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ELECTIONS OF 1908.

Cottage Grove City Election,
Monday April 6.

Registration opens, January
6th. Closes for primaries April
7th.

Primary Elections, April 17.
Registration reopens, April 21.

Closes for Election, May 15.
General Election, June 1.

Registration reopens, Sept. 20.
Closes for Election, Oct. 20.

Presidential Election, Nov. 3.

A blizzard has been raging in the middle west and eastern states this week. Roses are blooming and spring gardening is in progress in this valley.

Two hundred fair days, 166 with rain, on some only a trace, and 4 snowy, was the record in this county last year. And yet down in California and some other places they say it rains all the time here.

When the sheep men and farmers take a stand in favor of prohibition there is going to be some very "dry times" throughout the country. The following from the Pilot Rock Record is significant: If the Record were to publish the names of the prominent sheep men, farmers and farm hands, men who are now and have for many years been patrons of the saloon, who have positively asserted it was their intention to vote for local option in June it would require a full page in the Record. These men give no reason for their intended action except that they cannot see wherein the saloon is of any benefit to society. The only effective means of doing away with the "deadfalls" and "dumps" is to do away with the saloon business.

There appears to be something seriously wrong when the demand for lumber, timbers and pilings is good and at the same time our saw mill docks are breaking down under the tremendous weight of surplus lumber stock, while the Southern Pacific railroad company is hauling whole trains of empty flat and box cars up and down the road in a vain effort to find siding room for them. This condition has been brought about mainly by the exorbitant increase in freight rates on lumber, while under the former reasonable rates, the railroads of the Pacific states, were piling up the biggest dividends in years. At the present time rough lumber is selling at \$11 per thousand at San Francisco; the freight rate from this city to that place is \$8 per thousand, leaving the mill men the "handsome" sum of \$3 per thousand for their product. It is to be hoped the Interstate Commerce Commission will render its decision in March favorable to the great lumbering industry of the Northwest.

Regarding our criticism of the county court for its delinquency in acting upon the petition signed by 85 South Lane ranchmen asking that the court offer a small bounty on coyote and wolf scalps, we are informed by Judge Chrisman that the petition had not been tabled but would probably receive attention at the next meeting of the court. The prolonged holiday season accumulated much work for the court to dispose of and these matters have had to await their turn. The court has been giving county road work much attention and has been spending much money for the betterment of Lane county roads for which the judge and commissioners should receive much credit, for no improvement is of more importance to the people of a county than that of the county roads.

First Cases Under New Ordinance.

At the last meeting of the city council an ordinance was passed providing against drunkenness and a fine of from \$5 to \$50 to be imposed upon any one convicted on this charge in this city. On Tuesday Louis Hartley and Al Johnson were arrested under the provisions of this ordinance and upon a charge of being intoxicated. Hartley was given a jury trial and was found guilty, the jury being out but four minutes. He was fined \$25 and costs.

On Wednesday morning Al Johnson went before Recorder King, and plead guilty to the charge filed against him and was fined \$12.50 and costs.

Ben Lurch Appointed Administrator.

Judge Chrisman has appointed B. Lurch administrator of the estate of E. W. Hebard, who died at the General Hospital, Eugene, February 8, 1908 and which estate consists of a stock of goods, wares and merchandise probably worth about \$2500 in Cottage Grove. His father and mother, one brother and three sisters are his only heirs and they live at Ouley, Virginia. O. J. Howard, J. L. Orr and Oliver Veatch were appointed appraisers. There are several bidders for the stock and business.

Pie Social.

On the evening of March 2nd the Royal Neighbors of America will give a pie social at the I. O. O. F. hall. Everybody invited to attend. Ladies bring a pie.

The social will be on the regular meeting night of the M. W. of A. and a general good time is assured.

Lost.

This Friday morning between Fourth street and Postoffice, \$15 in currency. Finder please leave at this office or send to B. I. LAND, Dorena, Oregon. Reward offered. 45-2t

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Dr. F. M. Carter of Toledo, Linn county, was fined \$350 by Judge L. T. Harris this week in the Linn county circuit court for violating the local option law. Dr. Carter was previously fined for selling booze at Newport.

ROSEBURG CITIZENS VISITED COTTAGE GROVE MONDAY

The Roseburg street paving special train stopped over in Cottage Grove a half hour Monday while on its way to Eugene and gave the crowd of over 200 prominent Roseburgers a chance to see Cottage Grove "at its worst." With three big bricks under course of construction on Main street between Second and Fourth, the street was piled high with brick, gravel, sand, lumber and timbers, the walks were covered with mud and dirt and the place presented anything but an inviting appearance. However, our neighbors on the south must have observed that a greater Cottage Grove was in prospect and that this early commencement of permanent improvement work indicated that this was to be a most prosperous and progressive year in Cottage Grove's history.

Among those who called at the Leader office were: Sheriff McClellan, County clerk Agee, Hon. C. S. Jackson, Circuit Judge Hamilton, Attorney Elbert Hermann, Forest Supervisor S. C. Bartram, Assessor Staley, Editor B. W. Bates of the News and Editor Lee Wimberly of the Review. Mr. Wimberly informed us that he had just installed a new \$3,500 linotype typesetting machine in his office which will enable him to make a still better paper of the Daily Review which is already a very bright and newsy country daily. Editor Bates we learned is making a splendid success of the Umpqua Valley News, formerly the Roseburg Plaindealer.

HEARTLESS MOTHER DESERTS HER THREE MONTHS OLD BABE

Sunday morning's Eugene Register said: "When the Cottage Grove local came in early yesterday morning, a decrepid old man of 75 years might have been seen trudging from the depot with a precious bundle in his arms. It was a very pretty, bright blue-eyed baby girl only three months old and he was hunting Mrs. George H. Kelly to take it off his hands. After he had found her, he told a pitiful story of human wantonness. The baby's father deserted the mother before the baby was born and the mother herself proved heartless for after going to the home of her father where she might have stayed and kept the little one, she became restless and ran away from her babe and took with her her 17-year-old sister, who was her father's housekeeper. How anyone could be so cruel is hard to imagine.

There is a bright side to the picture. Mrs. Kelly was just about to go to the Boys and Girls' Aid Society to get a baby girl to be placed in one of the best homes in Eugene. The coming of the little one at this opportune time did away with the trip and one of the prettiest valentines that ever came to any home was received by a couple of Eugene's best citizens."

Nest of Bear. Killed Five.

The bear story of the season comes from the Coast Fork valley a dozen miles south of this city. Last Sunday Mr. Groat who lives on the Thackrah place informed some neighbors that he was going bear hunting. He was reminded that no varmint dogs were at hand when Groat replied that he did not need any dogs to hunt bear, so he took his gun and alone proceeded about 3 miles up Wilson creek. He soon located a great hollow cedar tree and while investigating it a big black bear peered out of a hole and it was promptly shot. Groat being satisfied that more bear were inside stopped up the hole in the tree and went back home for help. Geo. Taylor returned to the bear haunts with him and two more black bear were located and killed in the tree. A little farther up the creek another hollow tree was located in which was found two big brown bear and they were both killed. Mr. Groat thus made good and at one swoop came near ridding that part of the country of the troublesome bruins. President Roosevelt will please take notice and surrender the bear hunters persimmon to Mr. Groat.

FIRE DRILL IN THE COTTAGE GROVE SCHOOLS

In order to test the efficiency of the fire squads in the local schools and also the discipline of the pupils and teachers of the various grades in making their exit from the buildings in case of fire, the school board, accompanied by a Leader representative, proceeded quietly and unnoticed to each of the two buildings Wednesday and turned on the fire alarm, which was a surprise to the teachers and pupils alike. On the west side the building was emptied of its occupants in just one minute after the alarm sounded and the school fire squad had the hose ready for action in even less time, while the very best of order was maintained as well as an unbroken line of march.

On the east side where there is an attendance nearly twice as large as at the west side school, only one minute and a little less than a half was required to vacate the building and get the hose connected, while the discipline and efficiency in filing out of the various rooms was about up to the high standard demonstrated on the west side.

This demonstration proves almost conclusively that the possibility of injury being sustained by either pupils or teachers in our local schools in case of fire, is very remote, so long as the present degree of efficiency and discipline is maintained in the schools. It is only reasonable to presume that the schools are equally proficient and well disciplined in all other departments of school work, which should be very gratifying to the patrons of the school, while at the same time it is a splendid endorsement for the school faculty.

New Creamery Building and Plant.

The Cottage Grove creamery is now installed and in operation in its fine new quarters on Third street near the Graham hotel. The proprietor, Mr. Stiller and wife will occupy the second floor with their household goods. The ground floor is divided into three main rooms all with concrete floors. The first room contains the large churn, testing apparatus and other equipments; the second apartment contains the ice cream freezers, ice crushers, etc. while the third includes the engine and store room. On the north side and near the center of the building is the large refrigerator compartments as good as can be found in the state. With his new equipments and central location Mr. Stiller will be able to greatly increase the output of the creamery and ice cream factory and serve his patrons better than before. The farmers are standing by the creamery loyally and more cream is assured this season than was received last year.

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