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Cuts Belt Lacing an Sets 400 Pound Pulley onto Head

Grove Timber Deal Talk of Washington

EVERYWHERE you go in Washington the big Cottage Grove timber deal is all you hear in lumbering circles," said R. L. Austin of Gold Bar, Wash., who was in the city over Sunday on business. "Cottage Grove timber has a reputation of being among the best on the coast and the tract just purchased by the U. S. Logging Co. is looked to supply the market with a high quality of raw material. It was the talk of this deal which caused me to look toward Cottage Grove as a field for possible investment."

Mr. Austin was here interviewing lumber manufacturers with the view of locating a factory here for the manufacture of porch columns.

MAY NOT BE ABLE TO BUILD STREETS

CONDITION OF CITY TREASURY
MAY BLOCK PROGRESS

Progressiveness of Citizens of City
Puts Corporation Up Against
It in Paying for Its
Share of Work.

Despite the fact that property owners are enthusiastic about building a number of new streets here, improvements in that line are likely to be held back this year by the strained financial condition of the city treasury. So much more street work was done last year than had been arranged for in the tax levy that the city was cramped in paying for the street squares, and while all members of the council are strongly in favor of building all the streets possible, there are those who feel that it would not be a good business proposition under present conditions, and the public may be afforded the spectacle of every property owner on a street petitioning for its improvement and the city refusing to grant the request.

It is more than probable that this difficulty would be overcome in some way were it not for the fact that the council expects to be put to a large expense in extending its water mains

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ALVA C. MATTESON MEETS AN ODD DEATH.

While Alone Under J. I. Mill at
Disston, Neck Is Broken When
Belt Tightener Catches
His Head.

His neck broken when caught by a 400 lb. pulley at the J. I. Mill at Disston Friday, Alva C. Matteson, a mill-wright, suffered almost instantaneous death. Mr. Matteson was making arrangements to put the mill in shape for operation. Although not yet employed, he went under the building to size up the situation. Finding that the drive belt would have to be removed, he reached over a timber and cut the lacing, forgetting about the pulley used as a tightener. As the belt gave, the big pulley crushed his head against the timber and broke his neck. He was not found until some time after the accident, but it is thought death was quick. The knife was lying on the ground beside the body.

Matteson was working alone and was found by L. A. Ralston, who is looking after the mill and store during the idleness. Ralston was out to the mill at 9 o'clock and called to Matteson, receiving no reply, going out again at 11:30 and still getting no reply, he began an investigation and found the body. He secured the

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Merchants Fed by Grange Women
A get-together feed was tendered the business men of the city Saturday by Cottage Grove Grange and a large number participated in the festivities, afterwards commending the farmers for the judgment displayed in picking good cooks.

Clint Stewart reports that he expects the fruit trees recently awarded ten Cottage Grove boys will be here Saturday ready for delivery.

3 BIRTHS; 1 DEATH FOR FEBRUARY

Things were quiet in Cottage Grove during the month of February as far as births were concerned. Three births and one death were included in the report of Health Officer Oglesby. There were no dangerous contagious diseases. Three births came on the 1st and 2d of March and would have been in February but for its having been a short month.

Advertising pays—in The Sentinel.

Grove's Second Mayor Celebrates

Robert Griffin, Pioneer, Prominent Odd Fellow and
G. A. R. Man Passes 79th Birthday Anniversary :: ::

Robert Griffin, second mayor of Cottage Grove, father of 13 children, an old soldier, and who as a contractor and builder, erected many of the early buildings in Cottage Grove, celebrated his 79th birthday anniversary February 26, his children preparing a supper for him at the home of his daughter, Mrs. James Potts. He is still as spry as many 20 years younger, raises a garden every year, upon which he insists on doing all his own work. He also looks after a

SAGINAW SCHOOL TO CELEBRATE

Prof. Dunton of This City Among
Those on Program.

The Saginaw School will celebrate its standardization tomorrow with an all day program. Supt. Baughman will present the pennant and Supt. Dunton of Cottage Grove, Supt. Stockton of Eugene and Supervisor O'Reilly of Eastern Lane County will be present to supplement the program. A magic lantern lecture on "Children of Many Lands" is to be one of the features.

Eats Sprayed Apple Is Poisoned

Disston, Ore., March 5. (Special to The Sentinel.)—From eating an apple which had been affected by fruit spray, Mrs. R. C. Woodhurst was severely poisoned a few days ago. She was dangerously ill for several days, but is convalescing today.

large pen of White Wyandotte chickens. He has been a member of the local lodge of Odd Fellows since 1882, and served one term as Noble Grand. He was also commander of Ord Post, No. 13, G. A. R., which has since merged into Apomattox Post.

Mr. Griffin was born in England and came to the United States in 1856. He immediately became a patriotic citizen and five years after landing upon these shores, enlisted for the Civil War with the Second Wisconsin Volunteer Cavalry. He served three years, and was in many hot skirmishes under General Samuel R. Curtis. In 1880, he and wife and eleven children crossed the plains with horse team; first settling in the Rogue River Valley. In 1882, the family moved by horse team to Cottage Grove, which has been the home of Mr. Griffin ever since. His wife died here on October 26, 1886. Of thirteen children born to the couple, ten are still living. Those who attended the birthday celebration were Jesse and family, of Eugene, Albert, Mrs. Geo. McQueen, Mrs. H. H. Petrie, Mrs. James Potts, and Miss Bessie. Will Ostrander and family, of this city, were also present.

While in the contracting business, Mr. Griffin erected the building which is now part of the Cottage Grove Manufacturing Co.'s plant. He was also at one time in the real estate and farm machinery business.

He who tooteth not his own horn, the same it shall not be tooted.

NEW INDUSTRY FOR COTTAGE GROVE

First Factory to Follow Big Timber
Sale Will Probably Be Porch
Column Plant.

A porch column factory will probably be the first new industry to follow the recent purchase of timber in the forest reserve. P. L. Austin of Gold Bar, Wash., was in the city several days of last week interviewing the mill men of the city. He left for home Monday saying that the chances of his locating here are more than likely. As soon as he reaches home his brother will make a trip to look the ground over and if he too is favorably impressed the establishing of the plant will immediately go ahead.

RICH STRIKE IS MADE AT COMBINATION

One of Richest Deposits in District
Found on Property Owned
by Clark Bros.

One of the richest strikes ever made in Bohemia occurred a few days ago at the Combination Mines, owned by Clark brothers. This is the fifth shoot that has been made, all the others showing ore of excellent quality. Communication with the district is meagre and complete details can not be learned. W. T. Clark, one of the owners of the mine, is expected to arrive soon from the east.

If you don't read The Sentinel you don't get more than half the news.

OREGON ELECTRIC SURVEYOR SAYS NEW LINE WILL BE AT GROVE SOON

Arrangements Made to Lodge Large Crew for Lengthy
Stay in City While Laying Out Pro-
posed Route Is Being Done.

RAILWAY ADVANCE MAN IS FREE TO TALK OF PLANS

Lack of Secrecy Leads to Belief That Plans Are Fur-
ther Advanced Than Has Generally Been
Believed.—Probable Depot Site

That the Oregon Electric will soon be building into Cottage Grove seems certain by reason of the fact that arrangements were made in the city last week for lodgings for a crew of surveyors who are employed by the Hill electric line. The party who made the arrangements stated that there was no question but that plans were on foot for an immediate extension and that the electric for Cottage Grove in the near future is almost a certainty.

For the past year everything has seemed to point to an extension to Cot-

tage Grove this year and well-founded rumors during the past month have indicated that activities were ready to begin. It is thought that the presence of surveyors at this time who do not make a secret of their affairs means that much of the right of way has already been secured and that work will be started in time to build much further than Cottage Grove this year.

An option was taken a month or more ago on a piece of property east of the Southern Pacific right of way which it is thought will be used for yard purposes in this city.

GROVE SHOULD HAVE CANNERY

PROF. BOVARD OF O. A. C. AD-
DRESSES GRANGE.

Says Such a Plant Would Be Great
Factor in Development of
This Section.

"Cottage Grove should by all means have a cannery," stated Prof. Bovard of the Oregon Agricultural College in his address to the grange Saturday. "By going about it systematically and having the proper crops planted, a co-operative plant put in by the farmers would develop the Cottage Grove country such as nothing else would. Controlling both crops and market, farmers would be in a position of calm independence."

The speaker recommended pie cherries, pears and beans as the all around crops for cannery purposes. Pears he did not speak of and corn he thought out of the question.

The speaker convinced the grangers of the need of a cannery, but his recommendations as to best crops for use probably means that a plant will not be put in until next year.

Prof. Bovard spoke of the tremendous success of the Corvallis cannery, which shipped out something like 75 cars last year and already has this year's crop sold.

BOYS UNCHIVALROUS WANT STREET FIXED

Eighth Grade Boys' Team Defeats
the High School Girls'
Team 27 to 11.

In an unchivalrous basket ball game Tuesday evening the eighth grade boys' team defeated the high school girls' team by a score of 27 to 11. The boys had things their own way during the entire game and the girls declared after the game that "they were just too mean for anything."

The lineups were: Girls—Arlie Langdon and Mae Armstrong, f; Jane Gilchrist and Edna Eilledge, g; Marguerite Johnson, c. Boys—Robert Jones and John Legat, g; Jean Hastings and Glen Smith, f; Clarence Spencer, c.

There is only one way to get all the news of the Grove county. That is in The Sentinel.

\$40,000 STONE SUIT IS ON TRIAL

MANY WITNESSES ATTEND
FROM COTTAGE GROVE

West Coast Mines Co. Is Defend-
ant in Action for Large
Amount of Money.

The case of Mark E. Stone against the West Coast Mines Company, to recover \$40,000 damages on account of injuries received in the defendant's mine in the Bohemia district, is being tried in the circuit court. Stone alleges that while employed by the West Coast Mines Company a few months ago he was hired to run an electric car that operated in a tunnel to haul ore from the interior of the mountain.

He alleges that he was inexperienced in its operation and that the defendant knew that, but he was nevertheless ordered to do the work and at a certain place he was jammed between the car and a post beside the track, being badly crushed. The case promises to be bitterly fought by both sides.

Remodeling Store.

Work was commenced Tuesday remodeling the interior of the Barker & Coffman cigar store. "You'll not know the place a week from now," said Mr. Barker in speaking of the proposed improvements.

Complaint That Surfacing Has Not Stood Up to Guaranty of Contractors.

Following many complaints of dissatisfaction, the city council at its meeting Monday night appointed Alderman Martin a special committee to take up with the Warren Construction Co. the matter of having Main St. resurfaced to come up to guaranty of contractor. The hollows that allow water to stand after a rain have caused the most complaint.

O. & S. E. Gets Franchise.

At the meeting of the city council Tuesday night the Oregon & South-eastern Railway was given a franchise allowing it to use the west side of Douglas Street in building its line to Latham and to cross Sixth Street.

Intent on Suicide; He Makes Grim Preparation for Death

GEO. F. STIDHAM KILLS SELF
AT SPRINGFIELD.

Displays Nerve of Unusual Charac-
ter in Determined Manner
Used to End Earthly
Sufferings.

Carrying out his grim purpose in a most deliberate and blood-curdling manner, Geo. F. Stidham, of this city, committed suicide in a Springfield hotel last Thursday night. First he spread a quilt upon the floor of his room and placed a vessel on the coverlet to catch the blood when it gushed forth from his throat when he found that two vials of laudanum which he had previously taken, failed in its purpose. Next, he fumbled among the contents of a telescope grip which contained his change of clothing and drew forth a keen-edged razor. Bending over the vessel the desperate man drew the weapon across his throat with a steady, determined stroke, but the blade, entering the right side of the neck, encountered the heavy muscles. Not to be thwarted in his design, the suicide reached across to the left side and slashed away, the gashes in the final and successful attempt showing that the victim of his own hand displayed a feverish haste in his operations, doubtless due to the cruel pain of the first wound. Hacking away relentlessly, Stidham finally severed the jugular vein, and still thoughtful of his land lord's property, he bent over the vessel while the life blood gushed out in a crimson stream. In those last tragic moments the dying man decided to breathe his last in a more conventional manner. Arising from the floor, the poor wretch tottered over to the incandescent light and turned it off, leaving a smear of blood upon the bulb. With his remaining strength the man groped for the bed, and draw-

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Grove Merchant Sells to California Woman

COTTAGE GROVE merchant received an order this week for dry goods to be shipped to California. The merchant had never heard of the customer before and does not know how she ever heard of him, but she knew the price of the goods, enclosed the cash, and the goods were forwarded.

In conclusion the unexpected customer said, "I expect to make Cottage Grove my home during the coming summer." She is making an early start in patronizing the merchants of her future home city.

EXPECTS TO DEVELOP MODEL ORCHARD

CHICAGO MAN ENTHUSIASTIC
WITH COUNTRY.

Says Conditions Ideal to Fruit Grow-
ing Prevail Here to Great-
er Extent Than
Anywhere Else.

W. F. Elliott, who purchased a 15-acre piece of the Spray tract last year, is here from Chicago this week and is enthusiastic about the Cottage Grove country as a future fruit market. He has arranged to have the entire tract planted to apples and pears and declares that he will develop a model orchard. He will plant Spitzenberg and Yellow Newtown apples and DeAnjou and Bartlett pears, the larger part of the tract being put into pears.

Mr. Elliott has looked over the entire Pacific Coast and has decided that of all the excellent fruit districts this is a little the best of all of them. "I don't believe," Mr. Elliott stated, "that the residents of this section realize what ideal conditions prevail here for the proper development of certain kinds of fruit, especially pears and apples. As a berry country this also appears to me as bound to rise to fame, but being unable to be here except for short intervals I will not go into that line at present." Mr. Elliott expects to become a permanent resident within the next year.

C. W. Wallace and Roy Short are also setting out their 4-acre tract to apples, Delicious and King David being the varieties.

Negro Melodies—Eccentricities

John C. Payne Gives Perfect Imitation of Black
Patti; S. S. R. S. Stewart is Negro Paderewski :: ::

Never did any aggregation come to the city with higher recommendations than the California Jubilee Singers, who will appear at the Armory, Saturday, March 8.

The Maryville, Calif., Appeal says: The high school auditorium was filled almost to its capacity last night to hear the Jubilee Singers. The entertainment was one of the best that has come to Marysville this year, and everybody in the large audience went away well pleased with the performance. The program included plantation melodies, jubilee songs, sacred selections, popular airs and classical selections.

The double-voiced singer Payne, scored a hit with his rendition of "My Hero," from "The Chocolate Soldier," and "What Witholds My Angry Fury," from "Lucia." His impersonation of Black Patti brought down the house, and his rendition was perfect, his fine soprano voice being impossible to distinguish from that of a woman. His voice is a wonder, and he is entitled to all the praise he has received at the hands of the press from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

S. S. R. S. Stewart, the baritone, pianist, soloist, was also fine, and he received loud and long applause at the conclusion of his selections.

Ivan H. Browning, the tenor soloist, is the possessor of a most unusual voice. The four singers each have very fine voices and they respond to the encores willingly and quickly.

MINERS OUT IN NIGHT CLOTHES

Snow, Salt and Water Used to
Extinguish Flames.

A chimney fire in the lodging house on the President property in the Bohemia district got the miners out in their night clothes Friday night, according to word telephoned in by Al. Churchill, who, with his crew, a few buckets of water, some salt and snow soon extinguished the flames without any great damage.

Improvements at Divide Mill.

A planer is being added to the equipment of the Orchard Land & Timber Co. at Divide. An additional furnace is also being installed and some other minor improvements made.

Improved Streets Sell Property

Property owners of the city are feeling the effect in increased prices for their property of the extensive street improvements during 1912. Sales have also been much easier to make and a large number of transactions have been closed along West Main this year due to the improvement of that street.

Herman Venske, who sold his extensive residence property this week to Dr. A. J. Hendry of Marshfield, who recently visited the city, said he could not have made the sale at all but for the fact that the street had been improved.