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COMBINATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS

Piper & VanDenburg Combine With Griffin & Veatch in Hardware Business.

Beginning on Wednesday morning Messrs. Piper & VanDenburg began to move their stock of hardware from their old store to the store of the Griffin & Veatch Company, also hardware merchants.

Mr. Piper said that the deal had been the first one completed in the town without anybody knowing about it until the whole thing was over. Both gentlemen will continue as before in the store.

The new Griffin & Veatch store will be still further improved with the additions of this stock. The shelving will be used to fill up the long lines of unused wall space and the entire system of arrangement of the shelf hardware will be changed to accommodate the increased stock.

With the combined store Cottage Grove will have a hardware store that will be second to none in this part of the state.

Messrs. Piper & VanDenburg have been successful in the business for many years and will add their experience to the already successful Griffin & Veatch Co.

WYNNE HARDWARE ADDS TO ITS FLOOR SPACE.

The Wynne Hardware Company has found its business growing to such an extent that they are unable with their present floor space to properly display their stock, so that they are tearing out the partition in the back of the store adding some 20 feet to the length of the room. They have enclosed the room formerly used for storage of pipe and put a large window in it, and will use it for a workroom and tinshop. The firm is taking up a line of mining machinery and will shortly have need for still more space.

Cottage Grove should feel proud of the enterprise shown in the town. With the constant improvements being made by the local firms, in store buildings, stock, equipments, there is reason for such pride.

Fulton Opposed to Timber Act Repeal.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 7.—Senator Fulton in the public lands committee today opposed vigorously the proposed repeal of the timber and stone act provided in the Hansbrough bill and the substitute framed by the sub-committee and presented to the committee today for adoption and report. Fulton contends that the proposed plan of disposing of timber is inadequate for the proper development of the timbered areas of Oregon and would stop the growth and retard business if adopted. Final action was deferred.

Civic Improvements.

The schools were visited this week by a committee from the Woman's Club. They were enthusiastic in promoting the "Beautiful American Club" which is becoming one of the grandest and wide spread ideals of America.

Congressman Binger Hermann has sent to the club a large number of flower seeds which will be distributed free to the school children, who will pledge themselves to plant and care for a small flower bed.

The club proposes to divide the school into three divisions—primary, intermediate and high school, and give a prize in each division to the pupil who can produce the finest garden. It was gratifying to note how much interest was shown and it will be still more gratifying when we see thrifty little flower beds, beautifying the yards throughout the town.

It is hoped that parents will encourage their children in this work. A movement is afoot which, if carried out, makes Cottage Grove destined to become one of the beauty spots of Oregon.

Who will be one to push this movement along? Will you? "Unite Oregon" is the slogan of our state. Let us have "United Cottage Grove" in our efforts to make our town more attractive by having handsome lawns, more trees and more flowers.

We have a beautiful location, a perfect park with an evergreen hedge. We have the productive soil and proper amount of sun and rain and it is hoped that this summer we will have plenty of water during the dry season. Now all we want is unity of spirit and high ideals for things beautiful strengthened by individual energy and work and in a very short time wonders will be wrought. Let us have clean streets and cleaner vacant lots.

A stranger in stepping off the train is confronted by several unsightly vacant lots before he has gone two blocks and at present the trash on Main street is enough to make us ashamed. Lookout and see for yourselves and resolve at once to do what you can to improve our town.

Junction City Gambling.

Tuesday at Junction six men, S. O. Starr, J. M. Cook, J. H. Eccleston, John Howard, David Johnson, and C. Q. Farrar, were arrested for gambling, and on Wednesday Starr and Eccleston were fined \$100 each and Cook, Johnson and Farrar were fined \$50 each, the sixth, Howard, being acquitted. The charge was that the men were playing poker for money, while the defense claimed that it was only a game of "freezeout."

F. B. Rutherford, of Portland, attorney for the anti-saloon league, conducted the prosecution, and G. F. Skipworth, of Eugene, appeared as counsel for the defendants.

The case will be appealed. Following closely upon the trial was the arrest of a man by the name of McCabe charged with perjury. It is alleged that he was a spotter and gave false testimony.

Hot times are promised.

Train a Mile Away When Man Started Across the Track but He Was Not Quick Enough.

Sandusky, Ohio, Feb. 7.—Chas. Ash, with team, this morning saw the eighteen-hour Pennsylvania Chicago-New York train a mile away when he started across the track. He was hit and ground to pieces, a companion barely escaping. The train didn't stop. The same train killed an unidentified man six miles ahead of where it struck Ash.

On stretches the flyer makes 90 miles an hour—a mile in 40 seconds.

The new Bartels market opened in its new stand Thursday morning, and in a few days Mr. Veatch will move his shoe shop to the building formerly used by the market, next Scholl's jewelry store.

HEPBURN BILL PASSES

The Bill Regulating Railway Freight Rates Passed the House Thursday.

After some eight days debate, the Hepburn bill providing for the regulating of freight rates was passed in the House of Congress by a vote of 346 to 7. A notable feature of the vote was that all the democrats voted for the bill, and but seven republicans against it.

The bill as passed, is practically as suggested by the President and gives the commission power to investigate rates complained of, and if just to name a rate that will be just, reasonable and fairly remunerative, the rate to go into effect with 30 days from publication by the committee.

Springfield to Vote for School Building Bonds.

Monday night the school board at Springfield decided to submit to a vote, a proposition to issue \$10,000 for the erection of a new school building, for their city. Plans and specifications as drawn by Architect Hunzicker of Eugene have been adopted, which call for a wooden building, 92 feet front, 60 feet deep and two stories high, to be built on a cement or stone foundation. The plans allow 13 foot ceilings with all large rooms, well lighted and heated. The town is growing so rapidly that such a building is very greatly needed.

Asking Mother.

"Mother, say, now, can't I go hunting in the woods with Joe?" Willie's mother, says he can; "I'll take care; I'm most a man. Do, please, mother, let me go hunting in the woods with Joe?"

So Fred begs; and would you think At the very self-same time, In the house across the street, Willie rings the self-same chime:

"Mother, say, now, can't I go hunting in the woods with Joe?" Freddie's mother said he might. Sure, we'll be home long 'fore night. Do, please, mother, let me go hunting in the woods with Joe?"

Joe stands waiting in the street, Tossing hair and rough-shod feet; Tight he holds his battered gun, Hears the pleading of each one; Stands and listens anxiously, Thinking, thinking, soberly.

"Guess their mothers think I'm rough, Wild and reckless, like enough; Hardly trust their boys to me; Wish they would, and then they'd see Just how careful I could be.

"I don't have to ask my mother, For she's dead. There's none to bother If I stay or if I go; Wouldn't I be happy, though, To hear mother tell me: 'No, You can't go a hunting, Joe!'" —Ruth Fleicher, in Washington Star.

For State Treasurer.

What the Huntington Herald says of J. H. Aitkin:

J. H. Aitkin of this city has announced his candidacy for the republican nomination for state treasurer.

Mr. Aitkin has been a resident of this city for the past seventeen years. He is president and manager of the Oregon Commercial Company, one of the largest mercantile concerns in this section of the state, is president of the Bank of Huntington and of the Huntington Lumber Co., lumber manufacturers.

He is vice president of the Oregon Development League, which is doing effective work for the whole state and has always taken a leading part in matters advancing this part of Oregon.

He is the Baker county member of the Republican State Central Committee.

Mr. Aitkin was consecutively elected three terms mayor and two terms treasurer of this city. At present he is a city councilman and a member of the school board.

He enjoys the confidence of the people of Eastern Oregon and is well and favorably known throughout the entire state.

The republicans will make no mistake in nominating J. H. Aitkin for state treasurer.

The Eclipse.

The total eclipse of the moon Thursday night was very fine, and

it was observed by practically the entire population of the town. The eclipse was caused by the moon passing through the shadow cast by the earth. Such eclipses only occur when the moon is full, as that is the only time that the earth is directly between the sun and the moon. The eclipses are sometimes partial, sometimes total, but never are total annually. The length of the shadow cast by the earth is four times the length of orbit of the moon, and the duration of the eclipse is the length of time consumed by the moon in passing through the shadow. The variations in eclipses are caused by the moon being at the extreme limit of the orbit when it passes into the shadow, or at the shortest distance from the earth, where of necessity it passes through the largest part of the shadow.

Such an eclipse as this one is a great time for the study of the moon and astronomers make great preparations, take photographs, and make observations of the surface of the moon.

The high school children were out in force to observe the eclipse, and camped up on McFarland's Butte. The light of the fire and their singing was delightful.

In last Sunday's Telegram appeared an excellent article on the results obtained by a Brooklyn Civic Improvement committee of ladies. These ladies have brought about the adornment of the school grounds, the yards and streets in the district they are working for. They have brought about clean streets and alleys, formed clubs and libraries for the children, and trained the children in better habits. In some instances clubs have been formed where the children pay 10 cents per month and so accumulate funds for such work, which under the direction of the ladies have done a great good. The ladies of the Woman's club of our town are trying to begin just such work, in the adornment of our city, the cleaning up of our streets and in the most careful nurture and training of our children. Give them a lift whenever you get a chance.

Odd Fellows Confer Degrees.

Wednesday night was a busy time in the Odd Fellows Hall. Sixteen Eugene I. O. O. F. men came up to assist the local team in conferring the encampment degree on a number of the members, Messrs. Joe Landess, Ben Curry, M. R. Garoutte, J. V. Thornton, Gus D. Gross. The local boys gave the visitors a fine time and showed them all over the town. Supper was served for the visitors at Wilsons restaurant, but the banquet of the evening was given at the lodge hall, and the boys enjoyed themselves to the limit.

The visiting members were Messrs W. W. Chessman, M. Svarverud, J. S. Gray, M. O. Fuller, E. R. Mumme, Holt Stockton, McClintock, Bowerman, Barr, Geo. W. Dixon, Geo. A. Dyson, J. M. Martin, Farman, R. H. Baker, Inman and Walker.

Dallas City Steamer Accident.

Portland, Feb. 8.—The steamer Dallas City, carrying passengers and a cargo of general freight, this morning struck a rock near Lyle, Washington, and quickly sank. The boat lies entirely submerged in the Columbia river. The passengers and crew escaped with much difficulty.

About 75 passengers who were aboard the boat were transferred and brought to Portland by train. The steamer Hercules was sent after the freight. The vessel is the property of the Regulator line, and is valued at \$50,000. It will be raised. The Regulator, of the same line, was blown up at St. Johns a few weeks ago.

The pilot lost control of the wheel and the vessel struck a perpendicular bluff on the Oregon side. It stove a hole in the port side and the vessel turned and made a landing on the Washington bank of the river. A panic prevailed among the passengers, but the steamer grounded on a sandy beach without further accident. The passengers were all landed in small boats.

D. T. Awbrey, and wife made a short visit at Eugene on their way to Portland.

RAILROAD EXTENSIONS

Monday Morning Railroad Graders Commence Work.

Bright and early Monday the O & S. E. will send its own company of graders and track men to the present end of their track to begin the work of extension to the timber owned by the Brown Lumber Co.

A contract was let for this work some days ago but the contractor having failed to show up the railroad people are going to go ahead with the work themselves, and will use for a time the teams of C. F. Thomas, who is to log for the Brown Lumber Co. when they reach that company's timber. A number of men have been hired and it is understood that the work will be rushed.

While the new work will carry the road only to the 19 mile post which will be about two and a half miles this side of the government reserve timber, those interested in the continuance of the road up into the reserve for use in getting out timber to market, are hopeful that the extension will not stop with the 19 mile post, but will be continued right on. They base their statements on the fact that there are so many lumbermen that will be ready to make logging contracts with the railroad, if the road is extended, that it will be a profitable investment for the railroad, aside from the shortened distance to the Oregon Securities Co. It is understood that G. B. Hengen, who is president of the railroad will be here shortly, and that many things now undecided will then be arranged, and more definite statements can be made as to the amount of road that will be built.

Wide World Notes.

California is preparing to fight the Stand Oil trust.

Pope Pius X. is summoned to defend a suit in the Supreme Court in New York in a will contest in which he is a beneficiary.

Chinese revolutionists are attacking missionaries' homes and other trouble is expected.

"Buster Browns" father has sued the New York Herald, for saying he has run out of ideas. \$100,000 ought to take the place of a good many ideas it seems to us.

Christian Endeavor.

The Christian Endeavor of the Presbyterian Church held a business and social meeting Thursday evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Hockett. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all present. Miss Mary Sprou was elected president of the Endeavor Society for the ensuing year and Miss Mable Coffman, secretary.

Experimental Alfalfa Farm to be Started.

Forest Grove, Or., Feb. 8.—The Southern Pacific is considering the establishment of an experimental farm in this vicinity for the growing of alfalfa. The company wishes to secure a five acre tract, well drained and well fenced on which alfalfa can be sowed and cultivated

according to the corporation's own directions. The farmer who takes up the offer can have the entire crop. This method is taken to encourage farmers to plant alfalfa. Washington county being the banner dairy county of Oregon, such an industry would be benefitted by the growing of alfalfa.

The railway authorities will also furnish inoculated soil to be spread over the field. Tiles, if necessary, will be given the farmer gratuitously. All they require is that the field be easy of access for public inspection.

Another Sawmill Bought.

Mr. J. H. Chambers states that the Chambers Lumber Co. has purchased the Alca sawmill from the Pacific Timber Co. and that he is putting it rapidly into shape to run, and that he hopes to have it cutting lumber soon after the first of March. Several men are now at work getting things in shape. A new saw carriage, planer, pony saw, as well as other machinery will be installed and the mill prepared to handle a large quantity of logs. The mill is by far the largest mill near here, and when running full time, as it shortly will, will add a great deal to the prosperity of the town. The offices of the company will be here, the pay roll here and the local merchants will supply most of the supplies necessary to the running of the mill. Mr. Chambers states that the loggers are now at work getting a good big supply of logs ready, they have one new donkey engine just received and others are coming.

This is but the beginner of the work and progress that may be expected from the company. With the means back of the company great things are predicted for the future of this section where they are already investing so largely.

330 Pounds of Gold.

Manager A. B. Wood of the Oregon Securities Co. announces that the January output of gold amounted to 66 pounds, troy, which makes a total of 330 troy pounds since the first of October, the amount of the October run being 89 pounds, November 113, and December 62 pounds. Such a statement, and production is a source of great gratification not alone to the company, but to all owners of property in the Bohemia district.

In view of the low water in certain months of the summer the company is considering establishing a steam plant for use during those months, in order that the plant may be run continuously. It is probable that the location and actual construction of such a plant may be decided upon at the conference with Mr. Hengen who is to be here the first of next week.

It is probable that work will be pushed with renewed vigor at some of the other properties of the company with the opening of the spring season.

G. W. Sanderson of Lorane is installing a stump pulling apparatus of the latest pattern.

Rev. F. E. Billington is in Grant's Pass assisting in the evangelica meetings held there.

Mr. Marshall, travelling man for Marshall, Wells Hardware Co. of Portland is making his first visit in this section.

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