

Our Historical Society

**COTTAGE GROVE, OREGON**  
Located on the upper Willamette River 144 miles south of Portland on Southern Pacific and Oregon & South Eastern Railroads. Population 290; two banks, public and high schools, five churches, water, light and sewer systems; creamery; flour mill; two brick yards; saw mills; wood-work factory; match factory; steam laundry and the Leader.

# Cottage Grove Leader

**INDUSTRIES AND RESOURCES.**  
Great forests of timber tributary to Cottage Grove; fifteen saw mills; three shingle mills, within a radius of 15 miles. Headquarters for Bohemia gold mines and black-jacks; quicksilver mines, valleys and foot-hills well adapted to fruit growing, farming and dairying. For information regarding this great country subscribe for the Leader.

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## AFTER LOCAL BRANCH ROAD

**Millmen Complain to Railroad Commission.**

**SAY RATE IS EXORBITANT**

**Latham Petitions Southern Pacific Company for a Flag Station.**

Elmer L. Doolittle of the Cerro Gordo Lumber Company, complains that the carload rates on railroad ties and lumber on the Oregon & Southern are too exorbitant and asks the railroad commission to come to the relief of the lumber manufacturing interests along the line and secure for them a reduction in the tariff schedule. He says the present rate for lumber is \$1 per 1000, and that upon railroad ties 75 cents, and that when there is a market for lumber the manufacturers are hit pretty hard. He says he has paid as high as \$31.66 on a carload shipment on a seven-mile haul from his mill to Cottage Grove.

**LATHAM HAS A KICK COMING.**

The citizens of Latham, along the line of the Southern Pacific, near Cottage Grove, ask the railroad commission to interfere to secure the reinstatement of Latham as a flag station for passenger trains Nos. 11 and 12, as the station is entirely without train service, except for freight. The complaint is signed by E. M. Sharp, and he states that General Manager O'Brien has been petitioned for the relief asked, but that that official has thus far ignored the people's request.

### About China Pheasants.

Pheasants began laying a week later than usual. The period of nesting is 23 days. All the eggs that hatch at all, do so almost simultaneously. As soon as one egg pips, they all pip. If hatched by a barn yard hen the little pheasants for the first two or three days do not recognize their foster mother or any other kind of mother, and wander off, unsheltered and motherless. The way to teach them whom they belong to, is to confine them and the old hen in a box, two feet square or thereabouts, so the little fellows, by close contact will learn to know their own and only mother. After being brought up in confinement, the pheasants maintain a half domestic attitude, if set free.

One fancier turned out three cocks and eight hens under such circumstances this spring. One of the cocks is back in the enclosure or upon the wire netting of the place every day now, and could easily be kept confined if desired. The present spring, so far, is favorable to a big brood of Chinas, but that means little. The danger period to the young brood is at the time feathering is in process. It consumes their vitality and cold rains are then very fatal.—Corvallis Times.

**MANY ACRES OF WALNUT ORCHARDS**  
Junction City is Centre for Acreage Planted to Nut Trees—Postmaster Martin Has 65 Acres.

The English walnut growers of Lane county concede the largest acreage in English walnuts in Oregon to be elsewhere, but for quality of trees set out Lane county claims to hold first place. One of the largest, if not the largest, grafted English walnut groves in the United States if owned one mile north of Junction on the main line of the Southern Pacific, by Postmaster A. R. Martin, of Junction City. This grove consists of 65 acres of the grafted Mayette and Franquette varieties grafted on the California and American black walnut. Mr. Martin also has ten acres of the second generation trees of the same varieties. The trees are set 50x50 feet each way, thus allowing plenty of sunlight.

Besides this 75-acre grove I. N. Edwards has ten acres, Edward Bailey 20 acres of the grafted trees, J. M. Howard 40 acres, G. C. Millet 25 acres, John Harrison 30 acres, and A. C. Neilson seven acres, all second generation trees, making a total of over 200 acres at Junction and the Woodcock-Dunn Land company has 75 acres seven miles south of there.

The land in this vicinity is especially adapted to the growing of the English walnut and cherry trees, there being no hard pan for the roots of the trees to come in contact with. There is deep soil for a depth of ten or twelve feet, when a very fine gravel and sand is mixed with the soil, which permits the young, tender roots to penetrate to water easily. This condition of soil insures a permanent, healthy tree, and that they will not meet with the great disappointment some of the California walnut growers have had, where their groves have prospered for several years and gave fine returns, but where the trees began to die in large numbers each year. When the growers examined them to determine the cause and were unable to find any trace of disease, they concluded the trouble must be with the roots of the trees. They then dug up the trees and found that the roots had gone through the soil, struck hardpan, were unable to penetrate this in their efforts to find water, and thus died for want of moisture.

## COMPANY E CELEBRATES

**First Anniversary of Its Organization.**

**COLONEL YORAN PRESENT**

**Officers and Members of Local Post G. A. R. Were Guests of Honor.**

April 30th represented the first anniversary of the organization and mustering in of Company E, of this city, and accordingly the occasion was appropriately celebrated by the officers and members of the company on Tuesday evening, this being their regular weekly drill night and the most convenient time for the assembling of the members of the com-

## BEES ARE KILLED BY FRUIT SPRAY

The vigorous spraying of orchards in this vicinity has about put a new and important young industry out of business in this community, so the Leader is informed by bee keepers. A number of thriving young apiaries were being built up in and about this city. Dave Allison having about 13 stands, J. H. Shortridge six or eight and Geo. Lea, Mr. Finnerty and others being engaged more or less in bee keeping, which seemed to flourish here until the orchardists began a systematic method of spraying, which, we are informed bids fair to exterminate the honey bee as well as the fruit pest. By Dave Allison we are informed that as soon as spraying commenced, he could pick up dead bees in front of his stands by the lat full, a drop of the spray mixture being sufficient to soon end the career of the bees, which would fly to their hives and die. While spraying is absolutely necessary for the success of the fruit grower, it bids fair to put the bee keepers out of business in the orchard districts.

## LOCAL NEWS OF INTEREST

**Catholic Parsonage Nearing Completion.**

**TO BEGIN BRICK MAKING**

**J. M. Shelley of Eugene, Complains of Exorbitant Freight Rates. Increased 100 per cent**

Work on the Catholic parsonage or home of Father Fitzpatrick is progressing, the roof now being put on. It is located on the lot adjoining the Catholic church and will be one of the neatest and most commodious homes in that part of town. It has a concrete foundation, is two story with ten rooms and is modern throughout. It will make a beautiful home.

that part of the state. He encloses a shipping receipt showing that he pays a rate of 23 cents per 100 pounds on wheat and oats from Eugene to Yoncalla, 44 miles which rate, he says, is excessive, unjust and unreasonable. Prior to January 1, 1907, the rate was 14 cents. The rate for a little longer distance, as for instance, from Eugene to Roseburg, is now 31 cents, whereas the former rate was 16 cents. This is an increase of nearly 100 per cent. The railroad commission will investigate.

## GRAFTING ROYAL ANNES ON CHITTEM TREES

**Camp Creek Man Making Puny Fruit Trees Stronger. Planting Cascara Orchards.**

Straud Long was in from Camp Creek Monday and says he is making a success of grafting and budding Royal Anne cherries on Chittim trees. Some four years ago he conceived the notion and now has about two dozen trees which are bearing Royal Anne cherries, which were grafted on to Chittim tree bodies, says the Register. The fruit has none of the bitter taste of the Cascara and none of the qualities of the berries of the parent stem, but are just as sweet and wholesome fruit as though they were grafted on to cherry bodies. He says the Chittim or Cascara trees can be grown by just sticking slips or sprouts into the ground and they make a quick, healthy growth and thereby a strong, vigorous body can be secured easily and quickly for grafting the cherries. Mr. Long sold many of the trees which Dr. L. W. Brown used for planting his Cascara orchard and is doing much to propagate that industry in this county. He is experimenting with grafting other fruits on the Chittim trees.

### Boys Kill a Fine Turkey.

One day this week Wilbur McFarland lost a fine white Holland turkey gobbler, the bird being found hid under a brush pile in his pasture with its feet tied together, it having been killed by the use of a dog and club. After some inquiry it was found to be the work of two lads of this city who became alarmed and hid the turkey after killing it, and they will probably be required to pay dearly for their game. Mr. McFarland regrets his loss very much as it was his only male turkey and was a prize winner in last winter's poultry show. He informs the Leader that he will make it very tropical for the next lad or lads he finds trespassing on his premises.

J. R. Hill, formerly county commissioner, sold his fine 800-acre farm lying five miles southwest of Junction City, to Robert Boyd, recently from Kansas, for \$21,000, the deeds having been passed Wednesday.

## ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING

**Roy Clark of Comstock, Dies From Wound.**

**COTTAGE GROVE ACCIDENT**

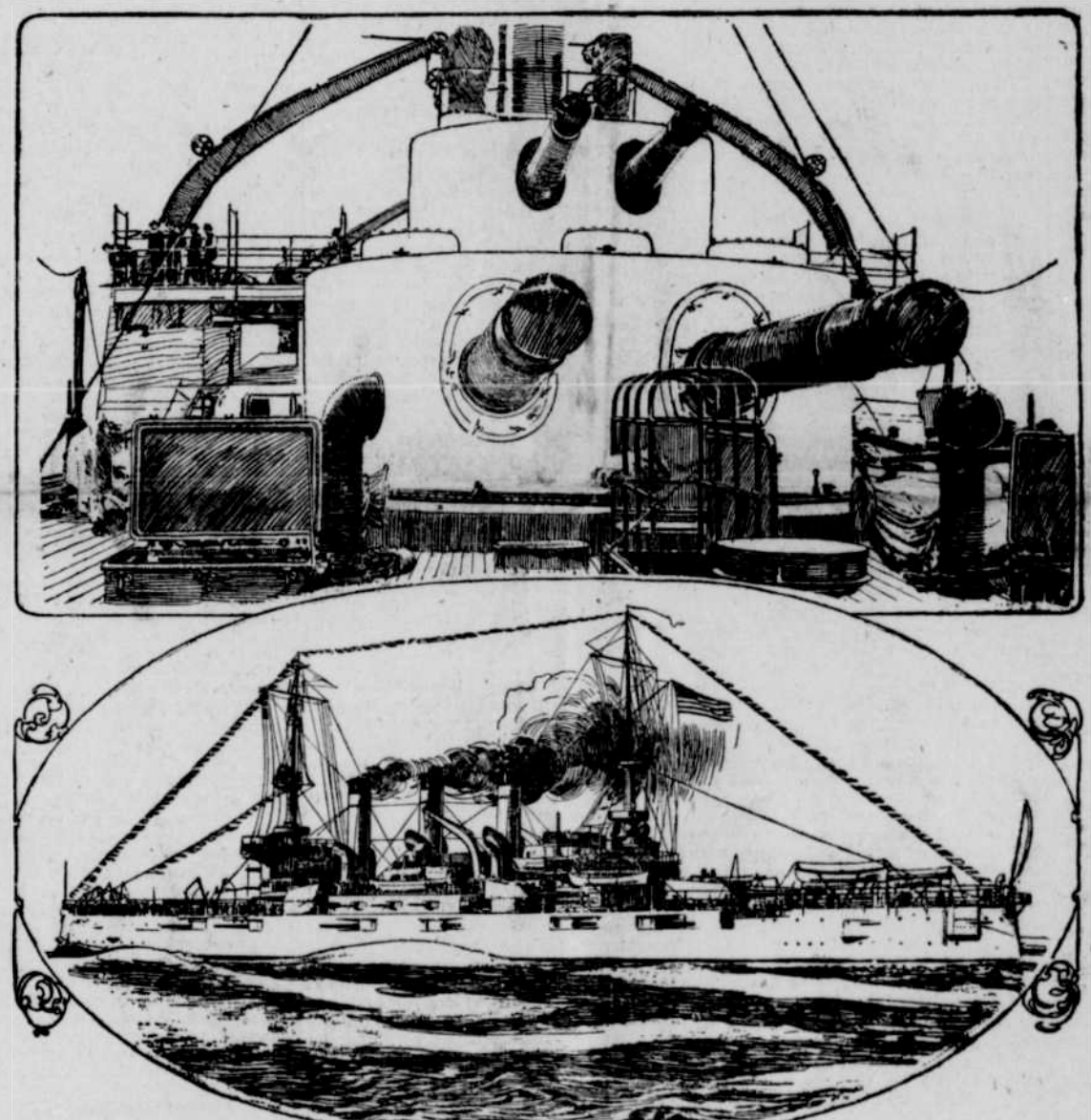
**Ren Sanford Shoots Himself in Foot With a Stevens Target Pistol.**

Roy Clark of Comstock, aged 13 years, son of Charles Clark, went hunting with a companion about the same age named Roy Watkins, last Saturday afternoon and after wandering about for a while laid down on the grass to rest. In some way young Clark pulled his gun toward him, muzzle first and it was discharged, the bullet entering the lower part of the abdomen and passing out at the back. He was taken to the Eugene hospital Sunday morning, but it was a fatal wound and he died about 7 o'clock. The body was taken in hand by Undertaker Gorden and the friends who went to Eugene with him took the remains back on the afternoon train Sunday, for burial at Comstock.

### REN SANFORD SHOT IN FOOT.

Sunday afternoon Ren Sanford, George Gourley and Harry Short, went for a stroll out in the vicinity of the old Jones sawmill west of town, young Sanford taking his little 22-caliber Stevens target pistol with him. A squirrel was located in a tree and Sanford cocked his pistol to take a shot at it, when the little firearm was prematurely discharged, the ball striking Sanford in the top of his right foot and lodging in the bones. He was taken to a nearby stream by one of his companions, his shoe removed and wound bathed, while the other secured a horse and buggy from a nearby farm house with which to bring him to town. On his arrival it was thought best to take him to the Eugene hospital on the evening train and locate the bullet in the foot by means of the X-Ray. The bullet was readily located, but the Eugene doctors thinking it would give him no great trouble after the wound healed, did not remove it, so the young man returned home Monday and seems to be recovering rapidly from his injury. He has held the position of salesman in Metcalf & Brund's grocery store for some time past, but will now take a forced vacation indefinitely.

The Kozy Korner for sweets.



**THE BATTLESHIP CONNECTICUT AND HER TWELVE INCH GUNS, WHICH MADE A NEW WORLD'S RECORD.**

As a fitting climax to the cruise of the fleet under Rear Admiral Evans the gunners of his flagship, the Connecticut, made a new world's record at target practice with the battleship's twelve inch guns. While the navy department withholds the actual records made at the Magdalena bay range, it is known that the Connecticut's gunners established a new mark both for rapidity of fire and percentage of hits with the big turret guns. Despite his illness Rear Admiral Evans remained aboard the battleship throughout the heavy firing at the targets and received the congratulations of the officers of the fleet when the Connecticut's triumph was announced. As soon as she completed her practice the Connecticut steamed for San Diego with the admiral, where he is to undergo treatment for rheumatism.

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With favorable weather conditions the brick yard of Gleason & Atkinson in west Cottage Grove will begin the season's run Monday with a full force of men and it is expected to have the first kiln of 200,000 brick up by the middle of June. The capacity of the plant has been greatly increased this season by the building of additional dirt bins and the big brick pressing machine has been placed on wheels and will be moved on a track from one bin to another. The present capacity of the plant is 200,000 brick every 30 days. The clay used at this yard is the very best, a fine quality of brick having been turned out last season. Orders have been booked ahead for considerable brick.

Polk county draft horses sell for \$500 a span.

J. M. Shelley of Eugene, manager of the Eugene Mill & Elevator company, has protested to the state railroad commission against a recent raise of nearly 100 per cent in certain local freight rates in

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