

Bohemia Gold Mining District and Thirty Saw Milling Enterprises Tributary to Cottage Grove. Dairying, Fruit Growing, Farming are Profitable Industries.

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ELECTRIC LINE TO THE GROVE

Rights of Way Already Secured to Creswell from Eugene

It has been known that surveyors and rights-of-way agents have been engaged in active operations between Cottage Grove and Eugene and Lorane during the past winter, but they have been very reticent in regard to giving out any information concerning the project upon which they were working and also as to the promoters of the prospective electric lines. However, the somewhat hazy atmosphere surrounding these operations was considerably cleared up last week by the following announcement of the Eugene Register:

"For the purpose of interesting some railroad in the building of an electric line from Eugene, business men, who are interested in property between here and Creswell have secured the greater part of the right-of-way for the line from Eugene to Creswell. Deeds for this right-of-way are being made to P. E. Snodgrass, vice-president of the First National bank, as trustee.

Surveys already made are for the line to leave Eugene along Alder street to the south and through the pass just east of Spencer butte into Camas swale to Creswell, and thence on to Cottage Grove."

The Creswell Chronicle story is as follows:

Right-of-way has been secured for the construction of an electric line from Eugene to Creswell, so the Chronicle has been informed by F. A. Richardson, president of the Creswell Orchard Co., who was instrumental in securing a part of the right-of-way, and who has a blue print of the proposed road.

The proposition is headed by P. E. Snodgrass, vice-president of the First National bank of Eugene, and with him in the enterprise are other capitalists of that place. The road will be about 10 1/2 miles in length and the survey has been made and the grade established as far as the Ziniker place west of town.

Those interested in the road own a tract of 1500 acres known as the Porter Acres which is located about six miles south of Eugene. The proposed line will pass through this property to Ziniker's place which joins it on the south. After crossing a portion of the Ziniker farm it runs through Ruegger Brothers' farm of 827 acres for a distance of a mile and a quarter and touches the corner of R. H. Newhall's place. From there it strikes the county road west of the Ralph Stone farm and comes east on that thoroughfare to town.

Every acre of the right-of-way has been deeded and work on the road will start at once. The deeds specify that the line is to be completed within two years. Those at the head of the project state if it is impossible for them to finance the road to completion, that other capital is ready to step in and finish the line.

It is understood that Milwaukee, Wisconsin, capitalists who are financing the fruit development in the Lorane valley, are very much interested in the project, and are anxiously awaiting the completion

of such a road, as they will extend it up the swale to the natural pass through the mountains and extend it into the Lorane valley.

The road from Eugene to Creswell will be easily constructed, as it is only a two and one-half per cent grade. A line such as this would open a large amount of country, and it is hoped that the project will be carried to a successful termination.

BUILDING ACTIVITY COMMENCES EARLY

Many New Bungalows and Cottages Already in Evidence as Well As Two Big Bricks

Already a number of modern bungalows and cottages are looming up in Cottage Grove regardless of the fact that the advent of the building season is not due for at least 30 days. Among the new commodious homes we note the fine new bungalow of Capt. Bert K. Lawson in east Cottage Grove; the new bungalow of Photographer Monroe on Fourth street and there by the neat, new cottage of Ernest Bisby, while work on the fine modern bungalow for Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Adams on Perkins Avenue is progressing. Mr. and Mrs. Adams now enjoying their honeymoon in southern California. A large new addition to the Beatty cottage in West Cottage Grove was recently completed by contractor W. F. Hart. Sam McKernon has completed a neat cottage near the brick yard. Walter Woodard has also completed a neat bungalow and moved therein in South Cottage Grove. This promises to be a year of great building activity in Cottage Grove.

W. C. Johnson had a pair of large dormer windows built in the place of the one small one in the mansard roof of his nice home on Cherry street last week.

The big two story concrete brick building of Cooper & Powell on the corner of main and second street is about inclosed and will be one of the handsomest business blocks in the city when completed.

The foundation is completed and the floor sills in place for the new Cooper brick adjoining the Lawson brick, and it is rumored the old Griffin corner opposite Spray's will be the site of the next big commercial building for Cottage Grove.

DEAD FIREMAN WAS COTTAGE GROVE BOY

Fireman Bert Aderton, who with Engineer Bartlett, was killed by the explosion of the locomotive at Rice Hill recently, received his education in the Cottage Grove public schools, during which time his father F. A. Aderton, was engaged in harness making in this city. Just prior to the time this family moved to Roseburg some years ago young Aderton was married to a Cottage Grove girl whose parents conducted a restaurant near the depot and whose names we cannot recall. A widow and two little daughters survive the unfortunate fireman.

Floyd Ramp, the well known socialist orator, was the principal speaker at a socialist rally and basket supper held at Phillips hall last Thursday evening. The party was well represented and the occasion was declared a most enjoyable one.

LOCAL, COUNTY, STATE AND GENERAL NEWS OF INTEREST

Springfield Saloon Trouble Starts Recall Proceedings---Death of Two Notable Characters Railroad Work at Eugene.

Banker Darwin Bristow, wife and little daughter, of Eugene, were guests for a few days last week at the home of Mrs. Bristow's brother, Attorney J. S. Medley, of this city.

The remains of the late General Fred D. Grant, son of the great civil war hero, will be laid to final rest with military honors at West Point. His death was sudden and unexpected.

Already on account of Saloon trouble at Springfield recall petitions are being circulated in our sister city for the recall of Mayor Stevens and councilmen Mathews and Henderson. J. A. Webber of the Metropole hotel is said to be backing the movement.

Miss Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, died at her home in Glen Echo, Maryland, Friday of pneumonia at the age of 90 years. She was honored by all nations, her life having been devoted to the alleviation of suffering brought either by war or pestilence.

F. B. Phillips informs the Leader that the county court will secure additional land for county road purposes along the river on the Spray place east of this city where the road was washed out last winter. Two or three stone bulk-heads will be built there this summer to prevent further destruction to the river bank and road by freshets in the river.

Now comes the report that actual construction work has commenced at Eugene on the Coos Bay branch of the Southern Pacific railroad and from the fact that Vice President C. J. Millis left Portland Thursday for a week's sojourn in the Coos Bay country gives color to the report that construction work is to begin at once at that end of the survey the same as it was on the Tillamook-Hillsboro project. The completion of this branch line to the coast will mean nearly as much to Lane as to Coos county from a commercial standpoint.

Harvey Thoren, the celebrated walker, who started out from Ukiah, California, on March 5th to walk to New York city and return, made our office a call last Thursday. He is averaging his 25 miles per day, this being the time he set out to make. He had some pretty rough experience in the Sierra Nevadas as well as in the Siskiyou, having had to spend a few nights in the mountain fastness amid a low degree of temperature. While in Cottage Grove he made a short visit with H. C. Madson, the jeweler, who is a countryman of his, which he enjoyed very much.

BOHEMIA COMPARES FAVORABLY WITH ARIZONA COPPER MINES

Having just returned from a trip to Arizona copper country, F. J. Hard, of the Vesvius, Oregon-Colo-rado and other properties in the Bohemia district, is very enthusiastic about the future of Bohemia as a future producer of copper. Mr. Hard says the Arizona com-

panies are paying dividends on ores that are thrown on the dump heap in the Bohemia district and that Bohemia will come into her own just as soon as a proper plant for handling the ore can be put into the district.

An advance of 26 cents per pound is offered on the forthcoming hop crop.

Lorane has a new and strong baseball team equipped with new suits and will no doubt put up a good stiff game of ball this season.

Roy Ostrander, the well known barber, has gone to Coos country, where he contemplates engaging in the barber business either at Coquille or Bandon.

It has been determined that New York is the most crowded city in the world. Blocks 200x300 feet in the most crowded districts contain from 2500 to 4800 persons.

Miss Flora Phillips has gone to Tillamook to remain indefinitely with the family of her Foster Phillips. She will continue her studies in high school at that place, and anticipates the change of climate will prove beneficial to her health.

The rains of the early part of last week developed Friday into a rather unusual cold wave, snow being in evidence that morning on the hills bordering on the Row river valley. On this same date six inches of snow fell at Klamath Falls.

Orvil Spear and wife are riding new Crescent bicycles. Mr. and Mrs. Spear have charge of the household of Alex and John Cooley, the esteemed pioneer farmers and large land holders just outside the city limits on the south. Mr. Spear also holds the position of salesman in the Powell & Cooper clothing store.

Freddie Sloan, aged 26 years was drowned in the Santian river, near Crawfordville, Wednesday morning, April 10th. Mr. Sloan is a brother of Mrs. J. E. Damewood, of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Damewood left for the scene of the accident Thursday, on the 4 o'clock train. Mr. Sloan will be remembered here by many old friends having resided here a number of years with his parents and attended school in this city. At last accounts the body had not been recovered.

Hon. O. M. Kem and son Victor also son-in-law, Guard Corey, returned home Saturday April 7th, from Portland in Mr. Kem's fine new five-passenger Chalmers 36, automobile. The trip home was made in about 12 hours without incident regardless of the fact that the roads were still a little rough in places for automobiling. Mr. Corey served as chauffeur, he having had considerable experience in automobiling in Colorado before coming to this city to reside. The Kem car is one of the handsomest and finest in this city.

Will Plant 50 Acres to Potatoes

Cal Young bought a carload of seed potatoes from Frank Blair last week and shipped them to Saginaw, where he will have 50 acres planted on his big farm there. He furnishes the seed, the land and the motive power and Vaughan Hill will do the work and they will divide the crop. This is what is known as the Jones farm.

ACTIVITY AT THE WEST COAST MINE

It Has Become One of Western Oregon's Big Producers and Dividend Payers.

Andrew Nelson, electrician and operator of the big electric power plant of the West Coast Mines in the Bohemia district, spent the past week in this city after a successful winter's run. He says the big plant is running like clock work, and further than that the company was satisfied with its operations in Bohemia. Mr. Nelson would say little, it being a well known fact that this successful mining company has never sought publicity, but seems content to keep the big stamps dropping and the gold bricks moving to the mint. The time is not far distant when other properties in Bohemia will become regular producers.

Supt. Hogue of the West Coast Mine in Bohemia returned from a trip to Kelso Thursday and returned to the mines Friday. It is said he shipped a good sized gold brick to the San Francisco mint when he came out from the mines recently.

J. W. Wilson a Knight of the Gripsack

On Monday morning our esteemed townsman J. W. Wilson, late of the Wheeler-Thompson Co., took his departure for California where he has been assigned all of the territory in that state north of San Francisco in which to introduce the goods of a well known glove, hosiery and pearl button concern. Before leaving Mr. Wilson booked a large order for his line of goods at Eugene and in Cottage Grove. He contemplates moving his family to some convenient California town this summer or fall where he will establish headquarters. Mr. Wilson is a genial fellow who had the confidence and esteem of a wide circle of friends here who will regret the loss of the family to this community.

NEW COMER OPENS HOME RESTAURANT

L. E. Stroud, who resided here something like 14 years ago, returned to this city recently from Pleasant Hill to reside and has opened a new restaurant in the Walker building one door west of Spray's. His specialty will be meals served family style which will no doubt appeal to all transient and home patrons. Mr. Stroud has secured the services of Ralph Pendleton of Portland to preside over the culinary department which is ample assurance that the public will get the best in the market, served in first class style when a visit is made to the new restaurant.

Will Ward has dressed his new team up in a fine new set of Beals Concord farm harness.

GRANGE FAIR PLANS PERFECT

South Lane Farmers Will Compete for Prizes School Exhibit

It has been some years since the unexcelled products of south Lane's orchards, fields, forests and mines were exploited to the public in a local or district fair and recognizing the great benefit to be derived in a community from such exhibitions, the Cottage Grove Grange with commendable public spirit has decided to hold a local fair this fall and has taken up the matter in a systematic and business-like manner, which is a guarantee that the exhibition and attendant features will be a complete success, creditable to the order and this productive section of favored Oregon. The city schools in which an Agricultural Industrial Contest has been inaugurated will co-operate in this local fair movement and the school display will be an interesting feature of the exhibit. The time for holding the local fair will be set at some convenient date prior to the county fair that the Grange may compete in the county contest at the Eugene fair.

The Grange will offer a cash prize of \$5.00 for the person getting the largest number of blue ribbons.

The following were elected officers of the fair: Superintendent, Geo. Atkinson; secretary, F. B. Phillips; treasurer, M. M. Wheeler.

Following superintendents of departments were named: Live stock, R. H. Mosby; vegetables, M. M. Wheeler; grain, F. S. Currier; poultry, W. C. Conner; fruit, G. F. King; manufactures, R. V. Porter; canned goods, Mrs. Ernest Sears and Mrs. M. M. Wheeler; fancy work, Mrs. A. Dolittle, Mrs. Ben Crow and Mrs. Julia Ashby.

Following committees were appointed: Finance, Hickey, Yancey, Smith, Grounds, John Veatch, G. W. McFarland, Ed Adams, Bert McDole. Advertising, S. B. Morss, R. C. Andrews.

Grange Hits Proposed Single Tax.

Whereas, There is a proposition before the people to shift the burden of taxation from personal property; and

Whereas, We believe that method of taxation to be unjust, unfair and inequitable, and

Whereas, We believe that the method of single tax would hamper our industries in almost every line and vastly increase [the burden of taxation on the farmer and land owners of the country;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, by Cottage Grove Grange No. 443, that we are unalterably opposed to such methods of taxation, and pledge ourselves to use all honorable means in our power to prevent such a system being adopted in the State of Oregon; and

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to our town and county papers and to the leading papers of Portland.

G. W. McFARLAND, Master.

A new steel bridge is to be built across the Willamette at Jasper, this county, at a cost of about \$10,000.