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#### EQUAL TO EMERGENCIES.

The hearty support and unanimous approval by the citizens of Cottage Grove in mass meeting assembled Wednesday evening, of the proposition to call a special municipal election for the purpose of voting to amend the city charter to enable the city council to make an annual tax levy adequate to pay off the city's interest bearing indebtedness and to provide revenue to meet the city's annual expenses, was most gratifying and an irrefutable demonstration of the loyalty to home interests, public spirit and business sense of the citizens of Cottage Grove. Since the saloons were put out of business two years ago and the license revenue to the city thereby cut off, there has been an annual deficit in the city's current expenses. No provision to meet this deficit and the city's interest bearing indebtedness had been made prior to this week and the matter was therefore assuming a serious aspect, when the city council and the business men of the city decided to co-operate in a plan to meet this emergency and there was but one way to do it—vote an adequate annual tax. Every fair minded citizen of the town after a little figuring discovered to his surprise that all required to accomplish this result would be a tax only a few mills in excess of what he had formally been paying, owing to the fact that the county levy is being constantly reduced, the result of the county being free of indebtedness, and the new county high school plan also reducing the levy for school purpose several mills. Therefore there is manifested a disposition on the part of tax payers of the town to go down into their pockets and meet the city's expenses and provide for its upbuilding. When they voted out the saloons and at the same time voted away the saloon revenue they done so with the knowledge that a small increased taxation would be required to meet this loss to the city's revenue and the voters have now demonstrated that they prefer a few mills increased taxation to the saloons.

Our citizens have come forward in this emergency just as they did when the call was made by Mayor Job during his former administration, when funds were needed with which to aid the earthquake stricken citizens of San Francisco. At that time Cottage Grove came forward with nearly \$1200 in cash and in supplies, and when the collections were all made an \$86.38 surplus was found which was turned over by Mayor Job to the San Francisco school construction fund and is a matter of public record. Thus it will be seen that Cottage Grove citizens have more than once proven themselves equal to arising emergencies, even though it touches the pocket book. A town backed up with such a citizenship can but build up, prosper and become a city of importance.

### OREGON'S ELECTIONS COME HIGH.

When the people of the state figure up election expenses for April and June they may conclude that the initiative and referendum should only be used in extremely important cases. It has cost Lane county \$10,000 for the two elections. Here in Eugene it required 32 hours to complete the returns in each of the four precincts, at a cost of \$72 for each precinct for judges and clerks alone. These are matters that should vitally concern the taxpayers. Time will demonstrate that the new system of state government is going to be decidedly expensive unless it is modified.—Eugene Register.

Just now the platform adopted by the republicans in their Chicago convention, is the subject for much discussion. The platform is of little importance. The history of parties and the attitude of parties in relation to current affairs, as conceived in the general mind, is the actual platform, no matter what the convention may say or declare. It must be said that the outcome of the contention over the injunction or court procedure plank is disproportionate to the trouble taken in pressing it upon the convention. Other additions or omissions would cut little figure with Mr. Taft should he be elected, as his principles and policies have been pretty well established and defined and would be put into execution as far as possible whether they are included in the "platform" or not. How many of President Roosevelt's reform measures and principles were embodied in the "platform" adopted at the time of his nomination four years ago? It made little difference to him what the platform contained. He had a mission to fulfill, principles to sustain and reforms to inaugurate and he proceeded to carry out fearlessly the provisions of his own and the peoples platform of principles, whether they were in accord with the principles and planks of the party platform or not. Platforms are made to catch votes not to stand on.

C. C. Case, who has terminated a sentence in the county jail on a charge of illegally selling liquors in Cottage Grove, resents the reference to his jail life, which appeared in the Leader last week, it being the statement of a Cottage Grove citizen who had been in attendance at Circuit court last week and the story was related just as Mr. Case related it to the Cottage Grove man, which was considered only a bit of humor on Mr. Case's part and was not understood to be a criticism of Sheriff Fisk and the story was only accepted and published as one of Mr. Case's latest jokes, especially that part relating to naming a successor to Sheriff Fisk, it being generally known that Harry Bown, sheriff-elect, was to succeed Sheriff Fisk July 1. Mr. Case's remark that he had selected quarters in the county jail for those of his Cottage Grove friends who might persist in violating the local option law was considered as timely warning, more than a joke, but was accepted in the spirit of both. As far as the Leader advocating the "cruel and inhuman treatment of prisoners," or insinuating that Sheriff Fisk should accord his prisoners inhuman treatment, there is nothing to it. It's a pipe dream!

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Some of the eastern railroads threaten to appeal the lumber rate case to the supreme court. The Southern Pacific railroad is not named in the list of roads proposing to contest the late decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Portland profits greatly by the "wet" mail order business, thousands of dollars are being poured into that city daily through this source. Is it any wonder Portland calls herself an exception to the "dry" rule and that the Oregonian is opposed to prohibition?

The Brownsville Times has entered upon its twentieth volume. It is one of the best county weeklies coming to our exchange table.

The voice of the people is frequently the voice of the boss and sometimes speaks with a strong foreign accent.

A woman may not be able to win a battle in war, but some woman has spanked the man who does so.

According to the Oregonian, prohibition is a good thing for all of the Oregon counties—except Multnomah.

### LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL BOY OFF ON A BIG TOUR

Charles Gates Joined the Sunset Magazine Party at Portland Last Wednesday.

Charles Gates, a member of the high school class which graduated recently, was proffered and accepted a position recently with the Sunset Magazine party, which is touring the Northwest in the interests of that splendid magazine. Mr. Gates joined the party at Portland Wednesday, which is traveling in a special car and after covering Washington state the party will go as far east as Chicago, thence south to New Orleans and to Texas and old Mexico, returning home in about three months via Los Angeles and San Francisco.

On this trip the Cottage Grove boy will traverse nearly one-half of the United States and much of old Mexico, and will come home with a broader knowledge of the country and a store of valuable information. His principal duty will be that of canvassing for the Sunset Magazine and securing advertising for it. He was fortunate in securing the position which was solicited for him by the Leader management.

### HIGH COMPLIMENT TO BLACKSMITH EBY

Louis Taussig and Company 3134-3156 Sixteenth Street, San Francisco, Cal., June 19, '08, Mr. Frank Eby,

Cottage Grove, Oregon.  
Dear Sir:—Just a line to say to you that I never had faith in welded springs, but it is quite evident that until I met you I had not met a real mechanic. It is due to you, and a pleasure for me to advise you that the springs you welded have stood some horrible tests between Comstock, Oregon, and Seattle, Washington, and I feel quite certain they will serve my purpose for some time to come.

If autos tackle Douglas county, Oregon, there will be broken springs. If there are broken springs, Frank Eby of Cottage Grove is the mechanic who can weld them. Yours very truly, HUGO A. TAUSSIG.

### ORDERS FOR LUMBER ARE NOW COMING IN

The first order for a car load of lumber since the report of the Interstate Commerce Commission was made public was received by the McKibben Brother's mill early this week from California and was filled promptly. A number of orders for lumber from California points are said to be coming in to local mill men already. This will help some and will soon put the mills into operation again.

### WILL REVIVE BIG MILL INDUSTRY

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directly interested in the decisions by the Commission, but business conditions generally throughout the state are certain eventually to feel the effects in the way of a revived industry. There prevails a general feeling among business interests that the railroads and the lumbermen, having taken their case to the forum provided by law for the arbitration of such disputes, will submit to the findings of that body and will join hands towards re-establishing an important industry that has been throttled and has suffered incalculable injury through the disastrous effects of a prolonged legal battle over the question of rates.

The original effect of the arbitrary action of the railroads was absolutely to close down many of the mills throughout the interior of the state and particularly throughout the Willamette valley. Many of the mill men could not take the risk of continuing their shipments into the Missouri river territory and depend on winning out in their fight against the advanced rates. Consequently, they closed down their mills and withdrew temporarily their trade relations with that district. The result has been that the manufacturers of white and yellow pine lumber in the southern states and Minnesota rushed their product into the territory from which the Oregon producers were shut out. During the six months that the rate fight has been on the manufacturers of pine lumber have entrenched themselves in the territory that rightfully belongs to Oregon and it will be some time before the manufacturers of lumber in this state will succeed in restoring their trade in that district to a normal basis.

The immediate effect of the findings of the Commission, however, will be the steadying of the market in this state and the restoration of confidence among lumber manufacturers. The movement of timber lands, which has been stagnant ever since the controversy began, will be resumed. It is confidently expected that the decision in the Willamette valley case will result in the immediate resumption of operations in the mills throughout Western Oregon. The advance of 30 cents a ton, amounting to 1 1/2 cents a 100 pounds on lumber shipments, will not be sufficient materially to affect the trade and the lumbermen will not allow themselves to be shut out of the business by that slight handicap.

#### Co. E. Attention.

Cottage Grove, Or., June 25, 1908. General Order No. 2.

1. All members of Co. "E" will assemble at the company armory on the morning of July 4th at the hour of 9 o'clock for the purpose of taking part in the parade and ceremonies in memory and honor of our National independence.

2. The parade will be in dress uniform with arms.

3. All members of the company desiring to take part in the rifle contest of that day will make application to Lt. Petrie. By order of Capt. J. C. JOHNSON, Commanding the Company. L. P. BENNETT, 1st Sergt.

#### Church Announcement.

Communion at the Presbyterian church next Sabbath at 11 a. m. Reception of members and baptism of children will be administered.

Rev. H. N. Mount of Eugene will preach the preparation sermon on Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

The pastor and elders will meet after the Friday night service and before the Sabbath morning meeting to examine candidates for membership.

HENRY L. NAVS, Pastor.

Work has commenced on River street which will be graded and graveled from the river bridge to the corner of J. P. Currin's residence property.

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