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Take the Local.

Cottage Grove people when going north on the train, should make use of the local train whenever possible. The Southern Pacific officials want to see as large a travel on that train as possible. If you have to go north, get up early enough to take the local it will give you more time for your business and give you a ride in the cool of the morning, and it will help out on the train statistics. The company has got to run the noon train whether Cottage Grove people ride on it or not, and so if the local is continued the people should give their patronage to that train, as the Southern Pacific officials are stating that the train does not pay as they expected. Help to keep the train in service this far by using it both going and coming.

DISADVANTAGES OF SEVEN MONTHS SCHOOL.

A matter that will come to the attention of the fathers and mothers of Cottage Grove before long will be the few students in the High School and the few students who are in line for graduation in the next year or so. When they begin to look into the matter to find out why it is, the result of the several terms of seven months school, which the schools were compelled to observe a short time ago. The ablest and wisest school instructors of the age have decided, basing their facts upon actual experience, that seven months is not a long enough time for practically any student to complete the study of any of the school books in use in the country, but that nine months school is the shortest time in which a student can complete his work and be ready to stand a satisfactory examination and that too on not to exceed five or six studies. When a shorter time is given to the work, study after study is missed by almost every student and consequent additional years must be taken in which to complete the course. For instance suppose we take a student in the 10th grade on a seven months school; that year he cannot do all his work and misses the examination on two studies, next year he attempts to do his eleventh grade work, say even in a nine months school, with not only his regular course of study, but in addition must carry his two studies missed in the 10th grade and as a result his eleventh grade examinations shows him up missing in a couple of more studies; then his twelfth grade and in order to graduate on time, he must have for two years done almost double work. The result in most cases, that the students have not done satisfactory work, either for themselves or their teachers, in any of their studies and if they pass at all must do so with low marks, and poorly equipped for their life.

Such a situation faces every one of the world be graduates of the schools for the coming year. Each one of them has had to face one or more seven months school, with the resultant that they have either carried double work in one or more grades or have skipped some studies or missed in some, which must be made up this year in order to pass the examination and be entitled to graduate.

Two of the five, in line for twelfth grade work have two studies to make up in addition to their regular twelfth grade work, one other has three studies or more, and two others have two eleventh grade studies, and two tenth grade to make up. The question facing the students and parents is, can they do it, or shall they take another year.

The board will be very lucky if it has a single graduate for next spring. Work as they will the task of the students is a severe one. On

whom does the blame fall for such a condition? Of course on the school board, who must always bear the blame of all such happenings, poor students, sick students, lazy students who do not fail because of their own condition, but because of quality of the board, or of poor teachers, etc. Where does the fault lie? The tax-payer, the men and women who would only vote for a seven months school, so that they could save themselves a little taxes, or some other small reason, without considering the effect upon the student.

What is the remedy? None for the next year but a straight nine months school, year after year hereafter.

Toggerly Robbed

Sunday night about 2:30 a thief broke into Ed Hibberd's "Toggerly" by lowering a window in the back, which was only partly closed and climbed into the room. He stole a suit of clothes, some underwear, and the money till open only to find about \$1.00 in change and then got out the back door. H. H. Feister, who occupied the rooms above with his family was awakened by the fellow jumping to the floor below, and supposed it was Ed, so did nothing. Ed takes his loss very philosophically and says if people would only consider what rare judgment the fellow had in choosing the "Toggerly" to rob, and would select as good things as the robber did, the advertisement to him, by the robber, would be worth more than the \$25 loss. We put his philosophy into print, but that won't catch the robber. The only source of identification is the tailor made suit which the man stole.

Creswell

Register.—C. L. Weber went to Portland Wednesday on a business trip.

Riley Petty received a telegram from Canyon, Colo., last week to the effect that John and Ed Petty were in a hospital seriously sick with typhoid fever. A second telegram stated that although the boys were very sick they were doing well as could be expected.

W. H. Porter of Santa Monica, Cal., is visiting his niece Mrs. Gorrell here.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Leabo who left Creswell about ten months ago for California arrived home and expect to make their home here.

A "bunch" of Creswell fans drove to Springfield Sunday to witness the ball game between Springfield and the Portland Maroons.

Mrs. W. J. Hammond who left here about a month ago for Bellville, Kas., arrived here with her two little daughters Monday. Mr. Hammond met them at Portland.

The Ladies Aid Society will give a progressive ice cream social Friday evening at the W. O. W. hall. Rev. Stratford will also lecture at ten o'clock. "Kum kum awl."

C. L. Weber sold Monday to M. M. Dobbins his house and several lots near the prune dryer. Consideration \$800.

At this writing, Mrs. Sherman who has been seriously ill is reported better.

A birthday party was given at the home of Thos. Morse Tuesday evening in honor of Mrs. Clyde Smith.

A very pleasant and interesting party was held on Sunday the 22nd, at the residence of Adelbert Morse in honor of the 91st birthday of his beloved father David Morse, or "Grandpa Morse" as he is generally known.

Bohemia Mine Case Settled.

Judge Hamilton on Tuesday rendered a decision in the case of Patrick J. Jennings vs. the Noonday mining Co. a suit to establish a title to a mine in the Bohemia district. The motion of the plaintiff to dismiss the suit without prejudice to another suit of the same cause is dismissed and the title to the property involved is decreed in favor of the defendant, who is also awarded costs. The suit has been pending in court since January 11, 1904, and grew out of a sheriff's sale of the mine pursuant to a judgement obtained by J. Frank Watson, who the commenced litigation in 1896.

Millinery Exhibit.

Miss Mary Bartels is opening up a neat millinery shop on Main street next the city meat market. The store room is being nicely papered and painted and show windows fitted up. She will have in a good line for the gratification of her patrons.

A large number of Eugene people are enjoying the summer at Newport.

Church Notices

Methodist Episcopal Church, Pastor Rev. S. E. Meminger, morning services at 11, evening 7:30, Epworth League 6:30 p. m. All are cordially invited to be present.

First Presbyterian Church, Pastor R. C. Grace. Morning service, 11, evening 8, Y. P. S. C. E. 7 p. m. All strangers and sojourners welcome.

Morning subject "God's Workmanship;" evening subject, "The Wooing and Wedding."

Christian Church, Rev. D. E. Olson Pastor. Services at 11 in the morning and 7:30 in the evening. Y. P. S. C. E. meeting at 6:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Intermediate Endeavor Society at 2:30 and Choir practice every Friday evening at 7:30.

Episcopal Church. Services held the second Wednesday evening of each month at 7:30 in Masonic hall. There will be services every fifth Sunday of a month.

Catholic Church, Father Carol. Services the second Sunday in each month.

Christian Science services held over Allison's Barber shop every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Virgil Purvance.

Virgil Purvance, a son of Ernest Purvance, 6 years and 9 months old, was buried to death in the old warehouse at Bonita Friday night. The building is an old two story log cabin owned by the Oregon Securities Co., and has long been a stopping place and road house for miners enroute to Bohemia. With it was burned the present postoffice building, an addition built about three years ago, in which was the postoffice, the store and the office of the superintendent of the plant.

Mr. Purvance is the electrician of the electric power house at that point and lived with his family in the warehouse. That evening all the family went over to the power plant to watch the men put on a big 24-inch belt and about 8:55 Grandmother Purvance took Virgil and his younger brother back to put them to bed. She put Virgil to bed upstairs in the Warehouse, and then put the other boy to bed in the room back of the post-office room in the building adjoining the Warehouse. Virgil in the meantime came down stairs again, and the grandmother gave him a lighted candle and he went back up to bed with it as he had done many times before. In just an instant seemingly the whole cabin was ablaze, and as quick as the grandmother discovered the fire she ran up the stairs between the two buildings and attempted to get to the boy, but on opening the door the flames burst upon her driving her back, still she tried to get in, but was unable and badly burned both her hands. She then got the younger boy out below, and by that time the men from the plant had arrived. Mr. Purvance tried to get upstairs but could not, and could do nothing to stop the progress of the flames. Messrs. Gover and Lincoln Taylor were there and they helped to remove the records of the postoffice and the store supplies, and were successful in saving practically everything of value from that building.

Mr. Purvance and family lost a good deal of clothing and personal effects, but the most valuable things were saved.

Mr. Purvance thinks the boy in going upstairs accidentally set fire to some of the heavy building paper with which the building was lined, and in some places four thicknesses deep, and was so sleepy and tired that he did not notice it, and when he struck his bed was instantly asleep, and never awakened, being smothered by the smoke. The grandmother at times thinks she heard his voice calling, but is not sure. In burning the walls of the cabin all fell in, so that they fell on top of the boys remains and all that could be gathered was a little pile of bones, over which the sad funeral services were held at the home of John Currin. Mrs. Purvance's father, Sunday afternoon, by Rev. S. E. Meminger, and were buried in the Sears cemetery.

There was practically no wind at the time of the fire, or the stables of the company and the power house would have gone with the Warehouse and postoffice. Mrs. Purvance at 9:15 told her husband she would go back to the house and turned to the door of the plant, and saw the whole building a mass of flames, and that just 20 minutes from the time the grandmother had left them.

The company loss is estimated at less than \$1500.

Wm. Perman's son is visiting him from Junction.

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