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PROMINENT MAN DIES SUDDENLY

**Captain M. F. Eggleston Expires
at Salem After Short Illness.**

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 4.—Captain M. F. Eggleston, a member of the legislature from Jackson county, died this morning at 12:20 o'clock. The end came peacefully at the Willamette sanatorium in this city of a malady given out by his physician, Dr. H. M. Shaw, formerly of Ashland, as paralysis.

Although Captain Eggleston had been absent the greater portion of this week on account of sickness, his death was not expected.

A committee, consisting of Representatives Bonebrake of Benton, Westerlund of Jackson, Smith of Josephine, Brownhill of Yamhill, Peterson of Umatilla, Neuner of Douglas and Carter of Clackamas, will accompany the remains of the representative to Ashland tonight.

Captain Eggleston was one of the most popular members on the floor of the house. He was second choice of the Thompson-Rusk cohorts for speaker of this session and would have been named if Rusk had failed to gain enough votes on the first ballot. As it was he was given many important committee assignments. He was chairman of the committee on statistics and emigration and a member of the house committee on roads and highways and of the one on ways and means.

Last week when the present attack came on he was too ill to attend to his duties and believed he should return to his home as Ashland, but felt that it was his duty to remain and serve the state in behalf of the people of his county, who had tendered him a seat in the house of representatives.

Captain Eggleston, was born in Indiana. He was raised on a farm and at the age of 19 received an appointment at large to the U. S. military academy at West Point.

He graduated from that institution in 1877, was commissioned a lieutenant in the cavalry branch of the army and up to 1889, when he resigned from the service, he did duty on the southwestern frontier and in the Indian Territory as a troop commander, engineer officer, staff officer and on special duty as judge-advocate.

Upon leaving the service he took up civil pursuits, devoting most of his time to mining operations and journalism, until autumn, 1905, when he was elected recorder of the city of Ashland.

He held this position continuously

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CHOICE OF PAVING IS THE QUESTION

Asphalt Process Gives Best Satisfaction in Other Cities.

Now that it is settled that Central Point is to have a lot of street paving during the present year, it is in order for the city officials, and the taxpayers as well, to make a thorough study of the paving question in order that good judgment may be used in choosing the particular kind of pavement that is to be adopted. Laying any kind of hard-surfaced paving is an expensive undertaking, and while all property owners understand that more than the amount of the cost of such improvements will be added to the value of the adjoining property, everybody will naturally want to get the very best pavement possible for their money.

In this connection Central Point is in a position to profit very materially by the experience of the neighboring city of Medford, that municipality having within the past two or three years laid some ten miles of hard surface pavement on her streets, different classes of paving being used. Diligent inquiry among city officials, business men and citizens generally of that city in regard to the paving question shows that after more than two years' experience, and almost without exception, the people of that city have decided that the best quality of pavement to meet all requirements is the standard asphalt pavement. Medford now has over 100,000 square yards of asphalt, which was laid by the Clark & Henery Construction Co., and that company now holds contracts for more than 150,000 square yards more to be put in during the coming season and petitions are being filed every day for additional streets and in practically all cases the property owners are specifying in their petitions their preference for asphalt pavement.

A few of the advantages of standard asphalt paving may here be enumerated: Asphalt is a sanitary pavement and does not disintegrate under heavy traffic and consequently does not produce either mud or dust. It can be kept perfectly clean with proper attention and, as it has an absolutely impervious surface, its wearing properties exceed that of any other pavement.

Asphalt paving is laid on a solid concrete foundation four inches in thickness, which insures stability. In case of wet places in the ground or of a water trench or sewer ditch settling, this foundation of solid concrete tends to bridge over the weak spot and prevents the surface from settling. On top of the concrete is laid an asphaltic binder course one inch thick and on this an asphaltic wearing surface 1 1/2 inches thick.

Asphalt paving has been in use for more than 30 years and has given excellent satisfaction in all the principal cities of this country, as well as in Europe. Unlike some of the other classes of paving, asphalt is not a patented process, and no company nor individual enjoys a monopoly in laying it. This feature alone is worthy of the consideration of our city officials in making a choice of pavement for Central Point. Should some patented process be chosen there can be no competition as between contractors. If asphalt is chosen, however, the matter of construction is open to competitive bids and the city is thus assured of a square deal.

DADS ACCEPT PAVING PETITION

Progress, in Big Letters, Indicated at Short Session.

Town council met in regular session Monday evening and after auditing and allowing current bills and accepting the petition of property owners between Front and Sixth streets for street paving on Pine street the Dads adjourned for one week to give themselves a chance to Eldridge entertainment at the opera house and to recover from the effects of the laughing gas administered by that impersonator.

The acceptance of the paving petition shows how the mayor and council feel about city improvements and may be reckoned as the opening gun in the campaign of "Get There Central Point."

A meeting of the council will be held next Monday evening when City Engineer Osgood will make his report on the sewer proposition and at the same meeting a city attorney will be appointed and instructed to prepare the necessary charter amendments to cover the proposed new work. It is understood that the council have practically decided to further amend the charter so that hereafter Central Point will be officially and legally designated as "City" rather than as "Town" as it now is. To many persons the appellation "City" indicates a village or country cross roads and to hear or read of a "town" talking of water system, sewer system and hard surfaced streets is often taken as a joke. The council will have the backing of all progressive citizens in making this change.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Murphy entertained a number of Medford friends Sunday.

C. S. Emry, a former well known resident of this city, now residing at Albany, was here yesterday meeting old friends. He was much surprised at the growth of this city since leaving here four years ago and things the town is sure all right. Mr. Emry will probably return to the Rogue River Valley to reside in the near future.

The Eldridge entertainment in the opera house last Monday evening, which was the last number in the entertainment course given under the auspices of the Ladies' Improvement club, afforded an excellent evening's amusement to the small audience present.

As an impersonator and an all round entertainer and fun-maker Mr. Eldridge ranks high in his repertoire being particularly clean and free from the slightest objectionable feature. The same is true of every entertainment given in this course and while the members of the club who are responsible for giving the people of this community an opportunity of enjoying five really high-class entertainments.

PASTOR AND WIFE GUESTS OF HONOR

Rev. and Mrs. Sickafoose Tendered Reception by Admiring Friends.

A pleasant event of the past week was the gathering at the Christian church Friday evening, when members of that congregation and many other friends tendered a farewell reception to Rev. and Mrs. K. H. Sickafoose, who left Monday for their new field of labor at Mosier, Oregon.

The occasion Friday evening was purely informal, there being no set program, but a number of selections were rendered by the church choir and Miss Garvin, the accomplished soloist, also favored. Cake and coffee were served informally and the evening was spent in a purely social way. During the evening Rev. and Mrs. Sickafoose were each presented with an elegant gold mounted fountain pen as remembrance souvenirs from members of the congregation.

Rev. and Mrs. Sickafoose were both deservedly popular, being faithful workers in their field while tolerant and courteous regarding the opinions and belief of others.

Pininger.

John Pininger, a native of this county and for many years a resident of the Tolo section, died at the home of his mother, Mrs. I. J. Hanson, at Chico, California, on Wednesday of last week, the remains being brought back for burial in the Pininger family plot at Jacksonville. The funeral was delayed a few days in order that members of the family might have time to reach here before the burial.

Deceased was 41 years old. Besides his mother he leaves two brothers, Chas. A. Pininger, of Klamath Falls, and Fred Pininger, of Klamath Falls, and one sister, Mrs. Andrew Grieve, of Seattle, Washington.

The funeral was held Tuesday at Jacksonville.

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EUGENE A JOKE SAYS THIS MAN

Inquirer for Business Location Declares the Town a Farce.

Secretary Kahler, of the Commercial club, recently received a letter from a business man of Eugene asking for information regarding business openings in this city. After asking numerous straight from the shoulder questions about business representation, realty values, future outlook, etc., the gentleman added a postscript saying: "Eugene is a joke. I am looking for a good live town with a fairly decent climate, in which to make my permanent home." And in this manner does the fame of the wondrous wealth, beauty and salubrity of the wonderful Rogue River valley go forth on the wings of the morning to the uttermost parts of the earth.

BOX SOCIAL BY LADIES' CLUB.

The ladies of the Improvement club propose to give a box social in the opera house next Tuesday evening, February 14th, when every lady in the town, married or single, are requested to bring boxes of refreshments to be sold to the hungry men. The hint is dropped that if any bashful swain wishes to be sure of spending his money for the box belonging to the only girl on earth—for him—he may be able to get a straight tip from somebody for a consideration. The proceeds of the evening will be used to defray the deficit acquired by the club women in bringing the lyceum course entertainments to town during the past winter.

Scott & Tex, proprietors of the moving picture show have kindly donated the use of the opera house to the ladies for that evening and the regular show will commence at 7:15 that evening and after its conclusion the box social will be held. Don't forget the date. Ladies should not forget their boxes nor gentlemen their pocketbooks.

Joe Boswell went to Salem Sunday night as a member of the delegation of sportsmen from this valley who went to the capital to appear before the proper committees in the interest of fish protection in Rogue river. Fish hogs at the mouth of the river and at Grants Pass are clamoring for the overthrow of the protective measure passed by the people last November and it is again necessary for Jackson county people to give of their money, time and effort to thwart these designs. "Toggerly Bill Isaacs and one or two other Medford fishermen are also members of the delegation.

GREAT SUCCESS WAS CAMPFIRE

Record Crowd in Opera House and Many Turned Away.

The campfire and entertainment given by the Women's Relief Corps Tuesday evening was a great success, the audience being pronounced the largest ever assembled in the local opera house. Standing room was at a premium and many are said to have been unable ever to get inside of the building. The program was rendered entirely of local people and, it may be said in passing, this community can boast of much excellent talent in musical and literary lines.

Following the regular program many old veterans entertained the audience with reminiscent talks of the civil war.

It is well to honor the old boys who wore the blue 50 years ago, and these occasions go far towards honoring the remnant who are still with us, as well as keeping alive the memory of those of them who have made their final camp on the other shore.

HOTEL CHANGES HANDS

An important deal was closed here last Friday when the Central Point hotel was leased by the owner, Dr. C. R. Ray, to B. C. Dunlap and his son, R. B. Dunlap, who recently arrived here from Illinois. The house has been closed for a few days until a thorough renovation of the place can be completed and a large amount of new furniture etc., can be installed.

B. C. Dunlap was for many years a traveling man on the road and in consequence knows something of the hotel business from the patron's standpoint, while his son has had years of experience in first class hotel work from bell hop to clerk. They will be satisfied with nothing short of a strictly up-to-date hotel and promise to inaugurate a service here that will appeal to people who care.

J. D. Parker, of this city, formerly of Saratoga, Wyoming, has received a copy of the Saratoga Sun claiming that Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sterrett, of that city, are the oldest married couple of that state. They were married in Indiana in 1848 and are both still hale and hearty, Mr. Sterrett being actively engaged in business there. The Sun brings out this story in answer to a Sheridan, Wyoming, newspaper which a short time ago claimed that Capt. and Mrs. W. Rawlings, of that city, and who were married in 1853 were entitled to that honor. Capt. and Mrs. Rawlings were former residents here.

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