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COMMERCIAL CLUB AFTER FEDERAL ROAD MONEY

Would Have Assistance on Bohemia, Coast Fork, Lorane and Row River Roads

Commissioner Benson Promises to Come Here to View Present and Proposed Routes Between Cottage Grove and Walker.

M. H. Anderson, president of the commercial club, and A. B. Wood, who are a special road committee from the commercial club, are working on a comprehensive road campaign having for its object the securing of federal road money for use on the Bohemia road and post road money on the Coast Fork, Lorane and Row river roads.

This money cannot be secured for this year, due to the fact that the federal money is only match money and the road districts must first raise their half. In order to get the money for use next year application must be made this fall, as several months are required for the consideration of applications by those having charge of the disbursement of the federal money. A levy must be made this year for the county or road districts' shares of the money to be spent next year.

The road committee will endeavor to get voters of the road districts surrounding Cottage Grove to vote substantial road taxes and to get out tentative plans so that application may be made for the match money.

Mr. Anderson and Mr. Woods met with those having charge of the post road and forest road work, and the state highway commission. They learned that military authorities are of the opinion that a military highway along the coast would not be practical—that it must be removed some distance from the actual coast line. In Oregon there can be no such road except right on the coast or back in the Willamette valley, so that if a military road should at some time be designated it will, undoubtedly, be the Pacific highway.

The committee is also endeavoring to get the road between here and Walker definitely established. Considerable boasting has been done for the road through Delight valley, but this road has never met with favor before the county court. Mr. Benson, of the state highway commission, has promised to come here to look over the present route and the proposed new route.

Application for post road money must be made to the state highway commission. Application for forest road money must be made to the county court.

Girls' Hands Cut Off.

I. Sloss, a well known traveling salesman who visits this territory occasionally, saw two children, victims of the cruelty of German soldiers, in Klamath Falls a couple of weeks ago. They were girls aged 4 years, who were sent to this country for adoption. They are now living with a wealthy family at Klamath Falls.

The right hand of each girl was cut off at the wrist, in accordance with the edict of the German commander of the town in which they lived to thus mutilate all boys and girls there so they could not discharge firearms.

"When my wife and I looked at those two poor mutilated girls," said Mr. Sloss, "we wondered how long the rest of the world is going to permit such inhuman barbarity. An awful day of reckoning is surely coming for the Germans."

O. P. & E. Repairing Bridges.

Joe Damewood and a crew of men are at work repairing and rebuilding bridges for the Oregon Pacific & Eastern railway. The Curtin bridge will be rebuilt and the Laying creek and Walden creek bridges will be repaired.

FOUR ENGINEERS ARE TO LOCATE CROSSING

Four engineers, representing respectively the county court, the state utility commission, the state highway commission and the Southern Pacific railway, will have the job of deciding on the location of the crossing at Divide, subject to the final mandate of the public utilities commission.

This was decided upon following the visit of Frank J. Miller, public service commissioner, and the representatives of the railroad and members of the county court last week.

This crossing will take the new road, now being built, either under or over the Southern Pacific tracks, and will eliminate the present dangerous crossing where a car was struck last year.

CAR TURNS OVER TWICE; TWO ARE SLIGHTLY HURT

Leo Lammers and Bill Bartels were in a serious automobile accident last week, in which they narrowly escaped fatal injuries. They were on their way to Eugene. When passing the Frank Sly place, where a fatal accident occurred two years ago, a tire blew out, the machine swerved and turned over twice, throwing Mr. Lammers quite a distance and pinning Mr. Bartels under the car. Mr. Sly, who was in his yard, saw the accident and went to the assistance of the injured men. With the assistance of other motorists, who happened along, the machine was lifted off of Bartels, who did not regain consciousness for some time. Lammers was dazed for awhile. Both men sustained only minor injuries but the machine was badly damaged. The tire was a new one.

OLDEST LIVING CHILD BORN HERE IS MARRIED

When Frank Boone Shortridge and Miss Tula E. DeWald, both of this city, were married at Eugene Saturday, there ended for Mr. Shortridge 61 years of watchful waiting for the girl who just suited, although he is not a watchful waiter in any other way, and will not allow his marriage to interfere with duty to country should his services be needed.

Mr. Shortridge is the oldest living white child born in Cottage Grove and a son of those well known pioneers, "Aunt" Amelia Shortridge and the late James H. Shortridge. He was a well known athlete and sprinter during his younger years and would still pass for 20 years less than his actual age. The bride is 45 years of age and a native of Tennessee, although she has lived here a number of years. She is a daughter of the late W. V. DeWald.

The wedding was quietly solemnized at the Hotel Osburn, Rev. H. W. Davis, of the Baptist church, officiating, and Mr. and Mrs. Osburn being the only other witnesses.

Another Liberty Loan Coming. New York, Aug. 8.—Preparations for the floating of the second Liberty loan to the public some time early in the fall were begun here today by the general loan committee of the second federal reserve district.

Although the date the second loan will be offered to the public and the rate of interest it will bear have not been definitely decided upon, it was said, it would be about September 15 and not October 15 as at first reported.

WOULD SAVE FOOD NOW COMPLETE WASTE

Cannery Will Pay Cash for Tons of Blackberries Usually Left to Dry on the Bushes

Orders for Produce Are Far in Excess of the Supply Which Will Be Sold Almost as Soon as It Is Put Into the Cans.

In order to encourage the saving of every bit of food this year, the cannery will pay cash for blackberries, and Manager Bales expects to pay out a lot of money to children who will take this method of earning pin money by cleaning up the fruit from the Evergreen bushes that are so plentiful as to be a nuisance. The money secured for the Evergreens will be clear "sell-out," as they grow without any cultivation whatever and upon waste land. Every year tons of these berries go to waste and it is probably conservative to say that school children could easily earn a thousand dollars from picking berries that otherwise would go to waste. The berries are beginning to ripen, and next week will probably see a pretty good run. The cannery accepts any kind of blackberries.

The plant is still running on beans and will continue to work them in along with the berries as long as the growers continue to bring them in. So far 10,000 dozen No. 2's have been canned and 800 of the No. 10's. The pack will not be large enough to take care of the orders accepted early in the season. Seventeen carloads could have been sold, while the pack will be only about two carloads. Nearly the whole year's pack will be sold by the time the season's run is completed, and the price received will be much higher than ever before obtained.

The cannery will accept orders from local merchants during the month, but after that time there probably will be nothing on hand to sell.

Vetch Crop Is Profitable.

Wm. Hawley, L. M. Tucker and S. C. Vetch motored to Linn county Sunday looking for hay. They were accompanied by E. L. Stockton, who has a farm there. Mr. Stockton had 12 acres of vetch from which he threshed 155 sacks of seed, worth about \$7.50 a sack.

A MEETING OF RED CROSS WORKERS WILL BE HELD AT THE SCHOOL HOUSE AT 2:00 O'CLOCK FRIDAY AFTERNOON. A LARGE ATTENDANCE IS REQUESTED AND A LARGE NUMBER OF NEW MEMBERS IS NEEDED. THE SOCIETY NEEDS YARN BUT HAS NO FUNDS WITH WHICH TO PURCHASE THE MATERIAL. THE ARTICLES TO BE MADE FROM THE YARN, IN ORDER TO REACH FRANCE FOR CHRISTMAS, MUST BE SHIPPED AT AN EARLY DATE, SO THAT NEW MEMBERS, WITH THEIR DOLLAR INITIATION FEES, ARE AN IMPERATIVE NECESSITY IF THE WORK IS TO BE CARRIED ON. MEN MAY DO THEIR PART BY PAYING THEIR INITIATION FEES. THE LEAST THOSE WHO CAN NOT GO TO FRANCE CAN DO IS TO HELP IN PROVIDING COMFORTS FOR THOSE WHO DO GO.

Once Wore Iron Cross but Is Now Patriotic Citizen of United States

George Stopples, Who Carries Wounds of Franco-German War, Gives Up Favor of Kaiser for American Girl's Love

Cottage Grove has among its patriotic American citizens one who once proudly wore the iron cross of Germany. He is George Stopples, and he was at one time in such favor with the imperial government that he held a position of about the same importance as sheriff in this country, except that the position there goes only to those who have performed valiant service for the fatherland and who are known to be of upright character, for their acts cannot be questioned except by the highest authorities.

The iron cross which Mr. Stopples wore entitled him to exemption from all taxes and exemption from subservience to any authority of the land except that of the kaiser himself. When Mr. Stop-

ples left his own country the iron cross was taken from him, but would have been returned had he returned within three years. The meeting of a girl with whom he fell in love destroyed his intentions to return to the land of his birth, and he has never been sorry of that.

Mr. Stopples served in the Franco-Prussian war and was in constant service for almost six years before receiving a scratch. He was then struck simultaneously by three bullets, the scars of which he yet bears. He is now 81 years of age and would, if called upon, try to perform the same service for his adopted country that he once performed for what he now calls his former country.

AGAIN ASK HIGHWAY TO GO BY WAY OF LONDON

Interested Residents Declare Proposed Route Is Much Better and the Grade Easier

Levi Geer, proprietor of the London springs resort, headed a delegation of citizens from that locality before the county court last week, urging the relocation of the Pacific highway so that it will run past London, past Black Butte, avoid the Pass creek canyon and other bad places in Douglas county, as suggested recently by the members of the state highway commission.

Mr. Geer showed figures to the effect that the road would go through a pass over the chain of mountains out that way at a much lower altitude than the present highway does, that the grade at no place would be greater than 9 per cent and that there would be only 5 miles of new construction to connect with the Douglas county road that would form a link of the highway.

Mr. Geer and the other members of the delegation will take the matter up with the state commission.

The residents of London and Sutherland have been working for several years to get this road adopted but have as yet met with little encouragement from the county court. There seems to be a difference of opinion as to whether or not a suitable pass can be obtained. The residents of London claim the pass is lower than the one now being used through Pass creek canyon, while County Engineer Libby claims such is not the case, although he has not as yet personally viewed the proposed new route.

The residents of London hope to get their proposed new route given consideration before the hard-surfacing of the present highway through the canyon.

Cabbage Insect Troublesome. From the number of requests for a remedy for the cabbage aphid that have been received by the county agricultural agent it is evident that the insect is doing considerable damage throughout the county.

The cabbage aphid is not always noticed when it attacks the plant in the early stages as it resembles the color of the inside of the cabbage leaf. Cabbage plants infected with the aphid have curled or rolled leaves. The aphid will be found inside the curls in large numbers. They cause the leaves to die on the plants.

The insect can be controlled by using any of the following sprays. Care should be used, however, to see that the inside of the leaves and the curl are thoroughly covered with the spray.

1.—Whale oil soap, 1 lb.; water 12 gallons.

2.—Kerosene, 2 gals.; water, 1 gal.; hard soap, 1 lb. Add the above to 8 1/2 gallons of water.

3.—Black leaf 40, 1 part; water, 1200 parts. Add 1 pound of whale oil soap to 20 gallons of this solution.

It is best to spray before the leaves curl. All parts of the leaves should come in contact with the spray to be effective.

Manock Van Nortwick.

The marriage of Miss Ethel May Van Nortwick, of this city, to Nathan Edwin Manock, of Sheridan, Ore., was quietly solemnized last evening at 8:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Van Nortwick, only a few relatives and intimate friends being present.

The wedding march was played by Miss Hazel Loucks, and the ceremony was performed by Rev. Howard McConnell, pastor of the Christian church at Dallas.

The bride wore white crepe de chine and carried a shower bouquet of sweet peas and roses.

A buffet luncheon was served. The newlyweds leave today for Sheridan, where Mr. Manock, who is employed by the E. W. Haas Drug company, has prepared a home for his bride.

The bride has been a resident of Dallas, where she was popular in the younger set, coming here a few months ago.

Teachers Are Elected.

Miss Lena Burcham, a Cottage Grove girl, who taught at Astoria for two years, has been elected to the grades of the Cottage Grove schools.

HOW TO DRY WITH A COOK STOVE TO BE DEMONSTRATED

College Expert Here Next Thursday to Give Instructions to C. G. Housewives

Women who are taking part in the food conservation campaign and thereby doing their part to provide food for our soldier boys and to help win the war, as well as to help keep down the price of food at home, will be interested in a canning and drying demonstration to be held at the high school next Thursday afternoon. Miss A. Grace Johnson, of the extension department of the Oregon Agricultural college, will be the demonstrator.

Women will be particularly interested in the demonstration of a home cook stove drier. Miss Johnson will show the methods of preparation of the different fruits and vegetables for the process and will also have the dried products on exhibition.

The exhibition will be entirely free and will be held at 2 p. m. Men, as well as women, are invited.

One way to make folks believe you are prosperous these days is to dress like a hayseed.

Statesmanship consists mostly in not letting folks know what a good-for-nothing plug you are.

State Blue Book Is Out.

The 1917-1918 Oregon Blue Book is just off the press. In addition to the matter contained in former editions of this publication, which has been corrected to date, there is a table showing the dates of the creation of the several counties of the state and the derivations of the county names, the Declaration of Independence, the federal constitution, the several acts relating to the admission of Oregon to statehood, a synopsis of the federal naturalization laws and a statement of the taxable property in the several counties for the year of 1916.

An interesting table showing the approximate registration by sexes under the several political parties is also included.

Copies will be promptly forwarded to all residents of the state upon request to the secretary of state.

THINGS WE THINK

Things Others Think and What We Think of the Things Others Think

Some men, if a girl should propose to them, would get so excited they wouldn't be able to say no.

Some folks pray, "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us," and then kick when they get what they asked for.

Probably the reason women do not have a reputation for being good mathematicians is because they forget figures so easily after 25.

Some folks are so shallow that we should imagine they would be able to rest their chins on their backbones.

The person who has a reputation for doing what he says he will, has considerable intangible collateral.

No one ever got a reputation for having a pure-looking face who wasn't just as good inside.

We have seen some men who might be termed bachelor girls.

It only takes a little while to get to the poor house if you travel fast enough.

Man and woman should not try to drive in double harness when they are meant to drive tandem.

After all it does not seem as if people outside of automobiles take as big chances as those inside.

About all some people do to keep in physical condition is to exercise their prerogatives.

Keep the cork in the whisky bottle—it's a life-preserver. How's that for a slogan for the prohibitionists?

Patronize those who advertise in The Sentinel.

PEDDLER IN EAST SELLS SOAP CONTAINING GERMS

"Grandma" Short Writes to Relatives Here of the Outrage.

Doubt that there is a well-organized propaganda in this country, supported by German money, to spread disease through the country, is dispelled by a letter received here from "Grandma" Rachel Short, of Sparta, Ill., who visited here a year ago. A peddler in that section of country was selling a soap which he recommended as a positive cure for all skin diseases. He sold a large amount of it, one purchaser being a neighbor of "Grandma" Short, who at the time was afflicted with a skin disease. She used the soap, but instead of healing, the eruptions became worse and spread over the entire body. A physician pronounced the malady leprosy, and leprosy germs were found in the soap. The peddler has been arrested and indignation runs high in that section of the country.

Another Grove Boy in the Army.

Elmer Spencer, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Spencer, of this city, enlisted at Portland last week in the quartermaster department. Mr. Spencer had been in Montana, where he was employed in the copper mines. He registered there and his was one of the first numbers drawn. By enlisting before called he was permitted to make his own selection of service. He has gone to Clackamas expecting to leave within a few days for Palo Alto.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer went to Portland last week to visit their son before his departure, being accompanied by their son Kenneth.

CROPS NOT AS BAD AS INDICATED BY REPORTS

Even in Oregon an Increase Is Apparent in Yield of Wheat and Hay

Throughout United States There Are Largest Increases in Principal Crops, Such as Wheat, Oats, Barley and Potatoes.

The crop report issued from Washington under date of August 8 is not as discouraging as might be expected. The table following shows that for the state of Oregon the estimated crop of spring wheat is even greater than for last year, there also being a slight increase in the total hay crop.

Over the entire United States there has been an increase in the spring wheat, oats, barley, and potato crops. The table is as follows:

	1917	1916
Winter wheat (bu):		
Oregon	8,400,000	13,340,000
U. S.	417,000,000	481,744,000
Spring wheat (bu):		
Oregon	3,920,000	6,210,000
U. S.	236,000,000	158,142,000
Oats (bu):		
Oregon	10,600,000	17,280,000
U. S.	1,460,000,000	1,251,992,000
Barley (bu):		
Oregon	4,910,000	5,290,000
U. S.	203,000,000	180,927,000
Potatoes (bu):		
Oregon	7,360,000	8,250,000
U. S.	467,000,000	285,437,000
Hay (tons):		
Oregon	2,050,000	2,175,000
U. S.	100,000,000	109,786,000
Apples (barrels):		
Oregon	1,110,000	1,285,000
U. S.	62,600,000	67,415,000

A comparison of the prices of August 1, 1917 with those of August 1, 1916 shows that, so far as the producer is concerned, the price increases of 1917 over those of 1916 will more than offset any crop shortages. They are as follows:

	1917	1916
Wheat	1.86	.90
Corn	1.52	.80
Oats	.68	.42
Potatoes	1.70	.80
Hay	13.40	10.20
Eggs	.33	.24
United States:		
Wheat	2.29	1.07
Corn	1.97	.70
Oats	.74	.40
Potatoes	1.08	.95
Hay	13.42	10.68
Cotton	.24	.13
Eggs	.30	.21

YOU OWE IT TO YOURSELF AND TO YOUR COUNTRY TO BECOME, IF POSSIBLE, AN ACTIVE WORKER IN THE RED CROSS. IF YOU CANNOT BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER, YOU SHOULD BECOME A MEMBER AND ASSIST THE SOCIETY WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEE OF \$1.00. BOTH MEN AND WOMEN MAY BECOME MEMBERS, AND FUNDS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED. DON'T LET IT BE SAID THAT YOU DID NOT DO YOUR PART IN PREPARING FOR THE COMFORT OF THE SOLDIER BOYS WHO ARE GOING TO FOREIGN LANDS TO FIGHT FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR HOMES AND FOR THE STABILITY OF HUMAN LIBERTY. IT'S YOUR FIGHT AS MUCH AS IT IS THEIRS.

SIXTH COMPANY IS YET TO HAVE EXAMS

Sergeant From Roseburg Entertains Entire Battery With Wonderful Bass Voice

Cottage Grove Has Singing Bunch and Put on Specials at Church Services.—Homesickness Only Disease Prevalent

Fort Stevens, Ore., Aug. 13.—Sixth company has not yet been examined, so there is very little to write about at this time.

We have only one man on sick report, which is good news. We have Thursday afternoons off duty, and after Saturday morning weekly inspection the boys are off until "reville" Monday morning which sounds at six o'clock.

Each company commander is required to hold enough men in his company to man one gun in each battery at all times, night and day, in case of need, or a call to man the batteries for drill, so I have made a rule to let four squads (32 men) off each Saturday after inspection and the next Saturday another four squads, and so on, so I have sufficient men for all purposes and all may have the time off to go to Astoria, Seaside, or any of the near-by forts or resorts and stay Sunday night, as we have no roll call Sunday morning.

We always have services Sunday morning, and last Sunday the post chaplain conducted the services. Sixth company made a reputation with its quartet the previous Sunday, when Chaplain Elkins of our corps conducted the services, and was asked to furnish some "specials" last Sunday.

We have a "singing bunch" in our company. The boys are singing so merrily right now that I can hardly collect my thoughts.

My tent is some 200 feet from the company tent street, by "the dormitory," which is a bachelor quarters for officers and is a nice concrete building with plumbing and conveniences in the way of lavatories, baths, etc. Major Metcalf, with his staff, occupies a nice large room in one end of the building where we congregate to have school and visit and bolster each other up to keep from being homesick. All company officers are in tents.

The friends, as well as relatives, at the home towns have been very good in sending boxes containing real home-made cake, candy, cookies, etc., and we always share with everybody as long as it lasts, so we rarely miss a day without a remembrance from some one dear to us as relatives or friends, and I assure you we do appreciate the loving thoughts which prompt the sending.

The Sentinel editors make the whole camp yell like a band of Comanche Indians every Friday by sending us a bunch of Sentinels, and if you could see the scramble to be the lucky possessor of one it would do your heart good.

A dozen men will be reading over the shoulder of the fortunate one holding the "home paper," and everybody yells "Who's all right?" "The Sentinel editors!"

We expect to come up for physical examination about Thursday of this week. There are four companies yet to be examined.

We are working pretty hard, but "everybody happy."

CAPT. WOODS.

P. S.—There is a sergeant from Roseburg who has a wonderful bass voice and he gets one of our megaphones every evening and actually entertains the whole west battery with bass solos. One can hear him a mile, and the hundreds of men go hog wild over his solos. The clapping is almost as wonderful as the singing, for when hundreds of men are wild about anything and show their appreciation by clapping and yelling, there is some noise.

ASSESSOR BURTON SAVES MONEY FOR TAXPAYERS

County Assessor D. P. Burton has completed the assessment and tax roll for the 1917 assessment.

The assessment roll is written alphabetically, and is so condensed as to eliminate several hundred pages from the roll. This means a great saving to Lane county taxpayers.

The roll was written in 36 days with the assistance of five clerks, who are the regular employees of the office.

SEPTEMBER 1 DATE FOR FIRST DRAFT IN STATE

Portland, Ore., Aug. 8.—Adjutant-General G. A. White announced today he had received instructions from Provost-Marshal-General Crowder calling one-third of Oregon's quota of 717 for the first draft to the colors September 1. Five days after the first, General White said, the men will be on their way to mobilization camps.

Lane county will have no men in this draft.

Returns to Company.

Wade LeRoy, who was discharged from Sixth company before its departure for Fort Stevens, because of age and objection of relatives, was recalled and is now with the company at the fort. He left here on a Thursday to work with the reclamation service in Washington and was recalled on the following Saturday. Evidently his discharge, granted by Captain Wood upon instructions from his superior officers, was countermanded.