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Cottage Grove and south Lane county will not participate in the district fair to be held in Eugene this fall from the fact that several hundred dollars were put into grounds and new buildings in Cottage Grove last year for the purpose of holding an annual district fair, hence the people of this section will put forth a vigorous effort to make their second annual fair the desired success and will apply their energies in this direction. This is the sensible thing. Keep your money at home. Work for the upbuilding of home industries and home interests. We have been spending our money at Eugene and assisting in building up county seat interests long enough. Let's work hereafter for the progress and advancement of Bohemia, Coast Fork, Loraue, Silk creek, Row river, Cottage Grove, Creswell and intermediate points.

The live commercial travelers are all boosting for Nesmith county. They very enthusiastically maintain that with the creation of Nesmith, Cottage Grove would immediately advance in its commercial rating from a prosperous country town to a real live city, which naturally means more business for the Portland wholesalers. Aside from this somewhat pecuniary standpoint, they also maintain that it would be a long step forward in the development of this part of western Oregon and a big boost toward a greater Oregon. This support is most encouraging and a big feather for Nesmith.

The Albany Democrat keeps butting in on the Nesmith county fight just as though it was a matter in which it is concerned. We suppose it would please the Roseburg and Eugene papers and the Democrat, if we would hoist the white flag, lay down, and give up the fight for Nesmith county. But we are not built that way. The campaign is on for 1910, and we are going to carry the Nesmith banner to victory in the golden autumn time of that year.

Citizens of Drewsey would have a new county created from the northern sections of Harney and Malheur and southern part of Grant county. Those counties are nearly as large as the New England states combined and should be divided up into three or four new counties and thereby bring about the speedy develop of that part of southeastern Oregon. Here's wishing Drewsey success and hoping that Otis county will become a reality.


Every school room will revere Lincoln's birthday anniversary today.

**No Man is Stronger Than His Stomach**

A strong man is strong all over. No man can be strong who is suffering from weak stomach with its consequent indigestion, or from some other disease of the stomach and its associated organs, which impairs digestion and nutrition. For when the stomach is weak or diseased there is a loss of the nutrition contained in food, which is the source of all physical strength. When a man "doesn't feel just right," when he doesn't sleep well, has an uncomfortable feeling in the stomach after eating, is languid, nervous, irritable and despondent, he is losing the nutrition needed to make strength.

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**An Appreciation of Lincoln**

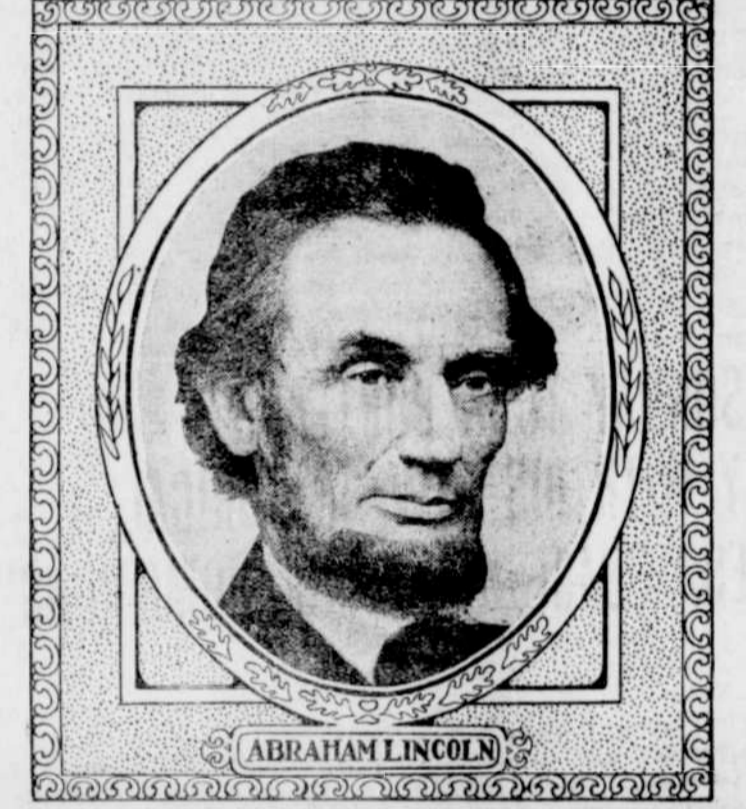
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**S**OMEWHAT down that round Hodgenville, Kaintucky, Or tharabouts, a hundred year ago, Was born a boy ye would'n thought was lucky; Looked like he never would'n have a show; But \* \* \* I don't know. That boy was started middlin' well, I'm thinkin'. His name? Wy, it was Abraham—Abe Lincoln.

**P**ORE whites his folks was? Yes, as pore as any. The pioneers, they wa'n't no plutocrats; Belonged right down among the humble many, And no more property than dogs or cats. But \* \* \* maybe that's As good a way as any for a startin'. Abe Lincoln, he riz middlin' high, for sartin'!

**S**OMEHOW I've always had a sort o' sneakin' Idee that peddydegrees is purty much Like monkeys' tails—so long they're apt to weaken The yap that drags 'em round. No use for such! But \* \* \* beats the Dutch How now and then a lad like Little Aby Grows up a president—or gavnor, maybe.



**A**BE LINCOLN never had no reg'lar schoolin'; He never quarterbacked nor pulled stroke out, Nor never spent his time and money foolin' With buried langwidges and ancient lore. But \* \* \* Abe I'arned more To set him forrerd in the human filin' Than all the college fellers' kit and bilin'.

**A**BE LINCOLN never did git hifalutin— Not even that in Washin'ton, D. C. He jist kep' common, humble, ord'n'ry, suitin' His backwoods corn patch raisin' to a T. But \* \* \* jiminy gee! Wy, Abe was any statesman's peer and ekul And wise as Solomon or old Ezekul.

**I**RECKON I'm a bit old fashioned, maybe, But when I want a pattern for a man I'm middlin' shore to measure Father Aby And cut to fit his homely human plan. And long 's I can I'm hootin' loud and rootin' proud, by hucky, For that old boy from Hodgenville, Kaintucky!

**The Gettysburg Address**

Remarks at the Dedication of the National Cemetery at Gettysburg, November 19, 1863.

**F**OURSCORE and seven years ago our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But in a larger sense we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow, this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here have consecrated it far above our power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth.

**Sweet Peas.**

We have just received a large assortment of the best known varieties of very fancy sweet pea seed from Portland Seed Co. We would advise all who are going to plant sweet peas for the annual fair to be given some time this spring to call early as possible and take advantage of the large assortment before the best varieties are gone. Planting day is Feb. 22. METCALF & BRUND.

**LEGISLATURE TURNS DOWN THE MINERS**

The Muncy bill to release undeveloped mining corporations from the present heavy incorporation tax was again killed in the house. Muncy took the floor and made a plea for Oregon's greatest industry where heavy fines were imposed on the poor man, who, by his industry, was tapping the earth's resources for the welfare of humanity. He wanted these burdens removed and 15 other legislators thought so, too. In Marion county Libby and Patton voted with the miners.

**The Farmers Best Friends.**

Among the farmers' best friends are the birds that visit his fields and orchards. The good that they do is not often appreciated. We are certain to notice the loss of a crop through insect pests; but when the crop is good, it seldom occurs to us to think that it might have been lost but for the good offices of friends or favorable conditions.

Insect enemies are almost always present in sufficient numbers to do considerable damage if they are not kept in check by their enemies. One of the best regulators of insect life is the birds. In the winter months the trees are thoroughly searched by chickadees which pick up insect eggs and tear open cocoons and nests. These birds eat seeds as well and can be attracted to the place by being fed hayseed, suet and other dainty bits. Various members of the woodpecker family are to be seen during the winter. They are especially fond of wood boring grubs, ants, cocoons of various insects and eat insect eggs whenever they are to be found. When we consider the number of these creatures required for the meal of a bird, and the power these have of reproducing themselves if left undisturbed, we can get some idea of the benefit derived from this winter work.

The larks are to be found in the fields during the winter. While their food consists chiefly of weed seed, any insect which is unfortunate enough to expose itself is likely to be pounced upon.

At this season they search everywhere for cutworms, which form a large portion of their diet. Cutworms are among the worst insect enemies of the farmer. They are almost always more or less abundant and do injury which does not attract much attention because of the small amount, but which in the aggregate must be of considerable importance. The blackbirds often do very great service eating the caterpillars from field crops, especially near the bodies of water where these birds make their homes. Sparrow hawks and small owls are of distinct value to the farmer. They live chiefly on mice, and gophers, with a few small birds for a relish. Great harm is often done by the indiscriminate killing of these birds.—Agricultural College.

**SUMMONS.**

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Lane County. Oregon and Southeastern Railroad Company, a corporation, plaintiff, vs John Finn, defendant. To John Finn, the above named defendant: In the name of the state of Oregon you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled action within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and if you fail to appear and answer as herein required for want thereof, the plaintiff will apply to the court for an assessment of the damages which will result to the above named defendant by reason of the taking of the property described in plaintiff's complaint, desired to be appropriated by the plaintiff, and on payment of the amount of damages so assessed, into the court by said plaintiff, the plaintiff will take judgment against you appropriating to it the right of way described in said complaint. This summons is published once a week for six successive weeks, in the Cottage Grove Leader, a newspaper of general circulation in Lane county, State of Oregon, published in Cottage Grove, in said county and state, by order of Hon. G. R. Christman, County Judge of said county made on the 8th day of February, 1909. The first publication of this summons is on the 12th day of February, 1909, and the last publication on the 20th day of March, 1909. J. C. JOHNSON and J. S. MEDLEY, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

E. A. Rhoten field editor of the Pacific Homestead, Salem, is in Cottage Grove looking after business for that popular farm journal. He says Cottage Grove is the banner poultry fancier town in the valley. Mr. Rhoten is a genial fellow and a hustler for business.

**Report of the Condition**

**The First National Bank**

at Cottage Grove, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, Feb. 8th, 1909.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	\$192,115.40
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	2,248.56
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	17,500.00
Bonds, securities, etc.	365.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	28,171.53
Banking House, furniture, fixtures	2,865.00
Other real estate owned	9,560.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	19,742.34
Due from State Banks and Bankers	1,675.00
Due from approved reserve agents	41,064.57
Checks and other cash items	84.04
Notes of other National Banks	91.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	176.74
LAWYER'S FEE FOR STATE VIZ: Specie	33,500.00
Legal tender notes	1,000.00
Redemption Fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	35.00
Total	\$248,932.19

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	25,000.00
Surplus Fund	5,000.00
Undivided profits, less expense and taxes paid	11,897.58
National Bank Notes outstanding	12,200.00
Individual deposits subject to check	188,117.19
Demand certificates of deposit	3,712.15
Cashier's checks outstanding	.....
Total	\$248,932.19

State of Oregon }  
County of Lane }  
I, T. C. Wheeler, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
T. C. WHEELER, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of Feb. 1909.  
FINGAL S. HINDS, Notary Public.  
CORRECT ATTEST:  
Herbert Bakin }  
N. W. White } Directors.  
Oliver Veatch }



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**Registration of Land Title.**

In the matter of the application of Eva C. Wheeler to register the title to lot No. 4 and the east half of lot No. 3 of block No. 1 J. E. Young's addition to Cottage Grove, Lane County, Oregon. To all whom it may concern:—Take notice that on the 10th day of February, 1909, an application was filed by the said Eva C. Wheeler in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Lane county for initial registration of the land above described. Now, unless you appear on or before the 20th day of March, 1909, and show cause why said application should not be granted, the same will be taken as confessed and a decree will be entered according to the prayer of the application and you will be forever barred from disputing the same.  
E. T. LEE, County Clerk.  
By FRED G. SPRICKLE, Deputy.  
J. E. Young, Applicant's Attorney.

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