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Invitation to Board on Sheriff Declined

Parker, Calm and Unruffled, Vis-
its Pleasantly with Sentinel.

J. C. PARKER, known to
fame as the sheriff of Lane
county and as the subject of one
or two character sketches that
have recently appeared in The
Sentinel, paid The Sentinel a very
pleasant visit a few days ago and
talked about everything else but
politics, which was what made the
visit an unusual one at this time.
The only reference to politics was
when he offered to furnish The
Sentinel force free of charge
with board at his expense at the
county boarding house of which
he is landlord and which has been
the subject of some comment in
The Sentinel. The offer was de-
clined with an alacrity which
rather indicated a lack of ap-
preciation of the proffered hospital-
ity. The sheriff was entirely un-
ruffled in his manner—quite a
contrast to the county clerk—
and his visit was merely a pleas-
ant social one.

SEATTLE ROBBERS ARE CAUGHT BY PITCHER

Boys Steal Car, Have Wild Ride to This
City, Hold Up Cottage Grove Farmer
Get Stuck in Canyon, Captured by
Deputy Sheriff.

Because they were not treated well
at home and being imbued with a de-
sire to see a little of the world, Wilford
McDevitt and LeRoy Hess, 17-year-old
boys of Seattle, stole an automobile on
the streets of that city Thursday night
and set out for California. They were
caught a few miles south of Cottage
Grove Monday afternoon and are now
in the Lane county jail.

The boys passed through Eugene Mon-
day in the forenoon. They failed to ex-
cite wonder here, as it is a frequent
sight to see boys driving cars through
the streets, but at the village of Goshen,
five miles south of Eugene, they im-
pressed the people who saw them as be-
ing fugitives from justice or something
of the kind and Sheriff Parker was
notified. That official telephoned to G.
R. Pitcher, deputy sheriff here, to look
out for them, and he caught them near
Comstock after they had passed through
here at breakneck speed and with a flat
tire. Before they were caught they
held up a farmer by the name of "Ab"
Emerson and went through his pockets
but finding no money they proceeded
without further molesting him. They
held him up at the point of a pistol.

The boys when arrested by Deputy
Sheriff Pitcher claimed that the car
they were driving belonged to McDev-
itt's step-father and that they had his
consent to take it on this trip. They
stuck to their story until taken to
Eugene and further questioned by Sher-
iff Parker, when they admitted that
they picked up the machine, a Ford, in
front of the Coliseum theater at the
corner of Pike and Fifth streets in Se-
attle Thursday night. The boys then
told of their trip south. They had some-
thing like \$25 between them, they say,
but this was spent for gasoline, oil, re-
pairs, meals and lodging. They say they
had ten cents when they held up the
farmer south of Cottage Grove and had
but a gallon of gasoline in the tank of
the machine. The car had become mired
in the mud a few minutes before the
deputy sheriff and "Happy" Young,
who was driving the car for him, came
up with them. They submitted to ar-
rest without resistance. The car, which
is in a garage here, is in a sad state of
repair and could not have traveled
much further.

SEVEN HENS LAY 420 EGGS IN 79 DAYS

Modest Fancier Has Scrub Flock Which
Makes Record for Production
in a Short Time.

If seven hens lay 5 1-3 eggs a day,
how long will it take them to lay 420
eggs? That sounds like an example
from an old arithmetic, but the prob-
lem is of interest in connection with an
egg-laying record made by seven hens
owned by a well known Cottage Grove
man who, from reasons of modesty, asks
that his name be withheld.

He has seven hens which have laid
420 eggs in 79 days and are still at it,
which he thinks surpasses any records
that have recently been published in the
papers. This is a little over 5 1-3 eggs
a day.

Although this man is a well known
chicken fancier, the hens that made the
record are scrubs.

If a Sentinel want ad. doesn't sell
it, throw it away.



MANY SCENES LIKE THIS NEAR COTTAGE GROVE.

(Courtesy of Southern Pacific Railway.)

GROVE COUNTRY IS ADAPTED TO BROCCOLI

Mild Winters with Plenty of Moisture
Make This Section Ideal for Produc-
tion of Vegetable That Goes into the
Market Without Competition.

A number of Cottage Grove farmers
are becoming interested in the growing
of broccoli, to which Western Oregon,
and this section of the Willamette val-
ley in particular, is well adapted.
Broccoli greatly resembles cauliflower,
but is hardier and has a taller stem.
The main difference, however, is that
broccoli produces in the fall while
cauliflower produces in the spring, when
there is no other fresh vegetable to com-
pete with it, thus giving a market that
never fails. Broccoli must remain in
the ground all winter, which is the reason
that there are but few places where it
will grow and makes it an ideal prod-
uct for the Cottage Grove country.

The leaves are often used during the
winter for stock feed and the removal
of the outer leaves is said not to affect
the growth of the head in any way.
Sometimes the entire plant is fed to
stock and has proved a plant equal to
kale for this purpose. The cost of pro-
duction is very small and when raised
in quantities making shipping to eastern
markets profitable, the price re-
ceived is very remunerative, ranging
from \$300 to \$400 an acre.

David Sterling has been trying to
contract sufficient acreage for this year
so that arrangements could be made to
ship in earload lots. He got 22 acres
contracted, but this was not sufficient
and he has dropped the matter until
next year, when he expects to be suc-
cessful in getting sufficient acreage.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS AT RATIO OF THREE TO ONE

April Vital Statistics Show Splendid In-
crease in Population.

The report of Health Officer Oglesby
shows that there were ten births and
only three deaths in the city during the
month of April. Of the deaths none
were of young people. In the district
outside of the city, of which Mrs. J. P.
Graham is registrar, there were nine
births and six deaths.

Those from here who attended Pon-
mona game at Santa Clara Saturday
were Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Thurber, Mr.
and Mrs. F. J. Helliwell, Mrs. J. W.
Ishmael, Mrs. B. G. Crow, Mr. and Mrs.
M. M. Wheeler, Mrs. Ed. Ashby and
daughter Hazel, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Ma-
gee, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. McFarland and
R. Y. Porter. S. L. Godard and E. R.
Spencer conveyed several of the grang-
ers down in their cars.

Will Organize Tax League.

A meeting will be held in Cottage
Grove within the near future, probably
on May 15 or 16, to organize a tax-
payers' league. Robert Smith of Rose-
burg, editor of the Tax Liberator and
secretary of the Oregon Taxpayers'
league, will be the speaker of the eve-
ning. Further notice will be given next
week.

County Clerk in Cholerick Condition

Attempts by Misleading Statements and by Beclouding the
Issue to Justify Extravagances Which Have Proved
Subject of Much Interest to Taxpayers

Evidently forgetting that those whom
the gods would destroy they first get
to writing letters, Stacy M. Russell,
who bears the title and draws the salary
of county clerk, comes back at the
charges of extravagance and inefficien-
cy in his office with a lengthy communi-
cation, which is printed herewith, with
suitable explanations:

Reply of Stacy M. Russell, county
clerk, to charges made by Elbert Bede,
publisher of the Cottage Grove Sentinel:
"The editor of The Sentinel makes
the statement that the expense of coun-
ty government has increased 370 per
cent in eight years, then follows with
an attack on my expenditures, thereby
making the inference that my office has
increased in this proportion. How near
the facts this statement is, regarding
other departments of government, it is
not the intention of this article to con-
sider, but so far as this office is con-
cerned, it is an untruth.

[Editorial Note.—This is a neat
way of inferring that expenses HAVE
increased in other offices. We under-
stand that Mr. Russell's deputies have
kept strict tab on the assessor's of-
fice. Why not be as frank in giving
the findings as the assessor was two
years ago concerning the clerk's of-
fice?]

"I know of no better way of refut-
ing his misstatements of facts than to
here give a statement of the total ex-
pense of this office in 1910, this being
the last year of my predecessor in of-
fice, as compared to the total expense
under my administration during the
past year of 1915. The total expense of
the clerk's office in 1910 was \$11,473.76,
and the receipts were \$10,855.47, and
the total expense in 1915 was \$12,929.59
and the receipts \$12,912.60. The above,
expressed in percentage, shows the in-
crease in expense for 1915 over that of
1910 less than 13 per cent, while the
increase in receipts during the same
period was over 20 per cent—so much
for the publisher of The Sentinel's
statement of 370 per cent increase.

[Editorial Note.—We intended no
inference that the clerk's office had
increased 370 per cent in eight years,
but according to the records on file
in the clerk's office, as quoted by Mr.
Russell's opponent, Mr. Jennings, the
deputy hire has increased 700 per cent
in 18 years. Because Mr. Russell's
predecessor was extravagant is no
reason why he should also be. There
are too many people who are satisfied
if they do not do much worse than
some one else has done. The only
question at the present time is how
much the present expenses can be cut
down. Mr. Jennings, in his declara-
tion of candidacy, intimates that a big
saving can be made. Anyone famil-
iar with the office knows that extrava-
gance runs riot in the clerk's office.
This has been shown in previous ar-
ticles and will be shown in others to
follow. In his comparative figures
Mr. Russell takes his predecessor's
expenses for an election year and his
own from a year in which there were
no elections. We take it that ex-
penses are always higher in an elec-
tion year.]

"Mr. Bede says that I am incompe-
tent and intimates, for this reason, that
I employ at least three too many depu-
ties. During the last year above com-
pared my predecessor in office em-
ployed, besides himself, nine regular as-
sistants, while I employ at this time,
besides myself, ten regular assistants,
an increase of one employee over the
number employed six years ago; and the
increase in receipts, as stated above, is
over \$2000. Therefore, if I am incompe-
tent, then also was my predecessor
and the incumbents before him, as em-
ployees have increased just in proportion
to the increase of the business of the of-
fice and no more, and as far back as you
care to go for comparison. Had the re-
ceipts of this office been credited to the
clerk's fund, instead of given to the
general road fund of the county, it
would have been necessary to raise but
seventeen dollars by taxation last year
to pay my own salary and all other ex-
penses connected with this office.

[Editorial Note.—Because a prede-
cessor may have been incompetent is
no excuse for Mr. Russell. The tax-
payers will no longer accept such ex-
cuses. To argue that a county office
is economically conducted just so the
expense doesn't greatly exceed the
receipts is senseless. First thing we
know the sheriff will be wanting the
total tax receipts for the expenses of
his office. The clerk's office re-
ceives fees for nearly everything it
does and if the office were conducted
on the same business basis as a pri-
vate business the office would make
a neat profit for the county each
year.]

"This is a record I am proud of and is,
all conditions considered, surpassed by
but three of the thirty-five other coun-
ties in the state, so far as I am able to
ascertain, and has rarely, if ever, been
surpassed in THIS county when all ex-
penses properly chargeable to this ac-
count are considered, for be it known
that until a few years ago the salary
of only clerks and deputies were
charged to this fund, all other expenses
being charged to miscellaneous ac-
counts.

[Editorial Note.—Extravagance of
the worst kind prevails in nearly ev-
ery Oregon county, but despite this,
the expenses of the clerk's office of
Lane county are exceeded only by
Multnomah.]

"Mr. Bede also states that each de-
partment of my office has its head. If
he means by this that the public is
courteously waited upon by one certain
clerk when transacting business in any
of the four rooms occupied by my of-
fice in the court house, then I plead
guilty. However, I always called this
good organization and I am not respon-
sible for the manner of the arrangement
of the space in the court house and if
Mr. Bede believes that he could wait on
four different customers, in four differ-
ent rooms, at the same time—then he
is as acrobatic physically as he is men-
tally in his so-called clean up campaign
against my administration.

[Editorial Note.—What Mr. Bede
said was that Mr. Russell, knowing
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CHAS. B. MOORES FINDS THINGS LOVELY

Republican Candidate for Nomination
for Secretary of State Makes Favor-
able Impression Upon Republican Vot-
ers of Cottage Grove.

I like his looks, I like the way he
talks and, by gum, I'm going to do
some hustling for a real republican.
That's the way one leading republican
expressed it shortly after meeting C.
B. Moores, republican candidate for the
republican nomination for secretary of
state, who was here yesterday. Many
others who had not before met Mr.
Moores spoke in a like vein. His re-
ception was very cordial and many were
free to say that no one but a straight
republican candidate would be consid-
ered by them in the approaching repub-
lican primaries. Mr. Moores had never
before visited Cottage Grove and was
much impressed with the reception
which he received. He says that the
feeling for his candidacy has developed
so rapidly that his election seems as-
sured, the only danger being that his
friends may become too confident and
neglect the work that is necessary to in-
sure his nomination.

FARMERS WROUGHT UP OVER EXTRAVAGANCE

C. M. Parker Finds Conditions at Dex-
ter Same as Elsewhere.

C. M. Parker, who has just returned
from Dexter, says that the farmers over
in that section are all wrought up over
the extravagance in county office, due
to the clean up campaign started by The
Sentinel. Mr. Parker is of the belief
that some few people are going to be
surprised at the vote on May 19. What
Mr. Parker reports at Dexter is much the
same as the reports from all sections of
the county which have been reached by
the clean up campaign.

RIPE STRAWBERRIES FOR SUNDAY DINNER

Precocious Cottage Grove Fruit Is
Piece de Resistance.

Strawberries are rapidly ripening in
the Cottage Grove country and the local
product will soon be on the market.
Joe Smith and W. N. Rinehart are the
first to report having them on the table.
Each had a few for Sunday dinner.

Mrs. Frost Has Narrow Escape.

Mrs. C. E. Frost had a narrow escape
from losing her eyesight a few days ago
while assisting her husband, Dr. C. E.
Frost. A quantity of carbolic acid
splashed into her face and only the fact
that she had on glasses saved her eyes
from being hit. The face about the
eyes was quite badly burned.

A Woodrow Wilson club has been or-
ganized here, of which George O.
Knowles is president and E. A. Gleason
secretary. The members are promi-
nent in displaying the Woodrow Wilson
"safety first" buttons and the inten-
tion is to keep up a live organization
during the campaign.

Turkey Hen Hatches Out Two Glass Eggs

S. R. Piper Has All Chicken Sto-
ries Backed Off the Boards.

THE champion chicken story
was told in last week's is-
sue, but the champion turkey sto-
ry is about to be told. S. R. Pi-
per is responsible therefor.

It seems that some few weeks
ago Mr. Piper set a turkey but
forgot to remove two glass eggs
from the nest. This did not in
any way interfere with the hatch-
ing. In fact, according to Mr. Pi-
per's own story, the turkey
hatched glass eggs and all, the
glass eggs producing a bottle of
moonshine whiskey and a cork-
screw.

Mr. Piper has secured Hank
Yancey to vouch for the story,
but so far no one has vouched for
Hank.

The turkey is not for sale.

MANY HYMNS TOO SELFISH, SAYS SUTCLIFFE

Times Have Changed Since Church
Member Confined His Religion to an
Effort to Save His Own Soul from a
Dread Place Called Hell.

In his contribution to the hymn con-
test, Rev. Robert Sutcliffe touches a
point about which many have never
thought. His letter follows:

I am frank to confess that many of
the old hymns wake but little appeal
to me these days. The large majority
of them are self-centered, individualis-
tic; in other words they are surcharged
with selfishness. There was a time when
the chief thing church members thought
about was to save their souls in the fu-
ture from a dread place called hell. The
hymns sung Sabbath by Sabbath prove
this. Here is a verse taken at random
from a hymnal in common use at the
present time:

Be this my one great business here,
With serious industry and fear
Eternal bliss to insure;
Thine utmost counsel to fulfill,
And suffer all thy righteous will,
And to the end endure.

The best of the hymns in common use
use the personal pronoun continually.
Notice these lines:

Nearer, MY God, to thee,
Jesus, lover of MY soul.

Rock of Ages, cleft for ME.

The spirit of these personal askings
is poles apart from the Master's prayer
with its

OUR Father who art in heaven.

Give US this day OUR daily bread.
So of late, these two songs, among
many others of like character, have be-
come very dear to me.

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Student Drowns at Eugene.

Owen D. Whallon of Nampa, Idaho,
a senior in the physics department of
the University, was drowned in the
Willamette river Sunday night between
8:00 and 9:00 o'clock while canoeing
with three of his friendly hall friends,
who escaped a similar fate.

Spray Loses Case in Court.

John F. Spray lost his case in the cir-
cuit court against H. F. Wynne, C. C.
Hazelton and J. W. Veatch, in which he
sought an accounting of the partnership
existing between them. Judge Skip-
worth decided that the defendants had
not misappropriated any of the funds
of the Spray-Wynne Hardware company.
The history of the case dates back seven
years and had been in the courts three
years.

MAKES \$22 ON SOW IN 13 WEEKS

L. M. Powell Is Another Farmer Who
Becomes Enthusiastic Over
Profits in Pigs.

L. M. Powell, who lives on the Otto
Mickel place, is another of many Cot-
tage Grove farmers who has proved
that there is money in hogs. He bought
an O. I. C. brood sow from Floyd Counts
January 18, 1916, for \$15. March 5
she gave birth to 15 pigs, saving them
all. On April 24 Mr. Powell sold 11 of
the pigs at \$2.50 each, bringing him
\$27.50. This gave him \$12.50 over the
price of the original sow, all within 13
weeks. He still has left four pigs worth
at least \$10, so that up to date he is
about \$22.50 to the good on the one
sow. He will continue to follow up the
pig business.

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