

INJURED BY EXPLOSION

"DAD" NELSON MEETS ACCIDENT AT FLOWER CITY.

Unconsciously Walks Over Blast on One of City Streets and Is Badly Hurt.

S. T. Nelson, affectionately called "Dad" by his old-time associates at Cottage Grove, met a serious accident at Portland, last week where he was visiting at the homes of his sons. It was at first reported that he had been killed.

Mr. Nelson was walking along one of the streets where some blasting work was being done. Three blasts had been set. The watchman stopped "Dad" for the first blast, but had misunderstood directions and did not seem to know that more were to follow. He motioned an auto that it could go ahead and himself started to follow Mr. Nelson to the scene of the first explosion. "Dad", it seems, was almost above the blast when it discharged and was terribly hurt and disfigured by the explosion. The automobile, being faster, got over safely. The watchman was injured, but not seriously.

Mr. Nelson is reported to be very low at a Portland hospital.

The news was brought to this city by Lee Roy Woods, who saw one of the Nelson boys at Eugene just a few moments Saturday while the train was stopping at the station. He did not have time to get but meagre details. The accident, for some reason, did not get into any of the Portland papers.

Mr. Nelson was a well-known character here until last spring, when he sold his 374-acre tract, one of the finest in the valley, to John F. Spray for a consideration of \$16,000, at which time he moved to Elmira.

MONSTER AIRSHIP PASSES

MESSAGES DROPPED FOR COTTAGE GROVE CITIZENS

Tom Parker and Frank Snodgrass Hold Conversation With Aerial Navigator.

In this day of "up in the air" navigation, it is not uncommon to see the heavens dotted with air machines, but to have a real live airship pass directly over this city proves both exciting and disappointing. To those who viewed the monster it proved a thrilling scene, and to those who were wrapped in peaceful slumber, it cannot bring other than a disappointed feeling at failing to see it. Like a great black cloud it moved along in all its majesty and probably would not have been noticed by any of the Cottage Grove people had it not been for the gleaming searchlight thrown down and a voice calling: "What town is this?" Both Tom Parker and Frank Snodgrass, who were up and out at the time, gave answer as best they could, which was followed by the word "Message," shouted from above, and very soon and within twenty feet of these gentlemen fell and was picked up by them, a short strip of cord with a stone at one end and a bit of paper at the other. The message read as follows: Kindly inform Wheeler & Thompson that we will attend their closing out sale.

FOUND RICH GOLD MINE

DR. W. W. OGLESBY MEETS GOOD FORTUNE.

Writes From California of Finding Mine Partially Located When a Young Man.

"I have found a rich gold mine," writes W. W. Oglesby from California in a letter to his daughter, Miss Anna. The mine which Mr. Oglesby has located is one he has had in mind looking for for many years. He partially located it when a young man and ever since has nursed a desire to go back and look for it, feeling confident that his judgment when younger was not wrong and that the precious metal was there and waiting for someone to come and find it. Now in his old age he may reap the benefit of prospecting done in his youth.

Mr. Oglesby states that the mine is located on railroad land and he anticipates some trouble in getting possession of the property, but the chances are that he may make a small fortune just for the locating, even if he can't get possession of the land.

The property is located in Kern county.

Geo. Allen spent Sunday in Eugene.

WANT DIVISION POINT HERE.

Commercial Club May Go After Freight Division Point.

At a meeting of the Commercial club Monday evening, the secretary was instructed to communicate with officials of the S. P. and learn if there is anything to the report that the freight division point is to be moved away from Roseburg. If it develops that there is an intention of moving the division point, the Commercial club will endeavor to convince S. P. officials that this is the phycological point.

Agent King, of the local station, informs the Sentinel that the road hasn't yard room to sidetrack over three freight trains and he doesn't see where more space could be secured.

Divide and Yoncalla people are said to be very much worked up over the possible removal of the division point and are planning on having it themselves.

100,000 ACRES WANTED

CHICAGO SYNDICATE AFTER BIG BUNCH OF LAND.

Would Clear Part, Furnish House, Horses, Wagon, Cow and Sell on Easy Terms.

A Chicago syndicate is after 100,000 acres of western land for settlement. Agent King, local agent of the Southern Pacific, has received word to this effect, and has been asked to bring the matter to the attention of the newspapers and Commercial bodies.

The syndicate proposes to divide the land into 80-acre tracts, clear five acres and build a house on each tract, furnish two horses, wagon and one cow and sell on the installment plan to actual settlers. The syndicate does not wish to pay over \$10 an acre for such a tract, which makes it very unlikely that suitable holdings can be secured in this vicinity. However, land that can be successfully used for the purposes intended will be hard to secure anywhere at that price in such a large tract, and it may be worth while to try to get the syndicate to consider a bunch of acreage at a larger price. To get a company to make such an investment for such a purpose would be the making of any small city. The ten million invested in the land might not bring any direct results, but the work of building the houses and clearing the land would bring thousands of dollars to local laborers and business houses, not to mention the continued income from the settlers that would be located on the land.

The Commercial club will, undoubtedly, take the subject up and learn if it would be worth while to attempt to open negotiations on a higher basis of land values.

PRECINCTS TO BE CHANGED.

County Court Rearranging Voting Districts of County.

The county court is busy rearranging the voting precincts of the county. With the present ballot the work of tallying the votes takes so much time and is such an arduous task that it is difficult to secure an election board. It is aimed to arrange the precincts so that there will be about 100 voters in each district.

The re-arrangement will make seven precincts in Cottage Grove, where there has formerly been but three. They will be divided as follows:

1st precinct.—West of river to corporate limits.

2d precinct.—Between river and railroad tracks, north of Main street.

3d precinct.—Between river and railroad tracks, south of Main street.

4th precinct.—East of railroad tracks, north of Locust and Locust extension.

5th precinct.—East of railroad tracks, south of Locust and Locust extension.

Two precincts will be located outside of the corporate limits, probably with polls at Waldo and Latham.

DEER SEASON CLOSES.

Many Cottage Grove Nimrods Feasted on Venison.

The deer season closed November 1st, and there were many local nimrods who got in with venison just inside the legal limit.

It is estimated that at least 75 deer were killed by local sportsmen, but that number is not up to the usual average. There were about the usual number of hunters out after game, but the feet-footed denizens of the forest were a little scarcer than usual.

Mrs. Sydney Richardson, of Eureka, Calif., came down from Eugene Monday for a short visit before returning home.

M. E. Johnson transacted business in Eugene the first of the week.

THE REFERENDUM CASE AS VIEWED BY COMMITTEEMEN SPRAY AND CATES

What Spray Says.

The following article was contributed this week to the Leader, being called forth by the report of the testimony of John F. Spray, which appeared in the Sentinel last week:

I did not intend to answer the attack that has been made upon me through the newspapers since I testified in the referendum case at Salem, but as Mr. H. J. Parkinson & Co., appear to think they are the only pebbles on the beach, I will attempt to write this matter up from beginning to end, and then let the people be the judge.

About two years ago at a mass meeting of the people of Cottage Grove there was a committee appointed to further the creation of a new county, I being a member of that committee.

About the first thing they did was to get together and name the baby. Next in order was to get before the legislature and try and pass a bill for the new county. On that job the committee spent night after night and day after day, doing the very best we knew, but lost, and I assure you that there was none worse hurt than that committee. Next step another meeting was called and the same old committee appointed with, I believe, Mr. Cates added, or he was elected secretary shortly after. The purpose of the committee was to put an initiative petition before the voters of the state, which they did. This took many days and nights with the result of one more defeat. Still the same old committee was ready to go before the legislature and as you know was again beaten. Then a mass meeting was called while I was still at Salem and I with the balance of the old committee was instructed to get up and circulate a referendum petition against the university appropriation. Now right here let me say if I had not thought it was for the purpose of putting the Eugene bunch in a hole so they would be willing to agree to a new county I would never have accepted the appointment on that committee as I have never fought a school, church or road.

Now comes the chapter in the career of the committee on which some of the people are mixed. The committee had printed the petition ready for circulation and in casting about for support we were informed that the people of McMinnville were starting a similar movement against the O. A. C., and our secretary got in communication with some of their supporters. Among the rest was Mr. Parkinson, who purported to be a high up labor union man; could get all the names necessary in a very short time, for both the O. A. C. and U. of O. A contract was made with Mr. Parkinson for 3,000 names at 3 1/2 cents each or 7 cents for the two names to be paid for as fast as delivered. The committee has received but a small portion of the 3,000 names when Mr. Parkinson wanted money advanced which was forth coming. All was well until the committee was informed that there was 800 forged names in the 3000, with a request from Mr. Parkinson that they be returned to him as he wanted to protect one of his clients that was in jail for forgery, the committee voted to return the 800 forged names when Mr. Parkinson furnished 800 good names in their place, and also ordered 1,000 more names of Mr. Parkinson, and on his representation that the names were hard to get,

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What Cates Says.

Mr. Cates makes reply to Mr. Spray's article as follows:

I have read with some surprise the statements of Mr. John Spray in the Leader of Tuesday, and stand prepared to prove several of his assertions as unqualifiedly false. When Mr. Spray says the Nesmith county committee paid Mr. Parkinson for 1000 signatures which it never received he states that which is not so. As secretary of that committee I have vouchers for every cent disbursed by it, and I say that the records disprove his allegations. The man says that Mr. Cates was well paid for his services, having received \$500 and all the printing—"tis true that I received \$500 for my service, and it is likewise true that I contributed \$270—more than any other single individual—to the county fund. As to the amount received for printing Mr. Spray exaggerates several hundred dollars. And as to the charges made for the work if it is not more than 20 per cent less than the same work could be had for elsewhere, I will refund every charge for printing ever made against the committee. Not one member of the Nesmith committee prepared one line of argument sent out to voters, nor a single letter in connection with promoting the work to my knowledge. I devoted nearly a year almost day and night to this work, and as a reward received \$230 net and the abuse of such people as John F. Spray. But, thank God, the people are left to judge between the two men. I defy John Spray, or any other individual to prove that I was in any wise "implicated" with Parkinson in anything unfair or against the best interests of the community. The committee was appointed to invoke the referendum upon the U. of O. appropriations and it was its duty to perform those things for which it was appointed, and not to enter into a compromise with Eugene for proposed Nesmith county, or with any other party or parties, without first submitting such a proposition to the mass meeting by which it was appointed. The committee as a whole, with John F. Spray as the chief instigator, entered into such a compromise with Eugene parties and there was evidently no intention on its part to submit its action to the people of Cottage Grove. At the eleventh hour Mr. H. O. Thompson and myself, who opposed the proposed compromise on the ground that we were in duty bound to carry out the will of the people, announced our suspicions to O. M. Kem and Dr. Kime, who immediately visited Mr. Spray to ascertain his position in the premises, and were told that the people could go to hell—the committee would do as it saw fit. This resulted in a general informal conference of citizens and the calling of a second mass meeting. At the mass meeting, members of the committee urged the proposed compromise, but citizens refused to listen to the entreaties of John F. Spray and others, whereupon all the members, except Mr. Thompson and myself resigned, John Spray doing so with the remark that he would never again do anything to advance the interests of Cottage Grove. And from all indications thus far he has kept his word.

As regards the 3200 names secured by Parkinson, 800 of which were supposed to be forgeries, these names were in my possession when the committee,

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CHANGE AT REES-WALLACE.

C. W. Wallace Buys Interest of D. H. Hemenway.

A deal was closed last Friday whereby C. W. Wallace became complete owner of the Rees-Wallace Co., D. H. Hemenway disposing of his interest. The firm has been conducting a successful general merchandise business, and will, no doubt, continue to do so under the new management. Mr. Hemenway had been in the firm about two years. Mr. Wallace has been a member since the business was first established by he and N. E. Compton, and the fact that the Rees-Wallace Co. has become one of the largest businesses of its kind in the city is a monument to his energies.

Mr. Hemenway has not yet announced what line of business he will take up.

APPLE SHOW OPENS TODAY

TWO-DAY EXHIBITION AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

Best Apple Country in World Will Display Best Apples on Earth.

The Apple Show opens at Eugene today. Many samples of the luscious red-checked fruit that caused Adam's downfall will be on exhibition. The work has been in charge of some of the Eugene hustlers and nothing has been left undone to make the exhibition one that will fully advertise the adaptability of the southern Willamette to apple growing.

A large number of cash prizes have been hung up for the best exhibits and competition is expected to be keen.

The managers of the show have gotten up the following applegrams:

The apple is an asset, financially, morally and politically.

The apple is the aristocrat of foods and the best medicine.

The climate and conditions that are best for apples are best for man.

Anarchy never gathered fruit from its own apple tree.

Apple orchards are better nurseries of citizenship than the deck of battle-ships or military camps.

The man in the orchard is always a good citizen.

Horticulture is a science, not a guess.

The apple barrel is nature's medicine chest.

I would rather trust a judge that loves apples than one that hankers after bear meat.

Apples are an antidote for drink and tobacco.

Apples carry the pure food stamps of the great physician.

The road that leads to the orchard is the pathway to a simple, happy, prosperous life.

Albany will hold its apple show, which is expected to equal the Eugene show, on the 8th, 9th and 10th.

SATURDAY IS HUMMER.

Bargain Offerings Bring Many to the City.

The many genuine bargains offered by Cottage Grove merchants brought many people to the city Saturday from the outlying country—and the residents of the city were most of them down looking over the counters at some time during the day. Those who had specials on report a very prosperous day and all other merchants report a day above the average.

A large number of those in the city took occasion to drop in and take advantage of the Sentinel's unusual subscription offering.

Abe Bangs and G. W. Marksbury, of the Woolen Mills Store, spent Sunday in Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Awbrey were in Eugene Sunday to attend the dedication of the Christian church.

LAND SHOW SENDS THANKS.

Willamette Valley Exhibit Wanted Again Next Year.

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 28, 1911.

Secretary, Commercial Club, Cottage Grove, Ore.

Dear Sir:

The Willamette Valley exhibit at the Omaha land show is attracting an immense amount of attention. We are glad that you have assisted in making this exhibit a success and we are sure the valley will get great returns from same.

We thank you for your assistance in arranging the display and for the part which you and your association have taken in making this movement a success. We trust that we may not only have your hearty support for an exhibit next year but that you will be able to attend personally at that time.

Yours truly,

W. O. PAISLEY,

General Manager, Omaha Land Show.

G. A. R. MAN PASSES AWAY

OLD RESIDENT ANSWERS TAPS FOR LAST TIME.

J. F. McKibben Dies Monday, after Lingerin Illness, of Paralysis of the Stomach.

J. F. McKibben, prominent G. A. R. man and old resident died at the home of his son, Henry McKibben, three miles east of here Monday, of paralysis of the stomach. He had been feeble for three months or more and death was not unexpected. Deceased was 74 years, 7 months and 26 days old at time of death.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon from the Veatch chapel, the ceremony being conducted by the local corps of the G. A. R., Rev. J. W. Gardner officiating. Interment was made in the A. F. & A. M. and I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Mr. McKibben had been a resident of Cottage Grove for 11 years, coming here from Kansas. He was born in Marietta, Ohio, emigrating to Illinois when a small boy, going from there to Minnesota, Iowa and finally to Kansas, where he enlisted in the Civil war as a member of the 2nd Kansas cavalry, being later transferred to the 2nd Kansas artillery. He served three years and three months, his service being mostly devoted to scouting work.

Mr. McKibben was one of two survivors of a family of fourteen, a sister living in the east, being the other. Five sons and one daughter survive him. They are Morris A. McKibben, Bert McKibben and Henry McKibben, of this city; Ed McKibben, of Springfield, Ore.; Jesse McKibben, of Creswell, Ore. and Mrs. Ida M. Clark, of Junction City, Kas.

HAS A VALUABLE PATENT

OLD RESIDENT WINNING LAURELS AS INVENTOR.

D. Read Has Contrived a Castor that Transforms Rocker Into Wheel Chair.

Spurred on to the work by the suffering of his wife, an invention that will prove of inestimable value to invalids has been contrived by D. Read, a pioneer of Cottage Grove.

The invention is a simple one, which is what gives value. It is simply a castor that can be attached to any common rocking chair, thereby transforming it into a wheel chair that any invalid can move around the house without assistance. The simplicity of the mechanism enables it to be used by those who are almost entirely helpless. The castor is attached to the chair with a simple thumb screw and can be readily removed.

Mr. Read worked out the castor for the use of his wife, and she has taken so much comfort out of it and the results have been so gratifying that he has decided to put the invention on the market in the near future. His announcement will appear in the Sentinel as soon as he can have some of the castors manufactured.

FAKE MAGAZINE AGENTS

SWINDLE PUBLIC OUT OF THEIR MONEY.

Remedy Lies in Placing Orders with Local Newsdealers of Known Responsibility.

The attention of the public is called to the numerous "agents" working throughout Oregon and the Pacific coast soliciting magazine orders and collecting money in advance. We beg to warn you against these fake canvassers, as a number of local people have been victimized, and suggest that to avoid any risk you place your orders with the Modern Pharmacy, a responsible business house of your home city, which makes it unnecessary to patronize strangers, who are usually frauds. We can supply you with any magazine in the world and give as low clubbing rates as anyone or will deliver magazines to you on the day they are received and you may pay for them as delivered. We want your patronage and ask you to favor us as against the strangers. Let us have your orders now for single copies or subscriptions. Always at your service,

THE MODERN PHARMACY.

The Rexall Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Woods attended the dedicatory exercises of the Christian church at Eugene Sunday. Mrs. Woods remained for a few days' visit at the F. E. Billington home.

SENTINEL'S BARGAIN SUBSCRIPTION OFFERING IS UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS

MANY NEW NAMES ADDED TO SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

Residents of Cottage Grove and Vicinity Recognize Genuine Bargain When They See It.

The Sentinel's low-priced subscription bargain offering, which closed November 1st, netted the paper a very substantial increase in new subscriptions and many were the compliments received for the newsy and neatly printed newspaper being printed.

The Sentinel hopes to eventually be read in nearly every home in Cottage Grove and vicinity and the management feels that the results received during its special campaign indicate that it will achieve this end at no very distant date.

The Sentinel thanks new and old friends alike for their demonstration of loyalty and wishes to assure them that it will at all times endeavor to give them a newspaper worthy of their support.

Thrown From Bicycle.

O. W. Smith, of the Mountain View fruit farm, was quite badly bruised up by being thrown from his bicycle a week ago Saturday while on his way home from Cottage Grove. His wheel was weighted down with packages and it seems that the front wheel dropped into an opening between the boards of the sidewalk just at the edge of the city limits, and Mr. Smith fell heavily and unconscious to the ground, knocking loose several teeth and bruising his leg and shoulders. He was able, however, to ride his wheel, which was not injured, and, with a lift given by a party of hunters, got home all right. Mr. Smith says he must have ridden two miles in an unconscious condition.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to thank those friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us in the recent sickness and death of our infant son and grandson. MR. and MRS. W. W. HARRISON. MR. and MRS. F. W. HARRISON.