

CITY RECEIVES A BOOST

Rev. Elkins Urges Some Things Upon the Community.

SPEAKS OF OUR RESOURCES

Christian Minister Preaches Enthusiastic Sermon, Taking for His Theme the Boosting of Cottage Grove.—Locality Has Many Advantages.

The Rev. Mr. Elkins, pastor of the Christian church of this city, delivered an interesting and logical discourse with reference to the municipality last Sunday evening, taking for his theme "Boosting Cottage Grove." That Mr. Elkins is a "booster" in the truest sense of the word, no one who knows him will deny. He is a booster spiritually and materially, and in both he is accomplishing much good. In boosting Cottage Grove he read a lesson from the first Chapter of Genesis, 26:31, in which it is pointed out to subdue the forces of the earth and develop its resources. He said that God had commanded the first man of the earth to do practical work, and also to enjoy the beautiful things of the earth. In the first place, contended the speaker, we are not only to be practical and do the things that are necessary, but we are to develop and enjoy the beautiful. We have a country in which there are vast resources and remarkable beauty, especially in the West. There are many resources undeveloped, and beauty is oftentimes unappreciated. While we may be interested in the country as a whole, as citizens of Cottage Grove we must confine our attention and efforts to the particular plot of ground upon which destiny has placed us.

In referring further to Cottage Grove Mr. Elkins paid tribute to the beauty of the situation, and claimed it to be an exceedingly valuable asset. There are vast resources to be developed and men and means are needed to this end. We are in duty bound, he said, to appraise the world of these resources, and in this connection he commended judicious advertising, quoting the motto, "He who tooteth not his own horn, the same for him shall not be tooted." This, he said, applies to a city as well as individuals. He referred to the necessity of standing together in order to successfully develop our natural resources. The banker, the merchant and the farmer should co-operate in this important work of developing the highest and best we have.

In his remarks on developing the beautiful, Mr. Elkins commended the Ladies' Clivie League of Cottage Grove for the good work it has accomplished; he commented favorably on the efforts being put forth to secure a good supply of pure water; he urged the planting of shade trees and flowers; called attention to the dilapidated condition of streets and sidewalks, and endeavored to show how they influenced strangers in their impressions of the town. He urged that rubbish and filth be kept from streets and alleys.

From an educational standpoint he pointed out that institutions of learning are a mighty influence in bringing new people into a town, and admonished the citizens not to stint the Board of Education, so that the public schools may have ample equipment. Following this Mr. Elkins dealt with the morality of the community, seeking a strict enforcement of the laws, and urging the enforcement of the recall measure. He further urged that Cottage Grove continue to keep saloons and gambling dens out of the place, and that the lid be put on the kindergarten gambling places which are now flourishing in our midst. He advocated clean and wholesome entertainment for the young people of the community, and urged the patronizing of the Lyceum course instead of blood and thunder cheap plays. He wanted, within a few years, a public library for the benefit of all classes of citizenship.

In closing his discourse Mr. Elkins pointed out that the eternal progress is a law of God; that God has written in letters of fire the word "forward" across His material universe. Civilization, he said, is climbing higher and still higher; and man is destined to reach an exceedingly high plane of existence on this beautiful footstool of God. Let us keep in vital, personal touch with the general advancement; let us step with the great procession—it is sweeping onward and upward. As it is necessary to develop the resources of the earth, and subdue the forces of nature, so it is imperative that man subdue himself and develop to the utmost of his ability the resources of his nature. The making of a living is less important than the making of a life. Christ said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Man must not only be practical, he must develop and enjoy the beautiful; and especially must he develop the beautiful in his nature. There are resources within our own lives of which we have never dreamed. There are latent powers that would respond to earnest effort.

Looking for Land.

Mr. A. P. Whitney of Medford was in Cottage Grove the first of the week

with a view to purchasing orchard lands in this vicinity. Mr. Whitney came from Illinois to Medford a few years ago and rented an orchard near that place. He is dissatisfied with conditions there, and seeks another location. He remained here several days, looked at a number of tracts, and being well pleased with the outlook it is probable that he will buy and take up his permanent residence here.

INTERESTS ARE IDENTICAL.

Merchant and Farmer Should Labor to Advance Each Other.

There is a unity of interests between the farmer and the merchant. The reciprocity begets a social relation that adds greatly to the strength of both. The farmer lays the foundation for prosperity and business thrift. Without the products of the soil commercial interests would dwindle into nothingness. On the other hand the merchant anticipates the wants of the trade, and from all parts of the world secures every needful thing that goes to supply, enrich and beautify the rural home, where the farmer is "monarch of all he surveys."

Few there be, indeed, of these sturdy tillers of the soil, who concentrate their trade enough, or who through friendly intercourse become well acquainted with the business man, but who have had emphatic evidence of the appreciation of their patronage. And why should not this be the case? Their interests being mutual, their appreciation becomes reciprocal. The farmer as fully appreciates the accommodating merchant as the merchant does the patronage bestowed by the farmer. We cannot agree that this appreciative sense in either is a social one. For we are sure we voice the sentiments of the average merchant when we say this sense of appreciation of farm trade is not based on the mere matter of dollars and cents, nor yet altogether for the friendship formed, but also on account of the fact that in his dealing with the farmer he is brought in closer touch with the producer which conserves to a more intelligent planning of his own business. This section of the country, rich and productive as it is, does not produce enough to make the agricultural interests of the entire community a success or failure. Yet its harvests are bountiful, and the merchant watches the growing crop and the prosperous farmer with more interest than in times past. Ignorance and superstition have given way to light and knowledge. The rural districts have the same facilities for keeping abreast of the times that the towns and cities possess. The farmers are in close touch with every class of business and professional man. No class of tradesmen values this more highly than the wide-awake merchant. And he stands ready and willing to offer every inducement to satisfy the farmers that he is worthy of their patronage and confidence. The astute farmer is wide-awake to every inducement thus offered. He is disposed to encourage home trade if the home merchants show their appreciation of valued patronage. The merchant who does not cater to farm trade loses an element that will greatly lessen his chance of success.

Royal Newslets.

Miss Grace Innis made a trip to Eugene last week.

Josie Shylock and Ethel Cox visited friends at Divide on Saturday.

We have the promise of having our school house finished during the rainy weather.

Mr. A. L. Chitwood of Royal expects to have his wife and daughter with him by next week.

Mr. Chas. Wilson has moved into his new house.

Jim Lynde moved out of the Haines place last week.

The Chorus Club meets Saturday and Tuesday evenings to rehearse the cantata "King Saul."

Mr. Claude Wilson was called to town on business Monday.

Little Business Transacted.

Probably owing to a counter attraction, the attendance at Monday evening's session of the Commercial club was comparatively small, and little business other than routine was transacted. President H. O. Thompson presided.

A communication from T. W. Birmingham of Columbus, Mo., who seeks a location in the west for the establishment of a military school, was read, but no action was taken.

Potatoes Again Decline.

The price of potatoes took another drop on Monday. They brought forty-five cents until Wednesday when the market again declined to forty cents, where it will probably remain stationary for some time to come. This is in keeping with outside markets. A fortnight ago the local market was weak at sixty cents, that price being higher at that time than buyers elsewhere were paying.

Bound in Wedlock.

On Sunday last, the Rev. Mr. Smith officiating, Mr. J. F. Lee and Miss Nellie Elliott were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents in the Mosby Creek district. Many friends and acquaintances offer their congratulations, and wish the contracting parties a happy and prosperous future.

GIVES GOOD PROMISE

Approaching Poultry Show Will be Grand Success.

AID COMES FROM OUTSIDERS

Probably More Than One Thousand Birds Will be Shown in Forthcoming Exhibit.—Eugene and Portland Are to be Represented.

The poultry exhibit to be held in Cottage Grove, under the auspices of the Calapooia Poultry Association, the second week in January, promises to be the most successful show of the kind ever held in this section. A meeting was held at Superintendent C. F. Walker's office last night to further arrangements for the exhibit, and it was brought out that from all sources come enthusiastic letters of encouragement. Assurances have been received from the Eugene Poultry Association that it would lend material aid, while the Portland fanciers will likewise give assistance. The Merchants' Protective Association of this city is lending the show its support, and promises to do more towards its success than formerly, which is considered decidedly liberal. It is probable that there will be several exhibits from California, communications to that effect having been received by the secretary.

Two years ago, when a show was held in Cottage Grove, something over 700 birds were on exhibition, among the number being some magnificent specimens. It is expected that the forthcoming show will outstrip its predecessor, both numerically and in point of excellence of the exhibits. H. H. Collier of Tacoma, a well known fancier, will judge all classes, which is a guarantee of a "square deal." The show will either be held in some building on Main street or at the Armory, and will cover a period of three days. The premium list will be issued about the middle of November. The officers of the association are: F. H. Rosenberg, president; W. C. Conner, secretary; C. F. Walker, treasurer and superintendent.

AMONG THE FARMERS.

Orchard Planted Over Half Century is Bearing Well.—Other Notes.

One mile west of Cottage Grove, on the McFarland homestead, there is an apple orchard of seven acres that was planted in 1856, and which is still in bearing. There were originally about 300 trees, but through carelessness about fifty are dead or worthless. During the 43 years which have elapsed since the trees were first planted the orchard has been pruned but once. There are twenty-two varieties of apples. The crop this year is the lightest ever grown on the place, but inasmuch as the several McFarland families supply themselves each year and allow the hogs to have the balance, there is abundant fruit even this season for the McFarlands and some for the hogs. "We hear much of the big prices paid for Medford pears," said one well informed to The Sentinel a day or two ago, "but there is nothing to be heard of the hundreds of boxes sold at low prices. Senator Bourne bought some pears at \$9 per box, but that figure doesn't regulate the price by any means. The pears grown in the Willamette valley today are equal in every way to the Medford pears, and would demand a like price if they were packed in the same shape. The trouble is, the growers in this valley don't put up their fruit in attractive shape." In these remarks there is food for thought. The growers should make an effort to compete not only in quality, but in the manner of preparing their fruit for market. It is true, also, that in most instances apples in this section are gathered too early. Many of the crops here have been picked, while in the Medford neighborhood picking is not yet well under way.

Mr. George Schneider, who has a ranch of 160 acres nine miles west of town, was in Cottage Grove on Saturday and to a representative of The Sentinel told of a hill of potatoes on his place which contained 46 tubers, one-third of which number were merchantable. The largest potato weighed one pound.

This, in many respects, is an ideal stock country, and there seems to be a tendency on the part of several newcomers to engage quite extensively in dairying. The mild and even climate, with the adaptability of the soil for forage grasses and with the larger part of the year producing green feed, makes it favorable to this industry.

Hold Good Meeting.

There was an enthusiastic gathering at Creswell last Saturday afternoon, when Tom Richardson of the Portland Commercial club and others delivered addresses tending to advance the interests of Oregon in general and Creswell and locality in particular. The Cottage Grove Commercial club had been extended an invitation to attend the meeting, but unfortunately it was held on Saturday, thus preventing attendance in a body as otherwise would have been the case. Manager Conley, however, represented the club, and extend-

ed well-wishes enough to last our neighbors until we can get to them in a bunch at some future time. An organization for the promotion of the place was effected, and a considerable amount was subscribed to a "booster fund."

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