

# COTTAGE GROVE LEADER

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## WILL IMPROVE STREETS

### Council Passes Ordinances for Improvement of Streets.

The council met in adjourned session Wednesday night and passed ordinances establishing grades on a number of streets, and providing for the improvement of West Wall street, Perkins Ave., Third, Second and Locust streets. Ten days are allowed for remonstrances, after which ordinances calling for bids for the work will be passed, and the advertisements for bids will be put up and the work will be started.

It is understood that no objections are expected from any of the property owners.

### The Barlow Toll Road Bill.

C. W. Kern, chairman of the Farmers' committee, writes the following letter concerning the condition under which they desire the state purchase of the Barlow Toll road.

Welche, Clackamas Co., Ore.

May 15, 1906.

There has been no discussion in the Oregon press of the law which is to be voted on next June, abolishing the Barlow Toll road and providing for its purchase by the state and its conversion into a free public highway.

The farmers who live along this road and who have to pay the tolls were able to raise enough money to circulate the petitions to get this law on the ballot, but have no money left with which to make a campaign. We must, therefore, rely upon the newspapers of the state for a discussion of the matter, and believe that the entire community will sympathize with us in our effort. We therefore write you an explanation of the situation.

The Barlow Road crosses the Cascade Mountains just south of Mt. Hood. There is no other road between it and the Columbia River on the north and not for 100 miles to the south. If you want to cross the Cascades you must travel over the Barlow road—and pay toll.

The Barlow road is a strip of land 60 feet wide and nearly 70 miles long. The owners hold it under a grant made 40 years ago by the federal government. There right to charge toll has been upheld by the Supreme court.

The farmers in Clackamas and Wasco counties who live in the county tributary to this road, have to pay toll on every head of sheep

or cattle they drive to Portland. They have to pay \$2 every time cross the mountains in a wagon. There is no other road crossing the Cascades.

Every immigrant wagon must pay \$2. Every settler driving from the Willamette Valley to settle in Eastern Oregon (and there are lots of them) must pay \$2 on his little grist of furniture.

The owners of the Barlow road did not initiate the law abolishing the tolls and providing for the purchase of the road. They did not even know it was to be done. They agreed a year ago with our representative to sell the road for a certain price. We then initiated the law ourselves and raised the money to circulate the petitions. The owners of the road, I understand, do not want now to sell the road at the price agreed on, \$24,000, but they will be compelled to sell if the law passes, as we hold their agreement. If the state does not buy the road next June, we will never have another chance to buy the road for twice this amount of money. Nor could it be built over again for \$100,000.

There is no way to get rid of this toll road except to buy it. As the state grows, it will become an immensely valuable piece of property. In five years when this country is thickly settled it will be worth a fortune to own the only pass across the Cascades and to have the right to charge toll on it. And the state will have to buy it sooner or later.

The farmers cannot buy the road themselves. There is no season way they should. The road is a great state highway the same as the old Dalles wagon road was. The legislature appropriated several thousand dollars to build the Dalles wagon road. No one would complain if the state were to begin to build a new highway over the Cascades at a cost of at least \$100,000.

We hope the Oregon press, which is usually ready to help the common people, will help the unfortunate farmers out in this matter by publishing this explanation. We have got to get rid of this toll road. Its existence is a hindrance to the growth of all Central Oregon. The state should help us and it will never have a better chance, nor as good a chance, as now. We have no money with which to make a campaign, and will have to depend entirely on the merit of our case.

Yours respectfully,

C. W. KERN,  
Chairman of Farmers' Comm.

The elements seem to have conspired against Woman's Suffrage. They are pointing to a rainy day for their convention.

## FARMERS' CONVENTION

### Program for the Coos Bay Meeting.

WEDNESDAY MAY 23, 10 A. M.

1. Call to order at Pavilion.
2. Address of welcome—Mayor Louis J. Simpson, North Bend.
3. "The Development League and Its Work."—E. Hofer, president, Salem.
4. Response for Coos Bay—J. W. Bennet.
5. "Yaquina Bay Harbor and Commerce."—B. F. Jones, Independence.
6. "Siuslaw Harbor and Commerce."—Chas. A. Hardy, Eugene.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

1. "Doing Things"—J. B. Lafer secretary, Portland Board of Trade.
2. "Forty Feet of water on the Bar."—Ex-Gov. T. T. Geer, Salem.
3. "What Oregon Needs and how to Secure it."—William Kramer, Mt. Angel.
4. Greetings from Yamhill—Judge Wm. Galloway, McMinnville.
5. "Competitive Markets for the Willamette Valley Farmer."—M. L. Jones, Brooks.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

1. "Out of the earthquake belt."—Henry Westbrook, Oregon City Transportation Co.
2. "What Oregon is Getting and how we are getting it."—Tom Richardson, secretary State League Portland.
3. "The Harriman System and Oregon."—William McMurray, assistant general passenger agent, Portland.

THURSDAY, MAY 24.

- 8 a. m.—Excursion over Coos Bay and harbor.
- 12 m.—Clambake, barbecue and crab boil at Park.
- 3 p. m.—Band concert at Park.
- 9 p. m.—Banquet to delegates at pavilion and general ball.

### TRANSPORTATION.

Harriman lines will give usual reduced rates to the Farmers and Shippers Congress of one and one-third fare for round trip, on certificate plan.

Steamer Alliance will leave each Portland for Coos Bay, May 19, at 5 p. m. Stage lines via Drain and Roseburg. Committee are working to get a steamer via Newport. A special train will leave each morning from Myrtle Point and Coquille and will return each evening.

F. H. REIGHAM,  
L. J. SIMPSON

J. H. GUERRY,  
THOS. HENNE,  
PETER LOGGIE,  
THOS. VIGANS,  
G. W. TEMPLE.

Committee.

E. HOFFER, Salem, President.  
WALTER LYON, Independence, Sec.

### County Suffrage Convention.

Today the Women Suffragists of the county are gathered in the Landess grove in a great convention. A number of speakers from various parts of the county, as well as from the outside points will address the meeting. The principal speaker, however, will be Miss Gail Laughlin, the noted lawyer, and economist of New York, who has been for some time devoting her time and attention to the cause of the Women Suffragists. She will speak in both afternoon and evening if her speech here some time ago is a criterion of the ones for today, they will be worth the attention of every man and woman.

The ladies have hired the Cottage Grove Band under the leadership of Chas. Cochran, and the Eugene Divinity School Quartette to furnish music for the day.

A stand located in the grounds will supply ice cream, lemonade, peanuts, etc., and at noon time hot coffee for the people who attend.

Everybody is wanted at the lectures of the day.

### North Bend Meeting.

The Eugene Commercial Club sends eight delegates to the Farmers & Shipper's Convention at North Bend May 23rd and 24th. They are Dr. E. O. Smith, B. L. Bogart, John F. Kelley, R. A. Booth, Geo. M. Miller, J. W. Shumate, Chas. A. Hardy and W. F. Giletrap.

The Cottage Grove Commercial Club appointed T. K. Campbell and F. B. Phillips as delegates, with all expenses paid, and those gentlemen expect to start for Coos Bay Monday.

### Speaking at Creswell and Cottage Grove.

Prof. W. C. Hawley, republican candidate for congress, will address the citizens of Creswell Monday afternoon May 28, and will address the citizens of Cottage Grove in the evening of the same day. Mr. Hawley is an able and fluent speaker and the political issues will be very entertainingly presented by him. All are invited. Special invitation extended to the ladies.

New Zealand lecture. Don't forget to come. Tuesday the 29th.

## POLITICS IN NEW ZEALAND

### G. S. Clapham Will Lecture in Opera House Tuesday, May 29th.

A number of the citizens of Cottage Grove became so interested in the political and social systems of New Zealand through Mr. Clapham's recent lecture here that they have arranged for him to speak here again on Monday the 28th inst. An admission of 25 cents will be charged, all receipts above hall expense to be paid to Mr. Clapham.

This lecture will be entirely different from the previous one and will be delivered to give a better idea of the business life, the social life and most of all, the political and economic laws under which that country is governed. Everyone interested in this model form of government will receive a great deal of instruction and benefit from this lecture. Don't forget the date.

### Foresters Elect Grand Officers.

Condon, Or., May 16.—Officers elected by the grand court, Foresters of America, in session here are as follows: Grand chief ranger, A. B. Daigity, Astoria; G. S. C. R. A. L. Brown, Salem; treasurer, C. E. Leitzel, Portland; grand recording secretary, E. Wright, LaGrande; senior woodward, A. Hart, Cottage Grove; junior woodward, A. D. Hue, Portland; senior beadle, W. L. Lopstid, Portland; junior beadle, D. Cappa, Portland; trustees, W. L. Jones, Jefferson; Frank Kennedy, Roseburg; J. O. Gibson, Grants Pass, Rainier, Or. was selected as the place of next meeting. A reception will be given visiting delegates this evening.

### Pioneers Will Meet in Portland.

Active preparations are being made for the 34th annual re-union of the Oregon Pioneer Association which is composed of people born in the Oregon territory and those who came here prior to 1859. A pleasing program will be given at the re-union and special invitations are being sent out by the officials of the organization. For this occasion, reduced railroad rates will be given by the O. R. & N. and the river companies. The meeting will be held in the Armory, corner 10th and Couch streets. The younger generation have come to recognize the pleasures to be derived from attending these meetings, as there are certain to be interesting and instructive speeches. Relics are often

exhibited of the early days among the Indians and altogether the results of these gatherings are of the nature to repay those attending.

### C. H. Park Sells Treasure Mine to J. R. Ragdale.

Charles Harding Park, the well-known mining operator of this city, has just sold his interest in the Treasure mine in the Blue River district, to J. Rowland Ragdale, of Manchester, England, who has had an interest in the property for some time past, and who is now sole owner. The consideration is not made public.

The Treasure mine is conceded by mining men to be one of the richest properties in the district. Mr. Park has spent a large amount of money in its development and has erected one of the most complete ore reduction plants on the coast. A ten-stamp quartz mill has been in operation at the mine and the results attained have been satisfactory. The plant is now idle, but it is probable that Mr. Ragdale will at once place it in operation again. He is now in Eugene and will leave immediately for the mine.—Tuesday Guard.

### Free Wood Alcohol.

Congress has before it a bill which deserves passage, in eliminating the tax on wood alcohol, which is now taxed \$1 per gallon. Wood alcohol is one of the greatest fuels ever discovered, and can be one of the cheapest if the government tax is removed, as the alcohol can be produced for less than ten cents per gallon, and is far cheaper to use than coal oil, gasoline or any kindred fuels. It produces a much better light and more heat than either. In Germany it is used largely for cooking and for heating, and also for power purposes, being suitable for running engines.

The house has passed the bill, but the senate, under the control of the Standard Oil Company, is trying its best to have the bill killed there, in order to keep it from being produced at a price which will make the sale of kerosene and gasoline a difficult thing. Such is our senate, the boasted pride of the country.

### Small Registration.

The Lane county registration books when closed Tuesday evening showed a total registration in the county of 5128, of which number 4858 were registered before the primary and 270 since. Two years ago the registration was 5542 or 414 more than now.

# BIG THREE DAY SALE!

## Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mens Summer Underwear, Salmon, Ecru and White, regular 60c for 3 days 50 cents.

A clean up of Children's Shoes, 5 to 8, 40 cents a pair.

Ladies new \$3.00 Shoes at \$2.45.

Boys Suits \$2.25 now \$1.65

Boys Suits \$1.50 now \$1.20

# Welch & Woods.