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#### ELECTIONS OF 1908.

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.

#### CRYING NEED FOR A NEW COUNTY.

With the extensive improvements and developments in the Bohemia district, which is situated in both Lane and Douglas counties, the establishment of great saw milling and timber plants in South Lane and North Douglas, makes a crying demand for a change in the county boundary line so as to include the immense natural resources and growing industries of this section in one and the same county, in order to overcome the many difficulties arising in securing titles, making correct filings and entries as well as public road and other improvements. Both Roseburg and Eugene the present county seats of these respective counties, which embrace an area greater than that of several of the New England states, are situated so far from this section of both counties, as to render it inconvenient and expensive for our people to visit these places continually for the transaction of legal and county business. The time is therefore at hand when a good sized slice should be carved from both of these counties and a new county formed. The people of the Lane and coast section favor such a scheme, the Bohemia miners are enthusiastic for it, the Pass creek timber and mill men are boosting for it, in fact there is not a citizen in South Lane or North Douglas, but can see the great necessity for such a movement, owing to the peculiar typography and grouping of resources and industries embraced within this proposed new county, which would still leave Lane and Douglas counties with large territories, rich in resources, and their county seat towns centrally located. The Leader thinks the time opportune for a concerted movement toward the formation of a new county from South Lane and North Douglas, on the part of the Cottage Grove Commercial club and the people of this favored section of the two counties. Let us get busy and bring this matter to a vote of the people at the election two years hence.

W. W. Calkins, U. S. Commissioner of Eugene, spent a few days in this city last week. Mr. Calkins is a candidate for representative on the republican ticket and has the ability and qualifications necessary to ably represent Lane county's interests in the Oregon legislature. Mr. Calkins in discussing the Lane county republican convention in Eugene said that he considered it a good time to introduce and pass a resolution providing for the holding of a county convention by the republicans hereafter prior to the primary election, for the purpose of recommending candidates for the various county offices, subject to the choice of the voters at the primary election. At such a convention representative republicans could be

recommended for the nomination as candidates for the various county offices from the different precincts of the county and the selection and the nomination of only county seat men for these offices, as in the present campaign, could be overcome without any infringement or violation of the provisions of the primary election law. The Leader looked upon Mr. Calkins suggestion as a good one and it was adopted by the republican delegates in Saturday's convention.

Street paving and hard surface paving of the metropolitan type has become the rule throughout the cities and towns of Oregon. Many hundred thousands of dollars will be invested in hard surface pavements in Oregon, outside of Portland and during the present season Portland is doing more paving than at any time in her history.

This campaign in Oregon is remarkable in the unusual interest displayed in it by the far eastern press. Collier's Weekly has been fighting our senatorial battle for us and now comes hundreds of "marked copies" of the Johnstown, Pa., Democrat to our state, editorially championing the proposed Oregon single tax law.

What about that Fourth of July celebration? This question seems to be quite prevalent at the present time and by the talk of several of the business men, it does not seem probable that the opportunity to celebrate the nation's birth will be let to pass unheeded.

Again the annual Memorial day is drawing near and as yet we have not heard of any preparation in this vicinity for any public observance of the day. In this matter our people naturally expect the old soldiers to take the lead.

The newspapers are poking a good deal of fun at the "Merry Widow" hats, but the Leader's fashion editor says he rather likes the "Merry Widow" hat and the merry widows as well.

A few years ago Billie Bryan was known as the "boy orator of the Platte" and now he is referred to by his followers as William J. Bryan, the "grand old man of the democratic party."

The battleship fleet is scheduled to arrive and anchor in Puget Sound May 27 and Tacoma and Seattle are making preparations for a grand reception to the officers and men.

Mrs. Nick Longworth, formerly Alice Roosevelt, is to make political speeches on the stump in Ohio during the coming campaign, in favor of the Republican candidate for congress.

Those who have had an opportunity of driving into the country recently, report crops looking exceedingly well. Oregon has her best clothes on now.

Briefly, the south seems to be divided into two classes—those who are fighting drink and those who are fighting drunk.

Foreign counts were born to be supported by American heiresses.

Winter is lingering in the lap of spring. A little more sunshine, Mr. Weather Man!

L. W. Baker of Eugene, has been looking after business interests in this city this week.

Hon. J. M. Glass, the great temperance orator will speak on the local option question at the Christian church tonight. All are invited.

W. E. Lewis of Worcester, Massachusetts, arrived in Eugene the early part of last week and in company with F. J. Hard, the well known mining man, came to Cottage Grove and went up to visit the Bohemia mining district Wednesday. He will no doubt be gratified with what he sees at the Vesuvius, Oregon-Colorado and Riverside properties of Mr. Hard, as much work has been done at these mines and a great deal of fine ore has been blocked out. The Leader expects to be able to give Mr. Lewis' impressions of the mines on his return, as well as a concise statement of mining conditions in the camp, from Mr. Hard.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Condensed statement of the financial condition of the Bank of Cottage Grove as rendered to the Bank Commissioners of the State of Oregon, at the close of business May 11, 1908.

RESOURCES.	LIABILITIES.
Loans and discounts.....\$35,563.64	Capital stock paid in.....\$22,500.00
Overdrafts..... 225.28	Undivided Profits less
Banking house..... 6,799.95	Expenses and Tax paid 84.17
Furniture and Fixtures. 3,228.05	Due to banks..... 2,025.00
Other Real Estate owned 570.00	Total deposits..... 45,616.89
Cash and Sight Exchange. 23,839.14	
	\$70,226.06
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In the Leader's opinion an adverse vote on the University of Oregon appropriation would have the effect of convincing the people of the country at large that all they had ever heard about Oregon being a "moss-back" state, was alas, too true. Let us demonstrate the fact that Oregon is up-to-date in educational matters as well as in the various business and industrial pursuits by voting for the university appropriation.

It is pretty generally known that Geo. O. Knowles will come out as an independent candidate for the legislature and is said to be a Statement No. 1 man. His friends are now hustling the 150 names to sign his petition that the law requires. Mr. Knowles is a recent resident of Florence, but is also known in the southeast part of the county.

#### Mr. Stevens Friends After Mr. Keeney

Assessor Keeney's slogan during the campaign is "Let the railroads and other corporations pay their share of the taxes." Let us see what he has done during his past administration towards carrying out this campaign cry in Lane county. The Southern Pacific main line is assessed \$20,000 a mile in Lane county. In Linn, Douglas and Marion counties, the Southern Pacific main line is assessed \$30,000 a mile. We ask Mr. Keeney to answer the question why he assesses the Southern Pacific main line \$10,000 a mile less than Linn, Douglas and Marion counties.

Thursday, October 17th 1907 the Western Oregon Lumber Manufacturing Association held a meeting in Cottage Grove, Oregon, and a resolution was adopted that Assessor Keeney be requested to raise the valuation on the road bed of the Southern Pacific to \$30,000 a mile, the same as in Douglas, Linn and Marion counties. In the same issue of the Guard, Assessor Keeney in an interview, stated that the lumbermans convention at Cottage Grove was a month late in passing the resolution and that on September 18th he had decided to take such action but had not made it public. We ask Mr. Keeney the question, why he made this statement in that interview and has not carried it into effect.

The Southern Pacific company has 40.76 miles of main line road bed in Lane county. The difference in assessed value between 20,000 and 30,000 a mile would be \$407,600. The voters of Lane county will not judge a public official by the promises he makes when a candidate for re-election, so much as by the official record he has made.

The Southern Pacific Co., should pay \$30,000 or more a mile, in this county as its just proportion of the taxes.

Springfield offers to the voters of Lane county, a candidate for assessor in the person of Welby Stevens who will not merely promise to, but will carry into effect the principle that railroads and other corporations, should pay their share of the taxes.

#### Brief Sketch of L. R. Edmunson.

Leon R. Edmunson, the only candidate upon the democratic ticket for representative, is a native son of the state of Oregon, having been reared and educated in Lane county, where he has spent all of his life.

He is a young man of exemplary habits and is deserving of consideration at the hands of the voters. Mr. Edmunson is a strong advocate of the Initiative and Referendum and of the election of United States senators by the direct vote of the people as provided for in Statement No. 1, of the primary law, and if elected as one of the three representatives from Lane county, pledges himself to support the peoples choice for United States senator, and that he will vote first, last and all the time for Mr. Calkins, if Mr. Calkins is chosen by the people, although his personal choice is Geo. E. Chamberlain, for United States senator.

Mr. Edmunson attended the University of Oregon for many years and obtained his law education at Ann Arbor, Michigan, and is well equipped to represent Lane county, in the legislature, and his legal education would assist him in preparing bills that his constituents wished passed.

In dry Lane county 55 federal liquor licenses have been issued.



ASSESSOR B. F. KEENEY.

"Let the railroad company and other corporate interests pay their share of the taxes."

The official "backbone" of the man whose likeness is here shown has been worth many dollars to the taxpayers of Lane county and he will be re-elected for a second term as county assessor by a large majority, for when the average voter goes to the polls June 1st he will have a Keen-ey(e) on his ballot.

Assessor B. F. Keeney has raised the Southern Pacific company assessment from \$5000 to \$20,000 per mile in this county. At this rate he will soon get it up to \$30,000 per mile as it is in Linn and Douglas counties, which he promises to do, and the taxpayers have found out that Keeney keeps his promises.

Harry Bown for sheriff on the democratic ticket, who has been a deputy during the administration of Sheriff Fisk seems to be the popular candidate for the office and is making a thorough and clean campaign, and is a gentleman in every sense of the word. That he will make a capable sheriff goes without saying, his past experience in the office doing entirely away with the usual trouble of the inexperienced, in fact, he will be right "at home" when he assumes charge of this important office and will continue to carry out the work of the present efficient sheriff without the least embarrassment. He will make an officer who will at all times see that the law is properly enforced when it comes to duty. He should and will be elected by a good majority.

#### Fire Notice.

The dry weather is coming on, look out for fires, have that house or barn insured. Tom Awrey can save you money in the most popular fire insurance Co. in Oregon. See Tom Awrey at the express office for rates.

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#### Republicans at Portland.

The big state and district conventions of Oregon republicans was held in Portland Thursday and Senator B. Urne received a decisive knockout, the Fulton men being in complete control. Taft was endorsed and the following delegates elected:

First congressional district delegates: R. E. Williams of Polk (elected), C. A. Schilbrede of Marshfield (elected).

Second congressional district delegates: Asa B. Thomson of Umatilla, Dr. Henry Waldo Coc of Multnomah.

Delegates at large, elected by state convention: Charles W. Fulton of Clatsop, George H. Williams of Multnomah, A. N. Gilbert of Marion, W. Kuykendall of Lane.

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