

MR. DAVID FINN ON LOCAL ISSUES

He Urges Our Citizens to do More Rustling in Order to Upbid Cottage Grove, and Incidentally Gives the Citizens Ticket a Black Eye.

I came here in the summer of 1900 selecting Cottage Grove from among the various towns and cities I visited in the states of Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho, Washington, California and Oregon as the place of my present and future home.

It was quite natural that I chose Cottage Grove when looking for a final abode for myself and family in my declining years, where the climate is less severe than in my native state, Wisconsin; especially the northern part of Wisconsin where I lived.

Being accustomed to the forests in that part of the state and seeing loggers and mill men grow wealthy in the timber and lumbering industries there, it was easy for me to become attached to this place when I beheld the forests surrounding our forests to the east, forests to the south, forests to the west, forests stretching away into the spurs of the Cascade mountains and sweeping in a semi circle to the sources of the Coast Fork river, thence on and into the Coast Range mountains, apparently inexhaustible. Added to this I found the Bohemia and Black Butte mining districts thrown in as side dishes by nature's lavish hand; also water power sites which, in time, can be utilized for public and private purposes to the advantage of growth and prosperity of our city. And last, but not least, I will add the agricultural lands tributary to Cottage Grove. I found 20 miles of good rich farming lands on either side of Row River, 8 miles on the Mosby river, 16 miles on the Coast Fork, 6 miles on Silk Creek and one half the distance to Eugene, tributary to this city; aggregating 60 miles in length and averaging 3 miles in width, equaling 180 square miles or 180 sections, which is equivalent to 720 farms of 160 acres each or 1420 farms of 80 acres each. There is, perhaps as much more grazing lands. All this is in sight and it is probable that future investigations and developments will demonstrate that we have clays for the production of brick and firing in abundance.

Now, having found the climate milder and better than that of any of the other places visited in the west, what more could I look for in selecting this place for a home. Yes, I was content at the outlook and readily cast my lot among you. The little I had is invested here and the future will determine the wisdom of my selection. If the selection should prove to be a mistake, I certainly cannot attribute it to a lack of natural resources. If I fail to find Cottage Grove reaping the benefits of its bountiful surroundings, it will be because of a lack of enterprise upon the part of its citizens and a failure to direct their energy along business lines. God made the country and left the building of cities to man.

After being here, off and on, for over six years I could not but make some observations, and having made them I think it my duty to inform you of them. I am sorry to say that I think I perceive some degree of laxness or indifference in stimulating enterprises and industries along the lines of our natural resources. For instance, this is

(Continued on page 4.)

A Handsome Window Display.

The successful business man is in nearly every case a firm believer in advertising. There are several methods of doing this, the using the columns of your local newspaper being the best, and understanding the art of making a fine and artistic window display, can probably be awarded the second place. Our enterprising hardware firm, Messrs. Griffin & Veatch are among this class of up-to-date merchants, the beauty and skillful arrangement of goods in one of their show windows attracting the attention of every passer by. The floor of the window is covered with moss, and the whole space is used entirely for the display of fishing tackle and appurtenances, reminding the disciples of Walton that here is the place to secure their outfit for the contemplated outing in the mountains this summer. This firm not only carries a full line of hardware, but is headquarters for everything needed by the sportsman. A visit to their store will convince you that there is no necessity to send away for your supplies, and you will find that as a matter of economy it will pay you to place your order with them.

In the treatment of piles it becomes necessary to have the remedy put up in such form that it can be applied to the parts affected. Man-Zan Pills remedy is enclosed in a collapsible tube with nozzle attached. It cannot help but reach the spot. Relieves blind, bleeding, itching and protruding piles, 50 cents with nozzle gear attached. Try It. Sold by New Era Drug Store.

Mass Convention.

Whereas, it was manifested at the mass convention held on the 13th inst, that there is a fastidious disposition to run the affairs of the city of Cottage Grove along the lines of a dead issue, on selfish motives and for selfish and occult purposes, regardless of and blind to the jeopardized financial condition and prosperity of our city; Therefore, resolved, that we the undersigned taxpayers of Cottage Grove do hereby call a mass meeting or convention of the voters of Cottage Grove for the purpose of nominating and putting in the field a city ticket to be voted April 1st, 1907, as contradistinctive to the ticket nominated March 13th, 1907. This mass meeting or convention will be held at the Masonic hall on the 22d day of March, 1907, at 8 o'clock p. m.

R M Veatch	C J Miller
J W Baker	A S Powell
H H Petrie	John Crowley
W W Oglesby	W H Ostrander
E A Wilson	B Larch
J A Elledge	David Griggs
Bert Wood	J S Milne
Geo Atkinson	S R Piper
H H Veatch	O T Knapp
C H VanDenburg	C Hansen
J H Baker	J M Sherwood
Richard White	John Graber
James Ostrander	F M Ernest
G F Brumfield	L B Hutchinson
Thos R Parker	R C Ostrander
J W Miller	George Mote
A Graham	David Finn

Saved Her Son's Life.

The happiest mother in the little town of Ava, Mo., is Mrs. S. Kuppee. She writes: "One year ago my son was down with such serious lung trouble that our physician was unable to help him; when, by our druggist's advice I began giving him Dr. King's New Discovery, and I soon noticed improvement. I kept this treatment up for a few weeks when he was perfectly well. He has worked steadily since at carpenter work. Dr. King's New Discovery saved his life." Guaranteed best cough and cold remedy by Benson's Pharmacy. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

Prof. McQueen visited with his brother, George W., at Cottage Grove Saturday.

THE OREGON NATIONAL GUARDS

Reorganization to be Effected Within a Week or Two. Probable Appointment of Officers by the Formation of the New Organization.

The reorganization of the Oregon National Guard and the formation of a new regiment from companies of the Willamette valley and Southern Oregon will probably take place within the next two weeks. This is the chief topic of discussion among the local militiamen and there is considerable speculation as to who will receive the appointments to the higher positions created by the formation of the new organization. Major Geo. O. Yoran, now in command of the First Separate Battalion, is stated for the colonelcy, and it is said that Captain C. C. Hammond of Company A, of Roseburg will be one of the new majors. In that case First Lieutenant Babb, of Company A, will be promoted to captain of the company. It is said that Second Lieutenant Rennie, of the same company, is a strong candidate for a position on the colonel's staff. This would leave two vacancies in the company to fill, and already several non-commissioned officers have been mentioned for appointment as first and second lieutenant.

It is also said that one or two of the officers of Company C are mentioned for advancement.

The new regiment will consist of eight companies, including the two in Eugene, the one at Roseburg, the Ashland company, the one at Albany, which will be transferred from the Third regiment, the one to be organized at Cottage Grove, another to be organized at McMinnville, and a third at Oregon City. The headquarters will no doubt be in Eugene, as it is pretty certain that Major Yoran will be elected colonel.—Roseburg Review.

The Public Foots the Bills.

The Oregon Mining Journal says: "The old Southern Pacific surely has a hard row of stumps with wrecks, floods, landslides and other incidents of the kind occurring weekly, but there is no call for the public to express its sympathy. In fact, this same public needs all the sympathy that's lying around loose for it has got to pay the bills for all of these losses."

During the past week the local freight rates have been advanced from 25 to 50 cents a hundred, without giving any notice to the retailers. Some of our local merchants were caught with large consignments of freight enroute from northern points, having ordered them with the old tariff rate in view. When the goods arrived they found that the additional freight charge would eat up the profit on the goods, unless they could induce the consumers to pay the extra charge.

This sort of thing is enough to make a man stop sawing wood and reflect that after all this glorious land of liberty is several laps behind the old country in the matter of railroad regulation, for in Fatherland, for instance, the omnipresent government not only shuts out discrimination, but specifies the extent to which they may bleed the public."

Your money refunded if after using three-fourths (¾) of a tube of Man-Zan, you are dissatisfied. Return the balance of the tube to your druggist, and your money will be cheerfully returned. Take advantage of this offer. Sold by New Era Drug Store.

"CLEAN BURG" ORGANIZATION

Would be of Great Value to the Community; Would Cultivate Civic Pride and Make the Community Proud of Its Surroundings.

Last week we had a short item calling attention to the disgraceful appearance of some of our vacant lots and alleys. Since then we have read of a certain town not far away that had organized a "clean town" club, its object being to rid the back streets and vacant lots of rubbish and to cultivate a civic pride in its surroundings. Of course it had its beginning in a Woman's club, where so many good things have their origin and it is particularly commendable as a sensible outlet for the energy and enterprise of women associated for helpfulness.

Financial interest may be responsible for most of the loose ends of the town. A prominent lot may be heaped with old machinery because it is conveniently near an implement store. The back street is not improved because it would mean perhaps a slight increase in taxes. Empty boxes are dumped in an alley way so as to get them out of the way temporarily and until the community is willing to give up some of its selfish desires for the good of the whole the town will be ragged and lacking in beauty.

The "clean town" idea goes further than expensive improvements. It does not cost much to keep the highway free from refuse or to rid the alleys of rubbish. If these things be done the "clean town" club has accomplished much.

The large city is not alone in need of reformation along this line. The small town and hamlet is as much in need, for the good offices of sturdy men and women who have the good of the community at heart, and it really takes more courage to act thus in the face of acquaintances than in the city among strangers. The "clean town" club idea is at least worthy of as much consideration in Cottage Grove as in a large city. Give it a few moments thought.

MILLINERY OPENING.

As Easter comes early this spring that means early Easter Bounnets. Miss Barrett will be pleased to call the attention of the ladies of Cottage Grove and vicinity to Tuesday March 26, when she will have on display the latest shapes, such as the Mushroom, the Duchess, Mdme Sbarrou and Drooping Sailor effect which will prove to be a leader. There will be shown Pattern hats as well as many beautiful and original ideas done in our own work room.

IDEAL MILLINERY STORE.

Why Ma Smiles.

She'll stand before the glass 'bout fifty times a day
An' smile 'les' like she'd heard some funny thing.
An' move her mouth like talkin', but a word she'll never say—
Acts like the bugs was eatin' her, by Jingo!
One lip she'll sort of up'ards curl an' curl the other down.
Then stand and smile at what she sees beneath.
Jes' keeps a makin' faces like a funny circus clown.
Since mama got her artificial teeth.
A man was never tickled than pa I'll bet a plunk.
Because she always meets him with a smile.
An' seems to have recovered from the wild attack of spunk
That used to hit her every little while.
He tells her she reminds him when he's out to be her beau
An' on her head he placed the bridal wreath.
An' says he wishes she had gone a dozen years ago.
An' got herself some artificial teeth.

Normal School Abuses.

Much of the discussion of normal school appropriations is based upon the assumption that the objection to the schools is their cost to the tax-payers. That is the least of the objections that have been urged. While the cost in dollars is worth considering, it is of secondary importance. The most important criticism is that from the very creation of the schools they have figured in trades upon all sorts of legislation. No other department of state business is made the subject of trades to such an extent as the normal schools. Their distribution in four counties, away from the capital, affords the opportunity for trading.

Another objection to the normal schools is that they have been, in effect, local high schools rather than state normals. The locations of two were not such as to make them good normal schools. For the maintenance of a properly conducted normal school, doing purely normal school work, the state can afford to pay a liberal sum. For the maintenance of a system that interferes with legislation of all kinds it cannot afford to pay anything. The amount of money spent is of minor importance.

It has been asserted that because the people gave a majority in favor of the appropriation bill submitted to vote under the referendum last June, they endorsed the present normal school system. This conclusion is not warranted. That appropriation bill contained items for the maintenance of other state institutions, and the people did not believe that all the state institutions should be left without funds.

The people believe in normal schools, but they do not believe in four schools so located and managed that they form the basis for trades on all kinds of legislation. Control of all the schools by one board will remove much of the influence of local interest. When Normal schools stand upon their own merits and the members of the Legislature from Douglas, Jackson Polk and Umatilla feel it no more of their business than of anyone else to look after appropriations, the evils of the system will be removed.—Oregonian.

DIED.

On Sunday morning, March 17, at 12 o'clock, James Hart, age 60 years, 4 months, 3 days.

Mr. Hart became a resident of Cottage Grove early in 1898, and has made many friends who sincerely mourn his loss. He became interested in mining which he followed up to the illness which proved fatal. He leaves a wife, three sons and two daughters to mourn his loss. James Jr and John are both residents of California; Harry lives in the city; Mrs. Jennie White resides at Grauts Pass and Mrs. H. B. Brehaut is a resident of this city.

The funeral of the deceased took place yesterday, services being held at the M. E. Church, and were conducted by the pastor Rev. Beatty.

How to Remain Young.

To continue young in health and strength, do as Mrs. N. F. Rowan, McDonough, Ga., did. She says: "Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured me of chronic liver and stomach trouble, complicated with such an unhealthy condition of the blood that my skin turned red as flannel. I am now practically 20 years younger than before I took Electric Bitters. I can now do all my work with ease and assist in my husband's store." Guaranteed at Benson's Pharmacy. Price 50 cents.

E. W. Langdon, President of the First National Bank of Albany, was a visitor in the city the first of the week.

PARCELS POST NOT WANTED

But Would Probably Favor Permitting Carriage by Rural Carriers, the Privilege Being Restricted to the Route on Which Parcel Originates.

The great mail order houses, of which there are many, and several of which are located in Chicago, have been prominent in the agitation for a parcels post. The Chicago houses alone do a mail order business of from \$50,000,000 to \$75,000,000 a year. They are really mail department stores. Their large catalogues advertise all sorts of articles from a cradle to a tombstone. A parcels post would enable them to cut in on the business of the small stores throughout the country. Wholesale merchants and manufacturers were especially active in urging the adoption of the resolution against the parcels post on the ground that with the aid of this system the mail order concerns would soon drive the crossroads storekeepers out of business. It was declared that many people living in the country order by mail merely to buy an article that comes from a great city and in spite of the increased cost.

One of the arguments used most extensively by those who favor parcels post is that it is opposed by the express companies which think that the parcels post would deprive them of a large amount of business. This may or may not be true. Granted that it is so, what has that to do with the real merits of the question? We cannot see that it makes any difference. What we should find out is how it would affect the farmers and the small dealers. The result of the passage of such a law would be that farmers and people living in country towns would buy articles which have a profit attached to them, while they would call on their local merchants for those things on which there is no profit. We can easily see how that will affect the country merchants. With him eliminated, we imagine that the farmers would find matters changed for the worse. He would learn when it was too late that his local market for farm produce had disappeared, that many conveniences he once had had vanished.—Medford Mail.

The Citizens' Convention.

In response to the public call, about 150 of our leading citizens met in the Masonic building last Wednesday evening and nominated a full set of city officers to be voted for at the coming election.

The meeting was a very harmonious one, and was called to order by R. M. Veatch at 7:30 o'clock.

L. F. Wooley was elected chairman and A. H. King, secretary.

Messrs. J. I. Jones, B. R. Job and C. C. Case were nominated for Mayor. Jones receiving the plurality of votes cast was declared the nominee.

For recorder Messrs. A. H. King, J. M. Isham (declined) and J. R. Young were nominated. Mr. King was declared the choice of the convention.

Messrs. Herbert Eskin and C. R. King were the choice for treasurer, Mr. Rakin being the lucky man.

The following councilmen were nominated: Ward 1: W. L. Hubbel, Ward 2: Oliver Veatch; Ward 3: George Comer.

The meeting then adjourned sine die.

Subscribe to the Nugget.