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Sunshine Makes Fruit Buds Much Too Bold

THE summer weather which has prevailed for the past two weeks may prove altogether too pleasant for the fruit crop. The trees are budding rapidly and altogether too early, for there is considerable danger from frost. Continued sunshine followed by frost would be disastrous. The most fear is entertained for the peaches, as they are generally in bloom first. They are now beginning to show pink through the outer skin of the buds. Other varieties of fruit are not so indiscreet as peaches. There has been no damage so far.

BURNING OF MILL MAY PUT PRICES UPWARD

For the First Time in Ten Years Operators Declare There Is No Danger of Over Production and That Prices Are Bound to Go Up.

Portland, Oregon, February 21, 1916.—The destruction of the Inman-Poulsen lumber mill here by fire recently, with its daily output of 360,000 feet, will give a material impetus according to the statements of lumbermen, to the advancing market prices.

On account of the destruction or dismantling of numerous mills during the last few years, it was estimated that should all remaining plants in the northwest begin full operation, the output would be 25 per cent less than in 1907. For the first time in ten years, operators say they have no fear of over production with all mills running on a ten-hour day.

A Washington mill a few days ago received an order from the Burlington railroad for stringers at a price a little more than double what was paid last year. Today's quotations on the three grades of logs in the Puget sound, Grays harbor and Columbia river market were \$7, \$10 and \$13, the highest in ten years. Snow and slides have delayed logging operations and this is helping to advance prices. Orders are plentiful, millmen say, and the only handicap at present is the lack of bottoms for water transportation.

C. E. Dant, a well-known lumber expert and buyer, expressed the opinion that prices would be affected. "I hardly see how they can help being lifted a little at least," he said. "If there is a shortage and it seems likely there will be, of course, prices will be higher."

Unless advantage can be taken of the market now offered, many lumber concerns that are totally dependent upon rail traffic will become bankrupt unless the car shortage in Oregon can be relieved, according to an appeal for aid sent by the state public service commission to the interstate commerce commission.

Lane Agriculturalist Appointed.

J. M. Alkorn of Brownsville has been appointed temporary agriculturalist for Lane county by the Oregon Agricultural college. His appointment is subject to the approval of the Lane county court. Former County Agriculturalist R. B. Cogdon left last week for Pullman, Wash. He will have charge of the division, including 14 counties, in that state.

WALKER WILL ERECT NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

Walker, Ore., Feb. 19.—A general get-together meeting of the patrons of Walker Union high school district No. 6, was held at Walker hall, February 15. Plans for a new high school were discussed and the general opinion is that a new building is needed. The board has called a meeting of the taxpayers to be held February 26 for the purpose of voting on the question of authorizing the directors to purchase a new site and secure funds for the erection of a building. A new building is made necessary by the large attendance at high school.

HAMPTON'S STORE HERE IS SOLD TO STANLEY

George Stanley of Eugene has purchased the stock of the Hampton store here and will take possession within a day or so. An invoice, preparatory to the transfer, is now being taken. G. H. Tyson, former owner of the store, is here acting for Alton Hampton in the transfer.

Mr. Stanley is a former newspaper man and has for a number of years been one of the most prominent of Eugene merchants.

FAVORITE HYMNS OF RESIDENTS OF C. G.

Sentinel Starts Unique Contest in Which All Are Invited to Participate. —"Have I Done My Best?" Is the First Contribution.

Many great people have favorite hymns, although, of course, that is only one of the qualifications of greatness. As far as that goes, nearly all of us have favorite hymns. Ministers in particular have favorite hymns, church members have favorite hymns and many of those outside of the church have favorite hymns.

One's favorite hymn may have had an important part in his life, may have drawn him from evil, may have soothed a troubled mind, or what not.

At any rate, The Sentinel wishes to learn the names of the favorite hymns of the residents of the Cottage Grove country. It wishes the words of these hymns and, if possible, a short explanation with each hymn as to why it is a favorite with the person sending it in and whether it has had any particular effect upon his life.

One or more of the hymns will be published each week, together with the qualities that make it a favorite with the person submitting it. If sufficient interest is taken, a voting contest may be conducted to learn which hymns are the most popular with the greatest number.

The pastors of the city have been asked to start the contest. The first reply was from Rev. C. C. Van Gorkum, of the Baptist church, whose letter follows:

Upon your request to send you the words and name of my favorite hymn and why it is my favorite hymn, I submit the following: "Have I Done My Best?" is the name of the hymn. It was dedicated to Edward Spencer, who, in September, 1860, rescued seventeen from the wreck of a boat in Lake Michigan, after battling with the storm for more than six hours. This great exertion and exposure completely shattered his health, but he was only anxious and feared that he had not performed his full duty and his anxious inquiry was, "Did I Do My Best?" This hymn is a favorite because it so expresses the spirit of the Christ, who, though weary and much exposed, saw always those needing salvation, and I, as a Christian, a follower of the Master, must be His imitator. That is the spirit of this song.

THE WORDS ARE AS FOLLOWS:
HAVE I DONE MY BEST?
Dark the storm is raging,
And loud breakers roar;
See a ship is sinking,
Help cometh from the shore.
A swimmer strong and dauntless,
Defies each foaming crest;
This his only question:
"O have I done my best?"

Many souls are shipwrecked
Upon life's stormy main;
Let us do our utmost
Some soul for Christ to gain;
Be true and brave and fearless,
For they are sore distressed;
While the last are dying,
Let each one do his best.

Swiftly time is flying,
The day will soon be o'er,
Night will gather round us;
"Tis now or never more.
Then, faithful to our duty,
Obeying love's behest,
Soon we'll hear his "Welcome,
For ye have done your best."

Chorus:
When the Master calls us,
Shall we stand the test?
For the love of Jesus,
O have we done our best
To rescue dying sinners,
And bring them into rest?
Can we say at even,
"Yes, we have done our best."

This hymn was written by Thoro Harris who was so impressed by the unselfish spirit of the young man Spencer.

Interest in Meetings Increases.

The meetings at the Christian church are continuing with increasing interest. There are baptisms almost every evening. The sermons are eloquent and inspiring. Mr. Williams is not a sensationalist, but stands for a sane sound evangelism.

There will be services every evening this week except Saturday evening. Services also Sunday morning and evening.

Military Club Defeated.

The Military club team was defeated Friday evening in the last game of the season played with the University of Oregon sophomores. The score was 19 to 27. The game was an even one until the finish. In the latter part of the game, however, the visitors pulled out and won handily. The game was rather rough at times.

Advertising pays—in The Sentinel. Start something with a want ad.

S. P. RY. ISSUES APPEAL TO MOTOR DRIVERS

Better to Wait at a Grade Crossing Than in Doctor's Office, Says Warning.

Under the heading, "Better Be Safe Than Sorry" the Southern Pacific railway has issued the following appeal to drivers of motor vehicles:

Every year brings an increase in motor vehicle accidents at railroad grade crossings. Grade crossings are unavoidable. They are one of the inconveniences of progress, to be eliminated just as rapidly as practicable. The railroads are doing their best, but it takes time and a great deal of money.

No matter what safeguards we throw about our grade crossings, our labor is in vain without your help. All signs, bells, whistles, gates and flagmen are helpless before an automobile driver's recklessness.

For the purpose of observing the care exercised by drivers of motor vehicles, this company placed men at a large number of grade crossings on this line. Their observations were startling! Of 33,500 drivers, fifty-three per cent looked neither before crossing the railroad track! Eight per cent looked one way only, and but 174 drivers, or fifty-two one-hundredths of one per cent, actually stopped their machines before crossing.

From these actual observations it is apparent that men of undoubted intelligence choose to risk life and limb rather than wait a few minutes to let a train pass.

Because you once took a chance at a grade crossing and ran your automobile safely in front of an approaching train, do not trust to luck that you can do it again.

Trains must run on the track and on time. Their operators have no choice of routes. But the automobilist can choose his own route and regulate his rate of speed.

If the drivers of motor vehicles would associate the sight of a grade crossing with the instant application of their motor brakes, accidents to automobilists at grade crossings would be scarce. May we urge that you let the sight of a grade crossing sign instantly convey to you the warning to slow down or stop? It is a habit as easily acquired as your obedience to the traffic policeman's upraised hand.

On the formation of this habit your life and those of your loved ones may some day depend. It is better to wait at a grade crossing than in a doctor's office.

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

RAILROAD CROSSINGS STAY ANOTHER YEAR

County Court Will Not Have Money to Improve Either Road Between Here and Walker.

Despite considerable agitation for the improvement of either the present Pacific highway between here and Walker, with the elimination of railroad crossings, or the improvement of the Beatty road between here and Walker, which has no railroad crossings, it is hardly likely that any money will be spent by the county court on either of these roads this year, according to word which has reached the commercial club. About \$10,000 will be spent in improvements of the highway south of here to the Douglas county line, but the court will not have money enough at its disposal for the other suggested improvements.

FREE METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Interesting Program Is Arranged for Three Day Session to Be Held Here.

The third district quarterly meeting of the Free Methodist church Sunday school of the Roseburg district will be held in Cottage Grove at the Free Methodist church on Tenth street Feb. 24 to 27. Services each evening at 7:30 will be conducted by ministers over the district. Rev. D. D. Dodge, district elder, will address the regular quarterly meeting service Sunday morning at 11:00 and at 2:30 Sunday afternoon there will be the missionary meeting.

The program for the Sunday school convention is as follows:

Friday afternoon—
1:30—Devotional exercises, conducted by the conference S. S. secretary, Rev. M. F. Childs.

2:00—To What Extent Should We Have Temperance Instruction in Our Sunday Schools?—Rev. F. W. Oliver—Discussion.

2:30—What System of Prizes Can Be Used to Advantage, and Should We Ever Use Competitive Prizes in Our Sunday Schools?—Levi H. Neet—Discussion.

3:00—How Can We Make Our Ticket and Reward Card System More Effective?—Clara L. Childs—Discussion.

3:30—When and How Should We Plan for the Special Revival Services for the Conversion of the Children in Our Sunday Schools?—Rev. R. H. Dollard—Discussion.

4:00—Round Table, led by the conference secretary.

Saturday morning—
9:00—Devotional Exercises—Rev. R. H. Dollard.

9:30—To What Extent Should We Have Missionary Instruction in the Sunday School?—Rhoda Burnett—Discussion.

10:00—The Teacher and the Class—Rev. F. C. Skelton—Discussion.

10:30—Owing to the Size of Our Sunday Schools and the Limited Membership: How Can We Increase the Efficiency of Our Teachers?—Ernest Lee—Discussion.

11:00—What Is the Standard of Excellence for Our Sunday Schools and How May It Be Attained?—Mrs. Francis Lee—Discussion.

Business and adjournment.

If you are a subscriber to The Sentinel you should feel proud of the fact that you are one of those who are helping to make a good newspaper possible.

JUNE 7 TO 12 PROBABLY CHAUTAUQUA DATES

Victor Murdock, Witekieskie and Franzke Are Numbers on Remarkable Talent List.

A tentative list of attractions for the approaching chautauqua has been received from the Ellison-White Chautauqua system. The talent list this year will be a notable one and will include A. A. Franzke and Witekieskie's Hungarian orchestra that were here last year. One of the big drawing cards will be Victor Murdock of Kansas. Among other numbers will be Eliot A. Boyl, Fredrick Vining Fisher, Mrs. Harriette Gunn Robertson, E. J. Sias, Rue Patchette, S. Platte Jones, Lyric Opera company, Gullotta trio, Ionian Serenaders, Keukuku's Hawaiian quintet, Elizabeth de Barre Gill.

The dates for the session will probably be June 7 to 12.

BINGHAM BILL IS MISUNDERSTOOD GREATLY

It Does Not Prevent Taxpayers Themselves From Making Any Levy They May See Fit by Calling an Election for That Purpose.

There is a great deal of misunderstanding concerning the measures of the so-called Bingham bill, which became a law at the last session of the legislature. There is a belief that this law absolutely prohibits the increasing of taxes over 6 per cent above that of any one of the two years previous.

While the bill does make such a prohibition, it adds, "except as hereinafter provided." A following section of the bill reads as follows:

"If any board of levy or any officer that is charged with the duty of levying a tax in any district, except state, shall be of the opinion that the amount of tax limited by this act will be insufficient for the needs of such taxing district for the current year, the question of an increased levy may be submitted to the voters of such taxing district at a general or special election called for the purpose and in the manner provided by law for calling special elections in such taxing district. If any such question of increasing the levy shall be submitted at any election as herein set forth, due notice thereof shall be given for at least thirty days in advance of such election by publication in one or more newspapers of general circulation published in such taxing district; provided, if no newspaper is published in such taxing district, notice shall be given by posting a notice of such election in at least three conspicuous places in such district. If a majority of the votes cast at any such election shall be in favor of the increased levy as named in said election notice, then the officers charged with levying taxes may make such increased levy for the year voted upon, and thereafter the limitation of this act shall apply unless an increased levy for the particular year shall be voted at another election in like manner."

The purpose of the above section is to make the law applicable only to taxing bodies elected by the people and to leave the voters of any taxing district free to make any levy they may see fit, also to provide that in any emergency a taxing body may refer an increased levy, larger than that of the two years previous, to the voters of the taxing district. A correspondent from Greenleaf, Ore., recently had a lengthy communication in the Eugene Register telling how the bill interferes with the levying of a road district tax levy and claiming that the law was enacted to favor timber men and big land owners. As the road district has no tax levying body except the voters themselves, under the Bingham bill they could make whatever levy they see fit, vote on it under the method set out for doing so under the Bingham bill and a levy of any size would be legal regardless of what previous levies had been, and the assessor would be required to extend the tax on the tax rolls. It is doubtful if any law would be constitutional that would attempt to prevent the taxpayers themselves from voting any tax they may desire.

Another Change in Printing Business. Since the last issue of The Sentinel, in which a long list of changes that have taken place in the newspaper business in the past four years was published, still another change has taken place. A. J. Hager from Lewiston, Ida., has purchased a half interest in the Conner job printing business. He expects to take complete ownership about the first of April. Mr. Hager is an energetic young man with considerable experience who thinks that there is a future in Cottage Grove and who is willing to back that judgment by a substantial investment.

NEW PLATFORM AND LIGHT ARE INSTALLED

Southern Pacific May Double Size of Depot Park.—Flowers to Be Set Out.

The improvements at the depot for the accommodation of passengers alighting from north bound trains have been about completed. A large new platform has been installed to light up the new platform. These are the new improvements recently asked for by the commercial club.

Agent Mills has made a request for a car of dirt with which to extend the depot park around the water tank to the edge of the sidewalk. This would about double the present size of the park. The commercial club will at once attend to setting out flowers, according to its agreement with the railroad company.

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Early Spring Flowers Are Becoming Noisy

THIS IS mighty fine summer weather we are having this winter. With sunshine every day for over a week and balmy spring zephyrs blowing, the mean, disagreeable snow of a month ago has been forgotten and grass and flowers are growing so fast one can almost hear the noise they make pushing the dirt out of the way. Daffodils and jonquils are almost ready to bloom and the energetic housewife has already planted sweet peas and is pounding hubbly on the back to get the garden in. This is another unusual spell of weather but is not causing so much grumbling as did the spell a month ago. (All comments on the weather subject to change without notice.)

COUNTY TEACHERS TO MEET HERE SATURDAY

Instructors of South Lane Are to Hold Session Forenoon and Afternoon in Auditorium of Cottage Grove High School.—Local Men Among Speakers.

A convention of teachers of southern Lane county will be held here Saturday, the session opening at 10 a. m. in the high school auditorium.

The complete program has not been announced, but the forenoon will be given over to addresses by local people and the afternoon to addresses by men from state and county educational departments, from the University of Oregon and Oregon Agricultural college.

Among the local people on the program are H. J. Shinn, member of the school board, Rev. T. B. McDonald, Prof. Barnhart and Editor Bede. There will be a program of music by local people.

It is expected that nearly every teacher from this section of the county will be present.

Nearly Loses Arm.

Silk Creek, Ore., Feb. 21.—(Special to The Sentinel).—While driving a team on a stump puller on Mr. Heine's place Thursday, L. L. Woolley narrowly escaped losing an arm. It became caught in the wire and was saved only by the quick action of W. W. Gildersleeve in stopping the horses and backing them to slacken the cable. Two of Mr. Woolley's fingers were badly pinched.

MAY BE NO COUNTY FAIR FOR 1917

Owners of Grounds Say They Cannot Afford to Longer Give Use of Grounds.

Unless the citizens of Lane county vote an appropriation of approximately \$20,000, and authorize the county officials to purchase the present site of the fair grounds, there will probably be no Lane county annual fair after this year. This announcement was made Monday afternoon in conjunction with an announcement that the owners of the land upon which the fair is held each year are planning to circulate petition and ask that the question of the county buying this land be left to a vote of the people.

F. M. Wilkins, president of the Lane County Fair association, said he believed the property owners of this land were planning to start circulating these petitions in Eugene at once. If they were successful in securing the required number of signatures, he said, the question would be placed on the primary ballot next May. The land in question is owned by the Lane County Agricultural society and is leased to the Lane County Fair association each year. In the past, the fair association has not been able to pay any money for the use of the land nor has it been able to pay the taxes on the land. It was said the other day that the owners of the land, though heartily in favor of an annual county fair, do not feel they can continue to donate the ground to the county fair association year after year and receive no money in return for the use of it.

This action has made it compulsory on the part of the citizens of the county, if they desire the fair to continue after this year, to purchase the land. It has been offered for sale to the county at a price of about \$20,000. Directors of the fair association say this price is exceptionally low. They advocate that the property should be owned by the county. In later years when larger grounds are required, they say the land could be subdivided into smaller lots and sold for a much greater price than they are paying for it now.

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