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The Ideal Camping Life.

Oregon can beat the world for ideal places to camp. Cottage Grove, with thousands of fine camping spots, with clear pure water, amidst woods and rocks, with hunting and fishing in abundance within a dozen miles of town, and within 60 miles drive by team, the water, where by a short steamer ride one is landed for instance in Winchester Bay, at a cost of from \$3 to \$5 round trip, and what is there to enjoy. A camping spot anywhere, on a splendid beach, with magnificent woods at hand, plenty of dry wood for fires, pure sparkling river and spring water for drinking, the sea to bathe in, sea fish and clams at your will, lake trout, mountain trout to try your skill deer, birds, all kinds of game within an easy walk, life at its best, and Nature at her prime. What more could you ask. To sleep beneath the stars, and commune with nature in her noblest moods, to live over the life of a child, and be recreated, such is the chance of the person who lives in Oregon, and in Cottage Grove. How we pity the poor Easterners who must take themselves to pigmy mountains, and to puny forests, to wasted streams and depopulated lakes for their vacations and sport. The West, where life is free, where vigor abounds, is the place for men and women to live, and grow.

Names and Their Origin.

Names of towns, mountains, rivers, of all things, originally were given through commemoration of some achievement, some event, or attribute, but such names are not always either fitting or pleasant to the ear. For instance, we have Row River, named "Row" because of a family row between two families who lived at the upper end of the stream in the early days. We have the "Coast Fork" of the Willamette which is not the Coast Fork, etc., Cottage Grove named for a grove 12 or 15 miles distant from the present town.

Geo. McGowan, president of the Ames Mercantile Agency of Portland, and ex-pioneer of Cottage Grove with his wife have been visiting in the Grove for several weeks renewing old acquaintances and in making new ones, and in a call at the Leader office spoke of the unfortunate selection of names about us. He thought especially the name "Row" applied to such a beautiful stream as the Row river, was one that should be changed, and that in its place some word indicative of either its beautiful, clear pure water, sparkling and bright, rushing down its wooded mountain course, or that of some old Indian chief. What do you think of such a change?

Mr. McGowan was a charter member of the I O O F lodge and Mrs. McGowan was born here, being a member of the Martin family.

Giant Circular Saw.

Sixty inches is the diameter of a large saw used in wood-working and the thickness of such a saw would be about one-quarter of an inch. An Indianapolis firm has recently built what is thought to be the largest saw ever constructed. It is designed for stone cutting. It is eight feet two inches in diameter and weighs 1100 pounds. It has 210 teeth, set with diamonds and welded in the saw by means of electricity. Each of the diamonds cost \$20 in the rough and they enable the saw to cut through Indiana stone as an ordinary saw goes through wood. The cost of the diamonds was about \$4000 and the saw is three-eighths of an inch in thickness. Five men were required at one time during the manufacture of the saw to hammer it

into shape, and it required the combined work of a dozen men for several days to turn out the finished product.

The editor may be pardoned an unusual amount of elation this week, due to the arrival of a fine young lady at his home on Wednesday and whose presence is a source of much delight to her parents and to her wonder-struck brother.

Music and Drawing at High School.

At a meeting of the board of education last evening the departments of drawing and music at the high school were established. Miss Leone Kays was elected as head of the drawing department and Miss Ethel Barbor, the music department.—Eugene Guard.

A fine new stock of Edison and Columbia Graphophones and records at the Bazaar.

Veatch & Lawson have in a new line of go-carts of the best and latest styles at reasonable prices.

Church Notices

Methodist Episcopal Church, Pastor Rev. S. E. Meminger, morning services at 11, evening 7:30. Epworth League 6:30 p. m. All are cordially invited to be present.

First Presbyterian Church, Pastor R. C. Grace. Morning service, 11, evening 8, Y. P. S. C. E. 7 p. m. All strangers and sojourners welcome.

Morning subject "God's Workmanship;" evening subject, "The Wooing and Wedding."

Christian Church, Rev. D. E. Olson Pastor. Services at 11 in the morning and 7:30 in the evening. Y. P. S. C. E. meeting at 6:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Intermediate Endeavor Society at 2:30 and Choir practice every Friday evening at 7:30.

Episcopal Church. Services held the second Wednesday evening of each month at 7:30 in Masonic hall. There will be services every fifth Sunday of a month.

Catholic Church, Father Carroll. Services the second Sunday in each month.

Christian Science services held over Allison's Barber shop every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Plan of Supplies for the Methodist Episcopal Church, Cottage Grove, Ore.

Aug. 12th and 19th Rev. E. A. Ross, Aug. 26 Rev. W. J. Gardner at 11 a. m. and Dr. W. C. Wire at 8 p. m. Sept. 2 Mrs. M. C. Wire.

General Summary.

The drought continues in all parts of the state, the only precipitation reported being light showers in some of the coast counties and in the Powder River valley in the Blue Mountains. In the Willamette valley and the coast counties the forenoons were generally cool and cloudy and the afternoons warm and clear. In the remaining portion of the state; both the mornings and the afternoons were generally clear. There has been an increase in the number of forest fires and the atmosphere, in consequence, is becoming somewhat smoky, although, except in the immediate neighborhood of the fires, the smoke is not dense. The mean temperature averaged about normal, and the week was considerably cooler than the preceding one. In Southern Oregon the mornings were unusually cool, and the afternoon temperatures averaged nearly three degrees above normal. In the counties east of the Cascade Mountains both the night and the day temperatures average slightly over a degree above normal. The prevailing winds were northwesterly.

Disappearing Forests.

The National Hardwood Lumber Association at its recent meeting in Memphis adopted a report that presented the dire possibilities of the destruction of the forests in the short period of thirty-five years. It was estimated that there now stood in the United States in the neighborhood of 1,475,000,000,000 feet of lumber but that \$45,000,000,000 feet of lumber was being cut every year. The report recommended the immediate prohibition of log exports and exemption from taxes of tree plantations. Attention was called to the desirability of State legal enactments along the last line and some constitutional provision by the general government of like effect. Mention was made of the custom prevailing in France of requiring a tree to be planted for every tree cut down.

Robert Suitor.

Vancouver, Wash., Aug. 4—

Robert Suitor, one of the most energetic business men that Oregon has ever possessed, died at Vancouver, July 25. He was born September 5, 1844, in County Megantic, Province of Quebec, being of Scotch-Canadian descent, and possessing the indomitable energy, noble character and intelligence characteristic of the race.

Early in life he was connected with the Canadian army, being a sergeant in the Fifty-fifth Battalion. He left the army to enter the lumber business, and was for years foreman and superintendent of a sawmill, flouring mill and woolen mill combined.

He came to the United States in 1875, building and operating a sawmill in New Hampshire, and later entering business in Omaha, Neb. He came to Oregon in 1887, and his first work here was building the pulpit work in the Grace Methodist Church of this city.

For two years he followed contracting and building in Portland, and then moved to Dallas, Polk county, and built a sawmill near Falls City, which he operated during the hard times in the '90s, making a great financial success, when most other mills were either operated at a loss or forced to suspend.

In 1896 his entire plant was destroyed by fire, and although he carried no insurance, with the courage which was characteristic of him he selected a better site in Dallas, and built a larger and better mill. This he sold in 1900 and bought a mill at Westport, Or., which he later sold to advantage, and, organizing a stock company, he built the fine mill at Linton, Or., and conducted that as president and manager, until the company disposed of it to the Clark & Wilson Lumber Company, which took charge of the plant in January, 1905.

Mr. Suitor had just arranged to erect a large flouring mill at Vancouver, Wash., having the machinery all ordered and construction work ready to commence when, in the presence of his wife and youngest son, he suddenly passed away, heart failure being the cause.

Mr. Suitor was a man of strong convictions of ceaseless energy and persistency. Whatever he commenced he carried to completion. He was as true to his friends as he was to himself; nor did he forget the stranger and the needy. His his generosity was almost boundless. He was a staunch republican in politics. He was an Oddfellow and member of the Dallas Lodge, being taken back to their cemetery for interment.

Mr. Suitor was a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was an earnest friend of her ministers and took great pleasure in entertaining them at his home. On the day of his death, when feeling somewhat indisposed, he almost constantly hummed to himself, as was his habit when his mind was not too full of business, the old songs of salvation, and even to within a few minutes of his death, the family heard him humming his favorite hymn.

Mr. Suitor was twice married. His first wife was Miss Catherine King, whom he married in 1863 in Canada, and she died in 1883, leaving five sons and two daughters. In 1882 he married Miss Susie McAdam, of Grand Forks, N. D., and one son was the result of this marriage.

Besides a large circle of friends who deeply mourn his demise, he left his widow, Mrs. Susie Suitor, one daughter, Mary Suitor, of Barre, Vt., and five sons, Thomas, of North Dakota; R. A. and A. O., of Oregon; Alexander, of California, and E. D., of Vancouver, Wash.—Oregonian.

Col. Warner B. Root, brother of Wm. B. Root is a special representative of "The Mining World" of Chicago, and has for some time been traveling through Nevada, writing stories of the various camps in one of which he says, "Until one has traveled from camp to camp and has witnessed the progress being made in the development of both old and new districts," said he, "it is impossible to conceive of the great interest being taken, and the vast amount of work being accomplished throughout the state, and as a rule, with results highly gratifying to the operators."

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