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SUNSHINE TAKES PLACE OF RAIN AND SNOW

Latest Freak of Weather Is Warmest February Day Since 1902.—Thermometer Climbs to 70 and Citizens Go About in Shirt Sleeves.

Monday was the warmest February day known in this section for years and came as a pleasant harbinger of an early spring. The mercury hovered around the 70 above mark.

Oregon has had all kinds of unusual weather this year, much of which Cottage Grove has escaped, but when there is any unusually pleasant weather we always get our share. This latest freak is, however, the only feature of the unusual weather that has been appreciated.

One week ago the entire United States was well covered with snow, with nearly four feet, on the level, recorded around the great lakes. While Cottage Grove residents were basking in a grand array of sunshine Monday and oiling up trout fishing tackle, the east was reported in the grip of the worst cold spell for years. While those in the east were bucking warm furs more tightly about them, residents of Cottage Grove were discarding clothing and going about their business in shirt sleeves, doors were wide open and the frog chorus was inharmoniously in evidence.

Away back in February, 1902, the mercury climbed the rungs of the ladder to 74, but since then there have been no recurrences. Also Monday was the hottest day since October 17, 1915, when 74 degrees were registered.

Two Births, Seven Deaths for Month.

The report of City Health Officer Oglesby shows that there were two births and seven deaths in the city during January. Of the births one was female and one male. Of the deaths two were female and five male. The ages of the females were 58 and 67. The ages of the males were 82, 68, 83, 70 and 80. There have been no deaths of young persons here for a long time.

MANY BUSINESS CHANGES IN COTTAGE GROVE

Newspaper and Printing Takes Lead With Total of Twenty Within Four Years.

A recent article in System speaks of the terrific death rate of business, whereby, through failures, sales and removals, almost the entire business of a city changes every few years. To show how this applies to Cottage Grove, The Sentinel has figured the number of changes in the newspaper business alone in the city, with the following result:

Twenty changes have taken place in the newspaper and printing business in Cottage Grove during the four years that the present publisher of The Sentinel has been here. This is quite a remarkable number of changes when it is understood that there have been at no time more than two printing offices at one time.

The first two changes took place practically upon the same day. Dean & Dryden bought the Leader on the same day that Elbert Bede made arrangements to buy The Sentinel. Dean & Dryden sold to D. H. Talmadge, who remained a few months. Dean & Dryden resumed control and sold a few months later to Bede & Grant, who discontinued the paper. Van Pierce soon started a small job shop and a little later W. C. Conner went into partnership, bought out Pierce and revived The Leader. This was soon sold to J. D. Quillen, who a little later sold back to Mr. Conner. Mr. Conner soon sold to W. H. Tyrrell, who a little later sold a half interest to Elbert Bede. The Leader was again discontinued soon after this sale and a month or so later Mr. Conner opened a job printing office in the old Leader stand, which has now operated continuously for three months.

To go back to The Sentinel, Mr. Bede took in J. W. Grant as a partner within a month. That partnership existed over three years, when Mr. Bede again bought the entire business and sold a half interest to W. H. Tyrrell at the same time a half interest was bought by Mr. Bede in The Leader. Within a short time Mr. Bede, again bought the entire business, but will have another partner within a month. Mr. Bede is the only one that was in the newspaper business here four years ago who has remained continuously every since. There is not an employ

Survivor of Thirty Years Gives Advertising Credit

THE LEADING article in the January issue of System deals with the terrific business death rate in this country. The business of Waterloo, Iowa, for 30 years is taken as the basis for demonstration. Of 33 factories, 19 grocery stores and 7 wholesale establishments, all but 3 factories, all but two wholesale concerns and all the grocery stores had either ceased business, been sold or moved away in that time. One of the merchants who survived and increased his capital six fold during that time, gives the following six policies as largely responsible for his success:

- (1) Changing advertisements often.
- (2) Making advertising really advertise something.
- (3) Making every advertised sale a not-notch sale.
- (4) Getting acquainted with customers and keeping acquainted with them.
- (5) Going even to extremes to keep faith in every way with customers.
- (6) Going out of the way to deal squarely.

It will be noted that half of these policies deal directly with newspaper advertising and all deal directly with the selling of goods. The buying, to which a large proportion of merchants give their greatest attention, is not among the six foremost policies which made this business a success.

CONCERT IS GREETED WITH CROWDED HOUSE

A packed house greeted the band concert at the Arcade Thursday evening. Although two of the oldest members mixed up the harmony a couple of times, the program as a whole was very creditable and well rendered and showed that the band has greatly improved under painstaking instruction and with diligent practice. The trombone solo by Sam Veatch and the cornet solo by Chas. Cochran were enthusiastically received, as were also the vocal solo by Mrs. B. K. Lawson and the quartet by Mesdames Lawson, Crason and Short and Miss Jessie Smith.

The Ghost in the Pawn Shop, a sketch by Messrs. Blackford, Jones and Wallace, put the finishing touch to the program.

EVERYTHING IS READY FOR K. P. CONVENTION

Large Delegations and Degree Teams Are Expected From Eugene and Roseburg.

It is expected that there will be at least 30 delegates here from both Eugene and Roseburg to attend the district convention of the Knights of Pythias, to be held here the evening of Wednesday, February 23. Degree teams will be here from both Eugene and Roseburg and both will exemplify the degree work. Willard L. Marks of Albany, grand chancellor and Walter Gleason of Salem, grand keeper of records and seals, are among the prominent state officers that have said they will be present. Arrangements are in charge of Fred Bartels of this city, deputy chancellor.

A banquet will follow the convention.

Watson Mercantile Co. Sold.

A deal has been practically completed for the sale of the Watson Mercantile Co. to L. Sommer of Portland, who is now in charge of the business. Mr. Sommer is an experienced mercantile man and has been in business in different parts of the west for 25 years. Mr. and Mrs. Watson are still in the city but expect to leave soon for Portland.

Mr. Watson has been here about a year and was successful in building up a nice business.

Circuit Court Jurors.

The following citizens of this section have been selected as jurors for the approaching term of district court: D. P. Burton, J. W. Veatch, W. M. McFarland and Emmet Sharp.

of the newspapers four years ago living in the city at the present time.

Changes in all business have been rapid here, but there is no other business that equals the newspaper business for quick changes.

FAVOR CHAMBERLAIN LAND GRANT BILL

Commercial Club Asks That Excess Over \$2.50 an Acre Be Returned for Building Roads.

A resolution setting forth in detail the position of the Cottage Grove commercial club on the O. & C. land grant proposition and favoring the sale of lands under conditions that would give the state the benefit of the increase in value of the lands was adopted at the meeting Monday night. The resolution in full is as follows:

"Whereas, there are pending in congress sundry bills relative to the Oregon and California land grants, and,

"Whereas, the people of the state of Oregon residing in localities in which said lands are situated are vitally interested in such legislation and the disposition thereof and of the proceeds to be derived therefrom, and,

"Whereas, the people of the state of Oregon are largely responsible for the increase in the value of said lands, in excess of the sum of \$2.50 per acre, which in many cases are very valuable on account of the large amount of merchantable timber thereon, and,

"Whereas, we feel that those who have been responsible for the said excess value of said land are entitled to great consideration and are more vitally and intensely interested than those more remote from the location of said lands, and,

"Whereas, it would be but equitable and just that the people who by their labors and the resulting development of the state of Oregon, which has added to the market value of said lands, and the timber thereon, many fold should receive a corresponding benefit therefrom,

"Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Cottage Grove commercial club, that our senators and representatives in congress be, and they are hereby requested to use their best efforts and endeavors in the direction of securing the enactment of such legislation relative to the disposition of said lands as will result in the settlement and development of the state of Oregon, and particularly that portion of said state in which said lands are situated, and that in the disposition of said lands, the excess income therefrom, over and above the sum of \$2.50 per acre to which the railroad company is entitled under the grant, be paid to the state of Oregon to be used by the state of Oregon in the construction of roads and highways within said state and particularly in that part of the state in which said lands are situated, and,

"Be it further resolved, that from all the information obtainable at this time, what is known as the Chamberlain bill, now pending before the senate of the United States, seems to be the most practical of any of those proposed, and, if enacted into a law, would redound to the interests of the people of the state of Oregon and be of greater benefit to them than any of the other proposed measures, we advocate its passage and urge upon our delegation in congress to work and vote for said measure, unless some more practical and feasible method for the sale and disposition of said lands shall hereafter be proposed, than has already been suggested."

Rich Strike Is Reported.

A report has reached here that one of the richest veins ever found on the Champion property in the Bohemia district, and rich strikes have been numerous, was made during the past week. Details have not yet reached here.

SONG BY WATERHOUSES IS HIGHLY COMPLIMENTED

Musical Harmony Produced by Former Residents of Cottage Grove on Sale Throughout State.

"Oregon Song," the music by J. N. Waterhouse and the words by Mrs. J. N. Waterhouse, former residents of Cottage Grove, is now on sale throughout the state. Mr. Waterhouse is prominent as a teacher and in musical activities in Eugene. He is also secretary of the Eugene Philharmonic society, one of the most noteworthy musical organizations in the northwest. "Oregon Song" was given its first public recital as a chorus number by the Philharmonic society January 18, and was received with much favor.

The Grange Bulletin recently published the following complimentary comment concerning this song:

"The melody is charming and has an easy-flowing rhythm. The words, composed by Mrs. Waterhouse, especially those of the third verse, echo in fine poetic style, one of the fundamental principles upon which the grange was founded. "Oregon Song" could hardly find a more harmonious setting than would be given it by a place on the programs of Oregon granges."

The words of the song are as follows:

Oh! beautiful hills of Oregon,
And deepest blue of the sky,
The lovely flowers and fruitful showers,

The birds that wing on high!
Our hearts with rapture turn to thee
For this great wealth of harmony
And we proclaim thee joyously
Our Oregon, our home.

The snow-capped peak of mountain,
The green of pine-clad hill,
The sunset of the evening sky,
The murmur of the rill;
Our hearts aspire, attuned to thee,
For Truth, for Love, for Liberty;
And we proclaim thee joyously
Our Oregon, our home.

We're gathered here from every clime,
And dwell in concord sweet,
The brotherhood of man our aim,
The strong to help the weak.
Encircling all our vast domain
As wave o'er wave, our love sweeps on;
With hearts exultant we exclaim:
"OREGON, OUR HOME!"

Medford, Ore., Feb. 11, 1916.—Mr. Elbert Bede, Publisher Cottage Grove Sentinel, Cottage Grove, Ore.—Dear Sir: I received a copy of The Sentinel of Feb. 9 calling my attention to your editorial on Rural Credits. It is a pleasure to know that there are a few live newspapers that are not afraid to support a measure that is of such vital interest to the rural districts of the United States. If there were more of the newspapers of the smaller cities and the country that would take up the interests of the farmer it would not be long before congress would pass a bill that would give the farmer that relief that they need. I do not know of any measure that will be of greater benefit to them than such a bill. It is a pleasure to know that Senators Chamberlain and Lane and Congressman Hawley are ready to support such a measure. Hoping that we may have such a law passed this year, and that the farmers of your section will appreciate your assistance and labor for their interests, I am,

Very respectfully yours,
W. T. YORK.

Lincoln's Letter to a Bereaved Mother

AT THE request of several who heard Col. Mercer's Lincoln day address, The Sentinel reprints in full Lincoln's letter quoted by the speaker:

Washington, Nov. 21, 1864.
To Mrs. Bixby, Boston, Mass.
Dear Madam:

I have been shown in the file of the War Department a statement from the Adjutant General of Massachusetts that you are the mother of five sons who have died gloriously on the field of battle. I feel how weak and fruitless must be any words of mine which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming, but I can not refrain from tendering to you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the Republic they died to save. I pray our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice on the altar of freedom.

Yours very sincerely and respectfully
A. LINCOLN.

The letter to Mrs. Bixby has been given a place on the walls of one of the Oxford colleges as a model of noble English.

QUICKSILVER MINES MAY RESUME WORK

Former Manager and Crew of Men Have Gone to the Property for Some Purpose.

It is understood that a resumption of activities at the Black Butte quicksilver mines, near London, is likely. W. B. Dennis, who had charge of the mines when shut down seven years ago, has arrived, has taken a small crew to the property and taken along some supplies. As far as learned, Mr. Dennis has not stated the object of his visit, but it is pretty certain that he would not have taken a crew to the property unless activities were contemplated.

At the time the mines were closed quicksilver was selling at \$75 per flask. Late quotations are from \$290 to \$300 per flask, which would indicate that a good profit could be made at this time.

The mines when in operation employ a large crew.

CITY WITHOUT WATER FOR ENTIRE DAY

Both Water Systems Put Out of Commission at the Same Time Due to Recent Storm.

For the first time in years, probably the first time since the present water system was installed, Cottage Grove was without a flow of water Friday. Some pipe had been torn out of the Layng creek pipe line several days before and the west side reserve reservoir was connected with the mains. Thursday night a dirt slide took out some of the pipe of this line and it was late in the evening before the damage was repaired. Fortunately there were no fires that day.

The city council is considering means of covering the Layng creek pipe line so that it will be impossible for it to again be put out of commission.

Sentinel Is Another.

Lane County News: We wonder how many other of the printing plants of the county were ignored when it came to asking for bids for supplying blank books and printed forms for the use of the county officials. The News, for one, had no information that such contracts were to be let, and had therefore no opportunity to submit bids. Apparently just another example of the Eugene attitude—come asking favors of Springfield when there is any money to be raised, and forget all about the extension of any courtesies when that could be done. The recent railroad banquet, you know, was for "Eugene and vicinity," and "vicinity" was defined as "anything west of Blair street. Oh, well, we will probably keep right on paying our taxes like good citizens, allow half our people in automobiles and jitneys to buy their supplies in Eugene, and then wonder why we haven't more civic spirit and more home business.

COLONEL MERCER DELIGHTS LARGE AUDIENCE

Fervor of Speaker Transmitted to Audience Which Crowded Auditorium.—At First Climax, Flags Wave and Audience Sings Star Spangled Banner.

CARRIES LISTENERS BACK TO DAYS OF EMANCIPATOR.

Address Entirely Original One Replete With Incidents in Life of Lincoln That Have Come Down to Present Only by Word of Mouth.

With a fire and fluency of oratory that stirred the patriotism of an audience of several hundred that crowded the high school auditorium, Col. W. G. D. Mercer addressed the school children and citizens of Cottage Grove Friday afternoon in commemoration of the birthday anniversary of the great emancipator, Abraham Lincoln. The first few minutes of the address led up to a climax when the name of Lincoln was mentioned for the first time, and at the mention of the name several hundred flags were waved by the school pupils and the male quartet led in singing "The Star Spangled Banner." The speaker was visibly affected by the ovation.

In his address Colonel Mercer went back to the days of his associations with Lincoln, Seward and other great men of that stirring period and in beautifully tinted word pictures described scenes and occurrences that have only been handed down by word of mouth.

The oration contained seeds of immortality. None but the mind of a scholar could have conceived it and that must have been combined with love of the subject to have wrought it into the form in which it was delivered, with its wealth of illustration and illusion.

As he marshalled the magnificent image of the Christ-god in the great cathedral of Monreale, Pallas ruling supreme in the Parthenon, Zeus reigning like a god in his Olympian temple, the pyramids of Egypt, the tombs of Mexico, the sculptures of Yucatan, as mute witnesses of man's intense yearning after immortality, his listeners could not help but think with what a wealth of effort these material structures were wrought and wonder if we are not too prone to appreciate too little the years of patient thought and unweary study which qualify a mind like Colonel Mercer's to give to the world an immortal thought.

County School Superintendent E. J. Moore spoke for a few minutes preceding the principal address and music was furnished by a male quartet composed of Messrs. Aldrich, Richmond, Umphrey and Mackin. Mrs. J. S. Benson accompanied.

Superintendent J. E. Dunton presided. On the platform, in addition to the speakers and chairman were Herald White, president of the student body, Lee Roy Woods, captain of Sixth company C. A. R., and Elbert Bede, editor of The Sentinel.

Upon motion of A. L. Zacharias, superintendent of the west side school, Col. Mercer was extended a raising vote of thanks.

BEAN OUT FOR ASSEMBLY

Ex-Senator Listens to Call From Committee of Eugene Republicans and Allows Name to Be Used.

At the urgent request of a number of prominent Eugene republicans who called upon him last week and urged him to allow them to use his name, L. E. Bean of Eugene permitted his friends to announce his candidacy. He is the second legislative candidate to appear, Walter B. Jones having announced his candidacy several weeks ago. Lane county's delegation in the lower house consists of three representatives.

Mr. Bean has previously served in both houses of the legislature. He was elected to the lower house in 1908 and served one term. He was elected as joint senator from Linn and Lane counties in 1911 and served two terms.

The Lane county delegation to the 1915 legislature was composed of Allen H. Eaton, Walter B. Dillard and Melvin Fenwick. Mr. Dillard is a candidate for the office of district attorney and neither Mr. Eaton nor Mr. Fenwick has announced whether or not he will be a candidate for re-election.

It is understood that C. J. Hurd of Eugene, a member four years ago, may again be a candidate.

So far these has not been a peep from prospective candidates outside of Eugene.