

SENSATIONAL SHOOTING

Principals Refuse to Talk and
Affair Shrouded in Mystery.
No Arrests Have Been Made

Cottage Grove has a mysterious and sensational shooting affair as a subject for much street talk and speculation just now. About 10 o'clock Friday evening two shots fired in rapid succession were heard in the eastern part of town and a little later Gus Ambrose came limping into Dr. H. C. Schleef's hospital and announced that he had been shot. He was covered with blood and was becoming quite weak and exhausted. An examination of his wounds revealed the fact that he had been shot with a weapon not less than 25 or 32 caliber. One ball had entered the small of his back barely missing the backbone in the region of his kidneys, passed through the stomach and came out a little left of the center of his abdomen in front. The other bullet entered the left arm above the elbow and came out below the elbow slightly shattering the bone and inflicting a very painful wound. Strange to say he is resting easy and the chances for his recovery seem favorable. When questioned by the doctor regarding the shooting he was very reticent and remarked that "I was where I had no business to be, and don't blame anyone. We will talk in over later." He has not since discussed the matter with anyone, and still refuses to file a complaint against the man who is supposed to have done the shooting. That there is a woman mixed up in the affair seems quite probable. The man who is thought to have shot Ambrose has made no attempt to leave the city, but is just as secretive regarding the affair as the wounded man. How the wounds came to be inflicted is pretty common street talk, but no one outside of those concerned witnessed the shooting and no definite information can be secured. Ambrose came here a short time ago and since that time has been working at odd jobs. He is poorly dressed, and had no money on his person when taken to the hospital here.

Commenting on the affair the Roseburg Review says: "Gus Ambrose is well known in Roseburg, where he has lived for a number of years. At the last term of the Circuit Court Ambrose was convicted on a charge of failing to support his wife and children. He was sentenced to a term in the county jail but was later released upon his promise to pay Mrs. Ambrose and her five children \$15 a month. Soon afterwards he left Roseburg for Cottage Grove, where he has since lived.

Mrs. Rudolph Harness, a sister of the wounded man, attempted to communicate with her parents at Yoncalla regarding the shooting, but was unable to do so on account of defective wire connection.

The local officers are of the opinion that there is a woman in the case and that the truth regarding the shooting will soon leak out. Until Ambrose or the man responsible for his wounds makes a statement, it is not likely that anyone will know what caused the shooting."

WHAT THEY THINK OF THE LEADER

O. V. Bradley, late of Caldwell, Idaho, who has been seeking information concerning Cottage Grove and community by correspondence with the Leader, says in his letter of April 29, 1915: "Your letter and post card photos of your city received, also sample copies of the Leader, and I want to congratulate you on the splendid appearance of your paper. It is as neat, well balanced, newsy, well printed weekly paper as I have seen in a long time and demonstrates that you know the business. Judging from the photos and your description of the town and community there is a field and opportunity there for energetic endeavor in many lines."

The only adverse comment is regarding the small representation of the business firms of Cottage Grove in the Leader, regarding which, Mr. Bradley says: "Your paper makes a fine showing for the community except in advertising, as I note there is where you are short." He then incloses two real estate clippings taken from the Leader and asks if there is any chance for him to exchange valuable Caldwell property for either of these properties. Here is a sample of what the Leader and its editor is doing for Cottage Grove every week at our own expense, and still there are many people who consider a local paper of little advantage to the town, and consider their meager patronage a kind of a donation to a charitable cause.

COTTAGE GROVE MAN SPORTSMEN'S PRESIDENT

The annual meeting of the Oregon State Trapshooters' Association, held in the Imperial Hotel at Portland last week, resulted in the election of H. H. Veatch, of Cottage Grove, to the presidency. Mark Siddall, of Salem, was chosen vice-president and E. A. Bean, of Eugene, was re-elected secretary and treasurer.

Directors for the coming year are: Peter H. O'Brien, of Portland; W. G. Balack, of Albany; Claude Macky, of La Grande; Walter McCormick, of Eugene; P. A. Alexander, of Independence, and Dr. Seeley, of Medford. Reports from the different retiring officers showed that the association is in a flourishing condition. Henry F. Wihlon, of Gresham, is the retiring president.

Will Open Office Here.

Dr. Geo. Wall formerly of this city, but who has resided in Eugene for the past 10 or 12 years, will return to Cottage Grove and open a permanent office in the first national bank building in a few days. His many old friends will extend him a cordial welcome on his return.

Band Thanks Citizens.

The members of the Cottage Grove band desire to heartily thank the citizens of Cottage Grove for the co-operation and liberal support accorded them in their efforts to secure a fund with which to procure the band uniforms which came to hand Saturday, the fund for which was raised through a series of entertainments, all of which were liberally patronized.

WOULD HASTEN ROAD WORK

Lorane Valley Citizens To Put
\$4,000 Into Road Improvements Before Season Closes

Since the road muddle over at Lorane was settled last week and the new cut-off to Cottage Grove which will not only lessen the distance but avoid one bad hill, Lorane people are anxious that this new piece of road be opened and permanently improved at once. Saturday's Eugene Guard says:

"A delegation of residents of Lorane appeared before the Lane county court this afternoon asking that steps be taken to start work on the roads in the vicinity of Lorane as soon as possible. They asked whether or not the work could be contracted before the tax money is collected. The court suggested that they wait until July or later when the rock crusher, now operated at Conrad Hill, under the direction of J. A. Elledge, could be moved there. Lorane people contemplate considerable road work, some \$4,000 to be available when the money is collected."

Blue River Mines Reopen.

Last Monday work was commenced by W. E. Worrell, of Portland, on the Treasure mine, Blue River. A small force is now at work and in a short time a lot more men will be set to work on this mine. People here say they expect the other mines to be opened in a short time. An option was taken on this mine by Mr. Worrell a short time ago.—Guard.

J. M. Comer received the sad information last week that his little 2 year and 8 month old grand-son, had died recently at Calcutta, India. The little boy was a son of Elder and Mrs. J. Mark Comer, missionaries to India, from this city.



LOOK!

This is Clean Up and Paint Up Week, and any Boy or Girl may get a 25 Cent JIG SAW PUZZLE Free by presenting this Coupon filled in properly at our place of business.

This is to certify that _____ has worked 4 hours cleaning up and painting up.

Parent or Guardian.

COTTAGE GROVE MFG. COMPANY



ANALYSIS PROVES CITY WATER PURE

I have had our city water thoroughly tested by the State Board of health and am glad to report to the people of Cottage Grove that notwithstanding the current report that our city water was impure, that it is free from all infectious germs, typhoid or colon Bacillus and as pure as the snow on top of Mt. June.

Now citizens of Cottage Grove, let me say once for all, drop the water question and get to work in your homes. Destroy your fly incubators in barns and back of your kitchens. Clean and keep clean your barns, the mammoth incubators of flies. A water dog in the water is nothing compared with flies. If you will destroy the fly and drink our city water, you will put the doctors and undertakers on the bum.

W. W. OGLESBY,
City Health Officer.

CLEAN-UP TIME AT HAND

Governor Withycombe And
Mayor Chambers Co-operate
In Campaign for Clean State

A statewide cleanup campaign has been taken up by the new Portland Chamber of Commerce, which has thrown the resources of its membership of 4500 into a movement to make Oregon cleaner, prettier, and healthier. The co-operation of the State University and other centers of civic welfare activity is asked.

Governor Withycombe has set aside this week of May 4-11 as cleanup and paintup week. Women's clubs, ministerial associations, physicians, business houses, schools and colleges, have joined the army that stands for cleanliness.

A similar campaign, is wanted in every hamlet in Oregon. Suggested activities for the week are: Paint the house inside, and out if possible.

Rake, clean and freshen yards. Repair sidewalks and fences. Put school grounds and school houses in apple pie order.

Set fly traps, properly baited, to catch the breeders and thereby lessen wonderfully the summer number of disease-bearing flies.

Mayor Chambers' Proclamation.

Whereas the Governor of the State of Oregon has seen fit to issue his proclamation designating the week of May 4th to the 11th as clean up week;

Cottage Grove should not lag in this respect, so let us make use of the time and clean-up and clean-out. Clean-out the garrets, cellars and alleys. This will reduce the fire menace, as well as prove a protection to health and improve the looks of the city.

Also don't overlook the rats, if you have any, clean them out. Swat the fly by removing their breeding places. You may also kill your own dog if you want to, but don't kill your neighbors, without his consent.

J. H. CHAMBERS, Mayor.

OAKLAND BOY KILLED IN RUNAWAY ACCIDENT

Cyril Hufham, one of the best known and most highly respected young men of the Oakland vicinity, is dead, while a number of his companions are suffering from painful, if not serious injuries, as the result of a runaway which occurred near Oakland shortly after 10 o'clock Sunday morning.

The members of the Oakland baseball team, accompanied by a number of "rooters," were enroute to Rice Hill at the time of the accident, to play the team of the latter place in the afternoon. They had reached a point about half way down a steep grade which is known as "Old Town," a suburb of Oakland, when the tongue of the horse-drawn vehicle dropped from the neckyoke to the ground. Without a brake to slacken the speed of the hack the driver soon lost control of the frightened horses, which dashed madly down the road. The team had run but a short distance when the vehicle swerved in such a manner as to throw Cyril Hufham a distance of about 35 feet. He alighted in a ditch and was rendered unconscious. An instant later, Lloyd Bridges, Roy Goodman, Dean Neas, John Powell and Ruel Gray were thrown from their seats and hurled to the roadside. The horses continued to run for some distance until they crashed into a telephone pole and came to a stop.—Review.

A SPECIAL ELECTION CALLED FOR MAY 25

The city council met in regular monthly session last Monday evening and many matters pertaining to the city's welfare were discussed, but action was only taken on the following issues. Bids for operating the city rock crusher and getting out crushed rock were submitted, read and referred to the street committee.

It is proposed to pave parts of First and Second street this season and Pacific Highway will be improved in West Cottage Grove along the mill race by applying a coat of fine crushed rock.

A special election was called for May 25 to vote upon the new dog ordinance, when the question of dogs running at large or being kept tied up in this city will be settled.

B. K. Lawson asked permission to construct a railroad siding through the city rock quarry to a ledge of rock nearby which matter was referred to the street committee.

Permission was asked for a drain ditch along the west side of the city park, which was referred to the park directors. The usual bills were audited.

Released On Bail.

Mrs. Louisa Miller, brought back from Portland to answer a statutory charge, left Saturday for Portland accompanied by her two children and brother, Joseph Wright, who furnished the \$250 cash bail upon which she was released. Lawrence Buckley, arrested at the same time, is still in jail.—Guard.

Many Licenses Taken Out.

During the month of April, Lane county issued 567 fishing licenses, seventy seven combination licenses, and sixteen hunters licenses, netting a total of \$737 received by the county from sportsmen.

THEATER AND COTTAGE FIRE

Rex Put Out of Business Temporarily When Films Burn.
Mrs. Knowlton's Heavy Loss

Fire in the Rex theatre Friday night at 9 o'clock destroyed the picture machine and caused a property loss of \$900. The building was covered by insurance but none was carried on the moving picture property.

The fire was caused by the lights in the picture machine setting fire to the films, when a belt broke. The fire company was on the scene promptly and succeeded in preventing the fire from damaging the building to any extent, though the picture machine and rolls of films were completely destroyed. There was no panic among the audience. Everyone kept their heads and filed out the exits in good order.

Manager Charles Beals will get another machine and open up again shortly. A fine new front and fire-proof operating room will be put in the building, which is a brick, at once.

Bad Fire in Residence.

Late Sunday afternoon a fire alarm was turned in from the residence of Mrs. Lou Knowlton near the electric light plant on Mill street and while the fire department responded promptly the flames had gained so much headway before being discovered that none of the contents of the home could be removed. The flames had burst through the roof of the cottage and were soon extinguished, but not until the interior of the little home and its contents were badly damaged, in fact most of the household goods were completely ruined by fire and water. The loss will aggregate \$1000 or more, insurance \$400 on the building. Mrs. Knowlton and little daughter were down town when the fire started, which no doubt originated from a defective flue. Mrs. Knowlton is almost prostrated over the shock and loss of many keepsakes and her personal property.

ELMIRA MILL TO BE RE-OPENED

Eugene, May 1.—F. C. Walters, manager of the Elmira Lumber company, returned Friday from Elmira, where he directed the starting up of the planing mill owned by his company there. A force of eight or ten men is being employed in addition to the teamsters.

This week the company plans to re-open the Elmira sawmill when twentyfive or thirty men will be needed.

The lumber depression this year has delayed the re-opening of the mill later than usual.

When this mill starts up this week it will be the second in the county to re-open within the past few days. Lumber conditions have not become "good" to use the expression of the lumbermen, but they are improving slightly.

Inventory Filed.

The estate of A. H. Powell is valued at \$7,557.45 according to the appraisal filed Friday by Alex Small, Worth Harvey and Lincoln Taylor.

MAY OFFERINGS

CURTAIN SCRIM.—Special
Offer on Regular 25 cent
Values at 15 cents.

LACE CURTAINS—\$2.50 values at \$2.10
\$2.00 values at \$1.98
\$1.50 values at \$1.08
\$1.20 values at .98

LADIES' DRESS SKIRTS—Blue, Black
and Brown Serges.
\$7.00 values at \$4.10
\$5.75 values at \$3.98

RATINIE—All Wool; regular
\$14.00 values at \$6.00

LADIES' TAILORED SUITS—Regular
\$25.00 values at \$13.00
FOR TWO DAYS ONLY

WHERE CASH
BEATS CREDIT



Hampton's

LADIES' WHITE CREPE DRESSES—
Regular \$10.00 to \$12.50 values,
your choice \$3.28

DRESS GOODS 75 Cts.

RATINIE 40 Cts.

36-inch BLUE SERGE 49 Cts.

50-inch WHITE SERGE—
Fine grade 75 Cts.

36-inch PLAID 49 Cts.

HOPE MUSLIN 9 Cts.

LONSDALE MUSLIN 11 Cts.

ENGLISH LINEN SUITINGS—
Latest shades 19 Cts.

Men's Straw Hats, regular \$1.50
and \$2.00, your choice \$1.00.

Mens' leather Gloves only 98cts.

Levi Strauss Overalls, only 85cts.

Mens' heavy ribbed cotton under-
wear great value at 48 cents.

Work shirts fine quality only 47c.

A. W. WAMPOLE,
Manager