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GRANGE FAIR AND COUNTY FAIR SAME DAYS

Arbitrary Action on Part of Managers of Eugene Exhibition Causes Confusion.

G. W. McFarland, superintendent of the grange fair, has asked The Sentinel to make an explanation of how it happens that the grange fair and the county fair are held on the same days.

The explanation is this: The dates of the grange fair were not set until after the dates for the county fair had been set and the prize list issued stating those dates as September 20, 21 and 22. The management of the grange fair then set their dates for a week earlier than the county fair. After the dates for the grange fair had been set, the county fair dates were changed to days already taken by the grange fair. It was then too late to change the grange fair dates.

The change in the dates will make it impossible for Cottage Grove to send an exhibit to the county fair and the round-up may attract many that would have attended the local fair. Superintendent McFarland wishes the assistance of everyone in order to show Eugene that we can have a good fair no matter what they do. The dates of the grange fair will remain Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 14, 15 and 16.

31 NORMAL STUDENTS TO TEACH IN COUNTY

Lane County Receives Largest Proportion of Monmouth Graduates.

Six teachers in Eugene, five in Springfield, one in Creswell and one in a rural school will be the distribution of the 1916 Oregon normal school graduates in Lane county when the public schools open this month. This delegation of instructors is the largest number of members of the last class to go into a single county in Oregon this fall.

Leewell A. Wright, of Butte Falls, and Sara Ruggles, of Moro, have positions in the Eugene junior high school. Positions in Eugene grade schools will be taken by Naomi Gilbertson, of Harrisburg; Avis Flo Dougherty, of Portland; Helen Osgood, of Monmouth, and Edith Buell, of Eugene.

The five Springfield grade teachers are Merle Nimmo, of Albany; Lucile Copenhaver, of Springfield; Mary Rouse, of Salem; Harriet Vilas and Anne Young, of Portland.

Harry Brookhardt, of Drain, has specialized in rural school work, and will take charge of a rural institution in Lane county. Ellen McDonald, of Hood River, will teach in the Creswell grade school.

Third Crop of Oats Now Three Feet High

There seems to be no limit to what may be produced upon the soil of the famous, fertile, fruitful Willamette, especially when plenty of water is furnished.

Two crops of oats have been reported from several Cottage Grove farms, but Wilbur McFarland tells the story that takes the prize.

He has an acre garden patch which he sowed to vetch and oats. When the first crop was about six feet high he fed it to the stock. The second time the crop got six feet in height he threshed it for the vetch seed. The third crop from this one sowing and on the same ground is now three feet in height. There is no vetch in the last crop.

Supervisor Again Resigns.

The county school board is having a hard time getting a supervisor for this section of the county. C. E. Ferguson, elected recently to succeed A. I. O'Reilly, who had held the position for several years, has resigned before actually taking up the duties of the office. He has announced that he will accept the principalship of the Hudson grade school in Portland to which he was recently elected.

Mr. Ferguson spent eleven years as supervisor of the schools in one of the provinces of the Philippine islands.

Wreckage of Car Reaches Eugene.

The wreckage of the R. A. Root automobile, which was run into by a freight train of the Southern Pacific south of Cottage Grove two weeks ago, was shipped to Eugene Friday. The machine was torn all to pieces and will be good for but little, unless the engine is uninjured.—Register.

Reunion of Pioneers.

The annual reunion of the Lane County Pioneers' association will be held at Eugene September 13, the first day of the county fair. It is planned to make this the biggest reunion in the history of the association.

Legal blanks—The Sentinel.

Cottage Grove Women Enthusiasts for Hughes

HERE are a large number of enthusiastic Hughes boosters among the women of Cottage Grove. The men of the city are fairly enthusiastic, but they will have to take off their hats to the women when it comes to effervescing enthusiasm. A number of women have sought out the officers of the Hughes club during the past week and insisted upon being enlisted as charter members.

SUICIDE PREPARES ELABORATELY FOR END

Deliberation With Which Plans Are Made Leaves No Doubt in Coroner's Mind.

Victim of His Own Rash Deed Had Been in Despondent Mood for Some Time on Account of Poor Health.

Despondent over continued sickness, Milo Handy committed suicide Monday forenoon by blowing off the top of his head with a shotgun. He had made elaborate preparations for the taking of his own life. He had taken with him a loaded rifle, the shotgun with which he committed the deed and also a rope. He removed the shoe and stocking from his right foot, put the stocking carefully in the shoe, laid the side of his face against the muzzle of the gun and pulled the trigger with his toe. Particles of brain were scattered for forty feet and death must have been instant.

Coroner Veach decided no inquest was necessary, premeditation and deliberation being too evident.

Mr. Handy lived with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Handy. Monday forenoon he took the rifle and shotgun and left the house. As he did not return for several hours, his sister-in-law, Mrs. Wm. Handy, went in search of him, and found the dead body in the private Gowdy park in the southwest part of the city, near the home of his parents. The funeral was held yesterday forenoon from the chapel, Rev. H. N. Aldrich officiating.

Besides the parents, two brothers, George and William, of this city, and a sister, Mrs. Eva Scott, of Blue River, survive. Mr. Handy was aged between 30 and 35 years.

Rev. Aldrich's Work Appreciated.

The official board of the First Methodist church, at its regular meeting, adopted the following resolution:

"Be it resolved, that the official board of the First Methodist church, Cottage Grove, Oregon, wishes to express its most grateful appreciation of the splendid service rendered by our pastor, H. N. Aldrich.

"We wish to express our appreciation for his true and loyal interest shown in all departments of the church, for his spiritual leadership, for his splendid work among the young people, for his leadership in the choir and music of the church and for his work in directing the many improvements to the church property.

"We wish to express our appreciation for the broad interest taken in all uplift work in the community; for his untiring efforts among the sick and afflicted.

"We wish to express our appreciation to our pastor's wife, Mrs. H. N. Aldrich, for her cooperation and interest shown in the Sunday school, Epworth league and church work in general."

Worthy Grand Matron Will Visit.

Mrs. Dora B. Schilke, of La Grande, worthy grand matron of the order of Eastern Star, will visit Cottage Grove lodge Tuesday, September 12. There will be meetings both afternoon and evening and the grand matron has particularly requested that all members be present at the afternoon meeting.

Ray Brings Back Bride.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Ray have returned to Eugene from Indiana, where they were married about the middle of August. The bride is a former college mate of Mr. Ray. He met her while attending the Indiana law school.

Will Be Booster Still.

The C. P. Walker family left Saturday for their new home at Ashland. Although of necessity a resident of southern Oregon, Mr. Walker will remain a booster for Cottage Grove.

A contract for the improvement of Second street has been let by the city council to Beidler brothers. The contractors will commence the work within a short time.

Sale of Lurch Business Marks Epoch in Cottage Grove History

It might almost be said that an epoch in the history of Cottage Grove was completed when Ben Lurch disposed of his general merchandise business last week to B. Weinstein, of Portland.

Mr. Lurch started in business in 1885 in the same building which he occupied at the time of selling out. Three additions had been built during that time, however. Mr. Lurch had been a resident here before that time and his residence, which is a part of his present residence, was one of the very first buildings erected on the east side of the city, now the business section of the city.

Mr. Lurch remembers when the first sidewalk was built here in front of a church and lodge room erected where Brand & company's store now stands. In those days Main avenue was a mud trail with a fence on either side.

Mr. Lurch has killed wild ducks within a few feet of where the First National bank now stands.

In those old days the store was the social center of the city and the men would sit around the stove until ten o'clock at night settling great problems of state and filling the sawdust with tobacco juice. Mr. Lurch furnished the stove and the light for these social events, but, he says, I had no other place to go, either, so I had to burn the wood and light anyway.

Mineral Sold During 1915.

The mineral production for Lane county for 1915 is shown in a report by Chas. G. Yale, of the United States geological survey. The report shows that during the year there was sold gold of the value of \$9716 and silver, copper and lead of the value of \$10,099. The production of the entire state during 1915 was about half that of 1914.

CLAIM LOW PRICED PAVEMENT GOOD

Judge and Commissioner Make Inspection of Surface Being Given Roads of Clackamas County.

A pavement that is claimed to be as good as any ever laid and at a cost of from 40 to 50 cents a square yard, was inspected by Judge H. L. Bown and County Commissioner M. H. Harlow in Clackamas county Saturday.

A stretch of road north of Oregon City is being paved by Clackamas county, and the Lane county officials inspected it as it was being laid. The county owns its own plant and the work is done under the supervision of an experienced man who came to Oregon from Victoria, B. C., where he had charge of a paving job for the government.

The pavement being laid in Clackamas is not patented and anyone having the formula may lay it. Commissioner Harlow said yesterday it is similar to Warrenite and is laid like that material. The gravel and asphalt are mixed in a big mixer and then spread on the road.

Judge Bown said that this pavement is claimed to be the best and most economical pavement in reach of the people. If laid on a macadam base it is said that it will last for many years without repairs. The man in charge of the work in Clackamas county told the judge that he had laid a similar pavement at Visalia, Calif., 22 years ago, and few if any repairs have ever been made upon it since.

If this pavement is laid on some of the roads in Lane county that have already been macadamized no further base would be necessary, as the macadam laid in Lane county is very solid and substantial. It is said that the price at which this new paving is laid—40 or 50 cents a square yard—is about as cheap as macadam can be laid and that this new paving is far more durable, requiring very little attention for years, whereas macadam needs repairing and resurfacing in cases of heavy traffic about every year.

Pullet Six Months Old Single Want Ad. Brings 35 Replies

Wm. Hands & Son have some White Leghorn pullets that are adding to the reputation of Cottage Grove as the Petaluma of Oregon. All of them started laying at between four and five months of age. One bird in particular started laying at the age of 4 months and 20 days and at 6 months of age had laid 38 eggs. Trap nests are used, so that an accurate record is kept.

The ancestors of these pullets for 10 years back have been trap-nested, so that a strong laying strain has been developed.

Broccoli Buyer Coming.

A representative of a Chicago commission house that handles the broccoli product of the Umpqua valley, is expected to visit Cottage Grove within a short time to meet prospective growers here.

David Sterling has received encouraging word from a letter of his written a Chicago commission house asking about the possible sale of broccoli in Lane county here go into the business.

TAX STATEMENT ADDS PENALTIES AND INTEREST

Total Claim Against Government Is Brought to \$276,760.68.

Accompanied by a sheriff's statement showing taxes, interest and penalties due Lane county totaling \$276,760.68, the detailed statements of taxes due on Oregon & California grant lands was taken to Salem Friday by County Judge H. L. Bown, who hoped thus to present the Lane county claim the first of the eighteen that are to be sent in by the counties having grant lands.

Sheriff Parker computed interest and penalties on the delinquent taxes as follows:

Tax for 1913, \$80,231; penalty, \$8,023.10; interest, \$16,848.51.

Tax for 1914, \$72,925.67; penalty, \$7,292.57; interest, \$6,563.31.

Taxes for 1915, \$84,036.16; penalty, none; interest, \$840.36.

Total penalties, \$15,315.67; total interest, \$24,252.18; total interest and penalties, \$39,567.85.

There has been no official statement as to whether or not the claims for interest and penalties will be allowed in the payment of these delinquent taxes, but ex-Governor West, when in Eugene ten days ago, said he had made a report in regard to this point in his communications to Washington. He declined, however, to state what his recommendation had been.

The interest is computed from the date of delinquency of each year's taxes to June 9, 1916, the date on which title to the land was reverted in the federal government.

GIVES REASON FOR HESITANCY

Farmer Inquires as to What Happened to Money Contributed for Cooperative Store Some Years Ago.

Dorena, Ore., Sept. 4.—(To the Editor).—Another thing that might be wrong with the canneries and cooperation in Cottage Grove.

I do not remember the time exactly, but four or five years ago, not far from the time the farmers were given that dinner in town, a movement was started for a cooperative store, a lot was bargained for and money was collected in various ways to pay for it. Different ones were appointed to go among their neighbors and solicit the money with which to complete payment for the lot. To a certain extent the solicitors for the funds were successful. The writer himself turned in some which he solicited from his neighbors.

Did we get the store? Have we got that lot? I wish someone would let me know for I honestly do not know how the matter wound up. There are probably some others like myself who are wondering what happened to their great big old iron dollars.

All this may have nothing to do with the farmers not supporting the canneries, but it may show why farmers hesitate in putting money into anything, although I cannot agree with my friend, Mr. Cannery Booster, when he says, "They want to see it run but want someone else to put up the money." There certainly is something wrong with the community along this line and nothing of value will ever be accomplished until there is a little change made in some ways.

COOPERATIVE BOOSTER.

Buys Milk Business.

F. R. Van Nortwick, of the Pleasant View dairy, has purchased the S. C. Callison milk business and live stock. In order to care for the additional live stock Mr. Van Nortwick has purchased the Oscar Anderson farm adjoining his former place.

Single Want Ad. Brings 35 Replies

What Sentinel want ads. will do is told by Mrs. Fanny Harris. Some time ago she offered a tent for sale. The next day she had an application and could have sold the tent had it been the right size. The second day three called for the tent and on the third day Mrs. Harris sold it for cash for the price she asked. Folks did not quit answering the ad, however, just because the tent had been sold. In all there were 35 who called in answer to the ad.

If a Sentinel want ad. won't sell it, throw it away. may10tf

Health Officer After City Council.

City Health Officer Oglesby has during the past week served upon Mayor Chambers and members of the city council notice that something must be done at once to do away with the standing water, following a rain, on the south side of Main avenue between Sixth and Seventh streets.

A Sentinel want ad. will sell it.

Can Not Keep Vines From Producing Fruit

MOST any time is the season for most anything in the Cottage Grove country. Strawberries are supposed to be the first berry to ripen in the spring and are supposed to have long ago ceased to produce for this year. Nevertheless, Mrs. Wm. H. Lacky brought into the city Monday samples of strawberries that are just as tempting as any grown at the height of the season.

RAILROAD BLAMED FOR LACK OF PROGRESS

Public Service Commission Says Lack of Freight Facilities Keeps Money Out.

It Is Stated That Condition Which Is Allowed to Prevail on Oregon Lines Does Not Prevail Anywhere Else.

Salem, Aug. 31.—With a shortage yesterday of more than 1000 cars on the Portland division of the Southern Pacific and appeals coming in constantly from shippers, the public service commission has again addressed a severe letter to the railroad. The commission says that the development of the state is being hindered by a lack of proper transportation facilities, and that it is impossible to expect outside capital to be invested when the transportation needs of the present population are not being met.

Following is the letter, which is written to J. H. Dyer, assistant general manager at Portland:

"We sincerely deplore the inability of your company to furnish much needed transportation facilities to handle the products of the state. As we have previously said, the situation is daily growing more serious and during the entire year just past we have repeatedly urged upon your company the necessity of securing additional equipment.

"If our analysis of the situation is correct, the Southern Pacific company has fewer freight cars per mile of operated lines than any other rail transportation company reaching the Pacific coast. This matter was called to the particular attention of the chief officers of your company and we strongly urged upon them the necessity of purchasing additional equipment to take care of the additional business which would be offered this year.

"Our advice was given but scant attention and apparently no effort was made to purchase new cars until January of this year. Delivery is just now being made and is having but little appreciable effect upon the car shortage situation.

"We felt at the time of the interview with your people at San Francisco that we were correct in our estimate of the need for additional equipment, and events since that time have proven our contentions. There has been little or no surplusage of cars upon your system for the past two years.

"We believe that the Southern Pacific company is justly blameable for its failure and neglect to furnish adequate transportation facilities in view of the fact that this situation has been common to your company for the past two years, and particularly has been a subject of much correspondence and numerous interviews between your company and this commission for the past year.

"The sole reliance of the shippers of western Oregon is upon the Southern Pacific company and for some reason, to this commission unknown, you have utterly failed and refused to protect the shippers who must look to you to transport their products, or who must face failure and bankruptcy because of your neglect to properly perform the duty which you owe to the shipping public.

"There is, and there can be, no question but that at the present time Oregon is not to the front in development and we cannot at the present time offer sufficient inducement for capital to enter the state and develop our industries. The transportation facilities now offered are inadequate to do the business now presenting itself and there is little use on our part to urge further development unless we have assurance from the transportation companies that new industries will be fostered and their products promptly marketed. Nor can we ask the farmer or business man now located outside of Oregon to invest his money and locate in our state without being able to assure him that at all times his products will be handled promptly and with that degree of economy which is consistent with the character of the transportation which he requires."

Twelve-inch water motor for sale. The Sentinel. meh29tf

PROBABLE DOLLAR DAY DATE IS SEPT. 23

Merchants Will Offer Bargains That Will Draw Customers From Far and Near.

While the date has been set only tentatively, it is probable that Cottage Grove's second Dollar Day will be held Saturday, September 23. A meeting of the merchants of the city will probably be held this week, at which time the date will be set definitely. The merchants are figuring on combinations of bargains that will make the event a red letter day in the history of real bargains. The announcements of the merchants will probably appear in the next issue of The Sentinel.

Cottage Grove Man Scalded.

Walter Downes, of this city, who was working at Cochrane, Ore., was scalded about the face, neck and hands a few days ago when a donkey engine which he was operating became unruly and toppled over on him. He is at a hospital in Portland and it is thought his burns are not serious. He is 25 years of age.

Rain Hurts Nothing, Does Some Good.

The rain last week, while heavy, was not of long enough duration to injure fruit and hops and was heavy enough to do a great deal of good for all grain, hay and root crops.

SAWMILL WAGES IN THE COUNTY ARE BETTER

Reports to State Department Show an Increase of Seven Per Cent.

Salem, Aug. 31.—An average increase in wages of seven per cent over 1915 is shown in the 1916 reports of Lane county sawmills filed with Labor Commissioner Hoff. The average daily wages this year was \$2.06 for skilled workmen and \$2.23 for unskilled.

Males in the offices received an average salary of \$3.70 and females \$1.71 daily. The average daily wage of loggers in the woods was \$2.39. The fire loss was small so far, only \$100 damage being reported.

Honolulu People Visit Here.

Among the guests at Hotel Oregon Saturday night and Sunday was a company of prominent Honolulu people, including M. S. Hammond and wife, E. H. Lewis and C. E. Davis, the latter being proprietor of a prominent hotel and garage in Honolulu. They were on their return trip to San Francisco by auto from a visit to Portland and the sound cities, and were enjoying their visit to the states immensely.

Chickens Pay Month's Profit of \$41

How much profit may be made in chickens where the owner of the biddies raises his own feed is indicated by what J. F. Spray did with his chickens during the month of August. Paying for his feed the same price as anyone would who came to his store for it, his bill for the month was \$30. Eggs sold during August brought \$71, leaving an apparent net profit of \$41 on the hens.

Pleased With Mining Properties.

Eugene Register: C. T. Wyman and wife, of Boston, Mass., stockholders in the Vesuvius Mines company, have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Hard, in Eugene, for several days. Mr. Hard took them in a car to the Vesuvius mines in the Bohemia district during the week. Mr. Wyman says he is delighted with the country, with the trip to the mines and with the good roads. He also expressed himself as being more than pleased at the prospects at the mine. They left Saturday for home.

Kill Your Canada Thistles.

Creswell Chronicle: Property owners and renters should guard against the spread of the Canada thistle. The state law says that anyone allowing this pest to grow until the bloom falls will be subject to a fine of from \$50 to \$150. Road Supervisor Robinson states that there are several patches of the thistle in this community and great care should be taken against the spreading of the same.

The Canada thistle grows from the root and seed. The common bull thistle dies after a certain time. In experimenting with the extermination of the Canada thistle it has been found that gasoline poured on the roots will kill it out. It is practically useless to cut the thistle down as it immediately grows up again. When the bloom falls there is an unlimited amount of seed which takes root and grows with great rapidity. Too much care cannot be exercised against the spreading of this pest and it is to the interest of every property owner and renter to do their utmost to kill it out.