

Cottage Grove Today Is Civil War Town Marietta, Tennessee

First Films of Buster Keaton's
Picture, "The General,"
Are Shot Today.

What Camera Doesn't See Is
No Business of Those Who
Will See Picture.

Cottage Grove is today Marietta, Tenn., of the period of 1863 and the first of the films of Buster Keaton's next picture, "The General," have been shot. The filming will continue for from eight to twelve weeks, depending on weather conditions and how hard the stars wish to work. The weather today is in keeping with the setting of the picture, warm and sultry.

The first films were taken on the stub of Thirteenth street north of the city park, Thirteenth street of Cottage Grove, not Marietta, which probably had not more than one street of consequence. The original Marietta, which still is a postoffice in Tennessee, probably was not built as quickly as its counterpart here, which was "completed in the same length of time that it took the Creator to make the heavens and the earth. It probably will not stand as long as these works of God have stood, and probably not as long as the original Marietta. From the station of the camera there is a complete southern village. The depot of the Western & Atlantic railway and the Georgia hotel and barroom are in the foreground. There are general merchandise stores, a somewhat imposing city hall, a substantial appearing bank and a dozen other buildings.

This is the view for the camera, and not the view one gets if he walks the length of the street. As there is to be little action on the street itself, which will be largely a background for railway scenes, the buildings are cut off three or four feet back and the side away from the camera is not built at all. Only one side of the roof has been built, but the portions of the buildings that will show in the film look as real as if they were in a real city. Of course the buildings in the foreground have two complete walls.

The construction of a movie village is an art of its own. Frank Barnes, technical director and construction chief, would be about the last one on the job who, from his dress, would be picked as the construction chief. Golf trousers, light shirt and a sort of Rudolph Valentino air might lead one to believe that he was a disinterested spectator from Hollywood. He seemed less concerned about what was going on than many of the spectators. But as the reporter wondered who the apparent stranger might be, two who looked like real workmen, boss carpenters or something, stepped up.

"Well the bank is ready for business, what next?"
Stick a hitching rack in here," came the reply without hesitation and with a finality that indicated that it hadn't been planned for on the spur of the moment. The apparently disinterested person was the construction chief and he knew just what he wanted each of the 50 workmen to be doing.

"How long would it take you to start another street to represent Fifth avenue, New York?" the reporter wanted to know.

"We could start in five minutes and have it well under way by tomorrow night."

"Would it be on exact replica of Fifth avenue?"
"It would be so far as 90 per cent of those who would see the picture would know."

"Then this isn't to be an exact replica of Marietta of Civil war days?"
"Quite naturally not. There is no way of knowing exactly what Marietta looked like then, but the movie fans who see the picture will not know but what it was really taken there, and some may think it was taken while the war was on. But the buildings must be exact to period. The siding on the buildings, the style of windows, the style of doors, the shape of roofs, the straggling sidewalk, the dirt street, the belfry on the schoolhouse, all these must be true to period."

"You seem to have no working designs with you, no blue prints or anything like that. How do you know what you are going to do next. How do you keep track of the building of a hotel, a saloon, a bank, a ramshackle depot and a city hall all at the same time?"
"That's the way a technical man holds his job. Besides we do not always know what a building

Flappers to Become Maids of 1860 Period

As a result of the filming here of the Buster Keaton picture, "The General," Cottage Grove's bobbed-haired, bobbed-skirted flappers are going to learn first hand how sweet and demure were the maids of long ago about whom their grandmothers like to talk.

In fact, many of the flappers are going to get a chance to impersonate the long-skirted, long-haired maids of the Civil war period. They are to be employed as extras and must gown themselves true to period. It's a cinch that none of their sweeties will know them when they see them tripping away to wherever the movie camera is clicking, for it is hard to sort out the girls these days if you can't see their legs.

Harry Barnes, assistant director of the Keaton company, who arrived Thursday, is for the time being the most popular man of the company, for he is the man who is hiring the extra talent. Maids trip hesitatingly to the company's headquarters in the Bartlett hotel. Outside they stop to gain courage. "Oh, I'm just so afraid, you go first," "No, go ahead, we'll be right behind. Don't be afraid," "I wonder how he looks. If he looks crosswise at me I know I'll drop dead."

Finally they summon up courage. Mr. Barnes, who may have heard some of the conversation, isn't the kind of bear they feared he would be, greets them pleasantly. His appearance is so gentle and his manner so charming that soon they are at ease and in a few moments are told to report on Wednesday morning, or whatever morning he wants them.

And they'll be there, don't worry, everyone of them probably inwardly hoping that she can make such a showing that she will be called to Hollywood. The stars that the embryo movie heroines have seen here are so much like common folks that they are sure they too could make good.

New Dam for City Started.

The Anderson & Middleton company has started work on an emergency dam on Prayther creek, in the forest reserve at Rujada. The water from this creek will be used by the city during the dry spell, provided Dinner creek, the present source of supply, should prove insufficient. Under its contract with the government for operation in the national forest on the city's watershed, the company had to extend the city's water line and build the dam in Prayther creek, the cost to be returned by the government as the company makes payments for its timber.

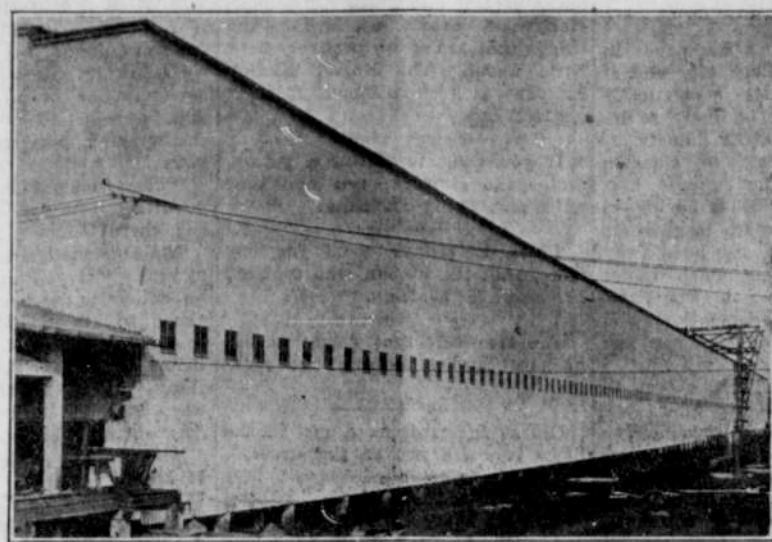
Realty Board Is Organized.

The Cottage Grove Realty board was organized recently by local real estate dealers. Officers are E. C. Lockwood, president; J. A. Lang, vice president; Charles S. Hall, secretary-treasurer. These, with Homer Galloway, form the membership.

Not Enough Berries For Demand

Oregon Evergreen blackberries are so popular in the east that O. H. Heine, who started several years ago shipping a few to acquaintances in the Dakotas, is unable to get a sufficient quantity from the Cottage Grove and Eugene canneries to supply the demand. Last year he had to cut all his customers short and he is being flooded with orders again this year. Unusual testimony to the popularity of the Oregon fruit is found in the fact that of 300 inquiries directed by Mr. Heine to those who had tried the fruit, he received replies from 225, each reply speaking in glowing terms of the pleasure of eating the Oregon berry.

THE FEATHERHEADS



MAMMOTH "SEASONHOUSE" OF THE STANDARD SEASONING SOCIETY.
(Reprint from Chamber of Commerce Booklet.)

Keaton's Receipts Go To Fix Grounds

The half of the receipts of yesterday's ball game that would have gone to Keaton's Hollywood Stars has been applied to completing payment on the backstop recently erected at Kelly field. Keaton's company plays only for the fun of the thing and to keep in condition. In addition to this Buster is having some work done on the field to eliminate some of the "valleys" into which his players may fall and injure themselves. A member of the A. & M. team was injured yesterday by stepping into a hole.

ABEL ESCAPES INJURY IN WRECK OF SPEEDER

Culp Creek, Ore., June 2.—(Special.)—Denny Abel, of the Anderson & Middleton Lumber company, narrowly escaped serious accident this morning while enroute to Rujada from Cottage Grove over the O. P. & E. railway on a speeder.

The logging train, hauling empties to the camp, had preceded Mr. Abel and a binding chain from one of the flat cars had fallen across the track. Mr. Abel saw the chain and jumped, his car struck the chain. The jumping was easy, but alighting was not. No bones were broken and apparently there were no internal injuries, but it was some time before Mr. Abel succeeded in coaxing his breath back. The speeder was badly wrecked.

MISS JENKINS CHOSEN PLAYGROUND DIRECTOR

Miss Juanita Jenkins of Portland has been chosen by the park board and Keepers of the Den as playground supervisor. Miss Jenkins will graduate this June from Oregon Agricultural college and comes highly recommended.

The playground will be opened the first day of July and will be continued to the first of September. This year it will be open Saturday afternoons. The park board and the Keepers of the Den are considering adding swimming instruction as part of the playground work. No definite action has been taken as yet. Some new equipment may be purchased for the playground.

Brownell Is Found Not Guilty.

Howard M. Brownell, Eugene attorney, who was charged with being intoxicated on a public highway, was acquitted by a jury Friday in the Eugene justice court. The jury was out an hour. The arrest of Brownell followed an automobile crash on Pacific highway near Eugene April 28. Sidney R. Allen, who was arrested with Brownell, appealed from the justice court, where he was convicted of operating an automobile while drunk, and is now out on bail.

Adding Machine Paper. The Sentinel.

Rockers Takes Part Of Lad's Finger

As though little Bobbie Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Nelson Jr., hadn't had enough hard luck in his brief young life, he lost the fore part of the middle finger of the left hand in an odd accident a few days ago. He caught the finger under the rocker of a heavy chair in which his sister Maxine was rocking. Part of the finger was cut off clean and remained on the rocker. He is recovering satisfactorily.

EIGHTEEN MEMBERS OF KEATON CAST ARRIVE

Eighteen members of the Keaton company, the last of those that will appear in the cast, arrived Saturday. Among these were Ford West, recently with Metro-Goldwyn and previously in three pictures with Keaton; Charles Gilmour, who will do vaudeville and has been in some of the recent big pictures; Ray Hanford, who has been with Keaton ever since he went onto the silver screen eight years ago, Al Hansen, who was in the cast of "Don Juan," a John Barrymore picture which has not yet been released; Ray Thompson, who has been in the last two pictures made by Keaton, and Earl Moban, who recently appeared in a Fox picture soon to be released.

The membership of the Keaton company is now about 65 and an additional group of colored people is here for the first of the southern scenes.

SPARK ARRESTER MINUS \$25 FINE IS THE RESULT

J. I. Jones of the Black Butte Lumber company was fined \$25 and costs Friday in the Cottage Grove justice court on a charge of operating a mill without adequate spark arresters on its engines. Mr. Jones entered a plea of guilty.

This was the first arrest of the year on such a charge, according to Frank M. Hooker, field inspector for the Oregon state board of forestry, who made the arrest. Mr. Hooker has been inspecting logging and lumbering operations in the county and reports favorable conditions in general.

Woman Injured in Auto Accident.

Saginaw, Ore., June 4.—(Special.)—A woman was injured here Thursday when the car in which she was riding overturned. The driver of the car, who gave his name as Kurk, attempted to pass on the right a car that had been driven onto the highway from the west. Kurk's speed was too great and the car turned over. Errol Koch was the driver of the other car. The injured woman was taken to Eugene for treatment. It is believed that her injuries were not serious. The damaged car was from Washington.

Alphabetical Guides. The Sentinel.

Mount David Time Is Lowered by Mattson

The time on Mount David was lowered 1.5 seconds in the northwest sectional hillclimb held yesterday. This was made by Swede Mattson of Oakland, Calif., riding an Indian in the 80-inch professional event. He went over the top in 9.3.5 seconds. Bert Pearson of San Francisco and George Folders of Spokane, each riding a Harley-Davidson, were tied for second place with time of 9.4.5 seconds. Pearson won the run-off.

Sectional Hillclimb Contest Is Keen, With Ties In Two Events.

The contests were keen, this being the first time there have been ties in two events. The time was all the more remarkable because of the fact that the starting course had been cut from 125 feet to 75 feet.

Jud Clark of Eugene was referee. Four thousand were present.

Johnson Is Found Guilty.

F. Johnson, who was charged with the possession of liquor, was found guilty by a jury Friday in the Eugene justice court. In the case of Darrell Pitcher, who was tried on the same charge, the jury disagreed. Johnson was sentenced to serve 30 days in the county jail and to pay a fine of \$250. The men were arrested near Cottage Grove two weeks ago.

Kime Is Candidate for Director.

A. W. Kime has qualified as a candidate for school director. He served one or two terms as director several years ago. This brings the number of candidates to four for two positions. This is in contrast to former contests for these positions.

Robert Galloway on Oregon.

Robert Galloway of Cottage Grove has been appointed one of the department heads of next year's Oregon, the year book of the University of Oregon. He will have charge of the section on faculty and students.

Card Cabinets. The Sentinel.

Hollywood Stars Beat A. & M. Team

Keaton's Hollywood Stars defeated the Anderson & Middleton team in a game yesterday afternoon on Kelly field, the score being 14 to 3. The A. & M. team took the lead in the early part of the game, but Buster rallied his men and they took a lead that the mill boys could not overcome.

Houck, pitcher for the Hollywood team, "charleyhoosed" the muscles of one leg in the first inning while beating the ball to the initial sack, but stayed in the game, Buster running the sacks for him.

Harry Allen, of the A. & M. team, stepped into a hole in the outfield while chasing a high one and had to leave the game.

In a game in the forenoon the A. & M. team was defeated by Coburg 15 to 5.

The lineup of the Keaton team was: Keaton ss; Haines 2b; Barnes 1b; Houck, p; Smith 3b; Phillips c; Rattray rf; Brockman cf; Little lf.

Chautauqua Session Is Going Over Big

"Lightnin'" Will Be Given Tomorrow Night as Closing Number.

The 1926 session of chautauqua is proving to be the best that Ellison-White has ever brought to Cottage Grove. The talent has been of an unusually high order and season ticket holders have been getting each day the worth of what they paid for their tickets.

This afternoon and evening the Mason Jubilee Singers will give a rollicking program of negro spirituals, southern melodies and plantation darky songs. This company is made up of artists and its program promises to be one of the big treats of a really big week.

Tomorrow is play day. In the afternoon the Herbert Sprague players will present the famous old classic, "Rip Van Winkle," and in the evening the big Broadway production, "Lightnin'." Committees of many communities have proclaimed this the biggest day of the season.

The Hardaway players opened the session Tuesday evening with "Pollyanna," which taught that everyone can find something for which to be glad, regardless of circumstances, and on Friday evening Herbert Leon Cope kept an audience amused for an hour and a half while he made fun of their troubles.

The John Ross Reed Concert company gave pleasing musical programs Friday afternoon and evening.

A splendid type of music was presented Saturday afternoon and evening by the Philharmonic ensemble under the direction of Enola Handley and John B. Ratto.

Yesterday the big tent was thrown open to the public and there were large attendances afternoon and evening for the sacred programs given by the Immanuel Male Quartet.

The session closes tomorrow night.

A successful junior chautauqua is being conducted under the direction of Miss Ethel Akerson of Eugene, a U. of O. graduate. Junior chautauqua officers have been elected as follows: Alton Woodard, mayor; Paul Sanders, law and order chief; Jerrie Burrows, service commissioner; Elouise Wynne, town clerk.

The juniors held a track meet Saturday. Winners were as follows: Alton Woodard, first; Henry Culver, second; Herbert Craig, third.

Women's clubs of the city are keeping the stage decorated with flowers, with a new setting for each day.

45 CARLOADS OF LOGS LEAVE CAMP ONE DAY

Culp Creek, Ore., June 2.—(Special.)—Forty-five carloads of logs passed over the O. P. & E. railroad today from the Rujada logging camp, enroute to the Anderson & Middleton Lumber company's mills carrying approximately 350,000 feet. During the months of April and May the Rujada one-side camp, under the superintendency of Joe Nadeau, has made a record. The combined output for the two months was 1160 cars, carrying to the mills at Cottage Grove 8,000,000 feet of logs.

Mrs. L. R. Long Has First Dahlia

Honors for the first dahlia to bloom this year go to Mrs. L. R. Long, who picked one from her garden on June 2. The flower was a perfect blossom of the cactus variety and was yellow in color. Normally dahlias do not bloom until late summer. The plant which produced the flower was transplanted this spring.

Chalk One Up for Fanny

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