

THE FUTURE OF COTTAGE GROVE LOOKS BRIGHT

In a general interview with the merchants and other business people of Cottage Grove, The Sentinel gains the information that the year 1909 has been one of universal prosperity, the volume of business transacted during the twelvemonth being satisfactory in a majority of instances. In some cases, as is natural to suppose, the increase has been greater than in others, due in a considerable measure to the energy and get-there-iveness of the individual behind the gun. It is a significant fact, and one which The Sentinel cannot refrain from incidentally mentioning, that the institutions that used printer's ink unstintingly are the ones to report the greatest prosperity, proving beyond reasonable doubt the assertion frequently made in these columns that, keeping everlastingly at it brings success.

Several of the most pretentious business establishments will soon be in the midst of stock-taking, and until this annual round-up is completed they will not know definitely just where they are at, so to speak. Yet these assert in unmistakable terms that, all things considered, they have enjoyed a successful year's business, and that the ledger will make a very satisfactory showing. Trade was somewhat slow in opening, but notwithstanding this fact reasonable goods in all lines were fairly well cleared, and merchants took on new invoices as the year advanced with confidence. The holiday trade as a whole was exceptionally good, and comparatively little stock goes over.

BUILDINGS SUBSTANTIALLY.

What the new year will bring forth remains to be seen, but expectations of the citizenship of Cottage Grove are most sanguine, the general opinion being that it will eclipse its predecessor. The prospects are that good will come out of the agitation of home trading, but this movement, here as elsewhere, must be fostered by the merchants, who can do more toward consummating the desired result than a combination of all other interests. When the thousands of dollars that now annually go abroad are turned into the natural channels of home commerce Cottage Grove will doubly prosper. This condition is, of course, looked forward to with hope and anxiety, but we are as a community building on a solid and enduring foundation and Cottage Grove will continue its march to the foremost rank of Oregon cities even though Shears & Sawback get some of the home dollars—its progress can only be unnecessarily retarded. It is situated in the garden spot of the great Willamette Valley; the soil surrounding it is incomparable and its agricultural possibilities are unsurpassed; its natural resources are unrivaled, and with these and other advantages it is well fortified against the enemy.

The person who possesses the average foresight of mankind can see an exceedingly rosy future for Cottage Grove. Aside from the twenty-one sawmills now successfully operating in and adjacent to the city, another industry of similar character is being promoted that will manufacture from our magnificent forests 173,000,000 feet of standing timber into the merchantable commodity. The mining industry promises new activity, several of the companies now operating in the Bohemia district preparing for greater things. New home-builders are coming hither from the east with the westward tide of immigration, and we may expect a greater influx during the approaching year. Our geographical position makes it possible to build here a city of no inconsiderable proportions and importance, regardless of the few obstructionists in the pathway of progress, of which we have comparatively few.

Before another twelvemonth shall have rolled round Nesmith county will have been organized with Cottage Grove as the seat of justice, and this will prove an important factor in our up-building and material prosperity. The people of the great state of Oregon have been appealed to to champion this worthy cause, and in November next will give the votes necessary for the success of the undertaking.

ACTIVITY IS PROMISED.

The year 1910 promises no inconsiderable activity along building lines, but outside of residences we cannot hope to place the record of 1909 in the background, for present conditions do not warrant the erection of the same number of business blocks. However, unless plans now making miscarry, at least three pretentious business structures will be built, while certainly the residence districts will be expanded by the building of additional dwellings.

Real estate is firm, and while there is comparatively little activity at present, with the opening of spring there

will be something doing. As indicated above, residence property will probably be in greater demand than centrally situated business lots. With the number of business blocks erected the past season the supply is adequate for the present. Suburban lots will probably find ready market. That realty in Cottage Grove will never be cheaper than now no one familiar with obtaining conditions will doubt, and a full realization of this fact will prompt early purchases.

Considerable work along public improvement lines is promised for the year, among which may be mentioned the construction of a gravity water system costing \$100,000, and the paving of the city's principal thoroughfare. The financial condition of the municipality is improving. While the treasury is depleted, so far as the general fund is concerned, past indebtedness is being liquidated and within a reasonably short time there is hope that we shall be again on Easy street.

A careful summary of the situation leads The Sentinel to the bold assertion that Cottage Grove is today one of the very best cities of its size in Oregon, and with the push and energy it justly merits injected into it, will grow and prosper even in excess of the most fanciful dreams of the sanguine. The statements of our financial institutions make a gratifying exhibit, and show that money is not lacking in the community, which is a recommendation for any town.

And now, while the future appears bright, is an appropriate time to bestir ourselves for even greater things. There is work to be accomplished if we would advance beyond our natural growth, and the drones, of which we have some, should be brushed aside by those willing, and anxious, to put a shoulder to the wheel in behalf of progress.

BUILDINGS ERECTED.

Five handsome and substantial business buildings have been erected during the past year at a cost of \$42,000. The B. K. Lawson building, 50x95 feet, two stories, with two storerooms, cost \$8,000; the Herman Venske two story building, 50x95, cost \$8,000; the C. C. Woodward block, 74x90, with four storerooms and office rooms on the second floor, cost \$14,000; the Oliver Veatch and T. C. Wheeler double two-story building, 46x95, cost \$8,000, and the A. J. Stewart one-story building, 30x95, cost \$4,000. W. V. DeWald put up a frame store building on Fourth street at a cost of \$1,500 in addition to the above.

A comparatively large number of dwellings have been erected the past year, but inasmuch as the present management of The Sentinel has been in Cottage Grove only four months it is impossible to compile a complete list. Following, however, are a few of the late ones: O. M. Kem, dwelling, 30x42, \$4,000; J. F. Spray, dwelling, \$1,600; J. A. Elledge, dwelling, \$2,000; B. Lurch, cottage, \$1,000; Oregon & South-eastern Railroad company, roundhouse, \$1,100; F. G. Stiller, dwelling, \$1,100; Albert Zinicker, dwelling, \$800; Dave Scholl, dwelling, \$1,000; C. C. Woodward, dwelling, \$2,000; Mrs. T. Allen, bungalow, \$1,350; W. B. Cooper, dwelling \$1,100; A. J. Stewart, bungalow, \$1,500; M. Miller, dwelling, \$600; A. H. Morningstar, dwelling, \$500; George Bisby, dwelling; Joseph Sams, dwelling; Dr. Paschall, dwelling, \$800; Baptist society, church building, 48x48, \$3,000; M. Caldwell, cottage; Thos. Allen, cottage; W. Hubbell, warehouse.

Improvements—White, business building; M. Miller, dwelling, \$3,000; M. P. Garoutte, dwelling, \$400; Ed. Laun, dwelling, \$550; Alf. Powell, dwelling, \$500; W. C. Conner, dwelling, \$150. Presbyterian church, \$200. The Rural District—Star Lumber Co., sawmill 50x150 near Wildwood—incomplete; Will White, barn 60x80; Royal school, addition 30x32, \$500; Bud Porter, dwelling, \$1,200; Mr. Sanderson, Lorane, residence, \$2,000; S. F. Jackson, Jerry Pipes, W. I. Coleman, G. W. Sanderson, W. C. Billings and M. Gillespie, all of Lorane, have built barns.

FINES FOR THE YEAR.

During the year 1909 City Recorder VanDenberg, before whom come all breachers of the peace, collected in fines \$272.50, drunks contributing all except a few dollars of the aggregate amount.

OUR LIGHTING SYSTEM.

The local electric lighting company has expended about \$3000 in improvements during the past year, and contemplate improvements aggregating about \$10,000 for early in the new year, provided a contract for six years at reduced rates, now pending before the council, is entered into. The company now has something over 4000 incandescent lights, and about 20 arcs, and has refused to take on additional ones because of the inadequacy of the plant. Should the contract spoken of be accepted the capacity will be doubled without delay.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

During 1909 seven streets have been graded and graveled under contract, the aggregate sum thus expended being \$5,148.50. There is a general sen-

PUSH--DON'T KNOCK

Upon the door I saw a sign;
I cried, "A motto! And it's mine!"
A wiser thing I never saw—
No Median or Persian law
Should be more rigidly enforced.
Than this, from verbiage divorced—
Its logic's firm as any rock—
"Push—don't knock."

'Twas simply meant to guide the hand
Of those who wished to sit or stand
Within the unassuming door
This weight of sermony that bore,
'Twas never meant to teach or preach,
But just to place in easy reach
The ear of him who dealt it stock—
"Push—don't knock."

timent for better streets, and it is probable that a larger number of residence streets will be improved in 1910. Main street will undoubtedly be paved, over 80 per cent of the property owners on that thoroughfare have endorsed the movement by signing a petition asking that the work be performed. Quite a large number of concrete sidewalks have been built during the year.

SEWER SYSTEM.

Since 1904 Cottage Grove has constructed 5,400 lineal feet of main sewer and 19,327 lineal feet of laterals, or feeders, making a total of 24,727 feet. Of this aggregate amount 3,780 feet were constructed during the past season at an expense of \$2,330.20. Over 4,700 was built last year, 825 feet in 1907, 800 feet in 1906, and 2,000 feet in 1905. The west side of the river is said to have the largest proportion of sewers.

POSTOFFICE RECEIPTS.

At the present rate of increase in the postal receipts at the Cottage Grove postoffice at the close of the fiscal year next June there will have been a gain of more than \$1000 over the previous year. The total receipts for the last fiscal year—sale of stamps and box rents only—amounted to \$5,937.40 while for the first three months of the present year, ending Sept. 30, from the same source aggregate \$1,315.50. Did the figures show receipts from all sources this amount would be very materially augmented.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The Volunteer fire department, at the head of which is Orvill Knapp, has made only eight runs during the past year; most of the responses have been flue-fires. The heaviest loss of the season was sustained by the Cottage Grove Mercantile company early in the year, in the Stewart & Porter building fire, but the damages were principally from water. The Griffin-Veatch company also suffered some loss by this fire, as did also Dr. Ingram. The Burkholder-Woods company also suffered slight loss by fire during the year. The aggregate loss is not available, as no record is kept by the fire companies, as should be done. The Sentinel recommends to Chief Knapp that a complete record of every run, together with loss and insurance, be accurately kept for 1910.

There are two companies, one each on the east and west sides, the former company having a membership of 28 and the latter 22. Geo. Broomfield is captain of the west side. The apparatus consists of a chemical engine, horse carts, extension ladders, and other fire fighting implements. Monthly meetings are held by the companies.

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But what a guide for life was that—
Strong, philosophical and pat;
How safe a chart for you and me
While cruising o'er life's sea:
Push, always push, with good in view;
Don't knock—avoid the hammer crew,
This rule will save you many a shock;
"Push—don't knock."

When on that door I see the sign,
I say, "Great Motto! You are mine!"
No stronger sermon ever fell
From human lips; no sage could tell
The hot-head youth more nearly how
To point always his vessel's prow;
There are no wiser words in stock;
"Push—don't knock."

TRANSFERS FOR FOUR MONTHS.

Since October 1 last considerable city and rural property has changed ownership, and if this is an indication of the year's transactions the real estate business has prospered. We do not pretend to have the record complete, but gather the following deals in dirt from files of the Sentinel since it came under its present management.

- S. V. Allison to Worth Harvey tract of land; \$1800.
- Sarah M. Morss to Booth-Kelly company, 320 acres.
- G. M. Dyer to Mr. Freeman, residence and three acres, \$2600.
- E. D. Handy to L. E. Slagle, two city lots; \$1450.
- Wm. Landess to Dora Waters, two city lots; \$275.
- Oliver Hart to Fingal Hinds, tract.
- S. F. King to W. B. Cooper, two city lots.
- W. B. Cooper to B. K. Lawson and Marion Veatch, city lot.
- Norris to Wm. Lynch, 200 acre in Lorane; \$4000.
- Andrew Oliver to Mary Lybarger, 7 acres in Lorane.
- W. B. Cooper to Arthur Woodring, tract; \$130.
- W. B. Cooper to August Labsch, tract; \$120.
- Wm. Lane to Helen Nowell, part of city lot; \$100.
- Orson Willard to Albert Willard, two city lots; \$2000.
- S. C. Counts to Wm. Moore, 157 acres; \$1200.
- M. K. Hawley to W. A. Ward, half of city lot; \$300.
- Edgar King to A. H. King, tract; \$100.
- Phillip H. Jones to W. A. Hartung, three acres, \$250.
- Oregon & California company to Jesse McKibben, 20 acres; \$280.
- J. M. Comer to A. T. Crandall, city residence property.
- J. Baker to R. Hull, one and a half acres; \$800.
- John Nokes to Frank Murray, two city lots, \$250.
- J. I. Jones to A. H. Morningstar, one acre; \$300.
- John Nokes to Geo. Atkinson, two city lots, \$250.
- John Nokes to Dr. Prasehall, city lot, \$125.
- John Norman to M. N. Lewis, forty acres.
- Edgar King to Bank of Cottage Grove tract; \$1000.
- Alfred D. Gordon to Joseph Bricher, ten acres, \$2400.
- D. G. Hubbard to Thos. Allen, 176 acres, \$2400.
- Sherman Clark to Combination Mines Co. Topekak Quartz Mining Claim.
- Edwin Tuller to Geo. McQueen, two city lots.
- Geo. Berry to Fingal Hinds, half of city lot.
- W. C. Monroe to J. T. Short, city lot; \$600.
- J. D. Matlock to J. W. Eddy, city lot; \$600.
- David Alexander to Harris & Schiebner, 80 acres; \$3750.
- R. H. Clark to Combination Mining Co. Kokoms Mining Claim, Bohemia Mining district.
- R. H. Glark to Combination Mining Co., Delpas Mining Claim, Bohemia Mining district.
- T. C. Wheeler to Mrs. Emma Best, tract of land; \$900.
- Geo. E. Quiggle to J. C. McCougher, city lot.
- Maggie A. Seals to J. S. Milne, tract of land, \$150.
- D. C. Baughman to R. M. Veatch 11 1-2 acres; \$3000.
- Marion Veatch to J. M. Harvey three

lots in McFarland's addition, consideration \$2000.
D. C. Baughman to E. L. Howe five acres, \$1222.
J. Baker to Rowland Hull, tract of land; \$300.

COTTAGE GROVE, IN BRIEF.

Cottage Grove was founded in 1867. Every telephone or telegraph message, every letter, every pound of freight and every passenger who travels north and south between the Cascade mountains and the Pacific ocean, whether by wagon or rail, passes through this city. Cottage Grove will have another sawmill within its jurisdiction within a month. W. T. Hankins of Star and J. O. Dunn of Oregon City are the promoters, and the industry will be at Bed Rock, on the O. & S. E.

Cottage Grove has five passenger trains each way daily.
Cottage Grove has the banner two-year-old apple orchard in the state.
Cottage Grove has a poultry association that holds annual exhibitions in January.

Cottage Grove, while not large enough for a lodge, has forty-seven Elks.
Cottage Grove will be the seat of justice of Nesmith county in 1910.
Cottage Grove Oddfellows lodge has a membership of forty.

Cottage Grove has an active Commercial club, with a Promotion department.
Cottage Grove will have one of the largest orchards in the state next year. Churchill-Matthews are setting 1000 acres west of town to trees.

Cottage Grove has 16,000,000,000 feet of standing timber tributary to it, and to no other shipping point. It is the largest body of standing timber in the world today. It costs \$7.50 per thousand to manufacture, and this involves an expenditure of \$120,500,000.

Cottage Grove's assessed valuation is \$575,995.
Cottage Grove's population is 95 per cent American.
Cottage Grove has one sawmill and two planing mills, and one sash and door factory within the corporate limits. Also a flouring mill.

Cottage Grove is receiving about forty inquiries a day from contemplating settlers.
Cottage Grove has thirty-one sawmills tributary to it—and more coming. The monthly payroll exceeds \$55,000.

Cottage Grove is the home of the famous Calapooya mineral springs water.
Cottage Grove has some knockers but, thank the Lord, they are in the minority.

Cottage Grove this year raised eleven Burbank potatoes, the aggregate length of which was 240 inches.
Cottage Grove is the home of the apple, pear, prune, cherry and of all small fruits and berries.

Cottage Grove has quicksilver mines eighteen miles distant.
Cottage Grove is a clean town, with a good moral atmosphere. No saloons.
Cottage Grove will have an electric line from Portland—sometime.

Cottage Grove is an ideal location for woodworking factories of various kinds. Raw materials in abundance at low prices.
Cottage Grove raised a fund of about \$5,000 for promotion work this year.

Cottage Grove is distributing 20,000 books descriptive of this immediate section, at a cost of \$2330, which figure also includes magazine advertising.
Cottage Grove has a Woman's Club that is famous for its progressive spirit. It is an important factor in getting civic improvements.

Cottage Grove will have a new sawmill early in 1910. It will saw 175,000,000 feet of standing pine into the merchantable product in five years.
Cottage Grove will be advertised during 1910 in every town of importance in the east and middle west by lantern slides. A ten-months tour will be made.

Cottage Grove's mineral display at the Seattle fair received honorable mention.
Cottage Grove has more telephone subscribers than any town of its size in Oregon—654. The company will expend \$20,000 on its plant here after January 1.

Cottage Grove is the trade center for a vast surrounding country.
Cottage Grove is one of the important towns on the Southern Pacific railroad.
Cottage Grove can supply a greater railroad tonnage than any other equal area on the Pacific Coast.

Cottage Grove's altitude is 671, beyond the frost line, and out of the hot belt.
Cottage Grove has two solid financial

institutions, with deposits of over \$250,000.
Cottage Grove has fifteen teachers in its public schools.

Cottage Grove has levied a school tax of 10 mills on an assessed valuation of \$575,995 for school purposes.
Cottage Grove has 658 children of school age, giving the city a population of 2916, a considerable increase over 1908.

Cottage Grove high school has 770 volumes in its library.
Cottage Grove has six churches, and five church edifices. Another is being erected.

Cottage Grove has a beautiful public park, centrally located.
Cottage Grove has an electric light and power plant, with 24-hour service.

Cottage Grove is the gateway to the Bohemia gold-mining camp. More than \$700,000 has been taken from the district in five years.
Cottage Grove's creamery is making 100 pounds of butter daily.

Cottage Grove is the poultry-raising paradise of Oregon.
Cottage Grove will raise \$11,519 for municipal purpose for 1910.
Cottage Grove has \$15,000 sewer bonds outstanding.

Cottage Grove picks ripe strawberries and raspberries in December and January.
Cottage Grove enjoys 286 nice days out of the 365. Summer weather is seldom above 80.

Cottage Grove's surrounding country raises to the acre 40 bushels of wheat, 85 bushels of oats, machine measure, 60 bushels of barley, 40 bushels of corn, 200 bushels of potatoes. Jersey cows net from \$80 to \$120. Sheep and goats are profitable. All grasses yield abundantly.

Cottage Grove is the starting point for big hunts. Cougar, wild cat, lynx, deer, grouse, pheasants and quail are found. Mountain trout abound in the streams.
Cottage Grove has the best team of marksmen in the Oregon National Guard.

Cottage Grove postal receipts are increasing at the rate of \$1,500 for the present fiscal year.
Cottage Grove has four Star mail routes.

Cottage Grove has a Merchants' Protective association, and a bunch of live wires belong to it.
Cottage Grove will have a handsome new passenger station after its main street is paved.

The Week of Prayer.

Commencing Sunday evening January 2, and continuing until Sunday evening the 9th, the Presbyterian, Baptist, Christian and Methodist churches will hold a series of meetings together. The gatherings assemble at the usual hour, 7:30 p. m. Each service starts off with song, prayer and testimony, followed by a sermon. The Methodist church will be the convening place Sunday and Monday; the Christian church Tuesday and Wednesday; the Presbyterian church Thursday and Friday, and the Christian church the final service on Sunday evening. Every effort is to be made to make these gatherings seasons of great blessing, and it is hoped that the results shall more than compensate preachers and people for the extra efforts put forth. Next week the complete program of speakers and topics will be given.

Buildings Are Safe.

It having been intimated by a contributor to The Sentinel that the heating, ventilating and sanitary conditions of the public school buildings were not what they should be, and that the lives of pupils and teachers were endangered from fire, Superintendent Barnes caused an examination of the buildings to be made by Mr. A. Nelson, a heating and ventilating engineer. Mr. Nelson says the sanitation is good, and that there is no danger of fire from furnaces, pipes or flues. He, however, says the heat and ventilation of the east side building is defective, and recommends a remedy. If these are the conditions which obtain, The Sentinel's contributor must have rushed into print without being sure of his ground.

Aged Partners Quarrel.

Mike Daly, an aged horse trader, was shot by his partner, Ambrey Grace, also a man of age, at Eugene on Sunday, with a shot gun, inflicting a serious wound in the left leg. The two had been drinking all the day and night before and became engaged in a fight. Grace brought out his shotgun and fired at Daly, the full charge entering the leg below the knee, severing an artery. Grace was thrown into jail.