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## TELEPHONES EVERYWHERE

Cottage Grove Has Most Phones of Any Oregon Town of its Size.

David Griggs states that Cottage Grove before winter will have 400 telephones running into the central station here, 200 of which will be city phones and 200 farmers lines. This will be as many as Roseburg, a town of double the population has.

The company is preparing to put in 2700 feet more of lead cable on Main and Fourth Street, also many new poles. 30 new farmer phones came in yesterday.

### Great Timber Tract Sold.

The California and Oregon Lumber Co. of which the Booth-Kelly Co. is a large owner, has sold to an eastern syndicate approximately 500,000 acres of land, covering the major portion of the old Oregon Central Military Road grant, which lies east of the Cascade Forest Reserve. The price was about \$750,000. The land comprises about one one-hundredth of all the land in the state, and is a strip about 12 miles wide and 325 miles long, and is said to be the initial move in a great colonization project.

### Attorney-General Makes Ruling

Salem, Or., Aug. 14.—In harmony with an opinion rendered a year ago on the same subject, the Attorney-General has rendered another, in which he holds that applicants for state diplomas and license to practice medicine and surgery in this state have a right to see the papers after they have been marked, in case they fail to pass. This is the outcome of trouble between the State Board of Medical Examiners and some applicants who failed to receive the required percentage, in which the applicants' demands to see the papers were refused.

### Proof of Purity.

Eugene is congratulating herself now, as State Bacteriologist Matson has reported to the Health Board that he failed to find any trace of contamination in four samples of water recently taken from the city mains. Here is Prof. Matson's report:

Portland, Or., Aug. 13, 1906.  
Dr. Robert C. Yenny, State Health Officer, Portland, Ore.  
Dear Sir—The examination of the

specimen of water from Eugene sent by Dr. Harris shows no contamination. There was an absolute failure to produce gas or even growth in fermentation tubes. Plates inoculated with varying quantities of the water failed to develop a single colony on any one.

This result is most remarkable and I fear an error somewhere before the water arrived here. It would be well to know just how this water was collected. Even the purest water usually shows some growth.

Very truly yours,  
RALPH MATSON,  
Bacteriologist of the Board.

### Buck Deer Season Open.

Commencing today it is lawful to kill buck deer in Oregon until Dec. 1 next. The season for does ends at the same time, but does not open until Sept. 1, at which time also it will be lawful to kill pheasants. The grouse season opened on the first of this month. It closes Dec. 1 as does the pheasant season. The open season for quail is from Sept. 1 to Dec. 1. Elks are protected until 1907. The season for trout, which opened April 1, closes Nov. 1. The following brevities, extracted from the Oregon game laws, will be of interest to sportsmen. It is

#### UNLAWFUL.

- To sell any game.
- To kill more than 10 pheasants, grouse or quail in one day.
- To catch trout less than 5 inches in length.
- To catch trout other than with hook and line.
- To catch trout by night fishing.
- To hunt deer by night.
- To hunt deer with dogs.
- To kill more than 5 deer in one season.
- To hunt game animals or birds without license except upon your own ground.
- Black bass—No law. Snipe—No law.

#### Notice to Hop Pickers.

All pickers who have picked for me in the Hays yard near Creswell, Ore., and who wish to pick again this year will please let me know at the earliest opportunity so their names can be booked.

R. O. BRADY.

The careless shooting of two boys, resulted in the explosion of a load of dynamite and the death of twelve people in El Paso Thursday.

## POSSIBLE SHUT-DOWN

Lane County Mills Will Reduce Daily Run, and May Close Temporarily.

A great deal has been said recently of the great car shortage, primarily due to the tie-up of cars near San Francisco, but it has not materially affected the sawmill business in this locality as yet, but it looks as though it might for a time.

The Booth-Kelley Company has stated that it will have to take off the night shifts at its various mills, and may have to close down temporarily. If such is the case, the small mills will also suffer, for while some of them might be able to run continuously, if they could get some cars, and store the balance of their lumber until cars are plentiful, and have money enough to pay all expenses until lumber could be shipped, other mills would find it difficult to keep going with little or nothing coming in.

At the present times the mills are all preparing for the 90 days or more that the shortage may continue.

The Southern Pacific Co. has always been short of cars, and has not bought new rolling stock enough to keep up with the demands of its territory, but better days are coming.

The refusal of the railroads to accept cars for points in California, as well as for San Francisco, has been brought about through the shipment of cars into Northern California, and then reshipped to San Francisco, thus avoiding the ruling first made, that no cars would be accepted for San Francisco.

Railroad officials expect to have the shortage broken up within 90 days.

The Brown Lumber Co. is making a number of improvements in one way and another, in order that it may be able to run more steadily than it has so far. To that end more ground has been obtained at the mill for the enlargement of the mill pond, and as soon as a good opportunity offers a donkey will be brought down from the hills and the pond will be deepened and enlarged. A spur has been run to a pond on ground recently bought by the company about two miles, where a large number of logs will be stored for emergencies when the mill would not be otherwise supplied. More timber is being acquired by the company steadily

and it is hoped that the company can keep at work in spite of the car shortage.

Thursday the S. P. Co. issued a bulletin that no cars would be accepted for shipment south of Ashland, but on Friday morning this bulletin was withdrawn, and cars may now be shipped to any points south, other than San Francisco, that are not to be diverted from the S. P. lines.

### Monday, September 3, is Labor Day.

Salem, Aug. 15.—Governor Chamberlain this afternoon issued a proclamation setting aside Monday, September 3, as Labor Day. The text of the proclamation follows:

"Whereas, the first Monday in September of each year has been set apart and declared to be a public holiday under the designation of Labor Day;

"Now, therefore, I, George E. Chamberlain, as governor of the State of Oregon, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, do hereby declare Monday, the 3d day of September, A. D. 1906, a legal holiday, to be known as Labor Day.

"The people of the state are to be congratulated upon the friendly relations which have always existed between the employer and the employed within its jurisdiction. To this condition is largely due the prosperity that surrounds us on every side.

"It is to be hoped that the day hereby set apart for observance as a public holiday will be generally observed by all classes of our citizens, and that the workshops and the store and all places of business will be closed, so that the employer as well as the employed may completely rest from all labor."

Mrs. Trunnel has returned to town after an extended visit with friends in Idaho.

Mrs. John Salee's sister with her four children and mother of Boise, Idaho, are visiting here, and may locate if they find a suitable location.

The number of teachers applying for certificates is getting to be less each year, and the schools are having difficult times to secure thoroughly competent teachers. The source of the difficulty lies in the salary paid them, which is entirely too small to allow of a fair living and a compensation for their preparation for the work. Until the schools pay better salaries the trouble with teachers will continue.

## WORK BEGINS NEXT WEEK

The New Drain-Coos Bay Railroad Line Will be Started Early Next Week.

The C. E. Loss & Co. that has the contract for the first link of 20 miles of the new line to Coos Bay from Drain has announced that construction work will commence early next week, with a crew of 250 men to begin with. The Drain Non-Parrell is urging a formal opening of the work with an address by Gov. Chamberlain to properly start off this great work.

The Loss Co. expects to have 1000 men at work within 30 days. Several big tunnels will have to be constructed, and many men will have to be gathered in order to push it.

### Children's Home Society.

Mrs. J. E. Jones, representing The Oregon and Idaho Children's Home Society is with us again in the interests of homeless children. This society (a) makes a systematic canvass of the state to find families desiring to adopt children. (b) It seeks out dependent and exposed children. (c) It organizes in the towns, cities and villages of the State Local Advisory Boards composed of some of the best representative citizen citizens to whom are submitted, for approval or rejection, applications for children coming from their respective communities. (d) maintains a watchful care over children that have been placed. We desire the co-operation of this community for the best interests of the children.

Anyone knowing of a homeless child or homes desiring a child will confer a favor by communicating with Mrs. E. Jones, headquarters for Southern Oregon, Roseburg, Ore.

Who will become a contributor to help so worthy an object?

John Crowley and family have returned after camping out in the hills.

The Brown mill has a couple of donkeys laid up for repairs at present.

Mrs. J. B. Lewis returned from Portland Friday where she has been having treatment for three months for her back in the Mt. Tabor Sanitarium, where her daughter, Miss Gertrude Burdick is a nurse, and who accompanied her home.

### Cutting Afray at Alca.

Last Wednesday there came near to being another murder near here, through the stabbing of Jasper Patton, a Cottage Grove man by an Italian named John De Kassard at the Alca sawmill. There are a number conflicting stories about the trouble, but some of the men from the plant saw that the men had been drinking and that in a scuffle the Italian drew his knife and stabbed at Patton, striking directly over the heart, but the knife hit the fifth rib and stopped, otherwise Patton would have been a dead man instantly, but as it was the wound was slight, and was dressed by Dr. Best, who pronounced it a little thing, with no danger attached.

The man was captured and brought to the Grove to be cared for by the marshal, in case the mill men might get unruly, until the sheriff of Douglas county, Alca being in that county, could come and get him, which he did on Thursday and took him to Alca for a preliminary trial.

Banker King returned from the north Friday.

Grandmother Purvance left for Springfield to visit her sister on Friday.

Bob Martin and family have returned from the hills after several weeks camping out.

J. H. Brown and Tom Abrams had a slight set-to on Main street Wednesday night, which increased the city funds somewhat.

A party of about 40 Prussian gentlemen are writing for information of the hunting, etc. about Cottage Grove, wanting to make a trip here.

Ernest Purvance returned from the Bohemia mines Thursday where he has been assisting his father-in-law John Currin in his assessment work.

Harry L. Brown, first deputy of Sheriff Fisk, has resigned and will give his time to raising stock on his farm near Eugene. The second deputy C. C. Hammond takes his place.

Geo. McQueen is suffering from a badly sprained right hand resulting from a fall as he was climbing out of a swimming hole on the Umpqua. Mr. McQueen went to make an extended visit with his parents, but the second day he was there he had this accident which laid him out so he could not hunt, nor enjoy himself much so he returned home and will go again later.

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