

COTTAGE GROVE, OREGON.
 Located on the upper Willamette River 144 miles south of Portland on Southern Pacific and Oregon & South Eastern Railroads. Population 3500; two banks, public and high schools, live churches, water, light and sewer systems, creamery, flour mill, two brick yards, saw mills, wood work factory, match factory, steam laundry and the *Leader*.

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COTTAGE GROVE PEOPLE PLAN FOR NEW COUNTY

Propose to Arrange an Amicable Agreement Between Eugene, Roseburg and Cottage Grove. Want Bohemia Mines in New County.

Saturday's Eugene Guard had this version of our new county division proposition:

"Cottage Grove men will probably present to the next legislature the proposition to form a new county, with Cottage Grove as the county seat. Business men of Cottage Grove want the help of Eugene influence, and propose to arrange an amicable agreement between Cottage Grove and Eugene business men.

Not only is a part of Lane county wanted, but a big slice of Douglas county is coveted by the agitators. From Lane county the new division would take the Bohemia district. The boundary line would cross the Middle Fork of the Willamette, coming down near Goshen, and then running west to the present limits of the county. Thus Blue River would still remain a part of Lane county. In Douglas county that part of the Bohemia mining district which has so long been a matter of dispute between Douglas and Lane, and the Yoncalla and Drain districts and western part of Douglas are desired. By this division Gardiner would be included in the new county.

The people who have discussed the new move believe that a division is inevitable, if not during the coming year at least in less than four years. They think that both the people at Roseburg and here in Eugene would readily give up a part of their counties to them. The only difficulty they seem to apprehend is the location of the new boundaries.

Rather than fight for the division, as the people of Hood River did, they wish to conciliate both Douglas and Lane county people, and for that matter have broached the matter to a number of Eugene people.

With the help of the representatives of Lane county and Douglas county they think the division can easily be made in the next legislature and that there will be no need to attempt the initiative.

The great betterment that is expected is in the administration of the district affected. It is said that with a smaller executive district much better roads would be built in all three districts and that greater attention would be paid to the vital interests of the district.

The name for the new county has not yet been decided upon, but

in case such a new unit is formed it would probably be Bohemia county."

COUNTY SEAT SECONDARY MATTER

Queer how selfish personal interests become manifest and paramount when any public enterprise or movement for the betterment of the people and the interests of the county is inaugurated. Now, all admit that Lane county and Douglas county are too large and include more territory than can be developed from their respective seats of county government. The formation of a third county from these two great counties, would result in a speedy development of the resources along the division line or boundary of the two counties, the more rapid settlement of the country and a great increase in property values in this part of the state, but without considering what would be the best, most central and most con-



JOHN A. MARTIN.
 Representative elect from the Second district of Colorado. He is a Democrat.

venient seat for the government of the new county, selfish personal interests creates an immediate clamor from all section of the proposed county for the location of the county seat, which should be a secondary consideration. Let us all pull together for a new county and let the people of the territory comprising the new county decide on the best, most central and most convenient location for the county seat, be that Creswell, Drain or Cottage Grove.

THE COUNTY COURT CHANGES BOUNTY

At a recent session of the county court the bounty on predatory animals was changed. Heretofore the bounty on coyotes, wildcats, gray and black wolves was \$2.50, but this amount will not be paid on all such animals in the future. According to the new ruling only coyotes will draw the \$2.50 bounty, while that on cougars will be \$5.00. The coyote is really the bane of the ranchers' lives, as they kill poultry as well as sheep and young cattle. The cougar is the one animal that is sought after for he never knows when his appetite is satisfied, killing indiscriminately. The new bounty ruling takes effect on the first of the year.—Guard.

RUIN AND DEATH BY EARTHQUAKE

Rome, Dec. 28.—Three provinces of Cosensia, Catansaro and Reggio de Calabria, comprising the department of Calabria, which forms the southwestern extremity of Italy, or "toe of the boot," were devastated today by an earthquake, far-reaching effects of which were felt throughout the entire country.

MESSINA THE SEISMIC CENTER

Rome, Dec. 28.—Latest dispatches from Messina state that two-thirds of the city was destroyed by the earthquake. Many were killed and injured. The gravest news has been received from the province of Reggio, where the earthquake wrought great havoc.

London, Dec. 28.—A dispatch received here states that 300 persons were killed as a result of the earthquake at Messina.

TWO LAND TRACTS SELL FOR \$60,000

Another big deal in Douglas county real estate was closed at Myrtle Creek last week, when Edwin and John Weaver sold big slices of their holdings near that town for sums aggregating a total of \$60,000. The buyers are Portland capitalists and really promoters whose names we did not learn.

From Edwin Weaver, the buyers obtained 693 acres, embracing his main prune orchard and situated on the north end of "Missouri Bottom," one mile south of Myrtle Creek, paying him \$40,000. Mr. Weaver still has about 1900 acres on the south end of the bottom. From John Weaver, the purchasers secured 200 acres lying on the east side of the South Umpqua river, 2 1/2 miles south of Myrtle Creek. This tract does not include Mr. Weaver's main orchard besides which there is left to him 100 acres of bottom land. In this deal, the consideration was \$20,000.

MOTHER AND JOHN DEAD BY 9-YEAR-OLD SON

Corvallis, Or., Dec. 28.—Mrs. J. G. Morris was accidentally shot and killed at her home one and a half miles north of this city Sunday afternoon. A charge from a shotgun in the hands of a 9-year-old son, who did not know the gun was loaded, severed the large artery of the right leg and the woman bled to death in a very short time.

This fatality is the direct result of the forgetfulness of Mr. Morris, the victim's husband, who, on returning from a hunting trip, laid his loaded gun on the table. The young son, who, it seems, had often been permitted to clean the firearm, picked it up for that purpose. The gun went off and Mrs. Morris, who stood by the stove, less than ten feet distant, received the full charge.

It is said that Mr. Morris is all but insane over the tragedy. Mrs. Morris was about 48 years of age and the mother of a family, the majority of the children being grown.

MISS ROOSEVELT IN SOCIETY

Ethel, President's Second Daughter, Made Her Debut Last Night

Monday evening President and Mrs. Roosevelt gave the smartest affair at the White House ever given in the Executive mansion since the wedding of Alice Roosevelt and Nicholas Longworth, this



ETHEL ROOSEVELT.

late function being the social debut of Miss Ethel Roosevelt. Miss Roosevelt has lived in the White House longer than any young girl in history, not even excepting Nellie Grant. During her girlhood in the executive mansion she has met the most prominent men and women of the country—but only as a child. Now she is ready to accept her inheritance, to greet them on terms of mature equality. Perhaps no young woman in official life ever came to her responsibilities with better equipment.

A year ago last spring Miss Ethel left the National Cathedral School for Girls. During the greater part of the time since then she has been putting the finishing touches to her education under the direction of a governess. She has paid particular attention to German and French. Although not by any means a brilliant musician she is quite talented.

Miss Roosevelt is an enthusiastic horsewoman and not only drives a stylish horse-cart with great vim and dash but is a fearless rider.

Unlike her sister, Mrs. Longworth, Miss Ethel takes a great interest in political and economical



WILLIAM LORIMER.
 Congressman Lorimer of Illinois was taken ill recently when making a tour of investigation of the rivers and harbors of the Pacific coast.

questions. She is fond of a political argument and 'tis whispered that she is not averse to engaging in a forensic tilt with her father in the seclusion of the family sitting room.

Miss Ethel has often been spoken of as the prettiest Roosevelt of this generation. She is tall and superb of figure, with a mass of chestnut hair and gray eyes so dark that at times they appear black. Her complexion is pure and clear, very much after the English style.

TWO WELL KNOWN MEN DIED SATURDAY

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—Claus Spreckles, famous sugar refiner and one of the most prominent business men on the Pacific coast, died at his residence in this city of pneumonia this morning.

New Orleans, Dec. 26.—Congressman Robert C. Davey of Louisiana, died today after an illness of several months. He has been a conspicuous member of the committee on interstate and foreign commerce.

Marriage Licenses Issued.

Marriage licenses were issued Thursday to Fred Kelly and Miss Nora Van Schojack, both of Cottage Grove; also to Joseph P. Whisman of Gardiner and Miss Ora L. Turner of Eugene.

LATEST AWARDS POULTRY SHOW

The big exhibition of the Lane County Poultry association in the Cherry block, Eugene, came to a close last Thursday. The show was a success in every particular and was greatly enjoyed by those who attended it. As to the financial success of the show, Secretary Keeney stated that he thought the association would come out even easily. Following are the awards made in addition to those published in Friday's *Leader*.

Black Langshans—First hen, first cockerel, first pen, W. C. Conner, Cottage Grove. Second cockerel, first, second, third and fourth pullet, second pen, Eugene Poultry farm, (E. K. Brown.)

Barred Plymouth Rock—First and fourth cockerel, third and fourth pullet, third pen, Eugene Poultry farm. Third cock, second and third cockerel, first and second hen, first and second pullet, second pen, B. F. Keeney, Eugene. Second cock, first cockerel, Leet Smith, Harrisburg.

S. C. White Leghorns—First cock, first, second and third cockerel; first, second, third and fourth pullet; first and second pen, Eugene Poultry farm. Fourth cockerel, E. A. Kruse, Roseburg.

White Wyandottes—Second cock, first cockerel, first hen; first, second and third pullet; first pen, H. Ringhouse, Gresham. First cock, second, third and fourth hen; second pen, Jesse A. Griffin, Eugene. Third cockerel, J. F. Olsen, Eugene.

Buff Leghorns—Second, third and fourth cock; third and fourth cockerel; first and second hen; first pullet, second pen, Lee Barker, Drain. First cock, first cockerel; second, third and fourth pullet; first pen, E. N. Keeney, Turner. Second cockerel, J. B. Beebe, Eugene.

S. C. Brown Leghorns—First and second cock, first cockerel, first and fourth hen; first pen, H. C. Wheeler, Pleasant Hill. Third cock, fourth cockerel, fourth pen, E. A. Kruse, Roseburg. Second cockerel, second pen, Retta Smith, Springfield. Third cockerel, third pullet, third pen, E. J. McClanahan, Eugene. Second and third hen, Geo. Widmer, Eugene. First, second and fourth pullet, G. G. Belts, Harrisburg.

DRAY BUSINESS CHANGES HANDS

This week a deal was consummated in which W. T. Kayser becomes sole owner and manager of the Cottage Grove Transfer Co., Frank Garoutte retiring after having been engaged in the business with Mr. Kayser for some time past. Mr. Kayser is a hustler and will take care of the local dray business in first class shape. Mr. Garoutte has not announced his future business intentions.

U. G. Walker is spending the holidays in this city, his old home.

REVIEW OF THE JAS. FINCH MURDER CASE AT PORTLAND

Finch Directing His Own Case, Pleading Self Defense—Case Now in the Hands of the Jury. Verdict is Awaited With Much Interest.

Portland, Dec. 26.—James A. Finch, slayer of R. Fisher, prosecutor for the state bar association, today took the stand and gave his version of the killing.

Finch seemingly showed a reluctance to relate his experience in the rooms of the attorney he killed. He spent a large amount of time in recounting the early history of his life and related the circumstances of his suspension from the practice of law. He time and again would get as far in his story to tell how he approached the Mohawk building, in which were located Fisher's law office, only to digress onto some side issue. Finally getting down to the killing itself, Finch said he entered the Mohawk building and asked to be directed to Fisher's office. Entering it, he asked the stenographer if Fisher was in. She replied that he was and Finch stepped into the private office, closing the door behind him as he did so, "Hello Ralph," Finch

along that line when suddenly Fisher seized a notary seal, claiming: "Get out of here." At the same time Finch asserted that Fisher hurled the seal at him, striking him a glancing blow on the head. Finch swore that he was dazed for a time, but when he recovered his full senses, Fisher was standing by his desk, astride his office chair. Fisher reached into his desk, continued Finch, as Finch supposed to secure a revolver, which Finch understood he kept there. Finch drew his own revolver and fired. He says he thinks the shot went wild. Finch fired again and believes that it was the fatal one. The third shot he fired convulsively.

Finch explained the fact that no seal was found on the floor of the office, stating that he was completely dazed after the shooting and very likely picked it up when he picked up his hat. The next he remembered he was being placed in the patrol wagon and taken to jail. Finch was taken over for cross-examination during the middle of the afternoon. He was subjected to a searching fire of questions and though some of his explanations appeared to the hearers as being forced, Finch was at no time actually disconcerted. Finch denied emphatically ever having made any threats against Fisher. When court adjourned until Saturday Finch was still under cross-examination.

CASE GOES TO JURY.

The case of James A. Finch will probably be in the hands of the jury some time this Tuesday.

The defense concluded taking testimony, with the cross-examination of Miss Vera Burkhardt, Fisher's stenographer and the introduction of the deposition of Finch's sick wife. Mrs. Finch swore that she requested her husband to purchase a revolver on the day of the shooting. In her cross-examination she stated that she possessed a revolver at the time the shooting occurred.

In its rebuttal testimony, the state introduced Detective Frank Beatty who swore that Finch had told him shortly after the shooting that Fisher had threatened him with a revolver.

Some new sidewalk is being built out on Wall street, connecting Mr. Henderson's home with the main street.



A. W. RUCKER.
 The Democratic victory in Colorado carried into office as representative from the First congressional district Judge A. W. Rucker.

flattered at this point and fell away into a long description of the arrangement of the furniture of the room. Resuming the thread of his story he said Fisher turned around and responded to his salutation with:

"What do you want here?" to which Finch said he said: "Ralph, I came over to see if you couldn't help a man out." Finch said he continued to talk

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