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## EUGENE FIRM IS COMING

Will Establish a Large Branch Store Here.

### LEASED PHILLIPS BRICK

For a Period of Five Years—Have Also Leased a Residence—The Hampton Brothers.

F. B. Phillips has leased his new brick, or that part of it now occupied by Dunbar & O'Loane, to Hampton Bros. of Eugene for a period of 5 years, and this enterprising Eugene firm will open a branch store in this city about the 10th of February, the stock to comprise a first class and up-to-date line of dry goods. This firm also has a large branch store at Springfield and enjoys the reputation of being thoroughly reliable, courteous and obliging business men, who have built up a large and prosperous business at the county seat and are beginning to branch out to neighboring towns in order to better serve their patrons in other parts of the county. They are firm believers in the liberal use of printers ink as a business getter and will soon be heard from by the public. They have also leased the residence on Fourth street, which was formerly owned and occupied by D. T. Awbrey and a member of the firm will soon move therein. The Leader extends the Hampton Bros. a cordial welcome to our city and bespeaks for them a liberal share of public patronage. It is understood that Messrs Dunbar & O'Loane will occupy the new Veatch building on the corner of Main & Fourth streets when completed.

### DeMoss Lyric Bards.

The DeMoss Lyric Bards and their company of talented musical artists will appear at the Christian church in this city next Friday evening. The DeMoss family has a musical career extending over 37 years and they belong to an honored Oregon pioneer family. Some of their instrumentation specialties are, Swiss bells, guitars, Xylophones, mandolins, auto-harps, banjos, cornets, ocarinas, etc. This company has won fame throughout America and Europe and are giving a complete new and very pleasing program on this season's tour. Don't fail to hear them. Admission, adults 35, children 15 cents.

## EDITOR MOOREHEAD ON COUNTY DIVISION AND THE INITIATIVE.

The fight for the division of Lane county is on. A large delegation from the Cottage Grove Commercial club met with the Eugene Commercial club Monday evening for the purpose of making some amicable agreement, looking towards the division of the county. It is needless to add that the proposition was turned down.

But the fight is on for good and it will be years before the strife and ill will that always follows a division fight or for the removal of a county seat. We have participated in several and our knowledge along this line warrants the statement that a generation will not remove the unpleasant recollections of the strife.

A Cottage Grove boomer informed the writer in Salem Monday that an amicable division was desired, but if this could not be secured, they would have it anyhow. He said perhaps this legislature would not pass the measure, but next year they would elect a legislature that would. He claimed that Cottage Grove held the balance of power in the county and would elect their men.

This means a good deal from a political standpoint but in a fight of this kind politics is an unknown quantity.

Then, if they fail in this, they will invoke the referendum, and you can put it down as coming from this paper, that when the question is submitted by referendum, it will carry. It is useless to enter into arguments just at this time, but we want to mention right here that should this proposed measure carry, it will simply be the result of chickens coming home to roost. Lane county by its vote desired the initiative and referendum. The Times stood alone in opposing this populist measure. We will do everything in reason and honor to prevent the division of this county, but nevertheless there is a grim satisfaction that the initiative and referendum advocates and we might as well add the Statement No. 1ers, will get their belly full of their own medicine.

We do not know of a single citizen in this part of the county that will favor division, although the Eugene papers in discussing the measure, only mention Eugene.

Cottage Grove has a delegation in Salem and the division question will receive their best endeavor. The fight is on, gentlemen. Shall the people rule? The king can do no wrong! You voted for it; now swallow it.—Junction City Times.

## COURT APPOINTS ROAD SUPERVISORS

The county court was busy last week considering road matters and among other things established four new road districts. The last three mentioned in the following list were created at this term. What was formerly Nos. 15 and 16 were combined to form No. 15, and No. 16 is the other one of the new ones.

Below is a complete list of the various districts with the name and post office address in south Lane:

No.	Name	Post Office
11	H. V. Thompson	Creswell, RFD
13	Charles Sharen	Saginaw
14	W. S. Chrisman	Dorena
15	Henry C. Combs	London
17	Geo. W. Kerr	Wildwood
21	Ernest A. Schwering	Creswell
22	H. A. Millett	Creswell
24	John Sutherland	Lorane
25	Joe Gates	Crow
26	E. W. Mathews	Goshen
27	Joe Gimple	Eugene
48	L. N. Dresser	Walker
50	Fred Wright	Walker
57	G. W. Sanderson	Lorane
60	F. J. Hard	Bohemia
64	C. Schneider	Lorane
67	John V. Jenkins	Crow
68	J. P. Tapp	Cottage Grove
69	Carlis Veatch	Cottage Grove
75	A. D. Hileman	Lorane
76	Walter L. Baker	Cottage Grove
82	William Darneille	Junction
83	W. H. Salice	Alma
84	Otto Morton	Creswell

## PARDON FOR COURT GREEN

Implicated with Branton In Murder of Linn

WAS SENTENCED FOR LIFE

A Brief Review of this Sensational Murder and Trial Which Was Held in this County

Portland, Jan. 16.—It is stated here tonight that Governor Chamberlain will issue a pardon to Courtland Green, sent to the penitentiary for life from Lane county for murder. The circumstances surrounding the crime are not known here. Green has been in the penitentiary for about ten years.—Telegram.

Courtland Green was the accomplice of Claud Branton in the famous murder of John A. Linn, which occurred at Ison's corral on the McKenzie road, June 15, 1898. They were members of a party coming from eastern Oregon. At Squaw creek some trouble arose over the horses belonging to Linn, and the rest of the party came on,

## FALLACY OF EUGENE REGISTER'S SQUARE COUNTY HALLUCINATION

The Eugene "Knockers Club" is just now laying great stress on the claim that Lane county, if divided, should be divided up in squares instead of in an oblong shape. What a fine prosperous "square" county the east Lane government reserve would make! Why establish a new "square" county division precedent now? And would the Eugene knockers club advocate the "squaring" up of the oblong counties of Marion, Douglas, Lincoln, Union, Tillamook, Multnomah, Baker, and numerous other Oregon oblong counties? The Eugene knocker argument is worse than silly, from the fact that mountain chains, and river courses common to the Oregon topography ALWAYS HAVE AND ALWAYS WILL enter exclusively into the question of practical county division in this rugged state and the new county boundaries will always be established in accordance with this wise consideration.

The Leader desires to suggest to the Eugene knockers that the length of a county is not determined so much by its mileage as by the trend of travel forced upon the people by the natural topography of the country. For instance, if Lane were divided by a line running north and south, with

Eugene and Cottage Grove as the respective seats of government, the people residing on the upper middle fork, Mohawk and McKenzie would find it necessary to first go down those streams to Springfield or Goshen within a few miles of Eugene in order to board a train to Cottage Grove. The Eugene argument is devoid of reason, practicability or common sense.

Court Adjourned Until Today.

County court adjourned Friday evening until this Tuesday morning, when they will take up the large amount of business yet to be transacted this term. No action was taken on the bill for paving the county's part of Park streets at this term.

More Jackson County People.

A. D. Gordon, a late arrival from Jackson county, where he has sold his real estate interests, has purchased the fine little place of Mr. McClallen, one-half mile below town opposite Chas. Cochran's place. Mr. McClallen will invest in a larger farm near this city. These Jackson county people are hustlers and we extend them a cordial welcome.

## A PIONEER LEGISLATOR

Voted For Col. Nesmith First Oregon Senator.

NAME WE WOULD HONOR

In the Creation of Nesmith County, Should Have a Friend in Pioneer Statesman and Mr. Speaker

One of the most interesting figures of the Twenty-fifth Legislative Assembly is Representative E. W. Conyers of Columbia county. Born in Kentucky 79 years ago, the old man is an Oregon pioneer of '52 and despite the fact that he will soon be an octogenarian, he moves about with the agility of a school boy and his faculties are as keen as those of any other member of the House. He has taken part in almost every debate and what he says is always logical and commands the respectful attention of other members.

Mr. Conyers was a member of the first Legislative Assembly ever held in the state, in 1860, and with nine other republicans formed a little band which stood shoulder to shoulder and succeeded in sending to the United States Senate James W. Nesmith, the grandfather of Speaker C. N. McArthur.

In republican caucus at the State Capitol Representative Conyers seconded the nomination of McArthur for speaker and told of voting for his grandfather to be the first United States Senator from Oregon.

In honor of the aged legislator and in recognition of his connection with family history, Speaker McArthur cast a complimentary vote for Mr. Conyers for Speaker in the House Monday afternoon.

The Representative is of aristocratic English stock and has in his possession a family heirloom in the shape of a walking stick, which was brought to America in 1618 by a British lord, one of his forefathers.

### Committee on Counties.

The legislative committees have been assigned and the one in which south Lane and north Douglas is most interested is the committee on counties, which is as follows: Greer, Dimick, Jones (Lincoln and Polk) Libbey, Applegate. The latter being of Douglas.

Few men go to church and few women go to jail. The moral is obvious. Better go to church.

## THE ONE GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO SECURE A BEAUTIFUL AND CONVENIENT CITY PARK

An important matter pertaining to Cottage Grove's future welfare and present progress and advancement is to come up for the consideration of the legal voters of this city tomorrow, Wednesday, when the proposition of levying a small city tax, not exceeding 4 mills for two years, will be submitted to the voters of the town for their indorsement or rejection. The outcome of this election means one of two things. The rejection of the proposition means the loss to Cottage Grove of an opportunity which will never be afforded again to secure at a moderate price a large, natural park site already beautified with stately evergreen and oak trees, which is convenient of access, in fact, is located on Main street within less than three blocks of the Southern Pacific railroad depot. The Womens Club guarantees the expenditure of \$1000 in pavements, landscape gardening and other improvements on the park site, if purchased by the city, hence there will be no additional expense accruing to the city or its citizens after the park is secured and dedicated to the city. The rejection of this proposition means that this beautiful 5-acre park site will no doubt soon be platted into town lots, denuded of its pretty evergreen groves, and a golden opportunity forever lost to our city to provide a convenient,

quiet retreat, a place for open air meetings and concerts as well as public celebrations. True, the same acreage could be bought in other parts of town farther out for less money, but what would be the cost in providing shade and improvements such as is already provided on the park site now under consideration? Money alone could not provide another like park site. It would require both money and time, years of time and labor to do it, therefore the small additional cost for the Long grove tract, is compensated in a dozen different ways—convenience, ideal locality, shade, natural surroundings and other advantages too numerous to mention.

**PARK Grounds can never be purchased so cheap as right now.**

As to the Cost

There is probably not a business man or citizen of the town but who has enough civic pride in his make-up to encourage him to contribute from \$2.50 to \$10 or \$20 toward the purchase of this park site were a subscription paper circulated, many of whom however, raise a hue and cry when a small tax levy is mentioned, but at the same time few, if any, would pay as much in case of the

small tax levy as they would give voluntarily. For instance, the writer pays taxes on an assessed valuation of say \$500. The 4 mill tax levy for park purposes would amount to \$2 to be paid in one year, while at the same time we could not hope to get off with less than a donation of from \$10 to \$20 should the ladies call upon us with a subscription paper. We are therefore in favor of the four mills tax levy, first, last and all the time, and the Leader believes Cottage Grove's legal voters have enough civic pride, loyalty to the city in which they have builded homes, public spirit and interest in our city's progress and advancement to vote in favor of the city park proposition tomorrow. Let all those favoring the proposition get out and vote, and may the fellow who is opposed to it stay at home, and both will congratulate themselves ever afterward.

### The Polling Places.

The polls will open from 9 a. m. to 12 o'clock noon and from 1 to 5 o'clock p. m. The voting places will be as follows: First ward, Thos. Allen's cabinet shop; second ward, city hall; third ward, free reading room. Let every legal voter get out and vote and vote right—for the purchase of the beautiful Long grove for a city park.

### Cottage Grove District Fair.

Let us not during our strenuous county division fight lose sight of our forth coming district fair to be held this fall. We now have improved grounds, commodious buildings and stables and all that is necessary to insure a most creditable fair this fall is early consideration and provision for exhibits on the part of our miners, lumbermen, orchardists, farmers and poultrymen. Let us get in and make Eugene's district fair look like 30 cents this fall.

### Much Building Being Planned.

As soon as spring opens there will be much building started here. Many plans are now being submitted and there promises to be something doing every minute of the time this spring and summer.

leaving the three men with the stock. On the night of June 15, according to evidence produced at the trial, Branton shot Linn through the head as he slept.

Branton and Green then together burned the body as nearly as possible on their campfire, hacking it to pieces with an ax to hasten the ghastly deed. The few charred bones that were remaining when morning came, were buried under some rock. They brought the horses to Hayden's bridge, where they disposed of some of them and the rest were brought to Seavey's pasture.

The men acted suspiciously, and Green was finally prevailed upon to come to Eugene and confess his part in the atrocious murder. This he did on July 4, and he was immediately put under arrest, and the officers began the search for Branton, who, however, could not be found.

On July 20 Branton suddenly

appeared on the streets of Eugene, and was arrested within a few blocks of the court house. He did not know that Green had turned state's evidence.

Branton was convicted and sentenced to be hanged December, 1898, but the case was appealed to the supreme court. Decision was affirmed, and Branton was hanged Friday, May 12, 1899, in the court yard in Eugene.

Green was sentenced to life imprisonment.

In his confession, published in the Register after the execution, Branton said: "Prompted by the fact that I would rather face death than be found out a traitor, and blinded from the faintest glimpse of realization of such act, with Green's consent, I pulled the fatal trigger that meant more than any mortal mind could realize."

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