

# Cottage Grove and South Lane County.

## COTTAGE GROVE.

Cottage Grove, the second city in size in Lane county, is located at the junction of the Southern Pacific and the Oregon & Southern railways.

Its situation is picturesque, lying as it does in the valley of the beautiful Willamette, with the Coast Fork running through it, and with the evergreen hills surrounding it perfectly, their beautiful fire standing as mighty sentinels on guard.

Showering in these hills and represented by these grand old trees is untold wealth, waiting to be unearthed and poured through the growing city into the lap of our county and the rest of the world. A great future lies before the city, the foundations of which are already but steadily being laid. The advantages are great in every respect, the climate is ideal, the gentle rains make agricultural pursuits a success—failures of crops are unknown, and all winter long the trees are green and the

flowers nod in friendly welcome from our door yards. Fine stock graze on the neighboring farms, their pastures always green.

Cottage Grove has good drainage, a perfect sewerage system, a gravity system of water works conveying pure mountain water to the consumer at marvellously cheap rates, the system being owned and operated by the city.

The streets are well lighted with electric lights and recently with arc lights on Main street, which add much to the comfort and pleasure of the citizens.

The public schools are conceded to be among the best in the state. Competent teachers are employed and every effort made to have the best.

Business houses of every description are well represented. The population of the town at present is about 1,000, but we feel safe in saying that all the unoccupied houses will be filled in a comparatively short time.

But while the surrounding country is

yielding its splendid farm products, and fruit, and is daily gaining fame as an ideal dairying and stock-raising country, it is to the hills that we must look for fame and wealth, for in our magnificent forests are represented millions of dollars waiting only for the means of converting it into lumber, to become actual wealth. When the sound of sawmills is heard over a new era of prosperity will have begun.

And last, but greatest of all, is the treasure beneath the earth, under the hills of Holman, for Cottage Grove is the gateway to the Great Bohemia District, where gold, iron and graphite, and vast quantities of copper, are being prepared, and waiting only for the construction of a smelter close at hand to turn into one of our unlimited wealth.

Our city will prosper—of must—and the earnest help and co-operation of every person is needed in a united effort to hasten that day.

## Lane County:

Lane County is located in the center of Western Oregon, on the line where it is neither "too wet" nor "too dry" and enjoys an average annual precipitation of thirty-five inches.

It is the one spot where natural conditions are ideal, where one may feel the warm south winds of the winter season and the cool ocean breeze in sultry summer, where he may breathe the fragrance of the wild rose blooming by the wayside and the scent of the apple bloom in spring, or the spice of evergreen forests, where he may feast to the full of the luscious fruits of summer, and game.

## TIMBER.

One-fourth of Lane County is valley or bottom land. The soil is as rich as can be found under the canopy of heaven—producing grain, fruits and vegetables in unlimited abundance. The remainder of the territory of the county stretches away into rolling and fertile foothills, and then into rugged mountains. Bountiful crops of all kinds are grown year after year on these foothill farms, while the mountain ranges furnish abundant grazing for young stock.

In Lane county heads the waters of the Willamette river, one of the most beautiful rivers in the world. Its waters are pure, cold and sparkling, coming from the snow-capped mountains through the channels of the many tributaries that dash from every direction into the valley.

## TIMBER.

The principal resource of the county at present is the lumber industry. Lane County is the banner timber county of the state, having 25,000,000,000 feet of standing timber, fir, cedar and hemlock, predominating. All the timber land east to the Cascade Reserve, south to the summit of the California Mountains, west to Douglas County and north to the twentieth parallel south of Willamette Meridian, also the upper Siuslaw Valley, making a total acreage of not less than 170,000. The best timber, both in quantity and quality, is up near the heads of the various rivers and their tributaries, and in the higher elevations. This is principally yellow fir, which has a soft, fine grain and is sound and free from defects of any kind and suitable for all manufacturing purposes, while that lower down the valleys, although not as good a quality, yet from its abundance and accessibility, is valuable for lumber, piling and cordwood. The timber in most of this region is very abundant, averaging from 35,000 to 50,000 feet per acre; a tree three feet in diameter, often containing 180 to 200 feet in length of saw timber.

The lumber industry is still in its infancy, there being but two full sized mills in operation, with possibly four or more smaller ones, which cut principally ties. There is one mill at Cottage Grove, which has not been in operation since the increased freight rates on lumber about two years ago. It is expected that this mill will be running shortly after the first of the year, and that in all probability another mill will be built in the spring, will add materially to the prosperity of Cottage Grove. Now that the freight rates have been reduced and the price of lumber has gone up, there is sufficient money to be made in the milling business to be a good inducement to men of capital.

## New Era Drug Store.

Harry Brehaut who owns the New Era Drug Store, which he opened about four years ago is a hustler. He believes in not only handling good goods, but in having good catchy ideas to attract. He is the inventor of that great health drink, so widely known "Phosco."

## Ostrander, the Barber.

The Ostrander Brothers conduct the oldest shop in town having been in their present location for a number of years, and have worked up a steady trade, that keeps them both hustling.

## Wells Fargo and Co's Express

D. T. Awbrey, the present agent for Wells Fargo & Co., has represented the company at Cottage Grove since December, 1896. At this time the express business was handled with the S. P. Co's business at the depot; all the traffic for both companies being handled by one man.

Since which time two additional men were added in order to handle all traffic of the combined companies which had grown from about \$1000 per month, to over \$14000 by May, 1903. At this time it was decided to separate the two branches of traffic, and on May 19th of that year, the express business was moved from the depot to its present location on Main street, near 3rd, in the building then occupied by the Postal Telegraph Co.

The Express Company retaining the services of Mr. Awbrey as agent, who owing to ill health was compelled to give up the station work on account of the heavy tax on his strength during the previous six and one half years of faithful service in the interest of the above companies, as well as being manager for the Western Union Telegraph Co. also during this time.

Mr. Frank Jordan, who had been manager for the Postal Telegraph

company here for the previous eight years, decided to resign his position and accordingly this was combined with the express business, which has from that date been under the management of Mr. Awbrey, who expects to continue in charge, unless continued poor health compels him to seek another climate or occupation.

## Phillips and Wheeler

These gentlemen are prominent real

estate men, whose interests in the town are many. Mr. Phillips has been in several different business interests and owns much valuable property. Mr. Wheeler is well qualified for his work from his experience in Minnesota, with large concerns there. He is an officer in a number of companies and is working for the prosperity of our town and mines.



F. D. Wheeler's Residence.

## WELCH & WOODS.

Welch & Woods is the only house in the city that confines its business to clothing and shoes, and principally gentlemen's, at that.

The firm began business here some three years ago in a small building, this side of the postoffice, which soon proved too small for their needs, and moved, taking their moving to larger quarters, which were found in the room now occupied by the Ideal Millinery, from which they moved to their present location and which room has only recently been enlarged to almost double the floor space formerly used.

A large and complete line of men's clothing and furnishings, as well as men's, women's and children's shoes are carried.

Mr. Welch is a native Missourian, and says you can't show him. He has been in the clothing and shoe business for 25 years in California and Portland, and was in Eugene for a year before moving here, and is here because he believes in the future of the town and vicinity.

Mr. Woods is an Ohio man, whose health failed him, through over work and injury while studying medicine, and came west to recuperate, and liked it so well he never went back. He is a prominent lodge man, and the manager of the local band, and intends to teach the little ones to follow in his footsteps.

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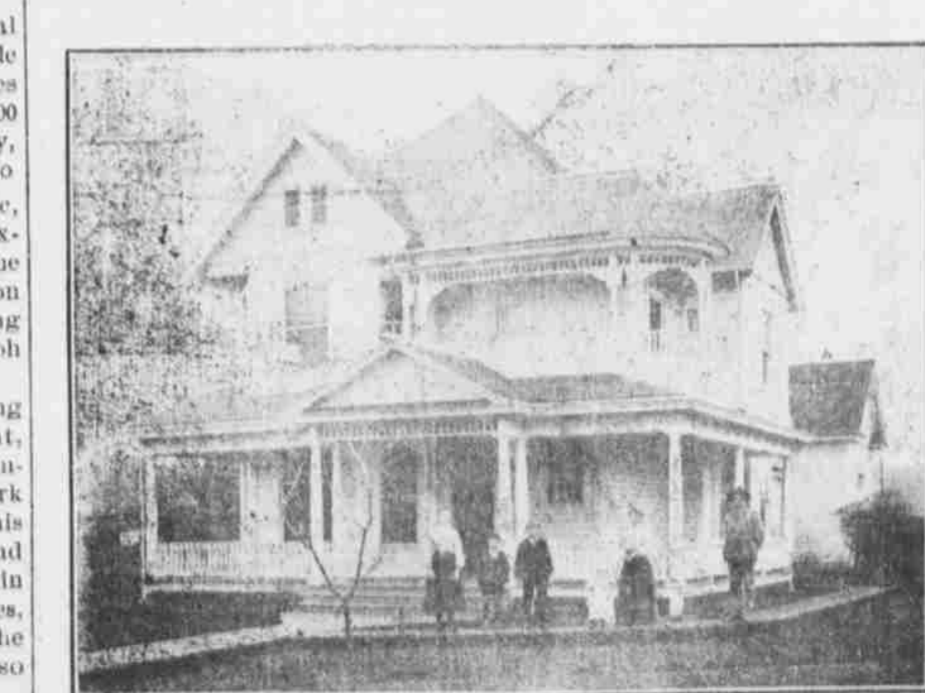


Mr. LeRoy Woods and Baby.

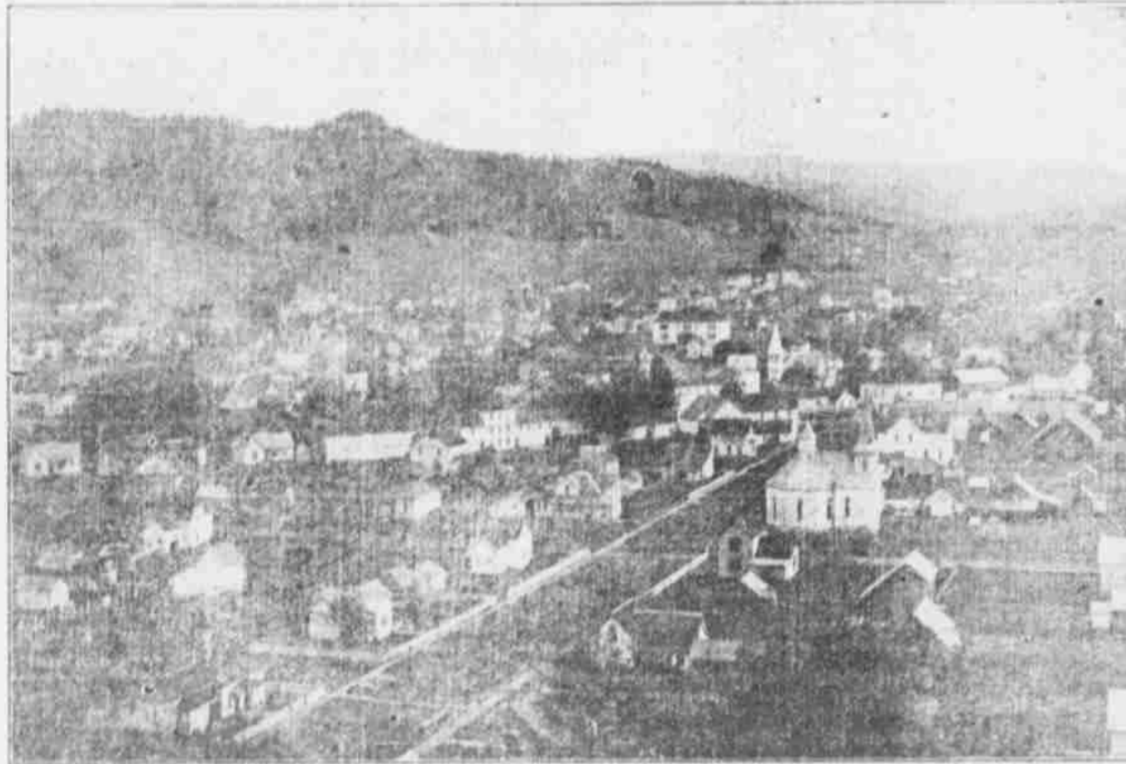
## The Flour we Eat

Is made to hum, right here, and can't be beat. Mr. W. A. Hartung and Mr. P. C. Hansen, who own and operate the Cottage Grove Flour mills are millers of many years of practical experience in many fields, and are able to give the best flour obtainable. The local wheat raised is not sufficient for their needs so that many cars are shipped in annually from distant points. The mill is a first class one, run by water

power from the Coast Fork of the Willamette. They have the confidence and trade of practically every person and firm in the town. Mr. Hartung lives in a place recently built by himself which is one of the most beautiful homes of the town and of which we show a picture. Mr. Hansen is one of those modest men, who find the bachelor's den very attractive, when not hard at work at the mill.



Residence of W. A. Hartung.



Our Beautiful Town.

## Homenway & Burkholder

Perhaps one of the strongest and most prosperous firms doing business in Cottage Grove at present is the general merchandise firm of Homenway & Burkholder. Mr. Burkholder, the senior member of the firm came to Cottage Grove about 10 years ago and shortly afterward engaged in business with Mr. J. B. Lewis, who afterward sold his interests to Mr. W. F. Homenway. This firm continued the business for several years when Mr. Homenway and a proposition offered him in Seattle which he considered favorably and at once began to look around for a buyer, which he soon found in the person of his brother, Mr. D. H. Homenway, who was at that time engaged in the blacksmith business. Since the last change in the firm occurred which was about 5 years ago, it has made rapid progress and is today doing an enormous business. The firm not only confines itself to the buying and selling of merchandise

but does a big contract business with the Southern Pacific Co. and other firms for railroad ties, lumber, etc., subcontracting with the various lumber industries of this vicinity. In the past they were large contractors for railroad wood but since the railroad company has discontinued the use of wood for their locomotives Messrs. Homenway and Burkholder at once set to work to secure some other means by which their customers, who have timber may make it themselves, and now they have a number of what may be called vest pocket sawmills sawing railroad ties.

The firm recently purchased a lot on 3rd street where they will erect a large warehouse and as soon as spring opens, it is stated on good authority that they will enlarge their store room to twice its present size. They are looking forward to lively times here next year and are going to be abreast with the times and be able to accommodate their increasing trade.

## Thos. K. Campbell.

A new office just started in the town is the one just established by Mr. Campbell at the corner of Main and 2nd streets where he will conduct a general brokerage business, dealing especially in lumber, cedar poles and piling, for which his long connection with the Pacific Timber



Company particularly fits him. He will also buy and sell timber land. Mr. Campbell has a large acquaintance with consumers of lumber and timber products. He has been until recently president of the Commercial Club, and is prominent in local affairs.

## Newly Domiciled Hardware House.

The Griffin & Veatch Hardware Co. is an incorporated mercantile house of which Henry H. Veatch is president. The firm has just moved into the magnificent new store building erected by Porter & Stewart, and occupy a floor space of 3000 square feet, with two large warehouses of almost equal capacity. This store room has the most modern shelving, with hanging ladders, and is the best equipped and complete hardware store in this part of Oregon, and of which the county has reason to talk. The firm deals in heavy and shelf hardware, logging, lumbering and mining supplies, buggies, carriages and wagons, Coles air tight stoves, ranges, etc.

During the past season they have made record sales of Empire Cream Separators, and have handled a large part of the plumbing business of the town, of which they make a specialty.

They buy Hercules powder in carload lots, and sell in large quantities. Their stock of guns, ammunition, sporting goods, camping outfits, is especially heavy on account of the many parties that outfit here for trips into the hills. During most of the year they employ at least four men in the store, and probably will soon be compelled to increase their force.



Hon. Mayor R. M. Veatch.

Mayor Veatch is one of the old timers of the town, having been here for 42 years. He built the first flour mill here, which later was burned down, and replaced by him with the present building which he sold, after which he engaged in the hardware business, from which he has now retired leaving the business to his sons. The mayor believes in only acquiring enough of the world's wealth to enable one to have all of the necessities and a few of the enjoyments and pleasures of life, which having done he is content to pass the rest of his days in peace, providing his fellow citizens are willing. He has served four terms as mayor. He represented this district in the House for one term of four years, and immediately following two terms in the State Senate, making twelve years without a break, which he says he would not like to have to do again.

## A Well Lighted City.

Cottage Grove boasts the best electric service to be found in any town of her size in the state, if not in the West.

H. O. Thompson, the present manager of the Cottage Grove Electric Co. purchased the plant from W. H. Abrams of this place two years ago, since which time he has been constantly adding new machinery and equipment until today it is one of the best equipped plants to be found in the valley, and offers better service than many larger plants, and at more reasonable rates.

During the past two months several miles of new pole lines have been constructed, and are lights have been installed at every block on Main street, while the residence streets are well lighted by incandescent lamps affording the best illumination possible for a small town.