

LIGHT COMPANY GIVES ITS SIDE OF THE STORY

Columns of Sentinel Are Wide Open to All Who Wish to Enter the Discussion.

Cottage Grove, Ore., Sept. 13.—(To the Editor.)—I note with interest, as do our other readers have done, the statement of Mayor Knowles wherein he says he is satisfied with the lighting conditions. It is as a matter of fact, as soon as we refuse from the mill is obtainable for fuel, the Cottage Grove Electric Company will return to the old rates and give the city cheaper lights.

It is indeed commendable for our mayor to desire cheaper lighting rates for the city but he cannot wish it any more ardently than we do and we stand ready to aid and abet him in every way possible to bring about this much desired result. But, unfortunately, it is not a question of will or desire but of ability, for as much as we desire to reduce light rates we are at an utter loss to know how we can do this so long as our revenues are below cost of production.

The new rates have not been in effect long enough for us to determine just how much additional revenue they will yield but we do know they will not yield enough to make up our loss by reason of the mill shut down, unless it is in effect for a longer period than the mill is idle. The mayor seems to think that the only thing necessary to bring about a reduction in the cost of street lights is to return to the old rates that prevailed prior to the mill closing down. I will ask him to recall the affidavit of our auditor, recently published, in which he states that our business was not making expenses under the old regime. In view of this I will further ask him, how he can, with justice, ask us to reduce the price of service while this condition prevails.

Under the old fuel conditions and the old rate we could not keep up with our expenses. The being true, how can he or any far-seeing person expect us to further reduce our revenue by lowering the price of street lighting? The only possible way we could do this would be by making up our loss by other means, and in view of the individual consumer, nor would be neither just, equitable nor reasonable and, I am quite sure, it would not be popular.

The street lights are for the benefit of all the people of the city and it would be no benefit to the individual user of light or power to lighten his tax bill a bit, only to add it to his light bill. There are those who pay no individual light or power bills at all and the very small amount they pay in taxes for street lights is the only electrical burden they bear. Is it reasonable to take from them this already small burden and add it to the heavier load of those who pay individual lights as well as street lights?

The mayor seems to think that because the expense of street lighting is out of proportion to other city expenses it ought to be reduced. We do not hold that position, but in proportion to our water needs, regardless of sewer expenses, or vice versa, therefore why should this rule be applied to the matter of lighting our streets?

It is not a question of water systems but a question of sufficient light for our streets and I think it will be conceded that we haven't any more street light than we need.

We hope, with a return to the old rate, the present rates to the individual consumer but we cannot do even this if we are compelled to reduce the price of street lights.

The council has asked the public service commission to hold a public hearing and thoroughly investigate the conditions here and we have seconded that request and hold a letter from that body stating that they would order a hearing at the earliest possible moment. We will request the public council will coincide, to have included in that investigation the problem of street lights, therefore why agitate this matter further at this time? Why not allow it to rest till the investigation has been made, then the public will know the facts and the difficulties can be met in an intelligent manner.

When this is done it will be clearly seen that all this talk about the officers of the Cottage Grove Electric Company receiving \$5000 each as annual salaries and that the net profits of the corporation are \$25,000 a year, which statements have been bandied about the streets so freely, have no other foundation than ignorance backed up by personal dislike.

If the facts developed at the investigation show that cheaper rates are justifiable for either street or individual service, we will acquiesce cheerfully and if they show that we are

BRUND SAYS HOME STATE IS UNSURPASSED FOR SCENERY

That the scenery of Oregon surpasses that of California and that the completion of paved highways over the state will mean twice as many tourists for Oregon as for our sister state to the south, is the statement of Andrew Brund, who has just returned from a motor trip of several months with his family, in which the entire length of the Sunshine state was covered.

Mr. Brund thinks, and is well worth the time spent in seeing it, but for real scenic beauty he thinks his home state, of which he has seen a great deal, has no equal. He found the Californians just as anxious to see Oregon as the Oregonians are to see California. He found a preponderance of Oregon cars in California and of California cars in Oregon.

DOG VIOLATES TRAFFIC LAWS AND WRECK RESULTS

A dog which failed to obey the traffic regulations caused the wreck of a few days ago of a car in which were riding J. L. Fiddler and Mrs. Sloan, tourists from Los Angeles. The dog ran out in front of the car and became entangled in the front wheels, causing the car to skid and run over twice. Mrs. Sloan sustained several fractured ribs and the car was somewhat demolished. The dog also was seriously injured. The accident happened south of the city about a mile.

FALL TERM OF SCHOOL TO OPEN MONDAY

Freshmen Who Register Saturday Need Not Be Present on the Opening Day.

Next Monday will be the opening day of school. In order to avoid congestion that day, Superintendent O. W. says requests all freshmen who can do so to register tomorrow, when it will be possible to give them more individual attention and advice in selecting their courses. Those registering tomorrow will not be required to attend Monday.

Superintendent Hays suggests that those having rooms or board to offer leave the same at his office, which will act as medium between those having board and rooms and those desiring either or both.

RESIDENTS ON PACIFIC HIGHWAY WILL IMPROVE

Residents of south Pacific highway are cooperating with the city in the improvement of their street. This street, which was used for heavy hauling during the paving of the highway south of the city, was to be scarified and rained. Residents have subscribed a sum of money for the laying of a considerable quantity of additional rock to be put down at the same time the other work is done.

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Outlook to more revenue we hope and we have no doubts that our citizens are sufficiently fair-minded to cheerfully concede us a rate that will do us common justice. More than this we do not ask; we want it and you cannot, in honor, grant it.

In conclusion let me say to our citizens that while you are revolving these problems in your minds we hope you will not forget that we have been supporting you all these years electric light and water service for we did not start the war, notwithstanding we were not making a cent on our investment at that time and that our business is one of the only businesses in the city that do not raise the price of its commodities several times and some of them as much as 500 per cent. We want the taxpayers to know also that we always have been and are now supporting you with street lights at less cost per candle power than any other city in the state so far as we have investigated and we have investigated many.

It was freely talked before election and has been as freely talked since that the real purpose of voting the bonds was to use them as a club to beat the Cottage Grove light company into giving the city cheaper lights. One may club a horse till he will pull all he possibly can but no amount of beating will induce him to pull more. You may club him to death but you will get no more pull out of him. Neither can you build up a community by clubbing to death one of its legitimate and most necessary businesses. There has already been too much clubbing done in Cottage Grove for its best interests.

[Editorial Note—There is a slight inaccuracy, undoubtedly unintentional, in the opening paragraph of the above letter. Mayor Knowles did not, in his statement, as published in the Sentinel, state that he insisted upon cheaper lights. He stated that he wished a contract whereby the city could reduce its light bill. His idea of accomplishing this seems to be by reducing the number or the size of lights being used. The lighting company has contended that it could not give the city the candle power rate which it now enjoys if the number of candle power used by the city were reduced.

It may not be particularly pertinent to the discussion, but there are some few things besides power rates which did not advance during the war. Interest rates on money did not advance and the rate the electric company pays for advertising space in the Sentinel is the same rate quoted the same company previous to the war.

The electric light situation in Cottage Grove has been fully opened up and is a live subject to which the Sentinel is willing to give any amount of fair publicity. If anyone has anything to say upon this important subject, the columns of the Sentinel are open to all comers free of charge, provided such persons are taxpayers or users of electric current. If anyone does not have his say, it is his own fault.]

EARL HEBERT IS SHOT FOR DEER AND DIES

Elmer Yeoman, of Creswell, Gives Himself Up; Cottage Grove Men in Party.

Mistaken for a deer as he pushed his way through the bushes, Earl Hebert, 25 years old, of Oakridge, was shot through the lower part of the stomach by Elmer Yeoman, of Creswell, Saturday afternoon at Bristol Meadows, near the Lawrence county line. Hebert died in an ambulance about 5 o'clock Sunday night near Lowell as he was being taken to a hospital in Eugene.

Besides Hebert and Yeoman there were three other men in the hunting party, W. G. Hauser, George Hawley and Amiel Hawkins. Mr. Hawley and Mr. Hawkins being residents of Cottage Grove. Mr. Hauser is a son-in-law of Mrs. Alice Hawkins of this city, but is a resident of Eugene. According to Mr. Hauser's story, a stretch of rim rock divided members of the party who were looking for a buck they had wounded, when someone in the party called "Look out, I'm coming over." Yeoman said he thought it was said, "Look out, it's coming over," and as soon as the bushes began to part he fired. Hebert fell to the ground with a bullet through the lower part of his stomach.

Members of the party carried the wounded man to a cabin and summoned from Eugene a physician who dressed Hebert's wounds Saturday evening and the start for Eugene was made Sunday morning in the ambulance, but Hebert died before the hospital could be reached.

The accident happened about 25 miles above Oakridge and about 70 miles from Eugene. Hebert was engaged in rounding up cattle in the Bristol meadow district and had joined the party only temporarily to show them where there were some deer, he being familiar with the section.

The dead man was born and raised in the Oakridge section and was a son of J. C. Hebert, a Lane county pioneer. He leaves a wife and baby, besides many other relatives in the Oakridge section.

After Hebert had died, Yeoman went to Eugene and gave himself up to the sheriff.

This makes the third fatality of the deer hunting season for this section.

Coroner's Jury Does Not Fix Blame.
The coroner's jury called at the inquest over the remains of Earl Hebert, who died Sunday evening as the result of a gunshot wound inflicted the day before by Elmer Yeoman, who mistook him for a deer, stated in its verdict that both Hebert and Yeoman were careless but placed the blame upon one.

Don't have any slackers. Keep track of what each man does by using egg record cards. For sale by The Sentinel at \$1.75 the hundred.

PAPER COMPLIMENTS C. G. PEOPLE HIGHLY

In the current issue of the Pacific Christian Advocate appears the following appreciative review of the Oregon conference camp meeting held in Cottage Grove in August:

"It was the judgment of those present that the Oregon conference camp meeting should be made a permanent affair. A commission was raised, consisting of the district superintendent, one minister and one layman from each church to report a definite plan to the next session of the Oregon annual conference together with such offers of grounds for a permanent location as might come to them. It is definitely known that Cottage Grove stands ready to make a truly magnificent offer to have such a permanent location in which every promise was kept and every expectation more than fulfilled. The spirit of the local people was beyond praise."

MRS. J. E. KELLEY DIES AT HOME IN VANCOUVER

Mrs. J. E. Kelley, formerly Miss Rena Baker of this city, died Monday at Vancouver, Wash., on her thirty-fifth birthday anniversary. The body arrived here Wednesday and the funeral was held yesterday afternoon, Rev. J. E. Carlson officiating.

Mrs. Kelley was born in Motley, Minn., September 12, 1886, and came to Cottage Grove with her parents when 13 years of age. She was married in 1911. She was a member of the Royal Neighbors, the Yeoman and the auxiliary of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

Surviving relatives are the husband, the parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Baker, of this city, and two brothers, Ray, of this city, and Roy, of Mabel.

FROST TAKES NIP AT TENDER VEGETATION

Tender vegetation was seriously nipped by the first frosts of the season, which occurred this week, and much of it was destroyed. Tomatoes, squash and late beans were the most seriously affected. Potato vines were hit but most of the potatoes had already attained their growth, which was not the case with tomatoes and late beans. Some grape vines suffered but most of the grapes were full grown.

CITY OFFICIAL IS UP FOR TRAFFIC VIOLATION

Evidently officials of the city are not above getting one another. J. E. Loucks, who looks after delinquent water users and keeps a general check on the water system, was halted into Police Judge Galloway's court Monday morning on a charge of leaving his motor running without an attendant. His plea that he had a broken arm and could not jizz the hand commences affected the judge to such an extent that he let his fellow official go with the injunction to sin no more.

The Sentinel wants all the news all the time. If you know an item, phone it in. Our number is 159-J.

THIS CITY IS NOT PLEASSED BY EUGENE'S ACTION

Report Here of Premeditated Slight Causes Fervent Expression by Local Citizens.

Attendance at the county fair from here has been much lighter this year than in previous years, probably due to the fact that no publicity of any kind was given here. No newspaper advertising was done here, no posters were put up and, so far as can be learned, not even a premium list was received by anyone here.

Word has reached here that the officials of the fair purposely neglected the city as to publicity, giving as a reason a lack of cooperation on the part of citizens here. Citizens have expressed themselves forcibly to the effect that they pay their share of the taxes which go to the promotion of the fair and that a premeditated slight is not likely to result in the cooperation which seems desirable. This city promoted this year's fair to the extent of offering prizes in the stock judging contest in which high school pupils from here participated.

WILLAMETTE PRESBYTERY MEETS HERE IN APRIL

Cottage Grove will be the meeting place of Willamette presbytery April, was the word brought back from Salem by E. W. Miller, secretary of the chamber of commerce, who attended the session there this week as a representative of the church here.

Mr. Miller extended the invitation for the meeting here and the invitation was cheered and accepted before any other offers could be made.

COTTAGE GROVE PUPILS WIN IN FAIR CONTEST

Winners in the stock judging contest at the county fair by high school pupils, in which Cottage Grove pupils had things all to themselves, were won as follows:

First, Joe Young; second, Lewis Strobeck; third, Carl Porter; fourth, Eston Porter; fifth, Ira Hopper; sixth, Harry Frost; seventh, Iolo Lawrence; eighth, Marvin Alstott; ninth, Lyle Lawrence. First, second and third prizes were awarded by the Cottage Grove chamber of commerce, no prizes being given by the fair itself.

The contest was promoted by Professor E. J. Edwards, of the agricultural department in the Cottage Grove schools conducted under the Smith-Hughes act. The points judged by the pupils were beef and milk production, with reasons given on the beef production.

Five of those taking part in the contest were from communities outside the school district. Two of the contestants, one of them a prize winner, are new residents here and had not attended the agricultural department.

DIVORCES ARE GRANTED COTTAGE GROVE WOMEN

Divorces were granted in district court this week as follows:

Mrs. Alice D. Crites alleged that her husband, H. D. Crites, deserted her and she was given a decree of separation.

Mrs. Sara Scheucler said on the stand that her husband, Gottlieb, falsely accused her, was cross and crabbed and that she was compelled to make her own living. She was granted the care and custody of their children. They were married at Fox Valley, Ore., January 19, 1912.

Mrs. Emily Binstriell has instituted divorce proceedings against Frank Binstriell. They were married in Portland December 27, 1915, and have two minor children, Ida, 5, and Paul, 4, whose care and custody the mother seeks. Mrs. Binstriell asks for \$60 a month for the support of the children and \$25 for her own support.

BEEES AND BUGS DIDN'T HAVE BATHING SUITS

One ear of the pears from the Loren orchards, shipment of which to Corvallis was contemplated, was sold last week to the Cottage Grove cannery, making three cars shipped to outside points and one sold here.

Manager Claud Schreck, of the Loren orchards, is of the opinion that cold rains were responsible for the short crop this year, instead of frosts. It is his opinion that the cold rains caused the bees and other insects, which had not been provided with bathing suits from carrying on pollen to the larger ones. He decried the editorial desk with a fine sample of venom as proof of his prowess with the rifle.

Good Grain at London.

London, Ore., Sept. 15.—(Special to The Sentinel.)—Will Massey's oats averaged 55 bushels and his wheat 27 bushels. Carl Small's oats went 50 bushels and his wheat 25 bushels. Howard Cox's oats went about 45 bushels and his wheat 20 bushels.

Budget Committee Appointed.

In compliance with state law, the council at its meeting Monday appointed a citizens' budget committee to assist in preparing the tax levy for next year. Those appointed were Worth Harvey, C. J. Kem and B. E. Walker.

Brush Fire Endangers Property.

A fire started Monday night to destroy some brush in the cemetery, spread over the hill to the west and endangered buildings on the Charles Park place. A force of neighbors succeeded in controlling the flames.

Eight Births; Five Deaths.

The report of Health Officer Job shows that during August there were eight births and five deaths. Of the births, five were males and three were females, and of the deaths, one male and four females.

Fifteen Are Baptized.

Fifteen persons were baptized Sunday afternoon at the foot bridge on Coast fork by Rev. Simpson Hamrick, pastor of the Methodist church. Three were immersed and the others were sprinkled.

City Will Collect.

The city council has determined to collect all delinquent street assessments and all taxes against which they are assessed. The city attorney has been instructed to institute proceedings.

Former Resident Wins Sweepstakes. Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Potrie, upon returning from the county fair, reported that the sweepstakes in the Jersey Park place, won by Walter Baker, of Canby, former resident of this city.

JUSTICE SUFFERS LAPSE OF MEMORY AFTER KILLING DEER

Even a justice of the state supreme court may become unduly excited over the killing of a deer. Thomas A. McBride, in writing to Ellen Beale to locate and forward to him a 25-20 rifle which he forgot here while returning home by motor, assigns the forgetfulness to a momentary mental aberration superinduced by and incident to the killing of a real deer. However, he remembered the exact location of the Woodson garage, where the artillery had been left, and the gun has been forwarded to him. The justice secured two deer during the trip, being accompanied to the hunting grounds on Cabot creek, out from Roseburg, by Mrs. McBride and their daughter.

MAMMOTH ACORN RESULT OF PUMPKIN GROWING IN SHELL

What appears to be a mammoth acorn but what really is a pumpkin firmly grown into and from a cocoon shell, is another vegetable freak of the Cottage Grove country. The likeness to the acorn is perfect, the pumpkin spreading from the top of the shell in the exact proportions of an acorn. The pumpkin may have been purposely dropped into the cocoon shell or it may have itself found that place of retreat in the shell thrown into the garden with rubbish. The grower of the freak is not known, as it was left in the door of The Sentinel office with no identification marks.

SPRINGFIELD IS ALSO AFTER CAMP MEETING

Springfield News: A meeting was held at the Methodist church last Thursday evening to take such steps as might seem best with reference to establishing a permanent ground for an annual camp meeting, which should be as accessible as possible to all parts of the Oregon conference and be recognized as a conference camp meeting.

At the camp meeting lately held at Cottage Grove a commission was appointed to look into all matters connected with the project and report as available sites to the annual conference, which meets at Forest Grove October 5.

A people of Cottage Grove, after having one session of the camp meeting there, are making strenuous effort to secure the permanent location. The grounds, after being once fitted up, could be used for other summer gatherings of a character consistent with the purpose of their establishment.

Oregon Weather Best.
Mr. and Mrs. George Salton, who have just returned from spending several months in the east, are more than ever impressed with the salubrious ozone of the famous, fertile, fruitful Willamette. Mr. Salton says that to one who has spent a number of years in Cottage Grove the heat in the east was simply awful, and he maintains that here he is using correct English in making that remark.

Stop Here to Can Fruit.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Beaver, of Gold Beach, were guests again this week at the city auto camp on their way home from a trip up the McKenzie. Mrs. Beaver took advantage of their presence here to buy some of the unsurpassed fruit of this section and put into cans for use on the way home and during the coming winter.

Charles Conner Bets Big Buck.

Charles Conner brought down the biggest buck he has ever seen while out Sunday on Mosby creek. It weighed 175 pounds. He saw two almost at the same moment but only succeeded in getting the larger one. He decorated the editorial desk with a fine sample of venom as proof of his prowess with the rifle.

Has Thrilling Experience.

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C. OF C. PICTURE CONTEST PROMISES BIG SUCCESS

Many Unightly Spots Already Photographed and Four More Days Are Left.

The picture contest in the Cottage Grove chamber of commerce beautification and sanitation program is already assured success. Many have interested themselves in "shooting" suitable subjects and the click of the camera is heard on every hand. Some who at first were dubious of the proposed plan have had a change of heart, and some who were at first uninterested have taken up, and the result will be a collection of pictures that will make many citizens sit up and take notice.

Speaking of the beautification and sanitation campaign, a member of the committee says: "The plan has been carefully canvassed by the committee in charge of the work and its members are convinced that it will go far toward making Cottage Grove people see ourselves as others see us. Familiarity breeds contempt for ugliness as well as for beauty, and many unightly things in Cottage Grove have become so familiar that they fail to register upon the consciousness of Cottage Grove people, but you may be sure that the out-of-town visitor, especially the one who is visiting here for the first time, sees these things just as they are, and they exert no favorable influence upon the stranger within our gates."

The program, as outlined by the beautification and sanitation committee, does not at present contemplate any plan that will involve the expenditure of a large sum of money. On the contrary, effort at present will be directed almost exclusively toward such improvement in the appearance of our city as may be accomplished without the expenditure of one cent of money. The stimulation of personal pride in the appearance, not only of the city as a whole but of every business house and residence, is the first objective, and with that accomplished the rest will be easy. Without personal pride on the part of every property owner, no amount of money spent, however large, can make Cottage Grove a beautiful city. With personal pride, no large amount will need to be spent to make the city beautiful, but large sums will be spent, and spent as large sums should be spent—for constructive development.

The picture contest will visualize the ugliness that now fails to register, and will make far easier for the committee the task of convincing citizens that there are many unightly places, that nearly all are the result of carelessness or neglect, and that no particular expense will be involved in their complete elimination.

"The picture contest is essential, and it is going to be a success. You may as well help it to be more successful by contributing a few pictures. They may be any old size, and taken anywhere within the city limits. Turn them in at chamber of commerce headquarters. 'Shoot six and win five.' There's a prize, you know—and you might accumulate it."

DEER COMES TO MAIN ROAD WHILE NO ONE HAS A GUN HANDY

While many hunters are coming home with the report that they have not so much as seen a deer after having been out many days, E. S. Holderman reports seeing one the other day along the main road below the Ben Pitcher place. The buck evidently heard or saw Mr. Holderman and hid in the deep water of the river, allowing only its nose and horns to show.

Holderman had no gun along, as it always happens in such cases, and was unable to secure one from any near by house, so he did not get the venison that might easily have been his.

Mr. Holderman says that he has often known deer to hide in the water and he thinks they often elude their pursuers in this manner.

Wm. Patten reports sighting a spike buck on a road south of the city while he was out on his motorcycle. He gave chase, holding a bowie knife in one hand and his motorcycle in the other and would have overtaken the fleet-footed animal had it not made its escape through a fence.

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