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John Pleuard Digs First New Potatoes

THE first new potatoes of the season are reported by John Pleuard, who had some on the family table several days ago. His having the potatoes was an accident. The tubers were volunteers and the plants were not located to suit him. In moving some of the vines to new locations he discovered that the potatoes were large enough to eat. They were of the Burbank variety.

C. G. PUPILS WIN HONORS IN CONTEST

Manual Training Exhibit Carries Off First Prize for Best Collective Exhibit, Local Pupils Wins First Prize for 3-piece Set.—Spellers Are Winners.

Cottage Grove schools and pupils carried off the large proportion of honors in the industrial exhibits and spelling contest in the county school rally at Eugene.

The Cottage Grove collective exhibit won first prize with Springfield a close second. The competition was keen. The Eugene schools were not entered in this contest. Charles Protzman won first place for best three-piece set of manual training against all the schools of the county. Lila Lewis won one of the prizes in the hand-made and machine-made dress contest.

Cottage Grove pupils won honors in all grades but one at the county spelling contest held in Eugene Friday. In the eighth grade Helen Rodolph was second, in the sixth grade Edith Hickey of Row River was fourth, in the fourth grade Gordon Wright was second and Agnes Taylor fourth, and in the third grade Eleanor Nixon of Saginaw was fourth. In only the seventh grade did pupils of this section fail to get a place.

The Cottage Grove schools were tied with Junction City for second place in the spelling contest.

In the parade at the rally Saturday the Cottage Grove schools had a floral float, and the exhibits in the industrial contest attracted much attention. There was a large attendance of pupils and parents from here.

PLEADS GUILTY TO HAVING LIQUOR OVERSUPPLY

Mrs. Henderson Pays Maximum Fine That Can Be Imposed for Offense Under Prohibition Law.—Jury Had Disagreed in First Trial of Case.

The case against Mrs. Matilda Henderson charged with getting more beer than permitted under the prohibition law, came to a rather unexpected termination yesterday morning when she pleaded guilty. The maximum fine, \$50, was imposed by Judge Young and was paid.

Upon the charge of inducing women to commit prostitution she waived examination and was bound over to the grand jury.

Mrs. Henderson was tried on the first charge last week, the jury disagreeing five to one.

Bank Sues on Note.

Suit was filed in the circuit court last week by the First National bank of Cottage Grove against John W. Buoy and Burton H. Buoy, alias H. B. Buoy, for the collection of \$300, alleged to be due on an unpaid promissory note.

The suit is started under the name of T. C. Wheeler, assignee. The complaint alleges that John W. Buoy and Burton H. Buoy signed a promissory note for \$300. Burton H. Buoy, it is alleged, used the name of H. B. Buoy in signing the note.

The plaintiff alleges Burton Buoy and H. B. Buoy are one and the same person. Judgment is asked for the face value of the note.

COTTAGE GROVE MAN SOLE PIONEER LODGE SURVIVOR

Canyonville, Ore., May 13.—Douglas Lodge, No. 14, I. O. O. F., today celebrated its fiftieth anniversary with one surviving charter member as guest of honor. He is D. E. Hamblin, of Cottage Grove, who, in an address, related the details of the lodge's organization.

Jesse A. Fountain of Noti is in the city for a day or so. He is a former deputy county clerk. He says that there is considerable interest in the fight against certain county officers throughout the rural districts.—Eugene Register.

MOVE TO CONTROL EXPENDITURES STARTED

Instances of Almost Unbelievable Lack of Business Judgment in Purchasing County Supplies Are Related by the Secretary of the State League.

LOCAL LEAGUE FORMED; J. S. COLEMAN PRESIDENT

Speaker Says Taxes Will Never Go Down Until Taxpayers Take Such an Interest That They Can Explain the Extravagant Expenditures of Money.

A local taxpayers' league was organized Monday night at a well attended meeting held at the commercial club. J. S. Coleman, a prominent Goudville rancher, was elected president and Elbert Bede secretary-treasurer. The president was authorized to appoint a committee to select three vice-presidents.

How taxes have increased out of all proportion to the increase of population and assessed valuation, was told in an address by Robert Smith, secretary of the State Taxpayers' league and editor of the Tax Liberator.

"With a per capita tax of \$10.50, Oregon's per capita tax is the highest of any state in the Union," said the speaker, "the next nearest is Washington with a per capita tax of \$6.50. Taxation in the last few years has increased nine times as fast as the population."

The speaker gave many reasons for the increase in taxation. He referred to one instance where Portland built a school house costing \$12,500 a room, when a \$3000-a-room school house would have probably done just as well and would have left the taxpayers money with which to buy clothing and shoes whereby the children could take advantage of the schooling offered them.

Other reasons given were that two-thirds of the area of the state is not taxed, because the purchasing power of the dollar is decreasing, because there are 47 boards and commissions telling the people what they can do, because public business cannot be conducted as economically as private business, because there is a great lack of business judgment in the purchasing of supplies by public taxing bodies, because of making improvements which we cannot afford. Mr. Smith referred to the case of Columbia county where a bond issue of \$260,000 was voted for the construction of Columbia highway through that county and \$90,000 voted at the same time for the construction of laterals.

"It was represented," he said, "that the \$260,000 would complete the road through the county, yet the \$260,000 was spent, the \$90,000 voted for the construction of laterals was also spent on the highway, \$100,000 more was added to this, \$60,000 was put in by the state and still the road was only half completed."

An instance in which counties of the state paid, during the same year for exactly the same culvert, prices ranging from 72 cents to \$1.48 a foot was referred to by Mr. Smith. Another instance showing the lack of business judgment in the conduct of public affairs.

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COURT WILL REPAIR LORANE ROAD

Rocking of Worst Piece of Highway in This Section Will Be Greatly Appreciated.

Bids for furnishing crushed rock for county road improvement between Lorane and Cottage Grove were opened Monday by the Lane county court. There were only two bids, those of W. B. Hawley of Cottage Grove and A. C. Mathews of Eugene.

Mr. Hawley's bid was as follows: For the first 100 yards of rock, 40 cents a yard for the first mile and nine cents a yard for each one-fourth mile up to two miles, and over two miles 10 cents a yard for each quarter of a mile.

That of Mr. Mathews was: Forty cents a yard for the first half mile and five cents a yard for each additional half mile of road.

Both bids were taken under advisement and the contract will not be let for a day or two.

Included in the improvement is some new construction past the Hardy Crow place, where the road was changed, and there will be a few rods of new construction on the hill leading out of Lorane. The remainder of the improvement planned by the court is on the old road.

The stretch of road which it is planned to improve is the worst piece of road in this section. There is a good road from Cottage Grove as far as the Curtis Ventch place; then there is a mud trail from there to the mountain. Over the mountain is a good road and then there is another mud trail into Lorane.

The court could not do a piece of road work in this section that would be more appreciated.

Small Stone Thrown in Joke Is Cause of Serious Injury

Robert Hanna, an employee of the J. H. Chambers mill, was injured in an unusual manner yesterday morning. On his way to work he stepped into one of the mill buildings. Just for a joke another employee, also on his way to work, threw a stone at the building which Mr. Hanna had entered. There was a small diamond-shaped opening in the wall of the building. The stone passed through this and struck Mr. Hanna on top of the head, inflicting a severe gash and nearly rendering him unconscious. It was necessary for him to return to the city for medical attention.

The man who threw the stone knew nothing of the injury he had inflicted until called back by Mr. Hanna. He promptly offered to pay all the expenses which will result from his intended joke.

Democrats Getting Full Ticket.

The fight being made on extravagance at the court house is probably encouraging democrats to believe that there is a chance for them to elect a full ticket this year. At any rate there will be several nominations made by writing in names on the ballot. The name of Welby Stevens of Springfield will be written in for county clerk, that of Newton Bryant of Franklin for county assessor, a man will be picked for superintendent of schools and the names of Joseph Tuttle of Eugene and Alta King of Cottage Grove will be written in for members of the legislature.

If you know an item and don't tell it to the newspaper, it's your own fault if it doesn't get printed.

Willing to Make Veracity Issue

Statement That It Is Now Question of Who Is Telling the Truth Gives Sentinel Opportunity It Welcomes.—Misstatements by Clerk Quoted

In a lengthy communication in the Eugene Guard, which was distributed promiscuously here, the county clerk attempted to defend extravagance in his office. As the article was given such wide distribution, it will not be necessary for The Sentinel to republish it. The Sentinel's reply to Mr. Russell's communication was published in The Guard, but this issue was not given free distribution, so our reply in full is published herewith for the benefit of those who did not see the later issue of The Guard:

Cottage Grove, Ore., May 12.—Editor Eugene Guard: I do not wish to impose upon you, but I would like to use about one-quarter as much of your space as was used by the titular head of the county clerk's office, Stacy M. Russell, as he wallows around in a verbal slough in his frantic attempt to defend extravagance in his office.

Let me first take the postscript to his communication, in which he says:

"The above article was offered to the Cottage Grove Sentinel, who refused to publish the same in its special campaign issue."

I wish it were possible to get Mr. Russell to stick to the truth. Mr. Russell knew that this was not the truth when he wrote it. He had my letter in which I informed him that his communication did not get here until the night of the next day after the last form of the campaign edition had been printed. I proof of this statement I challenge him to publish my letter and, if necessary, to take sworn statements from the employees of my office. If Mr. Russell is thus careless with the truth in this instance, what dependence can be put in any other of his statements?

The titular head of the clerk's office credits me with making the statement just because The Guard is a democratic paper it is not entitled to patronage from his office.

I challenge Mr. Russell to furnish any proof of my having made such a statement. He knew such was not the truth when he made that statement. If he is thus careless with the truth in this instance, what dependence can be placed in any other statement he has made?

The titular head of the clerk's office makes quite a fuss because the official papers have demanded the publishing of proceedings that would be a small expense to the county. I have already given sufficient reasons why the publication of these proceedings would result in economies greater than the expense involved. Even if the official papers were attempting to saddle some kind of a great expense upon the county, as the titular head of the clerk's office would have you believe, that would in no way explain his exorbitant expenses. No crime committed by the official papers could be a defense for him. To make such a defense is childish.

The titular county clerk tells, with all the bravado of a victorious gladiator, of how he, untrifled and unafraid, faced the bloodthirsty official newspapers and flatly refused their atrocious demands that the proceedings of the county court be given the light of day. He did nothing of the sort. He told my attorney that he thought he would grant the request, but he first wished to consult with the county court. It was in the next issue of The Sentinel that the campaign against extravagance was started by me and after that attack was made the titular head of the clerk's office refused to give the copy for the publication of such proceedings.

If the titular head of the clerk's office is so careless with the truth about this circumstance, what dependence can be put in his other statements?

The titular head of the clerk's office makes the statement that I have said that he should not use county paper in answering my attacks upon extravagance and inefficiency. I do not know what he means, but I challenge him to prove that I ever made such a statement.

If he is so careless with the truth in this instance, what dependence can be put in his other statements?

According to the titular clerk's own statement the expenses of his office were only \$11,501.54 in 1913 when the receipts were \$15,497.32, while in 1915 with only work enough to bring in fees of \$12,912.60 the expenses had increased to \$12,929.59. I leave it to the taxpayers whether or not this indicates inefficiency and exorbitant extravagance.

I would like to answer all the titular clerk's erroneous statements, but I will not impose upon your space to such an extent. Here is a charge that I have repeatedly made, however, and which the titular clerk has not seen fit to deny:

When the county ballots were to be printed the county clerk's office absolutely refused to consider the request of The Cottage Grove Sentinel and the Lane County News that they be allowed to bid. Three Eugene offices, one of which could not handle the job, were allowed to bid and they were told "that they had better get together." What that "get together" meant I can only guess from the fact that only two shops submitted a bid and the price that will be paid for the ballots seems to leave a good margin for both shops.

If this charge is true, it alone is sufficient for the removal of the present clerk. Mr. Russell has denied many things but he has never denied this charge, although repeatedly made.

Is all the business of the clerk's office conducted upon a like extravagant plan? The taxpayers would like to know and are saying things which would not look nice in print.

ELBERT BEDE.

The Guard commented editorially upon the communication submitted by the editor of The Sentinel. The nature of the editorial is indicated by the following reply which the editor of The Sentinel has submitted to The Guard for publication:

Cottage Grove, Ore., May 15.—Editor Eugene Guard: I note that you have seen fit to take an editorial stand in defense of the present conduct of the county clerk's office. What your motives may be are not an issue and I will not resort to the abuse that characterizes your editorial.

You say that the differences between myself and Mr. Russell have simmered down to a question of veracity. That statement suits me.

In Mr. Russell's letter recently published by you and given wide free circulation by you, he said:

"The above article was offered to the Cottage Grove Sentinel, who refused to publish the same in its special campaign edition."

I will retract everything I have said concerning Mr. Russell if he will prove this statement to be true. I will retract everything I have said concerning Mr. Russell if I can't prove that what I say is so when I say that he knew when he made that statement that he was telling an untruth. In order to prove that Mr. Russell knew he was telling an untruth, and that he must have done so maliciously, all I ask is that he publish my letter which was in his hands when he wrote the statement above quoted. He doesn't dare publish my letter. He's afraid to publish it.

That ought to put the matter fairly and squarely upon a basis of who is telling the truth.

Mr. Russell says I said that "the Eugene Guard was not entitled to patronage because it is a democratic newspaper." If I ever made such a statement, it is on record. I will retract everything I have said about Mr. Russell if he will prove that I ever made such a statement. Does that put the matter squarely enough upon a basis of veracity between the two of us to suit you?

Both you and Mr. Russell state that the fight against extravagance in the court house was started because Mr. Russell refused to give copy for all the proceedings of the county court. You say this in spite of the fact that the

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JUNE 8 TO 13 ARE DATES OF BIG CHAUTAUQUA

Music, Sweet, Artistic, Vocal and Instrumental, Lyric Operas, Entertainers of Note, Speakers of National Reputation, All Are on Program.

June 8 to 13.

Those are significant dates. They are the days of Cottage Grove's annual chautauqua.

And it is some chautauqua!

The Ionians are ready to open the session. The girls are clever, accomplished musicians and trained by the ablest coach in the business.

The Gullota trio is all that anyone could hope for in a company of this kind. A really good soprano and a really great violinist.

The Lyric Operatic company have a unique "stunt" for their afternoon week day program. It might be termed musical burlesque, as four favorite operatic characters are given, and the whole worked into as clever a thirty minutes as ever anyone experienced. Think of having Madam Butterfly from Puccini's "Madam Butterfly," Mephistopheles from Gounod's "Faust," Carmen from Bizet's "Carmen," and Tonio from Leoncavallo's "Il Pagliaccio," all correctly costumed and sung, the action being woven into humorous arrangement that brings out some splendid climaxes.

Witpokie's orchestra is too well and favorably known to westerners to need any description. They are supreme in ensemble and artists individually.

The Hawaiians, who close the program, are the most carefully selected company of Hawaiian singers and players now traveling. The soloists familiar to those owning talking machines are to be here in person.

Not only in music, however, but in entertainment and instruction, this is a great program. S. Platt Jones and Ruth Meeker are splendid as entertainers. No one can be glum and sit through one of Jones' programs. You will have to "go some" to keep up with Jones.

Probably the most sought after big man before the American people today is the Hon. Victor Murdock of Kansas, who will be here one day.

Two illustrated lecturers are an unusual offering for any chautauqua program. Dr. Fisher and Mr. Halton have magnificent views and thrilling lectures.

Then there are Sias, Boyd and Robertson. Space doesn't permit of telling you all that might be said of these interesting people. From first to last there isn't a "filler" on the program. Every person who is there is there by right of having accomplished something worth while.

You are face to face with the opportunity of enjoying all this splendid six-day assemblage for a very few shillings. The season ticket costs you \$2.50—a trifle when you realize that in exchange for it you are to secure the ablest services of a lot of clever people who are mighty anxious to number you among their friends. Your season ticket is a passport to knowledge and enjoyment far in excess of the investment. After the opening day the price goes to \$3.00 for tickets. High school tickets are being sold at \$1.50 and grade school tickets at \$1.00.

Again the date—June 8 to 13.

AUTOMOBILE PARADE IS AD. STUNT

Fifty Cars Carrying 200 Women Will Traverse Every Street of the City.

An automobile parade in which 50 cars are expected to take part will be one of the stunts pulled off to advertise the chautauqua. It is proposed to hold the parade on the afternoon of June 3, five days before the opening of the chautauqua. About 200 women will be invited to ride in the cars, which will traverse every paved street of the city carrying chautauqua pennants and chautauqua banners. The Cottage Grove band will probably occupy the leading cars.

It is possible that some of the cars will make trips for a few miles out on the roads leading into Cottage Grove.

HOGS READY FOR BLOOM DIE IN PECULIAR MANNER

Milk Proves Fatal to Two Porkers Owned by E. C. Conner.

The death of two fat hogs in a manner that is very rare is reported by E. C. Conner. He had given the hogs a generous supply of milk to go with their grain feed. A few hours later he found the animals dead. An autopsy showed that their stomachs had burst.

As far as known to Mr. Conner it has never been satisfactorily explained what there is about milk to cause death in this manner.

Mr. Conner had expected to sell the hogs to a local butcher within a few days.

Grove Country Again Escapes Much Damage

COTTAGE GROVE and the Cottage Grove country seem to have escaped with very little damage from the frosts of last week. In spots beans and potatoes were nipped but these spots were not numerous. The wet weather that rotted seed in the ground probably did more damage than the frosts. It is probable that quite a few potatoes and beans will have to be replanted.

UNIQUE IDEAS OF TEACHER CAUSE COMMENT

Harry Martin Helps Pupils in Affairs of Daily Life by Introducing Stock Judging in Divide Schools.—Cleanliness of Person Part of Curriculum.

Harry Martin of this city, who teaches the Divide school, has attracted much attention throughout the state because of original ideas which he has introduced to assist in community development and to raise pupils to a higher plane of citizenship.

Stock raising is the leading industry in that section and Mr. Martin has made plans to give his pupils and the farmers of that section some practical work in stock judging.

With the assistance of the county agriculturist he has made arrangements to hold meetings twice a month, at which time farmers will bring in stock representative of the leading breeds of the section. These will be used in the judging work which will be conducted by some local rancher who understands stock, by the county agriculturist, or by a representative from the animal industry department of the Oregon Agricultural College.

Some time ago Mr. Martin introduced an innovation by allowing points for cleanliness of the person of students.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEMORIAL DAY COMPLETE

Memorial Sermon Will Be Preached at Baptist Church by Rev. E. G. O. Groat.—Both Forenoon and Afternoon Ceremonies on May 30.

Arrangements have been completed for the observation of Memorial day. The memorial sermon will be preached by Rev. E. G. O. Groat Sunday, May 28, at the Baptist church.

On Memorial day, May 30, the exercises will start with the forming of the parade at the bank corner. At ten o'clock sharp the march to the cemetery will start and exercises will be held there.

The afternoon ceremonies will be held at the Methodist church at two o'clock. The address of the day will be delivered by Elbert Bede and will be followed by a program. The invitation to take part in the parade and to attend the ceremonies is extended to all societies, fraternal organizations, school children and the general public.

New Garage Building.

A garage building 60x100 is being erected by W. B. Cooper at the corner of Sixth and Washington streets. When completed it will be occupied by C. A. Linch. Mr. Linch, however, will retain his repair shop at its present location.

Mr. Linch invites farmers to use the new building when completed for the storage of their cars when in the city free of charge. "That will keep them out of the hot sun," says Mr. Linch, "and keep them off the streets, where they frequently frighten horses."

FEMALE BALL PLAYERS PLAY HERE TOMORROW

A ball game is scheduled for Thursday afternoon between Carleton's Athletic Girls and the Cottage Grove team. The girls are a traveling team and are said to be pretty speedy with the sphere. The Cottage Grove boys have not played any so far this year but plan to go on the grounds in a form that will easily win from the feminine aggregation.

OREGON DRY LAW SHUTS OFF LIQUOR SHIPMENTS

The Oregon dry law has had a material effect upon the receipts of liquor at this station. Especially is this true of beer. The receipts in a month do not equal the receipts for some single days before the law went into effect. The receipts of whiskey and alcohol average about three quarts a day.

Advertising pays—in The Sentinel.