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CLUB RECEIVES MANY INQUIRIES

Easterners Want to Know About Land and Climate.

That there are many easterners who have their eyes on this particular part of the Willamette valley is evidenced by the numerous inquiries being received by the secretary of the Commercial club. The majority write as to the prices and quality of land, and all want to know about the climate. Some of the inquiries are coming as the result of promotion work done several years ago.

For job printing that has class, try the Sentinel.

WILD STRAWBERRIES ARE RIPE

HALF PINT OF THE ROSY FRUIT ON EXHIBITION.

Famous, Fertile, Fruitful Willamette Does Not Take a Back Seat for Any of Them When It Comes to Versatility of Soil.

Wild strawberries are ripe despite the fact that it is only the middle of February. Hamilton Veatch brought in an exhibition and have attracted considerable attention, even from those familiar with the versatility of the soil of the famous, fertile, fruitful Willamette. All of the berries are juicy and ripe and are enough to make anyone's mouth water. Mr. Veatch found them growing in his pasture, without any protection whatever from the weather.

A bunch of green wild currants was also brought in this week by Horace Cochran.

Residents are busy these days laying out and planting flower and vegetable gardens. Pasturage is getting quite plentiful.

Setting Out Prunes and Berries.

A fifteen-acre prune orchard is being set out by Bayles brothers, who recently purchased a piece of the Spray tract. Logan berries will be planted between the rows of trees.

Street Naming and Numbering Ordinances Published.

The city ordinances providing for the renaming of the streets and numbering of the houses of the city are published in another column and will prove of interest to all citizens and property owners.

SITS DOWN IN FRONT OF TRAIN

Watches Approach of Engine With Apparent Indifference.

Comfortably seated on his blanket and apparently awaiting death, an old man was killed at 10:30 Sunday by the Roseburg local two miles north of Drain.

The man had been seen going southward along the track and evidently stopped to rest, having placed his roll of bedding on one of the rails of the track and sat down upon it. Four eye witnesses of the occurrence say that the engineer of the train blew the whistle vigorously but that the man paid no attention except to glance toward the approaching engine when it was almost upon him, making no effort to get out of the way. Those who saw the occurrence are confident he meant to commit suicide.

The man was apparently about 60 years of age and from papers found in his pockets his name was C. McElhany. Other papers showed he had worked for the Utah Construction company, probably upon the extension of the Natron branch of the Southern Pacific. Coroner Jewett came from Roseburg and took the body there for burial, deeming an inquest unnecessary.

ALVAH GREEN MAKES HIT

Alvah Green was here Friday evening with his barrel of fun and held forth to a large audience at the Armory under the auspices of the K. P. and W. O. W. lodges.

Mr. Green was the third and last number of the lyceum course and gave entire satisfaction. His country school "literary" made a hit. His impersonations and make-ups were excellent.

Many compliments and words of appreciation have been heard for the two lodges for their efforts in putting on the lyceum course, requiring much gratis labor on the part of members. The receipts were slightly in excess of expenses.

You can judge the kind of job printing a newspaper does by the kind of a paper it prints. The Sentinel is willing to let its paper be an ad. for its job printing.

MYSTERIOUS ANIMAL DESTROYS TIMBER IN PECULIAR, UNHEARD OF MANNER

WHAT ELIGIBLE DID GIRLS MEAN?

Interesting Conversation of Two Maidens Overheard.

Two of Cottage Grove's demure damsels were heard discussing a momentous subject in the postoffice this week. The name of one of the eligible bachelors of the city was mentioned several times.

The girl with golden hair and blue eyes said: "He told me if I didn't kiss him he'd drown himself."

The one with brown hair and black eyes was startled, but managed to gasp: "And did you kiss him?"

To which golden hair, with a twinkle of the blue eyes and an expression indicating thoughts of past happiness, answered, "Have you read anything in The Sentinel about his committing suicide?"

The Sentinel man could not catch the name, but it seemed to be of Scandinavian origin and the first letter was "A." The Christian name sounded like "Martin."

OWENS MILL TO OPEN OPERATIONS

Wheels Will Begin to Turn Inside of Ten Days.

The Owens saw mill will begin operations within two weeks. A. D. Owens was in the city Friday and stated to The Sentinel that he is grubbing off a fine 20-acre tract of land and that as soon as that work is completed the mill will be started. He said that would be within two weeks, which makes it less than ten days now.

TAXPAYER WRITES AGAIN

DEFENDS FORMER POSITION ON STREET TAX.

Still Thinks That Special Tax for Street Improvements Is Proper Thing.

Cottage Grove, Ore., Feb. 7, 1912.—Ed. Sentinel: Having read the article published last week, wish to say that I think that the writer of that article hangs a little too much on one side; that is, the side of "might makes right." As all the taxpayers of the city are more or less interested in this matter, I wish to say a few words in regard to some of his ideas.

It's my opinion that the writer of that article has no property to pay taxes on for the purpose of building streets, or anything else. He says that the only commendable thing in the article of Jan. 18th is that the writer had sense enough to see that the streets are in a deplorable condition and should be improved. As for his statement that I said in my article that streets were built where least needed, I will let the readers judge for themselves.

He admits that such a system as advocated by the writer is all right for country roads, but not for city streets. The writer thinks that the system will apply as well to city as to country roads. All have to use them more or less, the same as in the country, and all should be more or less interested in all of the streets of the city.

So far as I have been able to discover by talking to taxpayers, the majority are in favor of the special tax for drainage and street building.

He claims that there are streets that do not call for travel. This condition does not exist in this city, for the drays and delivery men have to travel on all of them and they know and appreciate a good street when they see it, and most of them are in favor of a special tax. But he says that if there should exist such a home as he described and the owner should object to the building of a street at his own expense, he should have, according to the article, the street closed and the lights taken out, if there should happen to be any. I think that any man with as much liberality as that in his makeup had ought to be appointed czar to rule over some backwoods country.

He seems to see that some of his arguments are a little far-fetched, but anything will do to kill a system that will do the most good to the largest number of people.

He asks as to who is to be the judge as to which, when and how these streets shall be built, I say, let the majority of taxpayers and the council decide that when they get to it.

He seems to think that there is no better system than the present under the Hancock act, but still he thinks that it had better be amended so as to enable the council to compel the prop-

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Killing Fir Timber Off at Rate of 50,000 Feet in Short Space of Three Weeks, Night Prowler Causes Much Worry to Timber Owners in Mosby Creek District.—Animal Evades All Attempts at Capture.

TIMBER MEN NEVER HEARD OF ANYTHING LIKE IT BEFORE IN HISTORY OF BUSINESS

Fir Trees Are the Only Species Attacked.—Animal Strips Trees of Bark, Starting About Half Way Up Trunk and Working Into Branches; Sucks Sap as He Goes.—Piece of Tree on Exhibition at Sentinel Office.

Some mysterious animal that is raising havoc with the timber on the land of the Storey-Bracher Lumber Co. in township 21, section 30, is causing much worry to those having timber in that vicinity. This land is located in the Mosby creek district.

If the ravages of the animal are not stopped there seems to be no limit to the damage that may be done. Some 50,000 feet of standing timber has already been destroyed and the pest has only been at work three weeks. Trees for a stretch of a mile have already suffered.

The animal starts about half way up the trunk and works up to the branches, biting off the bark and sucking the sap. Nothing but fir trees are attacked, and the small ones of this species seem to be preferred, although some four and five-foot trees have been attacked.

Rufus Rawlings, who has land in that vicinity, has brought in a piece of one of the trees and samples of the bark bitten off. These are on exhibition at The Sentinel office.

The animal bites off the bark in strips about three or four inches in length and about one-half inch in width. The appearance of the chips seems to indicate three or four bites are made to get off a piece of this size, but they are almost uniform in length

Sentinel Copied in Des Moines.

Rev. Robt. Sutcliffe has received an inquiry from T. F. Gilchrist of Des Moines, Iowa, for his views on Socialism. The inquiry came as a result of seeing a clipping from The Sentinel concerning Mr. Sutcliffe's sermons published in a Des Moines paper.

The Tax Rolls Compared.

The total footings of the tax roll for 1911 are \$795,753.22, while the roll last year was \$630,484.91. The city tax for Cottage Grove this year is 14 mills, as against 15 mills last year, but the state, county and school tax brings the total quite a bit higher than last year.

TALKS ON WHITE PLAGUE

AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SUNDAY EVENING.

Drs. H. H. Somers and W. W. Oglesby Will Give Ideas of Their Schools on Dread Disease.

"The White Plague" will be the subject of a platform meeting at the Presbyterian church at 7:30 Sunday evening, when Dr. H. H. Somers, of the Osteopathic school, and Dr. W. W. Oglesby, of the Allopathic school will give their views on the causes, cures and prevention of the dread disease.

The meeting promises to be an interesting one, as both physicians will endeavor to express themselves in terms that will be intelligible to the layman. There will be special music.

LOCAL MAN IS DIRECTOR

D. T. Awbrey of this city was elected a director of the Oregon Agricultural Experiment league at the recent election held at Corvallis. Mr. Awbrey is one of the business men of this city who hopes to follow the back-to-the-land movement and attended the short course at the O. A. C.

RETURN TO GROVE THIRD TIME

Can't Stay Away From Famous, Fertile, Fruitful Willamette.

John Ferguson and family are again back at Cottage Grove, this being the third occurrence of the kind. They came from Prineville Tuesday and have already rented a place for a year. They say that it seems as if they can't keep away from the Cottage Grove country.

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.

and width. The tooth marks show that the animal is provided with strong, sharp incisors.

Residents of that vicinity have set watching parties, but so far have been unable to catch the animal at work. They are puzzled by its mysterious operations and fear that a tremendous amount of timber will be destroyed unless strenuous efforts are made to catch the perpetrator of the depredations. This is the first time that anything has ever happened to the timber of that vicinity, and there are no timber men who have ever seen or heard of anything of the sort before. The turpentine in the sap seems to have no effect whatever on the animal.

There are some who think there is a colony of animals at work. Others think that if there was any number of them they could have gotten some trace of them before this. No one seems to have any definite idea as to what manner of animal is doing the work, although the general belief appears to be that it must be some form of the squirrel family that travels by jumping from one tree top to another. Residents of that vicinity think it will be necessary to appeal to the government for assistance. Any information from anyone having heard of anything of the sort before will be greatly appreciated by them.

Brings Suit Against Star Lumber Co.

D. A. Mosby has commenced suit against Joseph Wicks, et. al., constituting the Star Lumber Co., for \$1127.68, claimed to be due him for timber cut on his land and used by the mill. J. S. Medley is plaintiff's attorney.

Board of Trade Will Banquet.

Members of the Board of Trade will hold a banquet within the near future, probably on the 27th. The banquet will be served at the Hotel Oregon at 7:45 and will be followed by a program of toasts. It is planned to have nine talks of ten minutes each and to conclude the program at 10 o'clock.

PLUM BLOSSOMS ARE OUT

FROST WOULD CAUSE CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE.

Branch of Full-Blown Plum Blossoms on Exhibition at The Sentinel Office.

A branch of a tame plum tree with full-blown blossoms was brought into The Sentinel office yesterday by Horace Cochran, who states that this is the earliest he has ever seen plum trees in bloom. There are many who fear a late frost with considerable damage to blossoms on fruit trees.

J. S. Benson also brought in a sample of garden peas in blossom.

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

HOW SENTINEL ADVERTISES

The New Richmond, Wis., News which recently received a copy of The Sentinel, sent to it by S. L. Mackin, comments as follows: "The Sentinel listens like a bangup good newspaper and if Cottage Grove is as good a town as The Sentinel is a newspaper, it is a humdinger."

H. K. METCALF ELECTED CAPTAIN

Co. E, Coast Artillery Corps, Holds First Election.

At the first election of Co. E, Coast Artillery Corps, held Tuesday night, H. K. Metcalf was elected captain of the body. Six new recruits were taken in at the meeting. Seven more enlistments are necessary to bring the company up to the required number of 63.

Do you read all the locals in your home paper? What are you doing now? You are reading about the good goods and low prices at the Bellingham Second Hand Store.

ORCHARD CO.'S AFFAIRS FIXED UP

Claims of Employees Paid and Business Resumed.

The affairs of the Orchard Land & Timber Co., which operates at Divide have been straightened out by the selling of an interest in the company to M. R. Shaw, who arrived this week and has rented a house in the city. He has assumed management of the company and operations that have been at a standstill will be resumed at once.

The claims of workmen who attacked the property and mill of the company for wages due have been straightened up.

In the rearrangement of its affairs the Orchard Land & Timber Co. has filed for record with the county clerk a \$10,000 mortgage on its sawmill property and lands, giving the mortgage to the New Plymouth Land and Colonization Co., Limited.

Sentinel want ads. inserted in news columns are result getters.

90 POSTALS ON HIS ANNIVERSARY

Large Number of Eastern Friends Remember H. H. Harris.

Ninety postal cards were received by H. H. Harris last week from friends in New Brighton, Pa., the occasion being his 60th birthday anniversary. Mr. Harris is a vigorous gentleman for one of his years. He is a new arrival from the east, and already thinks he would have enjoyed his three score years much more if they had been spent in the famous, fertile, fruitful Willamette.

SUES WIFE FOR DIVORCE

INFELICITY AND DOMESTIC INFIDELITY CHARGED.

Agent of Wells-Fargo Company Files Complaint in District Court Against Spouse.

A tale of infelicity and domestic infidelity is recited by Harry M. Wheeler in a complaint for divorce filed against his wife, Lottie E. Wheeler, in the circuit court Saturday. The couple have been married but six months. The plaintiff is agent for the Wells-Fargo express company. In his complaint he alleges that his wife at the time of their marriage at Cottage Grove on August 20, 1911, was enamored of one Alfred Matthews, and that at various times between the date of their marriage and Jan. 12, 1912, at which time Mrs. Wheeler left the state, she and Matthews met clandestinely and cohabited with each other.

The plaintiff alleges that his wife would often visit the mill where Matthews was employed and met him at various other places at numerous times; that such conduct and intercourse became so notorious that it attracted the attention of neighbors and friends and caused uncomplimentary remarks to be made of and concerning the plaintiff and defendant, all of which was very humiliating to the plaintiff.

He alleges also that his wife told him at one time that she loved Matthews better than she did him and intended to marry Matthews if the opportunity presented itself. The specific charges are cruel and inhuman treatment in bestowing her affections upon another and finally leaving him to go to Washington. Plaintiff claims he treated defendant with the utmost kindness and frequently pleaded with her to give up her infatuation.

J. S. Medley is attorney for the plaintiff.

Report Much Exaggerated.

Like the report of Mark Twain's death, the report of the shutting down of the J. I. Jones mill was considerably exaggerated, and the mill is still doing business, although it will not be run to capacity until several propositions concerning the moving of the mill and the securing of a timber supply are settled.

Billy Wilkins, formerly woods foreman for the J. I. mill has just taken a logging contract for the mill.

Demurrer Overruled.

In the \$55,000 damage case of Handy vs. Chambers, the demurrer to the complaint has been overruled by Judge Harris. It was simply a little legal sparring and means nothing, as the merits of the case do not appear. J. C. Johnson, Malarkey, Seabrook and Scott represent the prosecution, while J. S. Medley, C. A. Hardy and Wilbur, Spencer and Dibble represent the defense. Probably only local talent will really appear in the case.

COTTAGE GROVE LEADER IS SOLD

Cottage Grove's Second Best Paper Under New Management.

As exclusively announced in The Sentinel last week, The Cottage Grove Leader has again been sold, D. H. Talmadge, formerly in the job printing business at Salem, being the new owner. Mr. Talmadge is an experienced newspaper man from the east, and under his management The Leader will, no doubt, be a humdinger and competition will have to hustle to remain in the front row.

D. F. Dean and C. O. Dryden, the former owners, have not yet announced their future plans.

DEMURRER IS ARGUED BEFORE COURT

LANDESS, ET. AL., VS. CITY OF COTTAGE GROVE.

Demurrer Sets Up Point of Law as to Whether Complaint States a Cause of Action.—Second Case of Its Kind in History of State.

The demurrer in the case of Landess, et. al., vs. the city of Cottage Grove, wherein the plaintiffs contest the election held last May, by which considerable surrounding territory was voted into the city limits, was argued before Judge Harris Monday and the case taken under advisement. A decision will probably not be reached for two or three weeks. This is the second case of the kind in the history of the state and it is understood that Judge Harris wishes to wait for a decision on a similar case now before the supreme court before handing down a decision.

The demurrer merely sets up a point of law as to whether or not the complaint states a cause of action, and the decision on the demurrer will probably settle the case in the circuit court. The defense has practically stipulated to all the facts stated in the complaint, and the case hinges on whether or not the plaintiffs have a cause of action.

The plaintiffs state in their complaint as a cause of action that the city charter does not provide for such an election, that if held under the initiative the election was illegal because those outside of the city were allowed to vote on what amounted to an amendment to the charter, and further that those outside could not be voted in without their consent, and that the ballots were mixed together in such a manner as to make it impossible to show whether or not the outsiders voted to come in or not.

ENTERTAINMENT FOR LIBRARY

Two Highly Accomplished Artists Have Been Secured.

An entertainment of unusual high class has been arranged through the efforts of the Women's club, and the proceeds will go to the library fund.

The entertainment will be given by Laura Thomas Gunnell, impersonator, and Ethel Carolyn Palmer, pianist. Both ladies are highly accomplished in their lines. Both are graduates of Oregon universities.

Miss Gunnell brings to her hearers the gladness of life with all its vivacity, the sadness of life with accompanying tears, the beauty of life with word and tone pictures most vivid, the grandeur of living with an ennobling inspiration as she interprets the stories that genius has woven.

Miss Palmer has studied under Hugo Mansfeldt, Chas. Dierke and Carl Lachmund. She is a brilliant pianist of high attainments.

The entertainment will be put on at the Armory Wednesday evening, Feb. 28th. Tickets will be placed on sale at The Wave Monday.

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

MANY GOOD PRODUCTIONS

The Arcade Theatre is giving residents of the city many first class entertainments of high quality and the managers are putting the local show house on a much higher plane than it has ever been before. That the efforts of the management are appreciated is shown by the large and increasing attendance. The Kenworthy Stock Co. has been giving such satisfaction that it has been secured for every Saturday.

Will Preach Memorial Sermon.

At the request of the Women's Relief Corps, Rev. Hoven, of the Church of Christ, will preach a sermon on Sunday, Feb. 25th, in commemoration of Lincoln and Washington. The Relief Corps, G. A. R. and militia boys will attend in a body and the general public is cordially invited to attend.