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Teacher Has School but Has No Pupils

When Miss Sadie Cox Returns After an Illness She Finds She Has No Children to Teach

MISS Sadie Cox, of this city, has a contract to teach a six months' term of school in district No. 180, but has no pupils to teach. The question is, will she be able to collect her salary from the district?

At the beginning of the term of school, after she had taught two or three days, Miss Cox became ill and was compelled to go home. Several of the pupils also became ill and one of them died. When Miss Cox recovered sufficiently to go back to work, she found that all of the pupils in the grades had moved out of the district and not a single one was present when she called classes. There is one pupil, however, remaining in the district, in the ninth grade, but as Miss Cox is not under contract to teach the work of that grade, this pupil, a boy, will have to go without schooling for a while and the teacher will be without pupils.

Miss Cox was in Eugene Saturday consulting with E. J. Moore, county superintendent, in regard to the situation.

SCHOONERMOBILE TAKES PLACE OF OLD WAGON

Ezra Meeker, Pioneer Trail Blazer, Is Making Return Trip to Washington

Ezra Meeker, the white-haired pioneer who was through Cottage Grove two years ago with his "prairie schooner," drawn by a single ox of huge proportions, passed through the city again Friday forenoon, but this time in his "schoonermobile" as he styles it. His old looking craft consists of a Pathfinder twin-six 80 horsepower chassis and an exact duplicate of the body of the old-time "prairie schooner," said to be the same one in which he traveled when through here before. It is equipped with a stove and camping outfit for use in ease of necessity.

Mr. Meeker is making the trip from Washington, D. C., to the northwest and return by the way of southern California in the interests of the proposed national highway from Washington to Pacific coast points. The road would be used as a military highway for transportation of troops by automobiles in case of necessity. Mr. Meeker states that the proposition will come before the senate during December and will probably reach the house of representatives by January. He has appeared before congress at various times to urge the creation of the road, which would be one of easy grades and of the best construction.

Mr. Meeker is an ardent supporter of Charles Evans Hughes for president and distributes Hughes buttons along the way.

Mr. Meeker is still strong of voice and in the best of health and spirits. Asked if he had been sick during the present trip, he drew himself up, and with his eyes dancing and his voice as strong as a man of 30, said:

"Sick? I haven't been sick for 16 years."

He is 86 years old. He was dressed in a plain gray suit, which showed the effects of travel on the open road. He wore a light colored soft shirt and an old slouch hat. He is accompanied by a chauffeur.

Mr. Meeker at one time owned thousands of acres of hops near Tacoma, Wash., and was until a number of years ago reputed to be a millionaire, but through a series of reverses lost most of his property.

Mr. Meeker at present makes his home with a daughter in Seattle, his wife having died a few years ago. He has made the transcontinental journey three times by ox team and once by "schoonermobile." He left Washington in May and is taking his time on the journey. His machine is covered with thousands of signatures, hotel cards and advertisements. There is not an inch of space on the entire exterior that remains untouched.

Ray Van Valin Dies at Dorena.
Dorena, Ore., Oct. 24.—(Special to The Sentinel.)—Ray Van Valin, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Van Valin, died here October 20 at the age of 11 years. Although he had not been well for a year, he had been seriously ill but a few days. The funeral services, conducted by Rev. D. A. MacLeod, were held in the Dorena church Sunday, the body being interred in the I. O. O. F. and A. F. and A. M. cemetery at Cottage Grove.

Besides the parents, surviving relatives are a sister, Eunice, and a brother, Earl.

TARIFF CAN NEVER BE TAKEN OUT OF POLITICS

Congressman Hawley Presents Issues of Campaign in Able, Interesting Address

Attack Upon Defenseless Vera Cruz, Whose Citizens Had Harmed Us Not, Was Either an Act of War or Was Murder.

Without an offensive display of partisanship and in a common sense manner that drove every point home, Congressman Hawley addressed an audience of probably 500 people Saturday afternoon. The streets near the car containing the speaker were jammed. A number of cars were filled with women wearing badges bearing the legend, "Hughes and Fairbanks; American, American and American Labor First." By homely illustrations that brought the matter home to everybody's pocketbook, the speaker went into the tariff question and showed the reasons why millions were thrown out of employment during the first year of the free trade tariff and quoted the words of Woodrow Wilson, as an historian, to the effect that prosperity could come about only through a protective tariff. He ridiculed the claim of the democrats that the tariff has been taken out of politics by the tariff commission and said that the question of free trade or a protective tariff would never be taken out of politics, because a tariff commission could not regulate the question of free trade or protection, that being a question left to the judgment of the people and a vote of congress. "If the tariff commission takes the tariff out of politics," the speaker asked, "why did the democrats bring the tariff into politics four years ago when there was already a tariff commission created by the republicans?" At that time they ridiculed the idea of a tariff commission taking the tariff out of politics.

The speaker showed how under a protective tariff a republican administration had paid 400 millions for the Panama canal and still had 150 millions left over as a nest-egg for the democrats. An appeal for the protective tariff was made to the women who have petitioned congress for better working conditions and it was shown that congress could pass any number of laws but could not better working conditions so long as our labor must reduce itself to the level of foreign labor because a free trade tariff forced that labor into competition with the lowest classes of foreign labor. "I am not willing to see American labor Japanned," the speaker declared.

The effect of the tariff upon the lumber mills of Oregon was gone into in detail. The statement by democratic newspapers that Oregon has not been hurt because of the shipments of lumber into Oregon have not increased, was ridiculed by the facts presented, showing that lumber produced by cheap Hindoo and Chinese labor in Canada has come into the United States, supplied the markets of the middle west formerly supplied by Oregon mills and taken millions of dollars out of the pockets of Oregon labor.

Mr. Hawley referred to the empty store buildings in Eugene owned by democrats in which pictures of the president had been placed to show why they were empty.

He went into detail in explaining that 75 per cent of the population of the warring nations is still free to work in factories and that billions of dollars' worth of manufactured goods are being piled up to flood this country at the end of the war. "Under a free trade tariff," the speaker declared, "the American workingman is going to be robbed of 450 million dollars a year under a free trade tariff."

"Four years ago you heard a great deal about how the republicans had been wasting the substance of the people," Congressman Hawley said. "Do you hear any democrats saying anything this year about extravagant expenditures of the people? Do you hear them making any claims that they have saved the substance of the people? Allowing for the natural increased expenditures of a growing nation, deducting the millions spent for preparedness, and deducting a few extra millions for good measure, the democratic administration has expended 250 millions more than any other congress in the history of the nation. The promised abolition of offices has not taken place, except to get a republican out, and 34,000 offices, most of them useless, have been created at an expense to the American people of 44 million dollars a year. No wonder the democrats are saying nothing about wasting the substance of the people. The treasury is empty and the democrats do not know where they are going to get the money to pay the bills they have created.

Among the many broken promises of the democratic administration, the speaker referred to the free tolls plank which was broken to please England, resulting in great benefit to the trans-

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COUNTY SCHOOL FUND IS BEING APPORTIONED

Reduction of Land Values May Discommode Many Districts.

Checks for the full apportionment of county school money to the various districts of the county are being sent out by County School Superintendent E. J. Moore to each of the district clerks of the county. This apportionment is on the basis of \$100 for each district, plus \$1.00 for each person of school age according to the last enumeration.

In a letter accompanying the remittance, Mr. Moore states that there remain some funds to be apportioned by the bookkeepers of the tax collector's office, and if there is sufficient additional money collected on the taxes, especially if the delinquent O. & C. grant land taxes are paid by the government, there will be another apportionment shortly after the first of the year.

Superintendent Moore also calls attention to the fact that the assessor has reduced land assessments by 20 per cent throughout the county, and it will be possible, if the districts desire, to levy a higher tax than originally levied. Cottage Grove has been seriously affected by the reduction of the tax levy, which is now about a mill too low on account of the reduction in valuation.

BRIGHT SUNSHINE 45 DAYS IS RECORD

If the weather continues sunshiny today this will make the forty-fifth day without rain in one of the most pleasant falls the Cottage Grove country has experienced. While the nights have been chilly and the thermometer has several times been below freezing, the days have been warm and business houses have had their doors wide open every day all day long.

Farmers report that the ground is so dry they can't plow and travelers say that the roads are in an unusually dusty condition.

RAISING OF SORGHUM TO BE NEW INDUSTRY HERE

Another industry for the Cottage Grove country may be the production of sorghum. M. C. Robbins experimented this year with a few hills of sugar cane and pressed out enough juice to make a gallon of the syrup. He is of the belief that sugar cane can be successfully grown. To get the best results the sorghum must be made before the coming of frost and many have feared the cane would not mature early enough.

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F. LOCKLEY BOOSTS FOR NORMAL

Visits Cottage Grove in the Interest of Proposed Eastern Oregon State Institution.

Fred Lockley, special writer for the Oregon Journal, is spending a day or two in Cottage Grove in the interest of the proposed Eastern Oregon State Normal school at Pendleton. In speaking of the proposed school, Mr. Lockley said:

"The cost to the taxpayer of the Eastern Oregon normal school will be one 25th of a mill a year, or four cents on each thousand dollars of taxable property, and it is certainly worth this small sum to have our children taught by trained and experienced teachers. Most of the schools of the state are located in the Willamette valley. This is easy to understand since the Willamette valley was settled for several generations before the pioneers began drifting across the Cascade and settling in eastern Oregon. It is time the children of the pioneers of eastern Oregon were given the advantages of education and not be compelled to go to other states to secure their training as teachers. The Monmouth normal is already so crowded that it cannot give adequate instruction to more pupils. In the recent report of the board of regents of the normal school they attracted attention to the fact that Oregon had but one normal school and was badly in need of additional normal equipment and facilities. The attendance at the Monmouth normal has increased from 130 in 1911 to 827 in 1916.

"Practically every teacher and educator in the state is working for the establishment of the Eastern Oregon Normal school.

"J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, voices the sentiment of the educators of the state when he says: 'Oregon's greatest need for its rural schools is the teacher who has had full preparation to do her work. Such a preparation can best come through normal school training. I trust that the voters of the state will assist in raising the standard of our schools by establishing a state normal school at Pendleton. The location is central, the interest of the people of Pendleton in education is most excellent, and the large number of pupils in the public schools will give ample opportunity to all students to get the amount of teaching practice required in a normal school.'

SEVERAL FROM HERE SEND EXHIBITS TO CORN SHOW

Object Is to Encourage Production in Lane County.

Quite a number from the Cottage Grove country entered the corn show conducted at Eugene this week by the Bank of Commerce. The object of the exhibition is to encourage the growing of corn in Lane county and to demonstrate that corn is a practical crop despite repeated assertions to the contrary. A list of prizes will be awarded.

Those from this vicinity who have exhibits are as follows:

W. J. Messenger, Row River—Two five-car exhibits; one best single ear; one best shelling ear.

C. H. Haight, Saginaw—One five-car exhibit; one best single ear.

Elsie M. Haight, Saginaw—One five-car exhibit.

Fred Wright, Walker—One five-car exhibit; one best single ear.

T. W. DeLong, Cottage Grove—Two five-car exhibits; one best single ear; one best shelling ear.

Earl Stewart, Cottage Grove—Two five-car exhibits; one best single ear; one best shelling ear.

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

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U. S. SENATOR LANE HERE MONDAY

United States Senator Harry Lane will be the speaker at a big democratic rally to be held in the armory here on the evening of Monday, October 30. This will be the only rally the democrats have held here during the campaign. Senator Lane is advertised to speak upon the tariff, rural credits, the Adamson law, and other issues of the campaign.

Legal blanks, 35c per dozen; 20c per half dozen, or 5c each. The Sentinel.

DEMOCRAT ALL HIS LIFE, FOR HUGHES THIS TIME

That there are going to be many peculiar political alignments this year is evidenced every day and many are going to vote tickets they have never in their lives voted before. An old soldier, a North Carolina democrat, a resident of Cottage Grove, who has never in his life voted any but the democratic ticket, announced a few days ago that he was going to vote for Hughes. His democratic friends were astounded and wished to know the reason. "I can't stand this warring of the disrag any longer," was his explanation.

NATION WIDE STRAW VOTE TAKEN

Modern Pharmacy, of This City, Is One of 8000 Stores of the Country Participating.

The Modern Pharmacy, of this city, is participating in taking the most comprehensive straw vote ever taken. All of the 8000 Rexall stores of the country are doing likewise and it is expected that before election day over 2,000,000 of the voters will have expressed their choice in this manner.

Returns are mailed daily to the headquarters at Boston and a daily bulletin will be issued. The scope of this vote is such that it will indicate with comparative accuracy what the actual vote will be on November 7.

The vote taken here yesterday stood 16 for Hughes and 12 for Wilson. Four others had not decided on their presidential preference. The Sentinel will publish the result each week.

SUPERVISORS WILL NOT BE ELECTED THIS YEAR

County Court Will Follow the Law and Appoint Road Men.

Lane county road supervisors will not be elected by the voters in the several districts this year as was done last year, but instead the court will appoint each supervisor.

This decision has just been reached by members of the county court. Judge Brown said the reason for this action is that there is no law providing for such an election, that the court has found that such a system has raised a contention as to eligibility of the voters and in the past has caused a great deal of strife.

COTTAGE GROVE IS EASY VICTOR AT JUNCTION CITY

Lebanon High Team Will Be Here Friday of This Week.

Cottage Grove was a 20 to 0 victor in the football game at Junction City Friday. The game was slow and the local gridiron artists did not have to let themselves out much.

Lebanon will be here Friday afternoon of this week and Coach Jewett and Assistant Earl are giving the boys a hard training preparatory to capturing another scalp.

CANNERY OUTLOOK WAS NEVER BETTER

Opportunity Is Now Here for Successful Operation of Local Institution

Drain Upon Our Food Supply Has Cleaned Up All Surplus and Created Demand for New Crop.

That prospects for the profitable operation of canneries are brighter than ever in the history of the Willamette valley, is indicated by a letter received by Manager Bales, of the local cannery. The unusual demands made by Europe upon our food supply has wiped out all the surplus and there will be an immediate demand for this year's product. The letter in full is as follows:

Portland, Ore., Oct. 12, 1916.—Cottage Grove Cannery, Cottage Grove, Ore.—Dear Sirs: For your benefit we would say that there is no question but what the next five years are going to be the best that the canner has ever seen, and, providing you are interested, we are open for 1917 and would ask you to quote us at an early date as our brokers in different parts of the country are calling for future prices.

The principal trouble with your cannery, as the writer sees it, is that you have been up against high rate to Portland, which has absorbed all your profits. We are in a position at this time to make up cars from your town for eastern shipments, which would be f. o. b. the factory. This will enable you to make a profit, which you would not otherwise make, and if you are able to get your people together for a 1917 pack you will make no mistake.

The market is practically bare on all fruits and vegetables. There are no beans, no berries, pears or cherries in the canners' or brokers' hands today. We have been shipping beans to Chicago, No. 10 size, for \$3.75 a dozen f. o. b. the factory without label allowance. We understand the market at this date is \$4.75 for No. 10 cut beans. The crops between the Atlantic and the Pacific on fruits and vegetables have not exceeded 50 per cent. Loganberries have been selling for \$3.75 No. 10 size water; blackberries at \$3.75 and \$4.00; pears at \$4.25, and so on.

We shall enter the 1917 pack and season with on holdovers whatsoever. Everybody will be clamoring for food stuff, therefore if it is in your power to start your cannery for next season we would advise you to do so.

KINNEY BROKERAGE CO.

Mail Full of Dimes.

Minneapolis, Oct. 23.—Thousands of letters, each containing 10 cents, are pouring into the Minneapolis postoffice daily from women in various parts of the country who have joined in an "endless chain" scheme promoted by the so-called National Brokerage Exchange. Federal agents are searching for officers of the "exchange," who are charged with using the mails to defraud. A room in a local business block, to which all the letters are addressed, was suddenly vacated three weeks ago, the authorities say.

To every woman who would send 10 cents in silver and write five friends to join in the chain, the "exchange" promised a "new 1917 model silk petticoat."

"The volume of mail for the 'exchange' is growing rapidly," said Postmaster E. A. Purdy, "and today we received 25,000 letters, enclosing 25,000 dimes. Thousands of the letters have been returned to the writers, but a large majority carry no return marks, and as a result the dead-letter office is becoming clogged. Other mail channels of the local office are choked daily by the influx of mail for the 'exchange.'"

Rifle Team Didn't Win Prize.

Lee Roy Woods and his rifle team returned last week from the annual shoot at Clackamas. As he had an entirely new team they did not win all the prizes, as has been usual for years. In fact they didn't shoot well enough to win any prizes in class A and didn't shoot poor enough to land in class B. The official averages have not yet been received.

War Munitions Pay More Than Lumber.

R. Stanley Dollar and J. Harold Dollar, sons of Captain Robert Dollar, the millionaire shipper and lumberman, were in the city yesterday from San Francisco, on their way to Coos Bay and Bandon. They own a sawmill at Bandon, but it is not in operation at the present time.

"Freight rates are too high now to bother with hauling lumber," said Mr. Dollar. "Our ships are making much more money in other lines of business."

Another Teacher Elected.

An additional teacher has been found necessary in the Cottage Grove schools and Mrs. L. C. Beebe, who recently moved from here to Eugene, has been employed. She will teach English and physical geography.

One Potato Seed for Thirty four Pounds

Monster Tuber Which Makes Sets for Remarkable Yield Was One Returned by Neighbor Borrower

THIRTY-FOUR pounds of tubers from the seed of one potato, is the record reported by Mrs. Thomas Richardson. The potato from which this wonderful yield was made was one returned with some others in place of some that had been borrowed. On account of the unusual size of this potato, Mrs. Richardson decided to use it for seed. There were 22 sets which were placed in nine hills. Although many of the potatoes making up the 34 pounds are of good size, none are as large as the parent potato.

PEACE CONTINUES TO RAGE IN MEXICO

Stewart Gets Letter Which Tells of Normal Conditions and of Attack by Villistas

Arthur J. Stewart, of this city, owner of Mexican mining property near Teacatlan, Jalisco, has received a copy of the order issued by Carranza, to the effect that work must be resumed on all mining property before December 17 or the property will be confiscated. The order does not explain what will be considered as work and Mr. Stewart has written for details. He is of the opinion that 90 per cent of the mining property will be confiscated.

Mr. Stewart has also recently received a letter from a friend of his, who is in charge of military forces in the district where Mr. Stewart's property is located. He says that if "your grand nation" will prevent ammunition from reaching Villa he believes there will be no more trouble and says the country is already at peace. Indicating what is considered peace in that country, the same letter contains an account of an attack upon the town where this officer is stationed in which he barely escaped death and houses and stores were burned and robbed by Villistas. The letter, as translated, is as follows:

Teacatlan, Jalisco, Mexico, Sept. 26, 1916.—Mr. Arthur J. Stewart, Cottage Grove, Ore.—Dear Sir and Good Friend Whom I Esteem: I have thought of writing to you for several days and today I do so to relate the following:

Since I have been a Carranzista, and I have never been anything else, I never felt fear until the tenth day of August just past. Imagine it yourself. At 11 o'clock at night the Villistas came into town. Our officer of the day was drunk and likewise the garrison, and when we least expected we were in a mess. I, who am accustomed to sleep during the early hours of the night, awoke more asleep than otherwise and attempted to establish order. I was well awakened by a shot that missed me, fired close enough to burn my clothing, accompanied by the shout of "Viva Villa." My house was surrounded at this time but Antonio Larios and his sons fired with such accuracy that the Villistas were forced to retire for a short time. I took advantage of this to get my family out. It was impossible to reorganize the garrison and the town was left at the mercy of the vandals for an hour or so during which time they robbed and set fire to buildings. Some houses burned and others did not. During this time I started for Tuxpan to obtain help not thinking that the Villistas had guards on the roads out of town. When I expected it ten men fired a volley at me. My luck was so good that I escaped unharmed after they had fired five volleys at me.

According to the conditions in this section of the country it seems that peace is already here. The barbarian, El Chivo (the goat), was decapitated at the Narango ranch by a body of police that I formed at that place. The chiefs that led the men who assaulted this town were all killed by the rancheros of the Malacate ranch who have shown themselves to be brave men.

I think that if the grand people of North America, of which you are a worthy son, will not in future permit help, in the shape of ammunition, to reach Villa and his men you can be sure that our country will be entirely at peace.

Public opinion is for my chief, Mr. Carranza.

I beg of you that you write me and tell me something of that grand nation. Good bye, dear friend.

CALIXTO MACIAS.

Straw Vote 8 to 1.

A straw vote was taken at the commercial club Monday night, resulting 8 to 1 for Hughes.