

The Cottage Grove Sentinel

AND COTTAGE GROVE LEADER

PRESIDENT P. L. CAMPBELL SPEAKS TONIGHT

First Public Meeting in Chamber of Commerce Reorganization to Be Held in High School.

President P. L. Campbell, of the University of Oregon, will be the principal speaker at the first public meeting in the campaign for the reorganization of the chamber of commerce, to be held at 7:45 tonight in the high school auditorium, which has been termed a community conference and town meeting.

Other speakers will be L. W. Depuy, of San Francisco; C. J. Kern, E. W. Miller and Wilbur Spray, student body president. Community singing will be led by J. E. Carlson and there will be music by the city band. Albert Bode will preside. Refreshments will be served by Miss Maud Lamson and members of the domestic science class of Cottage Grove high. There will be no solicitation for funds at this or any of the other public meetings to be held. Later a team organization of 100 will make a complete canvass of the community inviting all reputable men and women to unite with them in the community organization known as the modern chamber of commerce.

Keen competition is anticipated between the teams, which have been divided as follows:

- No. 1—Major, C. A. Bartlett; captains, S. L. Godard, N. J. Nelson, T. G. Sudell, J. F. Spray, Mrs. Carrie Hemmaway and E. V. Allison.
- No. 2—Major, P. P. Proctor, Jr.; captains, J. T. Smith, Hugh Smith, A. M. Moore, Bert Richmond, Mrs. Edna Sullivan.
- No. 3—Major, E. W. Miller; captains, A. W. Hellwell, Roy Short, W. L. Darby, J. I. Jones and Lester Phelps.

The captains were selected by the majors and the captains will in turn pick their workers. During the progress of the campaign the teams will hold one-hour lunchees, at which time figures will be compared.

Residents of the rural communities, as well as of the city proper, will be solicited for membership.

The churches of the city will recognize Sunday, June 19, as Civic Sunday and the past the chamber of commerce plays in the civic and religious life of the community will be emphasized from the pulpits. J. E. Carlson, of the Christian church, has general charge of this part of the work and a committee also has been appointed for each church.

Feeling that in the reorganization of the chamber of commerce the new blood should have some say as to who its officers shall be and feeling also that it may be wise to pick some of the officers from the new membership, all the present officers have signed their resignations, to become effective as soon as the reorganization work is completed. In this way every member will have an equal part in starting the new organization upon its way as a power in the community and each member will have an equal opportunity of being selected to take some important part in that important work.

JAMES GOULET SUCCUMBS TO STROKE OF APOPLEXY

James Goulet, for many years a resident of the Dorena neighborhood and well known here, died at Eugene Thursday of last week following a stroke of apoplexy. News of his death did not reach here until just before the funeral Saturday, which was held at Eugene, the Christian Science church being in charge. The remains were sent to Portland for cremation. Mr. Goulet was aged 65 years and had been a member of the Masonic fraternity for a long time. Besides the wife, there are two surviving daughters, Miss Georgine Goulet, of Seattle, and Miss Minnie Goulet, of Eugene. The stroke of apoplexy came upon Mr. Goulet just as he was about to ascend the stairs to the office of a Eugene dentist.

Special School Meeting.

A special school meeting has been called for June 10, at which time a director and a school clerk are to be elected. The term of H. J. Shinn as director expires. No one has yet been suggested to take his place and he is non-committal as to whether or not he will be a candidate for reelection. Worth Harvey probably will be a candidate to succeed himself as clerk.

Flower Mission Day Today.

Today is W. C. T. U. flower mission day and entertainment for the shut-ins and older people will be provided at the W. L. Darby home. Those unable to walk, or having no way to get to the Darby home, will be picked up if word is left with Mrs. Darby, Mrs. J. H. Chambers or Mrs. J. R. Hendricks.

HEAVY RAINS ELSEWHERE WHILE EVERYTHING IS DRY HERE

Cottage Grove completely escaped the cloudburst of Saturday, although only a few miles away on all sides the water came down in torrents. John Nokes, who came out of the Bohemia district Saturday, reported that a heavy hail storm occurred there Thursday, the stones being as large as robins' eggs. The ground was completely covered with them. Rain fell here heavily Sunday night but not as heavily as the farmers wished.

HIGHWAY IS KEPT OPEN HERE WHILE CLOSED ELSEWHERE

This section has been more fortunate than many others in not having its highways completely closed while paving work is in progress. The Blake Compton company, which has the work in this section, has provided side roads wherever possible and has always left the entire road open on Sundays and at all times when work has not been in progress. Certain hours have been established for opening the highway for traffic but during a large part of the time it has been possible to get through at other hours.

LOCALS LOSE TO EUGENE SCORE, 5 TO 4

Eleven Hits Not a Score for Cottage Grove While Visitors Win With Five Hits.

According to all precedent under like circumstances, Cottage Grove should have won from Eugene Sunday. The locals garnered 11 hits and only four scores, while the visitors garnered four hits and five scores, and the most inconsistent part of the whole game was that the four men who scored for the locals got on bases through errors.

In the eighth inning, with two on and two down and a good steerer at the bat it seemed as if the locals would get the one tally that would tie the score, when Smith was caught by the yards while trying petit larceny on the second platter. The situation again seemed favorable in the ninth but the results were nil. The locals had tightened their game materially but had hard luck in getting hits when they failed to net runs and making overtures when they netted scores for the Eugene team.

Veteran Carl King, who is depended upon to a large extent to superintend the heavy barrage and strategy work, didn't get his eagle eye to functioning until the latter half of the game, otherwise the story might have been different. Veteran Hill was back in form at the initial platter. "Icky" Arthur failed to slam the horsehide around in his usual manner, not registering a hit, while he usually is figured as reliable for a two-bagger or two. Heck seems to have gotten the better of his nervous and safely guarded the shortstop position. Base, a new man in the lineup, is charged with two errors, one at least of which was excusable and played a rattling good game. Smith is developing at the receiving end. Cellers, again in the box, played his usual consistent game, got as many hits as any of 'em and was charged with no errors.

The box score:

Eugene:	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Smith, ss.	4	1	0	2	4	0
H. Latham, 2b.	5	1	2	2	6	1
DeArmond, 3b.	4	0	0	2	1	3
Gamble, cf.	3	1	0	2	0	0
Huntington, c.	3	1	1	5	2	0
Murphy, p.	4	0	0	3	0	0
Gavin, lb.	4	1	1	12	0	0
Latham, ef.	4	0	0	1	2	1
Mills, rf.	3	0	0	1	0	0
Totals:	34	5	4	27	18	5

Cottage Grove:

Base, 2b.	5	1	2	2	2	2
King, 3b.	4	0	0	3	3	2
Hill, lb.	5	1	2	13	1	0
Arthur, cf.	4	0	0	0	0	0
Brumbaugh, lf.	4	0	1	0	0	0
Smith, c.	4	2	11	2	2	2
Green, rf.	4	0	2	0	0	1
Cellers, p.	4	0	2	1	4	0
Heck, ss.	3	0	0	0	3	1
Kime	1	0	1	0	0	0
Totals:	35	4	11	27	15	8

*Batted for Heck in ninth.

Cottage Grove..... 0 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 4
Eugene..... 1 0 0 0 0 1 1 2 0 5

Two-base hits: H. Latham, Base. Three-base hits: H. Latham. Earned runs: Eugene, 1. Stolen bases: Smith (Eugene), Huntington, Hill, Brumbaugh, Kime. Sacrifice hits: Mills, Smith (Eugene). First on balls: Off Murphy, 1; off Cellers, 1. First on errors: Eugene, 3; Cottage Grove, 3. Left on bases: Eugene, 6; Cottage Grove, 8. Double play: Smith to Gavin. Struck out: By Murphy, 5; by Cellers, 10. Hit by pitched ball: Gamble, Umpire, Baker. Time of game, 1:50.

The rivalry is keen between the Eugene and Cottage Grove teams. Each has now won a game and the deciding game will be played here next Sunday. This game is more likely to cinch the valley championship and a more than keen contest is anticipated. Cottage Grove has lost two games, one to Eugene and one to Yoncalla.

ALLEY OBSTRUCTIONS HAMPER CITY BUSINESS

Whether or not owners of property may place permanent obstructions in paved alleys was again before the city council Monday night, being brought up through the fact that cement steps had been built at the rear of the Modern Pharmacy and telephone office. A block farther down the alley the removal of a chimney which abutted in the alley was ordered removed before paving work was started. A controversy of a similar nature came up at the time First alley south was paved, when obstructions were ordered removed from the rear of the First National bank building.

The progressive spirit of the citizens of Cottage Grove is indicated by the fact that already this year 4545 feet of cement walk has been laid. During May 747 feet of cement walk was laid and 520 feet of board walk.

Opal's Diary Is Both Deception and Plagiarism

Months of Research, at First Unavailing, Topples From Her Pedestal Cottage Grove's Literary Genius and Prodigy

By ELBERT BEDE
Cottage Grove, Ore., June 10, 1921.— It is easier to boast than to tear down. It is easier to my pleasant things than unpleasant ones. It is unpleasant to be forced to believe that one of whom you expected much has stooped to deceit. One does not welcome the opportunity to say that one with the talents of a literary genius has taken to plagiarism to emblazon his or her name on the scroll of fame.

In telling what I now believe to be the true story of Opal Whiteley and her diary, published in Atlantic Monthly and supposed to be a record of Opal's childhood life in the Cottage Grove country, I have a task such as I have outlined.

It was my pleasure to assist in discovering Opal, who, long before she ever hoped to be featured by Atlantic Monthly, probably even before she started the preparation of the diary which caused her to be hailed as a literary prodigy, exhibited talents which, rightly directed, insured her a position secure among the highest intellects of the world. That prediction was made for her by a well known psychologist, Mrs. Jean Morris Ellis, who had given her a reading and who, like myself, hailed the diary as the genuine production of a literary prodigy, as a notable child record of youthful heart throbs, as the genuine outpouring of a wounded heart and an understanding soul. What she believes now I do not know. It has been my pleasure to write of the unusual talents of one so young, of one who had by the mere force of her genius risen high above positions achieved by others with far greater opportunities. It has been my pleasure to tell of her beautiful love for God and his great outdoors, of her love for little children and the nobler and better things of life, of her erudite familiarity with life, animate and inanimate, found about us by those with the eyes to see and of her facility for interesting us in those things which she understood so well and which we passed by without discovering the beauty and goodness so apparent to one who seemed to have consecrated her life to making others happy and driving sorrow out of their lives.

Months of research in an effort to prove the authenticity or lack of authenticity of the diary brought forth nothing more definite than that many of the incidents mentioned in the diary were ridiculous, or airy fantastic, or physically impossible, or highly improbable. Often the evidence at hand tended to bear out the claim of its authenticity. I do not greatly wonder that Atlantic Monthly was convinced of its genuineness. All evidence actually available at the time the diary was published certainly led straight to such a conclusion. For months it seemed to me that nothing would prove to the contrary would ever come forth. That it was more than likely that the authenticity or lack of authenticity never would be proved. Fact and fancy were so cleverly woven together; incidents known to have happened were so cleverly embellished; so few of the incidents related were readily susceptible of disproof; and the wonderful story was one it seemed no child or older person could possibly construct out of whole cloth and was told with such naive charm, so like the gushing of a child heart, so like the outpouring of a child's heart, so like that of a child, that it first forced belief merely because of the apparent childlike innocence and sincerity, if for no other reason.

Were it not for some of the unkind things said in the diary I might almost wish it had not been forced to the conclusion that the diary as published was actually completed shortly before its publication in Atlantic Monthly. Even now, admitting what facts at hand plainly indicate, that the diary is both a deception and a plagiarism, there is some satisfaction to Opal's former associates here, and to relatives rather unkindly treated in the diary, in the fact that study of the case by psychologists brings out the theory that Opal probably has both an abnormal and a subnormal condition of mind. From the abnormal mind comes her wonderful power of description, her beautiful facility of expression, and from the subnormal comes her love for association with little children, her enjoyment of their joys and her childish outlook upon life which enabled her to so completely mimic the child in a diary which, I am convinced, was written at a time when she had the intellectual training of a grown woman and a knowledge on many subjects the equal of that of scholars, which enabled her to produce the childish humor bubbling from almost every paragraph, which enabled her to unveil the heart and soul of a child in composition so uncommon yet so childishly expressive.

The way this airy little maid of the woods put over her exotic literary production and the pains and thoroughness with which she laid a plausible foundation for its belief are hardly less wonderful than would have been the actual writing of the diary at the age and under the circumstances claimed for it. In my effort to prove the authenticity or lack of authenticity of Opal's diary I first directed a large amount of effort to trying to find someone who had actually seen it. A hint would come that Opal had shown the diary as a child to so-and-so. The evidence was positive until the moment of the interview, when always it developed that Opal had not actually exhibited the diary but that she had spoken of it in an offhand manner. Not a relative, no matter how close the relationship, ever really saw any portion of the diary.

That Opal did keep a diary seems certain. I have seen at least one sheet of her manuscript which had been written to be included therein. That a childish diary may have been torn to bits in some manner, may be possible, but it is my conclusion that such a diary was an entirely different one from the one given for publication, although it may have been used as the foundation for the one afterward published. A childish diary may have suggested the use of colored crayons with which the published diary was written and the tearing up of the early diary, if such ever actually happened, may have suggested the destruction of the rewritten diary.

That the diary was not written as a child I offer proof which seems to me to be incontrovertible.

A short time ago, by a most fortunate accident, I got to examine 17 notebooks which formerly belonged to Opal and the existence of which it is easy to believe she had forgotten. Most of them bore Opal's name in her own handwriting, with which I am familiar, and the notes therein also were in her own hand. These books have since been eagerly claimed by Opal and I understand they no longer can be seen by anyone.

In the books were numerous instances where she had written down the remarks of children, apparently with an attempt to use the language of children.

On one page was the following:
"Memories of My Childhood—to Write out."
"Evening on the Farm."
"My First Errand."
"My Merganser."
"Teaching Rex to Swim."
"School Days at Star."
"My First School Year."
"In the Spring by Snake River."
"Learning to Be Patient."
"The Pet Lamb."
"The Cathedral."
"In Fairyland."
"Down by the Spring."
"On the Hill (Star)."
"Becoming a Junior."

None of the above topics had been written out in the six-year-old diary, although apparently not yet prepared at the time these notebooks were kept, and references therein indicated the time to have been when she was well along in her teens.

In another book appeared:
"The Story of My Life Beginning with Nova 1st, 1914."
"Recollections of My Childhood."
"My Pets—Ginger, Shep, Max, Gyp, Tom, Rex, Dandy, The Pet Chipmunk, The Fish."

This list of names for her pets is in strange contrast with the Brava Horatius, Aristolite, Aphrodite, Elizabeth Barrett Browning and other characters of the diary supposed to have been used many years before.

Also the pet crow, the pet woodrat, the several pet mice, the pet bats, the pet cow, the pet hens, roosters, pigs and others of the menagerie of the diary either had been forgotten or had not yet been added to the list of pets.

There were other entries to which I will refer when taking up the foster-parent fantasy.

The English used in these notebooks lacks the beauty of that used in the diary and the quaint and fantastic style of the diary is entirely lacking. This gives some credence to the belief on the part of some that Opal had some assistance in the preparation of the diary, although Opal herself in other writing has shown a possession of beautiful English and, before the publication of the diary, wrote a book which drew the commendation of kings and queens, authors, editors and statesmen.

That the published diary was not written until after Opal left the university I feel certain because of the fact that while there she evinced no interest whatever in French, which so abounds in the revised edition of the published diary. After her arrival in California she did show an interest in that language and while a guest for a few months at the home of Mrs. Maud Harvard Bales, 2017 Sherman Way Boulevard, Oceansouth, Calif., sheets of paper done in childish print were found by her hostess where they had been accidentally left by Opal. The several bulky boxes required to contain the shredded diary were not a part of Opal's belongings when she arrived at the Bales home, where for many months she was a welcome guest. Mrs. Bales is certain that her diary was started and the six-year-old idea conceived and that from the Bales library were copied in their entirety the quotations from the Catholic manual and that the lists of French words so freely used in the published diary were taken from a "French Self-Taught" in the Bales home.

I have been unable to find anyone who ever saw any of the boxes in which the diary reached Boston. None of the family knew of their existence. Nowhere that she ever stayed were they in evidence. Such a bulk being carted around by a little girl could hardly have passed without notice or inquiry.

It appears to me that even Lord Gray, who acted as a sort of godfather for the arrival of the book in England, who is reported to have invited Opal to become a member of his family and who wrote the introduction for the second edition in book form, was very doubtful of its precocious authorship, but he suggested other reasons why it

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RESIDENT FOR SHORT TIME BECOMES REAL LIVE BOOSTER

No where in the world is there scenery so surpassing that of the Cottage Grove country. That is the opinion of J. H. Blackmore, who is here in connection with the work of the American City bureau. He has been getting a first hand view of the country which will be his home for several weeks and thinks the people here should be the happiest in the world, considering all that nature has done for them and the little that is really required to make the community one of the best, liveliest and prettiest in the world.

CHAUTAUQUA CLOSES, WILL RETURN IN '22

House Proves Most Popular Lecturer and Mary Adel Hays Company Most Popular Musicians.

Chautauqua came to a successful close Friday evening with a splendid concert by the Mary Adel Hays grand opera singers. Unquestionably this was the best musical company ever to appear here. Miss Hays herself has a beautiful coloratura soprano voice and is ably supported by the other members of the company, Ruth Pearcey, contralto, Claude Schnell, tenor, and John Wainman, baritone. Eula Clark, piano and flute, is a recent student at the University of Oregon.

The most popular lecturer on the entire program was Dr. E. L. House, who appeared Thursday afternoon and evening, his subjects being "The Wonders of the Mind" and "The Destroyers and Builders of Health." Dr. House is a psychologist and presents his ideas showing the influence of the mind upon life and health in a most forceful manner. He is an Oregon man making his home in Portland but devoting his life to the welfare of a nation.

V. I. Shepherd, on Friday afternoon, gave probably the most scholarly address of the session, showing in his talk on "The House We Live In" that man himself is responsible for his own destiny and that right thinking, individually and collectively, brings like results.

As the session progressed the members of the talent became more and more enthusiastic in their praise of the beautiful floral decorations. Almost without exception they stated their belief that Cottage Grove would carry off the honors for the season in that respect. The hospitality of the citizens of the chautauqua spirit found here also were often referred to.

The junior chautauqua was not the least important part of the program and the kiddies are enthusiastic chautauqua fans. They greatly enjoyed their daily association with the story lady, Mrs. Fultz.

A contract for next year was signed before the close of the session.

PRINE OVERLAND CAR IS STRUCK BY SHASTA

The Overland car owned by Lawrence Prine was hit Monday evening at the south Creswell crossing by the Shasta limited. Mr. Prine, who was at the wheel, says that when he hit the crossing rail was pouring down, the rails were slippery and the rear end of the car skidded down the track inside the rails. Efforts to get the car back between the rails were unavailing and efforts to flag the approaching train also were unavailing. The rear of the car and the body were badly wrecked. The train came to stop within its own length after striking the car. No one was in the car when it was hit.

TEACHERS SELECTED FOR CITY'S SCHOOLS

The following have been elected to positions in the Cottage Grove schools: High school: Miss Maude Skidmore, Mrs. Ora Reed Hemmaway, J. F. Godard, E. J. Edwards, Miss Lula Currin and Miss Elise Price.

Grades: Mrs. Albert Woodard, Mrs. Kate Burrows, Mrs. Aida Smith, Mrs. Matilda Sleep, Miss Adelle White, Miss Mariette Hamant, Mrs. G. J. Landless, Miss Nora Queen, Mrs. Ilna Beager, Miss Ella Kroeger and Miss Marjorie Shay. There are other positions to be filled and a superintendent has not yet been elected.

STEER WAS LARGEST J. W. VEATCH HAS SEEN

J. W. Veatch reports killing a few days ago the largest steer he has ever seen. It dressed 67 per cent, an unusually large percentage and weighed 1015 pounds dressed. The animal originally was owned by C. M. McLean, was afterwards owned by Frank McFarland and N. W. White and twice by Mr. Veatch. It had been pasture fed for three years and was of the Hereford breed.

Musical Program Saturday.

Miss Gilbert and Miss Bard, of the New York grand opera company, will appear in a musical program at the high school auditorium Saturday evening at 8 o'clock under the auspices of the American Legion. The proceeds will be used to assist in defraying the expenses of 800 of the Whitney boys in a tour over the county promoting the 1925 exposition for Portland.

WATCH YOUR LABEL. ***

RECALL MOVE IS DOWNED BY LANE VOTERS

Soldiers' Bonus Goes Through With a Whooop; Legislative Session Extension Killed.

The recall movement against Commissioner M. H. Harlow was snuffed under by the voters Tuesday, incomplete returns indicating that the final totals will be about 4700 for Harlow to 3200 for Roney. The recall movement itself, favorable action upon which was necessary before there would be a vacancy in the commissioner's office to fill, was snuffed under even deeper. There was much misunderstanding upon the part of the voters as to the proper method of marking their ballots. Probably more than 50 per cent of the voters killed one vote with the other. Many voted for the recall and followed by voting to retain Mr. Harlow in office. Many others voted against the recall and then voted for the recall candidate for commissioner. In only one precinct in this section was the vote a consistent one. In the Lorane precinct, there were exactly the same number of votes for the recall candidate as for the recall item and exactly the same number of votes for Harlow as there were against the recall.

The soldiers' bonus was adopted by an overwhelming vote and the proposal to increase the salaries of the legislature and lengthen the legislative session has been defeated. The emergency clause veto amendment received a favorable vote. Hygienic marriage was defeated by a small majority. The women juror bill is yet in doubt. In Lane county every measure received a favorable vote except the extended legislative session.

In the recall election Cottage Grove gave a majority of 5 for the recall and a majority of 9 for Roney over Harlow. The Dorena precinct opposed the recall by a few votes, while the Lorane precinct was against the recall almost three to one. In Eugene the recall failed in some instances almost ten to one. Junction City favored the recall strongly, while Springfield gave an almost even vote. The coast went for the recall, Mapleton going twenty to one.

The vote in Cottage Grove and in several nearby precincts was as follows:

Cottage Grove							
	1	2	3	4	5	Tl.	
Legislative Compensation:	Yes	29	29	36	12	27	143
No	75	29	61	22	59	24	
Soldiers' Bonus:	Yes	70	50	96	27	66	303
No	53	12	24	12	27	125	
Emergency Veto:	Yes	50	36	68	19	43	216
No	54	19	26	12	32	143	
Hygienic Marriage:	Yes	63	21	69	22	47	223
No	62	41	46	14	42	205	
Women Jurors:	Yes	64	30	63	19	49	225
No	63	29	49	16	49	205	
For Recall:	Yes	61	31	49	25	44	210
No	59	33	57	13	43	203	
For Commissioner:	Harlow	64	36	55	14	34	203
Roney	66	27	50	20	49	212	

For Recall:							
	Brumbaugh	Dorena	Latham	Saginaw	Stahala	Wallace	Stik Creek
Yes	49	46	74	56	18	39	49
No	28	48	42	17	49	7	29
Harlow	25	50	41	17	49	30	30
Roney	49	43	75	56	18	48	

IRVING WHIPPS DROPS DEAD AT BELLEVILLE, KANS.

The body of Irving Whipps is expected to arrive upon any train from Belleville, Kan., where Mr. Whipps dropped dead upon the street from heart trouble. Mr. Whipps was aged 28 years, 11 months, 3 days. He was born at Washioga, Minn., and came to Oregon in 1910. He had been in Kansas about a year. He had never recovered his strength following an attack of influenza two years ago and went to Kansas in the hope that the change might benefit his health. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Finley Whipps, prominent residents of the Mosby creek country.

EDDY'S HENS SPREAD ENERGY OVER SEASON

J. W. Eddy's White Leghorn hens are of the kind that do not expend all their efforts in the early spring and are not led astray by the precocious examples set by other flocks. One of his flock has just gotten around to the production of an egg weighing 3½ ounces and measuring 8 inches by 6 inches. In contrast with the mammoth egg is another laid by another member of the flock weighing less than a quarter of an ounce.

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