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LUMBER PRICES 7 PER CENT DROP OF ONE THIRD

Tumble in Cost of Building Material May Lead to Construction Long Delayed.

As far as lumber prices are concerned, old H. C. L. has been hit a solar plexus blow, prices being about a third lower than the high point reached this spring. Retail prices in Cottage Grove, which are practically the same as wholesale prices, have dropped as follows: Vertical grain flooring, from \$100 the thousand to \$64 the thousand; slash grain flooring, from \$90 to \$54; common boards, from \$40 to \$28; No. 2 common, from \$35 to \$24; No. 3 common, from \$25 to \$18. Railroad material has held up pretty well in price and does not show nearly as big a drop.

The drop in the price of lumber may lead to considerable building here that has been held back by the high prices.

KERR & SILSBY STORE SOLD TO F. C. COFFMAN

F. C. Coffman has bought the Kerr & Silsby grocery, owned by George Kerr and Miss Esther Silsby, and will take possession at once. Mr. Kerr is one of the oldest merchants of the city, of which he has been a resident for 48 years. He was at one time manager of the Pacific Timber company's store, which was one of the largest mercantile establishments of pioneer days. The Kerr & Silsby store was established 10 years ago.

Mr. Kerr will go to Wedderburn to take charge of the Wedderburn Trading company's store. The family will leave for there within a short time. Miss Silsby's residence here will not be affected by the sale of the business.

Mr. Coffman, the new owner, has been a Cottage Grove business man for many years, having at various times been in the barber, restaurant and cigar store business, and having disposed of the latter only a short time ago.

ALF WILLIAMS INVOLVED IN DELINQUENCY CHARGE

A warrant was issued Tuesday for the arrest of Alf Williams on the complaint of A. S. Ward, who charges him with contributing to the delinquency of a minor. According to Deputy Sheriff Pitzer, Williams is accused of taking 15-year-old Betty Ward to Philomath in a car last Monday evening without the knowledge or consent of her parents. Williams met Betty at Springfield, where she had gone with her parents to visit relatives, and took her with him to Eugene, later driving on to Philomath, where his mother lives.

Attempts of Sheriff Strickland to locate Williams at Philomath by telephone were unsuccessful as it was said he had returned to Cottage Grove. So far neither Betty nor Williams have been heard from directly but Williams is expected back to work at any time.

CITIZENS FROM HERE CELEBRATE ELSEWHERE

There being no celebration here, citizens generally sought cool and shady spots along the banks of nearby streams or attended celebrations elsewhere. About half the city went to Eugene Monday and several attended the celebration at Conestock. A number attended the Saturday celebrations at London and Blue Mountain. H. J. Shinn and O. M. Kem were the speakers at London and Elbert Bede was the speaker at Blue Mountain. The Divide and London ball teams played, London winning a close contest. Despite the number of people out of the city, confectionery and cigar stores reported a good business.

FIRST MAIL BY AIRPLANE REACHES EUGENE SUNDAY

The first airplane mail for Lane county arrived in Eugene Sunday afternoon when an airship of the Oregon Washington Idaho company's fleet brought 200 letters to that city advertising buyers' week in Portland. The plane continued on to Marshfield in the afternoon. Engine trouble on the way up the valley put the machine a day behind schedule.

Still Fining 'Em in Eugene.

Eugene Register: E. W. Hanson was fined \$15 in police court for speeding his car on Blair boulevard. John Larwood, a driver for a local grocery firm, was brought into court for allowing the engine of his car to run while unattended but as he is under age he was turned over to the juvenile court.

Cannery Makes Clean-up.

The cannery is making a clean-up this week of its entire pack. Within a few days there will not be a can of anything left in storage. This is the first time in the history of the cannery that everything has been cleaned up.

Silk Creek Over the Top.

Mrs. Arthur Woolcott reports that Silk Creek, district 48, has oversubscribed its quota in the Lane county Salvation army drive. The amount raised was \$28.50.

The patent issued on timber and stone cash entry No. 9247 for the NE 1/4 of section 34, township 21 south, range 2 west, W. M., has been cancelled by decree of court. The land becomes open to entry.

GEORGE MATTHEWS GIVEN MIDDNIGHT DEGREE IN MASONIC ORDER

Members of the Masonic lodge, noting that George Matthews, newlywed, was not in attendance at the Wednesday evening meeting and deciding that his presence was highly desirable at the midnight banquet board, went to his home and soon returned with the delinquent member clothed in pajamas, together with several quarts of ice cream. George insisted upon buying for the brethren. George escaped from his captors while the car in which he was a prisoner was standing in front of the Elite but found he could not outstrip Sherman Godard's tin Henry and upon being recaptured insisted upon adding another gallon of ice cream to the previous order.

\$2,000,000 BOND ISSUE IS INVALID SAYS COURT

Construction of Permanent Highways Hard Hit by Decision Knocking Out County Funds.

The \$2,000,000 road bonds voted by the people of Lane county at the special election in May will be invalid because, they exceed two per cent of the assessed valuation of the county, according to a decision handed down Tuesday by the Oregon supreme court in the case of \$1,000,000 in road bonds voted by Clackamas county in 1919.

The supreme court holds that the six per cent road indebtedness amendment, under which the bonds were voted, can not be made to apply to bonds until after specific legislative enactment, and that the only law now existing under which bonds can be voted is the two per cent limitation. The Lane county bonds almost reached the six per cent limitation.

The bond money was to have been used in road work which is vital to the welfare of the county as a whole and in matching state and federal money. The latter may now be lost to the county. The available road funds of the county are nearly exhausted and the entire road program is now up in the air. The Cottage Grove country, depending upon the bonds for such road improvement, especially upon the Lorane road.

It is yet too early to say what action will be taken to put over a road bond issue, but now that it is certain that the people of the county are ready to vote bonds it is certain that action will be taken to reenact the bond issue after proper legislative action. If it is possible for the legislature to arrange a special election, that is likely to be done.

The decision of the supreme court was four to three, Judge Harris, of his county, being with the minority.

Missouri Man Visiting Relatives Here.

John Rente, of Appleton City, Mo., arrived in Cottage Grove Sunday for a visit with his brother, Wm. Rente, and other relatives. Mr. Rente is a former building contractor and farmer but has disposed of his property interests in Missouri with the expectation of locating permanently in Oregon, before coming to Cottage Grove. Mr. Rente spent a few days at Kalama, Wash., visiting his niece, Mrs. Francis, who with her two children, accompanied him here to visit her parents and other relatives.

Dr. Wendt Registers in California.

Dr. S. M. Wendt and family returned Sunday from a trip to California. Dr. Wendt went there for the purpose of registering in that state and found that he was able to do so without taking the examination, which is said to be a stiff one. The family visited with relatives in Berkeley and the doctor attempted to attend the democratic convention for the purpose of nominating Bryan but was greatly disappointed in not being able to get a proxy or into the convention hall on account of the crowd.

Local Boxer Lones Celebration Bout.

Kid Hams, local lightweight boxer, lost his bout at the Fourth of July boxing exhibition in the Eugene armory when Carl Miller, of Eugene, landed a clean knockout in the second round. Ralph Watson, Eugene featherweight, was knocked out in the sixth round by Neil Zimmerman, of Portland. Boyd Haines, of Eugene, was given the decision over Edwin Frye, Harrisburg heavyweight, at the end of six rounds of boxing.

Sister of J. M. Durham Dies.

J. M. Durham received word Tuesday morning of the death of his sister, Frances, wife of H. C. Lane, at Fall River, Kan., which occurred July 5. She had been an invalid for several months. This is the fifth of the family to die since Mr. Durham visited in the east 10 years ago. A brother and half sister and Mr. Durham are now the only surviving members of the family.

Tree Falls on Logging Road Motor.

A motor car used by J. H. Chambers to transport men to different points along the logging railroad line was demolished last Thursday when a large tree fell on it as it lay on a siding. No explanation can be advanced as to the cause of the accident as the day was perfectly quiet with scarcely a breeze stirring. The motor was of about 12-passenger capacity.

Marriage Licenses Issued.

Marriage licenses were granted Tuesday to Ivan P. Witche, of Saganaw, and Nellie Corder, of Eugene; Gerald P. Counts, of Cottage Grove, and Eva M. Brattain, of Springfield; John L. Pitzer and Lavona Doggett, both of Cottage Grove.

BIG MILLS ARE DOWN FOR LACK OF CARS

President of Western Lumber & Export Company Says Situation Is Extremely Serious.

The Western Lumber & Export company's mill and the J. H. Chambers mill, which shut down for over the Fourth, have not yet resumed operations, due to inability to get cars with which to ship their product. The first named mill has had no cars for nearly three weeks except a few which were set out here through error, although nearly 100 are required to handle its product for a month. The Chambers mill has been in about the same predicament and what is true of these mills is also true of the Bohemia Lumber company's mill at Row River, the Pallett mill at Divide, and also of the numerous smaller mills of this section.

The acute shortage started at the time of the switchmen's strike and has since been aggravated by the strike in the east and also by the congestion of traffic on the Southern Pacific during the summer convention. Mr. Johnson, president of the W. L. & E. company, said, "The situation is temporarily extremely serious. We have plenty of business upon which we could operate without losing money, while an unnecessary shutdown means a serious loss to us, as well as to many men in our employ."

Both Mr. Johnson and Mr. Chambers are using every effort to get cars and have been in Portland this week endeavoring to pry some rolling stock loose somewhere.

MAYOR WHEELER IS AGAIN ON THE JOB

It is again Mayor C. Wheeler, Mr. Wheeler having been appointed by the city council to fill the unexpired term of E. E. Walker, who resigned because of necessary absence from the city. Mr. Wheeler served two years as mayor just before Mr. Walker took the office and for eight years previous to that was a member of the city council and probably is more familiar with city affairs than any other resident of the city.

MOTOR WEST MAN IS PLEADED WITH CAMP

R. L. Lee, circulation manager of the Motor West, an automobile trade paper published at Los Angeles, Calif., arrived in Cottage Grove Wednesday and spent the night at the city park camp grounds. Mr. Lee was accompanied by his wife, his daughter, Jill, and Mrs. Lee's sister, Miss Beatrice Johnson. The party was traveling in a touring car plastered from radiator to tail light with automobile and accessory advertisements. The Lees carried a complete camping equipment including electric camp lights, a shower bath and two beds.

Mr. Lee expressed himself as pleasantly surprised with the Cottage Grove park and auto camp ground and characterized it as one of the nicest parks on the entire trip from California, regardless of the size of the places visited. He said that because of it the party remained over for several hours. They left Los Angeles June 7 and are going as far north as Seattle. They plan to take about four months for the journey and during that time Mr. Lee will take the opportunity to call upon his trade along the way and also gain first hand information as to camping facilities along the highway, which will be published in his paper.

EUGENE PUTTING MILLION DOLLARS INTO BUILDINGS THIS YEAR

A million dollars will be invested in new buildings in Eugene during the current year, according to estimates of builders in that city. Over \$500,000 of the amount is represented by building activity on the University of Oregon campus, largely made possible by the passage of the millage tax last May. In addition over \$50,000 will be expended in the erection of new garages and in enlarging old ones. The Mutual Creamery plans to expend \$100,000 in a condensation and creamery and the Osburn hotel has spent about \$25,000 in adding a fifth story to the building. The wholesale grocery concerns of Lang & company and Allen & Lewis plan to invest about \$25,000 each in warehouses. Other items in the million-dollar total include residences and improvements throughout the city.

The building program this year is said to be the most extensive in Eugene in the last 10 or 12 years.

THOMPSON CAR GOES INTO CLACKAMAS DITCH

A Franklin car driven by Mrs. W. E. Thompson, of Cottage Grove, turned over the Clackamas bridge just beyond Oregon City Friday. Mrs. Thompson and her brother were the only occupants of the machine and both escaped injury. The fenders and top of the car were pretty badly smashed up and the windshield broken, but Mrs. Thompson was able to drive the machine here under its own power. According to accounts of the accident, one wheel of the car skidded in the grass when it got off the pavement on the short turn at the bridge over the Clackamas and the car toppled over into the ditch.

Mrs. Thompson's husband is the woods superintendent for the W. L. & E. company.

COTTAGE GROVE MAN NAPS ON RAILROAD TRACK

Unique Taste in Sleeping Quarters Costs R. H. Mosby \$50 for One Night's Rest.

R. H. Mosby came near forfeiting his life Sunday morning when he lay down for a nap on the railroad track between Eugene and Springfield. Passers by found him peacefully sleeping there a short time before train time and removed him from his perilous position. Deputy Sheriff Croner took Mosby to the county jail to finish his snooze. Monday morning Justice of the Peace Wells fined him \$50 for being intoxicated on a public highway. Mosby claimed when he finally awoke that he did not know what had happened.

BIKE RAMS MOTORCAR WITH SERIOUS RESULTS

Joe Premazzi, a logger from the Row River camp, smashed into an automobile with his bicycle Tuesday morning near the O. P. & E. tracks on Main avenue, but got off with a few bruises and a badly bent wheel. Premazzi, according to his story, was riding on the wrong side of the street and attempted to turn a corner at the same time as an automobile which was coming in the opposite direction. He assumed the blame for the accident but declared he did not notice the driver's signal for a turn. The driver of the automobile stopped long enough to ascertain that Premazzi was not injured, but the logger did not even ask his name.

CITY WATER NOW FREE OF CONTAMINATION

Dr. Oglesby, city health officer, reports that he has received word from the state health officer that water at the Frayther creek intake is now free from contamination and may be used freely for domestic purposes. The contamination undoubtedly was found just as the health officer said it would be, in seepage from an abandoned camp, and the cleaning out of the drainage trench by the logging company immediately removed the contamination.

JULY 17 IS DATE OF GRANGE BASKET PICNIC

The Cottage Grove grange will hold a basket picnic July 17 in the Rudolph park, two miles west of the city. The Lorane and Creswell granges have been invited to attend and take part in the program. Prof. C. F. Brewster, of O. A. C., will give a poultry talk; W. R. Lord, manager of the Eugene grange warehouse, will speak on cooperative marketing, and J. G. Swan, acting county supervisor of schools, is scheduled to speak on boys' and girls' club work. All local grangers are anticipating a pleasant and instructive day, and are extending a cordial invitation to the public to attend.

J. H. CHAMBERS ADDS TO LOGGING RAILWAY

The J. H. Chambers Logging company is constructing a spur line at Wicks to reach back about two miles into the timber near that place. The new branch will go around a large mountain and follow up a canyon thus avoiding the steep slope down which the logs are now being brought. Work is well under way and will be rushed to completion unless the car shortage now affecting the lumber industry becomes too acute.

HORSE-DRAWN RIGS NOW CURIOSITY ON HIGHWAY

The change in the mode of travel which has taken place within the past few years is indicated by the fact that during last Sunday I. H. Veatch counted 327 motor vehicles passing his place on the Row river road. A number passed before and after he started the count. During the same time there passed two one-horse rigs, two two-horse rigs, one four-horse rig and one boy on horseback.

LOUIS BEAN LIKELY TO BE NEXT SPEAKER

As matters now stand, Louis E. Bean, veteran representative of Lane county, is the leading candidate for speaker of the house for the 1921 session of the legislature. How many pledges Mr. Bean has for this position is not known, but the general impression is to the effect that he has a figure not far from the necessary majority, which same is 31.

WOODSON GARAGE NOW PLATE FRONT AFFAIR

Woodson Brothers' new garage looks like a real building since the plate glass has been put in the big windows. The building has been in use two months but glass could not be secured until last week. This garage, which is one of the best equipped in the state, now has an appearance equal to almost any of them.

Kansans Visiting Here.

Miss Jessie Smith, of Girard, Kan., and her cousin, Miss Jessie Kirkwood, of Larned, Kan., are visiting at the home of their cousin, Mrs. Charles Miller. They visited in Portland at the Roy Smith home. They made the trip to Oregon over the Canadian Pacific and plan to return home by the southern route, spending some time at different California points.

COW'S RELIGIOUS SCRUPLES RESULT IN SHORTAGE OF SUNDAY MILK

George Miller reports that he has a quadruped of the genus bovine that has joined the church and refuses to do the work necessary to provide the usual quantity of the lactal fluid for the evening milking. Two Sundays in succession the milk from this cow has measured about three quarts short. The only explanation Mr. Miller can think of, in case he is wrong in his assumption that the cow's religious scruples are responsible for the shortage, is that some of those who have held penicils in the vicinity have used his cow to supply cream for their coffee.

EDWARDS PLANS EFFICIENT AGRICULTURAL WORK

Cottage Grove Students Are to Receive Benefits From Smith-Hughes Act This Year.

E. J. Edwards, instructor in the newly instituted course in agriculture at Cottage Grove high school, is busy organizing his work for the coming school year and is also planning to get in close touch with as many students who wish to take the work under him as possible before the opening of school in the fall. With this end in view Mr. Edwards wishes that interested students, either of the high school or of this year's freshman class, would arrange to meet him at his residence, 128 Pacific highway, to talk over plans for the work.

The agricultural course which the Cottage Grove schools are installing comes under the provisions of the Smith-Hughes congressional act. The federal government matches the state money dollar for dollar for half of the instructors' salaries and the district pays the other half, thus insuring the employment of specialists to handle the work. In addition, the instructor is employed on a full year basis and will devote his time during the summer months to aiding his students in the practical application of the principles studied during the school year.

The work as planned is strictly vocational and as first applied was open only to boys and girls who planned to go to work on farms immediately after graduation from school. At present, however, a wider application is given and students who plan to take work in agricultural schools are admitted to the courses given in the high schools.

The work as planned for Cottage Grove by Mr. Edwards will be a two year course, the first year's work being in animal husbandry, the second in plant husbandry. The time of the students will be divided half and half between theoretical and practical work. The projects which the student may undertake to fill the requirements for any set specifications but may be taken up according to the interests and opportunities of each individual. This side of the work is done outside of school, at the home of the student or at some place convenient for him. A minimum of one hour a day must be devoted to the practical work which the student chooses to take up.

The agricultural instructor keeps in constant touch with the projects of all his pupils and visits each an average of at least once a month. For this purpose the district furnishes transportation. During the summer months the instructor devotes a large part of his time to the practical work of his students in plant husbandry.

During the school year a part of the class time is devoted to attending practical demonstrations along agricultural lines, such as livestock sales and visits to poultry farms and dairies. With this end in view the course is arranged so that both students and instructor can be off entire afternoons on short notice. Classes which will have a maximum capacity of 15 students will be double period classes, taking an hour and a half of time. On some days this time will be used for study or demonstration work, on others regular recitations will be held.

Mr. Edwards graduated last spring from the department of dairying at O. A. C. His work in the local high school will include all instruction in agriculture with one allied science in addition.

Oregon high schools are just beginning to take advantage of the provisions of the Smith-Hughes act to institute courses in agriculture. Several high schools in the northern part of the state had such courses for the first time last year. These schools made a tour of the valley about the first of June, visiting O. A. C. while it was still in session.

Cottage Grove is the only district in Lane county which will be allowed to come under the act this year.

LACK OF ROAD SIGNS CONFUSES TRAVELERS

Those who are familiar with the roads have little idea of the inconvenience caused by lack of road signs until they get into a section of country with which they are not familiar. Several cars from here drove to Siuslaw falls Sunday and returned by way of Eugene from Lorane. They found practically no signs in that section and it was necessary to make many inquiries as to the roads. Roads around here probably are as bare of signs and probably cause considerable inconvenience to tourists.

H. H. Veatch Catches 28-Inch Redside.

H. H. Veatch, who is an enthusiast with both rod and gun, reports the capture of a Redside 28 inches long, caught during a fishing trip on the DeChutes near Bend. It weighed 8 1/2 pounds.

STATE TO AID COUNTY ON FLORENCE ROAD

Highway Commission Has Stormy Session When Benson Brands Project as Graft.

The state highway commission has voted to cooperate with Lane county in the construction of the high pass road from Eugene to Florence despite the strenuous objection of the commission chairman, S. Benson. Mr. Benson objected to using state funds on the project but was overruled by his colleagues, Commissioners Booth and Kiddle.

Mr. Benson declared that the road is one of the least important projects in the state and characterized the affair as an outrageous graft.

The commission also voted to appropriate \$25,000 toward construction work on the McKenzie near Blue river with the understanding that Lane county pay back to the highway treasury an amount equal to the contribution sought from the state.

H. OMER BENNETT IS NEW SUPERINTENDENT

Comes Here From Sutherlin Schools With Successful Teaching Career Behind Him.

H. Omer Bennett, for the past two years superintendent of schools at Sutherlin, has been elected superintendent of the schools here and will take the place of W. G. Beattie, who has resigned to take a position with the faculty of Monmouth normal.

Mr. Bennett is an Indiana graduate with post graduate work in the University of Oregon and has had an extensive teaching career in this and other states. He was at one time principal of the Roseburg high school.

MCREDIE SPRINGS TRIP HOODOO FOR UMPHREY CAR

C. E. Umphrey probably will not tackle the McCredie springs trip again for a few days, after his experience in getting there to spend the Fourth. The Umphrey, J. A. Wright and W. A. Hogate families left for the springs early Sunday morning. All intended to leave in one party, but the Umphrey car got started ahead. Mr. Umphrey thinking that the Wright car was ahead of him. The Umphrey car took one road from Creswell and the other cars another. The two cars beat the Umphrey car to the junction of the two roads but still thought the Umphrey car ahead. When they did not catch up by three o'clock they stopped for lunch and continued the trip on to the springs, not getting a sight of the Umphrey car until it came limping in at two o'clock the next afternoon. Then there was a tale of numerous blowouts which caused considerable loss of time on the road, and, worst of all, a fractured steering box which had to be bandaged with hay wire in order to complete the trip. The hardest traveling and most dangerous portion of the road was covered after the accident. An expert mechanic was found at the springs, who repaired the damage, and the party arrived home Wednesday.

ADDITION IS MADE TO SENTINEL NEWS FORCE

Earle Richardson, graduate of the University of Oregon school of journalism, is now an employe of The Sentinel. The business of The Sentinel has increased to such proportions that it was found impossible to handle it without an addition to the force. Wishing to give its readers the best, school of journalism was asked to recommend a graduate best fitted for the position and the addition of Mr. Richardson to the force is the result.

Mr. Richardson is authorized to accept news items, cigars, money or anything else a pleased or irate subscriber may wish to give the editor.

Just what his official position is neither he nor the editor has yet been able to learn, but whatever it is he is on the job and will be found ready to serve patrons of The Sentinel, either in the absence or presence of the editor.

LOCAL RED CROSS BRANCH REELECTS OLD OFFICERS

C. M. Shinn was reelected president of the Cottage Grove branch of the Red Cross at the regular monthly meeting held in the commercial club rooms Saturday night. Mrs. B. R. Job was also reelected secretary and Worth Harvey treasurer. The organization is in good financial condition. The war work has given way to home service, and the officers and members expect to enter into it with the same zeal displayed during the former period.

HALSEY BASEBALL TEAM TO COME HERE SUNDAY

The Halsey baseball team will meet the local club here Sunday afternoon and is said to be coming the country for outside players to strengthen her line-up for the game. Cottage Grove expects to use several new men in the line-up but promises an exciting contest. The game will be called at 2:30.

Addition to Store Building.

An addition is being erected to the rear of the McCord building, occupied by the Cash Grocery. The upper story of the addition will be added to the upstairs apartments and the lower part will be used by the store for garage purposes, as well as for added roos for the store.