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EDUCATIONAL AND REFINING, THAT'S CHAUTAUQUA

Great Summer School Where Thousands May Listen to Lectures, Music, Entertainers, and Enjoy the Time with Neighbors of Surrounding Country.

OUTSIDERS INVITED TO USE CAMPING SITES

There Will Be Lorane Day, London Day, Row River Day, Mosby Creek Day, Silk Creek Day, Creswell Day and Other Crowd-Drawing Stunts.

A big six days' program of refined amusement and refining education—that is the chautauqua which will be held in Cottage Grove June 13 to 18.

Some of the greatest musicians of the country, some of the greatest platform orators and entertainers will be on the program.

The chautauqua is a great summer school that thousands may attend.

The price will be within the reach of all and an opportunity for improvement mentally will be afforded that no one can afford to miss.

The prices will be \$2.50 for adult season tickets, \$1.50 for high school season tickets and \$1.00 for children's season tickets.

Committees having the big meet in hand are making plans to thoroughly advertise it and stir up an interest that will make it the most successful affair of any kind ever held here.

There will be special days for all the communities surrounding Cottage Grove, such as Lorane Day, London Day, Creswell Day, Row River Day, Mosby Creek Day, Silk Creek Day, etc. The stores of the city will be especially decorated on these days in honor of the community whose day it is.

There will be junkets to neighboring communities and numerous ticket-selling stunts. Programs will be distributed and other advertising matter posted up over the country.

It is going to be one big affair and everybody and his dog is going to be here.

Camping sites and tents will be arranged for those who wish them.

Bridge Work Finished.

County Commissioner Hawley spent several days of last week looking over roads and bridges in this vicinity.

The commissioner spent a good part of his time in Supervisor R. C. Gleson's road district on Row River. Considerable road work is going on there and good progress is being made with the improvement.

A big fill in that district has been put in and the supervisor is now busy clearing the right of way of stumps and brush on each side of the main road. The supervisor has 700 or 800 feet of the road ready for the crushed rock.

The Shortridge bridge across the Coast Fork, reports the commissioner, is now safe for travel. The bridge was condemned some time ago, as one of the piers was in bad shape. Bridge Builder Frank Keenan has built a new pier and a new approach and heavy travel may now cross the stream. Keenan will proceed to build approaches to the Mary White bridge further towards Cottage Grove.

Fraud Order Issued.

Postmasters are receiving notice from the postoffice department that a fraud order has been issued against Dr. Chamlee and company and the "United States Cancer Cure," of San Francisco and Los Angeles and their mail is refused delivery. In cases where their mail is received at a postoffice, it is returned to the sender. The department believes that these men are frauds and that their so-called cures are fakes. The Sentinel refused a good sized advertising contract from these companies some time ago. This was done as a protection to readers.

Miss Whiteley on Program.

Miss Opal Whiteley of this city, superintendent of Junior Endeavor for Oregon, has been given prominent parts on the program at the first annual convention of the Lane county Christian Endeavor union to be held at Creswell Saturday and Sunday. She will have charge of the sunrise prayer meeting Sunday and will give an address on junior work at the Sunday afternoon conference. A number of delegates will attend from here.

Roseburg Drys Would Publish Names.

Roseburg, Ore., April 22.—A move was inaugurated here today to publish the names of persons receiving liquor from outside points, together with the quantities and character of liquor received. Certain persons here believe that by publishing the names of those receiving liquor in Douglas county the supply will be curtailed materially. A petition will be presented to the council asking that the city pay for the cost of publishing the names.

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COOS COUNTY SCENE ON LINES OF SOUTHERN PACIFIC.

Put It Into Sentinel Everyone Will Know It

Inconspicuous News Item Makes Fire Chief Much Trouble.

WHAT unexpected results may be obtained by a little publicity in The Sentinel is indicated by recent experiences of Frank Woodruff, fire chief.

A short time ago, in the council proceedings, it was stated that the fire chief had been authorized to purchase 150 feet of 1½-inch hose. He did so at once, but that did not end the matter. Since that time he has been receiving letters every day soliciting the order for hose and during the past few days an average of three salesmen have been calling on him to get that order for hose.

Frank says if you want everybody to know it, just get it into The Sentinel.

CINNABAR MINES TO START SOON

Furnaces Have Been Rebuilt, New Machinery Added and Everything Thoroughly Modernized.

It is thought that everything will be in readiness to resume operations at the Black Butte cinnabar mines within a week. The mine had not been operated for so many years that considerable repair work was necessary and quite a quantity of new machinery has been hauled to the mines from here. The furnaces have been rebuilt, an electrical power and light plant installed, bulkheads put in the tunnels to shut off drafts, new tracks laid for the ore cars, and the entire plant completely modernized.

FARMERS ARE RECEIVING HIGH PRICES FOR MOHAIR

One Herd of Goats Returns Its Purchase Price in Year.

Lane county mohair growers are receiving more for their product at the present time than the farmers of any other county in the state. The reason is the sharp competition among buyers. The highest price ever received in the county was paid when a Jasper man received 46½ cents a pound for his mohair. This is about four cents a pound more than is being paid in other parts of the state.

At this rate the farmers receive \$2.50 a head or better for the mohair from their goats. One farmer last year purchased a flock of them for less than \$2 a head and this year sold his clip for over \$2 a head, thereby more than paying for the animals in a single year. The local market has been active and several large pools have been sold.

There's usually more difference in the quality of printing than in the price. The Sentinel's quality printing is produced on a small margin of profit.

Legal blanks.—The Sentinel.

Days of Old Gang Numbered

That Is the Way It Is Expressed by Taxpayers Who Are Terribly in Earnest in Their Desire to Clean Out Extravagant Taxeaters

If Electors Vote the Way They Talk, This Prediction Will Prove True.—Now Is Time to Rebuke Extravagance and Inefficiency in Office

The days of the old gang are numbered. That's the way three taxpayers, neither one of whom knew that any other had made the remark, have put it up to The Sentinel during the past week, referring, of course, to the gang of tax-eaters at the court house, who have been there so long that they think they own the place and who take umbrage at the taxpayers who would in any way attempt to interfere with the conduct of the offices or suggest that there are more economical ways in which they might be conducted. If the electors vote the way they talk, there will be a regular cleaning out of the Augean stables next January.

Until the primary election is over, The Sentinel will continue its fight for a lowering of the tax rate to showing that extravagance on the part of county officers can only be stopped by the election of new officers. After that it may attempt to suggest ways in which the taxpayers themselves can assist those they elect to office, but the taxpayers will probably not take it so hard as the tax-eaters are taking it just at present.

In our last issue we stated that we would be interested to know whether or not the sheriff was collecting fees and using them to augment his salary. Feeling that the sheriff would not deign to answer the question voluntarily, we wrote the following letter:

Dear Mr. Parker: Since the issue of The Sentinel today, a number of my readers have urged me to make further inquiries about whether there are any fees which become the property of the sheriff and, if so, how much that adds to the sheriff's income within a year? As a particular example: If you should come to Cottage Grove to serve papers from Douglas county, would the fees and mileage go to you personally or to the county? When you make a trip for anyone are you permitted to collect and keep for your own use more than actual expenses? What would you say would be the average profit to the sheriff a year outside of salary and boarding of prisoners, if there are any such profits?

An immediate reply is urgently requested. Yours very truly,

ELBERT BEDE.

We have received no reply. This is the second letter which Mr. Parker has neglected to answer.

We take it that the answer would not have been favorable to the sheriff or the reply would have been prompt.

From the sheriff's refusal or neglect to reply, we take it for granted that fees are collected which are retained by the sheriff. How much these fees amount to in a year we do not know, and Mr. Parker does not wish to say. Possibly a few hundred dollars; possibly much less.

Lane county pays its sheriff \$2000 a year. There are many who would be glad to have the office at that price. Why should an officer who receives a salary receive from other sources payment for the same time? Why should fees of the sheriff's office become the property of the sheriff any more than the fees of the clerk's office?

There would be quite a howl if the sheriff should attend to a private business during the time for which he is paid a salary by the county. What is the difference between that and receiving pay for conducting public business for some other county or private individual and receiving pay therefor in addition to his salary?

If Mr. Parker was hired by a private citizen he would be summarily dealt with if he should retain any of the receipts of the business he was conducting for his employer. Why then should he be permitted to keep the profits of the public business when he is already paid a large and sufficient salary to conduct that business?

No doubt the law permits Mr. Parker (Continued on page 2.)

Would Inspect Fruit Inspector.

Cottage Grove, Ore., Apr. 23.—(To the Editor.)—While I am not authorized to speak for the grange, I believe the membership is with you to a person in your fight on extravagance at the court house. I have been disappointed, however, that you have not yet got to the fruit inspector's office. That is one of the most expensive luxuries that the county has. I can't see that we get a dollar's worth of good out of the money spent by the inspector and his deputies. The fruit isn't doing any better, as far as I have noticed, than it did before we had all these fancy frills. Then to think of putting the county to the expense of several hundred dollars for a suit against a man who refused to spray his orchard only to find that the inspector hadn't performed his duty according to law. The expenses of the inspector's office would probably stand a little inspecting. The spenders of our tax money should be taught a lesson in the primary election now close at hand.

A GRANGER.

[The Sentinel has not had time as yet to look into the fruit inspector's office. Such inspection has been delayed because the office is not an elective one. As to the wisdom of having a fruit inspector we are not in a position to speak. We would be pleased to leave the matter entirely to the fruit growers of the county. As to the McFadden case, which is evidently referred to in the above communication, we will ask Fruit Inspector Stewart to reply in our next issue, and will suggest a short explanation from him regarding the expenses of the office.—Editor.]

Hen Nests in Tree Lands Chicks Safely

How Young Ones Are Taken from 50-Foot Elevation Is Mystery.

THE champion hen story of the season is told by W. B. Finney of Latham.

One of his hens located an old crow's or wood rat's nest in a tree about fifty feet from the ground and decided to use the already prepared nesting place for the rearing of a flock of what was not discovered until Mrs. Finchickens. Her sequestered retreat ney thought it odd that the hen appeared from the branches of the tree regularly at feeding time. She conveyed her suspicions that biddy had stolen a nesting place to her husband. He did not investigate for several days and when he went up the tree to put a net to catch the chicks the hen was gone. Search revealed a dead chicken below the tree and still further search located the hen mothering five as lively chicks as ever were hatched out of hen's eggs. How the hen got the chicks safely to the ground is a mystery that will probably never be solved. There were four eggs left in the nest that did not hatch.

The hen is a cross between a Rhode Island Red and a White Leghorn.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS NOW 632

With Largest Registration in History. Percentage of Attendance is Also Extremely High.

An attendance of 97.6 per cent in the public schools is shown by the report for the month ending April 21. The entire registration for the year is now 632, the largest the schools have ever known. Of these 333 are boys and 299 are girls. The total days' attendance for the month was 10,107.5. The number of pupils neither absent nor tardy during the month was 379.

FRUIT NOT YET HARMED BY THE COLD WEATHER

Temperature Gets Down to One Degree Above Freezing.

That there has been little if any damage to fruit by the cold weather of the past week is the almost unanimous opinion of Lane county farmers. So far, it is believed, there has been no injury to the fruit buds.

There was quite a heavy frost Friday night but it did not seem to injure the crop, say the farmers. The cold rains lately have not been beneficial to the fruit, but on the other hand little damage has been done.

In a few places ice formed Friday night, say some of the farmers, and it is possible that there was some injury to the crops in these localities. The government thermometer in Eugene registered 33, one degree above freezing.

INTERVENTION IS ONLY CHANCE OF PEACE

Returned Traveler from Mexico Says Punitive Expedition Would Be Farce Were It Not So Pathetic, but That U. S. Must Eventually Take Real Action.

WILSON IS A THEORIST; DOES NOT UNDERSTAND

Country Was Whipped When Vera Cruz Was Taken; Evacuation Afterwards Was as Unwise as Occupation Was Unwarrantable.

That the results of the American punitive expedition into Mexico will be absolutely nil and that there can never be a return to normal conditions in Mexico without intervention by the United States, are statements made by Dr. A. Todd, who recently left there because of the deplorable financial conditions, and is visiting his sister, Mrs. C. D. Brown of this city.

While Dr. Todd believes that the occupation of Vera Cruz was unwarrantable, the evacuation was just as unwarrantable. "Mexico was practically whipped," he says, "with the landing at Vera Cruz. Intervention at that time would have cost but little and things would soon have assumed a nearly normal condition. As it is, peace will never come through Mexico's own efforts. All political parties are organizations of bandits who prey upon the rest of the residents, financial conditions will continue to get worse and a country fabulously rich in natural resources will starve and waste away."

Dr. Todd says there is gross ignorance here of conditions in Mexico, both on the part of the government and upon the part of the newspapers and the people generally. He thinks Wilson a theorist. The punitive expedition, he says, would be a farce were it not so pathetic, but he is convinced from his familiarity with all classes of people in the unfortunate country that fully 90 per cent would welcome real intervention. He thinks the United States would be foolish to annex the country but that it would be financially profitable to bring peace and educate the people, only 10 per cent of whom can now read and write. In fact he believes it is the duty of the United States to do that, as in no other manner can the control and machinations of the bandits be overcome. The day of government by despotism and assassination, he thinks, is past but the people are helpless to govern themselves in their present condition of ignorance. Dr. Todd thinks there is no doubt that those having financial interests in Mexico have paid Villa and other bandits to do what they have done, as in intervention lies the only chance of their being able to again peacefully operate their properties and live there with any security to life and property.

Dr. Todd says we have a wrong idea of the people of Mexico, that they are naturally as gentle as we are, have the same hopes that we have, would live much as we do if permitted to do so, and that parents are as eager to educate their children and make useful citizens of them as we are.

Dr. Todd had two narrow escapes from death, being saved from an incoming mob and a firing squad just in the nick of time by influential Mexican friends.

Walker School Bids Opened.

Bids were opened Saturday for the construction of the new high school building at Walker station. R. O. Thiel of Yoncalla was lowest bidder and probably will be awarded the contract, but the board is still considering the bids.

The plans call for a four-room modern structure. Construction work will be started as soon as the contract is awarded and signed.

The other bidders were as follows: Drew Bros. of Eugene, Soren Jensen of Eugene, A. A. Maring of Eugene, S. L. Godard of Cottage Grove, Curtis Gardner of Eugene, R. E. McDaniel of Creswell, H. B. Davidson of Eugene, The Harbor Sound Building company of Eugene, J. S. Higgins of Eugene and W. L. Hubbell of Cottage Grove.

Bingham Speaks at Washington.

Hon. I. H. Bingham, state senator from Lane county at the last session of the legislature, now in New York city, spoke before the fisheries committee of the United States senate in Washington, D. C., a few days ago. United States Senators Chamberlain and Lane invited Mr. Bingham down to Washington to speak on the compact bill now before congress.

Bingham Is Appointed to Conservation Congress.

Salem, Ore., April 22.—Governor Withycombe today appointed Senator I. H. Bingham of Eugene as a delegate from Oregon to the National Conservation congress which holds a meeting in Washington, D. C., May 2, 3 and 4.