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## CAPT. WOODS TELLS OF SUICIDE OF CAPT. CROOK

Mrs. Woods and Himself Were Guests of the Krooks at Time of the Tragedy

Boys at the Fort Are Being Doped and Inoculated Against Everything but Homesickness; Sixth Co. Always on the Map.

Fort Stevens, Ore., Sept. 8.—(Special to The Sentinel.)—Sixth company tent street is a bee hive of industry this morning getting ready for Saturday inspection.

We come up tomorrow for our last shot of the prophylactic treatment for typhoid and none of us are a bit sorry that it is the last, though it is not the treatment that puts us on our backs. The "paratyphoid" is the boy with the "terrible kick," and puts the majority of us out of business for several hours. About eight hours after taking the shot one is thrown into a high fever which lasts for 10 to 12 hours. After that we are normal, but the experience is very disagreeable for a few hours. Each company is off duty for 24 hours after each shot, so we can loaf about camp and do a good job of hating ourselves and wishing we were at home with wife or mother during the time we are off our feet.

A terrible tragedy was enacted at the post the day before yesterday which shocked the whole camp. Capt. L. G. Crook, the coast defense quartermaster, committed suicide in the bath room of his quarters by cutting his throat with a razor. The captain had been in ill health for some weeks and was very much worried over business affairs and the responsibilities of his office here. The strain of both worries snapped the cord which bound him to reason and he passed out by his own hand.

Capt. Crook was a brother-in-law of Henry Landess and was a very companionable gentleman, as well as a very efficient officer. He was recently transferred to this post from San Francisco, and his wife arrived only about two weeks ago. Henry Landess wrote me from Wonder, Nevada, introducing me to his brother-in-law, and we at once became friends. He invited me to occupy quarters in his house while my wife was visiting at the post. I had secured rooms at Hammond, but as that is a half mile from the reservation, I gladly accepted the invitation for my wife to be in the post, as it saved her the walk, and was much more pleasant in every way.

After taking my second shot of paratyphoid I was quite sick and went to bed, falling asleep at once. Mrs. Crook told my wife that, as she was going to be in the house that evening, she (Mrs. Crook) would go to the picture show, which runs in our post gymnasium every night.

Mrs. Crook had left the captain with Mrs. Woods a number of times while she took a horseback ride with the wife of Colonel Ellis, the coast defense commander, or was out attending to business, or for a little respite from her duties, and all had been well, but while she was gone this time the captain slipped into the bath room and took his life. How he could do the deed right over our heads, with Mrs. Woods awake, and we know nothing about it, is a mystery to us, as we could hear the least sound upstairs.

Mrs. Crook discovered the door of the bath room locked when she returned from the picture show. Captain Finch, the post surgeon, Sergeant Major Wheeler and myself forced the door open and found the poor lad dead.

Funeral services were held yesterday from the captain's late quarters, with military honors. Third company C. A. C., acting as escort. The services were very impressive. The O. C. A. band was in attendance and played "Nearer My God to Thee" while the body was conducted to the ambulance wagon to be taken to the train for shipment to San Francisco, and headed the procession playing a funeral dirge.

The casket was draped with the national flag and covered with handsome floral pieces. The post quartermaster sergeant and five other enlisted men from Capt. Crook's department acted as pall bearers, and six captains, of which I was one, were selected as honorary pall bearers. Sixty officers and hundreds of soldiers were in attendance. It was a very impressive funeral. Mrs. Crook's father, an attorney of San Francisco, and a brother of Captain Crook accompanied Mrs. Crook and

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## FIVE BABIES BORN IN 3 DAYS WEIGH 51½ POUNDS

Five babies were born here Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, two of which weighed 10 pounds each, two 11½ pounds each, and one 8½ pounds. Four of the five are boys. They were as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Lane, September 9, 11½ pound daughter.  
Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Blackmore, September 9, 10 pound son.  
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Ingebretsen, 11½ pound son.  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown, September 11, 10 pound son.  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Plank, September 10, 8½ pound son.

## SON OF KLAMATH CHIEF LOOKS FOR NAMESAKES

Rev. Jack Palmer and W. L. Melton, of Klamath Falls, visited during the past week with the J. L. Bentley family, with whom they became acquainted while Rev. Bentley was a missionary to the Klamath Indians.

Rev. Palmer is a full blood Klamath Indian and a son of Chief Palmer, who died in 1869. The younger Palmer is looking up the relatives of General Joel Palmer, first government Indian agent for the northwest, and who named Chief Palmer. John Palmer, of Mosby creek, is a son of General Palmer, and Mrs. Ida Miller and Mrs. Pet Sanford, of this city, are granddaughters.

## FIRST ELBERTA PEACHES ARE ON LOCAL MARKET

Dr. Robert Sutcliffe, who adds peach culture (the fruit variety) to his many other qualifications and talents, put the first Elbertas on the market yesterday and claims that this is two or three weeks ahead of the season. His peaches this year are of fine quality, although not quite so plentiful as in past years.

## Loaning \$1000 a Day.

George Melvin Miller, secretary-treasurer of the First National Farm Loan association of Lane county, writes that farmers are beginning to take advantage of the rural credits law and that this association is loaning at the rate of about \$1000 a day, having already placed about \$50,000.

## COURT SAYS DOG LICENSE LAW UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Salem, Ore., Sept. 11.—A law passed by the last Oregon legislature delegating to constables the task of collecting dog licenses was declared unconstitutional today by the state supreme court. Constables in various parts of the state had protested against enforcing the law.

## DRIVES FIRST CAR AS FAR AS BARKER PLACE

Claud Kime claims the honor of being the first person to drive either a Ford or an automobile as far as the John Barker place on Mosby creek, which he did last week. The furthest a car had ever gone before was to the John Palmer place. The trip, even to the Barker place, is a rough one at that end of the road.

## H. AND H. MILL BURNS; LOSS IS OVER \$5000

C. J. Howard, former Grove man, is heavy loser in fire. The H. and H. shingle mill at Glendale, owned by C. J. Howard and Charles Starwood, was completely destroyed by fire Friday. About ten men will be thrown out of employment.

The fire broke out shortly after 12 o'clock and in a few moments the plant and building was a mass of ruins.

It is supposed that the fire started from a spark catching in the light, dry sawdust that had lodged close to the roof over the boiler.

There was no insurance, owing to the heavy premium. The plant represented an investment of approximately \$5000. Besides the loss of the plant, there was better than \$700 worth of shingles in the sheds adjoining the mill.

This mill was the pioneer shingle mill of the Siuslaw country and had enjoyed an excellent trade.

Mr. Howard, one of the owners, is a former Cottage Grove newspaper man.

## George Dibble Dies.

George Dibble, of Leona, died at a Portland hospital Saturday of arterio sclerosis and was buried here Sunday. Mr. Dibble was born in Rome, Wisconsin, 60 years ago. He leaves a wife and four children. The Dibles moved to Leona from here.

Those who advertise in The Sentinel deserve your business because they tell you that they want it, and name prices that should get it.



COTTAGE GROVE SCENE  
Compliments C. G. H. S. Annual

## "BOHEMIA" SHARP IS TAKEN TO ASYLUM

80-year-old Pioneer of Cottage Grove Protests and Says He Deserves Better Treatment.

J. H. Sharp, Oregon pioneer and mining man, known throughout the Willamette valley as "Bohemia" Sharp, has been committed to the state insane asylum at Salem. Sharp, who is nearing his eightieth year, crossed the Isthmus of Panama and came to Oregon in the early 60's. During his early residence here he engaged in stockraising and later became a miner, being among the first prospectors in the Bohemia mining district. Sharp's creek is named for him, and he built the first road into the district following this creek. He claimed that the county never settled with him for this work.

Sharp is without relatives and has been down and out for years. He long refused to go to the poor farm and for a long time was cared for here by friends.

Finally, about a year ago, he was committed to the Lane county poor farm, from which he now goes to the asylum for those mentally infirm.

He protested on being taken to the asylum and announced that he would appeal to the governor.

## Will Celebrate Anniversary.

The Rebekah lodge will observe its sixty-sixth anniversary Saturday evening, September 22, at the same time that the Odd Fellows will entertain for their grand master. The Rebekahs originally planned their celebration for the evening of the twenty-first but changed to the twenty-second when it was learned that the grand master was to be here that night.

## CONTRACT IS LET FOR THE PASS CREEK CANYON ROAD

Work on Bad Highway to Start Within Fifteen Days.

Pass creek canyon, which has caused so much profanity from tourists, will be improved this fall. Contracts for the grading of 17 miles of road were awarded last week by the state highway commission. The total cost of the grading will be \$180,638, and the work was let in three units.

The first unit of 2½ miles will be improved by S. S. Scheel, of Medford, on a bid of \$26,787. The second unit of 4½ miles will be improved by Hall & Solem, of Eugene, who bid \$57,946, and the third unit, comprising the 10 miles between Yoncalla and Oakland, will be improved by the Warren construction company on a bid of \$94,905. The Warren company bid on all units of the work. Work must begin on the contracts within 15 days.

## Send Chickens to Soldier Boys.

Following out the suggestion made by Captain Woods in his letter in The Sentinel last week, farmers of Delight Valley have shipped a crate of three dozen chickens to the soldier boys at Fort Stevens. The Delight Valley farmers think there is nothing too good for the Sammies.

## Dr. Frost Arrives at Long Island.

Mrs. C. E. Frost has received word from her husband that he has arrived at Garden City, Long Island, and that their camp is next to that of an aviation corps, so that they were escorted to camp by aeroplanes and sometimes 15 or more are flying about them.

## Red Cross Notice.

The regular Red Cross meeting for this week will be held Friday at the high school, as usual. The Red Cross has been offered the use of the domestic arts room even after school starts, and the offer may be accepted.

The merchants who advertise make it possible for you to have a good newspaper, and for that reason alone they deserve your consideration.

## 6TH CO. AGAIN WINS AT BASE BALL

Now Has Three Victories to Its Credit With No Defeats and Is in Line for the Championship.

Fort Stevens, Ore., Sept. 6.—(Special to The Sentinel.)—Sixth company won its third game of base ball yesterday afternoon and has not yet met defeat. The game yesterday was with the band, the score being 9 to 8. The championship seems to lie between Sixth company and Ninth company, from Astoria. Sixth company won from Third company, of Eugene, 9 to 7 and from Fourth company, of Roseburg, 8 to 2.

The band team won a game from Eighth company, of Portland, 7 to 3. Two of our men—Norval Powell, center fielder, and Boyer, first baseman—were gone for this game. Two men of the band team—Tiekell and Moreback—are assigned to our company and are eligible to play with our team.

The lineup for yesterday's game was as follows:

Sixth Company—Kohlman, ss; D. Woods, 2b; Henderson, lf; Pohl, 3b; Wheeler, 1b; Ferguson, rf; V. Randal, cf; J. Rennie, p; Witherwox, c.

Band—Tiekell, ss; Barton, 2b; Weiger, lf; Hennessy, 1b; Padden, 3b; Brunk, rf; Black, c; Moreback, cf; Paul, p.

The team that wins the championship will get a \$20 silver cup, the gift of Wright & Ditson, of Portland.

After the series of games is completed, a picked team is going to Portland to play a game with the Portland Pacific Coast league team.

Regards from all the boys of Sixth company.

LEE ROY WOODS, JR.,  
Sergt., Sixth Company.

## DOUGLAS FIR WILL BE USED BY UNCLE SAM

Lane county, the most patriotic county in the union, has finally received some war orders for fir lumber for use at cantonments at American Lake and at Des Moines. The Booth-Kelly Lumber company, at Eugene, received an order for 1,214,112 feet, the Brown and Chambers mills here were each awarded orders for 25,000 feet, and the Coast Range Lumber company, at Mabel, was given an order for 85,000 feet.

The Leona mills, in Douglas county, received an order for 229,112 feet.

## IMPORTANT SESSION OF GRANGE SATURDAY

The grange will have an all-day session Saturday and Master McFarland urges all members to attend. County Agriculturist Robb will be present and may bring a canning demonstrator with him. There will be an open lecture hour at 1 o'clock, to which the public generally is invited.

## Entertainment at Methodist Church.

An entertainment will be given at the Methodist church Friday evening by two of the Sunday school classes, members of which will present "Old Peabody Pew," a playlet by Kate Peabody Pew, a playlet by Kate Douglas Wiggin. Musical numbers and pantomimes will precede the playlet. The admission is 15c and 10c. spt13c

## Roads Postponed.

The county court has entered the following orders concerning roads in this vicinity:

W. W. Hawley road, continued awaiting payment of damages.

O. H. Heine road, continued for report.

J. H. Chambers road, continued.

Warren Kelly road, petition presented.

## School Opens at The Cedars Sept. 24.

School will open in The Cedars district Monday, September 24, with Miss Lavinia Hamilton, of this city, as teacher.

Patronize those who advertise in The Sentinel.

## FIRST RAIN IN 90 DAYS GIVES GROUND SOAKING

Rain last Friday was the first for Cottage Grove in exactly 90 days. It continued intermittently throughout Saturday, Sunday and Monday and the ground was given a fairly good wetting.

The rain eliminated all forest fire danger and extinguished many smoldering fires. The hunting season opened automatically and a number from here are out after deer.

With warm weather following the rain the grass will be given a good start and the pasturage will be renewed.

The drought was the longest in years, possibly for half a century.

## KHAKI-CLAD BOYS WITH US ALL THE TIME NOW

The fact that this country is at war is forced upon Cottage Grove people by the passing of troop trains in both directions almost daily. Some of the troops are going to American Lake, while others are being taken from American Lake to southern training camps.

Owing to the liberality of the officers in granting leaves of absence, one or more of the boys from Fort Stevens are home each week, and as they must wear their soldier dress at all times, the khaki uniform is becoming quite familiar.

## CANNERY IS GETTING MANY BLACKBERRIES

The cannery has been doing a tremendous business in blackberries this week, 5000 pounds being put into cans on Tuesday alone. Altogether nearly 20 tons of these berries have been canned. With plenty of moisture to bring on the late berries it is thought that the receipts during the next two or three weeks will continue heavy. A total of nearly \$1500 has been paid to women and children for this one product alone.

The cannery has found it necessary to accept berries every day, instead of every other day, as was done for awhile.

## DRAIN BANK CASHIER TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

Roseburg, Ore., Sept. 11.—John Cool, cashier of the Bank of Drain, in Drain, Ore., 15 miles north of here, killed himself today, according to telephone messages received here. The reason and details were not given. Cool is survived by his wife and child.

## MUSICAL CONCERT FOR BENEFIT OF RED CROSS

A benefit concert for the Red Cross fund will be given at the high school Friday evening, September 21, under the direction of Mrs. Ora Read Hemenway and Mrs. Leon DesLarzes. Mrs. Sutcliffe will be the accompanist. All three are well known teachers of their respective arts. A complete program will be published later.

## ASK FOR BIG INCREASE IN WINTER GRAIN ACREAGE

Food Campaign Authorities Call Upon Lane County for Large Planting.

N. S. Robb, county agricultural agent, has just returned from a conference of the western Oregon county agricultural agents held in Portland. This conference was called by P. V. Maris, state leader of county agents, for the purpose of discussing the increasing of the winter wheat acreage.

The United States department of agriculture has canvassed the situation very thoroughly and finds that the country must exert itself to the very limit to meet the food shortage. In order to meet the crisis there must be an increase of 18 per cent of the winter wheat acreage of the United States as a whole. The state of Oregon is asked to increase its winter wheat acreage 50 per cent. This is greater than in any of the other northwestern states.

Prof. Hyslop, of the farm crop department of Oregon Agricultural college, stated that it is advisable to plant winter rye on land where wheat will not yield well. He also stated that yields of 50 bushels an acre of winter rye had been attained on good ground at the experiment station. Prof. Hyslop advises that not only a larger acreage of winter wheat be planted but that the best winter wheat be used for seed. He recommended for Lane county the Golden or Red Chaff as being the best winter variety of wheat.

## May Send Chickens to Soldiers.

The proposition of making regular shipments of chickens to our soldier boys at Fort Stevens will come up at the grange meeting Saturday. The proposal will be for each granger to bring a chicken to each grange meeting and for the commercial club to pay the express charges. The matter has not yet been brought before the club.

## VACATION TIME IS OVER; GO TO SCHOOL

Faculty Is Complete and Everything Ready for Good Start Next Monday Morning

East Side Seventh and Eighth Grades Transferred to Frame Building to Give More Room to Domestic Science Department.

All plans are complete for the opening of school next Monday. Miss Margaret McDonald, of Portland, has been elected to fill the vacancy in the high school staff and to have charge of the girls' athletics. A coach for the boys' athletics is also being arranged for.

J. F. Godard will have charge of the manual training work.

The seventh and eighth grades on the east side will occupy rooms in the frame building and will be conducted on the departmental plan. Students in these grades will register there Monday morning.

The room vacated by the seventh grade will be occupied by the domestic art department, and Mrs. Benson will be able to accommodate all the girls wishing to take work in domestic art and domestic science.

Children who will be six years of age before January 1 should be sent to school at the beginning of the school year.

Plans are under way to provide every activity of student life.

Following is the faculty and their assignments:

### High School.

Roy W. Glass, superintendent—Teachers' Training, Science.

Alfred Skei, principal—Science and Mathematics.

Miss Lulu Curran—Latin and English.

Miss Georgia Kinsey—English and History.

Mrs. Beatrice Beebe—Mathematics and Spanish.

Miss Margaret McDonald—English, History and Science.

Mrs. Orpha Benson—Domestic Science and Art.

J. F. Godard—Manual Training.

### East Side Grades.

First Grade—Miss Carolyn Schelling.

Second Grade—Mrs. Lena Godard.

Third Grade—Miss Bertha Stephens.

Fourth Grade—Miss Eunice Vandenburg.

Fifth Grade—Mrs. Mabel Smith.

Sixth Grade—Mrs. Hester Bemis.

Seventh Grade—Mrs. Merle Powell.

Eighth Grade—Miss Adelle White.

### West Side Grades.

Seventh and Eighth Grades—Mrs. H. ma Beager, principal.

Fifth and Sixth Grades—Miss Lena Burcham.

Third and Fourth Grades—Miss Blanche Groom.

First and Second Grades—Miss Fern Holcomb.

### List Seed With County Agent.

The winter grain acreage should be increased 50 per cent in Oregon, according to the national government. This request is made in order that the food shortage may be handled successfully during the coming year.

This increased planting will demand a larger amount of fall seed grain than ever before. Already many inquiries have been received by N. S. Robb, county agricultural agent, Eugene, for winter barley and oats.

In order that these requests for seed may be located, all parties having good fall seed grain of wheat, oats and barley for sale should list their seed with N. S. Robb, county agricultural agent, Eugene, Oregon.

These lists will in time be incorporated into a state list and growers in Lane county will then be placed in touch with buyers outside the county.

There will be a large demand for fall seed grain south of here and if parties will list their seed for sale, together with the price, promptly, it will enable the Lane county list to be one of the first on the ground.

### Telephone Wires Now Out of Danger.

When C. H. Corson, Hiram Griggs and L. L. Harrel returned last week from fighting fire in the Shoestring country, they slept at home for the first time in three weeks, and are mightily pleased that the wires of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, which they were guarding, are now out of danger from fires. Careful watch had to be kept night and day for several weeks to keep the service intact. The wires are the through ones between Portland and San Francisco.