

KNOWLEDGE IS LACKING

Railroad Scheme Planned, But Who Are Promoters?

PEOPLE WANT TO BE SHOWN

Manager Conley Informs Promotion Department that Parties Interested in Proposed Line to Tidewater Were Here Recently.

From Manager Conley The Sentinel learns that parties have recently taken renewed interest in a scheme to construct a railway from Cottage Grove to tidewater. Some months ago Mr. Conley took the matter up, and at that time succeeded in interesting some Portland gentlemen in the project, but nothing further was heard of it until a fortnight ago, when the investigation was resumed, the result of which is not known. If anything comes of the proposed undertaking the citizens of Cottage Grove will likely be advised by a request for financial assistance to at least the extent of the preliminary survey. Several citizens have signified their willingness to contribute to the project, provided it is a bona fide proposition, but some of them are from the Bourbon state and must be shown. Up to the present time no one seems to be informed as to who is back of the scheme.

THE MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION.

Objects of the Organization Have Been Misunderstood.

The Merchants' Protective Association will elect new officers on the second Tuesday in January. It is probable that the present incumbent, Mr. Henry Veatch, who is filling an unexpired term, will be elected to the presidency. This, we believe, is customary in such cases, and besides he is a "live wire" in the work of the association.

There having been some misunderstanding regarding the aims and objects of this organization, The Sentinel herewith publishes the preamble:

"In order to foster and maintain a permanent social feeling among the retail merchants of Cottage Grove—to obliterate distrust and inspire confidence among the members of the trade; to correct excessive and unmercantile competition; to remove by concert of action such evils and customs as are against good policy and sound business principles, whether it be cutting of prices; selling by the wholesale house in retail; improper house-to-house peddling; the distribution and consumption of adulterated and unwholesome goods; and use of fictitious labels; the use of dishonest weights and measures, or whatsoever the evil may be; to attain the results which experience has proved are not attainable by individual or divided efforts; for these reasons we hereby resolve ourselves into an organization to be known as The Cottage Grove Merchants' Protection Association of Lane County."

NO LONGER ANY DOUBT.

Company E Will Not Be Transferred to Coast Artillery.

The Fourth Regiment, of which Company E of this city is a part, will remain intact, official notice to this effect having been received from the war department at Washington. The regiment will be reorganized, and four more companies added. There was proposed a change that would connect Company E, and several other companies, with the Coast Artillery, the companies to vote on the proposition whether they desired to become identified with that service or remain as at present. The Cottage Grove Company voted for the change.

NEW TELEPHONE COMPANY.

Silk Creek Farmers Organize to Secure Improved Facilities.

The Silk Creek Independent Telephone company, of which J. Overholtzer is president, has constructed a line five miles in length to Cottage Grove, connecting with the exchange here. There was a line to the Silk Creek country, but it became overburdened with patrons, and was taken over by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, which paid each shareholder \$1.50 for his stock. There are seven patrons on the new line.

LOCOMOTIVE DERAILED.

Oregon & Southeastern Tied Up Several Hours by Mishap.

A locomotive on the Oregon & Southeastern was derailed while on a siding near Star last Friday afternoon, and required the services of another iron horse and several hours' work to put it on the rails. The accident was caused by a broken fishplate. It was the first trip of the helping locomotive since the accident at Currin bridge, in which the engine was sorely disabled.

Shall See Its Golden Age.

Mr. Fred M. Waehlte, formerly a resident of Cottage Grove, now of Salem, writes the Commercial club that

its booklet is neatly gotten up and will, no doubt, bring good returns. He says he is interested in the Nesmith county project and is urging its claim for existence, concluding with: "I have lived in Cottage Grove for some four or five years; have seen it improve continuously, and have reason's to believe that it, too, shall see its golden age."

ELECT NEW OFFICERS.

Cottage Grove Oddfellows are Accomplishing Much Good.

Cottage Grove Lodge, No. 68, I. O. O. F., on the first Saturday evening in January, which this year falls on New Year's night, will install the following officers: S. O. Hamlin, noble grand; George Mote, vice-grand; A. Brewer, recording secretary; W. C. Counter, financial secretary; Geo. M. Hall, treasurer.

This lodge was organized in 1882, and during the intervening years has had a steady growth. Its enrollment at this time numbers about 140 members. The lodge's finances are comparatively low, but the accumulated funds have been disbursed for a purpose that makes the order popular throughout the world, that of relieving the widow, orphan and brothers in distress. The Cottage Grove organization has extended considerable aid to causes of charity, besides render assistance within the fraternity, and while its exchequer may be somewhat depleted temporarily there should be a heap of satisfaction in knowing that the fundamental principles of oddfellowship have been adhered to.

BAMBOO GROWING.

Commercial Product Being Raised in the Northwest.

B. Z. Furuya, a Japanese bamboo grower of Bainbridge island, Puget sound, speaking of the growth of bamboo in the state of Washington says:

"The growing of bamboo for commercial purposes has been demonstrated in Washington to such a degree that it is positively known that the plant so useful in the orient will flourish in the temperate climate of the Pacific Northwest. Five years ago a Japanese company leased the Puget sound island for the purpose of experimenting with native bamboo. Several thousand roots and shoots were transplanted and a native Japanese farmer was engaged to look after the test. In the five years the bamboo has grown into trees at least 30 feet high and they are about 6 inches in diameter. It has been maintained by Japanese scientists that by crossing the bamboo that has been acclimated with the gaint bamboo of the far east trees of commercial size can be obtained. The tract on the island is immune from zero weather, and tempered by the ocean current and so far as the experiment goes it has been a success. We contemplate putting in a large acreage of bamboo to be utilized in the manufacture of light furniture."—American Lumberman.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Several Tracts Change Ownership in and Around This City.

W. B. Cooper to Arthur Woodring; tract section T 21 3w. \$130.

W. B. Cooper to August Labsch; tract in section 33 T 20 3 w. \$120.

Wm. Lane to Helen Nowell and husband; part of lot 1 block 5 J. I. Jones addition to Cottage Grove. \$100.

Orson Willard to Albert Willard; lots 3, 4 block 1 D. G. McFarland's addition to Cottage Grove. \$2000.

S. C. Counts to Wm. Moore 157 acres in section 8, tp 20 s. r. 4 w. \$1200.

M. J. Hawley and W. B. Hawley to W. A. Ward, s 1-2 lot 4, block 5 D. G. McFarland's 2nd addition to Cottage Grove. \$300.

Edgar King to A. H. King tract, section 22- and 27 T 20 3 w. \$100.

Edwin Tuller to Geo. McQueen; lots 1 and 2 block 2 McQueen's addition to Cottage Grove. \$10.

Geo. Berry to Fingal Hinds; west half of lot 1, block 4, D. G. McFarland's fourth addition to Cottage Grove.

W. C. Monroe to J. T. Short lot 3, block 3, Currin Park addition to Cottage Grove. \$600.

LOGGER INSTANTLY KILLED.

Body of Paul King Crushed Into a Shapeless Mass.

Paul King, a young man whose home was in Eugene, was instantly killed on Friday while at work in the Booth-Kelly logging camp about seven miles above Wendling. Young King was working on the line at the time of his death. He placed the hook on a log which was on top of another, and gave the signal to the donkey to start up. As the log started to move it rolled off the other one and onto King, crushing his body into almost a shapeless mass. Life was extinct when his fellow workmen reached him.

Predicts Rosy Future.

Mr. Fisher, formerly editor of our contemporary, The Leader, on a recent visit to Cottage Grove after an absence of several years, marveled greatly at the progress made by the city during that period. To a representative of The Sentinel Mr. Fisher said Cottage Grove's advancement had kept pace with other towns in the Willamette valley, and he should see no good reason why its future could not be brighter and more rosy than its past.

PLANNING OF TOWNS

Some of the Needs That Must Be Considered.

STYLE OF STREET IMPORTANT

No Curved Thoroughfares in Business Centers and No Straight Ones in Residential Sections—How Germans Plan Cities.

In an address at Washington Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr., a son of America's greatest landscape architect, said that our city and town planning ordinarily aims at making new streets connect with older ones so as to form continuous lines of travel and to make them wide enough to avoid congestion of traffic. He said this led to a mechanically standardized arrangement of streets and blocks with uniform, straight streets covering the whole or most of the town. This leads to "the concentration of street traffic upon a limited number of streets, causing danger of serious congestion and inconvenience" unless such traffic is provided for.

Many will take issue with Mr. Olmsted in his general statements, for all that he first said goes for naught in face of "unless provided for." In residence sections we need and should have streets laid out on anything but straight lines, but there are more than the residence parts in every city and town that have to be "provided for," and not the least of these is caring for business traffic in an economic manner, a consideration that necessarily excludes the aesthetic. What we must have in business centers are "new streets connecting with older ones to afford continuous lines of travel." We also need "uniform straight streets and a mechanically standardized arrangement of streets and blocks." Business demands it. We further need "concentration of street traffic upon a limited number of thoroughfares," but we should provide these of sufficient width and of such substantial surface that they would fully satisfy all demands upon them.

No one more fully believes in the city beautiful movement than the writer; no one dislikes straight lines and square corners more, but we must not have curved streets in business centers. The plans for the improvement of the business portion of Los Angeles by Charles Mulford Robinson provided for straight streets only and aimed to have all beautiful by reason of simplicity and fully meeting all the requirements of traffic. The proper planning of the business sections and the proper planning of the residence portions of any city or town are two distinct though not necessarily separate problems.

Now that nearly all of our cities and towns in southern California have effectively tackled the planting of street trees those most to the fore will be looking to the next step toward the ideal. As to what this step will be is briefly outlined in a letter lately received from J. H. Reed of Riverside, Cal. He writes: "Now that the problem of well planted streets is nearing solution we must look to further improvement of our city. If your city beautiful experts did not cost so much we could get you to plan or suggest a 'block beautiful' system of landscape improvement or, better still, provide for carrying out a scheme of embellishment and improvement for a whole street."

"Even if we have to pay fat fees the cost would fall so lightly on each individual owner that every one could find out how best to improve his yard so that it would be attractive in itself and harmonize with the whole scheme."

The city or town first to adopt this method of making the city beautiful both as a whole and in every detail will not be able to hide her "light under a bushel," but would soon become famous for her unusual beauty both at home and abroad.

The five most important points obtained by the German system of city or town planning are thus summed up by Mr. Olmsted, who last year visited Europe for the purpose of studying city planning:

First.—A reasonably good provision of main thoroughfares well planned and well equipped.

Second.—An increasingly liberal and equitable distribution of small parks and playgrounds as well as numerous small interesting squares.

Third.—A good distribution of excellent public building sites, and on many of them some very interesting public buildings.

Fourth.—Every notable facilities for commercial and manufacturing districts in connection with water fronts and railways. When the city plan lays out a district with a special view to manufacture, it does not just cut it up into the standard streets and blocks and then leave the railways, the manufacturers and teamsters to struggle with the transportation problem, but begins by laying out the necessary rights of way for the railroad facilities and provides long rows of factory sites, with railroad sidings on one side and streets on the other.

Fifth.—Development of the newer districts in a less crowded and much more homogeneous manner than in the past.

Here in America, he says, we go on complacently perpetuating our old mistakes long after we have recognized them, preparing over again in our suburbs without material variation the same conditions that have given rise to results we deplore in the older parts of our cities and towns.—Los Angeles Times.

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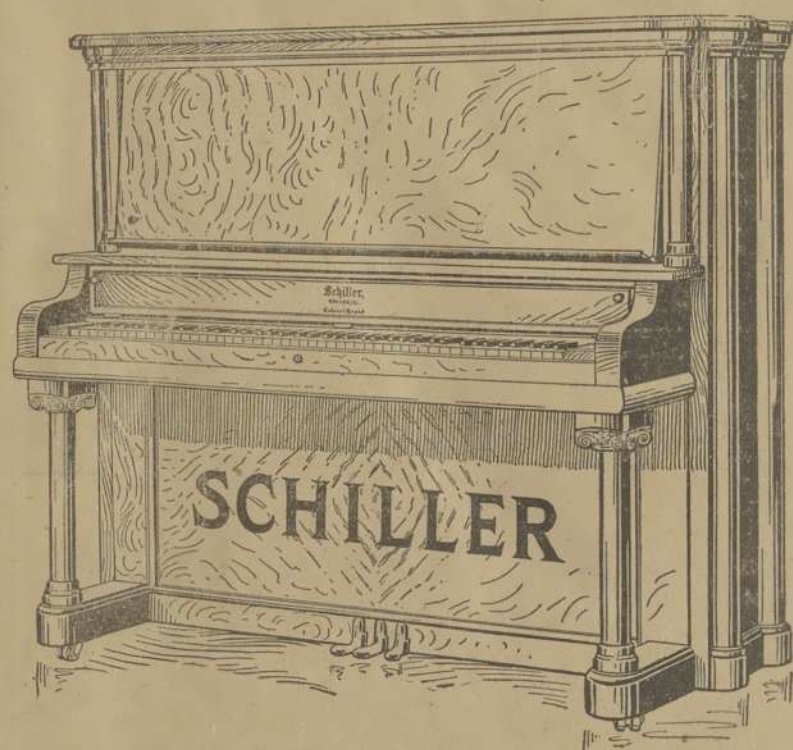
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