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MEETING "PROSPERITY"

The coming of Easter always makes most of us feel good, for it heralds the coming of spring, and all of us like to see spring come with the sunshine.

But it is all in the way we look at it. Every day could be as good as spring days if we looked upon the matter in the right light. It is just the way we have been educated to believe.

Suppose everyone believed that the middle of January was about the finest time of the year. It would be, because we all thought so. We can make every day what we want it to be if we exert the effort to make it so. Every day will be just what we believe it will be. You make it yourself with your thoughts.

Success comes to those who concentrate on what they want. Make up your mind. If you don't make up your mind, how on earth are you going to accomplish anything when you don't know what you want to do? Make up your mind definitely and then keep it uppermost in your thoughts.

What good will that do, just keeping it in my mind, you ask? It will do this—It will stir your energy to help yourself, and when you are trying to help yourself, others will help too, and avenues that you know nothing about will be opened up to you. Things happen when we keep our minds full of the thoughts we want.

It will not do you any good to dream of what you want and lie down and wait for it to happen. It will not happen. But if you will dream your dreams and put forth an effort to help them come true, and you are constant with your effort and thought, invariably it must come to pass.

GEORGE C. SABIN

By M. C. Athey

The "Black Camel" came again this week, and took with him one of the most beloved characters in our midst, George C. Sabin, manager of the Oregon Caves and the famous Chateau.

It's hard to believe that that friendly smile and warm hand clasp is stilled. Personally, I feel it more keenly than most. George came to my bedside nearly every day while I was laid up for five weeks. He would come in with that infectious smile and ask how I was and then grasp my hand and feel the pulse and admonish me to take my medicine and do as the doctor says—stay in bed, and when he found me up one day, chided me for so doing. The keen interest he took in my welfare brought home more keenly than ever the remarkably fine character that inhabited his soul. And not to me alone, this action greeted all who were within his reach and needed a word of praise and a warm hand clasp of friendship.

George Sabin to me is not dead. HE will live as long as memory lasts. His bones and the flesh that covered them may be laid aside, but the SPIRIT of George Sabin will never die. His earthly tools are only laid aside while he goes on that celestial trip from whose bourne no traveler ever returns.

Along the Concrete



Get-To-Gether Banquet At Grange Hall Friday

The Home Extension Unit meeting held at the home of Mrs. Sam Bunch at Bridgeview was well attended with about 30 members present.

Final plans were made for the get-together banquet to be held at the grange hall Friday "nite."

Interesting and instructive reports were given by the three ladies who attended the home economic conference. This conference marked the 50th anniversary of Home Extension work in the college. Mrs. Joy Armstrong told of the value of the work being done by the extension service.

Mrs. E. J. Wilbur stressed the fact that we should take an interest in this work and therefore receive full value of lessons brought to us by this service. Mrs. Harry O. Smith spoke of the growth of the school of Home Economics.

From M. H. Nelson comes the repartee he asserts he overheard between a salesman and his prospect, to wit:

Prospect: "Why should I advertise? Everybody knows me."

Salesman: "Everybody knows where the church is—but they ring the bell every Sunday just the same!"

Prospect: "That settles it. I'll have to get me a bell."

Licenses issued by the division of plant industry of the state department of agriculture in the first 11 months of the past year included 561 to seed dealers and 1,794 to apiarists. Produce dealers' licenses issued for the 1938-39 season reached 1,407.

GEORGE SABIN

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Caves Resort company. For years he had believed the caves could be developed into a scenic attraction that would draw thousands to Grants Pass. He was chairman of the chamber of commerce committee that secured cooperation of the government and state highway commission in building the first road to the now famous resort, and the beginning of the Oregon Caves Resort was under way.

Under his capable management the resort has grown steadily each year, both financially and as an interesting tourist attraction. Last year was the best to date, in the number of visitors and financial increase shown.

Approximately 250,000 persons have gone through the caverns since the company was organized, nearly 45,000 of them making the trip in 1939. In addition, there have been uncounted thousands who have visited the chateau alone for the beautiful scenery in the monument area.

Only a few years ago, one of the most beautiful and unique chateaus on the Pacific coast was built at the Oregon Caves, under Mr. Sabin's direction, with surrounding buildings in keeping with the resort's atmosphere.

Previous to becoming interested in the development of the Oregon Caves, Mr. Sabin was in the drug business for 35 years. He was a licensed druggist in North Dakota, and Oregon. He sold his business here to Harry Couch.

In every community where he resided, Mr. Sabin took an active part in civic affairs and shared his responsibilities. He was a member of the Hotelmen's association of Oregon, the Southern Branch and through this affiliation became known the length of the Pacific coast.

OLD TIMERS

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and everything is in the house, the floors and windows, were all hand made from the choicest of sugar pine. A remarkably fine residence built with primitive methods and tools to work with. The White house is located down the lane from the White school. The White family have a collection of tax re-

ceipts from 1857 to 1939. Every one is intact and they represent "some taxes."

Mrs. Grizzell was called on, and she wanted to say something, so she wrote it down and memorized it, but half way through, she paused and said, "I guess I better read it." She had prepared a very fine poem which was indeed appropriate and timely. It was dedicated to the old pioneers.

More music was given by Mr. and Mrs. Buck Smith with the aid of Mr. Grizzell and his brother of Grants Pass.

A. A. Johnson was called on and he said he came here in 1927 before the highway was completed. He told of some of the things he remembered, and even in this late day they were reminiscent of early days.

H. J. Ticknor, of the Oregon Caves CCC camp was called on and he spoke of the wonderful community spirit of the valley. He later told of the probability of the removal of Oregon Caves camp, and expressed his regret that the camp had to be closed.

Tom Miller of Grants Pass was the next speaker, and he had the large audience in great spirits in no time. He warmly praised the eats, many of the dishes looking more like bouquets than vitals, and he really hated to cut into them. He gave many anecdotes that caused much laughter, and Tom is a past master at this. He came to the county 28 years ago and has an extra warm spot in his heart for the old timers, for he knows what they endured to carve out a niche in the wilds to build a home.

Vallis Reynolds, who used to drive a stage, said he was just a youngster compared with the other old timers there. But he remembered one winter when they had 17 feet of snow and drove over a barn and didn't know they had passed over it.

Roy Wells gave the members and guests quite a remarkable history. He came here 50 years ago. Now most all of the old pioneers are gone, and all we have are the stories they handed down from word to mouth. Roy said, don't let anyone kid you about the good old days and the gay 90's. They were tough old days, full of hardships and privations. When they got their mail it was nearly two weeks old. A trip to Grants Pass meant three days hard driving over hellish roads. Those old days are gone and pretty near forgotten, and "I for one, don't want to see them come back. These are pretty good old days, right now," he said. Roy then told of an incident concerning a murder case that was interesting and full of old time history.

Mrs. Cosson was called on and she said "I think we should have more of these meetings and get together and work for the good of

the community." Mrs. Cosson is 86 years old and has lived here 25 years.

Mrs. Freeling Sawyer, daughter of Mrs. Cosson, said she was glad to live in the wonderful Illinois Valley.

There was a little business transacted at the close of the meeting and a petition signed by all asking that the Oregon Caves camp be not disbanded. It was suggested that all write letters to the senators and representatives in Washington asking them to help keep the camp alive.

A vote of thanks was given Mrs. Marie Wilcox for taking the talks of the pioneers in shorthand. Mrs. Wilcox did a remarkably fine job and we hope some day to be able to publish all the stories she took down, for they are accurate and very interesting history of the pioneers of the valley.

Many stories and establishments contributed to the splendid lunch served, but all the hot dishes came from the homes of the people in the valley and a vote of thanks was given them all, and to Mr. and Mrs. Grizzell, who acted as host and hostess for the occasion.

Harold Bowerman, ranger at the Redwoods ranger station, said that the service was making some signs for the important points of pioneer history.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, who recently purchased the Rockydale tourist camp, were introduced and welcomed to the community.

We could go on with this story for hours and not run out of material, but it must stop, so until we can take up this interesting subject again, we will have to cut

it out. The meeting was one of the most interesting we have attended in the valley, and should be an annual affair.

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