

COTTAGE GROVE, OREGON. Located on the upper Willamette River 14 miles south of Portland on Southern Pacific and Oregon & South Eastern Railroads. Population 250; 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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## DEATH'S IMMENSE HARVEST IN FAR AWAY SUNNY ITALY

### Dead May Reach the Appalling Total of 200,000 Fire Completes Devastation of Earthquake King and Queen Visit Horrible Scene.

Rome, Dec. 30.—The immensity of the disaster in Southern Italy and Sicily can be measured only by the fact that it is now estimated that 110,000 persons perished in Messina and Reggio alone. A score of other towns have been devastated and thousands of victims in these places must be added to the roll. In the face of these awful totals all Italy stands appalled. Nor has the full death list yet been reported.

- Killed, 100,000, to 200,000.
- Injured, 300,000 to 500,000.
- Homeless, estimated at 1,000,000.
- Cities over 10,000 population destroyed, 15.
- Smaller towns destroyed, estimated, 50.
- Warships sunk (torpedo-boats), 12.
- Ships sunk by tidal wave, 600.
- Many American tourists among the dead.
- Formation of straits of Messina changed.
- Historic Scylla and Charybdis destroyed.
- Etna and Stromboli, volcanoes, in eruption.
- Second and third shocks felt in Sicily.
- Cable to Aeolian Isles cut; disaster feared.

Shiploads of fugitives have arrived at Naples and other ports and the vast majority of these are sorely injured. Other thousands remain near the ruins of their home or wander half starved, half naked over the land. The forces that on Monday overwhelmed the cities also destroyed the means of sustenance.

#### MERE HANDFUL SURVIVES

Telegraphic communication has been established with Messina, the apparatus having been set up in a railway station. Messages that have come over the line, though they have been meagre in detail, show that hope is gone. Nothing remains of the city but a mass of ruins that have been swept by fire. A mere handful of survivors is being cared for by the rescuing forces, but their distress is great and it has been increased by the recent icy wind that followed the deluge of rain. Destitution is appalling. There is little food and less water.

#### LOSS 100,000 IN TWO CITIES

Of Messina's 90,000 population, it is believed that fully 70,000 perished. Forty thousand people died in Reggio.

King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena were in Messina today. The King explored the ruins regardless of the danger to which he exposed himself. He was often moved to tears at the heartrending scenes he came upon at every turn. The King was loud in his praise of

the splendid work accomplished by the Italian, Russian and English bluejackets, who saved many persons who otherwise would have perished. The Queen spent the day in the wards of the improvised hospitals, visiting the wounded, many of whom have lost all that was dear to them. Her majesty did her best to cheer them with words of consolation, often breaking into sobs as she listened to their dreadful tales of suffering. The King left for Reggio tonight.

#### CATANIA PEOPLE UNNERVED

Catania, the largest city nearest the scene of the disaster, is crowded with refugees, and the continuous stream of fugitives coming in, the sight of the wounded and the repetition of real or imaginary earthquakes have so alarmed the population that they are becoming uncontrollable. There is no longer any place where the refugees may find shelter. Cardinal Francisca Nava di Bontife, Archbishop of Catania, has employed all the money in his possession to provide bread for the refugees, but the people of Catania also are in great need, as the ordinary business pursuits have been entirely interrupted.

#### Notice to Farmers.

Wanted, one to five cars bright grain hay, also timothy. Give price, grade and when shipment can be made. Address F. G. BANCROFT, Medford, Oregon.

#### Royal Intermediate School Items

Orville Clayton spent Xmas at his home.  
Hamilton Fox spent Xmas at the Divide.  
Elder Tabor is doing some work at the school home.  
Mr. A. D. Owens is employing Mr. Hopper at present.  
We are glad to know that the sick are getting better.  
Mr. Owens and Mr. Wheeler visited the school Monday.  
We had a very enjoyable time at the school home Christmas eve.  
Miss Winnie Dresser of Lynx Hollow spent Xmas at A. D. Owens.  
Mr. L. G. Paap and Mr. Clyde Babcock spent Xmas at Silk Creek.  
Mr. and Mrs. Morris, daughter and grandson were visiting on Silk Creek last week.  
The people of the school home have resolved not to do any more laundry work this year, 1908.  
We were glad to see a clean school house Monday morning. The windows as well as the stoves took a shine.  
The date for the recital has been set Feb. 3, 1909. We are continuing the practice so as to be ready for the event.

#### CONSTERNATION AMONG ORCHARD PLANTERS

The all absorbing local topic "county division" had to give way temporarily a few days this week to an equally animated discussion when over 1600 fruit trees were shipped into this city and delivered to orchard planters, from Missouri and Washington state nurseries and it was discovered that they were covered with scale and were not true to name. It has been a sore and costly experience to the orchardists, as most of this cheap, foreign stock is being condemned and destroyed, the same as a lot of similar fruit trees were at Grants Pass last week. The local agent was no doubt acting in good faith and with the innocent purchasers, has been imposed upon, but just how they are going to get their money refunded for the trees and freight, is the sticker. Strange to relate, these condemned trees bear the usual inspector label and that there is some "dirty work" somewhere is quite evident. It is to be hoped that the unscrupulous nurserymen responsible for this imposition can be reached and made to suffer for this contemptible fraud which they have attempted to impose upon Lane county orchardists. A searching investigation is being made and planters, will soon learn who the responsible and irresponsible nurserymen are.

#### NOBODY KNOWS WHY—

A man invariably looks self conscious when the good qualities of his offspring are being discussed and held up for admiration and approval and looks reproachfully at the mother of the same when the same gets victuals.



A dimple in her chin is worth more to a girl than a whole term of domestic science.

A married man always says to his wife "What is that?" no matter what the kind, quality, origin or nature of the thing causing the inquiry, no matter how obvious or how mysterious its reason or purpose. Many thoughtless married women give slipshod answers—see South Dakota.

If you want a good paying little business inquire at the Bazaar.

## ROSEBURG WILL FIGHT PROPOSED COUNTY DIVISION

### Admit We May Get New Count by Initiative Vote in 1910

Roseburg, Or., Dec. 30.—The portion of Douglas county which would become a part of a new county division in case the Cottage Grove agitators should be successful, will not be given up by the interests which center about Roseburg without a fight. Nevertheless some residents of this city feel that some sort of a division is inevitable at a future time and that in case the Cottage Grove people should carry the movement to the people that they will be successful. In the past Douglas county has always fought hard to keep every acre of land possible within her boundaries. When Lane county influences have sought to place all of the Bohemia mining district inside of that county, Douglas county legislators have fought the movement with all their might. And their strength has usually proven sufficient.

Some of the people here reason that there is little or no sense in

#### A Happy New Year.

A Happy New Year to our friends  
And eke a prosperous year.  
We're thinking of you as we write  
And wishing you were all here.  
For if right here with us just now  
Where we could clasp your hand,  
You'd feel we've tried to serve you well,  
And then you'd understand.  
A year of busy days and nights  
If made to seem worth while  
If when old New Year comes around  
You get a happy smile.  
To hold your friendship is our aim  
For profit and for wealth;  
With hearty thanks for favors past,  
We now affix our seal.

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any re-division at the present time. They think that the movement is headed by Cottage Grove men, who want to aggrandize their city at the expense of other portions of the section.

One man said: "They merely want the salaries and the new court house. They don't care anything about the welfare of the new county. It simply adds to the expense—two officers where there was one."

Douglas county will probably be out of debt in less than a year. Under the regime of County Judge Wonnacott the \$80,000 of the Douglas county debt has dwindled to approximately \$25,000. Therefore, the conclusion is drawn that with the next tax levy little of that sum will remain.

Lane county is also understood to be debt free and with both the present counties without any great burdens, the difficulties of an equitable apportionment will not exist in case of a division.

## ROBBERS GET TWELVE YEARS

Portland, Dec. 29.—Jack Hayes, alias Walton, today pleaded guilty to the charge of holding up the O. R. & N. passenger train December 17th, and was sentenced by Judge Gantenbein. Hayes, as the ring-leader, was sentenced to 12 years in the penitentiary. William Burke, whose confession implicated Hayes was sentenced to serve four years. The third man concerned in the hold-up, known as "the Swede," is still at large but it is believed he will soon be apprehended.

Spray & Co. for Leslie salt.

#### Saginaw Items.

The Masque ball here Xmas night was all O. K.  
Oleson Brothers are papering some houses for the B-K Co.  
Ernest Mathews of Goshen was visiting in our burg Monday and Tuesday.  
O. H. Taplin, after visiting a few days with his family has returned to Bohemia.  
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Miller and son Freddie spent Xmas week here with relatives.  
Will Heffling fell off a house Tuesday and the result was a badly sprained ankle. Say Willie you must have been rubbering.  
Messrs Kelly and Bailey accompanied by Miss Case and Miss Myers made a flying trip to Eugene Tuesday going down on No. 15 and returning on the Cottage Grove local. Better get your fin cans ready boys, it looks as though there would be something doing.  
Nineteen hundred and nine will soon be here and we hope before the close of that year to see the talked of county division a reality. The Register man talks about a Shoestring county and the thousands of dollars that Eugene spends annually to advertise Lane county. Now it seems to me as though Mr. Register man has got the cart before the horse. If he had said the thousands of dollars that Lane county spends to support Eugene, it would come nearer the truth.

## HALF OF THE SOUTH IS NOW PROHIBITION

Washington, Dec. 30.—A wave of prohibition has swept with such remarkable effect over the South that the new year opens upon a vast stretch of territory absolutely bereft of liquor while the area where anti-prohibitionists have triumphed marks the battleground for impending fights on the question. More than half the south's territory is "dry" absolutely and in the remaining area the sale of intoxicants is restricted. State-wide prohibition laws become effective on January 1 in North Carolina, Alabama and Mississippi. Prohibition advocates in Louisiana have suspended their fight to test the new Gay-Shattuck law for the regulation of the liquor traffic.

Tennessee is the chief center of interest among the other states where state-wide prohibition fights are in progress. The prohibitionists say that a state-wide bill will pass the legislature which they expect to organize and control. Kentucky, the second largest distilling state in the Union, with 119 counties, has but four in which the sale of liquor is not prohibited.

Virginia presents a string of victories for anti-saloon elements, as prohibition now exists in 80 of the state's 101 counties.

In Texas where more than half the counties have accepted prohibition, the voters soon will be called upon to vote a constitutional amendment for prohibition.

In Arkansas two-thirds of its area, or 75 counties, are dry, and the question of state-wide prohibition will be presented to the voters for decision. This will make lynchings less in the South.

#### AS THE OLD YEAR DIES—

Pay off all your old grudges. Never mind about your debts. There is no doubt whatever that a good lawyer will be able to collect them for your creditors, but you will have to attend to your grudges yourself.

Put your indigestion into the hands of an expert physician. How can you expect to hold to the resolutions that you are going to make and entertain chronic indigestion twenty-four hours a day too?

Explain to your wife that you mean to be more saving and careful during the coming year and you feel sure that she loves you enough to help you retrench. She will thus be encouraged to start saving by buying you a twenty-five cent necktie for a Christmas present.

The ground floor joists for the new Veatch building are all down and brick laying will commence on the walls at once.

## FINCH FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE

### Jury Was Out But Thirty Minutes—Finch Will Carry His Case to the Higher Courts He Declares—Will Be Sentenced Saturday.

Portland, Or., Dec. 30.—James A. Finch, the slayer of Attorney Ralph B. Fisher, was this afternoon found guilty of murder in the first degree. The jury was out 30 minutes.

Circuit Judge E. C. Bronaugh—I think the man had a fair and impartial trial. The jury was exceptionally good, composed throughout of conscientious men, and I know they gave the whole matter their careful attention and consideration and did their full duty as they saw it and with a full realization that the duty was a serious one.

District Attorney Cameron—The jury did its duty and did it fully, and I believe this conviction will tend to make life more secure in the community than it has seemed to be in the past year or so. I feel that Finch should speedily pay the full penalty of his crime.

C. F. Lord, Chief Counsel for Finch—I believe Finch shot in the defense of his own life and that he will never go to the gallows.

James A. Finch, the convicted murderer—I'll fight this case right on up to the United States Supreme Court. They'll not railroad my soul to hell.

Portland, Dec. 30.—James A. Finch, slayer of Ralph B. Fisher, late prosecutor for the state bar association was convicted of murder in the first degree at 3:26 o'clock this afternoon after 28 minutes of deliberation by the jury, only one ballot being taken.

Finch was visibly affected when the verdict was read, but soon recovered his equanimity. Judge Bronaugh, announced that he would pass sentence Saturday morning at 9 o'clock and after the customary motions had been made by the defense, Finch was led to the steel cage in the jail reserved for prisoners convicted of murder in the first degree.

Finch from his cell declared later in the day that he proposed to fight his conviction clear to the United States supreme court and though they may finally hang him they will not be able to for two years to come.

When court opened today, Deputy District Attorney, J. J. Fitzgerald, began his closing argument for the prosecution. His address was a little over an hour in length. He summarized the case, from the standpoint of the state and then turned upon the lawyers for the defense, who yesterday bitterly arraigned the attorneys for the state, and denounced Finch's counsel in vitriolic language.

Judge Bronaugh delivered his charge upon reconvening of court at 2 o'clock. He required little less than an hour for its delivery, handing the case over to the jury at 2:58 o'clock.

The crime for which Finch stands convicted was as wanton and atrocious as has ever been committed here. Finch, recently disbarred by the state supreme court for a period of a year on complaint of the bar association held the idea that Prosecutor Fisher was inspired by vindictive motives. Finch went to the prosecutor's office on November 28, and without warning shot him from the rear.

## FILES ON NEW MINING CLAIM

H. H. Veatch of Cottage Grove, has filed his location on the mining claim which he calls "The Roosevelt" in the Bohemia mining district.

## THE GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION

Governor Chamberlain has issued a proclamation appealing for aid for the Italy earthquake refugees. Remittances should be sent to Col. D. M. Dunne, Portland, Oregon.

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## Clothing Sale

Men's Fine Suits and Overcoats

Ladies' Furs and Shoes

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