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CO. E ELECTION TONIGHT

Revival of Interest in Local Company of Coast Artillery

Cottage Grove's Company of Coast Artillery will hold its annual election tonight, and there seems to be no question as to what the result will be. Lieut. H. K. Metcalf will be made captain of the Company.

As the time for annual inspection draws near, the boys are making a special effort to bring the enrollment of the company up to the required number. Present indications are that this will be accomplished without difficulty. The enrollment is now 56, 12 having been enlisted during the past week. The required enrollment is 63.

NEW BUILDING GOING FORWARD

W. B. Cooper, who, in company with A. S. Powell, began the construction of a large and up-to-date concrete and brick building, at the corner of Main and Second streets, has purchased Mr. Powell's interests in the enterprise and is going ahead with the work as rapidly as the weather and circumstances will permit. The concrete foundation is about completed, and Messrs. Fuller & Cherry, from Eugene, who have the contract for purchasing the concrete blocks, have their factory, which occupies a large store building and a commodious tent east of the depot, working full time manufacturing these articles at a good rate of speed. With some nice weather which is sure to come soon this building will begin to assume proportions that will give it the appearance of what it will be in time. This building is to be 75x90 feet, and one-half of the ground floor is to be occupied by the store of the Rees-Wallace Co. and will give that popular firm much longer and more roomy and convenient quarters. The other half is yet unengaged, while the upper floor will be used by the local company of Coast Guards as an armory. This building will no doubt be a credit to the town and owner and builders.

Phillip Hohl went to Portland yesterday to consult his physicians.

The Ladies Aid of the Church of Christ will hold a market next Saturday. Proceeds in aid of the Bible School.

The Dudley Buck Concert Company at the Arcade Friday night gave a delightful entertainment, well attended.

F. W. Fieldhouse of near Portland, was in town Sunday and called on his sister-in-law, Miss Wilkie, one of our popular teachers.

Be sure and step in and see the egg feeders at the Commission House. Buy a dollar's worth of feed and you get a feeder free.

Mrs. L. A. Jacobson and Mrs. Catharine Jackman, from Portland, are guests at the home of Dr. Demorest. They will remain until tomorrow.

The third and last number on the entertainment course under the auspices of the Woodmen of the World and the Knights of Pythias was given at the Armory Friday night. Alvah Green was the attraction and he gave excellent satisfaction.

Mrs. W. C. Johnson of this city was operated upon by Dr. Day at Eugene for appendicitis last Thursday. Mrs. J. had been suffering from this trouble for the past two years but was not apprised of what the trouble was. She is getting along nicely at present and it is hoped that she will be able to return home in a short time.

LITTLE LEADERS

Reports of rainy weather in Oregon are largely exaggerated.

Every easterner gets letters from home which make him glad he is in Oregon.

The Hill road is coming up the valley and there is good promise of "things doing."

Spring flowers are in bloom at Cottage Grove and the base ball boys are "working out."

Cottage Grove "high" has some basket ball team.

Cottage Grove has good hotels. No one knows this better than the newly arrived stranger.

St. Valentine's Day. A lovin' look is better than no valentine at all.

There is comfort in the assurance that Cottage Grove has pure drinking water.

A booster meeting for "Made in Oregon" goods was held at Dallas Wednesday evening. Good idea.

Let the ladies have the city dog tax fund and let the public library movement go forward.

Cottage Grove is to have a uniform system of naming streets and avenues, and the business and dwelling houses are to be numbered. The next step will be free mail delivery.

Any one who has doubts as to the future of the fruit industry in Oregon should read the bulletin on fruit culture written by C. I. Lewis and issued by the State Agricultural College.

The Sob squad is always on duty.

The great question in politics: Roosevelt?

PUBLIC LIBRARY BENEFIT

Laura Thomas Gunnell, impersonator, and Ethel Carolyn Palmer, pianist, will give an entertainment in Cottage Grove Wednesday, February 28, for the benefit of the public library.

Miss Gunnell is a native Oregonian of unusual ambition and ability. Before her graduation from the College of Oratory of Willamette University she had gained for herself an enviable reputation as an entertainer and had proven herself a capable assistant teacher. After a series of most successful readings, she then entered Columbia College of Expression in Chicago where the true value of her work was acknowledged and she was sent to Minnesota, the first undergraduate from the school recommended to fill a salaried position. Her work there was most commendable but she returned to Columbia and received her diploma.

Ethel Palmer's early education was received at the University of Oregon. Prior to her graduation, she was honored with the position as assistant instructor in music. Going to San Francisco, she studied with Hugo Mansfeldt, remaining until the earthquake. Going to Portland, she made rapid advancement under Charles Dierkes. Going to New York, her success was little short of phenomenal. Her study with Carl Lachmund, who was with Liszt three years, was an opportunity which broadened her musical conception and she won a place in the foremost ranks of the musicians of this country.

Those who attend this entertainment will be glad they did so, and will aid a worthy cause.

Mrs. S. M. Hunt returned Sunday evening from a week's trip to Portland, where she has been taking notes in the new millinery styles and patterns.

CHANGE OF LEADER OWNERS

Messrs. Dean & Dryden Give Place to D. H. Talmadge Statements of Outgoing and Incoming Publishers

It having been our desire for some time to take a rest from newspaper work the management of the Leader for the past six months gives place this week to D. H. Talmadge, late of West Union, Iowa, and a life long newspaper man and publisher. It is not that we have not received a cordial welcome and a hearty support at the hands of the good people of Cottage Grove that we make this change, but do so from the fact that it is necessary for health and our general well being from a physical standpoint.

Mr. Talmadge comes to us highly recommended as a skilled printer and publisher as well as a successful manager of country newspapers, and all feel confident that the Leader is in proper hands and that its weekly visits will continue to be appreciated by its many supporters. Mr. Talmadge is not at all blind to the many advantages possessed by Cottage Grove and will not be slow to keep them before the people and will always be found ready to make a long and strong pull for the good and further advancements of the city's best interests.

As for the retiring management, we will not leave the city for the present at least, it being our wish and aim to make this our permanent homes, will see more of this country and become more and better acquainted with it and it's good people, and do not bid you good bye, and will continue to meet and greet you as we adjust ourselves to other vocations among you, while we on behalf of Mr. Talmadge and family, ask a hearty and generous support in order that he may be able to put out a paper of which we may all feel proud.

DEAN & DRYDEN

The new owner of the Leader takes charge of the office and business with this issue. He comes to Cottage Grove after having been convinced to his own satisfaction that the town and surroundings are rich in promise for the future, and he is here with a determination to assist in all good work looking to the development of this section. Incidentally, he

hopes to make a living for his family.

There is little use in making promises. The new owner of the Leader has lived long enough on earth and has been long enough in newspaper work to learn that a man gets credit only for what he does, not for what he says he is going to do. The Leader will take a lively interest in local and state politics. It will endeavor to cover the local news field thoroughly. It will try conscientiously to reciprocate fully, and perhaps more so, any favors, business and otherwise, that may be shown it. It will aim to make the name of Cottage Grove known favorably in many places where it is not now known. It will do its best to meet honorable competition fairly.

This, in brief, is the platform on which the new owner stands.

Personally, he believes in meeting people and issues face to face. He long ago abandoned the idea of trying to make the world over. There are always things, however, that need fixing, and he is going to do what little he can to help fix them.

The family of the new owner is a fairly numerous one and considerable of a consumer of eatables. Also dry goods. Also clothing. Also other things. It will buy these commodities in Cottage Grove so long as it is dependent upon the people of the town for its support. This principle the new owner believes to be one vital to the welfare of any community.

Some time will be required to make certain changes in the Leader which the new owner has in view. In the meantime he hopes that everybody who may feel inclined to do so will call and get acquainted.

And in conclusion, he wishes to state that in arranging the details of the deal which has resulted in his becoming a resident of Cottage Grove he has found Messrs. Dean & Dryden to be in every way courteous and agreeable gentlemen. They have placed a stranger under lasting obligations for assistance in the somewhat trying labor incidental to the first publication of a newspaper in a strange office and a strange field.

A GOOD MOVE

Under direction of Fire Chief Brund, Frank Woodruff has been circulating a petition and securing names of persons who are willing to proceed to reorganize the fire department of this city and bring up the standard of efficiency of that important institution to what the needs of the city will demand during the coming summer.

It is the purpose of the parties taking the initiative in this move to form three divisions, namely, Eastern, Central, and Western, with a full membership of wide awake men who have the good and safety of the town at heart and who will take the proper interest in this move.

Mr. Woodruff is not meeting with the success that the cause really merits, but has a number of names of volunteers subscribed in whom confidence may be placed, and there is no question but many more will be secured as rapidly as he presents his paper. This is a cause that none can afford to turn down.

A meeting will be held at the hall Tuesday night, March 5. All interested should attend.

FINGER BROKEN

Clifford Hayes, engineer at the Brown Lumber Co.'s mill, had the forefinger on his right hand broken Sunday while repairing a grate. Dr. Kime put the injured finger into shape.

YOUNGSTER BREAKS ARM

The six-year-old son of John Watkins at Comstock was brought to Cottage Grove Monday, suffering from a broken arm, the result of a fall.

EGGS FOR HATCHING

Poultrymen, get the hen that pays. S. C. Auconas, Black Minorcas, and Buff Orpingtons. Quality high, prices low. Special rates by the 100. A. Wood, Cottage Grove, Oregon.

TO RESUME OPERATIONS

The Timber Land and Orchard Company, whose holdings are located about six miles south of Cottage Grove, are to resume operations within a very short time.

Nothing has been doing with this company for several weeks, but new blood has been injected into it, and the work is to go forward with increased vigor.

W. R. Shaw of Boise, Idaho, is to be the new manager. He has rented one of the Lurch cottages on the west side and is moving in. His wife is expected to arrive from Portland tomorrow.

A meeting of more than usual interest of Spanish-American War Veterans took place at Eugene Wednesday evening. Frank Woodruff attended from this city, and he informs us that a grand time was had. A very lively boxing contest between a couple of the local boys which proved highly entertaining was pulled off. Four real scientific rounds resulted which were heartily enjoyed by the crowd. A grand banquet at the close was a feature of the meeting which was also duly appreciated by all.

Miss Bertha Margaret Stoups of this city and Lewis Carrouters of Holyoke, Colo., were married at the Methodist parsonage yesterday forenoon. Rev. Robt. Sutcliffe officiating. Mrs. Carrouters is the daughter of J. E. Stoups. Mr. and Mrs. Carrouters departed for their home in Colorado Thursday.

WAITING for MORE TIMBER

Jones Mill at Disston Closes Down—May Move to Cottage Grove

The big lumber plant of the J. I. Lumber Co. operating at Disston will close down this week for an indefinite period, putting about 60 men out of employment.

The company have logged off all of the timber they own and the mill will be closed until a deal for more timber can be made; and it is understood that a deal is in progress now, and if it goes through the company will own one of the finest belts of timber in Lane Co.

It is predicted by those who are in position to know that if the Company gets control of this fine belt of timber they will not be content with the mill as it now stands at Disston but that it will be moved to this city and rebuilt in a much larger and improved style.

Mr. Jones, the manager of this Company, is just as anxious to have his plant located in this city as the people are to have it, and we believe with the proper co-operation a modern plant will be built in this city within the next few months.

Mr. James already owns one of the finest mill sites in this section of the country and the new mill would be built upon it.

The site is just east of his residence in the southeastern part of the city.

EUGENE GETS DISTRICT FAIR

At a recent meeting of the board of directors Second Southern Oregon District Agricultural Society it was decided that the fair for next fall shall be held at Eugene. Amos Wilkins of Eugene was elected president and H. L. Hollenbeck, also of Eugene, Secretary of the association. This district comprises Lane, Douglas, Coos and Curry counties, and should be a grand success. The resourcefulness of the district is such that a showing should be made of which we should all be proud. There is now time enough that the thorough preparation of the soil can be made for all spring crops and for the putting stock in fine condition, and if all would do their full share this would be a show like which has never before occurred in this district.

Piano Instruction

Miss Ryckman of Eugene, formerly from the east, will take a limited number of piano pupils in Cottage Grove. She uses the latest improved methods and can assure good results to any who may take instruction from her. It is her intention, if she meets with sufficient encouragement, to visit this city every Saturday. Orders may be left at the Ladies' Toggery.

The transient taken into custody here last Monday by Marshal Snodgrass and who was suspected of having been doing house robbing at different towns down the valley, gave his name as P. Z. J. Kassick, and admitted to Deputy Sheriff Croner that he was guilty of the Irving robbery as well as that at Albany. He was taken before Justice of the Peace Bryson, upon which he waived examination. His bond was fixed at \$500 which he was unable to furnish and was placed in jail to await the action of the grand jury.

The Ladies Aid of the Church of Christ will give a "Martha Washington Tea" at the Aid room on Tuesday, Feb. 20. A good program has been prepared. Everybody invited.

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