

MAN CAUGHT HERE MAY BE BANK ROBBER

Female Member of Couple Is Only Little Girl; White Slave Charge May Be Made.

A couple giving their names as C. Wood and Emily Fiedler, were taken into custody here Friday by Deputy Sheriff Pletcher on a charge of illegal habitation. The couple arrived here from California with a party of stevedocks, who had picked them up while they were beating their way north.

The couple at first claimed to be married but later admitted that they were not. They became aware of the watchful eye of Sheriff Pletcher, the inflexible man getting, and attempted to make their getaway, but Pletcher was prepared for this move and overtook them at Walker.

The man was taken before Justice of Peace Young and given a nominal fine of \$50 or 30 days in jail as a means of holding him for the federal authorities. Not having the coin, he was taken to the county jail and the girl, who appears to be not more than 14 years of age, although claiming to be 18, is being held by the county authorities as a witness.

The age of the girl and the fact that she was brought here from California, probably means prosecution by the federal authorities under the Mann white slave act.

Pletcher is of the belief that the man will be found to be wanted in connection with a bank robbery at Susanville, Calif., July 16. Pletcher found that he fits exactly the description of a man wanted for the crime and he later found one of the bank's canvas money bags in the personal belongings of the couple.

The girl gave the address of her parents in San Francisco and the authorities have sent word to them.

\$2800 DISTRIBUTED EACH WEEK BY CANNERY

\$1500 Is Paid Weekly for Blackberries Alone and \$600 for Canning Them.

The Cottage Grove cannery is providing a community gold mine and is distributing money at the rate of \$2800 each week.

Of this amount, about \$800 is pay roll and for local supplies and \$1500 is for blackberries alone. Beans and other items of produce account for an additional \$500.

About \$200 of the total amount is money that would be lost to the community except for the cannery, that amount being paid for Evergreen blackberries and for the labor in canning them. These berries grow wild and never were taken before the establishment of the cannery. Even now a large part of them are left on the bushes. About \$1500 is being paid each week to the pickers and about \$600 to the cannery on this one item.

Increased interest in the cannery on the part of producers is shown by the fact that an additional 20 acres have been planted to small fruit to be sold to the cannery.

The entire output of the cannery for this year has been sold under contract except pears in gallon tins. The total sales to date are over \$30,000.

HAVOC AT PUEBLO BEYOND WORDS TO DESCRIBE

Harrels Spend Six Hours Seeing Growsome Sights in the Stricken City.

No one who has not visited the scene can have any but a vague idea of the terrible destruction wrought by the flood in Pueblo, Colo., according to Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Harrel, who have just returned from their home here from a motor trip to Oklahoma and who spent six hours in the stricken city.

BARNYARD FOWL MAKES FRIENDS WITH BIRDS OF PLUMAGE

It is feared that one of the barnyard fowls on the R. O. Yearous place has taken a liking to fast company and birds of plumage and may any day forsake the prosaic life to which she was reared by her house-loving doting White Leg horn mother, who fears that her wayward child may have inherited some of the characteristics of the male parent.

Ten-year-old Hazel Yearous found eight of this hen's eggs reposing in a china pressant's nest and hobnobbing with six china pleasant eggs. The hen's eggs were removed and two days later the pleasant eggs hatched. The mother hen hopes that the departure of the aristocrats of birdland will remove the temptation which her child seems unable to resist.

UNSIGHTLY SPOTS OF CITY TO BE PICTURED

Photographs to Be Used to Arouse Citizens to Realization of Undesirable Conditions.

Actual work is now under way in the chamber of commerce's program of work.

Beautification and sanitation was one of the major items selected. The directors are of the opinion that the first step in solving a problem is to study and understand it. Much has been said about unclean streets, bad walks, weeds, rubbish, etc., but the board has decided that the best way to understand and solve the problem is through a pictorial display of unsightly and unsanitary sights as they actually exist.

To this end, prizes have been offered for the best groups of pictures of such places, hoping that the contest will interest a large portion of the citizens of the city in the contest, which would familiarize them with conditions. The pictures will be put on display in a prominent place so as to attract the attention and comment of the entire city.

All unsightly and unsanitary places are to be photographed and the prizes are large enough to interest kodakers and non-professional camera operators. Already considerable cleaning up has resulted from the report that the pictures were to be taken. Rubbish has been removed from many spots and weeds and grass cut from others but there are many bad walks, neglected parkings, untrimmed trees, unpainted and unrepainted houses, weed gardens that are fire hazards, open drains and cess pools that exhale noxious gases, unscrubbed outhouses and garbage piles that breed flies to carry their vile germs into houses and onto food.

Anything that is offensive to the sight or other senses or endangers health and comfort is a suitable subject for a picture.

Rules of Contest.

- 1.—First prize, \$5; second prize, \$3; third prize, \$2.
- 2.—Prizes awarded for thought shown in selection of views or the cogency of argument made by the views for city beautification and sanitation, rather than for art or mechanical excellence of the pictures.
- 3.—The views offered should not be smaller than post card size, but may be any size larger.
- 4.—Each group offered shall consist of at least six views of unsightly or unsanitary places and may consist of a larger number.
- 5.—All views must be of places within the limits of Cottage Grove.
- 6.—No names are to be marked upon or around the edges of the views; each view to have plainly marked upon its back the location of the view taken as "North side of Main street near Eighth street."
- 7.—All views of a group are to be placed in one envelope; the envelope is to be plainly marked with the names and address of the contestant.
- 8.—All views are to be in the office of the chamber of commerce by Monday night, Sept. 19.
- 9.—In the chamber of commerce of free all views of each group will be marked by a number given the contestant and placed to good advantage on card board and then passed upon by a panel of judges and the best placed in some convenient place for a public exhibition, study and comparison.
- 10.—It is understood that each contestant agrees to furnish to the chamber of commerce the film or plate on any view submitted; in order that slides may be made therefrom to be projected on screens later.
- 11.—To make any group more effective the six or more views of unsightly or unsanitary places may be contrasted with views of especially sightly places or sanitary conditions, if contestant desires.
- 12.—Further information and cooperation may be had from the secretary of the chamber of commerce.

SIXTH STREET PAVING IS RESURFACED

Work on Whiteaker Avenue Is Progressing Rapidly; Other Streets Done.

Containing the extensive street and sidewalk program of the city, Sixth street was resurfaced this week for three blocks south from Main street and all chuck holes in paving in the central portion of the city are being patched, as well as the portion of west Main street paving which gave way and has been in bad condition for several years.

Work on the entire four blocks of Whiteaker avenue is practically completed and the "hot stuff" will be all down today.

The mending of M street and north Lane street has been completed.

Attorney for Veterans.
J. M. Williams, of Eugene, has been appointed attorney to represent World War veterans in applying for the benefits of the bonus act.

ELECTRIC LIGHT BONDS

Taking sides in a local controversy is at best somewhat unpleasant, not to mention being dangerous to friendship and popularity.

But a democratic form of government can not be successful if the citizens thereof fail to express their views openly on public questions, and many predicaments into which we have been might easily have been averted by a more free discussion of public questions. The ridiculous situation now existing in the county court is a notable example of the result of letting things take their own course because of not wishing to take sides and cause rancor in a contest between two equally respected citizens.

We should not permit ourselves to get into any more such predicaments through our fine sense of not wishing to wound the feelings of some friend or worthy citizen, whom we may admire for some qualities but whom we do not think the person to handle certain of our public affairs.

At the special election to be held next Tuesday a proposition will be up for the voting of bonds for the establishment of a municipal light and power system. Equally good citizens both support and oppose the bond issue, but by far the larger number are in a quandary as to how they should act. They do not know exactly what to do and well that the issue should be put up to the people. We should know, and we should know now, whether or not the sentiment favors a municipal plant. It is only fair to the light and power company now operating in the city that the owners know whether or not they are safe in going ahead with extensive and expensive improvements now under way.

From diligent inquiry The Sentinel has become firmly of the opinion that what sentiment there is for the proposed bond issue is the result almost entirely of personal feeling against the manager of the business. The interest in the business, the company's success, has not been considered. It is regrettable that such should be the case. An issue as important as this should be settled upon some other basis. A public service business of any kind is subject to much criticism, both fair and unfair. The Sentinel has not the least doubt that in this case much of the criticism is justified. A large part of this criticism, a large part of the ill feeling of the company, is the result of the more than sorry appearance made by the manager of the company at the time of the hearing held here by the public service commission when a rise in rates was asked. The nature of the answers given by the manager of the company may have been upon professional advice, but that is no excuse for a manager, for the reason that a manager of a public service company should at all times be successful to sense the attitude the public will take, should be able to deal pleasantly with the public. The Sentinel dealt very kindly with the manager of the electric company in giving the report of the public hearing in a public hearing, which gave that public the idea that a whole lot was being hidden from public view.

As a final word, we believe a further issue of bonds at this time is unwise and imprudent; we believe that any move such as this should be fully and definitely explained to the voters on the part of those promoting it; we believe that the voters should be informed whether or not the move means the practical confiscation of the property of any citizen, so that he may say whether or not that is what he wishes to accomplish.

The public has recourse against any public service company. The Sentinel is ready to be one to demand that any defects or inefficiency in service be remedied, the aid of the public service commission being secured, if necessary; it will soon in a demand that the affairs of this, or any other public service, be made public; it will gladly assist in taking the company to task for any shortcomings; and if it should happen that the service wanted, at a price that is fair can not be secured, after fair and sufficient notice to the light and power company, it will not hesitate at a later date, when the city is in condition to float a bond issue, and when the proposed manner of spending the money is fully explained, to promote a municipal plant upon conditions which it thinks fair to all concerned.

But that time is not now, regardless of any personal feeling against any of the promoters of the power and light company, justified or unjustified.

There is an old saying, which is not always true, but is worthy of serious consideration on the part of any business, to the effect that the customer always is right. The Sentinel believes that business concerns are those which enter into an argument with a customer upon this presumption. A public service company of any kind needs to adopt this policy more than any other business. The Sentinel believes that to a lack, or apparent lack, of doing this the manager of the Cottage Grove Electric company owes, more than to any other reason, the feeling existing against his method of conducting his business. It is believed that the question is, admitting that the feeling to which we have referred may seem justified, does that warrant, does it make practicable, does it justify, further indebtedness of the city to the extent of \$50,000?

The Sentinel hardly believes that anyone thinks that an electric light and power plant and electric system such as we now have can be built and installed for \$50,000 at present prices of machinery and material.

TEACHERS ASSIGNED TO THEIR POSITIONS

Superintendent O. W. Hays has completed his assignment of teachers. The positions are as follows:

High school—H. Hargraves, principal; Miss Lulu Curran, Miss Elise Price; Miss Maud Skidmore, Miss Maud Lamson, Mrs. Ora R. Hemenway, J. F. Godard and E. J. Edwards. Principal Hargraves is a U. of O. graduate and letter man.

East side—Miss Mariette Hamant, sixth; Mrs. Albert Woodard, fifth; Miss Nora Queen, fourth; Mrs. G. J. Landess, third; Mrs. Aida Smith, second; Mrs. A. E. Brown, first.

West side—Mrs. Ilma Beager, eighth and principal; Miss Adelle White, seventh; Miss Irvin, sixth; Miss Hays, fourth and fifth; Miss Mendenhall, second and third; Mrs. Matilda Sleep, first.

ALMOND HEMENWAY WINS RACE BUT LOSES HIS BREATH

Almond Hemenway is short on breath to run a blacksmith's bellows for several months and approximately 20 pounds of expensive physical upholstery, as the result of chasing two of his quadrupeds which became frightened at a passing train while standing at the cannery and ran several blocks, with Almond in hot pursuit, before coming to a standstill.

Almond's upholsterer, neither extraneous but for draft work, rather than speed, were spurred to their utmost by the fact that his son Read was seated in the seat of the equipment hanging onto the rear of the train, while latter fact probably resulted in the horses stopping without doing any damage. Young Head was as proud of his feat in staying with the runaway as Almond was short of breath and nearly as excited.

PISTOL SHOTS HELP RAID ON MOONSHINERS

Pitcher and McFarland Find Former Location of Still, Operator and Jug of Product.

Louis Prine and L. C. Brown, of this city, are in the county jail charged with the manufacture of moonshine, as the result of a raid on a still where the moonshine was made. Sheriff Pletcher, in which he was assisted by Night Marshal Frank McFarland, who brought his heavy artillery into action when Mr. Prine attempted to escape through the back door of the still, which he was trying to throw away but which was retrieved by McFarland, after he had run down and captured his man.

Pitcher had been suspicious for some time that the illicit liquor manufacturing business was going on, also he had the still pretty well located. Saturday morning he and McFarland made a search of the woods close to the south-western boundaries of the city and their olfactory organs soon picked up the scent. However, all they were able to find was the place where the work had been done. Evidently the still had been moved only the day before, for the ground was still wet where water had been poured out. Several spots where the still had recently been removed and replaced showed where the mash had been buried.

A search warrant was secured, also the assistance of Constable Marsh and Sheriff Prine, Farmer, of Eugene. Pitcher took the still, which he was carrying, and McFarland and McFarland entered Prine tried to escape with the liquor through the rear door.

The boiler, which probably had been a part of the still, was found but no other evidence of moonshine business except the gallon of liquor.

The raid by the officers broke up a neighborhood card party.

CENTRAL HOTEL CHANGES HANDS

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCarthy have given up the management of the Central hotel on account of Mr. McCarthy's health. E. Kelley, who had charge of the hotel before the McCarthy's, has again taken over the management. Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy and Mrs. McCarthy's mother will start on a motor trip which probably will continue for a year. They anticipate reaching Florida for the winter season. Mr. McCarthy was gassed while in the service in France and lung trouble has resulted.

MRS. W. B. OSMON DIES OF DISEASE COMPLICATIONS

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SUPER-SPEED DRY KILN IS BEING ERECTED

W. L. & E. Company's Mill Prepares for Resumption of Activities Early in October.

Work has been started at the Western Lumber & Export company's mill in the most modern and one of the largest dry kilns in this section. It is being erected south of the planing mill, will be of tile and concrete construction throughout, will have a holding capacity of 40,000 feet and a drying capacity of 30,000 feet. It will be charged from the south end and the dry lumber will be taken out at the north end, where it can be shunted into the planer shed or sent direct to the dock for loading. The loaded trucks will be taken in and out of the kiln on double tracks. The kiln will be of the super-speed type. About a third of the product of the mill will be put through the kiln, necessitating a large addition to the dry shed, which will have a capacity of over half a million feet.

S. L. Godard is supervising the tile and concrete work. It is thought that both the kiln and dry shed will be completed by October 3, at which time, President Johnson states, the mill will resume operations, after a shutdown of several months.

Mr. Johnson states that prices have not advanced but that the demand is stronger at the low prices that it has been for some time. He can not explain the reason, but there is a feeling among mill men that the situation has improved considerably during the past few months. He does not anticipate a general revival in the business until late in the spring or early in the summer.

ELECTRIC LIGHT BONDS ARE UP NEXT TUESDAY

Usual Apathy Being Displayed by Citizens Asked to Decide Own Problems.

Little interest, apparently, is being taken in the special city election to be held next Tuesday, when the most important proposition to come before the voters is the question of authorizing the issuance of \$50,000 in bonds with which to acquire an electric lighting system.

Action is asked of voters on an issue of \$15,000 of water refunding bonds. As the city is unable to take up the old bonds, there is nothing for the voters to do except to authorize the new bonds. This is the 1901 issue of bonds, on which nothing has been paid. The amount of \$12,000 has been paid on the \$100,000 of bonds issued in payment of the system now in use, \$5,000 of which are due each year, beginning with 1920.

The other proposition on the ballot is an amendment of the charter to increase the minimum fine on certain offenses to \$250. It is understood that this is aimed at violations of the prohibition laws.

GOOD ROADS WILL MEAN MIGHTY TRAFFIC

Many Are Not Held Back Even by Bad Highways and Closed Roads.

If the condition of the roads and the many delays occasioned by waits at places closed by road work is holding back the tourist, the traffic over good roads is going to be something tremendous. A fair idea of the present traffic can be secured by being present at points where the roads are closed for two hours at a time. No sooner is the road closed, after being open a few minutes to let traffic through, than cars begin to clog the highway waiting for the next open period. Paving companies keep men at both ends of the closed portions to stop traffic and direct cars to the position they are to occupy while waiting. "Up in front please," is the common command, so that all available space may be used.

From 20 to 40 cars use the city's auto camp every night. The 25-cent fee seems to make no difference and has resulted in putting the camp on a basis where it pays its own way. A party from Utah, who used the camp during the past week, said it was the best they had found during their trip.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FORUM WEDNESDAY

A forum for members of the chamber of commerce and their guests will be held at 6:30 next Wednesday evening at Hotel Barrell.

The time of the luncheon has been changed from the noon hour to the evening hour for the convenience of members. A 50-cent table d'hote dinner will be served.

The subject for discussion will be some phase of the chamber of commerce's program of work.

Members are urged to be present with their wives or other guests.

Reservations should be made with secretary Miller by Tuesday night.

BOY BURNS INSECT; STARTS SERIOUS BLAZE

The attempt on the part of little Ben Little to burn a spider with a match started a fire a few days ago which came near destroying the Ralph Lancaster barn. Mr. Lancaster was compelled to summon aid to assist him in warding off the flames. No serious damage was done.

—Patronize those who advertise, because by advertising they show that they are live business men.

—which means that they turn over their stocks rapidly.

—and always have new goods on their shelves.

CHICKEN FINDS NUGGETS INSIDE LIMITS OF THE CITY

O. H. Willard is in doubt as to whether he has an undiscovered gold mine on his place or whether he has killed a hen which had discovered a method for transforming silver quills into golden nuggets, two of which were found in the chicken's gizzard while being prepared as the piece de resistance for a moonday meal. The hen had hardly been off the Willard place at any time and must have found the nuggets within a short distance of the Willard home, which is on the west side, well within the city limits. Mrs. Willard had often noticed that this chicken's eggs had a peculiarly golden yolk.

Mr. Willard thinks the chicken must have found some chunks of ore from Bohemia which had been thrown out in the yard.