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Cottage Grove Sentinel

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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE NOW BACK TO NORMAL

Although there are some few where whole families are down what is being called influenza, high not so reported to the health officials. One physician reported a week that everyone has had it so there are few left for it to attack.

WELSH GLEE CLUB PLEASURES

The Welsh glee club, which appeared here Friday night in the high school gymnasium, was a delightful treat to music lovers. While this number may not have been as generally appreciated as some of the other numbers, the club is a musical organization that is way above the average.

MOONSHINERS ARE FOUND IN LANE COUNTY

One Still Captured in City of Eugene and Another Unearthed Near Junction City.

WE AND LEAVE BECAUSE OF NO HOUSES

Campaign of House-Building Will Be Necessary if Growth of City Is to Continue.

MULA IS GIVEN FOR FEAR AND APPLES SPRAYING

County Fruit Inspector Stewart has amended the following formula for spraying for pear and apple scab:

WANNERY MEETING FOR TOMORROW FORENOON

Special meeting of the stockholders of the Cottage Grove cannery will be held at 9:30 tomorrow morning.

MRS. A. V. CONNELLY DIES

Mrs. A. V. Connelly died Monday at her home in Roseburg from complications following an attack of influenza.

SUPERINTENDENT BEATTIE IS OUT TEN-SPOT ON SON'S VICTORY

The victory of the Eugene high school debating team at Roseburg Friday cost Superintendent W. G. Beattie, of this city, a ten-dollar bill.

ROY COUNTS FALLS; YEARS UP LANDSCAPE AND S. P. RIGHT-OF-WAY

The Southern Pacific company may have a damage suit against one of its own employes, Roy Counts, for demolishing its right-of-way.

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50 PER CENT INCREASE IN SCHOOL TAX ASKED

Rising Expenses Make the Amount of \$24,480 Necessary, as Compared With \$16,783 for 1920.

WORK ON HIGHWAYS HERE ABOUT TO START

London Road, Row River Road and Lorane Road Down for Early Improvement.

ROADS ARE GOOD BUT CHOPPY IN FEW SPOTS

All roads in this immediate vicinity are in fairly good condition except a stretch of a hundred yards north of here on Pacific highway.

DOCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY STUDIES WHITELEY CASE

Dr. E. S. Conklin, professor of psychology at the University of Oregon, was here over Saturday night gathering information as to the peculiar psychological study furnished by Opal Whiteley in her claims made in the Atlantic Monthly.

SAILING IS APPROPRIATE WORD

An item in the Eugene Register a few days ago stated that a party of tourists leaving there bound south might find some hard sailing.

IS OLD H. C. I. MAKING INROADS INTO YOUR INCOME?

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Truth and Possible Fiction Are Strangely Intertwined in Opal Whiteley Foster-Parent Fantasy

Incidents Gathered Where Prodigy Author Once Made Her Home and Spent Her Younger Years Tend to Prove Precocious Authorship of Diary of Understanding Soul

By ELBERT BEDE

"The Story of Opal," appearing in Atlantic Monthly, continues to be the most talked-of subject in Cottage Grove and the Cottage Grove country. It is only natural that this should be so, for the author spent almost her entire childhood in Cottage Grove and vicinity. The Waldens referred to in that part of the diary so far published is but three miles from here, and Cottage Grove is the mill town so frequently mentioned. Not only that, but all the relatives still live within a few



OPAL WHITELEY PICTURE WHICH HAS GREAT RESEMBLANCE TO THAT OF MRS. WHITELEY.

miles of here and any affairs of their peculiar case because it has so many angles so entirely different from that of any case of foster-parent fantasy which he has before studied.

The opinion is quite unanimous that the foster-parent theory is a childish fantasy and Atlantic Monthly is making quite severely criticized for making quite the least investigation as to the authenticity of this statement by the author.

Many go so far as to say that the foster-parent theory was adopted at the suggestion of the magazine itself, others that the fantasy was invented by the author to put the story across.

With the matter of the paragon settled to the satisfaction of the largest number who discuss the most amazing story, the question given most serious consideration is whether or not Opal could have written the diary at the age at which it is presumed to have been written and, if so, what explanation is there of the classic words woven in at such tender years.

Probably never will the facts be known beyond the possibility of doubt. I will attempt to draw no conclusions, but present merely the facts, sometimes almost conclusive, as I have been able to find them.

The Foster-Parent Fantasy.

Fortunately for the pursuit of an investigation of this kind, there are in existence many pictures of the children of the Whiteley family. There are pictures showing what is undisputedly the real Opal at the age of about eight, in company with the next younger daughter of the family, Opal being the oldest of four children.

There are also pictures showing the same second daughter of the family at the age of about five years of age and also at the age of 12.

The embarrassment already caused the members of the family impels them to refuse for the present to permit the publication of an interesting study, but might prove an interesting study, but might prove an interesting study, but might prove an interesting study.

The price of gasoline sold by the Standard Oil company went up two cents a gallon Wednesday in Oregon, says a bulletin from Idaho, California, New Washington, Idaho, Distillate and Nevada and Arizona. Distillate and one grade of kerosene will advance one cent. It is thought other oil companies will follow suit.

The differential of 2 1/2 cents the gallon against Oregon motorists still remains. One cent of this is due to the state tax and the other 1 1/2 cents to the antiquated state law requiring that all gasoline sold in the state must be of 56 specific gravity.

A panacea for everything—Sentinel wants.

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