

COTTAGE GROVE, OREGON.
 Located on the upper Willamette River 144 miles south of Portland on Southern Pacific and Oregon & South Eastern Railroads. Population 2500; two banks; public and high schools; five churches; water, light and sewer systems; creamery; flour mill; two brick yards; saw mill; wood-work factory, match factory; steam laundry and the *Leader*.

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 Great forests of timber tributary to Cottage Grove. Sixteen saw mills; three shingle mills, within a radius of 15 miles. Headquarters for Bohemia gold mines and black butte 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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CONTRACT LET FOR NEW BRICK BUILDING 50x95 FEET

By the Burkholder-Woods Mercantile Co.

BUILDING 50x95 FEET

Corner of Main and Third Streets. Ves Wallace Awarded the Contract.

This week the Burkholder-Woods Mercantile Co. awarded the contract for their new single story brick to be built on their old business site on the corner of Main and Third street, to Ves Wallace, the well known local brick maker and brick mason. The contract for the interior wood work was awarded to L. F. Wooley. This new, modern brick will be 50x95 feet, single story with plate glass front and all modern conveniences. Mr. Wallace put a force of men to work on his brick yard north of town Tuesday morning and the kiln of brick necessary for this improvement will soon be manufactured and burned. In the meantime the foundation work for the new brick will be completed. During the course of construction of their new brick the Burkholder-Woods Co., will occupy one of the rooms in the new Stewart & Hinds building on the corner of Main and Second street, into which they will commence moving July 6th.

Mr. Wallace expects to have the new building completed and ready for occupancy by September 1st.

More New Residences.

Work was commenced this week on at least two more commodious homes in this city, one on Taylor street for Sid Hamblin and one in the D. G. McFarland addition for Mike Keblebeck.

Mr. Hamblin has the concrete foundation laid for his modern cottage it being on his lot adjoining the home property of Tom Allen.

Mr. Keblebeck will build a two-story modern residence 32x32 feet with concrete basement on the lot occupied by his present cottage home which will be moved to another lot. This makes more than a dozen new homes completed and under course of construction for Cottage Grove already this season and there will be more home building before the season closes.

Creswell is having a building boom. A new hotel, five houses and seven new barns are being erected.

WILL REVIVE BIG INDUSTRY LUMBER RATE DECISION OF BENEFIT TO OREGON.

Lumber Rate Decision of Benefit to Oregon.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY CASE

Old Rate Practically Restored to San Francisco Bay Points—Mills Will Resume.

By its decision the Commission has restored former rates on lumber shipments practically to all territory west of the Mississippi river, more specifically described as that territory west of a line running almost north and south from Pembina, on the British Columbia line, through Grand Forks, Sioux City, Kansas City and St. Joseph to Port Arthur, Texas. It is to what is known as Deiver territory, all lying west of the Mississippi river, that the interested Oregon lumbermen make the bulk of their eastern shipments. By this same decision the lumbermen of the state of Washington did not fare quite so well. While the commission refuses to grant any advance to points in the territory west of a line from Pembina to Sioux City, it consents to an advance of 5 cents on shipments to St. Paul, Minneapolis and Duluth. The Northern Pacific and the Great Northern had asked that this rate be advanced 10 cents.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY CASE.

By far the most important decision by the Commission, however, so far as the lumber industry in this state is concerned, was that in the case of the Western Oregon Lumber Manufacturers' Association, known as the "Willamette Valley case." This proceeding was instituted by the mill men of the Willamette valley to restrain the Southern Pacific company from enforcing an increased rate of \$5 a ton on all lumber shipments to San Francisco and Bay Points. The old rate was \$3.10 a ton from all East side points, south of Portland, and \$3.35 from West side points, south of this city, the difference in these rates being caused by the extra haul from the West side points to the main line, via Corvallis and Albany.

The Commission found that this was an unwarranted advance, but does concede to the railroad the right to advance its rates 30 cents a ton, making the new rates \$3.40 from east side points and \$3.65 from West side points. These rates are applicable to San Francisco and Bay points.

Not only are the lumbermen

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TO PAY OFF THE CITY'S INDEBTEDNESS AND PROVIDE FOR CURRENT EXPENSES

Business Men Co-Operate with the City Council in Devising Ways and Means to Overcome the City's Loss in Revenue Formerly Received in Saloon Licenses. Proposed Amendment to City Charter--Financial Plan

The citizens of Cottage Grove met in the Masonic hall Wednesday evening for the purpose of listening to the report of the citizens and city council committees, which had formerly been appointed to draft a plan or devise ways and means to pay off the city's indebtedness and to meet its current expenses, which have shown an annual deficit since the saloon license was cut off as a result of the local option election two years ago and again in the election of June 1st.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Job, who briefly stated the object of the gathering and called for the nomination and election of a chairman and secretary. Hon. R. M. Veatch was chosen for chairman and W. C. Conner for secretary. Mr. Veatch stated that an emergency in the city's affairs was at hand, that the city was without an income adequate to meet its expenses and that it was up to our citizens to face this emergency fairly and squarely and to meet it in a practical business-like way. He counseled co-operation on the part of the taxpayers and called for a report of the joint committees. H. H. Veatch, chairman of the citizens committee submitted the report or plan formulated by the joint committees which was substantially as follows:

THE COMMITTEES.

Citizens committee—H. H. Veatch, J. C. Johnson, C. H. Burkholder and C. C. Hazleton.

Council committee—Geo. Comer, Geo. Atkinson and Al Elledge.

These committees worked hard on the difficult task assigned them and that their work was well done and was appreciated and fully endorsed by the citizens of the town was evident from the unanimous vote to accept their report and recommendations. Following the adoption of the report Mr. Burkholder remarked that he was proud of the citizens of Cottage Grove and many others voiced the same sentiment.

Initiative Petition.

We, the undersigned, citizens and legal voters of the city of Cottage Grove, in Lane county, state of Oregon, respectfully demand that the following proposed amendment to the charter of the city of Cottage Grove, shall be submitted to the legal voters of the city of Cottage Grove in Lane county, Oregon, for their approval or rejection at a special election to be called and held for that purpose, and each for himself says: I have personally signed the petition and my residence, postoffice address and voting ward is correctly written after my name:

George Comer, George M. Hall, Thos. Pearce, W. H. Blair, C. J. Howard, C. W. Wallace, H. O. Thompson, James Hemenway, J. Henderson McFarland, A. L. Woodard, James Porter, W. A.

mills over this tax heretofore levied owing to the recent county high school legislation. Therefore, this plan which is ample to meet all of the city's requirements shows an increased city tax of only 3 mills over the former municipal tax levy which is as follows:

FORMER CITY TAX LEVY.	
Regular tax.....	5 mills
Sewer fund.....	2 mills
High school.....	10 mills
Total city levy.....	17 mills

REPORT ADOPTED.

The report of the joint committees was adopted without a dissenting vote, and a motion was also unanimously carried that the citizens present be given an opportunity to sign a petition to the council asking that a special election be called to vote on the proposed amendment to the city charter and while but 30 names were required the petition soon contained almost a hundred.

Many prominent citizens spoke in favor of the committees financial plan, among whom were Attorney J. C. Johnson, Charles Burkholder, H. O. Thompson, George Hall, Col. Blair, George Comer and Hon. R. M. Veatch.

THE COMMITTEES.

That the indebtedness of the city is substantially \$9,000 which is drawing interest at the rate of 6 per cent; that the annual expense of the city is about \$5,600 and the annual income about \$2,700. The taxable property of the city aggregates \$500,000 on which the city charter provides for only a 5 mills levy for city purposes, which only provides a revenue of \$2,500 annually. It is therefore recommended by the joint committees that the charter be amended by vote at a special election so as to enable the council to increase this levy to 10 mills in like emergencies and to pay off the city's indebtedness and meet current expenses, the tax to be designated as follows:

PROPOSED CITY TAX LEVY.	
Regular tax.....	10 mills
Sinking fund.....	5 mills
Sewer fund.....	2 mills
High school.....	3 mills
Total city levy.....	20 mills

The 10 mills would be simply a 5 mills increase over the usual tax; the 5 mills sinking fund levy to be used in paying \$2,500 per year on the \$9,000 indebtedness which it would wipe out, interest and principal in less than 5 years. The 2 mills sewer tax remains the same as formerly, while the 3 mills high school tax is a reduction of 7

Hemenway, D. J. Scholl, W. A. Cunningham, H. Venuske, A. Brund, Frank Eby, J. W. Sears, R. M. Veatch, B. R. Job, A. W. Kime, J. K. Barrett, C. H. Burkholder, Orrin Robinson, N. E. Compton, Marion Veatch, I. J. Taylor, E. Steffen, J. M. Hansen, C. H. VanDenberg, T. C. Wheeler, C. F. King, S. Teeters, C. Cooley, Albert Stocks, J. H. Hunter, C. C. Hazleton, H. H. Veatch, F. C. Coffman, Edwin Tullar, A. S. Powell, A. B. Atkins, J. A. Elledge, George Betts, W. C. Conner, D. J. DuBrulle, O. Veatch, B. Lurch, W. C. Johnson, J. V. Thornton, O. S. Spear, M. S. Scovell, S. R. Piper, J. B. Lewis, D. G. McFarland, J. W. Veatch, H. F. Wynne, F. G. Stiller, J. C. Johnson, Sam'l Pearce, J. O. Van Winkle, W. H. Abrams, J. E. Young, A. H. King, J. S. Milne, J. D. Phillips, F. B. Phillips.

Proposed Amendment.

Of Section 20 of Chapter IV of the city of Cottage Grove, Lane county, State of Oregon, the said charter being an act of the special session of the Legislative Assembly of the state of Oregon of the year 1903 and filed in the office of the Secretary of State December 28th 1903.

Be it enacted by the legal voters of the city of Cottage Grove, in Lane county, State of Oregon: That Section 20 of Chapter IV of the Charter of the city of Cottage Grove, Lane county, Oregon, the said charter being an act of the Legislative Assembly of the state of Oregon of the year 1903, and filed in the office of the Secretary of State December 28th 1903, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 20.

1. The Common Council shall have power, annually, to assess, levy, and collect taxes for general municipal purposes, not to exceed 10 mills on the dollar, upon property, both real and personal, which is taxable by law for state or county purposes, except unplatted ground, used exclusively for farming purposes.

2. The Common Council shall in like manner, assess, levy and collect annually upon such property, not to exceed 2 mills on the dollar, and such taxes so collected shall be placed in a fund to be known as a sewer fund and shall only be known as a sewer fund and shall only be used in the payment of outstanding sewer bonds and the interest thereon.

3. The Common Council shall, in like manner, for the period of five years, commencing with the levy of 1908, assess, levy and collect, upon such property, not to exceed 5 mills on the dollar, and said taxes shall be kept in a fund to be known as the "Floating" Warrant Indebtedness fund and shall only be expended in redeeming the outstanding warrants against said city and the interest thereon.

INTERESTING NEWS FROM THE BOHEMIA MINING DISTRICT

Development Work Being Pushed Along

MUCH GOOD ROAD WORK

Some of the Properties will Soon Begin Shipping Concentrates to the Tacoma Smelter.

On the Royal Flush group, owned by Portland capitalists and others, Mr. Tom and some helpers are doing development work and show some good ores. John Crowley of Portland is principal owner.

Development work is progressing on the Twin Rocks properties, owned by Illinois and Oregon capitalists. A cross-cut tunnel is in 200 feet and will soon cut a ledge of proved richness. The managers expect to cut this ledge within 20 feet more, then they will drift on the ledge and block out ore.

W. H. Shane is doing development work on the Pittsburg group, owned by himself and others. He is building a trail to connect with the Glenwood trail and county road. All this trail is on an even grade, none of it over 8 per cent. It is a pleasure to go over this trail, after traveling some that are 20 per cent grade and some even worse. People in this camp are beginning to see the advantage of good trails and wagon roads.

Mr. McCabe is doing some location work on a new find and says he has something good. He will soon pack in supplies and commence development on his Rock Creek property. He will build a trail on a good grade from his property down Rock Creek to Steamboat Creek, to connect there with the wagon road that comes up the Steamboat to Roseburg. He hopes to see Roseburg improve this road, as a good many people in camp would buy supplies there if there were an outlet.

The Takilma smelter at Waldo blew in last Monday and about 25 large wagons are now hauling coke out from here, with all the way from two to eight horses to a wagon, and it is expected they will be bringing in the copper matte very soon. The distance from the Pass to Waldo is 45 miles and it requires five days to make a round trip from here, taking out a load of coke and coming in with a load of matte. This slow time is largely due to the heavy roads over a portion of the route.—Grauts Pass Courier.

Mayflower Will Install a New Stamp Mill

MORE MEN WORKING NOW

The President Group is Showing Up Well—New Mining Locations are Being Recorded

W. E. Warren has filed a location notice on a mining claim in the Bohemia mining district which he calls the "Dolly Warren."

A. P. Churchill has been packing in supplies and has commenced development work on his President group of seven claims. Some very good ore has been opened and all work shows up well. He has a very promising copper and gold property in his President group. He owns several other groups and has interested Roseburg parties in some of his holdings.

C. Destel, a well known Bohemia mining man was down from that camp this week. He has spent eleven years in the camp and says there is nothing which would be of more benefit to the district than the building of a smelter near Portland or at the head of tidewater on Coos Bay, then with a reasonable freight rate, on ore, the Bohemia mines would flourish and the miners would get their reward.

S. J. Brund is getting along nicely with his wagon road contract and hopes to have the road completed soon, so that ore can be hauled over it. This is the road F. J. Hard is building from the Vesuvius to his Utopian property, where he has blocked out considerable high grade ore. This ore is free milling and Mr. Hard will haul it to the Vesuvius mill for treatment. He will also commence hauling base ore from his Oregon-Colorado property soon. This ore will be concentrated and the concentrates shipped to Tacoma for smelting.

The managers of the Mayflower group of mines in Bohemia have had more than a car load of hardware and grocery supplies shipped into their mine recently from Cottage Grove and have quite a force of men at work preparatory to installing a new mill of the Chilean type. Five more men left this city to work in this mine this week in which extensive development work and improvements is being made. Perry Eli of Kelso, Wash., is a prominent stockholder in this property and went into the camp Thursday.

REMOVAL ANNOUNCEMENT

We have just finished our first year's business in Cottage Grove and we desire to extend to our many friends and customers our hearty thanks for their liberal patronage, which has enabled us in the short period of one year to build up a prosperous and substantial business. We also wish to announce that next week we will move our store into the new brick on the corner of Main and Second streets where we will be pleased to meet all our old as well as new customers, and we will in the future as in the past put forth our best endeavors to please.

Yours for Business,

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SHERIFF FRED FISK'S REPLY TO LEADER

Eugene, Oregon, June 24, 1908. Cottage Grove Leader.

Gentlemen:—It has never been my custom to heed criticism, especially when such criticism does not conform with the facts and truth, however, I believe that in justice to myself I should answer your comment in your last issue, regarding Charlie Case and the liberty allowed him. Neither Charlie Case or any other prisoner during my term of office has "enjoyed the liberty of the city and only sleep at the county jail at night." When possible and as has always been the custom we have a trusty at the county jail. Knowing Case to be a man whom

I could fully trust I have used him as such trusty and as such I had him take the grub basket to the Hotel Hoffman at 8 o'clock in the morning and again at 5 o'clock in the evening for the jail meals at which time he was away not to exceed 25 minutes and then only while the hotel people were preparing the meals and upon his return he was again locked up in jail. On one or two wash days at the jail and in the early spring while the court house janitor was sick for three of four days I had Mr. Case over to the court house running the furnace. Other than being out for the meals and above work Mr. Case has enjoyed no more liberty than other prisoners

and has been locked within the county jail day and night. You also say that "Mr. Case is getting three square meals a day"—Mr. Case has had the same meals as other prisoners—I prefer to hear that I feed my prisoners well than that I am a tyrant and half starve them simply because I was vested with a little authority and badge of office.

Very Respectfully Submitted,
 FRED FISK, Sheriff.

The citizens of Cottage Grove who have visited the county seat from time to time during the past few months are familiar with Mr. Case's case and are fully able to judge the merits and demerits of the Leader's criticism and Sheriff Fisk's explanation, and further comment we deem unnecessary.

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