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DIPHTHERIA SITUATION IS WELL IN HAND

Only One Home Is Quarantined During the Week; No Serious Cases Reported.

The diphtheria situation is well in hand, only one home quarantine sign being put up during the past week, at the A. C. Spriggs home. It is thought that nothing serious may be anticipated from any of the cases now under quarantine.

The city schools opened Monday but the attendance has been low, due to the fact that many parents are keeping children out of school because of fear of contraction of the malady. The attendance in the grades is now about 40 per cent and in the high school 90 per cent. The ban on attendance of young people at public meetings was lifted Monday and social and business affairs are on a normal basis.

Attendance at schools in nearby communities also has been reduced and the Seaside school remains closed this week. It is understood that it will open Monday.

ROADS TO REDUCE RATE ON LUMBER

Portland, Ore., Dec. 5.—Testimony bearing upon the application of the transcontinental railways to the interstate commerce commission for permission to establish reduced rates on numerous commodities from eastern points of origin to Pacific coast terminals, on a basis which will enable the carriers to compete with intercoastal steamers via the Panama canal, was begun here today.

The hearing is before William A. Disque, examiner of the interstate commerce commission and will continue tomorrow, after which the examiner will conduct similar hearings at San Francisco, Reno, Nevada; Phoenix, Arizona, and finally at New York. Similar hearings have been conducted by the examiner at Chicago, Denver, Salt Lake, Boise, Helena and San Francisco.

BURCHAM IS HONORED BY MILITARY SOCIETY

(By Josephine Goldstrub.)

Oregon Agricultural College, Nov. 30.—Clyde Burcham, of Cottage Grove, a prominent student at the college, has just been initiated into the Seaboard and Blade, honorary military fraternity.

Men elected to membership must excel in military as well as scholastic attainment.

The purpose of the fraternity is to raise the standard of military training in American colleges. Seaboard and Blade was organized in 1905 at the University of Wisconsin.

Burcham is doing well in the school of agriculture, in which he is registered.

DELIGHT VALLEY ASKS COURT FOR ROAD WORK

A delegation from Delight valley has made request of the county court for a survey of a new road in that section. No funds are available for the improvement of the roads in that district as they are not included in the road bonds voted, but members of the delegation stated that improvements were needed at once as several sections of the roads are in bad condition at the present time.

County Cop Gets Many.

One hundred forty-six arrests for violation of the traffic laws were made during the past six months by L. H. Farmer, special traffic officer employed by the county, according to his report made to Sheriff Fred G. Stickle. His services will be dispensed with until early next summer. He will remain as special deputy sheriff in the meantime.

Of the 146 arrests, 96 were for speeding, 24 for having no tail lights, 18 for improper license plates, four for failure to dim lights, and one each for parking on highway at night without lights, having no chauffeur's license, having no operator's license and having no light on a wagon.

Of the persons arrested, 128 were fined, the fines amounting to \$1415.60. November was the quietest month of the six, the fines during that period amounting to \$94.

Benevolence Committee Appointed.

The local benevolence committee of the Elks lodge has been selected by the chamber of commerce as a benevolence committee for the community. In order that there may be no duplications, the chamber asks that cases of need be reported to this committee, which consists of C. A. Bartlett, Ed. Tullar, W. H. Ostrander, W. W. McFarland and Ed. Willson.

American Legion Elects.

Calvin T. Funk post, American Legion, has elected the following officers: J. T. Smith, commander; Geo. A. Proctor Jr. vice commander; Dale Wyatt, adjutant; E. C. Spray, financial officer; H. K. Metcalf, C. S. Roberts and George Matthews, executive committee.

The Legion plans to give a mask ball on the evening of December 31.

Escape Injury in Train Wreck.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brown, of this city, were passengers on the west-bound train in the recent wreck at Celilo. They were in the first of the coaches which did not leave the track and escaped injury. They were returning from Durango, Colo., where they had been visiting since September.

Phone your news. The Sentinel wants it. Our number is 159-J.

LITTLE TOTS MAKE THEIR WRITTEN APPEAL TO OLD SANTA

Dear Santa Claus,
My brother wants a trieyel, tin mortisey, and a Boat.
And I want a Agate Ring, A Pear of yellow beads, and one story book.

Will I well close, from—
The above note, in childish hand, was sent to the patron saint of all good little children through the Cottage Grove postoffice. Evidently the postmaster thought it would reach old Santa quickest through the columns of The Sentinel.

It is noted that the wants of these little tots are not great and that the little sister who writes the note put little brother first. The presents which these little ones ask are those which appeal to the childish heart. Evidently feeling that too great a demand might be by Santa thought selfish, the little tot has specified "one" story book.

The name of the author was appended to the note and may be had by any who desire to brighten Christmas day for these little ones. The Sentinel does not know whether these little ones are likely not to get those things unless the note is delivered to Santa, but The Sentinel thinks the publication of the note is worth while as a reminder that there are many whom Santa may neglect unless some of the big hearted citizens of the city guide him in his rounds of the community.

COUNTY BUDGET COMES UP FOR DISCUSSION

Date of Taxpayers' Meeting Is Set for December 22 in the Court House in Eugene.

The annual taxpayers' meeting to discuss the items of the county budget will be held in the court house in Eugene Thursday, December 22. The date selected will give the taxpayers of remote sections of the county an opportunity of attending the meeting and returning home in time for Christmas.

The budget was made out by a committee, authorized under a new law, consisting of three members of the county court and three citizens at large selected by the court. These citizens are Cal M. Young, of Eugene, J. H. Chambers, of Cottage Grove, and William Pitney, of Junction City.

The taxpayers have no authority at their meeting to make any changes in the budget but are privileged to make suggestions. Usually the suggestions are numerous and last year they were backed up by threats of recall, but, after all, the county court is final judge of the budget and has power to put it through as it is arranged.

JAMES YOUMANS, G. A. R. VETERAN, IS BURIED HERE

James Youmans, former resident of Cottage Grove and a resident of Douglass county for a number of years, died Friday at the soldiers' home at Roseburg, heart failure being the cause. The funeral was held here Saturday under the auspices of the G. A. R. post, Rev. S. Hamrick officiating. Interment was in the A. F. & A. M. I. O. O. F. cemetery, beside the wife, who died several years ago.

Mr. Youmans was born in Steuben county, N. Y., November 8, 1838. He moved to Minnesota at the age of 16 years and there married Miss Ephraim Woodard. He served during the Civil war in a Minnesota regiment and 40 years ago the family moved to Oregon. They lived in Portland one year, moving to Douglas county and making that their home except during a short time spent in this city. The only surviving child of six children is Mrs. T. J. Richardson, of Tillamook. There are 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Robin Powell Out of Danger.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Powell returned Tuesday night from Raymond, Wash., where they were called by word of serious injury to their son Robin. Upon their arrival they found that he had been struck in the left eye by a piece of bark and that it was thought he would lose the sight of the member. Before Mr. and Mrs. Powell returned home it had become certain that the sight of the eye would be saved.

L. S. Hill Again on Job.

O. L. Nichols, who returned several days ago from a visit with his mother in California, visited L. S. Hill, who was seriously and nearly fatally injured in an automobile wreck several months ago. Mr. Hill is now able to attend to his business affairs but it is yet with difficulty that he gets about by the aid of crutches. Physicians state that it will be a year yet before he regains the use of his right limb.

Arrival of Brother Exhilarates.

C. H. Loucks, brother of J. E. and A. C. Loucks, arrived Saturday from Lincoln, Neb., to make his home for a time at the home of J. E., who, incidentally, was so exhilarated by the visit of his brother, whom neither of the brothers here had seen for 25 years, that he got down town Monday for the first time in several weeks. He has been suffering with asthma.

Bottling Works Sold.

Nelson DeYoung has bought from Raymond Grube the Cottage Grove Bottling works and has moved the business into the building at the bridge where he already was located with his confectionery store.

SHARP KEEPS HIS NAME OFF COUNTY BUDGET

Objects to Proposed Apportionment of Road Fund and to Salary for Road Superintendent.

Emmett Sharp, county commissioner, who has refused to concur in numerous official acts of the other two members of the county court, left his signature off of the county budget for 1922 and it is being published with only the signatures of County Judge C. P. Barnard and County Commissioner M. H. Harlow.

A great deal of the official business of the court has been transacted, since Mr. Sharp took office nearly a year ago, without his signature to the different orders. He has disagreed with the majority on many matters requiring the signatures of the members of the court and it is said the records show that a majority of such documents are filed containing only the signatures of Judge Barnard and Commissioner Harlow.

Commissioner Sharp has issued a public statement in which he sets forth his reasons for not signing the budget. The statement follows:

"I hereby refuse to sign the 1922 budget as submitted to the taxpayers of Lane county, Oregon by the county court thereof, and hereby submit my reasons as follows:

"First—This budget as submitted provides \$43,000 to be expended on the Pacific highway from the market road fund. The market road law never contemplated these funds to be expended on the main state highways. As plainly understood by all and as signified by the words 'market road,' these funds were intended and should be expended on lateral roads, in other words, 'farmers' roads.'

"Second—This budget carries \$2700 for county road superintendent. I call this item unnecessary, as this work should be done by the county commissioners and this amount thereby saved the taxpayers.

"Third—This budget provides that from the motor vehicle fund \$20,000 be expended for interest on bonds; \$5000 on McKenzie highway in forest and \$5000 on Pacific highway. The law provides that county motor vehicle funds should be used: First, 'for the payment of interest and retirement of any bonds that may have been issued or which may hereafter be issued by the county for the purpose of road construction and improvement.' I hold that this entire fund of \$20,000 should be set aside for the interest and principal on present outstanding road bonds, rather than at some future time to call upon our taxpayers to make good these amounts by a tax levy.

"Fourth—It is contemplated by this budget that \$23,000 from the general road fund—that is—from the road district fund herein submitted of \$80,000 is to be paid back to the incorporated cities and towns. I understand that this is under a written promise made by County Judge Barnard and County Commissioner Harlow. I am opposed to this \$23,000 going back to these incorporated cities and towns. For the past 20 years a majority of the road funds have been expended on the Pacific highway or on roads near by and adjacent to these incorporated cities and towns. Most of these roads are now completed. They have been built at the sacrifice of the farmer further removed from these limits. Now, to place so much of the road money available within these cities and towns does not seem fair to the ones further removed therefrom. We can only improve and build up our cities by improving and building up the roads of our farmers.

"Fifth—We can only reduce taxes by decreasing county and state and city expenditures. My platform promised economy. This budget as submitted does not seek to cut down county expenditures and thereby reduce our high taxes."

(Judge Barnard's reply to Mr. Sharp's charges is published in another column.)

COMPANY OF INFANTRY IS ALMOST CERTAIN

Cottage Grove is almost certain to have an infantry company within the very near future, according to word from Adjutant General George A. White, who has word from Washington which indicates that two infantry companies are to be assigned to this state at once. It is understood that the adjutant general has assured officers of the American Legion post that this city will get the next company assigned to this state.

C. C. Cruson and Geo. A. Proctor were in Salem yesterday in consultation with the adjutant general. Mr. Proctor went as a representative of the chamber of commerce, which is taking an active part in the attempt to secure a military organization here.

Cemetery Association Being Organized.

A committee from the chamber of commerce is cooperating with committees from the A. F. & A. M. and I. O. O. F. lodges in the organization of a cemetery improvement association.

Soil Survey Demanded.

The chamber of commerce has made what is practically a demand for a soil survey of Lane county, which comes under the work of the Oregon Agricultural college.

Open Forum Tuesday Evening Next.

An open forum of the chamber of commerce will be held Tuesday evening next in the club rooms. The session will open at 7:30 and continue to 10.

WATCH YOUR LABEL.

COUNTY JUDGE COMES BACK AT COMMISSIONER

Barnard Charges Sharp With Extravagance in Expense and Inconsistency in Actions.

County Judge C. P. Barnard has taken up the charges and explanations made by County Commissioner Emmett Sharp in refusing to sign the county budget for 1922, which charges and explanations are published in another column. Mr. Barnard makes his reply by number, in the same order that Mr. Sharp made his charges. His reply is as follows:

First—In regard to the Pacific highway being designated as a market road. No bond money was voted for this highway and, as the necessary expenses absorbed practically all of the general fund, it is necessary to consider the Pacific highway a market road and it has been considered as such by the state highway commission and the past county court, as money was budgeted for this road from the market road fund for the present year by the former court. I did not like the idea myself of using market road money on the Pacific highway, but think we are fully justified in doing so when we consider the returns. For instance, our total cooperation on the highway of about 50 miles, when it is completed, including three overhead crossings and the two large bridges at Cottage Grove, will be about \$200,000, as compared to nearly \$1,500,000 as the state's part.

Second—Regarding the road superintendent. When I came into office, while I thought we needed someone to take general supervision over the work done by the large outposts, I was not altogether satisfied that it was necessary to pay the wages which had been paid during war times, but agreed to keep the road superintendent six months with the provision that if it were necessary, we would continue this understanding during the year. On January 5, 1921, I made the following motion:

"That road districts be divided as they are at present, Mr. Harlow keeping the districts which he already has, including No. 71, which was newly organized; Mr. Sharp taking supervision of districts formerly handled by Mr. Spencer, each party having control of their districts and the expenditure of road district and special road district money and selecting their own patrolmen, taking complete charge of all district jobs; work done with other money, that is, general road, market road, and motor license, under the supervision of the road superintendent as instructed by the county court."

This was endorsed by a majority of the court, but Mr. Sharp refused to abide by it. This compels the road superintendent to do a great deal of work that should be done by the commissioner, and takes him away a large part of the time from the direct supervision of the work under his charge and, undoubtedly, in my mind, puts the county to a great deal of extra expense.

Third—The motor vehicle law provides, first, the payment of interest on bonds and then on the bonds themselves or on the state roads. I think our bonds call for a direct tax to pay for them as they become due after applying, of course, the motor vehicle license money. I would like very much to see a sinking fund, even though small, but we must remember that we are getting large cooperative returns now which we might not be able to secure at a later date.

Fourth—At the last meeting of the legislature a bill was introduced and passed. I think by all the Lane county legislators, which would compel county courts to turn back to municipalities 70 per cent of all tax money raised by them for road purposes. This was opposed by representatives from different granges and several of the county courts, including the Lane county court. The bill failed but it was planned to bring it back with a good chance of its passing, and we thought best to compromise, which we did, on 40 per cent.

Fifth—Economy. The question of economy does not appear to be taken seriously when applied to personal expenses. It appears from the clerk's books that Commissioner Sharp's expenses for the past ten months are considerably more than the combined expenses of the other members of the court. In cutting off the road work we should try and be fair to all parties but we have different ideas of the importance of different roads. For instance, at the budget meeting, a party of business men came in and asked for \$7000 for upper Willamette (in the Cascade forest). Mr. Sharp made a plea for the money in their presence. Now, in the October 27 issue of The Guard, Mr. Sharp makes the statement, if I remember rightly, that he appeared before the state highway commission and that the commission promised to withhold action on designating the state road route known as the Eugene-Florence road to the coast until after the Mapleton-Cushman road is built along the Siuslaw river by the Southern Pacific company. This is the same road which the other members of the court have been trying to have the state highway commission locate at once, so that we might get some money from the state and forest service while it is available, and we think it is just as important as a strictly tourist road."

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Coos Bay Movement Endorsed.

The chamber of commerce has endorsed the efforts of the Coos bay section for harbor development and has informed the powers that be of such action.

SALLEE TRAPS FINGER AS WELL AS BOBCAT ROOST THIEF

Star, Ore., Dec. 7.—(Special to The Sentinel.)—Arthur Sallee has found that a mixture of chickens and bobcats is not conducive to a multiplication of the chicken population and that traps set for the bobcats are wicked instruments of torture when they catch the finger of the owner of the trap and of the chickens. Mr. Sallee has both a bobcat hide and a badly damaged finger as the result of the depredations of bobcats and his efforts to catch the depredators.

Three bobcats have been killed by Mr. Sallee within a few weeks. Two were caught at their nefarious work of picking out tender "springs" in broad daylight. The third worked under cover of darkness and was taken in a trap. The dog found the entrapped varmint, entered into an altercation with it and was badly scratched before the owner ended the argument with a bullet in a vital part of the varmint. One of the cats was killed while engaged in a vain attempt to induce a mother hen to part with some of her young chicks.

While Mr. Sallee was again setting the trap for any more of the varmints which might locate his chicken coop, the trap was sprung with one of Mr. Sallee's fingers between the jaws. When the finger was extricated, the nail and a portion of the flesh remained in the trap.

HAND WINS FROM OLSEN IN SIXTY MINUTES

Contender for World Wrestling Championship Uses Famous Toehold With Telling Effect.

Ralph Hand, of this city, contender for the world's wrestling championship in the middleweight class, advanced another notch Saturday night by defeating Thor Olsen, another contender and one of the best men in the game, in one of the fastest matches ever seen here. The two had met before in a draw match and it had been agreed that this one should go to a finish. However, Hand brought it to a close in just an hour, getting the first fall in 48 minutes and the second in 12 minutes. Both falls were by the toehold, with which Hand is particularly adept. The first fall by this method weakened Olsen that Hand had no trouble in getting the second fall in jig time.

As the men appeared on the mat neither seemed to have any great advantage over the other, although Olsen had eight pounds the better of it in weight. Olsen appeared over-confident as the match started but after his defeat made a speech to the fans and hailed Hand as the coming world's middleweight champion.

This match was once postponed because Olsen became stormbound at Heppner for four days and could not reach here. On the second attempt to reach here he was just behind the recent wreck at Celilo and was delayed 36 hours, giving him little time here for training.

In a preliminary match Ellsworth Damedwood won from Harry Crume, getting two falls in 14 minutes and 8 minutes. Damedwood was 20 pounds the heavier.

Young Hackenschmidt and Fred Brown, local men, wrestled a fast and clever ten-minute exhibition.

Jack Kulhank put on an added attraction, being suspended by his feet from the ceiling in a straightjacket, from which he freed himself in three minutes.

Sid Carter, of Kansas City, who refereed the matches, challenged Hand to a match, which probably will be arranged soon, as did also Young Hackenschmidt, and the latter probably will be taken on first. Several other challenges have also been received by Hand, some of which may be accepted.

Both Carter and Hackenschmidt have met and defeated some of the best middleweights in the game.

A fair-sized audience witnessed Saturday night's card, a number being of the fair sex.

REV. GROAT KNITS RUG FOR SUNSHINE REST ROOM

Although Rev. E. G. O. Groat is well along in the '80s he does not believe in letting time hang on his hands. He still takes an active part in the affairs of the Baptist church and has just completed the knitting of a rug which he has presented to the rest room.

Buy Elite Confectionery.

Frank and Robert Jones have purchased the Elite confectionery, taking charge Tuesday evening. Both are well known citizens of the community but have not before been in business here. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McFarland, who retire from the business, have not made their future plans.

Police Court News.

One traffic violator was up in the recorder's court during the past week. Lester Simmons, traveling man, donated to the city treasury for leaving his car parked all night in front of the Bartlett hotel.

Fred Wolfer paid a fine of \$10 for being intoxicated.

If you like the editorials, tell your friends about them, and help to make them bear fruit.

O. P. & E. CHARGE ABSORBED BY SOUTHERN PACIFIC

Absorption Amounts to Reduction in Rate to Mills Located on This Railway.

Word to the effect that the Southern Pacific is about to publish rates whereby it will absorb the freight charge to Cottage Grove on lumber from mills located on the Oregon Pacific & Eastern railway, has been received by E. W. Miller, secretary of the chamber of commerce. J. A. Mulchay, general freight agent, states that the rates have been ordered published but that there has been some delay. This absorption will apply only to shipments east of Ogden. It will not apply to shipments along the Pacific coast, the railway company stating that it is now meeting water competition and is not in a position to give what amounts to a reduction of already low rates.

This absorption of rates by the Southern Pacific will encourage the manufacture of lumber at points along the Oregon Pacific & Eastern.

J. H. Chambers, owner of this road, now has no mill on his own line and his mill at Latham will get no advantage of this absorption of rates on his own railway line.

LANE COUNTY TAXES ARE NEARLY ALL PAID

Ninety-two per cent of the Lane county taxes for the year 1920 have been paid, according to Sheriff Fred G. Stickle, although eight per cent of the total roll of \$1,474,625.58 is still delinquent in comparison to a delinquency of 5.4 per cent at the close of the tax period of 1919. A total of \$1,350,000 has been paid on the 1920 rolls so far but it is expected that the personal tax delinquency, notices of which have just been mailed, will cut down the percentage that will remain unpaid at the close of the year.

The tax roll for 1919 amounted to \$1,160,000 with approximately \$63,000 remaining unpaid at the close of the year. The tax amount for 1920 will approximate \$315,000 more than in 1919 and it is expected, according to Sheriff Stickle, that a proportionate amount will be delinquent at the close of the year.

THURBERS AND DIXON GO TO CENTRAL POINT

E. M. Thurber and N. E. Dixon have taken over a merchandise business in Central Point and both men are now there. Mr. Dixon will remain in charge of the business while Mr. Thurber returns to close up his business affairs here. Mr. Dixon was until recently manager of Gray's Cash and Carry store and Mr. Thurber is in the motor transportation business. The Thurburs expect to move to Central Point about the first of the year.

AUTO THIEVES COME TO TO GRIEF AT LORANE

Lorane, Ore., Dec. 8.—(Special to The Sentinel.)—Blaine Addison, deputy sheriff, captured two boys here this morning with an Oldsmobile car stolen from Eugene. The boys were caught soon after word reached here from the sheriff's office for the deputy to be on the lookout. Evidently the boys were trying to make their getaway by taking this circuitous route instead of taking the main highway through Cottage Grove.

HEART FAILURE BRINGS DEATH TO JAS. P. STOVER

James Perry Stover, working as sawyer at the Buck Creek Lumber company's mill, dropped dead of heart failure Monday evening at his home here. The family had been residents here only a few months. Mr. Stover was born in Pennsylvania Sept. 24, 1878. The widow and eight children survive. The funeral was held Wednesday, Rev. S. Hamrick officiating.

Electric Power Situation Discussed.

An informal meeting of users of light and power was held Tuesday evening in the council chamber. The discussion was entirely informal. Some suggested the idea of a number binding together to discontinue the use of power and light current unless an adjustment of rates be made, but calmer judgment prevailed and action was postponed until after the public service commission files its order in connection with the hearing recently held here.

Herald White Buys Partner's Interest.

Eugene Register: Herald W. White, member of the firm of the White-Castelloe Electric company, has purchased the interest of his partner, Mark B. Castelloe and the firm name will be changed to the H. W. White Electric company. Mr. Castelloe will continue for the present with the concern.

—the merchant who keeps his advertising on the move

—the one who has a real story to tell

—and tells it well

—the one who, when he has let bargains to offer, lets the people of his community know about them through the local newspaper

—is the one who is outdistancing all competition.