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ELECTRIC BELT LINE FOR THE GROVE BEFORE LONG

JESSE DARLING, OF MILWAUKEE, IS SAID TO BE PUSHING THE PROMOTION WORK

Recent Activity in Movement of Real Estate in that Vicinity, and the Fact that Considerable Fruit Will Soon Be Ready for Transportation to Market, Lends Credence to this Latest Railway Rumor.

FEEDS MANY OF GENUS HOBO

Doughnut King Is Popular With Hungry Itinerants.

Parker, the Doughnut King, is the most popular man in the city with the hungry itinerants who visit the city. He is keeping a register of his guests this year just for a curiosity and to satisfy himself as to how many he cares for and how much he gives away.

For the month of January the register shows 34 guests and \$7.45 given away in goods and cash. As his business is located directly across from the police station, all the "bos" have him spotted.

FIVE-FOOT PARSNIP GROWN NEAR COTTAGE GROVE

PULLED FROM EARTH BY MEANS OF ROPE.

Attenuated Vegetable One of Many of Unusual Size and Dimension Raised by H. L. Morgan Three Miles from Cottage Grove.

A healthy, solid parsnip measuring five feet was brought into The Sentinel office Monday by W. J. Gardner. The vegetable was raised by his son-in-law, H. L. Morgan, on the old Gardner ranch three miles north of here.

Mr. Morgan had quite a patch of parsnips which he has been digging lately. He has to hitch a rope to them to pull them out of the ground. This one had 16 inches broken off by this process. All of them are of magnificent proportions, many being fully four inches in diameter, but the one referred to was the longest by quite a bit.

The Cottage Grove country gives daily proof that it is the finest farming country in a region famed for its good land. It is remarkable that a vegetable could get sustenance from earth five feet from the surface.

UNIQUE EXPOSITION OF QUESTION

PROHIBITIONISTS HAVE ACCOMPLISHED NOTHING

And Can Not Accomplish Anything With Only Two Great Parties, the Bad People Holding Balance of Power in Both, Declares Speaker.

The unique and most clever exposition of the prohibition question ever heard in Cottage Grove was that given by Eugene W. Chaffin, former candidate for president, Monday night.

His talk, which was an able and forceful one, pleased even those not in sympathy with his ideas. The speaker referred directly to prohibition so seldom that those who attended expecting to hear a ranting, skin-emulative prohibition tirade were most agreeably and pleasantly surprised.

The speaker built his talk on the history of the nation, endeavoring to show that at no time has any great reform been accomplished with only two great parties in existence, half the good people in one and half in the other. He claimed that when such is the case the bad element holds the balance of power in both parties and pre-

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TO PUBLISH COUNCIL DOINGS

City Fathers to Give Publicity to Their Activities.

Proceedings of the city council and all ordinances except street ordinances will be published in The Sentinel, according to a resolution adopted at the meeting of the council Monday night. The Sentinel presented a proposition for the publications that struck the members of the council so favorably that they decided to give it a trial.

The council has been unjustly criticized at times for not giving publicity to its proceedings, but the body states that the prices submitted heretofore for such publication have always been so high that the city couldn't afford the expense.

MERE MEN TO BANQUET AND ENTERTAIN BETTER HALVES

Married People of Methodist Church Parish To Celebrate St. Valentine's in Royal Manner.

The married people of the M. E. church parish will imagine they have returned to their courting days on St. Valentine's night, when the married men will entertain the married women and every man will spend the evening entertaining some other man's wife.

Elaborate plans have been made on the part of the supper committee to show the women how easily the men could get along without their wives, and the supper promises to surpass that recently given the men by the women, providing, of course, that the supper committee doesn't fall down. There will also be a program.

NEW DESCENDENT OF CALAPOOIAS

COUNTER CLAIM FILED TO TRIBAL LANDS.

Indian Liza of Brownsville Contests for Interest in Allotments Claimed by Jake Fearnce.—Only Other Descendant of Calapooia Tribe.

There are now two claimants to the remaining allotments of the Umpquas and Calapooias. The news published in The Sentinel two weeks ago that Jake Fearnce, as the only living descendant of the two tribes, had made application for the tribal lands, has brought out the fact that a descendant of the Calapooias resides in Brownsville in the person of Indian Liza, an extremely old and nearly blind Indian woman. That this woman can establish her rights to a share of this land is believed to be beyond question by those familiar with the case, and persons at Brownsville interested in the old Indian woman have taken the matter up with the officials of the land office at Roseburg.

Several years ago Indian Liza desired to go and live with Fearnce, who she asserted at that time was the only other living member of the Calapooia tribe, but she supposed he had died until hearing that he had laid claim to the government allotments.

Indian Liza lives on the bounty of the people of Brownsville with the assistance of a small allowance from Linn county. She is given a home and is looked after personally at the farm of B. M. Cushman on the outskirts of the city.

The land in question is the remainder of the federal government's allotments made in 1888 and comprises 480 acres near Cottage Grove and 1,000 acres in the Yoncalla valley.

Legal blanks at the Sentinel office.

Minnesota Girls Write.

A half dozen of Cottage Grove's eligible got letters this week from Minnesota readers of The Sentinel and an influx of Gopher State leap year maidens is expected as a result. It is understood that all proposals have been accepted.



OREGON'S OFFICIAL STATE BOOTH MAKES AN EXCELLENT SHOWING AT BIG LAND SHOW

Oregon's official state booth attracted much attention at the Northwestern Land Products Show recently held in St. Paul. Of all the big shows in 1911 this was the most important, as Northwestern products alone were shown, without fear or favor.

The official state booth of Oregon occupied an equal amount of space with the other state exhibits, which was subscribed for by the business

FREIGHT CLAIMS SETTLED BY LOCAL AGENT HEREAFTER.

Southern Pacific Inaugurates Quick Method of Adjustment of Damages.

The Southern Pacific has just inaugurated a new plan whereby all losses occasioned by the shipment of goods to local merchants amounting to \$25 or less will be paid promptly by the local agent. Heretofore these various claims have been settled through the Portland offices and had to go through a course requiring much time. Under this new plan any merchant who sustains a loss by breakage or other damage, which does not exceed \$25, will be paid the amount by Agent King promptly upon proof of claim. The plan will doubtless be pleasing to local patrons of the road all along the line.

MOVE FOR A PUBLIC LIBRARY

WOMAN'S CLUB STARTS THE PROPOSITION.

Asks for City Dog Tax as Starter for Fund Necessary Before Carnegie Library Building Can Be Secured.

A move for a free public library for Cottage Grove was made Monday night when the Woman's club asked the city council to turn over to it the monies received from the dog license ordinance as a fund, or part of a fund, for the establishment of such an institution.

The women have been looking over the canines of the city and find many that are not provided with the tag required by law. If they succeed in getting the dog tax money turned over to them, they promise to see that no dog, no matter how ornery, shall enjoy peace of mind until after its owner had complied with the city ordinance.

The women believe that they will eventually find that the receipts from the dog tax will be quite an assistance in starting the library. This is only one of several ways they have in mind to raise enough to make such a showing that they can secure a building from the Carnegie library fund.

For the present the women have asked for the use of the council chamber to put their bookcases in.

The mayor and city recorder were appointed a committee to take charge of the matter, with power to act.

The Woman's club has gone into the fight for a library with a determination to win out. Other Woman's clubs in cities not as large as this have been successful in such a movement, and the women express the belief that there are enough intellectually-inclined people here willing to put their shoulders to the wheel to put the proposition through.

It may possibly be that a small charge will have to be made at first for the use of the books, but the intention is to make it a free institution as soon as possible.

ENVELOPES with blank return card for sale at Sentinel office, 25c per hundred.

COTTAGE GROVE STREETS ARE RE-NAMED AT LAST

ORDINANCE DRAWN BY CITY ATTORNEY AND ENGINEER IS ACCEPTED BY COUNCIL

Streets of City Now Named Systematically and Houses Must Be Numbered by Owners Before July 1, 1912. ---City Will Put Up Sign Boards at Street Corners.--- Not One Objection to Passage of Ordinance.

Cottage Grove's streets have been renamed at last. The ordinance prepared by the city attorney and city engineer was passed at the meeting of the city council Monday night and there will hereafter be no trouble in finding any house in Cottage Grove if its street and number are known.

In renaming the streets all contingencies of the future were taken care of, providing the city does not take on additions that do not conform to the present lay-out of the city.

In the renaming of the streets, Main street has been changed to Main avenue and extends to the west side of the city, what has been Wall street being changed to West Main avenue. Avenues will run east and west and streets north and south.

On the east side, the streets are numbered, beginning from the river, instead of from the railroad, and the numbers increase to the east, instead of to the west. Streets of less than three blocks, or where impractical to extend them, are given names, so as not to make the numbers ambiguous. The streets south of Main avenue are not designated, except by the number, but on the other side of Main the word "North" is prefixed.

South of Main avenue, on the east

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THE LARGEST IN EXISTENCE

PATRIARCH OF THE FERTILE WILLAMETTE VALLEY.

Giant Pear Tree Is Over 50 Feet in Height and 6 Feet, 9 Inches in Circumference.

The largest tree of its variety in the world is what O. P. Adams claims for a pear tree of his. It rises over 50 feet towards the skies and measures exactly 6 feet and 9 inches in circumference.

It is unusual for a pear tree to attain any great size, so that this tree has attracted considerable attention. Fruit growers here who have traveled all over the fruit districts say that they have never before seen one that attained such proportions.

The tree is a patriarch of the famous, fertile, fruitful Willamette valley, having been planted by Mr. Adams in the early 60's. The tree bore considerable fruit last year. Mr. Adams does not know what variety of pear tree it is and has seen no one who can tell him.

Your eastern friends would like to know something about the country you are living in. Send them a copy of the Sentinel. Extra copies, 5c.

FAST SERVICE FROM PORTLAND

Freight from Metropolis Reaches Grove in Nine Hours.

The Southern Pacific has given Cottage Grove a fast freight service and merchandise from the metropolis now comes straight through by fast freight, the business here warranting such service, in the opinion of officers of the S. P.

Orders for goods will hereafter reach Cottage Grove twenty-four hours after received at Portland, the actual time on the road being about nine hours. The freight is due here at 9 a. m. every morning.

HOUSE BREAKER GETS INTO MARSHALL'S HANDS

CAREER IN COTTAGE GROVE CUT SHORT.

Well-Equipped Burglar Easy Prey for City Marshall.—Has Much Plunder and Complete Set of Keys.

The vigilance of Marshall Snodgrass is probably all that saved several residences of the city from being robbed Monday night. One of the best-equipped men in the house-breaking business that have ever been through here was taken up that forenoon by Marshall Snodgrass. The prisoner had two grips filled with his plunder, including watches, jewelry and valuables of all kinds. On his person was found an outfit of keys that would open most any lock ever invented.

The man was one wanted at Albany, Irving and Salem, and Snodgrass recognized his man by descriptions sent out. Deputy Sheriff Croner came up Tuesday evening and took the man to the county jail.

The man was taken before Justice of the Peace Bryson Wednesday afternoon and he gave his name as P. Z. J.

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BAD CHECK ARTIST GETS BUSY

LOCAL JEWELER VICTIM OF FORGER.

Smooth Individual Does a Slick Job of Passing Worthless Paper on Local Jeweler.—Has Not Been Captured or Heard from Yet.

A smooth bad check artist did business here Saturday and succeeded in passing a worthless check for \$28.28 on H. C. Madsen, a local jeweler, buying a cheap watch as a pretext for getting the paper cashed.

The check purported to be drawn by T. H. Brown on the First National bank of this city, made to and endorsed by F. H. Ford. The forgery was discovered Monday morning when the check was presented for payment, but the criminal had had time to get away and has not been apprehended. He had at least two days' start of the authorities, and there is little hope of a capture.

The man who cashed the check went into the jewelry store early in the day, called Mr. Madsen by name and talked like a regular customer who had bought things there several times

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TRY TO REORGANIZE DEPARTMENT

Petition Circulated for Men to Serve as Volunteer Fireman.

A petition has been circulated during the past week asking for volunteer firemen. A number of signers were secured.

The department, especially as regards the central division, has been somewhat disrupted for nearly a year and there has been nothing that could be called an organization.

If enough signers are secured it is proposed to reorganize in an active body of three divisions, east, central and west. There is now a hose cart within the limits of each division.