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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1909.

In the election of Dr. A. W. Kime to succeed as councilman, Henry Fischer, who left this city recently, the council made a wise and most satisfactory selection, as Dr. Kime is a prominent property owner, a booster for a greater Cottage Grove, is progressive and enterprising, but safe and conservative withal. While he will represent to the best of his ability the municipality generally, his selection gives that part of the city east of the railroad a personal representative, which that part of the town lost in the resignation of Mr. Fischer. The Leader congratulates the city council upon its wise selection of a councilman and Dr. Kime upon the honor thus thrust upon him.

Congressman Hawley says there are only six great newspapers published in the United States fit for the home reading table and names the Portland Oregonian and Boston Herald as two of them. Of course the Leader is one of the other four not mentioned.

Lang creek water for Cottage Grove will be what Bull Run water is for Portland.

Our esteemed contemporary, Western Oregon, announces a change in its management, the Messrs Bath being succeeded by Lew A. Cates of St. Louis, Missouri. This change is made owing to the failing health of the elder Bath. Mr. Cates is a practical newspaperman and withal a genial fellow. He will assume charge of the Western Oregon Saturday and the Leader joins the citizens of the town in extending Editor Cates and his estimable wife a cordial welcome to Cottage Grove.

Harry Murray, a former printer in the Leader office, is now editor and manager of the Gold Hill News. Harry is a good printer and a genial, all round good fellow. The Leader wishes him success.

Cook and Peary are both deserving of all the honors that are being bestowed upon them. There are few more perilous and difficult undertakings than a prolonged search for the pole.

The Leader is the only newspaper published in Western Oregon which came out Tuesday with a semblance of a correct report of the ministerial assignments of the Oregon Conference.

District Attorney Mulkey of Jackson county, has just made a round up of the blind piggers in that county and has secured 30 indictments through a single grand jury.

Roseburg has just accepted the curbing and paving on three of its principal business streets—Sheridan, Cass and Jackson.

CAPT. BARTLETT SHOOT UP TOWN

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though not more than one shot had been fired.

Capt. Bartlett carries eight guns of different make with him, but much of his work here was done with rifles taken from the Griffin-Veatch Co's., large stock.

He was christened "Wounded Knee" in a fight with Sioux horse thieves near the Rosebud agency in the Dakotas where he was wounded in the knee. Capt. Bartlett was a witness of the Pine Ridge massacre in Dakota, led by "Big Foot" Dec. 29, 1890, in which 400 Indians and 40 soldiers gave up their lives. The captain brands this slaughter as wholly unnecessary on the part of the soldiers. Three days later he was sent to this battlefield in the snow to bury the dead and found a crying Indian baby lying under its dead mother and several other squaws, which had protected it from the storm and cold. The little waif was christened "Lost Bird" and was adopted by the wife of General Colby who now resides at Portland, Oregon, while the waif of the Dakota Bad Lands is now a beautiful Indian maiden, well educated, cherished by her foster mother and a favorite among her distinguished associates. During the captain's confinement with his wounded knee he was nursed by the noted frontier woman "Calamity Jane," who dressed in a buckskin shirt and trousers, high top boots and white felt hat, while her long black hair hung down to her waist, could ride and shoot with the best of the frontiersmen, yet was kind hearted and motherly. She prevented the doctors from amputating the captain's leg and showed him many kindnesses during his illness which he says he can never forget.

The Leader was favored with a pleasant call from the captain, in company with H. H. Veatch, and he very kindly gave us the thrilling incidents of his life related above which, however, is only a few of them. While in Portland recently he gave a thrilling shooting exhibition for the National Moving Picture Association and a fine film was recorded, which will go out to all of the moving picture theaters of the world and will be a great advertisement for Capt. Bartlett and the Peters Cartridge Co.

A negro boys' brass band from the Eckstein & Norton Institute at Cane Springs, Kentucky, arrived here Thursday noon and played on the streets. The band is making a tour of the country raising money for the institute by taking up collections and playing for entertainments, fairs and other gatherings. The boys made good music for youngsters and attracted large crowds on the street.

The Portland and Salem saloon men and the breweries of the state are bound to bring about statewide prohibition by their indiscreet actions. Let it come. The state will be the better for it.

The special city election went "wet" nearly everyone being in favor of bonding for more water.

FALLACY OF DRAIN'S OBJECTION TO NESMITH

"Drain, Oregon, Sept. 18.—The taxpayers of this portion of Douglas county met in the grove at Drain today, beginning with a basket dinner. The attendance was fair. The object was to ascertain the sentiment in regard to a division of the county.

A number of speeches were made strongly in favor of quick action. A committee of eight was appointed to take charge. This committee will communicate with Commercial Clubs in the country to get united action.

The question of location of the county seat was ignored and only a proper division of the county was discussed. Strong opposition to the formation of Nesmith county out of a portion of Douglas, owing to the irregular shape of the proposed county, comes from sources which it is believed will defeat that project as one untenable and against the wishes of a majority of people throughout the county."

If the irregular shape of the proposed Nesmith county, is the only objection its opponents can raise, the proposition will carry by an overwhelming majority, as this is generally considered as a most flimsy and paltry excuse upon which to base opposition from the fact that Marion, Wasco, Washington, Multnomah, Yamhill, Union and many other old established and important Oregon counties are just as "irregular" in shape as the proposed Nesmith county. We would inform our Drain neighbors, who seem to have little knowledge of Oregon's geography and typography, that valleys, watersheds and river courses have always figured largely and almost solely in the establishment of county boundary lines in this state instead of section or township lines as is the rule in a level or prairie country. Therefore the establishment of Nesmith's boundary lines were made to include only such territory as is remote and not tributary to the old county seats of Eugene and Roseburg, a little empire within itself, yet easy of access and directly tributary to a natural center where the county seat might be established. This has been the paramount consideration in the creation of the other Oregon counties and always will be.

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