

*From the June 7, 1926 Sentinel:*

## Everyone is coming to the Hollywood of Oregon

*Courtesy to Spectators Seems to be Watchword of The Keaton Company*

With the Buster Keaton picture under way here, Cottage Grove the mecca of sight-seers from everywhere. Gathered around the city of Marietta while the camera is clicking there are enough people to populate a good-sized city, but they have to keep out of focus of the camera. Beyond that no restrictions are being placed. On one side of the street of Marietta may be gathered spectators while on the other side a picture of 63 years ago is being filmed. Automobile agents have flocked here in the hope of getting the advertising that would come from selling a car to Buster or his lady, Marion Mack.

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The groups of spectators crowded around do not fluster the movie actors. If the crowds jam in too close, Production Manager Gabourie, or location Manager Jackson, or some other official, or Buster himself courteously requests, "Will you please stand back so as not to cast a shadow on the picture?"

Two hours may be taken to get the proper setting and action for a single short scene that may be

later eliminated, and time is costing somewhere near \$400 an hour, about \$7 a minute, or 12 cents a second.

Each piece of acting is being filmed several times, sometimes six times. A piece of poor acting doesn't spoil an act. All that is necessary is to take it over. Taking a movie is like conducting a rehearsal, and participants haven't much to memorize. What they said may be thought of later by those who write the titles.

A Georgia summer climate has prevailed, as though Nature was helping to make everything realistic. Tuesday afternoon a stiff breeze toppled over the drug store building and spectators expected to hear a great crash of bottles and glassware. Not even a window was broken, however, for there was no glass to be broken, although that will not be noticeable in the finished film. The building was replaced within a short time.

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## FREE DIGITAL TELEVISION

### South Lane Television, Inc.



In the early days of television, most TV stations serving Oregon were located in Portland. And reception from Portland was extremely poor in Cottage Grove.

With the hopes of devising a plan for better reception, a group of local television enthusiasts met over coffee to discuss how members of the community could develop a system that would provide better TV pictures in Cottage Grove. What emerged was a community non-profit they organized in 1957 as South Lane Television, Inc.

The new SLTV Board set out to raise money for an engineering study that determined Hansen Butte, located a mile south-east of Cottage Grove, was the ideal point to receive TV signals and translate those signals to new channels that could be easily picked up in and around Cottage Grove. A successful fund drive followed and the fledgling board was able to purchase the necessary equipment to put the first three stations on the air.

Over the years, SLTV has steadily improved and expanded its service. Today, the Cottage Grove system has grown to 35 channels, the London Springs system now has 13 channels, and Dorena/Culp Creek now has 8 channels – making South Lane Television one of the largest and most technically advanced translator operations in the Country. The best part is that the service is absolutely free! All viewers need is an antenna. In town, a good (never the cheapest!), indoor antenna may work fine, but for the best performance, a good outdoor antenna is recommended. For more challenged reception areas you may need an amplified antenna. But once you have your antenna hooked up, the free TV just keeps on coming! The cost savings compared to cable or satellite services often amounts to more than \$1,000 a year!

South Lane Television and its volunteer board has been with you for over five decades and is always watching for new ways to improve our service to the community.

*These messages are brought to you as a public service by South Lane Television. Our goal is to continue serving the community with the highest quality free television service possible.*

## Stay tuned!

**South Lane Television, Inc.**  
A non profit organization serving South Lane County since 1957.