

LEADERS

The Saturday market—See Benson's show window.

Baby buggies of the best designs, just in Veatch & Lawson.

J. I. Jones made a short business trip to Eugene on Wednesday.

Vote for Wm. J. Clarke for State Printer and you will vote right.

Everybody is talking politics these days, as the primaries grow nearer.

The Epworth League market will have lots of goodies at Benson's Pharmacy Saturday.

Miss Stella Day of Eugene, agent of the Green Stamp people, was a visitor here this week.

J. I. Jones is having extensive plans prepared for a fine residence which he will build this summer.

Veatch & Lawson have just put in a fine line of the latest baby buggies of the celebrated Heywood brand.

The Municipal ticket won out in Eugene on Monday and hereafter the council will stand 5 for and 3 against.

All ladies are invited to call and see the new spring and summer millinery displayed at Miss Mary Bartels' parlors.

Your Sunday dinner will not be complete without a good pie. The Epworth League will have some dandies for sale Saturday.

County Supt. Dillard is busy working on the apportionments of school funds, on the basis of the recent school census reports.

The very warm weather of the last few days bringing out all the leaves and buds, and the gardens are coming up in fine shape.

A fair price to all on spring and summer hats can be had at Miss Mary Bartels. All ladies invited to inspect my stock of new goods.

Robt. Sutor was in town over Sunday. He is busily at work searching out the best location for a mill but has not yet found the right place.

The Catholic Church may have a resident priest if arrangements now under way are completed, which if consummated will be a great thing for the members of that faith.

Edd Jenks is considering building a new brick building on his Main street property this summer, as he thinks trade is working down the street steadily and that he will have no trouble in getting a renter.

Mrs. Willis, mother of Mrs. Susie Hubbard, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Lee and daughter Miss P. Mable Lee all of McMinnville, arrived on the southbound local Monday for a few days visit with relatives.

McQueen and Ostrander are having the corner building repapered and repainted inside and out. The young folks took advantage of the new floor last week and had a dance. The floor was in good shape and a first class time was enjoyed.

The new addition to the Christian Church is progressing rapidly, and it is expected that the new work will all be completed by June 1st. A large force of men is at work, and everybody is kept on the jump. Rev. Olsen is very enthusiastic over the outlook for the church.

Jacob Ritchie of Drain was a visitor in town Wednesday on his way to Wendling to work. Mr. Ritchie is an old man, and has been a resident of Douglas county for 46 years, and has lived in Oregon since '52, and is hale and hearty and able to do a day's work with any man.

W. C. Conner is seriously considering buying himself an automobile. Whether or not he has made the necessary funds out of the Bazaar in the short time he has been running it or not, he does not say, but he has had a success of his store, and each day is gaining more trade. He is looking for more store room, so as to increase his stock.

J. R. Thompson and wife are fixing over the building on Main Street next M. Blonds and will move their furnishings from the Cottage Grove hotel there. The building is being thoroughly cleaned, repapered and altered to make it comfortable. A large dining room will face the street. Additional sleeping rooms will be had over H. Venske's.

County Clerk E. U. Lee is putting in private water plant at Eugene. He is not willing to trust the health of his family to any other plant since he has had so much sickness this year. He is putting a well down with a steel casing 40 feet through bed rock, and with a 3 h p. gasoline engine forcing the water into a 1500 gallon tank, high enough to give a good pressure.

Subscribe for the Leader.

Linn county is having the largest registration in its history.

Henry Veatch, with his wife and son left Friday for a few days visit in Corvallis.

New buildings are being erected all around town, and the work has not even started.

The federal grand jury is at work turning out indictments, but so far has not indicted any high officials.

In New York a woman has been made receiver of a bankruptcy case, the first in the history of the court.

J. D. Cochran, Undertaker and Funeral Director. For night service call on W. A. Hogate, assistant.

New buildings and additions are going up everywhere around in town, and more houses are going to be built.

Another French miner has been rescued after having been entombed for 25 days in the great mine disaster at Lens, France.

Supt. J. A. Eade of the Oregon Securities Co. was in town Thursday on business, and says that the mill is running nicely.

Geo. Brown of Osakis, Minn., has moved here and will make this his permanent home. He is already employed at the Brown mill, before his family has hardly gotten settled.

Main street is beginning to look quite well again, as each workkeeper has been doing some work fixing up in front of his place of business. It is a good move and should be kept up week by week.

The Rev. Ross will be here from Los Angeles to commence revival meetings at the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday. Everybody is most cordially invited to come and hear this famous divine.

Joe Young has a crew of men in the Cottage Grove Lumber Co's timber cruising it, with a deal about to be made. Mr. Young hopes to get this matter fixed up before long.

C. P. McCoy was in town on Thursday getting a fresh stock of provisions for his tie mill in the Siuslaw's. He says the mill is doing first class work and he would like to see the roads get good enough to begin hauling ties.

Harry Metcalf is getting plans made for a fine green house which he will build this summer on his Wall street property. The one he has now is entirely too small for flowers, consequently he will build the new house for that purpose entirely.

W. J. Warnock, republican candidate for Sheriff of Lane County was in town this week looking up his political friends, and making new acquaintances. He is well known in all parts of the county but here and in Wendling, and is proceeding to get acquainted in both places.

Robt. Sutor advised us Friday that he had just ordered a new 94 planer, as well as some other machinery to be put into his new plant, wherever it is located. He also advised us that the Booth-Kelley Company has just purchased a set of six of these 94 planers, which are the finest and biggest planers made, and are prepared to make great improvements in their mills. The Springfield mill is being greatly enlarged and improved.

Geo. Comer is a lover of Oregon, and a firm believer in its progress. He does all he can to interest people in getting here, and is gradually gathering around here all his relatives and friends from his old home. On Wednesday his uncle, W. W. Comer and his family, and Mr. Comer's grandmother, Mrs. Lydia Comer, all arrived from Brainerd, Minn., and are now visiting with J. M. Comer at Divide, but will settle here in town and make this their permanent residence. Mr. Comer is greatly pleased to see his old grandmother, and says she is as strong and well as she ever was, which is saying a good deal.

Henry Ireland, Forest Supervisor under Mr. Bartram at Roseburg is in town for a few days on business, and when the editor spoke of Cottage Grove's protest against the opening of 50,000 acres in the reserve for settlement and of Mr. Bean's reply in the Eugene Guard telling of the great areas on the McKenzie that were good for settlement in the reserve, Mr. Ireland said "Where is that land." He further said that he had been all over the reserve and there was not enough land fit for settlement in the reserve for anybody to bother with. From all the information we can get, when the government looks into the matter the reserve will stand just the way it is, and be only opened for the sale of timber that should be cut to prevent deterioration.

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Changes in the Electric Plant.

The Cottage Grove Electric Company has just put in several hundred dollars worth of new electric light fixtures in their display room. They have several electric fans which they hope to place as soon as the day current is on. On Friday the force of the men working at the plant began drilling in the foundations of the old engine preparatory to blasting it out to make room for the new engine foundation. It makes a good big pit where the new foundation is to be built. Some little trouble is being experienced in getting a good gravel to use in the foundations, but the work will commence soon. Tom Allen moved Tom Abrams house Friday to the lots south of the plant to give room for the new boiler house which will be built just north of the present engine room. The hundred horse power boiler, and the new hundred horse power boiler will be lined up side by side, and be connected so as to work in unison, in the new house.

Lath Mill Starts.

The Brown Lumber Company is now running steadily, and hopes to continue to do so every day. Their logger, Frank Thomas, has got his new donkey engine rigged up to load the logs on the cars and will ship in three train loads of logs every two days at least, sending in at least one good trainload each and every day. The lath mill was put into operation this week and will be run right along. As yet there are a number of changes to be made to simplify handling of slabs and sawdust, which are being rapidly pushed. A new 24 inch drive belt will be installed to run the saws in place of the present 18 inch belt, which will with the change in pulleys increase the speed and cutting capacity of the main great sources of wealth made products. About 10,000 feet per day. An entire new set of five rolls will be installed shortly.

Mr. Fischer stated to us this week that it was his intention to push each portion of the mill to its utmost capacity, and to make each part pay for itself. A number of new docks are being built for the easier loading of the cars with heavy timbers, and also for the yard piles. As yet the yard crews have not had a chance to get the lumber piles started. The second planer will be connected up this week, and attached to the blower, and put right to work. It is hoped that enough material will be had to run the planers right and day. The Saginaw mill is shipping lumber here to be dressed every day. At present 43 men are employed at the mill in various positions.

North Fairview.

E. S. Holderman has been working on the North Fairview for some time and has just come to town for a rest after a season of hard work. He says that they are working on a fine vein of heavily oxidized ore, which carries good values. He brought in quite a sack of samples with him to have assayed. While they are working steadily they have not worked through the hanging wall yet, but it is the intention to go ahead and thoroughly develop the vein they are now on. It is the intention to handle this ore through the Crystal mill during the summer. The Crystal will be operated this summer on its own ores, as well as on the North Fairview ores, and will do considerable work elsewhere. L. Gleason, watchman at the property is in town for a few days layoff.

For Sale or Trade.

A good work team of horses in exchange for cattle. Apply A. Bigelow five miles east of Cottage Grove.

The High School

Seniors.

Ed Finnerty a former high school student visited school Monday.

A class meeting was held Friday evening for selecting a minister to preach the baccalaureate sermon.

Hugh's version of the "Search for the Great Carbuncle" "Well—they were out on a wild goose chase."

We wish the next time Sophia and Hugh play "Simon says thumbs up" they would let the rest of us know about it, for we would like to play to, or at least watch them.

Katie Hawley went to her home in Wildwood Friday.

It takes Hugh to jump ditches—and to fall in.

Able Sons.

Ex-Mayor Veatch was down at Eugene recently to hear his son, who is attending the University, debate on the rate question. Along with him was an old friend, Mr. Galloway, whose son was also debating and both men listened to the debate with great attention and interest, for they found in the speeches evidences of ability they had not imagined and each went away feeling rather as though they had mighty good reason to be proud of their sons, such able and powerful boys as they had found them to be. Mr. Galloway is the father of Chas. V. Galloway of Corvallis who is a candidate for Congressional Representative. If you want to hear Mr. Veatch talk about a good man, listen to him about Chas. V. Galloway, he says there is the man and would like to see him win out, for he is an honest strong and powerful man.

Cottage Grove Gun Club

Wednesday a number of live sportsmen of Cottage Grove got together and organized a gun club which will probably be known as the Cottage Grove Gun Club. John Baker was elected president; Henry Veatch, secretary; and Harry Metcalf, treasurer. Next Monday night the club will meet to adopt by-laws, etc. At present 40 members have been taken in. Good shooting grounds have been secured at the west end of Wall street and two first class traps will be purchased, which with one already on hand will make a good start. Much interest is being manifested and a good club will doubtless be the result.

Southern Pacific Officials Pay Cottage Grove a Visit.

Friday morning a special train of two coaches, carrying Southern Pacific Railway officials, among whom were M. J. Buckley, General Superintendent, L. R. Fields, Superintendent, and W. Bollons, Division Engineer arrived here and staid several hours. These gentlemen have been looking over the road for several days. While here they made a short trip up the O & S E, stopping at various points to look the country. Mr. Buckley laughing volunteered the information to the editor that their trip up the O & S E had no special significance that they were not going to buy that road nor any of the mines in Bohemia, but were merely accepting an invitation of Mr. Wood to take a run up his line. In speaking of the great amount of work being done on the S P lines this year, he said that to complete such work, changing to such heavy equipment as they are now being equipped, meant years of hard work, and vast sums of money, as every change necessitates other changes; with the heavier engines and cars, heavier rails and steel bridges on massive foundation, better roadway. The fact that Cottage Grove would shortly need more sidetrack, in view of all the work that was being worked up in this locality now, was mentioned and Mr. Buckley said that was being gradually worked out all along the line, that such extensions had to be made. Railroad officials do not often waste time on ceremonies when work is at hand and the trip of the S P officials may have more significance than it might ordinarily appear.

Reduced Round Trip Excursion Rates.

Round trip passenger rates Chicago to Portland and return, via direct line will be \$75.00 and from Missouri River points \$60.00. These tickets will be on sale daily commencing June 1st and continuing until Sept. 15th with final return limit of October 31st.

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Cottage Grove Fire Lads are Swift.

Wednesday night about 6 p. m. a small blaze was discovered in the kitchen roof of Mrs. Cardwell's residence, and was quickly extinguished by a couple of men, even before the boys had time to get there with their cart and get the water on.

The fire department never loses any time when the bell rings, and if a team is in sight the boys are always welcome to hitch on. The efficiency of the new water mains in case of fire has yet to be tested, for which we are thankful, even though we feel certain of the quantity and pressure of the water.

Citizen's Ticket Victorious In Monday's Election.

	WARDS			Total
	1st	2nd	3rd	
Mayor				
B. E. Job (C)	40	46	79	165
F. B. Phillips (L)	27	12	23	72
I. E. Thomas (S)	15	6	9	30
Recorder				
J. E. Young (C)	46	51	78	175
W. C. Conner (L)	29	6	21	56
B. Y. C. Brown (S)	18	7	12	37
Treasurer				
H. Eakin (C) & (L)	81	57	105	243
C. H. Wallace (S)	12	6	7	25
Councilmen				
James Porter (C)	55			
W. L. Hubbell (L)	27			
G. W. Dyer (S)	11			
H. Venske (C)	41			
W. F. Hart (L)	15			
J. T. Allison (S)	8			
Geo. McQueen (C)			74	
Geo. Conner (L)			29	
A. McKinney (S)			8	

lottings.

A Northern Pacific engine got tired standing in its stall at the roundhouse and ran out into the turntable pit and was badly wrecked Wednesday tying up all the other engines in the house at Portland.

Chicago decided for municipal ownership of street railways Tuesday by a vote of 3339, by proposing to issue \$75,000,000 certificates for the purchase, ownership and maintenance of the street railways, but did not carry the proposition to operate.

France has ordered six giant warships, each of which will be as powerful as the English Dreadnaught, or the new American battleship Constitution.

A Rocky Ford, Colo., banker sold his summer home in Wisconsin, and rushed the funds into Rocky Ford to prevent a foolish run on his bank, that started Tuesday. Unable to realize at once a great amount of ready cash he sold his home, and stacked \$50,000 in gold on the counters, which satisfied the creditors. Rocky Ford is the greatest center of watermelon growing in the world, and ships hundreds of carloads abroad every year.

Populating the Great Plains.

GOVERNMENT TO PUMP THE ARKANSAS UNDERFLOW

The very mention of home building in western Kansas and Nebraska will call up painful recollections today in more than one household in New England. The disastrous attempt of years back to inhabit and farm these semi-desert prairies lends much interest to the first government irrigation works to be located in the Great Plains region—the Garden City project. Contracts will be let in May and the work will doubtless be completed in time for irrigation in the spring of 1907.

Usual interest attaches to this project not alone because it is the first which involves pumping from underground sources but because it is believed that its successful operation will usher in a new era for the Great Plains. The importance of this project is more fully realized when it is remembered that the division of the United States known as the Great Plains comprises 700,000 square miles or over one quarter of the total area of the whole country. Over a vast portion of this region the settlers are few and far apart. It is the "short-grass" country and is today furnishing forage and grazing for great herds and flocks. West of the 100th meridian the climate belongs to the semi-arid region and general farming without irrigation is not successful except in years of unusual and timely rainfall. The history of this section has been marked by a

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number of disastrous failures, most of which resulted from a lack of knowledge of the climatic oscillation and from a fever of speculation in western mortgages.

HOW THE EAST WAS BENEFITED. During a cycle of wet years agriculture was extended far across the plains, the movement being greatly facilitated by companies formed to place loans and take mortgages on real estate. The East was the treasury from which the funds were drawn. During the continuance of several years of ample rainfall the profits of these loan agencies were great and prudence was thrown to the winds. A series of dry years and the consequent failure of crops forced the settlers to abandon their farms and whole counties were practically depopulated. Today here and there on the Plains the deserted sod house or the more substantial farm dwelling are framed against a level landscape, lonesome reminders of the pioneer's failure. Occasionally the remains of dozens of structures mark the site of what was once a prosperous town or county seat but what is now only the haunt of the coyote or the gaunt gray wolf. Mortgages were foreclosed and the makers of loans became burdened with large areas of lands practically valueless. Attempts were made to construct irrigation works to insure crops but the results as a rule were not successful and the stockholders lost their investment.

WINDMILLS SAVED THE DAY. Some of the pioneers tenaciously hung on to their homes and when the ditches failed they sunk wells and irrigated small tracts from windmills. The yields from these small ditches were phenomenal and sufficed to tide many of the farmers over the years of drought. Farms of 10 and 20 acres in gardens and orchards and irrigated from wells now support whole families in comfort. Systematic irrigation of this kind not only embraces intensive cultivation, small farms and orchards, but it increases and specializes production, calling into play the educated brain and the trained hand and massing cultivators into highly organized communities.

The well in Kansas has been the most potent factor in establishing a number of the best communities in the State. These facts are recited to explain why the Garden City project is attracting a public interest greater than would follow the construction of a project of this kind in other sections of the west. The water for this project must be recovered from the underflow waters of the Arkansas Valley which lie in gravel deposits existing below the bed of the river. The plans of the government provide for the sinking of several hundred wells from which the water will be pumped and discharged into a collecting conduit. These wells will be scattered along a line nearly five miles long.

Continued next week.