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## MYSTERY OF BIG EXPLOSION HAS BEEN SOLVED

**Was Not Attack of Aerial Fleet or Invading Japanese Army, Neither Was It a Meteor and None of Theories Advanced Proves Correct.**

**SOLVING OF ONE MYSTERY IS CAUSE OF ANOTHER.**

**Men Set Off Heavy Charge of Dynamite Under Big Tree and Then Sneak Away.—Motive for Deed Is New Unsolved Puzzle.**

There is no longer any mystery about the terrific explosion that alarmed and mystified the city one night about ten day ago. It was not caused by an invading aerial fleet, it was not caused by a Japanese army that had made a secret entry into the country, it was not a meteor, it was not the result of any one of the dozen or more theories that were advanced as the cause of the explosion that shook the earth for miles and for which no explanation could be found.

The mystery is solved by Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Wood, who were attracted on the night of the explosion by the chop of wood on the side hill southeast of the city and about 150 yards from the Wood barn. A light was moving around in an unusual manner and voices of men could be heard. The men were working at the foot of a big tree and apparently used some sharp object to force a hole under the tree large enough to admit a large quantity of dynamite. The explosion did not fall the tree but the men seemed to have become alarmed and sneaked off along the side of the hill and disappeared.

There is no clue whatever as to who the men were or what their object was in trying to blow down the tree. They might have been doing it just for mischief but some think they hoped to find some buried treasure. Why the attempt to blow up the tree should have been made at 9:30 at night is the mystery.

## TAXES FOR 1915 WILL BE LOWER THAN FOR 1914

**School District Levy Lowered 5½ Mills, City and State May Also Be Lower and County Higher.**

The probabilities are that the combined state, county, city and school district tax levy for Cottage Grove for 1915 will be several mills less than for 1914.

The school levy has already been reduced from 12 mills to 6½ mills, the city levy may be reduced a mill, the state levy will be reduced a little, but the county levy will be raised to 19 mills, one mill higher than last year. The total levy last year was 49 mills. It may be reduced for 1915 to about 41½.

Raising of nearly $100,000 to take up standing warrants keeps the county levy high.

**Eugene May Not Have Band.**

That there may be no municipal band in Eugene next year is the statement of members of the band commission and a number of musicians. The people of the city at the last election voted to create a band commission and to empower the council to levy a tax for the maintenance of a band, and the council when it made the annual tax levy a few weeks ago, provided for a fund, but the levy was lower than the band expected.

The levy fixed for the band by the council was one-fourth of a mill, which will yield a tax of something between $2,000 and $2,500. The band commission during the fall, before the tax levy was fixed, had planned upon employing a high class director at a good salary. After paying his salary there would not be a great deal of money left in the fund provided by the tax for the running expenses of the organization.

The following officers were elected at the annual election of the Eastern Star Friday night: Worthy matron, Mrs. Andrew Brund; worthy patron, Karl K. Mills; associate matron, Mrs. Geo. Atkinson; conductress, Mrs. T. C. Wheeler; associate conductress, Mrs. K. K. Mills. Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Nellie McGowan of Medford, was present on an official visit.

## IS PUTTING ON TWO HOME TALENT SHOWS

Two home talent shows will be presented this week at the Arcade Theater. The first will be Thursday night, when Dan. Sulley's greatest success, "The Peacemaker," will be presented under the personal direction of Steve Burton, who has put on so many successful home talent plays here.

The second will be Saturday night, when the Juvenile Dramatic Club of the high school will present, "A Mountain Daisy," a four-act western drama.

Mr. Burton is directing the presentation of the latter play also.

**Glee Club Pleases.**

The O. A. C. Glee Club gave a splendid entertainment at the high school Friday evening. The quartet and violin numbers were especially good, although all were roundly encored. The auditorium was comfortably filled.

## Manufacturing Co. Turns Out Beautiful Furniture

That most of the furniture used in Cottage Grove and a lot of that used in other parts of Oregon could just as well be made here is demonstrated every once in awhile by the Cottage Grove Manufacturing Co.

Roy Smith, one of the owners, has just completed for himself an elegant gun cabinet. It is made of selected fir of beautiful grain and is highly polished. It looks much like a wardrobe except that it has leaded glass doors. For the price at which this company can sell this piece of furniture it could not be duplicated by any outside concern and it is of a quality fit for the most luxurious home. The company has also recently made a number of large doll cribs which Santa Claus has ordered for some of the little girls of the city. A number of beautiful cedar chests are among the other pieces of furniture recently turned out by the company.

## GROVE BUTTER GETS HIGH MARK

**Score of 91 Puts It in Fifth Place in Competition With Butter from Over the Entire State.**

Ray Trask, manager of the Cottage Grove Creamery, takes pardonable pride in the record made by his butter in competition with the butter of the state at the convention of the Oregon Butter and Cheesemakers' Association. His butter got a score of 91, ranking fifth. The sample submitted was taken from the regular run while much of that with which it competed was made especially for the occasion. The following are some of the scores made:

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| A. C. Oswald, Hazelwood Creamery, Portland | 94½ |
| Samuel Olson, Jenson Creamery, Portland | 93½ |
| Emeral A. Cox, La Grande | 91¾ |
| H. Dorn, Newberg | 91½ |
| R. S. Trask, Cottage Grove | 91 |
| L. P. Holgensen, Junction City | 91 |
| R. Willits, Roseburg | 90¾ |
| O. B. Nebtune, Albany | 90¼ |
| Geo. Jacobsen, Portland Pure Milk and Cream Co. | 89½ |
| B. B. Short, Jensen's Creamery, Baker | 89 |
| C. W. Sly, Eugene | 89 |
| Peter Buyer, Toledo Creamery | 88¾ |
| G. A. Thomas, Merrel | 88½ |
| A. Slaughter, Independence | 88 |

**Sacred Concert.**

Following is the program for the Christmas song service to be given at the Presbyterian Church next Sunday evening:

Voluntary ..... Selected
Hymn No. 71
The Earth Lay Wrapt ..... Sheldon
(Solo Mrs. David Griggs)
Choir
Scripture
O Silent Night ..... Haydn
Mesdames Short, Miller,
Messrs. Bisby, Harvey
Holy Redeemer ..... Marchetti
Treble Clef Club
Jesus of Nazareth ..... Gounod
George Matthews
O Love Divine ..... Nevin
Misses Harms, McCord, Mesdames
Miller, Cruson
Holy Mother Guide His Footsteps
(From Opera Maritana) ... Wallace
Ursula Lockwood, Mrs. Short
Address ..... Rev. D. A. MacLeod
The Glorious Song of Old ..... Allen
Jessie Smith, Elwin McCargar
O Quiet Night, O Holy Night .....
..... Neidlinger
Jessie McCord
Hark! What Mean Those Holy
Voices ..... Verdi
(Solo Warren Edwards)
Misses Lockwood, Smith, Mrs. Short,
Messrs. Kinter, Edwards
Offertory
O Holy Night ..... Adams
(Solo Ren Sanford)
Octet
In Heavenly Love Abiding ... Schuman
Euterpean Lady Quartet
Hark, Hark, My Soul ..... Shelley
(Solos, Miss Lockwood, G. Matthews)
Choir

Members of choir: Sopranos, Misses Harms, McCord, Lockwood, Robinson, Mesdames Adams, Nichols, Short; altos, Misses Perkins, Smith, Lea, Silsby, Mesdames Armes, Miller, Cruson; tenors, Messrs. Veatch, Edwards, Bisby, Trunnell; basses, Messrs. Kinter, Harvey, Matthews, McCargar, Sanford, Martin.

Cornet ..... Merle Scovell
Trombones .. Messrs. Wynne and Veatch
Organist ..... Mrs. Geo. Kerr
Pianist ..... Miss Neva Perkins
Director ..... Miss Esther Silsby

## HARRINGTON TO ADDRESS GRANGE MEETING

An address by L. P. Harrington, field worker for the Oregon Industrial College, will be one of the features of the grange meeting Saturday. He will speak on the industrial work and it is the desire of the grange that a large number of visitors be present.

The annual election of officers will be held in the forenoon and Master McFarland has requested that the members make it a point to be there early as there is considerable other important business to be transacted. It is desired to open promptly at 10:30.

## Item in Sentinel Starts Run on Chicken Market

A little item in The Sentinel caused a run on the Cottage Grove chicken market. A woman over at Pendleton saw the item about the eleven pullets owned by Armand Wynne which laid ten eggs in one day. She immediately wrote asking the price on five cockerels from that strain. Mr. Wynne did not have the cockerels to furnish and was unable to get any in the city. All male birds of the Buff Orpington breed had been previously disposed of.

After you have read this copy of The Sentinel, pass it along to a neighbor, if you have one who doesn't take the paper and you don't wish to keep it for reference.

**Divorces Granted.**

Of seven divorces granted Monday by Judge Harris, two are of interest to Cottage Grove people.

Mrs. Eva McMindes was freed from Elvin J. McMindes and was decreed to be the owner of certain property in Junction City which was willed to her by a deceased relative. They were married in Lane County November 1, 1913. She was allowed to resume her maiden name Eva R. Sharp.

Della Hartzell was divorced from William Hartzell. They were married February 3, 1903. The court granted her the care and custody of the minor children and decreed her to be the owner of a certain 60 acres of land.

## Stables and Properties Change Hands Rapidly

Several pieces of property changed hands rapidly during the past week. In the several deals the Fashion Stables changed hands twice. W. C. Billings first bought from A. W. Sumers, giving a piece of real estate in the eastern part of the city as part payment. Eight days later Mr. Billings sold the livery business to J. W. Means, accepting a piece of property on Pacific Highway as part payment. Billings has already sold half of this property and Mr. Sumers has sold a part of that which he got from Billings.

**Associated Charities Organized**

In order to look after the necessary charitable work in the city during the winter in a systematic manner, an associated charities has been organized. Each church of the city is represented, the commercial club has appointed a member, the woman's club will be asked to have a member, and the city council will be asked to appoint a member.

It was found that this was the only way that duplication of work could be avoided and the work looked after in anything like a satisfactory manner.

**Births and Deaths Five to One.**

There were five births and one death in Cottage Grove for November, according to the report of the health officer. Of the births three were males and two females. The only death was a male, aged 74, heart trouble.

## Easterner Surprised at New Taters in Middle of Winter

New potatoes growing in December are a novelty to L. S. Baker of Eugene, who has been in Oregon but a year and is now digging early spuds from his back garden. Mr. Baker says he does not know how the potatoes got there, but that there are several bushels of them and he is going to eat them. Mr. Baker harvested the regular crop in the fall and in the country where he came from a well regulated and well brought up garden would rest up from that time until spring. Mr. Baker did not know that in Oregon the potatoes left in the ground do not freeze up and that in a mild winter like the one this year volunteers frequently furnish new potatoes in the middle of winter.

**Chance for Some Lonely Widow.**

A correspondent of the promotion department of the Eugene Commercial Club writes from Oklahoma as follows: "Do you know of any young widow about 30 or 35 years that owns a homestead and would like to get married? I would like to find a lady of that kind. I am a man of good character."

**I. O. O. F. Elects.**

The I. O. O. F lodge recently elected the following officers: N. G., G. M. Hall; V. G., Wm. Johnson; recording secretary, Harry Short; treasurer, H. J. Shinn.

Calling Cards—The Sentinel office.

## Six Apples Weigh Five Lbs. Carrot Tips Scales at Ten Lbs.

**C. G. Passenger Goes to Divide.**

In a shake-up of time tables on the Southern Pacific system the Cottage Grove Passenger, No. 18 and 19, is given a new schedule. It arrives here and leaves at the same time, but goes on to Divide at night, returning here immediately. No. 19 arrives here at 7:55, arrives at Divide at 8:05, returning at once as No. 18. No. 18 leaves here for Portland at 1:35 p. m.

No. 17, which formerly arrived at 3:26, arrives at 3:23 under the new time table.

If a want ad. in The Sentinel gets you something you don't want, just put in another ad. and get rid of the article.

W. P. Tucker claims that he has all growers worsted on the weight of a half dozen apples. He picked out six of the Gloria Mundy variety that tipped the scales at exactly five pounds. He says he is sure that he has disposed of other apples that were larger than that. Mr. Tucker operates the Mountain View Ranch at Dorena.

A carrot that tipped the scales at exactly ten pounds was sent into the city Monday by Emmet Hale, who has a fine piece of property on Coast Fork. The vegetable is of the white variety. Mr. Hale has a large number that weigh six, seven and eight pounds and finds them pretty cheap stock feed.

## *Pioneer Couple Cross Plains and Spend Sixty Long Years Together*

**"Uncle" Burn and "Aunt" Jane Among First White People to Be Married in This Section of Willamette Valley.—Will Be Honored by Reception at Presbyterian Church Next Tuesday**

Coming across the plains together as blythe, rolicsome children in the year 1853, "Uncle" Burn and "Aunt" Jane Veatch have spent nearly 61 years in the Cottage Grove country and 60 years of that has been spent as man and wife. Their many friends will help the aged but sprightly couple celebrate the event by holding a reception in the Presbyterian Church next Tuesday afternoon from 2:30 to 4:30, to which all their friends, which includes the public generally, are invited. Christmas Eve is the anniversary date.

Mrs. Veatch came across the plains with her father, S. B. Knox, Mr. Veatch being employed to look after the loose cattle, of which there were a hundred. In the party were S. B. Knox and family, Wm. Oglesby and family, Ira Kelly and Tom Knox, son-in-laws of Wm. Oglesby, Perrin Bryant and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ryles. The party came by way of Barlow Pass. The trip took six months and there was ample opportunity for the development of the love affair that resulted in the marriage of Miss Knox to Mr. Veatch soon after their arrival here. They were one of the first white couples to be married in the Cottage Grove country.

"Uncle" Burn and "Aunt" Jane can tell many interesting stories of the early life in this part of the valley, which had not yet been named the famous, fertile, fruitful Willamette. It was still infested with varmints and rattle snakes and looked as if only meant for the Indians who were numerous then. Both have since become attached to the country and they are satisfied to spend here the few remaining years granted by a kind Providence.

"Aunt" Jane Veatch
Photo by Armstrong

Mr. Veatch is now 86 and Mrs. Veatch 83. Both are still spry, especially Mrs. Veatch.

The following children of Mr. and Mrs. Veatch are still living: S. P. Veatch of San Francisco, O. O. Veatch, Rosetta Veatch, Harriet McGee, Mrs. R. H. Mosby, Mrs. E. S. Holderman and R. E. Veatch, all of Cottage Grove and vicinity.

## Democratic Lawyer Is Furnishing Free Meals

John S. Medley, who, outside of being a democrat, an attorney and one of Cottage Grove's champion speakers, is a highly respectable gentleman, recently furnished provisions to a family in need, although the judge is saying little about the incident and is not particular about having it advertised. Mr. Medley did not know that he was going to furnish the provisions and now that he has done so does not know to whom he furnished them. It came about in this way:

He left a piece of pork on the back porch to become thoroughly cooled before being put away in the commissary department. Some groceries that had come about the same time were left to be put away at the same time as the meat. About 9 o'clock Mr. Medley went to put the provisions away, but lo and behold they had disappeared and were no where to be found. Someone has had a number of meals at Mr. Medley's expense.

## BEDE IS PRESIDENT; WORTH HARVEY SECRETARY

**Commercial Club Elects Officers for Ensuing Year by Acclamation.—Reports of Officers Show Accomplishments for Past Twelve Months.**

Elbert Bede was reelected president of the commercial club and Worth Harvey was elected secretary at the annual meeting Monday night. Other officers elected were: L. S. Hill, first vice president; R. S. Trask, second vice president; G. M. Hall, treasurer; John Bader, A. J. Stewart and B. S. Swengel, trustees. All were elected by acclamation.

The reports of officers showed that the record of accomplishments for the past year has been satisfactory.

**Christmas Services.**

Following is the special program of music for next Sunday at the Methodist Church:

MORNING SERVICE.

Anthem ..... Herbert
Unto Us a Child Is Born
Quintet ..... Shelley
Hark! Hark, My Soul
Solo ..... Robinson
Behold, I Bring You Good Tidings

In the evening at 7:30 the Monday Night Musical Club and the orchestra will render "The Prince of Peace," by E. L. Ashford. Following is the program:

Voluntary—Overture ..... Piano
Hymn ..... The Midnight Clear
Choir and Congregation
Invocation ..... The Pastor
The Lord's Prayer (sung) ... The Choir
Instrumental ..... Angel's Serenade
Orchestra

PART I

1. Sing, O Heavens ..... Chorus
2. The Heavenly King .... Bass Solo
3. And There Shall Come Forth, Choir
4. Fear Thou Not .....
..... Tenor Solo and Chorus
5. Hail Bethlehem .... Contralto Solo
Violin Solo ..... Selected
Prof. Charles South

PART II

6. O Holy Night ..... Male Chorus
7. There Were Shepherds .....
..... Soprano Solo and Chorus
8. O Babe Divine ..... Soprano Solo
9. Bright Star of Hope .....
..... Tenor and Alto Duet
10. March of the Magi ... Male Chorus
11. O Blessed Lord ..... Tenor Solo
12. Starlit Night ..... Orchestra
13. Blessed Be the Lord God .....
..... Final Chorus
Hymn—There's a Song in the
Air ..... Choir and Congregation
Offering for the benefit of the Sunday School.
Postlude ..... Grand March
Orchestra

**Doesn't Wait for Trial.**

Lew A. Cates and T. J. Butler were here from Dallas Saturday. Mr. Butler was looking at Mr. Cates' ranch with a view to trading for his ranch at Dallas.

When asked about the suit for accounting brought against him by J. C. Savage of Coquille, Mr. Cates said that the plaintiff left for Florida the day before the trial and has not been heard from since.

Those business men who appreciate having in the city a printing office that can do as classy work as can be done anywhere, have their printing done by The Sentinel.

## LANE COUNTY'S VALUATION IS $40,000,000

Lane County's total assessment valuation is $39,876,699.79, which is a quarter of a million dollars larger than that of last year. The figures from the state tax commission, representing the assessment of the public utilities corporations, were received Monday by the assessor. These show $4,089,079,79, nearly the same as last year when the figure was $4,071,183. The total valuation last year was $39,581,228. The county budget was made up by the county court at an estimated valuation of $40,000,000 which is but slightly excessive.

## CITY BEAUTIFUL IS COMMERCIAL CLUB AIM

**Streets to Be Kept Clean, Grass and Weeds to Be Kept Down and the Parkings, Lawns and Flower Gardens of the City to Be Kept Up.**

**COMMERCIAL CLUB APPOINTS A LIVE COMMITTEE.**

**Different Sections of City May Contest with One Another for Honors and Neighbors of Each Section May Compete with One Another.**

Cottage Grove is going after the reputation of being one of the prettiest and cleanest cities in the state during 1915.

There was a lively and enthusiastic discussion of the subject at the annual meeting of the commercial club and a civic improvement committee was appointed to have the work in charge. The members of the committee are J. S. Medley, K. K. Mills and Ray Trask.

Chairman Medley is already working out plans for the season's work. He will probably try to arrange some kind of competition between different sections of the city and then in turn get those in a certain section to compete with one another.

It is more than likely that the city council will be asked to have outlying paved streets swept oftener. The city has a large amount of paving for a city of its size, but much of it does not show up to best advantage because of not being kept clean. It is certain that the council will be asked to enforce the ordinance against allowing weeds to grow within the city.

At the same time an effort will be made to stir up greater interest in parkings, lawns and flower gardens.

Whatever plans are adopted it is certain that the campaign for a city beautiful is to be a live one. The cooperation of the women of the city will be asked.

## EATON SAYS SPEAKERSHIP FIGHT UNSETTLED

**Charges That Oregonian Is Attempting to Bandwagon Its Candidate Into the Position**

Allen H. Eaton of Eugene, who is a candidate for the speakership of the next house, claims that Ben Selling is The Oregonian's candidate for the position and that that paper is trying to bandwagon him into the job. Mr. Eaton makes no criticism of Mr. Selling or his fitness for the position, he merely wishes to have an opportunity to state his side of the case, and he claims none of the Portland papers will allow him that opportunity. He offered to retire from the race if The Oregonian would prove that Mr. Selling had the votes that it claimed for him, but no attempt was made to do that. Following are excerpts from a communication from Mr. Eaton to The Sentinel:

"It appears that Portland, or more accurately, the few who assume to speak for her, are not satisfied to have procured at the last session the presiding officers of both houses and the chairmanships of the ways and means committees of both houses—the committees which control the expenditures of the money of the people of the whole state—not satisfied to have three-fifths of the representation in congress of the State of Oregon, but are still determined to dominate the legislature through its officers and principal committees.

"The fruit of this control is seen in the record of expenditures of the last legislature—the most extravagant in the history of the state.

"I think the rest of the state is entitled to participate in its own legislature on equal terms with the metropolis. The forces behind Mr. Selling do not intend to permit this if they can help it, or permit any participation except in subordination to their dictation.

"It is not true that Mr. Selling has a majority of the house pledged to him, nor have I such majority. There are members unpledged, who will doubtless consider the situation and vote as their consciences dictate. I am trying to have them vote understandingly, uninfluenced by false representations."

## CONTEST WILL REST DURING HOLIDAY SEASON

The Sentinel will not push its fireless cooker contest during the holiday season as both contestants and subscribers are too busy to give it a great deal of attention. There is nothing, however, to prevent any of the candidates from doing any work that they wish to during that time. Further nominations can also be made. Two more names have been placed in the list of contestants during the past week. The complete list will be published after Christmas, at which time The Sentinel will have something of interest both to contestants and subscribers.

Some of the candidates would be surprised if they knew the number of votes that have been cast for them by those paying their subscription at The Sentinel office.

Legal Blanks at The Sentinel office.