

LINCOLN STEFFENS VISITS THIS CITY

Famous Graft Exposer Was in Town and Talks of His Mission To Oregon and What He Expects to Find

LOOKS UP GOOD AND BAD POINTS OF OREGON

Was in Oregon City as Guest of W. S. U'Ren to Talk over Initiative and Referendum and Other Reform Measures—Interested in Local Affairs.

"I haven't found any graft in Oregon City," said Lincoln Steffens, the famous graft exposer, to THE STAR last night.

Mr. Steffens arrived in Portland yesterday morning and yesterday afternoon was in Oregon City to talk with W. S. U'Ren on the initiative and referendum and kindred topics.

There is probably no better known writer in the country than Lincoln Steffens on the subject of graft as an economic factor. He is famous for his exposures of Milwaukee, St. Louis, Philadelphia and other graft centers, and has wielded his muck-rake unsparringly in the interest of reform in government. Wherever he goes it is expected that his mission is to dig up corruption in politics and government, and by the aid of the publicity which his forceful pen can give, to help remedy the evils. At present he is editor-in-chief of the American Magazine, the policy of which is for reform.

Why He Is Here.

Influenced by the general impression that obtains as to Mr. Steffens' work, the first question put to him was in regard to his mission to Oregon, and what scandal he expected to unearth.

"I am making a tour of the west in the interest of my magazine," replied Mr. Steffens. "I have never worked before further west than Denver, and I wanted to come out to the Coast and become familiar with conditions out here."

Mr. Steffens mentioned his trip through California, speaking of the recall, or the power of the people to remove from office any man who is deemed incompetent or unfit to hold the office to which he has been elected.

Sometimes Writes Good Things.

"In Los Angeles this power has been used but once," he said. "The law is in operation in Los Angeles, Pasadena and other California towns, and it has been found that the existence of this power of the people has been sufficient. Where it can be used, it seldom has to be."

Mr. Steffens will observe the workings of the initiative and referendum and other reform measures which are in operation in Oregon.

"From my work in the past," he said, "people think I have no other object than to dig up graft and expose it. My interest in graft is only as it is an element in the corruption of government. Graft as a study by itself has no interest for me. I shall go into your land frauds because they

present features of graft connected with the government of the people. I shall not confine my investigations to the faults of Oregon, though. You know I sometimes write pleasant things as well as unpleasant ones."

Asks About Oregon City.

Then Mr. Steffens turned inquisitor and inquired about Oregon City and its government.

"Have you got any graft?" he asked, and it had to be admitted that he had not.

"Have you got a boss?" was the next question, and again it had to be answered that we were without one since the direct primary law went into operation.

Then he asked about the spirit of the city, whether the citizens were wide awake and progressive, and about the county and its resources, showing his interest in all that concerned Oregon, good or bad.

Mr. Steffens took dinner last night with Mr. U'Ren, and left in the evening for Portland. He will remain in the state for some time studying conditions.

RIOTERS IN LOUISVILLE.

Louisville, Ky., March 14.—Serious rioting has occurred here as a result of the attempt of the street car company to use strike breakers to run its cars. Five cars were broken today by the rocks thrown at them, and the police had a conflict with the mob in which many were injured by being clubbed. It is estimated that there were over 1000 rioters in the mob.

GRAND DUKE GENEROUS.

St. Petersburg, March 14.—Grand Duke Michael, brother of the emperor has announced a gift of \$100,000 for the benefit of the famine sufferers. He has sold to the Peasants' Bank 65,000 shares of acreage in his estate the proceeds from which are to be turned over to the sufferers.

TROUBLE IN WYOMING.

Sheridan, Wyoming, March 14.—The situation here between the sheep and cattle men is crucial. The sheep men have been told to get out of the upper part of Wyoming but refuse to go. They are heavily armed and trouble is expected.

HOTEL MAN KILLED.

Eugene, Or., Mar. 14.—Albert McPoland was caught under a falling tree and instantly killed today while at work near Saginaw. He was formerly proprietor of the Hotel Oregon, at Springfield.

EARLY BASE BALL.

Sunday afternoon there will be a baseball game between Elyville and Maple Lane at the Elyville grounds. This game was scheduled for last Sunday, but was postponed on account of the inclemency of the weather.

WANTS WORDING CHANGED.

Mary Robbins, through her attorneys C. D. and D. C. Latourette, has brought suit against W. Madison to foreclose on property put up to secure a note of \$700 given in 1904. The foreclosure of the mortgage is asked as well as a decree allowing the wording of the mortgage to be changed to conform to the intention of the parties interested.

STRIKE FAR FROM OVER

Portland Industries Tied up Worse Than Ever By Striking Mill-men

REFUSE TO ARBITRATE

LOGGING CAMPS ON COLUMBIA CLOSED—THOUSANDS ARE OUT OF WORK.

Portland, Or., March 14.—Neither the mill workers nor the employers will consider at all the advisability of referring their troubles to Mayor Lane or anyone else for arbitration. Both sides are firm in their intention to fight out their differences.

Three of the largest mills are working day shifts in their determination to keep open in spite of the strikers.

Two thousand are thrown out of work by the closing down of 75 per cent of the logging camps on the Columbia river.

Every means possible will be tried to get the employers and strikers to submit their differences to a board of arbitration composed of Mayor Lane and anyone else who will be acceptable to both sides.

WIFE STICKS FAST—HUSBAND LAUGHS

The wife of one of the well known men in town thinks her husband is a brute. She would spell it with a big B, too. Even after giving the old zinc bath tub a coat of nice white enamel to please her she was not satisfied, for when she went to take a bath, and sat down in the tub, she stuck fast. Then was when she found out that her husband was a brute. Of course she screamed. Who wouldn't if he stuck fast to a bath tub? Her husband came. Then he laughed. The more he laughed, the madder his wife got, and the faster she stuck. Finally with much exertion, she was rescued from her unpleasant predicament, although rumor has it that she will prefer standing to sitting for a time.

COLLEGE HAS FILED SUIT TO FORECLOSE

McMinnville College has filed a foreclosure suit through attorneys C. D. and D. C. Latourette, against James N. Eaton, Alice R. Armstrong, Ella Armstrong, George Risberger and Afra Risberger to recover on a note of \$200 given by Mahala Eaton and secured by a mortgage on lot 6, block 97, Oregon City. The mortgagor died leaving the surviving defendants, James N. Eaton, Alice Armstrong, Ella Armstrong, while the defendants George Risberger and Afra Risberger have certain interests in the property and a contract to purchase the same.

CULVERT TO BE BEGUN.

Harry Jones was awarded the contract for laying the culvert on Fifth street to contain the creek that flows through that neighborhood. Mr. Jones will commence work on the culvert as soon as he finishes the work of excavating and laying the sewer for the Masonic Temple. The proposed culvert will run about two hundred feet, beginning near the Rambo residence.

ABERNETHY GRANGE APPROVES.

Abernethy Grange has endorsed the resolutions adopted by the county convention invoking the referendum on the compulsory pass bill.

WORKING ON HIS STORE.

Workmen are busily engaged remodeling the store in the Caulfield building formerly occupied by Thomson's Bargain Store. The two display windows and the space between them will be combined into one large window, and the store room made ready for the paint department of Huntley Bros. Co.

Bridge Whist Club.

Mrs. John P. Keating was hostess to the Bridge Whist club Wednesday afternoon. The honors of the game were carried off by Miss Mary Holmes and Mrs. E. P. Rands. A dainty lunch was served.

HUSBAND IS A SPENDER

Takes Money From Sale Of Wedding Gifts And Leaves Wife And Child

WIFE WANTS DIVORCE

LOUISE RUSSELL FILES SUIT ASKING RELEASE FROM UNPLEASANT LIFE.

Louise Emma Wolf Russell has filed a suit with County Clerk Greenman asking for a divorce from her husband, Robert Nepht Russell.

The bill of complaint alleges that the couple were married in Salt Lake City, February 9, 1901, and that there is one child, Louise Willamette Russell, aged five. There is a long recital of the treatment the plaintiff is alleged to have received at the hands of her husband, and the complaint specifies some of the language used when Russell was in fits of temper.

It is also alleged that he subjected the complainant to much personal indignity and in addition to swearing at her, failed to provide her with food and clothing. She calls him a spendthrift, says he would not pay his debts and claims that he flagrantly disregarded the marriage vow.

As an instance of his general shiftlessness, it is stated that the wife often pleaded with him to reform, and that he always promised but never fulfilled his good intentions. At one time, the complainant states, he promised if she would sell some of the wedding presents to get money, he would settle down.

His wife, it is alleged, sold the presents, paid the rent, bought some furniture and made the home attractive. Then the hopes of the trusting wife were dashed, for Russell took what was left of the money and decamped. This, the complainant states, was in Salt Lake City, in July, 1905.

She asks for a divorce, the custody of the child and \$100 a month alimony. She also wants \$150 attorneys fees and says that Russell is well able to pay.

FLOOD AT PITTSBURG IS WORST IN YEARS

Pittsburg, Pa., March 14.—This district is in the throes of the greatest flood that has been here in years. It is expected that the water will reach the highest point that it has been for 75 years.

So far 15 lives have been reported as lost, and many families have been driven from their homes. The flood is due to heavy warm rains that have melted the snows, and swollen all the streams tributary to the Ohio.

Reports come from the Ohio valley that conditions are practically the same. Much suffering will result from the high water.

NEW REAL ESTATE MAN.

Albert H. Griessen has entered into partnership with W. A. Schooley to conduct a real estate business. The firm will continue in the offices now occupied by Mr. Schooley with the Williams Bros. Transfer Co.

SUES FOR GOODS SOLD.

George Redaway, through his attorneys, U'Ren & Schuebel, has brought suit against George Gadke and Kate Gadke, his wife, to collect a bill of \$133.90 alleged to be due him for goods purchased at his store.

MAPLE LANE GRANGE INSPECTED BY MASTER

Special Meeting Held at Which Austin T. Buxton is Present And Speaks To The Grange

GRANGE HALL DECORATED FOR THE OCCASION

Flowers and Ferns Together with Interesting Program make the Meeting Most Successful. Fine Dinner is Served by Women of Grange.

A called meeting of Maple Lane Grange was held at the grange hall, Tuesday, March 12, beginning at 10 a. m., especially for instruction in grange work by the Supreme Master, Austin T. Buxton and State Secretary Mrs. Mary S. Howard. The Supreme Master gave the grange members an interesting talk for the good of the order and the name of Mrs. I. T. Dickerson was balloted upon. She was elected a member of Maple Lane Grange. An initiation exemplifying the work was then held, the candidates being Mrs. I. T. Dickerson and Charles Forbes. C. W. Swallow, William Beard and E. A. Seeley were appointed a committee to draft resolutions of respect on the death of their late brother N. W. Richards and the altar ordered to be draped in mourning thirty days. The resolutions were afterwards accepted. Then came the noon recess including a bounteous din-

ner and a cordial visiting of the members and visitors. The dining table was decorated with bouquets of jonquils and purple wild-wood flowers. The hall in sword ferns, cedar branches and cut flowers. Among the visitors were Supreme Master Austin T. Buxton, State Secretary Mrs. Mary S. Howard, Worthy Master O. L. Clyde and Mrs. Ida Kent, Worthy Overseer of Abernethy Grange, Parkersville, Wisconsin, who is making a visit of several months with her cousin Mrs. T. E. Beard.

The afternoon program of lecturer's hour was composed of the following entertaining selections: Song, by the company, Mrs. T. E. Beard presiding at the organ; reading. (Continued on page 8.)

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