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THE GUARD AND THE BOOSTERS.

The Eugene Guard has the temerity to speak right out in meeting in criticism of the methods employed by the Eugene Commercial Club promotion committee in exploiting and advertising the resources and advantages of Eugene and Lane county and the manner in which the money is being expended with outside printing and advertising establishments to the utter exclusion of the home papers and printing establishments. The Guard says, among other things just as true and pertinent: "Let the papers report that any town on the coast has raised a promotion fund of any size worth while, and the next train is sure to bring one of the sleek-tongued advertising fakirs of the Southern Pacific—the same class of men who sold lightning rods before they moved West to ply a not dissimilar vocation here. They camp on the trail of those dollars contributed by the progressive element of that community until they garner into the capacious treasury at San Francisco and their commission rakes off jingles in their pockets. However, it is an old saying that where one partner furnishes the experience and the other the money, at the end of the partnership the relative positions are frequently reversed. Eugene, we gravely fear, is buying experience."

The Guard also complains because promotion printing contracts are being let to Portland, instead of Eugene printers. The Guard says it is expected to put up a red hot campaign against the creation of Nesmith county, regardless of a personal loss of many hundreds of dollars, and further bear the blunt of all local issues, but from the fact that very little of the promotion fund finds its way into its coffers, it, like a good many other local papers, is not inclined to be very enthusiastic on such local questions.

It is not uncommon that a stranger enters the Leader office with the remark, "well I received those sample copies of the Leader and here I am," when the fact is soon made known that the visitor has just arrived in quest of a home from some of the eastern or middle western states, his attention having been directed to this locality through the medium of the local paper. Mr. Angel of Saginaw, is a living example of the good work of the Leader, while Mr. Finney, the successful poultryman and breeder of White and Brown Leghorn chickens, who has purchased a 25 acre tract one mile south of this city and will build thereon in the Spring and who now

resides on the E. E. Bright place in east Cottage Grove, was a reader of the Leader before he left the Sunflower state for Cottage Grove. These are the kind of people who stick when they come here, from the fact that they have read all sides of the question through the local paper and do not expect to find a land of "perpetual sunshine with fruits and flowers in abundance the year round." The Leader could site to many other like cases, but space will not permit. We believe the promotion work of the Commercial Club will bring results, but these returns will have been well paid for. The Leader after considerable inquiry found a man recently, a Mr. Pleasanton, who said he had been attracted to this place from his Indiana home by the Cottage Grove booklet, but we regret to state, after spending several days in our city Mr. and Mrs. Pleasanton took their departure Sunday for Jackson county in quest of a dryer climate. The Cottage Grove promotion committee has expended \$2,600 in outside printing and advertising in the past year. Of this fund the Leader has received \$11 in patronage, with a net profit of \$2. This is not the reason we "keep smiling and boosting," however.

CALLS A CANYON A VALLEY.

Isn't it rather strange that the upper North Umpqua Valley should be included in the proposed new county of "Nesmith?" The people of that territory would have to come to the city of Roseburg, and then travel north 55 miles on the railroad to the little town of Cottage Grove, to get to their county seat. That would be "going some" wouldn't it?—Douglas (Roseburg) Leader.

Now Mr. Leader man, how many people reside in the Umpqua Forest Reserve in the "Upper North Umpqua valley" so-called? About three? And how many miners reside in that part of the Bohemia mining camp who are forced to come out to Cottage Grove and travel 55 miles to Roseburg to transact legal business? It will be remembered that a single mining case in the Roseburg circuit court from this district a few years ago, cost hundreds of dollars for witness fees alone, nearly a hundred witnesses having been called to submit evidence on one side or the other. You will have to trump up some stronger argument and confine yourself a little closer to facts if you defeat Nesmith, Brother Smith. Misrepresentation, duplicity and exaggeration don't go.

POLL TAX A HUMBUG

"The Eugene Register says the poll tax is 'pretty much of a humbug.' It is, and it is more—it is a fraud and an imposition. It should be done away with entirely as unjust when collected and as a relief to the land speculators when gathered into the treasury. There is not a county in the state but what could make up the difference by assessing the empty and idle sections more closely to their real value and cutting out the thieving poll tax altogether."—Portland Labor Press.

It would not be quite so bad if there was uniform collection of the poll tax: As it is, the records in all the counties show that about half those liable for such a tax put up the money, while the other half succeed, by various hooks and crooks, in evading the same. The tax should be cut out or else collected without discrimination. The same applies to the road poll tax.

The Medford Mail-Tribune of February 2, gave the Bohrnstedt Co., of Creswell, Lane county, and Sutherland Land Co., of Douglas county, the hottest roast we have read in a good while. The Tribune accuses both of these enterprising companies of misrepresentation in their advertising matter and declares much of their promotion matter is stolen bodily from Medford's booklets and Jackson county records in the production of fine fruit. This kind of thing is exactly what is causing so many Eastern investors and home seekers to look with suspicion upon all western promotion literature whether authentic and reliable or not.

The shell leaves the muzzle of one of our latest 12-inch, 45-caliber rifles, with a velocity of 2,950 feet a second—33.52 miles a minute—and has a striking force at that instant equal to a blow of 52,632 foot-pounds! A fast express of 350 tons, thundering along at the rapid rate of 98.34 miles an hour, in collision with a standing object, would be able to deal a blow of exactly corresponding magnitude. The gun's missile weighs but 870 pounds, and the charge of powder 335 pounds—such is the power concentrated in our smokeless propellant.

All of the wealthy property holders and corporations are marching up to the sheriff's office and paying their taxes and receiving the benefit of the three per cent rebate. The farmer who has little money until after the fall harvest will hustle around and pay half of his taxes now and the other half this fall and get no rebate. And the same will be the experience of hundreds of the smaller property holders. Our "generous" tax law is a fine thing—for the rich man and corporations.

In April the people of Marquette Mich., will elect their own postmaster, by consent of the congress-man of the district.

This is the only proper procedure in the selection of a postmaster and Cottage Grove and other Oregon towns would do well to adopt this method of selecting their postmasters.

A visitor rang the bell at the stone house on the avenue. The butler answered the ring. "Ah," exclaimed the caller, "I say, is Mrs. Vanastorbilt in?" "Yes," replied the butler, "but she's in bed with peritonitis." "Ah, sigh," said the other as he took his departure, "Always a foreigner."

The Leader received a few questions to answer bearing on Canonism from the Chicago Tribune last week and here this the Tribune has ascertained the fact that the sooner "Uncle Joe" is retired to private life the better it will please the Leader.

It is suggested that if the mayor had recommended the purchase of a side walk stretcher instead of vetoing the steam roller and rock crusher ordinance he would have made more of a hit with his constituents.

There is more of a desire among the business men today to work for the development of the town as a whole than there has been at any time.

Opportunity knocks once at each man's door, but if you, yourself, happen to be knocking when she calls, you'll never hear her.

Boost for Nesmith county.

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SCHUMANN-HEINK CONCERT AT EUGENE

Mme. Schumann-Heink, the world's greatest living contralto, will sing in concert at the Eugene theater, Friday evening Feb. 25, and the nearness of the great artist's visit to Cottage Grove will enable many of our music lovers to see and hear her.

New York Reception.

When Mme. Schumann-Heink appeared on the platform it was the signal for a tremendous outburst of applause. This famous contralto had to bow her acknowledgments for quite a while before the audience would let her proceed. Then she charmed her hearers with the aria from Mozart's "Titus" and when the shouts of applause refused to stop she responded with an encore.—New York Herald.

Schumann-Heink Enthralls Big Throng

Mme. Schumann-Heink beamed upon an audience of over four thousand people assembled to hear her. She received a tremendous ovation when she made her appearance and the consummate art with which she interpreted the aria from Mozart's "Titus" was the high point of the musical festival. She was in excellent vocal condition and it was Mozart singing such as only the few elect can render.—Chicago Examiner.

AS TO TAXES.

The tax notices recently sent out from the sheriff's office are causing much discussion among county and city tax payers, taxes being higher this year than ever before, in fact taxes have been steadily increasing for a number of years and the people are wondering where and when this thing is going to end. The limit has been reached and property owners cannot be blamed for complaining. It is evident that there is extravagance and bad business management somewhere and it is about time to call a halt. Two years ago the Leader man paid \$18 taxes on his little home. Last year he was required to pay \$21 and now we are notified that our taxes on the same property will be \$36.55 this year. This is about the rate of increasing taxation all around. Is it any wonder south Lane would create Nesmith county?

MOVING.

The cleaning and dye works on Fourth Street are moving to the Schief building on Main Street at east end of bridge where they are fitting up nice rooms for their growing business. They will continue to do first class cleaning, pressing, mending and repairing of both ladies and mens suits. The well known Universal, Marks and Continental lines of samples for men made to measure, suits on display. Have a look.

J. E. GUCHES.

Why Pay Rent.

W. B. Cooper who has built a large number of pretty bungalows in this city and has four more under course of construction now is prepared to sell on the installment plan, a home to any one on terms very little more than the regular rentals. Here is an excellent opportunity for any one with a regular salary to realize something for their regular rent payments—to secure a home of their own. Inquire of W. B. Cooper.

Declare Boycott On Costly Hats.

Denver, Feb. 5.—The women of this city have started a boycott against the milliners. Mrs. Claude E. Griley and Mrs. Edward L. Prentiss, two young society matrons, have announced they stand ready to start the boycott and scores of their friends have made known their determination to step into line. They object because even simple hats cost not less than \$25.00.

CHURCH NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special preparations are being made to make the next Sunday's services in the Methodist Church the best yet. Bible school at 10 a. m. Classes for all ages. Robert Sutcliffe's sermon at 11 was suggested by Mark Twain's saying, "Be good and you are lonesome." His topic is "The loneliness of goodness." Miss Mildred Pringle conducts the Epworth League devotional meeting at 6:30 p. m. Subject "How to Pray." Peoples popular service at 7:30. The pastor begins a series of lectures in the position taken by the largest Protestant Church in the world toward some of the tremendous problems of the day. These addresses will be frank and brotherly. All who are sincere truth seekers welcomed. The topic "Methodism and the Bible." Special selection by the orchestra. Hearty congregational singing. Attentive Ushers.

"The Bible as Literature," at the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning. This will be a special service and the Mizpah Bible class will attend in a body. Junior Endeavor at 2:30, Christian Endeavor at 6:30 and preaching at 7:30.

The Brotherhood of the Presbyterian church has published a very neat church post card. It has in the corner the picture of the church and minister, at the other end is the following inscription: "To be anxious for souls and yet not impatient, to be patient and yet not indifferent, to bear the infirmities of the weak without fostering them, to testify against sin, and unfaithfulness and the low standard of spiritual life and yet to keep the stream of love free and full and open—to have the mind of a faithful shepherd, a hopeful physician, a tender nurse, a skilful teacher—is our aim." Many persons who desire local post cards to send to their friends will welcome these cards as that which fills a long felt want in our community.

The probabilities are that Whiston and Longman will begin Evangelistic meetings at Christian church the first Lord's Day in April instead of the 15th of April as heretofore announced.

The Christian Endeavor gave a Valentine social in the parlors of the Christian church Monday evening which was well attended and greatly enjoyed. The making of valentines was the order of the evening. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. Jean Morris Ellis will begin her lecture on character reading and character building at the Christian church this (Tuesday) evening.

Next Sunday morning at 11 a. m. Rev. Elkins will continue the study of the Life of Jesus of Nazareth. Following these studies will be a service of discourses on "Teachings of Jesus." Bible school at 10 a. m. Mrs. Ida Caldwell, the energetic and efficient Bible School superintendent is introducing some unique and interesting features in the opening exercises. Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. "If Jesus were an American Citizen," will be the subject of the evening discourse. What would be the probable attitude of the Master toward the leading social and economical problems which confront the American people? Special songs both morning and evening. Everybody welcome.

Sheriff's Tax List.

Is at the First National Bank in this city where you can pay your taxes if you desire.

"NESMITH" BOOMERS HAVE COMPANY HERE

Cazadero citizens are agitating the forming of a new county of the eastern portion of Clackamas, and to that end a mass meeting under the auspices of the Cazadero Commercial Club is to be held in the near future. The proposed county would probably have its county seat at Caradero, and would lie in between Multnomah on the west and Hood river on the east. It would join Marion County to the south, and contain a large area of forest reserve on the western slope of the Cascades.

The move is made by those who consider Oregon City inconvenient to reach and charge that Clackamas county authorities have been discriminating against the vicinity of Cazadero in the matter of assessment and taxation. The projectors favor taking in the sections around Oak Grove, whose residents now desire annexation to Multnomah.

By using Cottage Grove creamery butter you encourage the farmers by helping to make a ready market for his cream, Cottage creamery butter, 40 cents per pound, Kerr & Silsby.

McCUBBINS BUYS PARSONS SAWMILL.

Parsons' sawmill has been sold to Elvin McCubbins, who owns a large amount of timber close to where the new mill is now being constructed, says the Creswell Chronicle. The mill will be ready to commence sawing in about two weeks. New machinery will be installed so as to get out lumber in the best possible manner.

Mr. McCubbins has made arrangements with R. E. McDaniel to handle all of his lumber in this place. Mr. McDaniel will commence the erection of sheds and a dry kiln to handle the lumber. All lumber will be planed here, and Mr. McDaniel also expects to install machinery to make door and window frames and all kinds of mill work necessary for building.

For Sale.

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