction City was started Monday by the Clark & Henry Construction company, which completed about half the contract last fall, being compelled to cease work when the rainy weather began.

## WATCH YOUR LABEL.

## GLEE CLUB GETS ENCORE FOR EVERY NUMBER

Musical Organization From University of Oregon Heartily Received by Enthusiastic Audience.

The University of Oregon girls' glee club was unusually honored by a large and enthusiastic audience Monday evening when every number, without exception, was encored. The soprano solo numbers by Miss Keagy and Miss Clancy and the violin numbers by Miss Phelps were most enthusiastically received. The original stunt, in which vocal numbers were worked into a college dormitory scene, was quite unique and pleasing.

Miss Fox, dean of women at the university, explained in a few moments the need for the proposed millage tax and the applause with which her remarks were greeted indicated that the audience heartily seconded what she had said. Having noticed that all audiences read the study schedules and school announcements that are usually found upon the boards in the assembly room, the occasion was taken advantage of to have the boards present various reasons for an increased school budget, for the millage tax for the institutions of higher learning and for the proposed two-mill tax for rural schools.

## INFORMATION IS GIVEN ON O. & C. LAND GRANT

So many inquiries have come in at the office of the Eugene chamber of commerce regarding land for settlement in the Oregon and California land grant that a letter containing the principal provisions of the entry act has been mimeographed and is being sent to all of those who write for information. The information is as follows: "Details regarding the opening to settlement of the Oregon and California grant lands are given in a statement just issued by W. H. Canon and R. K. Turner, register and receiver, respectively, of the Roseburg land office. The area of these lands exceeds 300,000 acres, and particular attention is called to the fact that considerable portions are not adapted to cultivation, although classified under the law as agricultural.

"Persons qualified under the general homestead law who performed military or naval service during the war with Germany, and who were honorably discharged from such service, or were placed in the regular army or naval reserve, are given a preference right of 60 days within which to make homestead entry on said lands. The period of such preference right begins May 10 and ends July 8. The greater portion of the land is situated in the Roseburg, Ore., land district. "A booklet containing regulations, schedule of the lands, and full details regarding the opening is now being published. Persons wishing full information on the opening should write the land office, Roseburg, Ore., and request that their names be placed upon the mailing list for the booklet and such other information as may later be mailed out. Letters of inquiry are too numerous at this time to attempt to answer. All such letters are being placed on file for a copy of the booklet, to be mailed when issued."

## SILK CREEK.

(Special to The Sentinel.) March 31.—E. A. Wheeler, of St. Helena, Calif., was here the last of the week.

M. F. Babcock was in the Grove Monday.

Miss Dora Chitwood called at the Raymond Trask home in the Grove Monday.

Mrs. Fowler was in town the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wheeler were here from Creswell Saturday.

Frank Wheeler returned to Eureka Saturday evening.

Mr. Lyon returned to Sutherland last week.

Burt Fawcett, of Walla Walla, Wash., was here on business the last of the week.

Edith Wheeler returned Sunday from a visit at the Raymond Trask home in the Grove.

## HEBRON.

(Special to The Sentinel.) March 31.—Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Powell and son Norval visited last Wednesday at London with the G. A. Small family.

Mrs. C. E. Bailey, Mrs. B. M. Kappauf and Mrs. G. M. Kobelbeck spent Friday with Mrs. J. A. Powell.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lacky and son Ernest spent Sunday night with Mr. Lacky's mother, Mrs. R. E. Lacky.

A dinner party was given at G. M. Kobelbeck's Sunday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bailey, of Seattle; Mr. and Mrs. V. T. Randall, of the Grove; Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Kappauf and family, and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Powell and son Norval.

Mrs. B. M. Kappauf and Mrs. G. M. Kobelbeck were in Eugene Monday.

Mrs. J. A. Powell, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. V. T. Randall, of the Grove, was in Eugene last Thursday.

Norval Powell returned to O. A. C. Tuesday. He had been at home visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Powell.

Don't have any slackers. Keep track of what each hen does by using egg record cards. For sale by The Sentinel at \$1.75 the hundred. 5d5f

## STYLE SHOW PUTS CITY IN METROPOLITAN CLASS

Hollowell, Bangs & Marksbury Demonstrate Season's Latest in Togs on Live Models.

Having had its first style show, Cottage Grove is putting on real metropolitan airs. The event was put on at the Arcade theater Friday evening by the Hollowell, Bangs & Marksbury store. There were four scenes, coats, suits, dresses and sport skirts and blouses. Appropriate millinery went with each change. The models were Miss Cora Smith, Miss Esther Smith, Miss Inez Valentin, Miss Thelma Jones, Miss Fullerton, Miss Trista Martin, Mrs. Stanley Damswood, Leslie Hull and Frances Lacey.

## LUMBER DEMAND KEEPS UP WITH USUAL VIGOR

Demand for lumber at the mills of the northwest continues with usual vigor, the car supply is improving and production remains at a high average. While the car shortage has materially improved since the first of the year, ample room for further improvement remains. The railroads are lamentably short of cars and will remain short until they build more cars. Many western roads are engaged in a car building program now.

The certainty that lumber demand will continue indefinitely, coupled with the prospect of better car service, has encouraged the mills in their operations. Production for the week ended March 29 reached the total of 89,702,784 feet of the 130 mills reporting to the West Coast Lumbermen's association. This was only 1,490,216 feet, or 1.63 per cent, below normal.

The comparative improvement in car supply also prompted the mills in accepting a greater proportion of the business offered them than has been their practice in the last few months with the result that orders booked for the week at the 126 mills aggregated 77,736,393 feet.

## ROAD NORTH FROM HERE IS ALMOST IMPASSABLE

Those who have had occasion during the past week to use Pacific highway north from here report that for about 100 yards just north of the city the road is next to impassable because of the fact that the continued wet weather has caused the temporary base to sink to a point where it is almost impossible to get enough clearance for traction. A number from Eugene having business here have come by train because they had heard that they could not get through, although all cars which have tried it have come through on their own power. It is estimated that only a few hours' work would be required to put this stretch of road into fairly passable condition.

## MOUNT VIEW.

(Special to The Sentinel.) March 31.—Mrs. Mary Ismael has moved on the Florer place at Thornton Corners which she recently purchased.

Claude Arne was in Cottage Grove Monday.

Mrs. Kate Sears and Mrs. C. W. Sears visited with Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Lewis on Knox hill Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cooley were in Cottage Grove Monday.

Mrs. Brogdon, Sr., has been suffering with neuralgia in her face during the past week.

Charles Quimby has been building fence on the Waldo Miller place this week.

Mrs. Kate Sears visited Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. J. Kile.

Miss Rose Willis returned to her home on Silk creek Wednesday, accompanying her sisters, Misses Katherine and Hattie Willis.

Charles Bales has been quite ill with indigestion but is now improved.

Miss Belle VanSchoick, who is staying at the W. D. Heath home, spent the week end at Dorena.

Mrs. Kate Sears spent Sunday at the C. W. Sears home.

An entertainment is to be given at the Mount View school house Friday evening, the proceeds to go to the grange. An interesting program is promised.

## Blanket of Snow Falls.

Cottage Grove was treated Tuesday night to a light blanket of snow, probably an inch in depth, which quickly disappeared under the morning sun. The high hills with which the city is surrounded look like snow-capped mountains, as the snow there was much deeper.

## WHITE INTERSECTION POSTS APPEAR AT MAIN CROSSINGS

Cottage Grove is putting on still further metropolitan airs with white intersection posts at each crossing on Main avenue in the business section of the city. A few days intervened between the time the posts were set out and the application of the paint, and the one at the intersection with Fifth street was hit after it had been placed but a few hours. The cement color blended so completely with the night light that it was difficult to see the posts until after the paint was applied. The posts are light enough in weight so that a car would not be greatly damaged by hitting one but they are heavy enough so that they do not invite cars to try a whack.

## ROAD BONDS DISCUSSION AT NEXT GRANGE

Public Invited to Meeting Saturday, April 17.—Outside Speakers Are Coming.

The proposed issue of two millions of dollars in road bonds will be the subject of discussion before Cottage Grove grange at its meeting Saturday, April 17. The public generally is invited to be present at 1:30, when the discussion will start. B. F. Keeney, of Eugene, former assessor, and M. Svarverud, of Eugene, will be the principal speakers. G. P. Barnard, candidate for county judge, and S. D. Allen, candidate for the legislature, will be present, but will speak upon other subjects.

Members of the grange are practically a unit in opposition to the proposed bonds but probably would favor an issue of ten-year bonds with a proper distribution of the money.

## SACRED CANTATA AT M. E. CHURCH SUNDAY

A musical treat is in store Sunday evening for church goers and lovers of sacred music, when the cantata, "Under the Palms," or "The Jewish Flower Feast," will be presented by the choir of the Methodist church. There are 25 members in the choir and the presentation will require an hour's time. Mrs. Leon DesLarzes is directing the production.

## Thompsons Settled in California.

The Archie Thompsons write from Glendale, Calif., which is called the "bedroom of Los Angeles," and which they are now making their home. They say that going to the movies is merely a matter of walking down the street, as films are being made there at all times. Other pleasant features are lots of fresh vegetables, oranges the size of pumpkins, one of which makes a meal, and good schools, although not as far advanced as those of Oregon. They are at present making their home in a garage, as houses are as scarce there as in Cottage Grove.

Herman Vencke, formerly of Cottage Grove, is putting up three houses in addition to several which he already owns. The Thompsons invite their friends to call upon them when down that way.

## SCHOOL TAXES BEFORE CLUB FOR DISCUSSION

Both state and local school taxes will be up for discussion before the commercial club next Monday evening. President Campbell, of the university, will be here to espouse the millage tax and the members of the school board will be present to explain the need of the various items in the school budget. Someone probably will be secured to speak upon the proposed two-mill levy for rural schools. An invitation is extended to the general public to be present.

## SAGINAW.

(Special to The Sentinel.) March 31.—Miss Ethel Smith spent the week end at her home in Eugene.

Mrs. Howard Moody and children, of Vallejo, Calif., are visiting at the C. C. Moody home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick and daughter Nola visited Sunday at the Scott home.

Mrs. Fogle was in Eugene Tuesday. Terry Moody was in the Grove Monday.

The road between here and Cottage Grove is very bad in some places.

Mr. Queener and sons have gone to Upton to work.

Ed. Bushnell, of Latham, visited at the Taplin home Monday evening.

Lee Montiech, of Dorena, visited at the Moody home Tuesday night.

Mr. Queener was in the Grove Monday.

Mrs. F. T. Benston was in Eugene Monday on business.

Kathleen and Donnell Allen spent Sunday at the Fischer home in Lynx Hollow.

Mrs. Moody and Mrs. Scott visited Monday afternoon with Mrs. Briggs.

Mrs. M. B. Kirkendall and children were in the Grove Monday.

Miss Nora Queen spent the week end at her home here.

Marie Elliot visited at the Scott home Sunday.

## PLUMMER KNOWS NEWS WHEN HE SEES IT

President of Pacific International Live-Stock Exposition Leaves Good Stories in Cottage Grove.

O. M. Plummer, of Portland, known to fame because of his interest in pure-bred livestock, because of his success in putting over the Pacific-International Livestock exposition, of which he is president, and for numerous other private and public activities, has entirely missed his calling. He was cut out to be a newspaper reporter.

As evidence of this fact, during his recent trip up the Willamette valley in which he boosted the exposition of which he is president and made speeches in the interest of pure-bred stock worthy of being shown at the exposition, he picked up at least two unusual items which he left here for publication.

While looking over Cal. Young's ranch near Eugene he found in the hay barn 60 tons or more of timothy hay which has been there since 1875, or possibly even before that, making it at least 45 years of age. During many years in which others ran short of hay the supply in this barn was so much over that actually required that it was not necessary to touch this 60 tons, although Mr. Plummer thinks that it is just as nutritious as the hay that was put there. "Here is an example," said Mr. Plummer, "of the stockgrower who always has plenty of feed and a little to spare for emergencies. Mr. Young remembers watching his grandfather put this identical hay into the barn. During the years it has been there it has settled and packed until the 60 tons are now almost one solid bale."

While at Yoncalla Mr. Plummer investigated the cinnabar mine and the smelter which extracts the quicksilver. Here he found in use a water damper which conserves fuel until it requires only about a fourth of that formerly used, but the saving of fuel was not the object of the inventor of the damper. The quick is saved from the ore by burning the ore until it passes away in smoke, the smoke and fumes being carried through a long line of pipe, thus allowing the quick to congeal and drop out of the fumes. A large amount of the quick is lost by passing out of the smokestack with the smoke. The water damper is for the purpose of causing all the smoke and fumes to be consumed. This it does and it is said that a person may breathe the air which leaves the smokestack without the least danger, while smoke containing quicksilver fumes is deadly. Many who investigated the use of the damper thought that some underground means must be used for carrying off the smoke but when the damper, the construction of which costs not over a dollar or so and can be manufactured by anyone in a few moments, was torn out, the smoke emerged in clouds.

To make another news item, Mr. Plummer was one of the principal figures in an automobile accident on his trip from here to Eugene but he had things so arranged that he met with only minor injuries. In the car with him was County Agent Whitney, a man of exceedingly reticent disposition, which fact probably saved their car from being thrown into the ditch.

## THREE "BEEF" HENS WEIGH 26 POUNDS AND BRING CHECK FOR \$7.80

Frank Hambrick thinks that he holds the record for putting "beef" onto hens. He sold three Buff Orpingtons a few days ago which tipped the scales at 26 pounds and for which he received a check in the amount of \$7.80. So far as known no hens of that weight have ever before been sold on the market here.

## Students' Recital

PUPILS OF MRS. GEORGE KERR ASSISTED BY VOICE MEMBERS OF EUTERPEAN CLUB

HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 1920 EIGHT O'CLOCK P. M.

- PROGRAM
- (a) "The Big Clock"; (b) "Sheep in the Meadow"; Jerome Scott
  - (a) "Playing Catch"; (b) The Country Fair"; Elizabeth Cooley
  - "On the Way to School"; Max Sears
  - "Petite Waltz"; Dorothy Kurze
  - Vocal Solo, "Only a Year Ago" (Albers); Miss Eva Hartung
  - (a) "Catch Me"; (b) "Fairy King"; Leon VanNortwick
  - "Sing, Robin, Sing"; Helen Stewart
  - "Come to School"; Wagona Woods, Cecil Armes
  - "Brownie's Dance"; Wagona Wendt
  - Vocal Duet, "Calm as the Night"; (Carl Gotze); Kathleen Kem, Francis Lacey
  - "Gliding Swans"; Hazel Heine
  - "Liebnerette"; Leonae Hohl
  - "Ripping Waters"; Ethel Lambert
  - Piano Trio, "The Three Pictures"; Thelma
  - Kem, Beniah Smith, Muriel Young
  - Vocal Solo, Selected; Dale Wyatt
  - Piano Duet, "Danse Ukraine"; Agnes Hilton, Nellie Stewart
  - "Aragonaise"; Mrs. Low
  - "When the Lights Are Low"; Mrs. Stewart
  - "Concert Waltz"; Doris Holderman
  - Lady Quartette "Rose in the Bud"; (Poster); Mrs. Shinn, Mrs. Short, Myrtle Potts, Mrs. Cruson
  - "Hungary"; Lillie Knight
  - (a) "A Dream"; (b) "Serenity"; Nellie Stewart
  - "Valse Rubato"; Agnes Hilton