

**COTTAGE GROVE, OREGON.**  
 Located on the upper Willamette River 144 miles south of Portland on Southern Pacific and Oregon & South Eastern Railroads. Population 280; two banks; public and high schools; five 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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**MINES AND RESOURCES.**  
 A large tract of timber tributary to Cottage Grove is situated on the west side of the river, within a radius of 15 miles. Headquarters for Bohemia gold mines and Black Hills quicksilver mines, valleys and foothills well adapted to fruit growing, farming and dairying. For information regarding this great country subscribe for the Leader.

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## COMMITTEE ON NEW COUNTY READY TO MAKE ITS REPORT

**Boundary Lines Outlined—Bill Drafted to Present to Legislature—"Nesmith" the Name Proposed for New County.**

The committee appointed by the Commercial Club to draft a bill providing for the formation of a new county from north Douglas and south Lane to present to the legislature this winter, and to outline the boundary for the new county, is ready to submit its report at a meeting of the Commercial Club this evening. It is understood that the committee has been very modest in its demands for territory from the two old counties. That the west boundary line will only take in Lorane valley, leaving at least a 30 mile strip along the coast in both Lane and Douglas for the formation of a coast county at some future time if required. The south line barely takes in Leona, leaving Drain in Douglas county and includes only a very little more than the Bohemia mines and Steamboat creek in northeast Douglas. The north line runs east and west a short distance north of Creswell, leaving out to Lane county all of the middle fork country, the new north boundary intersecting the east boundary line at Waldo Lake.

The committee was severely wounded by the Indians at Oregon City, became Brigadier General Oregon Guard, and served one regular term and one unexpired term in the United States senate from Oregon in the early sixties. That his name should be perpetuated in the manner suggested is a happy thought on the part of the Cottage Grove Commercial Club committee and is a suggestion which will no doubt be indorsed by the club and the people generally.

**Committee's Visit to Roseburg**  
 The committee, Hon. R. M. Veatch, F. D. Wheeler and W. C. Conner, which was sent to Roseburg Monday to interview prominent citizens of that county seat city on county division matters, has returned home and reports most courteous treatment, and was pleased with the broad, liberal, fair-minded view of the matter taken by the Roseburg citizens, most of whom readily admitted the fact that the Bohemia mines and Pass creek are directly tributary to Cottage Grove and should be a part of Lane county or the proposed new county. They were also frank enough to admit that Lane and Douglas counties were both too large and could feasibly be cut up into one or more counties, that the Cottage Grove country embracing a part of both counties was the most feasible territory from which to block out a new county, especially considering its great mineral and timber wealth. A full report of the Commercial Club committee will appear in Friday's Leader.

## WILL AMEND OREGON'S GAME LAWS AND NAME NEW WARDEN

E. A. Parsons of Portland is to be state game warden in the event there is a revision of the game laws at the coming session of the legislature, according to the prediction of his friends. Mr. Parsons is a well known and enthusiastic sportsman and for a long time has taken a great interest in game preservation and propagation.

men in the enactment of new game laws. The present laws are jumbled and inadequate and the sportsmen intend to make a united and consistent effort to secure remedial legislation at the coming session.

One of the important changes which Mr. Parsons will contend for will be a provision giving ample protection to the female China pheasant. British Columbia has a law protecting the female

pheasant which has proven of great benefit. It is also desired that a special fund be created from the money paid for hunters' licenses to be used in the propagation of game and fish. It is also desired that the hunters' licenses consist of a badge to be worn on the outside of the coat and that the open season be shortened. It is intended that the limit on ducks be reduced to 25 birds a week, and that only three deer be allowed and the game restricted to the male deer.

It is also desired that the law provide for a sufficient number of deputies at moderate salaries who shall be assigned to districts other than their own home vicinity during the months of July, August, September, October, November and December. A bounty on cougar, wolves and wild cats will also be asked for.

### Moving in New Quarters.

Henry Lincoln has moved his meat market into the "Wave" building and the corner building which he vacated will soon be overhauled and occupied by Messrs Dunbar & O'Loan, general merchants until their new brick is constructed and made ready for occupancy.

## HOTEL OREGON CHANGES HANDS

Col. and Mrs. W. H. Blair have sold their furniture and fixtures to Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Westbrook late of Roseburg, who have secured a lease on the Oregon Hotel building and second story of the Stewart & Porter brick adjoining, which contains many nice new rooms and suits of rooms with bath, all of which Mr. Westbrook will furnish in elegant style and he will conduct a first class hostelry.

Col. and Mrs. Blair have conducted a splendid hotel, have enjoyed a large patronage and made an excellent reputation for this popular hostelry. Their many friends will regret their decision to retire from the business, which is done, to enable them to develop and improve their beautiful 60 acre orchard tract one mile south of this city, 15 acres of which is already set to choice fruit.

Mr. and Mrs. Westbrook come to our city with the best of recommendations they having most successfully conducted both the McClallen and Roseburg hotels, where Mr. Westbrook gained the reputation of being one of the best and most up-to-date young hotel men of the state and without doubt he will maintain this well merited reputation at this place. Mr. and Mrs. Westbrook are well known to the editors of the Leader who join our citizens in welcoming this worthy couple to our city and wishing them abundant success and prosperity in their management of the Oregon Hotel, at the same time wishing Col. and Mrs. Blair deserved success in their future vocations.

### To The Public

We take this means of thanking the merchants and citizens of this community for the kindly support and patronage given us while managing the Hotel Oregon in this city and we wish to thank the following merchants and business men especially: Mr. Ben Lurch, Mr. Henry Veatch, Veatch & Lawson, Rees-Wallace Co., Metcalf & Brund, W. A. Hemenway, Garman-Hemenway Co., Woodson Steam Laundry.

We wish also to bespeak for our successor, Mr. Bert Westbrook the same kindly treatment as we can recommend him to be a first class hotel man of long experience and in every way worthy of your support.

With best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year to you all we remain, your friends,  
 COL. AND MRS. W. H. BLAIR.

## COMMITTEEMAN DISCUSSES NEW COUNTY SCHEME

**A Sensible View of It—A Word to Creswell. As to Taxes.**

Editors Leader:—As a citizen of Lane county and a member of the committee to prepare a bill for the creation of a new county from north Douglas and south Lane, I will undertake to explain to the people of Lane and Douglas county the facts as I see them. It seems from the attitude of the papers of Eugene and north Douglas county that they misunderstand our actions as to laying out the district for a new county. Our committee soon saw from the amount of population and assessable property that we would not need to put the line of the new county north or south far enough to severely encroach upon either of the old counties, so we propose making our south boundary three miles north of Drain. This would bring the farthest citizen over 20 miles nearer a county seat. In making the north line we go only half way to Eugene.

In regard to the northeast line it has been drawn so as to leave all of the middle fork settlement in Lane county as we believe it would be just as well, if not better for them. As to the west line we do not go to the coast as originally intended as we believe that it would be too far from the county seat to be of benefit to the coast country, then probably there will be a coast county asked for by west Douglas and Lane at some future time. As to what we have to offer the taxpayers of the new county we will say it has been thoroughly demonstrated that the small counties are run with a smaller tax levy than the larger ones. Mr. taxpayer do you stop to figure that there is more population and more assessable property in Cottage Grove alone than in Wheeler county and that there is more population and property valuation in the proposed county than in Sherman, Gillam and Wheeler counties combined?

Now does any taxpayer in Lane county think it fair to have the people of the Coast Fork, Row river and the Bohemia mines come to Cottage Grove and go 22 miles farther to the county seat? Now a few words to our Creswell neighbors. What can we offer you? Would it put you any farther from the county seat? I look at any county seat as being like a wagon wheel. Take the hub for the county seat, the roads lead out in all directions, carrying prosperity as far as they reach. Some of the Creswell people tell me that Eugene hasn't given them their share of improvements, but they haven't had time to work out to the rim of the wheel yet. Now if we make our rim meet theirs we will both get their quicker. Don't you believe that it would be better to have two good towns in 10 or 12 miles of you than to have one? Lots of the Creswell produce finds a ready market in Cottage Grove. I for one, buy lots of Creswell grain and other produce. Now my friend if Cottage Grove grows your lands will advance in proportion. Every live town brings in more people, builds up better schools and I will venture to say if Creswell had a town on all four sides as big as Eugene and as liberal in advertising as Eugene is, Creswell lands would be worth double what they are. As to trade in Creswell, one merchant tells me he is afraid to have Cottage Grove build up as it would have a tendency to take the trade away from Creswell, but when I was there the other day to see the farmers come in with their produce to sell and ship away, one farmer told me he sold his wheat and hay in Cottage

Grove and bought his goods in Creswell, because he could get them cheaper. Now as to your taxes—did you ever go to Eugene and see the force of deputies that is necessary for the sheriff and clerks to have and they say the court house is not big enough and will have to be enlarged so as to handle the increasing business. No, we will not have to raise the tax levy, the difference in transportation in transacting county business at Cottage Grove and the enhanced valuation will pay for all county buildings. Take Lane and Wheeler counties for example.

What were the conditions they both assumed? A large indebtedness from the older counties and they have lessened their levy, paid off their indebtedness, made their county improvements, built lots of roads and bridges away out where the rim of the wheel would have been had the counties not been divided. In conclusion I will say I have no kick at Roseburg, Eugene or any other place, but there is going to be a county division and if we get what we ask for now all right. If we have to wait and vote on it, I can't say where the next division lines will be mapped out in that event.

J. F. SPRAY.

## JOE COLLYAR FORGES CHECKS

Joe Collyar, who for nearly three years has been an employe of the Disston Lumber Co., worked a very smooth bunco game on a number of Cottage Grove merchants Saturday evening. Having transacted considerable business with local merchants for some time past, being well known and a steady worker, the passing of a few worthless checks late Saturday evening after the banks had closed, was an easy matter and aroused little or no suspicion until presented for payment Monday, when Collyar was far on his way to the sunny southland or British Columbia, no one knows which, as he took an unceremonious departure Saturday night. His scheme was to buy a small bill of goods or offer to settle a little account, presenting a check on the First National bank, drawn to himself by the "Disston Lumber Co., by Critz," one of the proprietors of the company. Those already reported who are holding these souvenirs are Metcalf & Brund, \$77; Johnson & Matlock, \$26; Wheeler, Thompson Co. \$75; Burkholder, Woods Co., \$75; Cigar store, small check. Officers are at work on the case.

## SAWMILL BOILER EXPLODES IN COOS

The boiler of the Massey saw mill on the South Fork near Myrtle Point blew up last week with serious consequences to the machinery and building, but fortunately with no fatal consequences to the men who were there.

At the time of the explosion Emery and Elton Robbins were standing about three feet back of the boiler and the force of the explosion threw them about thirty feet. Elton was quite severely scalded on the back and legs and received other bruises and injuries, but reports state that he is getting along nicely and will soon recover. Emery was bruised about the face, head and back, but his injuries were of minor consequence.

The building and machinery were broken up and scattered. The 1,500 pound fly wheel was broken into bits, one piece of it being found at least thirty yards from the engine house. One of the Massey boys who was attending the machinery had just gone to the creek from which the water for steam purposes was taken to attend to the water supply, when the explosion occurred, and he escaped injury.

## FINCH SENTENCED TO HANG ON FRIDAY FEBRUARY FIFTH.

**Prisoner Visibly Effected by Judge's Sentence—He May Get Stay of Execution Pending Appeal—He Read Objections.**

James A. Finch, standing before Judge Bronaugh in the circuit court at Portland, Saturday morning, heard the doom of death pronounced as the penalty he must pay for the murder of Ralph B. Fisher. Standing erect in his place, with but little color left in his face, he made a strained effort to appear at ease. Friday, February 5, was fixed as the date for him to be hanged.

Just after the court spoke the final words, "that you be hanged by the neck until you are dead—may God have mercy upon you," Finch sank into his chair beside three of his attorneys and betrayed his nervousness by sweeping his hand back over his forehead, pulling his long black hair in confusion.

As Judge Bronaugh pronounced the sentence a hush fell over the courtroom. He spoke slowly and clearly, while hundreds of eyes from the big crowd were fixed on Finch.

### READS OBJECTIONS

Then for over 10 minutes, Finch held the floor, reading the objections that had been prepared. He spoke with great rapidity and nervousness. The paper quivered in his hand as he proceeded, but his voice was clear and strong.

In objections made by Finch he covered much of the technical grounds previously argued by his attorneys during the course of the trial. He asserted that he had not been granted fair and impartial trial as guaranteed by the constitution of the United States and of Oregon, making an attack on the legality of the grand jury that indicted him. An intention to attack the initiative and referendum was also shown by alleging that the people of Oregon had no power to enact the law establishing the grand jury system without

action by the legislature. Among other grounds cited as reasons why he did not have a fair trial, Finch noted the calling of one of the jurors to witness stand. Although this was done by his attorneys, he now argues that this left only 11 jurors in the box and prevented his having the legal number of jurors to hear the testimony.

Another objection was that no judge was left to preside at the trial when Judge Bronaugh was called to the witness chair. This was also done by the defendant's lawyers.

### LORD INTERRUPTS

Confusion among the attorneys for the defense as to their course of action was again shown this morning. While sentence was being pronounced Attorney Charles F. Lord interrupted and said that he and another of his attorneys did not agree as to when a motion in arrest of judgment should be filed. Finch handed a copy of the code to Deputy Sheriff Bulger, who was guarding him, and the officer passed it to Judge Bronaugh, who quickly settled the question by saying that it might be filed at any time before a motion for new trial.

Five days were granted by the court in which to file a motion for new trial. This acts as a stay of execution, and will prevent Finch being removed from the county jail for that period of time. The defense will then ask for a writ of probable cause to prevent his being taken to the penitentiary while the appeal is pending.

A long fight, of the Ruef variety, is forecasted by the objections and motions made by the defense. They are attacking the grand jury system and attempting to raise constitutional questions to eventually carry the case to the federal courts.

## PRIZE BOX OF APPLES, WINESAPS, SELL FOR \$67

Chicago, Jan. 1.—The highest priced box of apples on record is being exhibited here. The fruit is of the Winesap variety, and was awarded the grand sweepstakes prize of \$500 at the National apple show held at Spokane, Wash. The present owner paid 60 cents each for the 112 apples in the box.

## ANOTHER SAWMILL FOR COTTAGE GROVE

Stocks and Harlow having purchased the Alca sawmill plant from J. H. Chambers, propose to move it to Cottage Grove and operate it at this place providing a suitable location can be supplied by the town. The Commercial Club has the matter under advisement and is endeavoring to find a location for the new mill which would provide another good sized payroll for this city.

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