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DIRECT DESCENDENT OF CAPT. SMITH IS DEAD

John Fletcher Walker, for Sixty-Three Years Resident of Willamette Valley, Scion of Famous Family, Dies at Age of 88 Years.

John Fletcher Walker, a pioneer of the Willamette valley and a descendant of Capt. John Smith, died at his home at Walker Friday at the age of 88 years. He had been failing in health for some years and two years ago underwent a serious operation. The funeral was held Saturday at Walker.

Mr. Walker was born January 11, 1827, in Bedford county, Va., the home



JOHN FLETCHER WALKER
(Photo by Armstrong)

of all his ancestors of whom he had any knowledge. His grandfathers were among the wealthiest of the old plantation and slave owners. His father's mother was a direct descendant of Capt. John Smith, and the gun said to be the identical one carried by the captain when his life was saved by Pocahontas, is in the possession of the family. At the age of 23 he crossed the great American plain with a mule team and arrived at Sacramento, Calif., Aug. 6, 1850. Two years later he arrived at Portland by boat, spent the winter in Jackson county and next spring took up a donation claim four miles east of Cottage Grove. February 1, 1855, he married Jane Chrisman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Chrisman, also a pioneer couple. Seven children were born to this union, five of whom are living. They are Mrs. Mary A. Walden, Chester, Mont., R. E. Walker of this city, Mrs. Martha J. Wiseman of this city, John W. Walker of Waldport, George O. Walker of Walker. The wife died April 21, 1910.

MASONS AND STARS HOLD INSTALLATION

Joint installation of the Eastern Star and Masonic lodges was held Wednesday night. The following officers were installed: Master, T. C. Wheeler; senior warden, G. M. Miss Ethel A. warden, R. S. Trask; and Nathan, T. C. Wheeler; secretary, Chas. Adams; marshal, C. C. Cruse; senior deacon, K. K. Mills; junior deacon, O. L. Nicholas; senior steward, Elbert Bode; junior steward, C. A. Bartlett; Tyler, H. A. Miller.

The following officers were installed by the Eastern Star:

W. M., Lenora Knowles; W. P., G. M. Scott; A. M., Maud B. Wheeler; secretary, Eliza M. Gleason; treasurer, Mable R. Chambers; conductress, Elizabeth Mills; assistant conductress, Grace Cruse; marshal, Blanche Short; organist, Minnie Miller; chaplain, Emma Porter; warder, Lottie Scott; Ada, Loretta Beals; Esther, Anna Graham; Ruth, Glennie Frost; Martha, Grace Brund; Electa, Fay Allieon.

Speechmaking and cafeteria luncheon followed installation.

Damewood Narrowly Misses Being Bumped

M. DAMEWOOD had a narrow escape from serious injury Monday when he was struck by an automobile driven by a young woman. Mr. Damewood was stepping off the sidewalk in front of the Swengel hardware store as the car approached. He did not see the car and had not heard the horn. He was grazed on the arm, but if he had taken another step he would have been knocked over and probably seriously injured.

BOYS WITH RIFLE INFLICT INJURY UPON HOBO

Ed. Peterson, "Tourist," Is Taken to County Farm With Bullet in Foot, the Result of Carelessness or Maliciousness on Part of Boys.

Either through careless or malicious use of a .22 rifle in the hands of two small boys, Ed. Peterson, a "tourist," received a severe injury to his foot Sunday. The man and his companion were making a fire at "hobo camp" near the rock crusher. As he raised his foot to step over a log the bullet struck him. He managed, with the assistance of his companion, to make his way into the city and has been taken to the county farm at Eugene to receive treatment. The bullet was found lodged in the foot. Deputy Sheriff Pitcher is endeavoring to learn the names of the boys so that he may take proper legal action against them. The "tourists" reported that other bullets whizzed around them previous to the one that found a victim. They do not know whether the shot that inflicted the injury was directed at the man purposely or through carelessness. Others who have passed along the same road on Sundays report that carelessness on the part of boys with rifles makes travel dangerous.

COTTAGE GROVE TO PAY TWO MILL ROAD LEVY

Taxpayers' Association Lops Off Items That May Reduce County Levy for 1916 to 15 Mills.—\$10,000 Taken Off Levy for Outstanding Warrants.

Cottage Grove will pay a two-mill road levy this year, according to a decision of the taxpayers' association which held a lively session at Eugene Thursday.

Cottage Grove, Eugene and Springfield paid no road levy last year, although they had previously done so. These three cities are independent road districts and under the budget system a direct levy could not be made including these cities. The road levy next year will be included in the levy for general purposes and in that way these three cities will pay the road levy.

This point was the main one argued at the meeting and was the cause of considerable controversy and oratory.

The association recommended that \$10,000 be eliminated from the levy for redeeming outstanding warrants, that the expense of caring for the poor be cut \$2,400 and that two school supervisors be employed for 10 months instead of 11 months. These cuts, together with the fact that the valuation of service corporations has been placed \$777,000 higher than expected, will probably reduce the levy to 15 mills instead of 16 mills, the tentative levy made by the court.

Among other recommendations made by the association were that the assessor return to the alphabetical manner of listing real estate and that assessment of real property be made only every two or four years.

An attempt was made to reduce the county fruit inspector's budget from \$2,000 to \$1,500, but it was not successful.

The taxpayers' association was made permanent, the motion naming an executive committee of five members. There will be forty other members, one selected by each of the granges of the county and the remainder to be selected by the executive committee.

Since the taxpayers' meeting, at which the recommendation was made that a two-mill levy for road purposes be included in the levy for general purposes, the county court has been making inquiries as to whether under the budget system such a levy could be made without the danger of injunction that would hold up all road work. City Attorney Foster of Eugene holds that the cities of Eugene, Cottage Grove and Springfield are not subject to such a tax and that they now have all they can do to pay their own street improvements. Road tax raised on property in these cities could not be spent within the cities. A meeting of the city attorney from here, a representative from Springfield and the city attorney of Eugene was held at Eugene Monday night to talk the proposition over.

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How to Beat the Catalog Houses

Man Who Buys from Them Tells How to Do the Trick

The importance of intelligent and continuous advertising is clearly set forth in the following letter from a Minnesota farmer to his local newspaper. Answering occasional articles that appear in print about the mail order houses, he says:

"If the mail order houses get \$1000 out of this county each month that belongs to the home merchants, the fault is with the home merchants themselves. The mail-order houses advertise and give us prices on everything they offer for sale. They tell us what they have and what they want for it. Of course we get soaked once in awhile, and if we do we can try some other house. Most of the home merchants who advertise at all don't quote prices. They neglect to tell us what we want to know—prices. Of course we can go to the store and ask the price of this article, and that, but you know how it is—doesn't know so well what he wants to buy when he gets in a store as when he is at home. And there is where the mail order houses make their hit. They send their advertising matter into our homes and we read it when we haven't anything else to do and every member of the family who reads their stuff usually finds something that he or some other member of the family wants, and many orders are made up and sent out at just such times.

"Right here is where the home merchant falls down. If he talked up his business in our homes the same as the mail order houses do, the people would be in to see him the next time they came to town, and in many cases extra trips would be made to get things at once that we wanted when they were brought to our attention.

"The home merchant can save the expense of getting out a catalog. We people read the home paper more carefully than we do a catalog, and if the merchant wants to talk business with us, let him put his talk in the home papers, and put it in so we know he means business. The home merchant, nine times out of ten, sells his goods as cheap as the mail order houses, and I believe on many things he is much cheaper, but how are we to know if he does not tell us about it?

"A merchant must not think that even his best customers know his goods so well that they can tell what he has without being told.

"It is none of my business how the home merchant runs his business, but I don't like to see these roasts in the paper all the time about us fellows who get a little stuff shipped in once in awhile and never anything said on the other side. There are always two sides to a question, and I have given you mine. If it is anything to you, you can take it."

GROVE HOGS CAUSE RISE IN MARKET PRICE

The hogs shipped to Portland last week in the car of live stock made up by grange members from here brought \$6.15 per hundred, which was 10 cents more than the price paid for the hogs shipped from Eugene the week before. Indications are that the price of hogs will advance slightly from now on.

Sugar Factory for Rogue River. Southern Oregon is to have a sugar factory. This was the Christmas message received by the Courier, published at Grants Pass, from the Oregon-Utah Sugar Co. The message said:

"At a meeting of the board of directors of the company held on December 23, financial plans and arrangements of the company were approved and immediately after the holiday season contractors who are in the business of building sugar factories will be invited to submit bids upon a contract for the erection of the factory that will be built in the Rogue River valley. It is the intention of the company to let the contract before the expiration of January, 1916. By another Christmas the people of the Rogue River valley will be enjoying prosperity such as has come to the state of Utah by reason of its sugar industry."

Lumber Business Improves.

That there is an increase in the demand for saw timber is indicated by the fact that bids have been accepted by the department of agriculture for two large bodies of national forest timber estimated to contain 188,100,000 board feet. One is in California and the other in Utah. With one exception, these are by far the most important sales made this fiscal year, which is expected by forestry officials to run considerably above last year in receipts from timber sales, the first five months having shown an increase of nearly 40 per cent.

Anything that's worth selling is worth the price of a want ad. to help sell it. dec22tf.

GROVE PEOPLE ENTER INTO CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Rendering of "Christmas Carol" by Miss VanDenburg Is Feature of Church Program.

Cottage Grove entered fully into the Christmas spirit and the business done by the stores was sufficient indication that many were not forgotten by old Santa. Several stores report the best Christmas trade they ever had, while all report that it was very good. Christmas trees used for decorating the streets added much to the occasion.

The Christmas program at the Methodist church was a very comprehensive and well-rendered one. The reading by Miss VanDenburg from Dickens' "Christmas Carol," was the feature of the program. The reading, though a long and difficult one, was rendered in a most accomplished and delightful manner. Miss VanDenburg has consented, because of many requests, to repeat the reading at the Christian church Sunday evening.

Moonskinners Are Sentenced.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 7.—Martin C. Broom and James Williams, convicted of having conducted the manufacture of whiskey illicitly in Lane county, were sentenced to serve respectively six and nine months in the county jail and to pay fines of \$500 each. The jury's verdict of guilty had been accompanied by a recommendation of clemency.

First H. S. Basketball Game.

The first basketball game of the season by the high school team will be played Saturday evening at the armory, the Springfield high school team being their opponents. If this game proves profitable other games will be scheduled, otherwise the sport will be dropped.

If you are a subscriber to The Sentinel you should feel proud of the fact that you are one of those who make it possible for Cottage Grove to have a good newspaper. dec22tf.

BANKERS SAY NEW PROSPERITY IS HERE

Outlook in Portland Is Brighter Than for Past Two Years and Indications Point to Strong Revival in State's Greatest Industry, Lumber.

Optimism pervades the banking community of Portland, its members looking forward to the new year with confidence. They are unanimous in declaring that the coming twelvemonth will set new records in Portland's business and that 1916 will far surpass 1915 in commercial and industrial growth.

The past year has been a lean one, they agree, but they are confident that the corner will be turned with the coming of the new. They are grateful, they declare, that the old year is so near its end and will take new courage with the advent of 1916.

Chief of the reasons assigned for the feeling of confidence that the coming year will far surpass the old is the pronounced revival in the lumber business.

There is no doubt at all in the minds of the city's leading bankers that this is the strongest element of the situation. Lumber manufacture is, of course, the state's biggest activity among the industries and its influence is widespread and its prosperity far-reaching.

With lumber mills busy and logging camps active, labor shares generously in the money earned in the manufacture of big Oregon trees into commercial products that are in world-wide demand. Nothing could so enhance the prosperity of the state, it is said, as the operation of the lumber mills at their full capacity.

During the past year the industry has been lagging. Markets were curtailed and the demand fell to a point where the state's normal business was affected. The war brought about difficulties of transport that made the situation more acute and until recently there was little encouragement in the whole situation.

However, this phase of the case has now, happily, passed, say the bankers. The industry has passed out of the (Continued on page 2.)

SEVERAL IMPORTANT PROBLEMS UP TO CLUB

Pressure May Be Brought on County Court to Remove Dangerous Road Crossings Between Here and Saginaw.—Beautifying Coast Fork Considered.

The commercial club will probably take up several important propositions during the coming year. The most important that has been discussed is to do away with the railroad crossings between here and Saginaw on Pacific highway. These are the most dangerous crossings on the highway between here and Portland and are a constant menace to those traveling through or coming into the city to do their trading. It is considered most remarkable that no serious accident has occurred at any of them during the many years they have been used. The cost of blasting out the points of rock and making a new road on the west side of the track would be large and it will be necessary to bring considerable pressure to bear on the county court. It is understood that the court has had the engineer make drawings of the proposed road and estimate its cost. The dangerous crossings south of the city will be eliminated before the end of the year.

Another important proposition and one of considerable magnitude is to beautify the Coast Fork along its banks inside the city limits. If this beautifying work is carried forward it is quite likely that an effort will be made to construct a dam at the Cochran falls to back up the water and make boating possible.

Still another proposition that is certain to have immediate attention is to get the railways to fix their crossings on East Main street. At the meeting Monday night it was proposed to ask the Southern Pacific to concrete its part of the crossing, which is now in such a condition that automobilists claim that their tires are ripped to pieces in passing over the several tracks.

The proposed bridge over the Coast Fork south of the city will, of course, be followed up by the club.

WEEK FOR WRITING LETTERS WILL BE DESIGNATED

Object Is to Get Tourist Traffic to Come to Oregon by Describing to Those of Other States the Beauties and Wonders to Be Seen Here.

By a proclamation to be issued by the governor, the week of January 17 to 22 is to be all-Oregon letter writing week.

The purpose is to bring tourist travel to this state during the year of 1916.

Citizens of the state will be asked to write to at least 10 old friends, relatives or business acquaintances (even to people they do not know, except by reputation) and tell them why a vacation passed in Oregon would be pleasant and profitable; describe the scenery and resorts of the entire state, its climate and healthfulness; its good roads and the ease with which a tourist may cover the state by auto.



MISS EUNICE VAN DENBURG
Who Rendered Dickens' "Christmas Carol" at Methodist Church Sunday and Will Repeat the Reading Next Sunday at the Christian Church.

If 100,000 tourists can be brought to Oregon and they spend an average of \$20 per person in the state, it will mean that two million new dollars have been put into circulation here. The expenditure of the same amount per capita by 250,000 travelers would mean that five million new dollars would be put into our hands.

Tourist traffic is what has made California. Wealthy people went there to spend vacations and enjoy the climate and scenery. Through those visitors money was sent to the state for business enterprises of all kinds. The tourists first saw the state and then its opportunities appealed to them.

The same thing will happen to Oregon.

Laboring men are not being urged to come here. If the moneyed people of the East and the middle classes who are beginning to go somewhere every summer, can be induced to spend a vacation here, it is believed the settlement wanted will come as a natural result.

BOYS ARE KILLING USEFUL RED BREASTS

A woman of the city who is much interested in the welfare of the feathered animals that help to make life more pleasant and more enjoyable, reports that many robins are being killed by thoughtless boys, who do not know of how much benefit they are to mankind and that the killing of the red breasts is an offense against the laws of the state. She does not wish to proceed against the boys but feels that parents should talk to their boys about the killing of useful and harmless birds, thereby doing a service to mankind and saving their offsprings from trouble in the courts.

Berries Are Ripe at Christmas Time

TO SHOW the all-year-around productiveness of the Cottage Grove soil and climate, and that of the famous, fertile, fruitful Willamette, J. H. Langston of Walker has sent into the city samples of ripe raspberries that were picked on Christmas day from his outdoor garden. Buds were also just opening and preparing to produce berries for later in the season.