GETTING READY.—

G. H. Stone is now busily engaged preparing for the setting of the new turbine water wheel which will be used to generate power in the new light plant. The wheel comes from the factory at St Louis and is expected to be shipped by the 15th. Mr. Abrams the owner of the new light plant has entered into a contract with Mr. Stone, whereby Mr Stone agrees to furnish the building and an adequate water power. However in view of the failure of the water power to furnish sufficient power to keep the lights up to their required brilliancy, Mr. Abrams will put in two engines and two boilers. The boilers are about 35 horsepower each, and with this complement there will be little cause for dark nights in Cottage Grove.

PREPARING A NEW CHARTER —

Attorneys Eby & Johnson are now busy preparing a revised charter for the City of Cottage Grove, which will go before the next Oregon legislature for consideration. The former charter was found to cover insufficient grounds for the existing conditions and to be of a too general nature for the needs of the municipality, although at the time it was drawn it answered the purpose and sufficed to harmonize the ideas of many of the good citizens of this city.

GOOD NIGHT WATCH.—

Bert Nunn has accepted the position of night watch and is now on duty looking after the interests of the city and causing the "weary Waggles" contingent to "move on." Bert is a good, clever fellow but a man who is inclined to do his duty, and if he follows out the duty part of it he is exactly the right man in the right place.

K. P. LODGE.—

The good people of Drain have shown an inclination to delve into the mysteries of Pythian Knighthood and on Saturday night a subordinate lodge of that order will be organized there with a full quoto of charter members. It is said that many of the Grand Officers of the State of Oregon will be in attendance and some say the Grand Chancelor will be with them. Quite a number of members from Roseburg, Eugene and Cottage Grove lodges will also be in attendance.

THE FINISHING COAT.—

Contractor Lea is now busily engaged putting the top dressing of fine rock on Wall street, and as soon as that street is completed the same treatment will be given Main street. It is said that Mr. Lea expects to fill up the square at the junction of the two streets although his contract does not call for it. When this work is completed, Cottage Grove will have two as good streets as can be found in any town in Oregon.

THE PENOOCHE CLUB—

Was entertained last Tuesday evening at the residence of H. W. Churchill. The evening was most pleasantly spent in social converse, music and games until about 10 o'clock when that most delicious penooche was served. Those present were Mesdames H. W. Churchill, Eva Hemenway, Pearle Bernfield, Netta Garred, Eva Trimble; Misses Roy Baker and Ollie Churchill; Messrs. Almon Hemenway, Henry Wagner and A. P. Churchill.

MAY NOT LIVE.—

J. V. Thornton returned home Tuesday morning from a visit to his old home at Sheridan, Yamhill county, where he was called to the bedside of his aged father Isaac Thornton. The gentleman is in his eighty-fifth year and there is little hope entertained for his recovery.

$15,000 IN THREE DAYS.—

Reliable information is received at this office that a recent three day's run of the five stamp mill at the Helena mine, $15,000.00 of the yellow metal was cleaned up. The ore from which this clean up was made came from No. 1 level, where the recent new big strike was made, mention of which was made in this paper at the time.

WEARY OF LIFE!

With a Revolver, and by His Own Hand, "Will" Jones Ends His Career.

Thursday morning at 7:15 o'clock a pistol shot rang out upon the still air and with the report the light of a life was snuffed out and another soul was wafted through the mysterious curtain of eternity. Will Jones had committed suicide.

For nearly two years Mr. Jones had been in a despondent condition of mind and at times would break from his good resolutions to refrain from drink, and dissipate to a considerable extent, although until last night he had been upon good behavior for several months. At about 7 o'clock Thursday morning he went to his room over Smith's cigar store and taking his coat off threw himself upon his bed, placed the muzzle of a 34 revolver to his heart and pulled the trigger.

The report startled his father who was at his place of business a few doors away and he spoke to a friend to go up and see if there was anything wrong with "Will," as the boy a few moments before had told his father he was tired of life and bade him goodbye, saying that after "today he would never see him." Mr Jones however, at the time did not think seriously of the matter as the boy had at such times made similar remarks. When Charles Geldmacher reached the room he was horror struck to see the boy lying on his bed gasping with the blood streaming from a bullet hole over his heart.

Dr. Snapp arrived in a few moments in time to see him gasp the last time and pronounced him dead.

THE INQUEST.

The following is the verdict of the jury empanelled by Justice Vaughn acting coroner:

We, the jury duly empanelled to inquire into the death of Joseph W. Jones, find that the deceased was a native of Oregon of the age of 22 years, and that he came to his death from the effects of a pistol shot fired by him with suicidal intent, on the 13th day of December 1900, at Cottage Grove, Oregon.

R. W. VEATCH foreman
E. R. CASE
C. H. WALLACE
ARTHUR SPRAY
E. A. WILSON
James F. MILLER
Jurymen.

Joseph W. Jones was the son of J. N. Jones and has been a resident of Cottage Grove for a number of years.

He was 22 years old, born in Marion county, where he lived with his parents until nearly man grown. He was a good boy in the general sense of the word, generous to a fault and always his own worst enemy. Despite his recklessness and inclination at times to drink, he was when not intoxicated, a gentleman, always respecting those with whom he came in contact, and appreciated in others qualities which he himself at times neglected to cultivate in himself. Notwithstanding his recklessness in life he had many friends who knew him for his generosity, and kindheartedness.

Funeral services will be held this (Friday) morning at 10 o'clock.

Ben Larch went to Portland on business Thursday morning.

R. J. Jennings and family went to Portland on Thursday's 12 20 train.

The regular Friday night club dance has been postponed until Saturday night for this week.

C. B. Brunesu returned Tuesday to the Helena mine, after a two week's stay in town.

J. C. Wallace who has been at Weaverville, California engaged in working on a dredger arrived home Wednesday to remain this winter.

W. B. Dennis superintendent of the Black Butte quicksilver mine, arrived in town Wednesday, accompanied by his wife. They left for the mine during the afternoon.

Darwin Bristow and wife went to Portland Thursday to attend the funeral of F. L. Keenan, who died in that city Thursday morning. The deceased was a brother-in-law of Mr. Bristow.

Fingal Hinds and wife ratnrned to Glenwood this morning, where they will probably remain for the most of the winter. Mr. Hinds will push development work on his group of claims at that place.

All About You.

Perry Long went to Eugene Monday.

Jesse Trunnel did business in town Tuesday.

Al Carey and wife were in town Wednesday.

Andy Nelson was a visitor to Eugene last Monday.

Wm. Kirk was in from his Row river farm this week.

Mrs. Darwin Bristow was a passenger to Eugene Tuesday.

Councilman Ben Lurch was a visitor to Eugene Tuesday.

Virgil Rowland of Eugene, was in town last Saturday.

The new electric light plant will arrive here by Saturday.

Dave Ivey came down from Bohemia Saturday evening.

Mrs. Colvin of Drain called on Dr. Snapp Wednesday.

Geo. Whitsett of Saginaw, was in Cottage Grove Wednesday.

Mrs. C. M. Henderer of Drain visited in this place this week.

R. J. Jennings came home from Portland Sunday morning.

Richard Tafflinger returned from California Monday morning.

Mrs. E. R. Case and Mrs. Wilson went to Eugene Monday.

H. W. Kearney of Spokane, went to Black Butte this morning.

Albert Stocks arrived in town Saturday evening from Bohemia.

John Kelley of Booth-Kelley Company was in town Tuesday.

Ed Cole the Bohemia packer, did business in town Wednesday.

Lee Martin came down from the Champion mine last Saturday.

Geo Kerr and wife of Wildwood hotel lane, was in town Saturday.

W. L. Coppernoll, the jeweler, did business in Eugene Wednesday.

Mrs. J. M. Culp of the Wildwood postoffice, went to Eugene Monday.

Albert Ziniker of the Mineral King group, Bohemia, came to town Monday.

Sam'l Goldsmith the well known traveling man was in the city Tuesday.

Wm. Monroe, Wm Austin and Bert Hurd arrived in town Sunday from Bohemia.

Charles Grissen of McMinnville, was in Cottage Grove Wednesday on business.

Wm. Leeser and wife left Tuesday for Wheaton, N. D., where they expect to remain.

Al White came down from Bohemia Monday evening to remain until after the holidays.

Wm. Ostrander left Tuesday for a two month's visit at his old home in Paynesville, Minnesota.

Hon. James Hemenway was a visitor to Portland this week, looking after insurance business.

John Peterson came down from Bohemia Wednesday evening for a few day's visit in town.

P. J. Jennings, after a short business trip to the Helena mine, returned to Portland Sunday.

D. J. Gover returned to the Calapooia group, Bohemia, last Friday, where he has a force of men at work.

Dr. Snapp removed a large tumor from the shoulder of Mrs. Frank Jackson of Saginaw Wednesday.

Miss Daisy Thomas returned home Sunday from Roseburg where she has been visiting with her sister for some time.

Joe Miller and wife came in from Black Butte Sunday, where they have been employed in the company's boarding house.

Ralph Crowell, Austin Root and Geo. Riggs arrived on Tuesday's train and left Wednesday for the head waters of Mosby Creek.

J. M. Hart has returned from Bohemia where he has been been doing assessment work on the "Annie" claim, owned by J. A. Childers.

O. W. Brush came down from Bohemia Sunday, and left Tuesday for Tillamook, where he will visit for a time with relatives and friends.

Frank Patterson came down from Bohemia Saturday evening, where he has been employed for the past few months on the Whale, Gilbert & Clay group of claims.

The students of the Cottage Grove public school have been undergoing examination this week, and many speculations are rife as to whether they will pass or not.

Bert Weber, formerly in the cigar and confectionery business in this city, and who has been spending the summer among the sheep in Eastern Oregon, is home on a visit.

Cy Bingham and wife came in from the Champion mine Tuesday evening. Mrs. Bingham went to Portland Wednesday and will probably remain there for the winter, and Cy will in a few days return to the Champion.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cook left last Monday for Portland where they will spend the winter. Mr. Cook has considerable mining business to occupy his attention this winter and finds it more convenient during the winter months to have headquarters in the metropolis.

Alf Walker and family accompanied by Mr. Walker's mother who has been visiting them here for some days left for Eugene their future home, Tuesday. Mr. Walker returned in the afternoon and finished packing up his household effects.

Ralph Whipple and Jim Sears came in from the hills last Tuesday. Ralph has been in the hills for lo! these many moons, and the change from almost a lifetime in the close confines of the store to the pure mountain air seems to have been beneficial to him. He also sported a luxuriant growth of hair and the wind no doubt blew through his wiskers to a considerable extent.

In Brief.

Cutter shoes at Eakin & Bristow's

Boyd's new gallery opposite the Masonic Hall will open up next week.

Go to Madsen's for fine jewelry and holiday silverware.

For hand loaded shells call on Griffin and Veatch Co.

Suits! Suits!! Tailor made suits!!! Up to date in every respect, from $15 up. Call and see samples.

GEO. BOHLMAN.

Boyd has the best stamp machine money can buy. Call on him for very fine stamps.

Griffin-Veatch Co. carry the finest line of Ammunition in South Lane Co.

For quality and cheapness in fresh meats go to the Central meat market.

Beautiful rings and silverware at Madsen's for the holidays.

Just received this week a choice variety of ladies and Misses fine shoes. Call and see them at Cumming's store.

Geo. Bohlman, the up-to-date tailor, will show you goods, all shades and all prices. Think of it. A tailor made suit for $9 and up! Pants $4 and up.

A quantity of fine dressed lumber and flooring for sale. Apply at the blacksmith spop of Eby & Boren.

For very fine Photos call on Boyd, having all new scenery and very fine lenses. He can please you.

We have on hand a large stock of kiln-dried flooring, ceiling and rustic in grades 1 2 and 3. Let us make you special prices.

BOOTH-KELLY LUMBER CO.

Sportsmen remember Griffin & Veatch Co. carry a fine line of Shot Guns and Rifles.

We sell good goods at good prices for our customers. Central Meat Market.

A car load of Columbia River cedar shingles for sale by Jenkins & Lawson.

FINED.—

Sam Richards was up before Recorder Medley last Wednesday and fined $2.50 and costs for being drunk and disorderly upon the streets of Cottage Grove.

LANOLA BALM —

Is conceded by all ladies who have used it to be unequalled for the cure of diseases peculiar to their sex. For particulars write to Lanola Agency, P. O. Box 766, Portland, Ore.

SERIOUSLY ILL.—

Uncle Jack Sears who resides east of this city, one of Lane county's old and respected pioneers, is reported lying seriously ill. The gentleman is well into the eighties.

PLEASE RETURN IT.—

The party who carried away the roll of manuscript from the doorstep of the Nugget office last Tuesday morning, will please return the same. The manuscript referred to was left on the doorstep of this office before office hours and was intended for publication in this week's paper. It was of considimportance and we will be glad to have it returned.

RETURNED.—

Geo. W. Lloyd, well known here and in Cripple Creek as mining engineer and mining man, arrived here last Wednesday after an absence of nearly a year. Mr. Lloyd has spent the greater part of the time in the east with Boston as his headquarters, in the interest of his mining properties, some of which are located in Bohemia. Mr. Lloyd comes back to take hold of the helm and put his properties in shape for extensive development the coming year. He is highly spoken of here and else where and his permanent return gives satisfaction and pleasure to his many friends here.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE.—

The Uncle Josh Spruceby Company played at Martin's Hall on Wednesday night to a fairly well filled house. Uncle Josh, the supposed "star" does not rate with even a third-class performer. In fact the only clever part of the entire play was by Uncle Josh's daughter Nancy. When you see the street parade and hear the music you have the best part of the show.

SPECIAL SALE.—

On Friday and Saturday, Dec. 21 and 22 the entire stock of dress and street hats will be sold at and below cost at Louise Newland's

FOOT BALL.—

A game of foot ball will be played on the Landess grounds, east of town, Saturday, at 1:15 pm, between a team from Drain and the Bohemian team of this place. An interesting game is expected.