

POOR SHOWING FOR LIGHT COMPANY, SAY PEOPLE

Owners of Business Say It Was Not Up to Them to Give Details of the Business.

Citizens of the city generally are very critical of the showing made by the Cottage Grove Electric company in the hearing upon its application for a rise of rates. The criticism is the result of the form of testimony given by C. M. Shinn, manager of the company, who seemed not to wish to give any definite information concerning the affairs of the company. In reply to queries as to the cost of improvements and additions to the equipment, his replies frequently were that he did not know. When asked by Commissioner Williams how he expected the commission to arrive at the value of the company's property if the owners themselves did not know, his reply was, "That's up to you." Citizens of the city are almost unanimous in saying that if the company wanted to make a fair and open showing as a basis for a readjustment of rates, its representatives should have had tabulated all data that would have aided in arriving at a fair decision and should have been prepared to freely and openly refer all the facts in the case. This the citizens of the city think that the company did not try to do.

When interviewed upon this point by the editor of The Sentinel, Mr. Shinn and Mr. Kem, the principal owners, stated that their books did not show in such detail all items of expense connected with each improvement as to enable them to give the information wished; that they could give approximately the information asked for but that the commission demanded vouchers instead of records; that on account of the business being owned in the family, it had not been necessary to keep a complicated set of books and a voucher system; that they know what their receipts have been and what their expenses have been and that these show a large loss with out figuring anything for interest or depreciation; that it is not a question of what the system has cost them or what they have paid for it, that it is up to the commission to make a fair estimate of what the property is worth and to so adjust the rates that they will be enabled to show a profit of 8 per cent, which the law permits them to make.

Asked as to what the result would be in case the rise of rates is not granted, Mr. Shinn replied, "We'll get it or give up our franchise. We will no longer operate at a loss." The statement published in the last issue of The Sentinel that during 1919 the company's business showed a net revenue of \$3300 was incorrect in that this amount was gross revenue less operating expenses and taxes only and did not take into consideration depreciation and interest on the investment. With these additional items figured the company would have been shown to have operated at a loss for the year.

RAILROAD RATES TO TAKE INCREASE AUG. 26

Freight Goes Up One Fourth, Passenger Fares Go Up One-Fifth Under New Schedule.

Passenger rates will increase 20 per cent on August 26, and on the same day freight rates on all commodities will take a 25 per cent increase, according to instructions received by the local Southern Pacific agent. In the meantime no round trip tickets extending beyond that date will be sold at the old rate.

The increase comes as a result of the general rate increase recently granted the railroads all over the country by the interstate commerce commission. The general effect of the freight rise on the prices of various commodities is still a matter of conjecture. Lumbermen of the Pacific northwest are watching it with particular interest as it is thought that it may curtail the entire industry unless compensated by a marked increase in the supply of equipment now available for handling their product. Local mill men do not venture a prediction yet as to what the effect will be on their mills.

Road Difficult to Travel.

Miss Eva Wentworth, who has just opened her Summer-Rest mountain home for six weeks, reports that the road from Lorane through the Eyanson farm is impassable because of the fact that the owner has closed the former road and substituted another over which automobiles will not attempt to travel.

CAR SMASH ON MAIN STREET DENTS DORT

A Dort touring car driven by Fred Guggisberg sustained a splintered running board and battered body when hit broadside by a Dodge car driven by Virgil White at the intersection of Seventh and Main early Saturday forenoon. Several men were in the Dodge at the time and one in the Dort but no one was injured. Mr. Guggisberg, who was traveling west on Main street, turned into Seventh as Mr. White approached the intersection going east on Main. Mr. White, who had the right of way, was looking out for another car coming north on Seventh which had the right of way over him and did not see the Guggisberg machine until it was directly in front of him. The Dort was shoved several yards by the impact,

the running board being splintered and dents smashed in the body. The fenders of the other car were bent and the front axle sprung but the lights were unharmed.

Spectators who witnessed the accident place the blame on Mr. Guggisberg for attempting to turn in front of a machine which had the right of way. Both cars were traveling at moderate speed.

Lee Roy Woods, Jr., Returns.

Lee Roy Woods, Jr., who left here with old Sixth company and was a lieutenant with the coast artillery during the war, has returned to the city from Corvallis and has accepted a position as tallyman at the Chambers mill. Mr. Woods has accumulated a family during his absence and has leased the Ada Mounts house.

CAPTAIN BEEBE'S NAME AMONG OREGON HEROES

Captain Lewis C. Beebe, of Cottage Grove, is mentioned as one of 36 Oregon men who were cited or decorated by the government for distinguished service during the war, in "Heroes All," a recent book, that has been added to the Oregon state library. Captain Beebe is the only Lane county man in the list which includes 21 soldiers of the state outside of Portland and 15 in Portland. The book contains the names of all American soldiers in the war who received citations or were decorated.

Captain Beebe, who is still on duty with the American forces in Germany, was cited for exceptional bravery in action under enemy fire.

Sergeant Calvin T. Funk and Private Delbert Kelly, both Cottage Grove men and both killed in France, were both cited for bravery but for some reason the list of Oregon citations given in this book omits these two. The American Legion post here is named for Sergeant Funk.

TRAMPS DE LUXE SHIP CAR OF SHANGHAIED MEN TO EUGENE

Rate increases and the car shortage seem to have little effect on the Southern Pacific tramps de luxe whose operations have suddenly taken a different angle than begging at doors of kind hearted housewives. At least some of them passing through this city are more resourceful than that for on Friday night 17-year-old Calvin Robbins was shanghaied by two men, supposed tramps, robbed of what money he had on him and unceremoniously hustled into a box car and shipped to Eugene.

Hobbins, who is fireman on the O. P. & E. railroad, was walking along the Southern Pacific tracks near the cannery Friday night about 11 o'clock when a long north bound freight was standing at the station. Presently two men stepped out from between cars and one held a gun on him while the other went through his clothes. They were disappointed at finding only \$2.50 on the boy and accused him of having more hidden about him. When he protested that he had not, the man cocked the pistol to insure stricter silence on the part of the victim, forced him to climb into a car and fastened the door after him. Once inside Calvin found two more men who claimed to have been shanghaied in the same manner from points farther south.

The three worked the door of the car open before reaching Eugene and when the freight slowed down for the station Calvin leaped out leaving his companions still in the car.

The boy remained in Eugene till morning and then started home on foot reaching here about noon Saturday.

Owing to the darkness he got no clear description of his assailants but said they were between 25 and 30 and wore dark clothing. Neither of the two men in the car was very communicative and he learned little of them. One was a foreigner while the other wore calked boots, carried a blanket roll and was, he said, apparently a logger.

ASTOUNDING CELERITY IS RESULT OF LIGHTNING FINDING CUNNING

Lightning and thunder that would be but mild entertainment for residents of less favored sections of country, nearly sears to death residents here. There was more of both during two days of the past week than usually suffices for several seasons.

One flash struck a wire fence south of the city and set the grass afire, at the same time nearly knocking down John Nokes and Mr. Jenkins, who were digging a well on the Jenkins place nearby. Ed. Tullar, who lives nearby, was lying on a metal couch, which the "juice" found, with the result that Ed. got up with a celerity that astounded the good wife, who has had years of experience in attempting to induce early morning animation on the part of her hubby.

So far as reported, no damage was done by the freak storm.

MOWER SEVERS FEET OF 3-YEAR-OLD CHILD

Both feet of the little three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lockwood, ranchers of the North fork country in western Lane county, were severed last week by a mower driven by Mr. Lockwood.

Mr. Lockwood's two children had been playing about him while he was getting the mower ready to run, but when he was ready to start he did not see them and thought they had gone to the house. On the first round, however, he came suddenly upon the little girl playing in the tall grain, and the sickle severed both feet of the child before he could check the horses. The child was taken to Florence by the physician, who attended her, and is said to be recovering.

SHEEP KILLING DOGS CAUGHT BY LOCAL MAN

Fourteen of Frank McFarland's sheep were injured by two dogs early Tuesday morning in the pasture which he rents from Mrs. Laura McFarland just west of the city. Both dogs were captured by Mr. McFarland who happened upon them still chasing the sheep when he went to do his chores Tuesday morning. One of the dogs, a large Collie, is evidently a stray, while the other was a small black mongrel belonging to a neighbor. Mr. McFarland killed the Collie dog when no owner could be located but it is not known what will be done with the other.

The loss is covered by a state law which provides indemnity for damage done to sheep and other livestock by dogs running at large. Mr. McFarland is required to submit claims of damage to the Lane county clerk and these will be acted upon by the county court. Funds for the payment of such claims are derived from the dog license law now in effect.

COTTAGE GROVE HOSTELRY OF THE FINEST

Hotel Bartell to Be Formally Opened to Public August 20.—Total Cost \$10,000.

Cottage Grove will have within a few days as fine hotel accommodations as those of many cities of far larger population and probably better than those of any other city of its size in the state. Hotel Bartell will be opened to the public not later than August 20, according to present plans. The public is invited to visit the new hostelry and escorts will be provided to show them over the building. Shortly thereafter the management will give a banquet which leading citizens of the city and a number of prominent people from over the state will be invited to attend.

The total cost of the building, owned by W. B. Cooper, together with the furnishings taken up by Mr. Bartell, is about \$10,000. The building is a three-story one, 75 feet by 100 feet in dimensions. There are 52 guest rooms, all of which have been completely fitted in the most modern manner and a number of these are arranged for two-room and three-room suites. The dining room, which is elaborately decorated, is on the lower floor and is 55 feet by 20 feet. An orchestra pit is provided. The lobby and office, in the east side of the lower floor, are being expensively furnished. The ladies' rest room will take up nearly all of the spacious hall of the second floor. This also is being expensively and luxuriously furnished.

An electric return call system and room phones are now being installed and most of the furniture already is in place. The lighting and ventilation of the entire building is a special attraction for guests and nearly every foot of available wall space has been given over to this purpose. Hot water heat and hot and cold water are provided for each room. A glass facade, and massive rustic doors make all of the first impression on the guest. Flowers along the entire front of the building will add still further to this impression.

Mr. Bartell came here 10 years ago and became interested in the Hotel Oregon, which he will retain and run in connection with the new hotel.

TOMATO VINE PRODUCT IS ENIGMA TO PUZZLE WISE ONES

If any freak is possible in the fruit or vegetable world, the Cottage Grove country can be absolutely depended upon to produce it. The latest contribution is a tomato from the garden of Mrs. Jephtha Hart, which may be either a replica of the Siamese twins, or a cannibalistic vegetable, or an imitation of old Hi Cost's "Living gouging the ultimate consumer."

The tomato is made up of two. One is natural in shape. The other is cone-shaped, the apex of the cone being rooted in the heart of the other. It may be a twin of the first tomato or it may be only a parasite sucking the life from the other.

Marines Offered Bounty to Reenlist.

Men who have served in the marines and who wish to reenlist are offered bounty inducements ranging from \$60 to \$475, under a decision recently rendered by the comptroller of the currency. The bounty provides two months' full pay, at the rate of pay last drawn, for a two-year reenlistment, three months' full pay for a three-year reenlistment and four months' full pay for a four-year reenlistment.

SHORTRIDGE FAMILY HAS REMARKABLE RECORD OF LONGEVITY

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Shortridge, Oregon pioneers of 1852, celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary on August 4. They were married at Divide August 4, 1861, by Squire Vaughn, of Cottage Grove, who died several years ago in his 93rd year. Mr. Shortridge, now over 84 years old, was born in Muscatine county, Ia., March 31, 1836. Mrs. Shortridge, whose maiden name was Ellen Keyes, was born in Hancock county, Ill., March 12, 1846, over 74 years ago.

The family has a remarkable record for health and longevity for out of the 11 children, six sons and five daughters, 32 grand children and six great-grandchildren no death has occurred.

All the Shortridge families live in Lane county except one son, G. Lane Shortridge, whose home is in Douglas county.

DAVID HOWES INJURED BY C. R. ELLIOTT'S CAR

David Howes, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Howes, is recovering from injuries sustained Saturday afternoon when he was struck by a car driven by C. R. Elliott. It was at first thought that the injuries would be fatal, but the lad is now able to sit up. He was unconscious for a number of hours after the accident. The lad had been picked up by G. F. Garoutte, who would pass the Howes home on east Main. He was taking his packages out of the car in front of his home when the Elliott car turned the corner a short distance away. It is not certain just how the boy was hit but it is probable that he stepped out into the road as the Elliott car passed and that the speed of the car was so great that it could not be stopped in such a short distance in time to prevent the accident. A fender hit the boy's head and there was an injury to one leg probably caused by the hub of a wheel.

CONTRACT FOR PLAY SHED LET BY BOARD

Tuition of \$3 a Month in Grades to Be Charged Pupils Coming From Outside District.

The construction of a play shed for the east side school was authorized at a meeting of the school board Monday night and the lone bid of J. F. Godard of \$1300 accepted subject to contract conditions. Only one shed can be erected at this time as sufficient funds have not yet accumulated to justify the two originally planned. The dimensions of the shed are to be 40 by 80 feet.

Tuition in the grade schools of the city for pupils coming from outside districts was fixed at \$3 a month, payable in advance to the city superintendent. The action was taken when it was shown by the school records that the actual cost for each pupil in the grade schools last year was \$55. The charge heretofore has been \$1 a month. No fee is charged for high school students coming from outside districts, as this is covered by a county high school tax.

The board also authorized the leasing of the Caldwell cottage for a home economics practice house.

Thurston Doak was elected janitor of the west side school for the coming year.

COTTAGE GROVE CANNERY IS PAYING 20 PER CENT STOCK DIVIDEND

The Cottage Grove cannery association is now paying a dividend of 20 per cent, declared in July by the board of directors, from the earnings of the concern for 1919. Approximately \$8400 in paid-up stock will draw dividends at this rate. The dividend is payable only in stock, as the directors felt that the cash on hand was needed for an operating fund. The company does not issue fractional shares of stock and in cases where dividends do not amount to \$5, which is the par value of the new stock, the stockholder must either pay the difference in cash or leave the unpaid dividend until another dividend is declared.

Gross sales of the cannery last year amounted to approximately \$50,000.

BEAVERS DESTROYING CORN TAKE BEARING STALKS FROM EACH HILL

The beavers which recently circumvented wire fence and boards to get to Hamilton Veatch's apple trees, have now started harvesting the crop of corn growing near the apple trees. With unerring accuracy the amphibious rodents waste no time on stalks which bear no ears. Evidently in the hope that the thievery may not be detected they take but one stalk from each hill. Mr. Veatch is of the opinion that the game laws will have to be violated if he is to get any reward for producing one of the finest fields of corn to be found in Lane county.

Indian War Veteran Visits Here.

William Russell, 84 year old Indian war veteran, spent part of the week on furlough from the old soldiers' home in Roseburg at the home of his grandson, J. H. Higginbotham. Mr. Russell has taken part in most of the Indian wars in this state and has received four wounds. In 1864 he says he camped with his wife on Pass creek near the divide and discovered some coal among the rocks in the stream.

The Sentinel, \$2.00 the year.

LEAVES COTTAGE GROVE ONCE BUT "NEVER AGAIN" FOR HIM

Ray VanVlnde, who recently came home from Washington to help the home folks with the harvest, has ordered his paper sent here regularly. He says, "They got me away from Cottage Grove once, but they'll never do it again. I'm here to stick. I know a good thing when I see it the second time."

OVERLAND CAR BREAKS ANOTHER U. S. RECORD

Across the United States, 3442 miles from New York to San Francisco, with an average of 27.2 miles to the gallon of gasoline! Twenty-five different drivers handled the car.

That's the new trans-continental economy record established Monday morning, July 26, when the Overland

"How Much Gas" Car Found the End of Its Trail Before the Overland Store in Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco.

Eleven states were crossed, with all their variety of rough country roads, broken mountain trails, stretches of mud and weary wastes of desert land, yet the car arrived in San Francisco ready and fit to make a return trip. The Overland record was not made by experienced drivers, selected from the factory. The company wished to find out what the car could do under the worst conditions of operation. Accordingly, each distributor and dealer whose territory was crossed furnished a driver. There were good drivers and bad—men who saved the car and others who punished it.

GAS SHORTAGE FELT IN CALIFORNIA CITIES

The gas shortage is not confined to Oregon but is acute in places much nearer the California oil fields. A. B. Wood writes from San Diego that at times only one gallon may be obtained when more is urgently needed. Cars with half a tank full are being turned away at the filling stations there and cars with empty tanks receive a maximum of three gallons. The result has been to lessen travel except for business purposes, in his own case at least, Mr. Wood says. The report bears out the statements made by the oil companies that they are distributing the supply on hand as fairly as possible over their whole territory.

Fistic Prowess Costs Him Five Spot.

George Robinson paid a fine of \$5 in Judge Young's court Tuesday on a charge of provoking a fight with another lad. Marshal Pitcher states that he is going to put a stop to some of the rowdiness of which there has been considerable lately. He says this is but one of several boy scraps which have lately been reported to him.

MAN WANTED FOR HARNESS THEFT MAY HAVE BEEN CAR THIEF

Marshal Pitcher picked up a man here Monday wanted on a charge of stealing harness at Springfield. Sheriff Stickle came up to take him to Eugene but his heart was softened by the plea of the man that he was not the thief and that he was willing to give up his car as security until the sheriff convinced himself that someone else was guilty. The man, who gave his name as George Theaker, of Deer Park, Wash., had been endeavoring to trade a car for a much cheaper one, which made Marshal Pitcher suspicious that the car might be a stolen one. His suspicions were probably correct, as the man departed during the following night and has not since been found, although the sheriff's office has sent word down the line to be on the lookout for him.

J. Q. A. YOUNG BURIED AT TAYLOR-LANE CEMETERY TUESDAY

John Q. A. Young, aged 65 years, who died at his home south of the city August 9 after a lingering illness, was buried August 10 at the Taylor-Lane cemetery. Rev. Simpson Hamrick conducted the service at the grave.

John Q. A. Young was born near Hillsboro, Ore., July 21, 1855. He was married at Goldendale, Wash., March 27, 1887, to Phoebe Evaline Carlile. Mr. and Mrs. Young moved to their present home near this city in May, 1894.

Mr. Young is survived by his widow, one adopted daughter, Mrs. E. A. Doolittle, of Salem, a brother, Joe, of Goldendale, Wash., one sister, Mrs. E. A. Roundtree, of Outlook, Wash., and many more distant relatives.

OWNERS WARNED NOT TO OVERLOAD TRUCKS

Owners of motor trucks have been warned by the Lane county court to comply with the law regarding the loading of trucks which operate on the public highways. The action was taken after it was found that the new pavement between Eugene and Goshen is breaking in places.

One instance of overloading cited is that of a mill man near Cottage Grove who is said to haul as much as ten tons of lumber to Eugene at a load, while the maximum load under the law is five tons.

COTTAGE GROVE MAN GROWS IMMENSE BEANS

Kentucky Wonder bean pods perfect in shape and measuring 8 1/2 to 9 inches in length were brought into the city this week by A. J. Stevens who has an acre and a half of this variety now ready for market.

Mr. Stevens, who is farming the Ostrander place north of the city, says his beans this year are on rather thin soil and have not had exceptional care. Kentucky Wonder beans seldom grow larger than this. Mr. Stevens also has several hundred heads of early cabbage ready for market.

OVER 800 TOURISTS STOP IN PARK DURING JULY

The city park and auto camp grounds were cleaned up and put in fine shape last week under direction of the park commission. Over 800 tourists stopped in the park during July. People who have camped in the park have been liberal in their praise of the city's rest spot and of the facilities provided.

To Whom It May Concern.

From and after this date I will not be responsible for debts contracted by my wife, Augusta Patten.

JASPER PATTEN.
Cottage Grove, Ore., August 7, 1920.

The Sentinel, \$2.00 the year.

MYSTERY SHROUDS DEATH OF CARL MCCOY

Was Seen Here Saturday Noon and Mangled Remains Are Found at Sutherland Sunday.

The funeral of Carl McCoy, 19 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCoy, who was killed beneath a Southern Pacific train at Sutherland early Sunday morning, was held at the Adventist church August 10. Interment was in the Silk creek cemetery.

So far as details go, mystery surrounds the death of the boy, as no one witnessed the accident. Apparently he had attempted to alight at Sutherland from south bound train No. 13, which passes that station about 4 a. m. and stops only on flag. The body, which was not found until the agent came on duty later in the morning, had fallen beneath the wheels and had dragged for some distance along the track. Identification was established by means of papers found on the body. His watch, an automatic pistol and other personal effects were picked up along the track. Carl was seen in this city about noon Saturday. He is thought to have been on his way to Sutherland to visit relatives at the time the fatal accident occurred.

Besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCoy, Carl is survived by a sister, Mrs. Frank Beverly, of Leona, and two brothers, Neal McCoy, whose home is near the city, and a younger brother, Dale McCoy, who resides with his parents.

Burglar Is Revolver Target.

Night Policeman G. F. Garoutte did some early morning practice work with his revolver Sunday. He disturbed a man trying to enter the Cash Grocery and when the burglar did not heed the command to stop Garoutte fired a couple of leaden pellets at him. The fleeing man was encouraged to greater speed by each shot and eluded the officer.

CHAMPS TO PLAY BALL AT SPRINGFIELD SUNDAY

The Cottage Grove baseball team will play Springfield on the Springfield diamond Sunday and will probably play a return game with the same team here the following Sunday to wind up the season. Springfield has been making very little noise but has been winning ball games all season. Last Sunday they won over Albany by a 4 to 3 score.

Manager Hill expects to make a few changes in his outfield for the Sunday game but the rest of his line-up will remain virtually the same.

Bank of Cottage Grove Elects.

The board of directors of the Bank of Cottage Grove has elected the following officers under the new organization: President, N. E. Glass (former cashier); vice president, W. L. Hubbell (re-elected); cashier, S. S. Lasswell. Mr. Lasswell has just completed three years with the First National bank, of Portland, and previous to that was assistant cashier of the Seaside State bank, of Seaside, Kan.

5 MILL ROAD TAX FAVORED BY POMONA GRANGE

Effort Will Be Made to Pass Direct Tax in Lieu of Bonds for Lane Highways.

A resolution favoring a five-mill county road tax for construction work in lieu of road bonds for that purpose was voted upon favorably by the Lane county Pomona grange at its meeting Saturday at Irving. A committee of three was appointed to secure the placing of the measure upon the ballot for the November election if possible.

Plans for the formation of a potato growers association to standardize the potato crop produced in Lane county and put in graders for the purpose was discussed and a committee appointed to carry out the work of organization. A similar organization was considered for the wool and mohair growers of the county, and a committee was instructed to proceed with its organization. About 100 grange members of the county attended the session. The next regular meeting will be held October 30.

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.

THE SENTINEL endeavors to get out a newspaper that is a good ad for the city. In this it has succeeded to a certain extent—as has been testified to many times—but we have not done as well as we would like to do. We have been able to do as much as we have because of the support we have received from advertisers. We have done the best we could with the support we have received. How much better we do in the future depends entirely upon the support we get. The Sentinel will at all times get out a paper in keeping with the desires of the citizens and business people of the community as expressed by their support. To this extent it is possible for them to say just what kind of a newspaper they want.