

From the May 27, 1926 Sentinel:

## Cottage Grove becomes Hollywood of Oregon for 10 week period!

### 18 train carloads of equipment - Keaton company unloaded

City is bustling with interest for the filming of the big picture. W.G. Gilmour, business manager, and 20 assistants arrived yesterday with the equipment for the filming of "The General".

Actual work of laying out townsites and choosing locations will take place when Buster Keaton arrives on Sat. Entire upper story of the Service Garage building is rented for wardrobe and make-up room — and players will leave from here each day made up for the parts they are to take.

Two men are make up artists and will be employed continuously, and it is intimated that when not engaged they will be willing to give lessons to the women of the city. Some of which would like to become adept in the transformation of the human face.

Some street scenes will be taken on the old Pacific Highway, Dorena and adjacent logging roads.

Besides the business and production managers, there will be a chief of properties and location manager, wardrobe chief, construction chief, chief draftsman, chief electrician and head painter.

Eighteen cars of equipment at a cost of \$6000 have arrived.

Some railroad cars, which arrived on flat cars, have now been assembled and will be used in railway scenes of the picture. Over 1200 costumes have arrived.

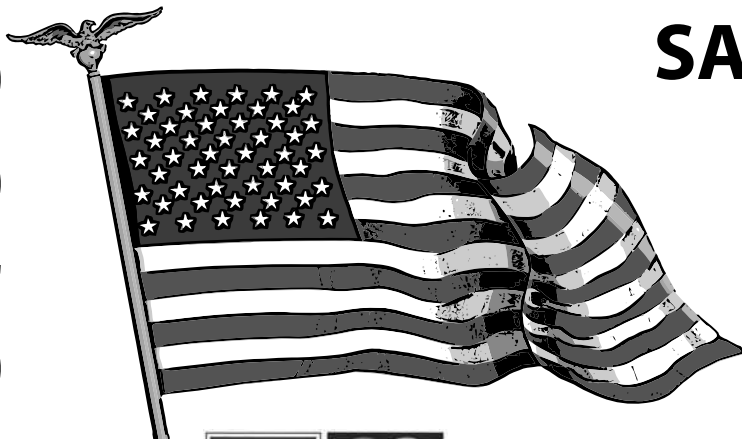
Many residents here have expressed determination to witness the burning of the Row River bridge when the engine will crash through it. In one way, they will be disappointed. While the picture will show the bridge enveloped in flames, and while the engine will crash through, the bridge will not be actually burned.

It is going to be hard to get anything done in Cottage Grove while Keaton and company are here. The actors will have a large audience every day.



The arrival of leading lady Marion Mack, who reportedly enjoyed driving around the countryside unaccompanied in a new automobile, must have caused quite a stir in this once-sleepy timber town.

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