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FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 1909.

LOOKS GOOD FOR NESMITH COUNTY

There is little consistency, or loyalty manifested toward community and state interests on the part of the opposition to the creation of Nesmith county from the southern portion of Lane and a small strip of north Douglas, when the fact is generally admitted by our county seat and other opponents that county division along the lines suggested by the Nesmith county promoters is inevitable, owing to the requirements of the people, the resources of the territory, and its large business interests, but it is explained,

the "movement is premature." It is further very generally admitted that if the Nesmith county promoters fail in the creation of the new county in the legislature, they will appeal to that higher tribunal, the initiative at the next state election and their prayer is most sure to be granted by the people of the state. Admitting all this, why put the people of the territory involved and the state to the extra expense and trouble incurred by an initiative vote? Why not reach an amicable agreement before the proper committees in the legislature and thereby dispense with a prolonged fight, incurring of great unnecessary expense and the engendering of much ill feeling?

It has been generally admitted that the boundary lines of the proposed Nesmith county have been run out with regard solely to the country's typography, this committee having in mind at all times the convenience of the people in reaching Cottage Grove by the natural waterways and roadways, avoiding including any territory within this proposed county rendered remote or inconvenient of access from the proposed county seat by mountain chains or waterways. The territory involved is entirely tributary to Cottage Grove and the interests of this territory are mutual. It is also an indisputable fact that neither Lane nor Douglas would suffer any particular permanent injury or inconvenience from the creation of the new county of

Nesmith, from the proposed outlaying territory bordering on the division lines of the aforesaid counties. This movement has no selfish motives back of it, but is a fair, square practical and progressive movement, brought about by the industrial and business demands of a territory remote from the present county seats of the old counties of Lane and Douglas. The plan is as feasible, practical and just as the Hood river county project which the voters of Oregon so cheerfully and heartily endorsed last June and created by their votes.

The Leader believes that little or no organized effort will develop in opposition to the creation of Nesmith county and that an amicable agreement regarding its boundary lines and its establishment will be effected between the people of this territory and the legislative delegations of the counties interested, thereby rendering the submitting of the matter to an initiative vote at the next state election unnecessary. This is the only wise, economical and sensible way to adjust this important matter.

The Leader observes that there is a movement being inaugurated having for its object the passage of a bill to amend the law providing for submitting the matter of creating new counties and changing county boundary lines to a vote of the people of the counties effected only. This proposed amendment is flagrantly unfair and unjust and would simply place the power in county division matters in the hands of the populous county seat precincts, which invariably oppose such movements. The Leader would most strenuously oppose such a measure and would work for the permanent retirement to private life any legislator who would champion or vote for it. It would be just as sensible to attempt to pass a measure having for its object the denial of an appeal from the lower to the higher courts in any civil or criminal action.

The real "ladies men" are the ones who voted for the city park, and of course, every mother's son swears he voted that way, now.

The Oregon apple is being talked about more widely and in a more complimentary manner with each succeeding year. Growers are taking more pride in growing a fine production and it means more money in their pockets. That is true of every line of production, the best is the real money maker.

Think of being able to live in mild and temperate Oregon, and at the same time enjoy all the advantages of an arctic climate. It is wonderful, even if it occurs only once in a lifetime and our boosters should make the most of it.

This bids fair to be a strictly business legislature. The Leader is pleased to note in what a business-like and practical manner both houses are speedily disposing of the many matters coming before them.

Thursday's Eugene Guard contained a very sensible and liberal article regarding its position on the county division matter. If you must read a county seat paper remember the Guard.

Eugene's court house will soon require a large expensive addition. Of course the county seat ring would like to have Cottage Grove and south Lane assist in footing the bill.

Cottage Grove is the subject of much favorable newspaper comment as a result of the vote last Wednesday on the city park question.

It was those heavy Leader editorials and the bewitching smiles of the ladies that done the business Wednesday.

Portland, Eugene and Cottage Grove can point with pride to beautiful natural public parks.

"Try to be a man," says editor Wimberly of the Roseburg Review. We hope he will.

It was a kind of a ratification meeting in the legislature Tuesday.

Better get the Woman's Club after Nesmith county.

We doff our hat to the Woman's club.

WEAK OPPOSITION TO NESMITH COUNTY

State Capitol, Salem, Or., Jan. 21.—The Nesmith county bill was introduced in both the House and the Senate today, and will probably get to the committee on county and state offices about next Monday. Already a delegation of Lane county people has appeared in opposition to the bill and quite likely there will be a Douglas county delegation on the ground next week.

The bill will be fought upon several grounds. It will be asserted that the legislature has no authority to create a county by special act, but that under the present terms of the constitution this must be done under general laws. The assertion will also be made that local conditions do not make the new county desirable and that if a division is to be made the summit of the coast range should be the dividing line, the new county to be west of the mountains.

Among those here in opposition to the bill are Dr. D. A. Paine and E. S. Rolfe, both of Eugene. The Lane and Douglas county delegations conferred with them this evening.

COUNTY Seat towns are always against county division.—Portland Daily Journal.

PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS.

Most people dignify their prejudices by calling them principles.

Don't forget that an ounce of worry is worse than a pound of work.

A better thing than to cry over spilt milk is to get busy and pail another cow.

No person has been so dead in love that sooner or later he has not come to life again.

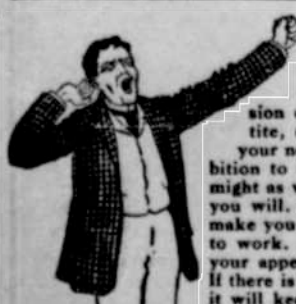
We are created in the image of God, but the way we deface that image is dictated by the devil.

Chas. Lewis of Gillam county, is shaking hands with old friends in this city.

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