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SIGNATURES ARE SECURED TO COUNTY DIVISION BILL

Will Devote Time to Ranch.
W. C. Conner, former owner of The Leader, and who has been doing the editorial work on the paper for the past few months, has found that his ranch demands his entire attention and has quit the newspaper work entirely for the present.

DEAD HUSBY COMES TO LIFE

WIFE WEDDED AGAIN SEEKS TO ANNUL MARRIAGE

Former Cottage Grove Girl in Complicated and Embarrassing Position When Former Husband Appears.

Finding that her supposed dead husband is alive, Mrs. Rose Cliffs of Albany, formerly Miss Rose Shields of this city, who was married December 11, 1899, to Ney Conger of this city, has begun suit in the Circuit Court at Albany to have the marriage to Cliffs annulled.

Mr. and Mrs. Conger separated in 1901 and ceased to live together and Mrs. Conger was informed in 1905 that her husband had been drowned. The two men who informed Mrs. Conger of her husband's death by drowning, exhibited newspaper reports of the affair. Believing the reports to be true, Mrs. Conger was married in Portland on November 13, 1906, to W. M. Cliffs, with whom she has since been living.

After getting the marriage annulled, Mrs. Shields will get a divorce from Conger and remarry Cliffs.

NEED OF NIGHT ALARM IS EMPHASIZED

Fire Tuesday Morning Shows Danger of Present Means of Ringing Fire Bell.

The fire at the Chas. Adams home Tuesday morning showed the need of having some quicker way of turning in a fire alarm during the night hours. If the extinguishing of the blaze had depended upon the fire department, the house would have burned to the ground almost before the department could have gotten a stream of water onto the blaze.

The alarm was turned into the central office and the night operator was unable to get anyone to ring the bell until she happened to think of the depot. C. C. Cruson, night clerk at the postoffice, happened to be there. Otherwise the alarm bell probably would not have been rung even then, as the lone operator could hardly leave his post of duty, especially near train time. As it was, the fire was extinguished before the department got started.

An electrical arrangement that could be operated by the telephone operator from the central station has been suggested, and seems to be the most feasible plan. The cost of installation would be little compared to the damage one fire might cause.

Rheumatism Prevents Sleep; Fire Discovered

Conflagration at Chas. Adams Home is Peculiarly Averted.

The fact that Mrs. M. F. Wyatt was suffering with rheumatism and unable to sleep, undoubtedly saved the new Chas. Adams home from destruction by fire early Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Wyatt heard what she thought to be the crackling of burning wood. Looking out of the window, she saw a small blaze on the porch of the Adams house. She immediately awoke her son Ernest, who turned in an alarm, while she woke Mr. Adams and the Job family next door to the Adams house.

The fire had hardly gotten a start and was extinguished by Mr. Wyatt before the sleepy fire ladders could arrive on the scene. The scorching of the door and a few boards on the porch was the only damage done.

The fire started from spontaneous combustion of an oily rag with which Mr. Adams has wiped off the floors the night before and had blown out onto the porch. The oil flared up with such

COMMUNITY RULE MEASURE WILL GO ON BALLOT

Fourteen Hundred Names to Spare on Initiative Petitions of St. Johns Seaside-Cottage Grove Bill.

Fourteen hundred signatures more than absolutely necessary have been secured to the St. Johns-Seaside-Cottage Grove Community Rule Bill and the petitions were filed Tuesday with Secretary of State Olcott.

This is the bill originated in Cottage Grove having for its ultimate object the creating of Nesmith County. St. Johns and Seaside assisted by having sections put into the bill providing for consolidation of cities and towns.

The main feature of the bill is that county division and consolidation of cities is made a local question, instead of going on the state ballot as at present.

Owing to the large number of initiative bills this year, the securing of the requisite number of signatures proved to be a herculean task, and but for the sacrifice of personal business on the part of one or two members of the committee, especially on the part of B. K. Lawson, the bill would probably have never gotten onto the ballot. Although St. Johns and Seaside had committees, the brunt of the work fell onto Cottage Grove.

Members of the Nesmith County Committee feel certain that if this bill becomes a law Nesmith County will be a certainty. A similar bill nearly passed two years ago. With the assistance of the numerous communities wanting county division, it seems as if there ought to be little trouble in getting the bill properly before the voters.

The bill is so absolutely sane and fair that it is expected that every voter who understands it will cast his vote for the measure.

Mrs. E. Helliwell Dead.

Word was received here yesterday of the death of Mrs. E. Helliwell at Yoncalla. No particulars have been learned. Mrs. Helliwell had been a sufferer with tuberculosis for some time and her condition had been precarious. Mr. Helliwell just recently closed out his mercantile business here and moved to Yoncalla.

FORECLOSURE SUIT FOR \$300,000

O. & S. E. RAILROAD LOSES IN BIG COURT CASE

Probably Largest Foreclosure Suit Ever Filed in History of This Section of the Willamette Valley.

Probably the largest foreclosure suit ever brought in the history of this section of the Willamette valley was decided in the court of Judge Harris at Eugene Monday, judgment being given against the O. & S. E. Railway of this city for nearly \$300,000.

Developments in the testimony, however, indicate that the suit was not as serious a one as the figures would indicate, it appearing that those who secured the judgment against the railway are also the owners of the railway. The plaintiff is the Trust Company of America. F. H. Hall, W. B. Foster, G. T. Ellis and H. L. Bown, the latter as Sheriff, were codefendants with the railway.

The suit was brought to attempt to establish the priority of a first mortgage, under which about \$300,000 in bonds were issued, over the claims of the codefendants, Hall, Foster and Ellis, who had claims for injuries in a wreck on the O. & S. E. Railway May 7, 1909. The Sheriff was made a codefendant because of the fact that he had attached the property of the road in an attempt to satisfy the claims of Hall and Foster.

The court decided that the plaintiff is entitled to a judgment against the defendant railway company for the

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intensity that at first sight the whole porch appeared to be on fire, and Mr. Wyatt was surprised at the ease with which he extinguished the flames.

The house had just been completed and Mr. and Mrs. Adams expected to move in this week.

THROWING OF CONFETTI STOPPED

City Council Passes Ordinance to Stop Nuisance on Fourth.

An ordinance prohibiting the sale and throwing of confetti on the streets of the city was passed at the regular meeting of the Council Monday night. The ordinance was passed at this time in order to prohibit a proposed confetti battle on the Fourth. Many citizens of the city had complained that the throwing of the chopped up paper into the faces of anyone whom the "warriors" happen to meet is a nuisance that should not be tolerated, and the Council seemed to be of the same opinion. Several of the stores of the city have been caught unawares with large stocks on hand.

A communication was received from J. E. Ward saying that he would take measures to protect his patent for laying bituminous pavement, which he understood the city was about to infringe upon.

Contracts were let to Ambrose &

MISS HAZLETON WILL BE GODDESS

Miss Grace Lily Will Take Part of Columbia.

In the contest for the position of Goddess of Liberty in the parade today, Miss Hazel Hazleton won out over all competitors by a large plurality. Miss Grace Lily was second and will take the part of Columbia. The other contestants, Misses Vera Crowe, Jennie Smith and Fern Holcomb, will act as maids to the Goddess of Liberty.

The contest was spirited at the wind-up, friends of contestants hustling in bunches of votes at the last moment.

There were many eager ones to witness the counting.

Birds for the improvement of Cherry Court and a triangular piece at the junction of Monroe and Douglas Streets.

S. J. Brund asked for permission to close up Rover Avenue from Seventh Street to the river. The request was referred to the street committee.

Musical Concert To Be Treat

Eilers Music House Will Open Branch Store Here Tomorrow With Free High Class Entertainment

A high class musical entertainment will be given here Friday evening under the auspices of Eilers Music House of Portland, which will on that date open a branch store here. The entertainment will be given in the store room below the K. P. hall, which the company will occupy with its stock of pianos.

Several original compositions will be played by the "Illinois Tramp," who

case with which young and old can perform with it and "not know a note of music." It is truly wonderful. All new and popular "hits" will be played and sung.

Wm. Perman, accompanied by the "Illinois Tramp," will render one of his cornet solos. G. E. Wood will render a violin solo, and it is expected that there will be other local talent on the program.

Contesting Probate Case.

The final settlement of Dr. W. W. Uglesby, administrator of the estate of Benjamin Hall, is being contested in Probate Court at Eugene. There are a great many witnesses down from Cottage Grove and a determined effort is being made to upset some of the claims against the estate that are stated by the contestants to be extortionate.

Auto Gets Stuck In Mud.

R. E. Veatch and daughter Miss Dorothy of Portland and Miss Lucretia Washburn of Junction City visited relatives of Mr. Veatch in the city Sunday. They came by automobile and had a time negotiating some of the mud holes. J. F. Hickey, of the Nesmith Auto Co., was called to extricate the machine from one hole.



PADEREWSKI IN BLACK The "Illinois Tramp"

will also show what the "player piano" has been made to do.

The beautiful Chickering Grand will be used in solo work and in fine accompaniments.

Miss Powell of Portland is to sing and will interest all lovers of music. Her selections will be accompanied on the Eilers player piano, the "Bungalow," showing the great use and advantages of this "9th wonder of the world," over the silent piano, and the

OREGON ELECTRIC TO GO TO ROSEBURG

PAPERS FILED IN SUIT SHOW ROAD'S PLANS.

Statement of Company Dispels Any Doubt About Road Passing Through Cottage Grove.

By means of a suit filed in the circuit court in Salem last Friday by the Oregon Electric Railway company, it became known that the ultimate destination of the extension being built from Salem to Eugene, which is practically completed as far as Albany, is Roseburg. This was stated in a complaint filed in a condemnation suit against Edward M. Croisan and Ella M. Croisan, with whom the company has failed to reach an agreement as to the value of property wanted for right of way for the line between Albany and Eugene.

This action of the company dispels any doubt that may have existed about the road building through this city.

LITTLE TOT PLAYS WITH DYNAMITE

EXPLODES CAP WITH SERIOUS RESULTS TO SELF

Seven-Year-Old Son of Dave Mosby Suffers Injury From Hitting Dynamite Cap With Rock.

Little Wade Mosby, 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Mosby of Daston, suffered severe injuries Monday afternoon by exploding a dynamite cap with a rock. The cap splintered the rock, pieces of which inflicted several injuries on his body. The exploding cap also inflicted injuries to the thumb and middle finger of the right hand.

The only wound considered dangerous is one at the lower edge of the ribs on the right side, where the little fellow was struck with a large piece of rock. Particles of rock also inflicted skin wounds on the face.

The injured boy was hurried to Cottage Grove for medical treatment and is now getting along nicely.

MISS PHOEBE LOIS POWELL



DEAL CLOSED FRIDAY ON TWELVE HUNDRED ACRES

J. E. THOMAS CLOSING BIG DEAL PENDING FOR MONTHS.

Figures Not Made Public, but It Is Pretty Certain That They Run Well Up Into Six Figures.

The deal which has been pending for several months between J. E. Thomas and Mrs. Frances Marie Harding for the sale of the 1200 acre Harding ranch east of the city was finally closed up Friday evening, and Mr. Thomas now holds the deeds to the property. Mrs. Harding came here from Cuero, Texas, to deliver the papers.

The price paid has not been made public, but from reliable information it is pretty certain that six figures were required on the check that finally closed up the deal. The sale of the elegant Barfield residence to Mr. Thomas was concluded at the same time, the figure for this being \$6,000.

Mr. Thomas is a firm believer in a great future for the famous, fertile, fruitful Willamette Valley and a live booster in any movement that will grease the wheels of progress.

Mr. Thomas has already spent considerable money in improvements on the property and, as has been stated in The Sentinel before, he intends to divide the property into small tracts and sell it to bona fide settlers, probably planting much of it to fruit trees.

This will eventually mean the addition of several hundred families to the Cottage Grove territory.

The Beatty road recently ordered by the County Court gives an outlet to the tract.

Elma Carter Taken From Mother.

The trial of the Elma Carter juvenile court case was concluded Friday morning in Eugene and the judge decided that the child's environment was not what it should be, although there was nothing criminal on the part of the mother indicated. He has taken the child from her mother for the present but has not decided what disposition to make of her as yet.

Elma Carter is the daughter of Mrs. Susie Carter of this city and the case of Elma grew out of the cohabitation charge of which Mrs. Carter was a party in the raid made on the Star restaurant, as noted in The Sentinel a short time ago.

JOY TURNED LOOSE IN BIG CHUNKS

EVERYBODY READY FOR BIG CELEBRATION.

Complete Program of Sports and Attraction Arranged for Amusements of Guests of City on Independence Day.

Everything is ready for the big celebration today. The grand salute was pulled off as Old Boreas peeped over the hills, but even then the small boy with the fire cracker pretty nearly beat the committee to it. The next attraction will be the grand parade at 10 o'clock, at which time all stores will close for the day.

Following is the complete program for the day:

- 10:00.—Parade forms on N. Sixth St., thence to Main, West on Main across the bridge, North on Pacific Highway to Ash Ave., West to North H St., South to bridge, across bridge, then East on Main St. to City Park. \$10.00 1st. prize; \$5.00 second prize for best decorated auto or float in parade.
- 11:00 a. m.—Program at City Park.
- Overture.....National Airs 6th Co. Military Band
- Prayer.....V. E. Hoven
- Speed Our Republic.....Keller
- Misses Hazleton, Veatch, Holderman, Perkins, Perkins, Silsby, Mesdames Miller and Cruson.
- Accompanied, Mrs. Chas. Adams.
- Reading...Declaration of Independence.....Dr. D. L. Woods
- To Thee O Country.....Ladies Chorus Band.....Hall Columbia
- Address.....Judge H. J. Shinn
- Band.....America
- 12:00 to 1:30.—Basket Dinner in Park.
- 1:30 p. m.—Pluggugly Parade forms at City Hall and marches West on Main St. to bridge; then East on

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Prunes Looking Fine.
J. L. Shambrook of Roseburg, who visited at the W. C. Conner home Tuesday while on his way home from Portland, says the prune crop in his section never looked better. He stated that there has been just sufficient moisture to keep the fruit in best condition.

CREeping ANIMALS DESTROY FOLIAGE

PECULIAR PEST ATTACKS MOUNTAIN BALM TREES

Large Patch of Timber on South Lorane Road Is Only District So Far Reported Suffering Damage

A peculiar pest is destroying vegetation on the South Lorane road, stripping the trees of every vestige of foliage.

The pest is a species of caterpillar and has so far attacked only the mountain balm trees, the leaves of which contain a sweet syrup.

The section attacked is about two miles from Cottage Grove above the Beals place. For about three-quarters of a mile along the road and back from the road as far as a person can see the army of creeping, crawling animals is clearing the trees of every leaf.

So far no other section has reported an attack of the pest, and nothing like it has ever been heard of in this section of the country before. There are no fruit trees in this particular section, and if only the mountain balm is attacked, no great damage will be done. It is puzzling residents, however, to understand how the rest of the country can be free when this small patch is so completely infested.

PRIZES ARE AWARDED FOR BEST KEPT LAWN

Annual Contest Conducted by Woman's Club Comes to End Monday.

J. H. McFarland won first place and Dr. B. F. Fuller second place in the annual contest conducted by the Woman's Club for the best kept lawns, which came to a close July 1st.

The first prize is a silver cup. Fingal Hinds won it last year, but Mr. McFarland had won it the two years previous to that, this making the third time the award has been made to him and the cup now becomes his permanent property.

The second prize is a beautiful china vase. This is the first time it has been won by Mr. Fuller.

The judges of the contest were Messrs. G. H. Tyson, D. J. Scholl and Geo. O. Knowles.

Local Team Shut Out.

In a game at Creswell Sunday afternoon the Creswell aggregation did up the local team to the tune of 6 to 0.

Women Ruin Clothing; Good Roads Advocates

Sadly Mussed Up Trying to Pull Horse Out of Bad Chuck Hole.

While out driving last Friday in the vicinity of Saginaw, two young ladies well known about the Cottage Hotel met with a peculiar accident. It appears that the women were out looking for good roads and experienced no difficulty in finding the bad ones. The rig in which they were riding became imbedded in mud to the hubs and poor old Dobbin, in his attempt to rescue the fair ladies from their predicament, pulled the wagon apart and upset the ladies head first into the mud and it was with great difficulty that he himself was rescued.

After gaining her equilibrium, one of the young ladies procured a rope and displayed some rare skill in lassoing said horse and with the assistance of willing hands he was again placed on terra firma. Said young lady then got onto horse's back and rode back to the city for assistance, leaving Mrs. B. sitting on a rail fence pondering over the loss of her new white serge (Fourth of July) suit. As The Sentinel goes to press a searching party is still out looking for a pair of white buck shoes.