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THIEVES PUT IN HIGH COST OF LIVING

Night Prowlers With Luxurious Taste Make a Big Haul at the J. B. & M. Store.

Parties who evidently were determined to put down the high cost of luxuries, as well as of necessities, made a haul of merchandise at the Helliwell, Bangs & Marksbury store early Wednesday morning. The booty, at retail prices, was worth between \$1500 and \$2000. It is thought that a woman was party to the theft and that she must have been a good judge of women's wearing apparel, of which only the most expensive was taken. If the clothing was taken for personal use, the man must have been of small stature and the woman large.

When D. H. Hemenway opened the store Wednesday morning he found the side door open. The thieves had broken out a glass, reached in and turned the key. A car must have been used in carrying away the booty and several hours must have been required in making the selections and loading it into a car. There is no rear door and the door through which the booty was taken is within 40 or 50 feet of a Main street car light. It is thought that the work was not done by professional burglars, as the change in the cash register had not been taken and the safe had not been tampered with. Burnt matches were scattered all over the store.

Among the articles known to have been taken are two men's overcoats, three men's wool shirts, two leather bags, three suit cases, several women's silk vests and blouses, 12 silk blouses, patent leather vanity case, woman's leather purse, 10 or 12 men's silk shirts, two women's suits, two women's silk dresses, two fur neck pieces, three women's sweaters, scarf, 12 skirts, unknown quantity of silk petticoats, and seven men's suits, the total being valued at \$1515. Members of the firm state that twice this quantity of goods may have been taken.

CITIZENS' GATHERING STIRS TO ACTIVITY

Two Tickets Now in Field for Each One of Four Positions That Are to Be Filled.

Even in the event that the Progressive Citizens gathering should fail to elect its ticket, it has accomplished something of value to the city in that it has stirred interest in the city election as it has not been stirred before, has vividly called attention to things that a large number of citizens think the city should have and has demonstrated that citizens are ready to respond to a call to service when there is a demand for such service.

For every position on the council which is to be filled there are two candidates, the complete ticket being as follows:

For mayor, George O. Knowles; for treasurer, Herbert Eakin; for recorder, J. E. Young (incumbent) and Homer A. Galloway; for alderman, first ward, S. V. Allison (incumbent) and H. K. Metcalf; for alderman, second ward, J. A. Wright (incumbent) and Roy B. Short; for alderman, third ward, two-year term, Dr. A. W. Kime (mayor) and Elbert Beda (recently appointed alderman); for four-year term, Nelson Durham (incumbent) and N. J. Nelson, Jr.

CIVIC POLITICAL RALLY AT HIGH SCHOOL TONIGHT

Women Especially Invited as Auditors and Men Are Urged to Come Along.

A meeting for the discussion of local civic affairs and candidates for office will be held at the high school auditorium at 8 o'clock Friday evening. In view of the fact that there is more interest in the city election than there has been for many years, it is anticipated that there will be a large attendance. The meeting is especially for women, who are urged to bring their husbands with them. Several of those who were members of the gathering of citizens who brought out a city ticket will be present to explain how and why such action was taken and it is probable that nearly all the candidates for city offices will be present. The meeting will bring back memories of days of long ago when exciting city elections and rousing political rallies were the rage. No speaker will be permitted to indulge in any personalities of any kind.

Health Association Meets Saturday. Residents of Cottage Grove, together with Lane county people, are urged by Mrs. W. P. Boynton, president of the Lane County Public Health association, to attend the annual meeting of the association Saturday at 2 p. m. at the chamber of commerce in Eugene. Public health conditions will be discussed and the reports of committees will be made. The invitation is extended not alone to medical people but to the general public.

Non-Fiction Books Recently Added to Library.

Prussianism and Pacifism, Poultony Bigelow; New Zealand in Evolution, G. H. Scofield; Representative Cities of the United States, Hotchkiss; Switzerland of the Swiss, Webb; The Great Adventure of Panama, Bunau-Varilla; Hawaii, Gerould; Actions and Reactions, Kipling; Stamboul Nights (Life in Constantinople), Dwight.

NOT RESIDENT LONG; SEES WHAT WOULD HELP HOME CITY

Often a city can get valuable suggestions from a newcomer, for he has not become accustomed to the conditions he finds and things that are wrong are more noticeable to him than to those who have learned to put up with things as they are. A business man who has been here less than a year, calls attention to the lack of a dumping ground. Members of my family wanted to settle at Eugene, because that seemed such a pretty little city, but Cottage Grove can be just as pretty. Boxes and rubbish should be removed from curbs and alleys, but before you can expect people to remove such rubbish you have got to have a place to dump it. I had a truckload hauled to a place of my own, but the cost of this one trip was more than my share of the taxes would be for years in paying for a city dump ground. Whoever ticket is elected in the approaching election should see to the providing of such a place and should take the lead in a move, for a city beautiful.

PRICES ARE ON DOWNWARD TREND, SAY DEALERS

Statement Is Made In Reply to Appeal for Cooperation From Those Who Make Payroll

The prices of many necessities of living already have come down materially and that a continued gradual reduction may be expected for some time to come, was the statement made by a number of the merchants of the city at the public meeting held at the commercial club Monday evening, the object of which was to discuss the approaching wage reduction on the part of the mills of the community. Mr. Johnson, of the Western Lumber & Export company, stated that the condition of the lumber market was such that it was a question of either shutting down or making a 20 per cent reduction in wages. He stated that even with this cut wages would remain higher than they were a year ago. He asked the cooperation of the merchants of the city in getting their prices down as near as possible to 20 per cent less than they were at the peak of high prices when the peak wages were paid. His suggestion was that it would be better for the business of the city to keep the mills operating and have commodities bear the same relation to the new wage that they did to the old wage than to shut off the payroll entirely. Those who spoke stated that many price reductions already had been made, that the business houses are compelled to follow the market and that on many things, the retail price now received is below the original wholesale cost. Referring to a big cut advertised by an eastern catalog house, one speaker stated that a patron of his firm had shown him a pair of overalls bought from this house since the advertised cut and that the price paid was more than had been charged by Cottage Grove merchants at any time and far above the price now charged. Specific instances of reductions that have been made were referred to by the merchants present, particularly those in dry goods, which in many instances have been more than 20 per cent.

Attention was called to the fact that Cottage Grove has been much more fortunate than many other communities, that the mills at Astoria have been partially or entirely closed for some time, that the Booth Kelly company has been curtailing operations in the Eugene district, that the big mill at Leona has been shut down for the present and that the situation generally has been more serious elsewhere than here, where practically every mill has kept its crews employed full time.

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DOC GOFF ENLARGES HIS LINE TO INCLUDE CARE OF STOMACH'S NEEDS

"Doc" Goff has for a long time been saving soles and has been so successful in this that he has taken on a side line of saving the stomachs of his fellow citizens. As proof of this he joins the potato contest with an exhibition of half a dozen examples of Burbank potatoes that ought to help put down the high cost of living. Each one of the six weighs over a pound and they are perfect in form and without blemish. He reports that he could have supplied a much larger number of the same size, there being from three or four to a dozen of that size in every sack from the several acres he raised this year.

OREGON ROADS ARE APPRECIATED AFTER TRIP IN SISTER STATE

"Oregon roads look pretty good to me after returning from a trip through Washington," remarked W. B. Cooper, around Seattle and Centralia. I found roads as good as any in Oregon, but getting to these places from the Oregon line is a job I do not care to tackle again right away. For miles and miles you plow through mud with hardly enough clearance to get traction. Oregon roads a few years ago were far behind those of our sister state, but now they are far ahead."

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PHONE YOUR NEWS.

LET NOT YOUR ANGRY PASSIONS ARISE

(An Editorial)

It is now pretty well known that a gathering of citizens of the city has injected its pet into the city campaign by their action in proposing a complete city ticket. Those citizens held many meetings and considered carefully the qualifications of many men. Each man selected was selected because of some peculiar quality or characteristic he was thought to possess that would best conduce to putting into effect the planks of the platform which this same gathering of citizens adopted and caused the candidates proposed by them to sign.

How this gathering came to get together, the common interests which held them together for many meetings and the reasons for the selection of each candidate, the merits each candidate is presumed to possess and what it is hoped these candidates will accomplish, in the event of their election, will be fully explained at the meeting (especially for women) which will be held in the high school auditorium at 8 o'clock this evening. As the editor was not present at these meetings and had no part in suggesting the qualifications of any candidate, or in drawing up the platform, we are unable to give any advance information as to what guided the actions of these citizens, and would not take away the element of curiosity which is likely to result in a large attendance, even if we knew.

We are pleased that the action of this gathering of citizens has aroused interest in city affairs as it has not been aroused for many years. We believe with Mr. Knowles, who has a communication elsewhere, that this gathering performed a most patriotic service, but we regret, as every patri-

otic citizen must regret, that some, be they very few, have allowed personalities to creep in.

The action taken by this gathering of citizens was taken with a full appreciation of what has been done by past and present councils. Not a word was expressed, so far as we have been informed, derogatory to the sincerity, integrity or devotion to duty of those of past or present councils, who have served the city faithfully and honorably, often being repaid with unjust criticism.

It was hoped that the campaign might be conducted without rancor. It is but a question of whom the voters may think are best qualified to bring about the things which they think they want.

Not one of the candidates, either of those proposed by the gathering of citizens, or those who have since been nominated, but would rather have for his own disposal the time it will take to serve the city as it must be served during their terms of office if Cottage Grove is to take its rightful place among the cities of Oregon. Those who are elected will have a big job before them. Those who are defeated will be relieved of a tremendous load which they might well be inclined to shirk. If no rancor or personalities are injected into the campaign, the temporary sting of defeat soon will be forgot and they and other citizens with the interests of the city as their object will get behind those successful at the polls and greatly assist them in the great work which will be theirs.

Let the contest be a live one, one which will arouse every citizen to his duty, but whose it is never let the feeling be such that all can get together and pull together.

NEXT TUESDAY

Next Tuesday is likely to go down as an important day in history. The welfare of the nation depends upon what the voters do that day.

The issue is a continuance of the kind of a national administration we have had for the past eight years, or the kind of an administration which is promised by the republicans—and the principal things promised by the republicans are a league of nations on America's terms, a protective tariff at a time when it seems the American farmer and the American wage earner are going to need such a tariff, and a much more business-like and much more economical conduct of the country's financial affairs.

Those who believe the Wilsonian policies should be continued and who wish the Wilson league of nations should support Cox and Chamberlain.

Those who wish the things promised by the republicans should vote for both Harding for president and Stanford for the senate.

No one can consistently vote for Cox and Stanford, or for Harding and Chamberlain. That kind of a vote is a vote to tie the hands of whichever one the voters select for the presidency. No matter which party the voter votes for, he should in these cases vote "straight."

For county office we wish to speak a word for the candidacy of C. P. Barnard, candidate for the county judgeship. We wish not to say a word derogatory to the integrity of the present democratic incumbent of that office. We have often found fault with his conduct of the office, but he has

undoubtedly endeavored to act conscientiously.

But Cottage Grove is particularly interested in this office because we know that Mr. Barnard and Mr. Sharp, who will be commissioner from this month, this fact means much to a portion of the county which needs so much from the county court and we believe that we have suffered because our commissioner of the present has had to work with a judge with whom he was out of harmony.

We do not believe that the incoming commissioner will be able to bring about many things which he hopes to bring about. Even with the extravagance that naturally goes with the conduct of the county's business, Lane county has done pretty well in comparison with other counties in what it has gotten for its money, with the notable exception of some instances which have been duly recorded by The Sentinel. It appears to us that no tremendous saving in money can be made. The important thing to us is that our incoming commissioner is an enthusiast for good roads, is enthusiastically loyal to his own end of the county. Give him a man with whom he can work in harmony and give him a chance to do his utmost for his end of the county in particular and the whole county in general.

Cast your ballot with care upon the measures. Read the pamphlet, if you have time, read the recommendations made elsewhere in this issue and vote "no" wherever in doubt.

JOHN BADER SUCCUMBS TO LUNG TROUBLE

Was Once Leading Florist of Pittsburg and Member There of Council and School Board.

John Bader succumbed Tuesday afternoon to lung trouble brought on by taking a severe cold some weeks before. The funeral was held at 8:45 a. m. Thursday from the residence, Rev. D. A. MacLeod, of Newport, officiating. The Masonic lodge, of which order Mr. Bader had been a member since early in life, attended in a body. The remains were taken to Pittsburg, Pa., for interment.

John Bader was born in Germany January 5, 1845, and came to the United States when 25 years of age. He settled in Pittsburg and was for years a leading florist of that city, where he served both upon the city council and upon the school board. He was married in 1874 to Miss Rose Duerr, who died in 1896. In 1912 Mr. Bader moved to Cottage Grove, shortly afterward marrying Mrs. Catherine Edlofen. They at once built a beautiful home here, which, due to Mr. Bader's ability as a landscape gardener, became easily the most attractive piece of residence property in the city. He also invested heavily in other real estate.

Besides the wife, the only surviving immediate relatives are a daughter, Mrs. B. L. Elliott, of Pittsburg, and a granddaughter, Rose Catherine Elliott. All were here at the time of death.

Bon Ton Changes Hands.

Bert Stoneburg, who has been visiting here from North Bend, has purchased the Bon Ton confectionery and took charge Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hutsell, former owners, will leave for a visit in California and go from there to Indiana to spend the winter.

CITY FATHERS ARE AFTER WATER SITUATION

Forestry Service Petitioned to Set Aside All of Layng Creek Watershed.

The setting aside of the entire Layng creek watershed for the benefit of the city of Cottage Grove in securing a supply of water for municipal purposes is asked in a resolution which has been adopted by the city council and copies of which have been forwarded to the forestry department and to Congressman W. C. Hawley.

The city now gets its water from a portion of this watershed, but the present arrangement is not satisfactory, especially as concerns the future, and the council thought this action necessary in order that the federal government may know just what is needed to safeguard possible future needs of the city and be guided in the sale of timber in this reserve. Part of the watershed has been logged and part has not.

The work of repairing the leaks in the main under the water in Layng creek at the old dam probably will be completed within a few days. The water committee has been exerting every effort to get this done promptly and the elements have been against them. With no rains for a few days a temporary dam can be thrown around that portion of the pipe which is to be repaired and the work done quickly. All the debris which laid against the dam and upon the pipe line has been removed by the logging company.

Republicans Hold Rally.

The first republican rally of the campaign was held last night, when an enthusiastic audience at the commercial club was addressed by E. J. Adams, Mrs. Carlisle and Dr. T. W. Harris, all of Eugene.

JUST CAN'T STAY AWAY AFTER ONCE MAKING HOME HERE

"Well, I'm back, and this time I'm going to stay." Thus remarked George H. Dahl, the latest to prove that those who once live in Cottage Grove always retain a longing to return.

Mr. Dahl returned with his family to Marshfield, but he had hardly more than looked around before the longing to return came over him. It took two weeks to make the return trip by motor, and his car is now parked along the road in the care of a farmer. He struck one piece of road that was impassable beyond question of doubt and the family made the remainder of the trip by foot, stage and train.

Mr. Dahl has reopened the Fixit shop in the bakery building at the rear of the First National bank.

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PLATFORM INTERPRETED BY CITY'S NEXT MAYOR

Geo. O. Knowles Draws Attention to What Action of Citizens May Mean in Welfare of City.

Cottage Grove, Ore., Oct. 28.—(To the Editor.)—Since the city ticket which was brought out by an informal citizens' gathering of this city has caused considerable favorable and unfavorable comment, and since the platform which was signed by the individuals that make up this ticket is quite general in its terms I am asking space in your columns to give my interpretation of the platform, particularly with reference to the two matters which are given, in my judgment, greater emphasis than any others mentioned.

The two matters to which I refer are "progressiveness" and "cleanliness" in some planks of the platform and "economy" and "reduction of taxes" in others.

I cannot harmonize these two features of the platform in any other way than to construe them to mean that we are to keep our streets and alleys cleaner, repair in a substantial way our paved and macadam streets and alleys, improve a few blocks of our most used unpaved streets and alleys, including the route of Pacific highway, and improve or change the location of the intake of our water line so as to lessen, or entirely prevent, if possible, the contamination of our water supply, and increase taxes to the extent that may be necessary to accomplish these improvements and betterments.

If this is done it will be economy in the long run and admit of less taxes in later years. This program will also return, indirectly, to the property owners much of the increased burden of the near future by bringing to them an increased value of their property, more business and more payrolls. At least that is my judgment.

Such is my interpretation of the platform and it appears to be the only reasonable one, and I cannot see the inconsistency that its critics try to point out.

I favor the improvements above mentioned and I want to say that the incoming council, whoever they may be, would be absolutely powerless during the first year of its incumbency to make any headway along the line of street improvements or betterment of the intake for our water supply if it were not for the action of the council of 1919 and 1920 in raising the water rates and submitting to the voters of the city the last amendment to our city charter and recommending its adoption. These two acts have provided the means with which to make betterments that must be paid for by the general and water funds and deserve as much praise and commendation as anything that can possibly be done by the incoming council. One of these acts meant increased taxes for the property owners and the other meant increased expense to every water user. It takes considerable nerve and a strong sense of duty for a councilman to vote for a city law or regulation that means increased expenses for his neighbors when his business depends, more or less, upon the good will of those same neighbors.

Let me say in conclusion that the action of those citizens who brought out the ticket composed of Nelson, Beda, Short, Metcalf, Eakin, Galloway and Knowles have performed a noble and patriotic act, from a civic standpoint, no matter who is elected, for it has aroused a greater interest in the progress of the city than has been in evidence for many years. They promise to support any council that is elected this year in bringing about needed city improvements and this is a contrast to the actions of those who heretofore have paid no attention to the city council. For be it known that a large portion of otherwise respectable citizens have been contemptibly slack in giving helpful assistance and criticism to the city council and despicably dilgent in offering up street corner ridicule and slander for the noisiest and unpaid efforts of the city fathers.

GEO. O. KNOWLES.

Mrs. Haskin Buried Here.

The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Haskin was held here Saturday afternoon from the chapel. Mrs. Haskin was the wife of James C. Haskin and death occurred Tuesday of last week at Coburg. She was aged 69 years. Besides the husband, she leaves the following children; John G. and Charles Haskin, of Coburg; Harry B. and James M. Haskin, of Creswell; William H. Haskin, of Lorane; David A. Haskin, of Elma, Wash.; Lydia Ann Martin and Lily Bidwell, of Cottage Grove; Rosa May Davis, of Lorane; Luey A. Bidwell, of Portland; Mary June Hubbard, of Creswell.

PEAK PRICES REACHED AND DECLINE NOW ON

Merchants Report Lower Prices and Determination to Follow All Market Changes.

The peak prices of men's furnishings, clothing, groceries, iceboxes and footwear has now been passed in Cottage Grove and elsewhere and many retail prices have already been reduced to a lower plane, according to local merchants. Furniture, floor coverings, paints, oils and house furnishings are also reported to have been reduced to some extent in retail price. Local garage men report that declines in retail prices of automobile tires and accessories are now in effect. The declines are reported to vary from 10 to 50 per cent. The general average of decline from peak prices ranges around 16 to 35 per cent.

The local merchants in general have signified their intention of following market changes closely wherever there occurs a price decline. In some instances the local merchants claim to have anticipated declines by lowering retail prices on several lines before any wholesale decline has actually occurred but where a downward trend is expected at an early date.

Local merchants give as their reason for these declines ahead of an anticipated drop in wholesale markets a desire to assure this trade territory that the community may have full confidence of receiving first of all every market advantage with other communities of the Willamette valley. The advertising columns of this issue of The Sentinel, as well as those of several past issues, would seem to bear out these reports and to prove that local merchants are intent on creating confidence and in giving this community every possible trade advantage. Specific instances of reductions will be given in following issues of The Sentinel.

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J. P. CURRIN DIES FROM EFFECTS OF OPERATION

Pioneer Was Member of First Graduating Class of Oregon Agricultural College.

J. P. Currin, pioneer postmaster, pioneer druggist and a member of the first graduating class of Oregon Agricultural college, died here early Tuesday morning from the effects of an operation which he had undergone six weeks before while visiting at the home of his son Hugh at Baker, Ore.

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon from the family home, Rev. D. A. MacLeod, of Newport, former pastor here, officiating. There was a large attendance, especially of the older residents, and many floral tributes. Mr. Currin was born May 24, 1845, in Tazewell county, Va., lived in Missouri from 1852 to 1867, came to Oregon in the latter year and made his home in Cottage Grove, with the exception of a year spent at Eugene and six years at Creswell. He was one of the three members of the first class graduated from Oregon Agricultural college in 1870. One classmate, R. W. Vench, is a pioneer resident of this city. The other, Alice Riddle, died some years ago in California. He followed surveying more or less throughout his life, being in the employment of the government for some time, was postmaster here for two terms years ago, and was for 21 years in the drug business.

Surviving relatives are the wife, one daughter, Miss Lala, of this city, and one son, Hugh, of Baker, Ore.

FLESH STRIPPED FROM LEG IN WOODS ACCIDENT

Lloyd Fair Is Victim of Falling Log at U. S. Logging Co.'s Upton Camp

Lloyd Fair sustained a severe and painful injury early Sunday forenoon while employed assisting in loading a car of logs in the Upton camp of the U. S. Logging company. A log, which had been loaded, was found too long and one end had been lifted into the air for convenience in cutting off a portion of it. The hook slipped out of the log and the log in falling scraped Mr. Fair's lower left leg, stripping the muscles and part of the calf from the bone. Another young man, who was also standing on the ear, jumped to safety. Mr. Fair, whose home is at Coburg, was taken to a Eugene hospital. He is about 19 years of age.

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—the price of success is eternal publicity.
—judicious publicity in any form is good for your business.
—but the best of all is displayed every day in the columns of the newspapers of the country.
—it reaches more people, carries greater weight and remains longer in the memory of those reading it.
—to reach your home people use your home newspaper.