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ENFORCEMENT OF SUNDAY LAWS DECRIED

Those who ask for Sunday law enforcement are not in sympathy with the majority of the people of this county.

PROSECUTION FOLLOWERS ATTENTION

W. H. H. of the Oregon State Ad. Service, Lucas Auditors, Oregon Department of Banking, Civil and Criminal Law, for the purpose of...

That those who are not in sympathy with the majority of the people of this county are not in sympathy with the majority of the people of this county.

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Of What Words Are Mrs. and Messrs. the Abbreviations?

It is Surprising How Few Can Answer the Question.

HOW MANY know of what words "Mrs." and "Messrs." are the abbreviations?

Just to learn how large a proportion of the people can answer this question, The Sentinel asked ten people one after another just as they came into the office and not a one was certain of the correct answer. Several made guesses but none guessed both words correctly.

How many who read this can answer the question?

After you have made certain, from a careful examination of the dictionary, that you have the correct answer, spring it on your friends and you will be surprised to see how few really know what these abbreviations stand for, although used by nearly everyone many times a day.

ONLY TWO DEATHS IN YEAR UNDER 15 YEARS

Report of Health Officer Oglesby for Year Shows Remarkable Condition Regarding Vital Statistics, Probably Due Largely to Pure Water.

1915 BIRTHS OUTNUMBER DEATHS MORE THAN THREE TO ONE.

Eleven of Sixteen Deaths for Year Are Between Ages of 50 and 83, Leaving Only Five Below Age of 50.—Contagious Diseases Are Unknown.

There were more than three times as many births as deaths in Cottage Grove during 1915 and of 16 deaths only two were under 15 years of age, while 11 were between the ages of 50 and 83. Three were between the ages of 15 and 50. This is probably the most remarkable record ever made here and shows an unusual condition of health, for which the pure city water is probably in large part responsible. According to the annual report of City Health Officer Oglesby there were no cases of typhoid fever, scarlet fever, smallpox or diphtheria and no cases of consumption reported.

The number of births was 55, of which 32 were males and 23 females. In his report the health officer says our city is as healthy, as free from disease and as clean as the snow that now blankets our beautiful hills.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH HAD PROSPEROUS YEAR

Pastor Is Presented With Plate of Silver at Annual Home Coming Dinner.

The annual home coming at the Christian church New Year day was largely attended by members and friends of the church.

The forenoon was spent in visiting. At noon one of the finest dinners imaginable was served. In addition to several generous helpings from the bill of fare, Rev. McDonald was served with a plate of silver as a new year gift from the congregation.

The annual election of officers was held and reports received from the church organizations.

The reports showed activity along all lines. The church finances showed a small deficit, which will be provided for this week. The report of the aid society showed that \$234.34 had been raised by it during the year.

The C. W. B. M. showed an average attendance of about four times what it was the year preceding.

The Sunday school report showed that the finances were in splendid shape. There was no report from the C. E. society.

The church is working in harmony and is entering the new year with every prospect of prosperity.

The church has arranged for a revival meeting to begin about Feb. 1 with Evangelist G. E. Williams in charge.

Let your friends in other states know of the country you live in, and they may want to come here too. Extra copies of The Sentinel for that purpose, two for 5 cents. dec22tf.

Start something with a want ad.

BOYS WHO KILL CHICKADEES DESTROY OREGON PRODUCER'S BEST FRIEND

Student of Feathered Animals Tells of How Oregon Songsters Keep Down Fruit Pest and Worms.

It is impossible for The Sentinel to give much space to miscellaneous communications, but there is such a strong moral in the story that follows, and it is told in such an entertaining manner, that an exception is made. The name of the author of the story is unknown to The Sentinel. The story follows:

Hello, boys! Have you forgotten last Saturday? Wasn't it the finest day for a hike? Did you take one? I know a lot of fellows who did. Seemed to me every kid I knew had a gun and was making long strides toward the tall timber.

I wanted to go too, but the garden was in such shape to work that I played in the dirt instead. Ever try it, old chap? My, don't it smell good when you first dig it up. It's the next thing to taking a hike if a fellow knows what he's doing. Of course, he's got to be onto his job in this, same as the other, maybe more so. You see, if he digs it too wet it's all off with Ole, and if he doesn't dig deep enough, he won't get much when growing time comes. No, this isn't any place for a "wearie willie." It needs a fellow with a lot of gray matter under his toboggan cap, so if you want to start in on a game of this kind, you'd better wind up your thinker, put on a pair of magnifying specs and tune up your ears.

There are a lot of wee things to hear, same as in the woods, if you listen sharp—and understand the language when you hear it. Oil your muscles and pump up those flat-chested lungs until they puff out like an inflated football, then leave an order with the cook for an extra bowl of soup at dinner and I'll guarantee that if you do your work scientifically the soup won't go begging.

But about that Saturday hike, and every fellow with a gun—a good many kiddies less than ten years old. What did the guns have to do with it? So they could walk faster, swing their arms easier, and breathe deeper? You know as well as I that no fellow's going for a pleasure hike and make work out of it. No, they didn't take guns just to have something to carry, nor as a source of inspiration, nor because of their beauty. Now, tell the truth, kiddo—you know you went—you had a gun—what did you do with it?

Soon after dinner four chaps went past where I was digging. Two were about 14 or 15 years of age and two perhaps 10 or 12, and each had a gun.

Before I could see them I heard them talking loud and fast and all excited about the big game they'd got in the past and what they hoped to bring down today. One of the smaller kids said, "Gee! Ain't it fun to shoot little old chickadees and English sparrows." And then I knew what some of the boys were going to do with their guns. I tell you that made me think so hard

Sunday Law Held Valid.

Judge Chas. E. Wolverton in the federal district court has upheld the Oregon Sunday closing law as constitutional and in effect. He declined a petition of the Brunswick-Balke-Collender company that an injunction be issued restraining district attorneys in several Oregon counties from prosecuting violations of the law.

HARDLY KNOWS CITY AFTER TEN YEARS AWAY

"I would hardly know that this was the same city," was the remark of Dick Ambrose of Roseburg, who has been visiting his son, D. L. Ambrose, after an absence of ten years from the city. Mr. Ambrose formerly operated a delivery wagon and knew every house and person in the city, but he says that he doubts very much if he could now find any one of the old houses, which he could formerly locate by counting the number of mudholes. The paved street and most of the best of the buildings on Main Street have been erected during the 10 years since Mr. Ambrose left here.

Rose Buds Peep Out of Snow.

A sight peculiar to the Willamette valley was to see rose buds and other flowers peeping through the white snow which had clung to them during the recent snow flurry. The cold snap previous to the snow had frozen the flowers and stalks but their color remained. Roses seldom get into full bloom at this time of the year, but if there is no frost buds grow to a good size and if picked and taken into the warm house they open and are almost as pretty as if picked in mid season.

that I stopped digging and I said to myself, "Must be some mistake about this thing—I know those chaps, and they're every one good fellows." I thought about it until I decided they didn't know some things I did, so maybe I'd better write a letter to The Sentinel and tell them what Uncle Sam thinks of chickadees.

He says, "The chickadee is one of the farmer's best friends. During the egg-laying season of the canker-worm moth, it destroys a great many eggs. Examination of the stomach contents shows between 200 and 300 canker-worm eggs a each. It has been estimated that each of these birds destroys 14,000 of these eggs during the month's laying. The chickadee has been accused of 'destroying buds of fruit trees but this is not substantiated. It has been found that whenever it attacks a bud it does so to secure the worm which has burrowed into the center. These birds are loudly useful because they remain with us the entire year and continue their destruction of eggs larvae. The amount of work done by a pair of these birds in destroying eggs and larvae of injurious insects is more than could be accomplished by any man. They should therefore, receive the greatest protection possible."

This tells the true story of the part nearly all of our Oregon song birds take in helping us poor fellows get apples and peaches and pears without worms in them.

Next time you hear a little "chick," go out and watch him make a meal on the pests.

English sparrows are imported birds, as their name implies, and have brought only regret to the American people. They have not as yet become very numerous in Oregon and Washington. Their destruction, however, is not for boys who may easily mistake our useful and lovely song sparrows for them.

Boys, did you try to get on intimate terms with any of these little feathered folks? We feed them in the back yard and they come in great flocks. When they are hungry they fly to the trees and vines about the house and beg until some one puts out more food. Then when we walk out they flutter about us so that you shouldn't wonder that I felt sad when I realized that with so many guns going toward the woods some of my pets might not come to me again.

There are some books in the public and school libraries which will tell you boys the true value of the birds, how to domesticate them and how to study them.

I sincerely hope none of you will ever kill them or permit any one else to do so. Ever your good friend, BOB.

Question of Road Tax Up to Attorney General.

The question of whether the county court has the legal authority to tax property in the cities of Cottage Grove, Eugene and Springfield for county road purposes has been submitted to Attorney-General George M. Brown at Salem. An opinion is expected within a few days.

MRS. A. CRUSON DIES AFTER LINGERING ILLNESS

Mrs. A. H. Cruson died here Dec. 31 following a lingering illness. She was aged 48 years, 4 months, eight days. The body was taken to Salem Sunday for burial. It was accompanied to the depot by members of the I. O. O. F. and Rebekah lodges.

Miss Nettie Cronk was born at Plainwell, Mich., Aug. 23, 1867. She came to Portland with her parents in September, 1890. Two years later she went to Santa Barbara, Calif., where she was united in marriage to Milton A. Ross. Two daughters were born to this union, Minnie Loraine Ross, now of this city, surviving. Mrs. Ross came to Cottage Grove in 1905 and two and a half years later was married to Albert H. Cruson, who survives. Other surviving relatives are the father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Cronk of Salem, and a sister, Mrs. A. L. Buchtel of Portland.

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

You like an employe that never shirks. Try a Sentinel want ad. d22tf.

New Year Prettily Welcomed With Tribute from Heavens

No Drunkenness Preceding Effectiveness of Prohibition Law.

THE NEW YEAR was ushered in here with a beautiful tribute from the heavens in the form of two inches of snow that clung to the trees and roofs, adding a look of majestic splendor to everything it touched and gently covered over the refuse and unsightly blotches upon Nature left by the tired and weary old year.

The snow, the first of the season, was the result of a moderation of the weather, which had been below freezing for several days.

There were numerous watch parties to bid the old year good bye and welcome the new but there was an entire lack of rowdiness and no arrests for disturbing of the peace. The going into effect of the prohibition law had little effect upon Cottage Grove, the saloons having been closed here seven years ago. A much larger amount of liquor was received here during December than during December of the year before, indicating that a quantity has been cached away for consumption in the future.

PETITIONS ARE OUT TO ELIMINATE CROSSINGS

Two Stretches of Road of Mile and a Half Each Would Be Necessary—Other Petitions Would Stretch Entire Highway From Here to Portland.

The Sentinel learns that petitions are being circulated in road district No. 13 to bring about the change in railroad crossings between here and Saginaw that was mentioned in The Sentinel last week. By the building of two stretches of less than a mile and a half each of road, as show by the drawings that accompany the petitions, four railway crossings could be eliminated between here and Walker. At least one stretch would be an expensive one to build. Another petition is being circulated to eliminate two railroad crossings this side of Goshen. A stretch of about a mile and a half of new road would be needed there.

The petitions now being circulated are merely for the purpose of getting the road surveyed and having it established by the county court. The opening of the road would be dependent upon funds at the disposal of the county court. The improvements shown in the engineer's drawings have long been considered almost a necessity, particularly in the case of the two crossings on Pacific highway between here and Saginaw, both of which are on a down grade, thus making them very dangerous.

The petitions being circulated in this vicinity are only a few of many having for their object straightening out the entire highway between here and Portland.

The commercial club at its meeting Monday night went on record in favor of the proposed improvements near here.

Hog Raisers Net \$9,000.

Lane county hog raisers have netted approximately \$9000 by the sale of 800 hogs through the co-operative system of marketing by the market committee of the Pomona grange since the first of November, according to C. J. Hurd, who has had charge of the shipments.

E. R. SPENCER IS OUT FOR COMMISSIONER

Progressive C. G. Citizen and Business Man Willing to Accept County Job.

Cottage Grove already has one avowed candidate for county commissioner in the approaching republican primaries. He is E. R. Spencer, of the real estate firm of Spencer & Veatch. Mr. Spencer has been a successful business man, is a member of the school board and an aggressive citizen with a host of friends who have urged him to get into the race. He has been a resident of Cottage Grove for six years, coming here from the east.

Commissioner Hawley, whose term expires, is from this city. He has not yet stated whether or not he intends being a candidate for reelection. dec22tf.

BACK TAXES ON O. & C. LANDS TO BE PAID

Similar Case Is Decided in Douglas County, Making It Certain That Lane County Will Collect About \$200,000 Now Back.

JUDGE HAMILTON RENDERS FAR REACHING DECISION.

Tax Is Against the Land and Not the Owner and Any Irregularities in Making Assessment Have No Effect Upon Its Collection.

Roseburg, Ore., Jan. 1.—If an opinion filed in circuit court here Friday by Judge J. W. Hamilton is sustained by the supreme court, Douglas county will be able to collect taxes amounting to \$204,304 from the Southern Oregon company and the O. & C. railroad. Similar large amounts of taxes in dispute in Lane and Coos counties also will be collectible.

The case in which the opinion was filed is that of Douglas county vs. the Southern Oregon company, involving taxes due this county from that company for the past six years, and totaling \$17,541. Judge Hamilton holds that "the tax, being properly laid, is a lien against the land, and a definite charge, not against the individual owner, but against the land itself."

Under this decision these delinquent taxes will have to be paid. The same ruling would also apply to the delinquent taxes due on the O. & C. railroad lands in this county for the years 1913 and 1914, totaling \$186,763, although the latter was not a party in the case at issue.

If sustained by the higher courts, this decision means that this county will eventually recover the \$204,304 of delinquent taxes now due from these two big corporations. Coos county and Lane county, which are similarly situated, will also be in a position to recover almost equal amounts each.

The lands in question are those granted by the government to the old Coos Bay wagon road company in 1869 in return for construction of a wagon road from Roseburg to Marshfield, with provision they should not be sold in excess of \$250 an acre. These lands were assessed at a higher figure in Douglas county, some as high as \$14 an acre. The defending company contended the land should not be assessed in excess of \$250 an acre.

The suit was brought by District Attorney Neuner to foreclose for delinquent taxes. In giving his opinion, Judge Hamilton cited a decision of the Oregon supreme court in the case of Ramp vs. Marion county, which says:

"For mere irregularities or overvaluation in assessment the statute has provided a board of equalization from which one who is wrongfully assessed or unequally taxed may obtain relief. This is his exclusive remedy and it is his folly if he fails to avail himself of it. If her property was overvalued either by the assessor or board of equalization, it was a mere irregularity which did not render the assessment void."

LUMBER PRICES ARE HIGHER MILLS REOPEN

Two Logging Camps Start With 140 Men and Others Promised by February 1.

Aberdeen, Wash., Jan. 2.—With better prices prevailing and with the demand much brisker than it has been at any time since the war the outlook for the lumber business on Grays Harbor for 1916 is bright. Retail prices on rough lumber will advance from \$10 to \$11 per 1000 feet here tomorrow, while finished products went up \$3 per 1000 feet. Better prices also are prevailing in the east and middle west, according to local lumber agency advices.

Mill men expect the lumber situation to become about normal here by February 1. Announcement was made this week that the Deming shingle mill and camp at Markham, employing 75 men, would open February 1. Today two camps of the Grays Harbor Logging company opened with 140 men as crews. The Anderson-Middleton camp at Oakville, with 100 men, will open on February 1, after two years' idleness.

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.

HARRY WYNNE BUYS OUT LEE ROY WOODS

Mr. C. Wynne has purchased the interest of Lee Roy Woods in the hardware store on Wayne & Front. Mr. Wynne will conduct the business under the name of Lee Roy Woods.

ATTENDANCE GROWS IN VACATION SEASON

When classes gather there are five new students in Dutch School, and several in Gravel.

When school opened after the holidays there was an unexpected increase in attendance. First new pupils secured high school and high school students in the grades. This brings the total attendance in the grades up to over 500, the highest in the history of the city. The high school attendance is over 60 greater than three years ago, the total enrollment now being 552.

It usually costs as much to run out a pair of pants as to sew one. The Sewing Machine and the quality staff at the Sewing Store, 1100 Main Street, are profitably producing them.