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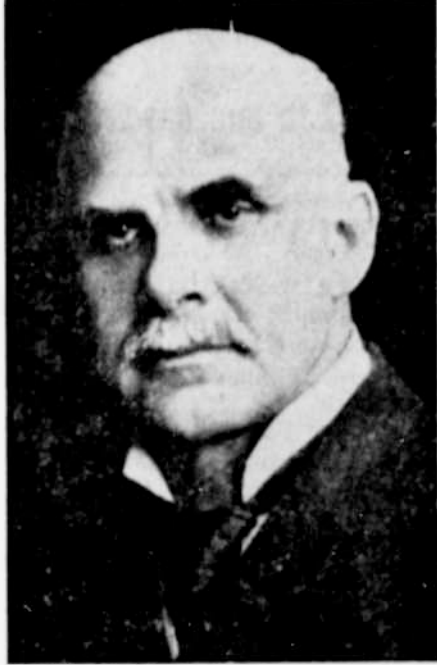
COTTAGE GROVE, OREGON, THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 1912

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April Fool Joke; Death

Mother Called to Telephone for an April Fool Joke Returns to Find Babe Burned and Writhing in Death Agonies—Medical Aid of No Avail :: :: ::

Called to her mother's house, a few rods distance from her own, to answer the telephone as an April Fool joke, Mrs. Angelo Perini of Divide returned a few minutes later to find her 19-months-old babe dying from burns received during her absence. Suffering terrible and excruciating agony the little tot died within two hours. The parents of the child who suffered such a terrible death and the one who caused the tragedy are crazed with grief.



EUGENE W. CHAPIN
Ex-Candidate of Prohibition Party for President
Who Will Debate at Armory Saturday

SOME COLONISTS ARE ARRIVING

The low colonists rates are bringing many settlers to Oregon, although the traffic is not as heavy as anticipated, probably due to the circular sent out by the Portland Labor Council and widely published in the East.

Cottage Grove has not received as many as expected, it being estimated that not over 50 have been brought here by the low fares. Most of these, however, have been genuine homeseekers and many of them have already invested.

Fred W. Graham, Western industrial and immigration agent of the Great Northern Railway, who was in Portland recently, said that the colonist movement to the Northwest continues at a satisfactory rate.

His advices from Eastern offices of the Great Northern indicate that the movement will be heavier this year than last year.

Up to the present time it has been retarded by the cold weather in the East and Middle West, he says. Reports from Eastern immigration agents show that the traffic through the balance of the season will be heavier. There is a great demand for information.

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IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN SERIOUS

FRISKY COLT DUMPS BOYS ON THEIR HEADS.

Donald and Dan Woods Declare Themselves Unhurt After Accident That Might Have Been Serious One.

Donald and Dan Woods narrowly escaped serious injury in a runaway accident Monday afternoon. They were taking a colt out to the pasture tied behind a buggy. In going over the Southern Pacific tracks at the depot the colt became frightened and ran up alongside the buggy and pulled so hard on the rope with which it was tethered that the buggy was upset, dumping the boys out on their heads. The horse pulling the buggy then became frightened and ran away, being caught by a farmer and brought back to the city.

The boys declared themselves unhurt and the net damage amounted to broken shafts.

Peculiar Accident.

The glass in the east show window of the Rees-Wallace Co. was broken in a peculiar manner Tuesday. Ellis Robinson was turning his wagon around at the corner, forgetting about the long reach on the wagon, which collided with the window and knocked it to smithereens.

The little child had just gotten out of bed and was playing around the kitchen while the mother went to answer the telephone. During her absence the child got hold of a pitchy stick of wood and poked it into the fire, the pitch dropping off onto his nightdress, which was burned entirely off of him, inflicting terrible burns.

The only other person in the house at the time of the accident was the child's three-year-old brother. The mother was not gone over five minutes, but when she returned she found the child screaming in its death agony. The mother gathered the little burnt body in her arms and ran with it to her mother's home. Medical aid was called from here, but nothing could be done to save the babe's life.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon, interment being made in the Divide cemetery. Most of the neighbors were at the cemetery to express their sympathy and after a few words had been spoken by D. Perini, great uncle of the baby, the grave was completely covered with bunches of flowers and wreaths.

The parents are heart broken, as is also the person responsible for the sad April Fool joke.

Farmers All Had Cash.

W. C. Billings held a successful sale of chattels at Lorane Saturday, disposing of everything put up. He took along blank mortgages and notes, but had no use for them. All the purchasers paid in cash.

EXPLAIN DAMROSE DEATH

DOUGLAS COUNTY DUBIOUS OF HUMPHREYS' STORIES.

Investigation by Yoncalla Citizens Shows Man Died of Strangulation Through Disease.

That George Humphreys, self-confessed murderer of Mrs. Griffith, did not murder George Damrose of Hayhurst Valley, Douglas county, as stated by Charles Humphreys in his confession, is now evident, according to a dispatch from Roseburg.

Investigation on the part of Yoncalla citizens who were well acquainted with Damrose, the dead man, and the Humphreys, reveals the fact that George Humphreys did not sit up with Damrose at the time of the latter's illness, and therefore could not have committed the deed attributed to him by his brother. Mr. Damrose passed away at his home in Hayhurst Valley during the forenoon and at the time was surrounded by several members of his family, as well as a number of neighbors.

In Yoncalla, however, it is not thought unlikely that George Humphreys may have spoken to his brother concerning Damrose's death and that Charles failed to grasp the meaning and took it for granted that George knew something relative to the cause. Those well acquainted with Damrose and conversant with his last illness declare that he died of strangulation caused by a dropsical condition.

This may have led Charles Humphreys to infer that his brother George had strangled Damrose, as he (Charles Humphreys) was always considered dull during his residence in Yoncalla, and it was difficult for him to grasp the meaning of the most simple statement. In view of these facts, the citizens of Yoncalla believe that Charles Humphreys either deliberately lied regarding Damrose's death or misunderstood some statement that might have been made to him by his brother.

Special Meeting of Grange.

An unusually interesting business meeting of Cottage Grove Grange will be held Saturday and the master has requested The Sentinel to say that every member is requested to make a special effort to be present at this meeting. Two or three important pieces of business will come up for consideration.

Artillery Corps Will Take Outing.

Notice has been received from headquarters by the officers of the Coast Artillery corps that the annual outing of the corps will be held at Fort Stevens, at the mouth of the Columbia, for ten days, August 29-30. Sixth Co., located at Cottage Grove, has been assigned to Battery Walker, formerly a part of Battery Lewis. The battery is equipped with 10-inch disappearing guns. Capt. Metcalf reports that all the boys are anxious for the outing and are expected to take part.

EIGHT ACRES BRING \$10,000 CASH

BIG PRICE FOR SMALL CLOSE IN ACREAGE.

D. H. Hemenway Disposes of Small Part of Old Shields Donation Claim at Unusually Attractive Figure.

Eight and one-half acres in the Landess addition, about one-half mile from the center of the city, brought \$10,000 last week. D. H. Hemenway was the seller and Brooks Brothers of Portland the purchasers.

There are no improvements of any kind on the property except a fence. The land is a part of the old Shields donation claim and the Shields house formerly stood on this piece of the property, which is just east and south of Knox Hill. The old claim consisted of 320 acres. Sold at the same price as this small piece, the entire claim would have brought something like \$350,000.

Mr. Hemenway has located at Hillsboro. Mrs. Hemenway will leave Friday to join him. She may return in a month or so for their household goods. Old clean rags wanted at this office.

WILL ISSUE BOOSTER MAGAZINE

A special magazine booster edition of The Sentinel is under course of preparation and will be issued in about ten days. The editorial work is being done by W. C. Bingham, a writer secured by The Sentinel because of his long experience in getting out editions of this kind. He just completed before coming here a creditable edition for the Albany Democrat. Mr. Bingham is enraptured with the Cottage Grove country and promises that the magazine edition will be one which any resident will be pleased to send to anyone whom it is desired to interest in this section of the famous, fertile, fruitful Willamette.

The World's Most Perfect EAR of CORN
The Unique Story of its Discovery
PLANS FOR THE GREAT NATIONAL CORN SHOW IN 1913

"Just a countryman—that's all," is the way the grower of this remarkable ear of corn, Mr. Fred C. Palin, styles himself. Though he is admitted to be one of the leading corn experts in the country—one whose services are greatly in demand as a judge of corn exhibits, Mr. Palin asks for no greater honor or distinction than to be known as a plain Hoosier farmer and while he openly professes a reasonable pride in the achievement of growing the famous ear of corn which was adjudged the most perfect ever grown, it is without a shadow of ostentation.

The champion ear of corn was not an accident. There can be no greater lesson in the value of careful study and painstaking selection of seed and breeding than the experiences of this same Palin. The farmer who thinks he stands a chance to go into his corn fields and by a piece of luck pick out an ear which Nature has fashioned even more perfectly and with it wrest the honors from this Indiana man, cannot do better to disabuse his mind of this fallacious notion than to read the story of Palin and his champion ear.

In the first place, Palin knows corn. If there were no more proof of this fact than the bare story of the development and discovery of the champion ear, it would be enough. And in proof of this fact, here is the story as he told it himself:

"It was in November, 1910, and we were just harvesting our crop. The

Putting in Dry Cleaning Machinery.

O. E. Woodson, proprietor of the Cottage Grove laundry, returned Friday from Portland, where he purchased complete steam dry cleaning machinery to be installed in the laundry. He says he will have one of the most up-to-date plants in the state in operation in six weeks. Mr. Woodson spent four weeks receiving instructions as to the operations of the machinery in different cities of the state.

"The Shop" where good printing is done—The Sentinel.

DOLLAR COMES BACK THROUGH AD.

UMPHREY & MACKIN HAVE PLEASING EXPERIENCE.

Higher Priced Skirt Delivered by Mistake of Clerk; Woman Is Too Conscientious to Keep It.

Because a woman knew what price a certain skirt was advertised for in The Sentinel, Humphrey & Mackin saved a dollar Saturday.

A woman read the ad. about heather-bloom skirts and told her husband to get her one when he was doing his trading Saturday. He followed instructions, but when he got home his wife said, "Why, you've got the skirt advertised in The Sentinel at a dollar more than you paid." The clerk had made a mistake and given him the wrong skirt.

Accordingly the good husband took the skirt back, explained the mistake and got the right one. The mistake had not been discovered.

Umphey & Mackin saved a dollar, the purchaser has a free conscience—and it is proven that people do read ads.

NOT MUCH INTEREST IN BANK

On Monday morning the local post-office became a station of the U. S. Postal Savings Bank system, but that fact did not create much excitement. Up to last night but one deposit had been made. That was by J. W. Grant, one of the publishers of The Sentinel. To see a newspaperman depositing money probably led others to believe that they had better hang onto theirs. At any rate the fact that the postal bank is not getting much money seems to indicate that people are satisfied with the local banks.

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

Unique Experiment Farm

Almond, Figs, Persimmons and Many other Southern Fruits To Be Propagated on Novel Cottage Grove Farm—\$100,000 May Be Spent :: :: ::

A decided novelty in the way of farms is what the extensive experiment station to be established here by Felix Currin will be. It will be securely fenced and all visitors will be required to register, so that in case any damage is done it can be traced by the register. The farm, which will be somewhat in the nature of a park, will be open to everyone, and the object of experiments will be to give everyone the benefit of all discoveries made.

Mr. Currin recently purchased 13 acres of land on Knox hill with the avowed purpose of turning it into the unique experiment station and park spoken of. He already has 50 different kinds of grapes and 400 varieties of roses being prepared for planting. In return for samples of Cottage Grove grain the United States Government has agreed to furnish Mr. Currin anything he wants in the tree line for experimental work. Almond, fig, walnut and persimmon trees will be planted this year, and the work will be greatly enlarged as time goes on. It is probable that experiments will be made with grain next year, and Mr. Currin will follow up on this tract of land the great work he has done with grains on his Walnut Avenue Farm.

The government in offering to trade trees for seed grain said that the Willamette grain contains superior qualities that can not be secured anywhere else.

Many of the trees now on the land will be left there and be trimmed up for park purposes, Mr. Currin's idea being to make the place one where families can go and spend a whole day rustivating if they wish. The place will be made as inviting as possible for those who wish to spend their time this way. There are two flowing springs ideally located for camping purposes.

Mr. Currin has made the statement that he contemplates spending as high as \$50,000 or \$100,000 on the place in the course of time.

INSTITUTE FOR THE GROVE

TEACHERS TO MEET HERE SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 1912.

Lane County Instructors and School Officials Will Take Part in Program.

A teachers' institute will be held in the Cottage Grove high school Saturday, April 20th.

This meeting is one of a series held during the school year 1911-1912, under the direction of the County School Superintendent, assisted by the County School Supervisors and local Superintendents of Lane County. All teachers in the vicinity of Cottage Grove and in Supervisory District No. 1, are cordially invited and expected to attend and take part in the discussion of the different subjects.

Following is the program to be given:

- FORENOON.
- 10:30—Instrumental Music Vocal Solo
- 10:50—Remarks, H. C. Baughman County School Superintendent
- 11:05—Consolidation versus division of rural school districts.
- Supt. Earl Kilpatrick, Springfield
- Supt. B. S. Wakefield, Creswell
- The balance of the forenoon will be taken up in discussion by the teachers present.

AFTERNOON.

- 1:15—Music (two or three numbers)
- 1:30—What credit should accredited high schools give for work done above the eighth grade in rural schools?
- Representing high schools—
- Principal George Hug, Eugene;
- Superintendent H. E. Inlow, Cottage Grove.
- Representing the rural schools—
- J. F. Goddard, Dorena; A. K. Micey, Junction City, County Supervisor.
- 2:30—Official record of grades made in rural schools.
- Oliver Veatch
- Member County Educational Board Cottage Grove.
- 2:40—The need of co-operation between the home and school. J. D. Baughman, Thurston County Supervisor
- 3:50—Illustrated Talk—
- "Present conditions in Southern Lane County Schools"
- R. C. Andrews, Cottage Grove, County Supervisor.



FELIX CURRIN
Who Will Establish Novel Experiment Station and Park

TO ORGANIZE TAFT CLUB MONDAY

A mass meeting of Taft Republicans has been called to take place at the City Hall Monday to form an organization for the balance of the campaign.

Taft clubs have been organized all over the state and his Cottage Grove friends feel that they should get in line at once, as the primaries are very close.

All interested in the success of Taft are urged to be present.

Surprised by Quick Service.

"Some speed" said Frank Woodruff when he returned from the fire at the Jack Rice home last week, went into the postoffice, got his Sentinel and found a full account of the fire that he was just returning from. The fire occurred at 12 o'clock. At 1:00 o'clock The Sentinel was coming off the press with a full account of the occurrence. Toot! Toot!

Land & Timber Co. Operating.

The Orchard Land & Timber Co. has commenced operations at Divide and is getting out quite a bit of finished timber out with a light crew.

"The Shop" Where Good Printing is Done—The Sentinel.

SAYS GROVE ROADS NOT SO BAD

STATEMENT BY COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRICE.

Roads Around Cottage Grove Compare Quite Favorably With the Balance of the 15,000 Miles of Lane County Roads.

"Cottage Grove people haven't much kick coming as regards roads," stated County Commissioner Price while in the city this week. "I have been over most of the roads in the Cottage Grove country during the past year, and I find that placed alongside the roads throughout the county roads of this section compare quite favorably. Why, there are roads right out of Eugene that are full of mud holes."

Mr. Price especially spoke of the Mosby Creek road, the north Lorane road, the London road and the Bohemia Mountain road as examples of about as good roads as will be found anywhere in the county.

There are about 15,000 miles of road in Lane County already, and the demands on the county court for more new roads and improvements on the ones already built are tremendous, making the position of County Commissioner a hard proposition to fill with satisfaction to all concerned. The proposed Beatty road from Walker to Cottage Grove was mentioned as one

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