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In assuming the management of the Leader and Nugget we have few promises to make, other than it will be our earnest endeavor to give Cottage Grove a creditable, progressive and reliable newspaper, one which will be a welcome visitor to every home in this city and vicinity, and one to interest the home-seeker and investor abroad, in the resources and advantages presenting themselves on every hand in this favored section of Oregon, by setting forth from time to time in a concise and conservative manner these opportunities, as well as the progress and advancement of those who are already directing their energies and using their means in the development of our mining, lumbering, fruit raising and other kindred industries. As the vast and varied resources of this section of the state are gradually developed, there is sure to be a corresponding growth in Cottage Grove and every branch of business therein, a fact evident from the rapid strides made in this direction in the past few years.

In order to better concentrate our efforts in the upbuilding and advancement of this city and community, as well as our own business interests, we have decided to consolidate the Leader and Nugget and give our readers one good, live progressive paper instead of two very ordinary and meagerly patronized ones. Of course the success of the paper depends entirely upon the patronage extended it by the citizens of the community in which it is published, and we will endeavor to merit the support and liberal patronage of the citizens of Cottage Grove and south Lane county, for which we expect to indirectly, if not directly, return value received.

In consolidating the two papers we will retain the name "Cottage Grove Leader," with a sub-head "Consolidated with Bohemia Nugget." This selection is made from the fact that the former name is better suited to a general newspaper, representative of all of the interests of the community in which it is published, than the latter name, and the consolidated paper will be sent to all of the bonifide subscribers to both papers. In case there may be those who are paid in advance subscribers to both papers, the consolidated paper will be sent to them twice the period of time for which they have paid for the two papers, and we trust this arrangement will be satisfactory. The consolidated paper will contain eight pages of the present size, indefinitely, and will be issued Friday's, the subscription price to remain the same—\$1.50 per year.

In conclusion we will say the paper will be independent in politics, the organ of no clique or ring, will not be used as the step-stone to any political preferment or federal appointment, and the business and professional men of the city will receive impartial treatment in our columns. We have no "pets" to applaud nor enemies to punish, and will always be found ready and willing to co-operate in the promotion of every meritorious enterprise undertaken in our city or community. Soliciting a liberal share of public patronage, we are, yours for a greater Cottage Grove, a greater Lane County and a greater Oregon.
W. C. CONNER.
D. J. DeBRULLE.

Lane county is looking for the right men to put in a smelter for reduction of Blue River and Bohemia ores, pertinently remarks the Eugene Register.

The total value of all farm products in the United States for the year 1907 was \$3,404,000,000. It will help some.

THE NEW SNUFF HABIT.

It will be remembered that only a few weeks ago the mails were burdened with sample boxes of snuff and perhaps two-thirds of the population of Cottage Grove received little gifts of snuff through the mails. These "samples" evidently got in their work good and hard, as we hear almost daily, big, little, young and old calling for the filthy stuff at almost every store in town in their eagerness to ascertain where it is kept. This habit, like all others, grows upon a person until it is not easily shaken off and besides being a constant and useless drain on the pocket book, the injurious drugs contained in the stuff will sooner or later bring about disastrous effects upon the system and lead to the more deadly and vicious habits. We observe that the alarm is being sounded in other communities regarding this new fad, or old fad revised and re-introduced, as will be noted by the following from the Eugene Daily Guard:

Here is a subject for the ministers to discuss and a hint to the wise is sufficient:

"Give me a box of snuff," said a man to a local dealer this morning. And then went on to explain.

"Several weeks ago I received a sample box of snuff by mail. I had never even thought of trying tobacco in this form before. Then another box came.

"I took a few pinches just to see what the effect would be. I liked it. I kept on taking a few pinches each day. The contents of the first box were soon exhausted. Then I started in on the second box.

"The habit was upon me before I realized that I had become a snuff eater. Then I bought one box and then another, and here I am again to replenish my supply. At my house snuff has become one of the household necessities. My wife is also very fond of the stuff. It seems that we just can't get along without it during the long winter evenings. But really, I'm sorry I got started.

"Hereafter I shall pursue this policy—never begin a bad habit and never become addicted."

Perhaps two-thirds of the population of Eugene received little gifts of snuff through the mail several weeks ago. Now tobacco dealers are doing quite a business in this line.

S. A. D. Puter, king of the land fraud conspirators, who only eight months ago was sentenced to serve a term of two years in jail and to pay a fine of \$7500, was this week pardoned by President Roosevelt upon the recommendation of Prosecutor Frances J. Heney and United States District Attorney Baker of California. It is explained that Puter was pardoned that his testimony might be used in the further prosecution of the land fraud cases. We believe that every man, no matter what his station in life may be, who is guilty of conspiring to defraud the government out of its public lands should be brought to justice, yet we fail to see the propriety or justice to the accused, in attempting to convict them upon the testimony of a convict, a self confessed perjurer and a professional land shark. The spectacle is enough to cause justice to weep.

Revival meetings are to be held at the Methodist, Christian and Presbyterian churches commencing next Sunday and the pastors and membership of the three churches are to co-operate to some extent in an earnest and vigorous movement toward the moral and spiritual upbuilding of the town and community. Able evangelistic assistance from the outside is anticipated in the work by some of these churches.

Mary Ramsey Wood, the oldest woman in Oregon died at Hillsboro on January 1, 1908, aged 120 years, 7 months and 11 days. She was probably the oldest woman in the United States.

You can keep posted on the development of the Bohemia mines, the timber and lumber industry and Cottage Grove and vicinity in particular, by subscribing for the Cottage Grove Leader.

New Year Greeting

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