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Had Same Mother as Husband

Late Wife of Cottage Grove's First Postmaster Bore Peculiar Distinction; Pioneer of Willamette Valley

Aunt Nellie Martin, who died here last Thursday morning, bore the distinction of being one of very few women to have lived with her husband from time of birth and to have been nursed by the same mother. Mrs. Martin's mother died at the time of the daughter's birth, and Mr. Martin's mother took the newly born babe to her breast and reared her, there being but a difference of two months in the ages of the two children. Being so closely drawn together in babyhood, it was but natural that the ties should be later more closely cemented in bonds of matrimony. The two lived together as man and wife for 60 years, Mr. Martin passing away four years ago.

The cause of Mrs. Martin's death was paralysis, which began to come on a week before death and was almost total when the sufferer breathed her last, being unconscious for two days. She had had a stroke five years previously from which she had completely recovered and was in fairly good health up to the time of the last sickness. The end came at 5 o'clock last Thursday morning.



"AUNT" NELLIE MARTIN
Photo by Armstrong

The Martin's crossed the plains in 1857 and took up their residence at Cottage Grove in 1858. Eight children were born to them, six of whom survive. They are N. H. Martin of this city, with whom his mother made her home at the time of death; U. S. and J. R. Martin, Seattle; Mrs. E. C. Barlow, Lopez, Wash.; J. S. Martin, Silver Lake; Jesse Martin, Freewater.

The funeral was held Friday afternoon from the Christian Church, V. E. Haven officiating. All the children were present and a large number of friends attended the last rites and contributed beautiful floral offerings.

Mr. Martin, who died four years ago at the age of 80, was an unusual genius. Growing to years of understanding without a school education he was in later life considered a man of unusual attainments and was well informed and able to talk intelligently on any current subject.

He was a member of the legislature in 1872. His campaign was one of the liveliest that ever occurred in this section of the country. His power of oratory made him a figure at the capital.

Mr. Martin was Cottage Grove's first postmaster and established the Lorane rural route, still in operation.

BREAKS ANKLE BONE

Elderly Woman Jumps from Buggy When She Fears Horse Will Overturn Rig.

Mrs. Alice VanValin suffered a severe fracture of the right ankle last Thursday morning when she jumped out of a buggy, fearing that the horse was going to overturn the rig.

In company with her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Chambers, she had been visiting the Chambers mill at Latham. Noticing that the flies were worrying the horse, the two decided to return home. Mrs. VanValin got into the rig first. The horse immediately started and cramped the buggy so short that the occupant feared that it would be upset and either jumped or fell out, she is not certain herself which way it happened. In striking the ground her right foot turned under, fracturing the bones on both sides of the ankle. Mr. Chambers, who had not known that the women were at the mill, was immediately called to their assistance and brought the injured woman to the city, where she was given medical attention. She is now resting quietly, but owing to the age of the patient the break will probably be considerable time in mending, and it is probable that there will be a permanent lameness in the foot.

Autoists Careless.

Many complaints have been made of late of the way drivers of automobiles turn corners within the city, and the prediction has been made that some accident is going to happen that will cause harsh censure. Several accidents, it is understood, have already been narrowly averted when machines turned corners where it was impossible to see those approaching from behind some building.

Sheriff Bown Still Improving.

Sheriff Harry Bown continues to recover from his recent accident and his complete convalescence now seems probable.

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HOW MANY OF OVER 65 IN GROVE?

Sentinel Would Like Names of Those Who Have Attained That Age.

The longevity of life in the Willamette Valley is somewhat remarkable, and a list of the residents of Cottage Grove of 65 years or more would be surprising. The Sentinel would like to compile such a list, and asks all those of that age to send in their names, so that the exact figures may be obtained. If not that old yourself, send in the names of those you know have attained that age. The names will not be published.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY IS UTOPIAN

Minnesotan Gives Praise—Surprised at Uniform Profuse Growth.

Coates P. Bull, assistant agriculturist at the Minnesota Agricultural College and Experiment Station, while at Creswell recently, had the following to say of Willamette Valley soil:

"I have never seen such uniformly profuse growth of trees, fruits and vegetables anywhere. It is a surprise to me to see so many sheep in the valley and foothills. Goats, also, seem to be a good proposition.

"The profits which have been obtained from orchards and berries are a marvel. Cherries, apples, strawberries and loganberries have proved their worth in pocketbook and in the kitchen. That potatoes and cabbage grow and remained in the ground the year around I would not believe had I not seen the plants.

"In general I can frankly say that there is no place endowed with such possibilities in agriculture in all its branches, and at the same time so little developed as right here. The country needs some of the hustling blood such as we have in Minnesota to make these valleys the great agricultural sections they deserve to be."

F. Harold Pirksa, also of the University school, had much the same to say, giving special praise to the Creswell district which he visited.

VICIOUS HORSE MAULS LEON RAY

University Graduate Has Painful Experience on Ranch.

As the result of an encounter with a vicious horse last week, on an eastern Oregon ranch, Leon Ray, a prominent member of the 1912 class of the U. of O., is at the home of his parents near Eugene suffering from sprains and bruises inflicted by the flying hoofs of the equine.

Young Ray was working in the harvest field on the Tobey ranch and was sent to the barn by the foreman to wash the sore shoulder of the horse. Scarcely had he entered the stable when the brute kicked out viciously, knocking the young man against the wall. Kicking and biting, the animal continued its attack finally felling young Ray to the floor, where he lay at the mercy of the maddened steed's furious maulings. Finally he was thrown clear of the beast's hoofs and painfully crawled a safe distance, where he was later found by fellow laborers.

Horse Steps on Foot.

J. H. Spriggs is suffering this week with a badly damaged foot, the result of letting Archie Thompson's horse browse around on it. The injured member is getting along nicely, and it is thought no bones are smashed.

Advertising pays—in The Sentinel...

Telephone Girls Draw Moral from News Item

Fairies of Switchboard Give Advice to Peevish Patrons. ::

The telephone girls of the city are calling attention of subscribers to the case of the Vancouver telephone girl who was driven to kill herself by reason of the cruel words spoken to her by a man who didn't get just the service he wanted.

"If you want live hello girls," the fairies of the switchboard say, "just be kind and good-natured to us and talk sweet and pretty. Don't get a grouch on when you can't get the number just when you want it. Sometimes you may have to wait for your wife to get done using the line, and sometimes the other man's wife that you want to talk to may be busy talking to someone else. Then it isn't our fault if the party isn't in or shuts you off. There may be a lot of reasons why you can't get just what you want when you want it, and a good natured person like newspaper men usually gets what he wants quicker than the acrimonious crank. Get wise! Get wise!"

MILL MAN STRANGELY INJURED

NO BRUISES, BUT IS IN UNCONSCIOUS STATE

Condition of Gus Donley, Injured in Cottage Grove Saw Mill, Is Puzzling Portland Physicians.

Knocked unconscious when hit by a large splinter at the Orchard Land & Timber Co.'s mill at Divide Friday, Gus Donley is puzzling physicians at Portland because of his slowness in returning to consciousness.

Donley is a chairman at the mill just as the last cut was being made from a split log, he jumped onto the carriage. At the same moment a large splinter from the log, about three feet long and two feet wide, flew into the air and hit him a glancing blow on the head. He fell to the floor, got up and fell back again. When picked up and carried to a physician, no bruises of any kind were found, but there had plainly been a concussion of some kind and the injured man was taken to a Portland hospital.

Donley is not completely unconscious, as he helps himself at times and answers questions, but remains in a partially unconscious condition. While the injury is peculiar, the attending physicians express the opinion that he will completely recover. Donley is 28 years of age and has a wife at Divide.

University Referendum Bills Will Go on Ballot This Fall

Off on Auto Trip.

W. B. Cooper, wife and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Houser left Monday for a trip to and through Alberta, Canada, in Mr. Cooper's automobile. The auto is fitted up hotel style, with kitchen, dining room, beds, etc., and carries a tent that can be used as a garage. The party expects to be gone a couple months.

GROVE IS LIVELY CITY

So Says Forest Ranger, Surprised by Growth Since Former Visit to Lane County.

"Cottage Grove is certainly one of the liveliest little cities in the Willamette Valley, and I was hardly prepared for the splendid progress she has made the past year," said State Forester F. A. Elliott, of Salem, who was in the city Saturday.

Mr. Elliott is making a tour of the state on business connected with his office. He has given appointments to Frank Brumbaugh and Sam Shortridge of this vicinity. The former will act as ranger in the Coast Fork district and the latter in the vicinity of London.

Everything Wilson.

Col. Blair, a rampant wearer of the bandana, who recently returned from Portland, says everyone is talking Wilson, and you can hardly hear any other candidate mentioned.

Profiles Disappear and Railway Officials Worry

Cottage Grove Is Threatened With Congestion of Railroads

Mystery enough for the construction of two or three coast-to-coast railways and a dozen or so electric lines is contained in the disappearance of the profile of the Oregon & Southeastern Railway from the offices of the company in this city. It has been missing for some time, strict search has failed to reveal its whereabouts and worry is written upon the faces of the officials of the company, who, having read the newspaper reports of the frequent presence in the city of foreign railway officials and surveyors, presumably having designs upon the business of the company, fear that some rascally rodent, or other animal of unsavory reputation, may have surreptitiously removed the profile for the nefarious purpose of building a nest. A corps of detectives has not yet been put on the case.

If you would make your married life happy, have The Sentinel print the invitations.

TAKES LIKING TO COTTAGE GROVE

Never Before Found Such Sociable Community.

Miss Leah Barrell, who came here to lecture on the white slave traffic, has taken such a liking to the Cottage Grove country that she has practically decided to purchase a piece of land here on which to spend her seasons of rest from platform work.

"Never before," Miss Barrell says, "have I met people who were so sociable and pleasant and made you feel so completely at home. To go with the people is a country, from an agricultural and esthetic standpoint, as fine as any to be found on the face of the earth."

Miss Barrell has been giving her lectures at Saginaw this week.

To Reserve After Berries, Maybe.

Mesdames C. E. Jones and Linnie Violette left Thursday afternoon for a visit with Joe Landess in the forest reserve. They stated their intention to be to pick blackberries, but Mr. Jones is of the opinion that his wife intends to get a job as forest guard. He says he knows her range is good, and that if she is given the proper implements of warfare, it will be an unlucky day for any depredator caught poaching on her patrol.

Claims Bumper Egg.

Having read of the different monster monstrosities in the hen fruit line, Mrs. Archie Thompson comes along with the claim of the largest egg so far reported. It measured 6 1/2 inches by 7 1/2 and is the handiwork of a proud Plymouth Rock biddie.

RELATIVE OF MILES STANDISH DIES

G. B. STANDISH BURIED HERE SUNDAY BY G. A. R.

One Time Associated With P. T. Barnum in Show Business.—Conducted Grocery Store While Resident.

Gideon B. Standish, a direct descendant of Miles Standish, the latter a passenger in the Mayflower, a prominent character in the early settlement of New England and made immortal in verse by Longfellow, was buried here Sunday, the body being brought from Tacoma, where death occurred July 17th from cerebral paralysis. The services were conducted by Appomattox Post, G. A. R.

Mr. Standish was a former resident of this city, at one time conducting a grocery store here. He had the Bohemian disposition and had drifted about after being unsettled by the death of his wife two years ago. At one time he was associated with P. T. Barnum in the show business. He was born in Michigan and was 65 years of age at the time of death. Mr. Standish served in the Civil War, being discharged with an enviable record. An adopted son, Wm. Standish, resides at Lorane. Otherwise there are no known relatives.

Bids Asked for Dam.

The City Council has called for bids for the rebuilding of the Layng Creek Dam. It has been found necessary to move the dam 600 feet further up the creek in order to maintain the proper head. It was found that the first dam would not do this and a wooden addition was made to it, which was washed out this spring. This has been temporarily repaired, but will probably go out again with high water. It is planned that the reservoir shall maintain a head of 500,000 gallons.

Order Makes Record Trip.

An order sent to a Portland house this week by Wynne & Woods for three rolls of galvanized iron made a record trip. The order was sent at 10 a. m. Tuesday morning. At 2 p. m. the next day the goods were on the floor, thirty hours from the time the order was written. The old S. P. put on some speed that time, as well as did the house getting the order.

Ships Sheep to Honolulu.

Frank Brown of Yoncalla has made another shipment of sheep to Honolulu. The breed is Shropshire and the demand is strong. Mr. Brown has shipped 190 animals in the last 15 months.

Visiting cards—The Sentinel.

GROVE'S CONEY ISLE

Local Citizens Are Installing Water Sports in Coast Fork Branch Above the Dam.

Several local citizens are arranging a miniature Coney Island in the waters of the Coast Fork above the dam. A 40-foot galvanized shoot-the-chutes, two high dive ladders and two spring boards have already been provided and those arranging the amusements are planning on considerable water sport this summer.

Lee Roy Woods is mainly responsible for the shoot-the-chutes. The lumber used in constructing the paraphernalia was furnished by the Chambers and Brown lumber companies.

DATES OF FAIR ARE SEPT. 5, 6, 7

SENTINEL MISINFORMED IN STATEMENT LAST WEEK

Anxious Prospective Exhibitors Are Keeping Grangers Busy Answering Questions and Giving Information.

Through misinformation given The Sentinel by one of the members of the grange connected with the forthcoming agricultural and industrial fair, the exhibition was announced for August when it should have been September. The Sentinel is now informed that the dates are September 5, 6 and 7, which will give exhibitors much more time to prepare and will give better chance for crops to ripen for exhibition purposes.

The announcement in The Sentinel has kept members of the grange busy giving out the correct information.