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COTTAGE GROVE, OREGON
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COTTAGE GROVE GETS THE NEW REGIMENTAL BAND

There has been a vigorous endeavor on the part of local band men and the officers of Company E of this city to organize and secure a Regimental band at this place, but since other enterprising towns in the valley were also applicants for the same honor there has been a spirited contest for the coveted prize resulting at last in a victory for Cottage Grove, which was announced last Saturday when Chas. Cochran, the local band instructor, went before Colonel Moran at Eugene with the final papers which came up to all of the military requirements, Capt. Lawson, having a few days before visited the state officers at Portland on a similar mission. The band boys under the directions of Bandmaster Chas. Cochran have been practicing and

working hard on this proposition for some time, together with Capt. Lawson and others and are to be congratulated upon their success, which was announced in Sunday's Eugene Register as follows:

A REGIMENTAL BAND.
Colonel Moran informs the Register that arrangements have been completed for a regimental band for the fourth regiment, O. N. G. It will be the Cottage Grove band of 24 pieces under the leadership of Charles Cochran, Adjutant General W. E. Finzer has sent word to Colonel Moran that he will muster them in when they are ready. The boys are practicing regularly and getting into shape for the muster in at an early date. This assures Cottage Grove of one of the best bands in Western Oregon.

JACOB MATHEWS FOUND DEAD AND FOUL PLAY IS SUSPECTED

There was evidently a murder committed Saturday night, or at least larceny from the dead body of Jacob Mathews, which was found in a little shack or out-house about 150 yards northwest of the house on the "Billy" Walker place, in the bottom between Judkins Point and Springfield on Sunday afternoon.

Mathews is a rough carpenter and general laborer who has worked about Eugene, Springfield and Marcola for several years. He is about 53 years old and has been married twice, having parted from his second wife some three years ago. He has a brother-in-law by the name of C. W. Carson who lives near Springfield and with whom his daughter, Miss Mary Mathews, about 14 years old is making her home.

From Mr. Carson and Coroner Gordon The Eugene Register gleaned the following details of the terrible affair:

The deceased has a son with whom he has been at Portland for some time. Mr. Carson got a letter about the middle of the week from Mr. Mathews, saying he would be home on Saturday night, and the son would go to Vale, Washington. He heard nothing more until he was notified of the finding of the body a letter having been found among Mathews effects from his daughter May, which gave a clue to his identity.

The Bee Hive—near the bridge.

The sheriff and coroner were notified also when the body was found and on going to the cabin they found every evidence of foul play. The contents of his two grips were strewn about the floor, the pockets of the deceased's clothing were turned inside out, his shirt collar torn open and the collar buttons taken as well as the cuff buttons, and everything of value taken except \$1.15 which was found in the watch pocket of his pants. Dr. F. M. Day was called and examined the body and found no mark of violence on it or anything that could have caused death. It is something of a mystery and the coroner is greatly puzzled over it. The deceased either came to his death by "knock-out" drops or something of that kind administered for the purpose of robbery, as he was supposed to have had considerable money, or else he sought refuge in the cabin and death overtook him there in the night and some thief rifled his pockets, and grips afterward. The coroner is using every clue he can to find out how deceased came to his death.

If there was a new county formed there would be many more men given employment in making new county improvements, also more men required in the capacity of new officers. Furthermore these counties are too large because when people in the north part of Douglas county or the south part of Lane county ask for appropriations for roads or bridges they are told by their county court officers that the other county would get more good from it than they, so they do not get what they ask for, and when we ask for almost anything we have to petition and petition and get down fairly upon our bended knees and then often times do not get what we ask for.

The finest candies—Bee Hive.

COUNTY DIVISION QUESTION CLEARLY PRESENTED AND ABLY CHAMPIONED

The following able and convincing argument was presented by Miss Myrtle DeSpain in the recent high school debating tryout:

Be it Resolved, "That there should be a new county formed out of the southern part of Lane county and the northern part of Douglas county."

In supporting the affirmative of this question it shall be our purpose to show the necessity of forming a new county, also give various reasons why it should be formed. We admit it will cost money to erect the buildings and pay the expenses of the officers,



ALFRED G. VANDERBILT.
The head of the elder branch of the Vanderbilts, whose wife recently obtained a divorce from him. He is the third son of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt.

but claim it will be money wisely expended.

The first argument in favor of this resolution is the excessive size of both counties. Let us compare the size of the two counties and some of the states of the union. The whole area of the three states, Rhode Island, Delaware and Connecticut lacks 658 square miles of being as large as the combined area of Lane and Douglas counties.

There is also very poor court service as there is, in these counties, too much business for two sets of officers. There are now on the file at the county seats cases that have been before the court for as much as six months or even a year, in this way important business matters are often delayed.

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Almost all of the county officers are elected from the Eugene part of the county and the road taxes that are paid by the citizens from

all over the county are appropriated to improve the Eugene vicinity, therefore the rest of the county suffers.

For instance, there was an appropriation of \$500 made by the county to boost the county but instead of using it to boost the county it was all used to boost Eugene.

When our people asks for something it is not heeded, the county seat does the governing and lets the rest of the county take things as they find them.

A new county would develop and populate the country much more rapidly as a county develops much sooner in the vicinity of the county seat than in any other part of the county. Therefore the more counties and county seats the more rapidly the country will develop and populate and the sooner it develops and populates the better for the people of the counties and of the state at large.

A new county would bring trade nearer home and as home development means more money for home we want greater county development for home interests if for no other purpose.

Then if the county High school system should ever develop we would get a much better High school than we could secure if the money had to be divided between Eugene and Cottage Grove.

Then another and very important, if not the most important argument in favor of a new county, is that of the Bohemia mining district.

In the first place, Lane and Douglas counties divide the Bohemia mining district, and going on business from this distance to either county seat, Eugene or Roseburg, consumes much time which is often times very valuable to those concerned land in case the trip must be made to Roseburg it is very expensive.

As an example let me cite you to a case which actually took



EDWARD T. TAYLOR.
Elected congressman at large from Colorado on the Democratic ticket.

place, namely the case of Jennings vs. Warner.

The Jennings boys were called upon to prove their title for the property which was located in Douglas county, therefore the case came up for hearing before the Douglas county Circuit court at

Roseburg, which is in the neighborhood of 55 miles from Cottage Grove. They were compelled to bring down 50 witnesses and the difference in car fare from Cottage Grove to Eugene and from Cottage Grove to Roseburg was about \$100, therefore if the distance to the county seat had not been so great it would have been much more convenient and less expensive.

Now with regard to a mining district which lies partly in one county and partly in another. In such a case all manner of troublesome and expensive complications arise. The papers all have to be



MRS. ELLEN F. VANDERBILT.
Former wife of Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, who took the name Mrs. Ellen French Vanderbilt when she obtained her recent divorce from her wealthy husband.

recorded in both counties thereby increasing the cost and inconvenience.

The expense of erecting buildings should have little influence in this matter, as temporary buildings could be leased suitable for all purposes for some time to come at a moderate rental.

The increase in land and property values of all kinds in and near a county seat would be of great value to the entire county.

In summing up we would note the size of the counties, the delay now caused in trying important law cases, the opportunity for men to work, the securing of public improvements, such as roads, bridges, etc., the creation of official positions to be filled, the distribution of the taxes, the increase of the value of property and also an increase of population by the coming of new settlers, the improvements in school matters, the development of home trade and business of all kinds, the convenience of going to the county seat when the distance is not so great.

All of these things and many others which might be mentioned, show the necessity of forming a new county out of the south part of Lane county and the north part of Douglas county.

Eastern Star Accepts.

Evangeline chapter, O. E. S., has accepted the invitation to attend the session of Cottage Grove chapter on Wednesday night. All those who desire to make the trip please telephone Elizabeth Moran, secretary. Rates are reduced to one and a third fare, says the Eugene Register.

FARMERS DISSATISFIED WITH WORK OF ROCK CRUSHER

The following letter and signed statement have reached the Register:

Lorane, Oregon, Dec. 2.
Editor Register:—I am sending you a copy of a letter addressed to me for publication.

The petition was never presented, nor action taken, owing to the fact that the farmers were in the midst of seeding; but as Mr. Goodenow seems to crave an investigation, the signers are disposed to meet with the county court the first Wednesday in January. At a meeting held Saturday it was so decided. The people here are a unit for good roads, but object to a rock crusher running at the expense of the taxpayers in order to keep one or two teams busy hauling rock on the road, or if it is necessary to keep one team

hauling water for the engine when the engine sits on the bank of a clear stream. What is wanted is that the crusher be run to its full capacity at all times. If necessary let the county buy more to distribute the rock or let it out by contract.

W. W. JACKSON.
COPY OF STATEMENT.

We, the undersigned taxpayers of Lane county agree to meet the county court on the first Wednesday in January to protest against the incompetent management of the rock crusher near Cottage Grove.

W. W. Jackson, Merchant; G. W. Sanderson, Supervisor of roads; W. B. Hawley, M. L. Tompkins, Charles E. Miller, R. F. Davis, F. Davis, C. R. Tompkins, J. Hardy Crow, C. C. Davis, A. A. Kelly.

PORTLAND BANK ROBBERY ROOSEVELT OPENS APPLE FAIR

Portland, Dec. 7.—The East Side bank, located at the corner of East Washington street and Grand avenue, was held up and robbed at 6 o'clock tonight by three unmasked men. It is understood they secured about \$16,500.

The president of the bank, Henry H. Newhall, and son Roger Newhall, were just closing the day's business when two men armed with revolvers entered. President Newhall and son were ordered to hold up their hands, and while thus under cover of the robbers' revolver, one man crawled through the teller's window and passed out gold and currency and silver to his confederates and then crawled back into the foyer through the window. The three men made their escape before an alarm could be sounded.

From the neatness of the job done, and the expeditious way in which the robbers made their escape, the police surmise they must have had other assistance or had a cache somewhere in the vicinity of the bank.

Spray & Co. buys veal, chick ens, eggs, etc.

Townsite Plat Filed.

Cooper & Randall filed a plat for their new addition to Cottage Grove in the county clerk's office Saturday. This has reference to the new Cooley tract purchased by Messrs Cooper & Randall recently as announced in a late number of the Leader.

Spokane, Dec. 7.—Pandemonium broke loose at 10:30 this morning, Spokane time, when President Roosevelt pressed the electric button at Washington that flashed the signal of the opening of the first great apple show in this city. For five minutes all the noise that could be made with whistles, bells and human lungs reigned over Spokane. It is proposed to make the great show an annual festival.

President Louis W. Hill, of the apple show, and who is also president of the Great Northern railroad, delivered the principal address. He dwelt upon the interest that was being taken in fruit farming. Such fairs and exhibitions stimulate the principles of culture and the influence is far reaching, he said.

Setting out 30,000 Trees.

L. B. Rounds of Woodburn is delivering to the farmers of Lane county 30,000 fruit trees, which will be planted this week. This is only a small part of the nursery stock being planted in this county this year.

Appraisers Make Report.

S. Burcham, Elbridge Wheeler and A. D. Owen, appraisers in the estate of the late Stephen Harris, report finding property which they value at \$4100.09, which is located principally in Silk Creek valley.

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JAMES J. HILL BUYS COOS BAY COAL

Much speculation is being indulged in as to the ultimate purpose of James J. Hill in acquiring the Libby coal mines and other properties about a mile and a half from Marshfield, Ore., on Coos Bay. The mines are practically isolated from the world other than by steamer or sailing vessel. There are several small railroad coal lines operating from the Coos Bay coal properties, but none of them makes connection with the

main railroad arteries of the northwest, and freight and passenger traffic to the Coos Bay country from the east is by stage road from the Southern Pacific at Roseburg, or by water from San Francisco or Astoria.

Two years ago E. H. Harriman promised the Coos Bay people that he would build from his main line at Drain to their country, but after completing a few miles of grade, ordered construction stopped.

Since then, it is said, commercial organizations and prominent citizens on Coos Bay have tried in vain to get an explanation of Harriman's action.

That the purchase of the Libby properties by James J. Hill means a Hill line from Puget sound to Coos Bay, competing with the Harriman lines, is asserted by Coos Bay people to be the explanation of the purchase.

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