

DISTORTS REAL FACTS

Eugene Man Grossly Misrepresents Existing Conditions.

ATTEMPTS TO WORK CRAFTILY

Mr. Rankin Continues Unfair Methods in Opposing the Creation of Nesmith County.—Voters Are Getting Onto the Eugene Way.

Mr. F. A. Rankin of Eugene, in a bitter tirade against the proposed county division, written personally to a newspaper friend of The Sentinel, contends that the miners of the Bohemia do not have to come to Cottage Grove in order to reach the county seat of Douglas county, but the gentleman does not show how they may reach that point by any other route. There is none. He further adds that those men have little business at the county seat, forgetting that, as a rule, no other class of citizens are more frequently at the courthouse. And this brings to mind a case that was tried in Roseburg about a year, or perhaps more, ago from the Bohemia, when over one hundred witnesses were subpoenaed from among the miners of the district at a cost for railway fare alone of over \$1,00 more than would have been the case had the county seat been at Cottage Grove. And besides this additional expense to the litigants there was large cost to Douglas county for service, etc. Mr. Rankin, continuing his argument against the proposed new county, says he knows quite a few miners who are not in favor of the new county being created, a statement that The Sentinel challenges him to substantiate. This week this paper prints a set of resolutions adopted by the operators and miners of the locality which carries the names of a majority of those who are not from Eugene, and several of these would have gladly signed the resolutions had they not feared for their scalp.

The writer of the letter, who has either been grossly misinformed or knowingly misrepresents the facts, says "the project was launched by a few disgruntled office seekers who could not 'make good' in Lane county and who think they will have a cinch on 'getting in' if they can induce the public to give them a county of their own." This is the Eugene way. This statement is absolutely false in part. 'Tis true that no community within the county of Lane outside of Eugene can 'make good,' if we are to imply from the gentleman's statement that representation is meant. The Eugene way is taxation without representation. In other words, we are asked to send our cash to the county seat, and then whistle for what we get, which is mighty little. As to the officers, there must be a lot of 'disgruntled office seekers' looking for offices that pay salaries of \$400 per annum! The total payroll of the officers of proposed Nesmith county does not exceed \$5500 per annum. What does it cost to run the county of Lane?

As regards the taxable property wished to be taken from Lane, this man Rankin tells The Sentinel's newspaper friend with a view to prejudicing him against Nesmith county, that it is "three times greater than what they say it is," which is an absolute falsehood and cannot be proven. The proposed county of Nesmith would have an assessed valuation of \$5,309,575, of which \$4,004,273 is from Lane county, leaving it \$18,002,647. These are the figures from the records of Lane county, and the people within the proposed county of Nesmith have made no other claim. Mr. Rankin calls the proposition a robbing game, but does not advance one argument to substantiate his statement.

It is misrepresentation of this character by which the county seat towns of Eugene and Roseburg hope to defeat the measure for the creation of Nesmith county. The fact is there was never a more fair or equitable division of territory asked for in the state of Oregon, and we defy Mr. Rankin to prove to the contrary. The lines have been drawn according to the topography of the country, his statement to the contrary notwithstanding, and if the knocker who so grossly misrepresents conditions would inform himself and then adhere strictly to the truth he could not deny it. But it's the Eugene way, you know.

ANOTHER NEW COUNTY.

Nesmith County Proposition Has Stirred Others to Action.

The question of dividing Umatilla county is to be submitted to the voters of Oregon at the November election under the initiative. The necessary bill has been prepared.

Residents of the Freewater and Milton section have been agitating the question of division for some time, and the success of Hood River county at the last general election has inspired them with confidence. They would make Milton or Freewater the county

seat, and would take all that portion of Umatilla county lying north of Adams. This would not only include the towns of Milton and Freewater, but also Weston and Athena, leaving Pendleton, Adams, Helix, Echo, Hermiston, Stanfield, Pilot Rock and Ukiah in the old county. No name has yet been proposed for the new section.

There was a light frost here Tuesday night, but no damage was done to the fruit crop, as an early morning fog kept away the sun. From the reports of the orchardists there will be a bumper crop of fruit here the coming season.

FARMERS MEETING IN MAY.

Prominent Agriculturist and Dairymen Will Deliver Addresses.

There will be a Farmers' Institute in this city on May 14 next, at which time there will be present a number of experts from the agricultural college, and others, who will talk on various topics of interest. One session will be held in the afternoon and another in the evening, and it is especially desired by the committee in charge of the affair that there be a full attendance of farmers and dairymen. Among those who have signified their intention of being present are Dr. Withycombe of the Oregon Agricultural Experiment station at Corvallis, State Dairy Commissioner Bailey of Portland, and Prof. Kent of the Corvallis institution. The meeting will be held at the rooms of the Commercial club.

RAILROAD BALKS AT TAXES.

Southern Pacific Objects to the Port of Siuslaw Levy.

That the Southern Pacific Company may attack the validity of the Port of Siuslaw is indicated by the company's refusal to pay taxes on the portion of its Congressional grant lands lying within the lines of that port. The company has paid one-half of its taxes on all this land except those levied by the port. The amount is said to be but about \$3000, but it seems evident the railroad company will not pay until a test has been made.

The matter has been referred to District Attorney Bryson and on his decision the county may or may not endeavor to enforce the collection of the taxes.

It's the Eugene Way.

Two years ago, when the State University appropriation bill was in jeopardy, the Eugene Commercial club came to Cottage Grove a hundred strong in a special car, accompanied by a brass band, under the pretense of attending our poultry exhibit. The excursionists crowded our people into the Commercial club-rooms and talked appropriation to them until they were black in the face. In declining to come here next Monday, the club members evidently judge others by themselves.

Cottage Grove Will Help.

The Crater Lake road will be built, and Cottage Grove will assist financially in its making. A subscription paper has been received here, and already a goodly amount has been subscribed toward the enterprise, which is of national importance. This road extends from Medford to Crater Lake, and that Medford and that section of the state is in earnest over the matter is shown by the fact that about \$50,000 has been raised there for the work.

New Officers Elected.

The annual meeting of the Rescue Hose Company, of the West side department, was held on Monday evening, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Worth Harvey, vice-president, Paul Markley; secretary and treasurer, Lorenzo P. Sanford; assistant secretary, Chas. Beals; foreman, Geo. Brumfield; first assistant foreman, Frank Woodruff; second assistant foreman, Chester Churchill.

Prof. Briggs Retained.

Prof. A. L. Briggs of Cottage Grove has been re-elected superintendent of the Albany schools. He is one of the most prominent educators of the state, having had a number of years' experience in public school work in Oregon and having served as president of the Central Oregon State Normal school at Drain and in the faculties of the Monmouth Normal school and the Oregon Agricultural College.

Judge Dimick to Visit Us.

Judge W. S. Dimick of Oregon City will visit Cottage Grove on May 14, and deliver an address on good roads before the farmers' institute. He is a most interesting speaker, and has made a study of the question which he will discuss.

Is there a city in Oregon that received a square deal in the census taking? If so let it stand up. From the press of the state there appears to be a shortage in population in each town of from fifty to ten thousand.

TERSE TOWN TOPICS

Many Minor Matters of More than Passing Moment.

PERT PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Gleanings Here, There and Everywhere By The Sentinel Rounders.—The Cream of the News Condensed for Easy Reading.

Geo. Berry and wife have opened up a job printing office in Lodi, Cal. They are both old residents of Cottage Grove and have a great many friends and relatives here who will be glad to know that they are prosperous.

Attorney J. E. Young transacted business at the county seat on Saturday.

The Lane county bar, of which Messrs. J. S. Medley, J. C. Johnson, A. H. King and others of this city are members, has endorsed Judge Hamilton for re-election as circuit judge.

Mr. C. H. Catlin of Kelso, Washington, spent Saturday in Cottage Grove, having visited the Bohemia in company with Mr. Ely.

Remember the Farmers' Institute to be held in this city on May 14. Every Farm For Sale.—Ten acres one-half mile north of the depot, on the east side of the track. Buy from owner. Write or see Joseph Bricher, box 544, city.

Saginaw has a real estate office, and a live wire in charge. That's going some.

Mr. W. B. Dennis spent a portion of Wednesday in Dorena.

Claud Howard of Dorena was in the city on Tuesday.

The Guard claims that many people of in Eugene were missed by the enumerators.

Geo. W. McQueen to G. L. Shortridge 1 int. to s½ of lot 5, block 3 and ½ int. in s½ of lot 6, block 3, McFarland's add to Cottage Grove; \$1.

H. Venske to Geo. W. McQueen et al, lot 1 and w ½ of lot 2, block 4, of Shields add to Cottage Grove; \$15000.

Miss Jessie Berg was elected third vice-president of the Eugene district Epworth League at the convention held in Brownsville last week.

Parker's Bakery bread speaks for itself. Always good.

H. A. West and family of Los Angeles will locate in Cottage Grove permanently.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Matlock of Eugene spent Sunday with Cottage Grove relatives.

Remember that Wednesday next is clean-up day. Everybody should renovate their premises. The public health demands it, if nothing more.

Lard is going up, but Parker is still selling doughnuts at 10 cents per dozen.

Mr. and Mrs. Counter entertained G. H. Ashcraft and family of Ashland, and N. B. Ashcraft, a student at the University, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hasner of Roseburg spent Sunday with relatives in this city.

Mrs. E. R. Gowdy spent a portion of the week with Drain friends.

Wall paper from 10 cents up. Waters, The Wall Paper Store.

Mr. A. F. Schultz and family of Kansas are guests of Mr. DeLaVergne and family. They were formerly neighbors of Kansas. Mr. Schultz is very favorably impressed with the coast country, and particularly with Cottage Grove.

The Rev. Adams addressed the pupils of the High school last Friday afternoon, taking "The Efete East" for his theme. Mr. Adams will leave tomorrow for Southern Oregon, his new field of labor.

"Bud" Lincoln has gone to Seattle, where he has accepted a position.

Mine Host Westbrook was a Salem visitor on Saturday.

Polk's new directory of Cottage Grove has been issued. It gives the population of the city as 3,000. It is full of valuable information.

Harry Metcalf had ripe strawberries on his table last Friday, April 29, gathered from his own garden.

And now the road up the McKenzie river will be improved by Lane county at a cost of \$3000 that the Eugene sports may proceed up that stream in their autos on fishing excursions.

Eugene will have a rose show about the middle of May. It needs a school for instruction in the Ten Commandments more than it does a rose show.

Dr. Wall of Eugene was in the city Saturday on professional business.

Eugene won the inter-district championship in the debate against Grants Pass, and hence will participate in the final debate for the Regents' cup.

A. L. Woodard has bought a twin-cylinder motorcycle, and it's a beauty.

David Wallace is organizing a Highlanders' lodge at Springfield.

We have a complete line of genuine Haviland China. Call and see it.—Kerr & Silsby.

Mrs. W. W. Shortidge attended the funeral of W. F. Colvin at Eugene on Tuesday.

Miss Chloe Hedrick, who is now at-

tending school in Drain, spends her Sundays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hedrick, at Cottage Grove.—Drain Nonpareil.

A. J. Stewart transacted business at the county seat on Tuesday.

Contentment the only real happiness To attain this one must love the home first of all. Did you ever think how much brighter home would be by adding a nice piano to it, and how easy you could get a reliable one of Marion Veatch?

Wanted — Position as housekeeper. Address box 364, Cottage Grove.

Mr. H. O. Thompson spent a portion of the week in Portland on business.

William F. Colvin dropped dead at Eugene on Monday.

The Rip Van Winkle company played to a small audience at the Armory on Monday night. The company merited a better attendance. While the play is old it was presented in most excellent style, the scenery being up to date in every particular.

The public schools will close May 25.

Salem business men are now planning a trip through Southern Oregon.

Wednesday, May 11, has been designated as clean-up day and everybody is expected to get busy.

J. E. Crow of Lorane attended a meeting of the Grange at Goshen on last Saturday.

Miss Bessie Hutchinson of Springfield is a guest of her sister, Mrs. J. O. Van Winkle.

Mr. L. S. Taylor, agent for the Southern Pacific at this place for some time past, has been transferred to Roseburg, and is succeeded by Frank King.

LeRoy Barrett has returned from Walla Walla, Washington, whither he went for treatment for spinal trouble.

Misses Berg, Neita Hazelton, Armored Sutcliffe, Alice Counts and Mamie Kime, and Messrs. Bertram Applegate, Harry Kime, Albert Woodard and Otho Hart were delegates to the Epworth League convention at Brownsville Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. C. L. Monson, representing the Pacific Paper Company of Portland, and a resident of Albany, was in the city on Tuesday interviewing his trade. Since his last coming Mr. Monson took unto himself a bride, and he was peddling cigars of a good brand in every street in town.

Graduating exercises at the Royal Academy were held on Tuesday night, and were well attended.

FESTIVAL A SUCCESS.

Presbyterian Sunday School Entertains Large Crowd Friday and Saturday.

The May Festival last Friday and Saturday, given under the auspices of the Presbyterian Sunday school, was well attended and proved a pleasant as well as a profitable entertainment. A very enjoyable program was rendered on Friday evening, which together with the other attractions—candy booth, fish pond, fruit stand, fortune teller—kept the large attendance employed during the evening.

The rummage sale and market on Saturday attracted another large crowd. One could find on sale almost anything from a pair of suspenders or a sidecomb to a cook stove, all of which met with ready takers. This is shown by the fact that the only article left was a butter dish, and this would probably have been disposed of had the public been aware that the price of butter was on the decline.

The program on Saturday evening was interesting. The rooms in which the festival was given was handsomely decorated, and the crowning of the May Queen by the Month of May was a very pretty and impressive ceremony. The May Pole drill, in which twelve little girls participated, was an important feature of the entertainment. Some four hundred people witnessed the ceremonies, and many have expressed a desire that the May Day Festival be made an annual affair.

WHY SO WEEK?

Kidney Troubles May be Sapping Your Life Away. Cottage Grove People Have Learned This Fact.

When a healthy man or woman begins to run down without apparent cause, becomes weak, languid, depressed, suffers backache, headache, dizzy spells and urinary disorders, kidney weakness may be the cause of it all. Keep the kidneys well and they will keep you well. Doan's Kidney Pills cure sick kidneys and keep them well. Can Cottage Grove readers demand further proof than the following statement:

J. P. McCarthy, S. Stevenson St., Roseburg, Ore., says: "For a long time I had trouble from my back and kidneys and my condition gradually grew worse. I did not have much backache but the unnatural condition of the kidney secretions plainly showed that my trouble was caused by inactive kidneys. The good reports I heard concerning Doan's Kidney Pills led me to procure this remedy and give it a trial. It brought prompt relief and I am now free from kidney complaint. Doan's Kidney Pills are worthy of endorsement."

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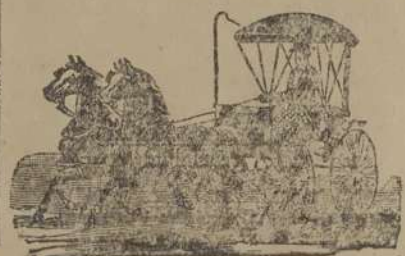
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