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COUNTY SEAT DEPARTMENT

Our Special Correspondent Discusses Local Topics. Eugene's Rapid Growth.

TAXES GALORE
The all absorbing thing the past ten days in town has been the payment of taxes. The 3 per cent rebate to those who paid before the 15th of March seems a great stimulant and incentive to early payment.

I called Monday at the Sheriff's office and learned from him that as near as can be ascertained, there have been paid about \$150,000, estimating the amounts that have been paid at Cottage Grove, Junction, and Florence. Thus leaving but little of the 1902 taxes yet to be paid. Is not this conclusive evidence of prosperity?

THE NEW POST MASTER
Next to the payment of taxes, as a topic of interest is that of the change that is soon to take place in the post office here.

James S. Page, the gentleman who awaits his commission from Washington, as postmaster of Eugene, is a native of Ohio, is 56 years of age, has been a resident of Eugene since 1879 and has been engaged the while in the mercantile business. Mr Page in response to a question asked him indicated to me that he would employ lady clerks in the post office, and also stated that he did not have to pass examination of the civil service board. Mr Page is well and favorably known throughout the county and it is believed will give general satisfaction. Dr McCormack's administration of the office cannot be improved upon however.

BUSINESS OF THE OFFICE.
The amount of business that is transacted in the Eugene post office can be appreciated only partially, by stating that there are 10 attaches connected with the service, including two day clerks, and one night clerk, in the office; and six connected with the rural delivery department, and one mail deliverer from the depot to the office. There are four stages arrive and depart daily, with the mail for as many different points. There are \$100,000 in money orders that pass through the office annually.

LYONS THE CONDEMNED
In the matter of the report that Lyons was deeply convicted about his soul's welfare and a belief of pardon, I have taken some pains to ascertain the fact bearing on the subject, and I can state that the man bears up well, evinces no sign of a break down, eats and sleeps as if no unusual fate awaited him, and he reads the bible and other reading matter that is

furnished him and is yet the same meek, cringing, cowardly semi-imbicile, that he has been from the beginning, and the opinion of those best acquainted with such matters is that if Lyons ever conceives the idea that he, has been forgiven for killing Mr Withers, that idea will not be based upon an intelligent conception of the enormity of his crime, or of the truths of the precepts of the Bible, but will rest upon some irrational conclusion that has often, too often, for the good of society, cling to the red handed murderer, as he took his last leap into eternity probably to realize at the bar of judgment that heaven is the abode only of those whose hands are clean, and have answered the immutable law of justice, that requires everyone to be dealt with according to the "deeds done in the body."

But I would not deny Lyons or anyone similarly situated consolation of a faith in the belief of forgiveness, though false in his last hours, the faith that forgiveness may be obtained even under the galleys as the thief on the cross was forgiven.

STILL GROWING
I presume it is generally known that Eugene has taken a second growth—has expanded, so to speak, by spreading her wings as a hen across her chicks, and taken in Fairmount and College Hill, and adding thereby some two miles of territory and more than 800 inhabitants, together with some half a hundred thousand dollars worth of property. Well, 'tis so, and Eugene is entitled to put on additional city airs, seeing her size is some 3 miles long by 2 wide, and contains between 5000 and 6000 inhabitants.

NOT ALL AIRS.
Hard work, push, and enterprise are characteristics of her people, as her schools, churches, streets, sidewalks, mills, factories, brick blocks, stores, hotels and residences will show.

The sounds of the builder's tools are heard from morning till night, and has been for the last two years in every quarter of the town, new structures are seen everywhere. Many bricks have gone up and many are in course of construction or in contemplation. The theater building that is under way on the west side of Willamette between 6th and 7th streets is to cost some \$35,000 and is to be 100 feet front by 160 feet back and three stories high.



LITIGANTS IN THE FIGHT FOR CHARLES L. FAIR'S MILLIONS. Charles L. Fair left about \$6,000,000, and heirs of his wife now claim that he died first in an automobile accident in France and that all his property was by will left to her. Fair's heirs are Mrs. Herman Oelrichs and Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., his sisters. Mrs. Fair's principal heir is her mother, Mrs. Hannah E. Nelson, who claims that she was made to believe that Fair survived his wife and settled her claim against the estate for a comparatively small sum. To set aside this settlement is the object of the present suit.

LATE TELEGRAPHIC NEWS SUMMARIZED

Items of General Interest Tersely Told for the Perusal of the Busy Reader and Others.

Carnegie offers Grants Pass \$5000 for a public library.

St. Louis fair commissioners are said to be working against Lewis and Clark appropriations.

Arrangements have just been completed to make the State fair this fall the best on record.

The Booth-Kelly Lumber Company's big logdrive was started down the McKenzie river last week.

Jas. Dick, a log driver, was drowned at Myrtle Creek last Thursday while attempting to break a log jam in the creek.

President Roosevelt entertained a number of prominent gentlemen at dinner at the White House recently, including Senator Chas. W. Fulton of Oregon.

Grants Pass Woodmen are to have a street fair some time in June. The Pass is a good, bustling town and the Woodmen there are wide-awake and will no doubt make it a success.

Among the list of new Oregon corporations filed at Salem we find the following: Lane County Electric Company, Eugene; \$100,000; L. A. Paine, J. F. Robinson, R. A. Booth, F. W. Osburn, O. E. Smith.

Blanks are being issued by adjutant-General Gantenben to enable the old Indian War Veterans to sign and receive their share of the \$100,000 recently appropriated by the state in payment for their expenses and services.

Miss Fidelia Rigdon, aged 50 years, was committed to the asylum Saturday by Judge Kincaid. The patient has been demented for some time and was formerly in the asylum. She has been residing at Pleasant Hill with her sister, Mrs. Jas Parker.

Governor Chamberlain has pardoned the Warehouseman Humphreys who was sentenced to the penitentiary for the theft of farmers' wheat while stored in his warehouse. The convict was not allowed to go

into the penitentiary but was pardoned so that it could be said that he was never in that institution.

The selection of the name "Idaho" for one of the 13,000-ton battleships was made by direction of the President as a compliment to Senator Heyburn, the Republican Senator from that state. President Roosevelt had conversed with Senator Heyburn several times, and at once formed a very great liking for him.

The Czar of Russia has decreed religious liberty in his dominions. He has also granted a degree of local self government and has taken steps to further throw light on darkest Russia, and his subjects hail the proclamations as the opening of a new era. The Czar's action is a long step forward in the world's progress.

The Oregon delegation has united in recommending John W. Knowles of La Grande for Register, and Asa B. Thompson, of Pendleton, for Receiver of the La Grande Land Office. The only delay to new appointments has been the inability of the delegation to agree on them. Daly's nomination for Surveyor-General was sent to the Senate, but Dresser's for Register of the Oregon City Land office is withheld.

The California Legislature has appropriated \$20,000 for the erection of a building at the Lewis and Clark Fair. The St. Louis exhibit is to be brought to Portland in its entirety and placed in this building. As this measure was passed after consultation with Governor Pardee it is considered certain that he will approve the appropriation. Governor Toole, of Montana, has named a St. Louis fair commission to collect an exhibit for that exposition. As the Montana Legislature adjourned without making a fair appropriation, a project is on foot to raise \$50,000 by popular subscription to send that state's exhibit to St. Louis. After the St. Louis fair it is understood that this exhibit will be sent to Portland.

Business Changes.

R C Bosserman, of Wendling, has purchased the grocery and confectionery stock of Mr Schley and took charge of the business this week. He is completely renovating and refitting the place and will open a first class confectionery store and ice cream parlor. He will also keep all kinds of mild drinks. Just now Mr Bosserman is selling out the Schley stock below cost. See his new ad in the LEADER.

Jesse V. Thornton has purchased the confectionery and cigar store of Frank Goodman and assumed charge Monday. Mr Thornton will open an ice cream parlor in connection when the summer zephyrs begin to blow.

Petition to Pardon Gates.

Governor Chamberlain has received a petition for the pardon of John H. Gates, who is serving a three-year sentence in the penitentiary from this county, upon conviction of forgery. Gates, it will be remembered, was tried and convicted in May, 1901, for forging Hon. H. W. Corbett's name for \$75. The petition was signed by many prominent people of Lane and Marion counties. Woodburn was Gates' home town. Here the petition was signed by all the business men. Gates had been on a protracted spree at the time of the deed and in addition to the above had forged the name of Hon. J. H. Booth. His work was of a bungling nature.

TELEPHONE LINE TO LORANE

To be Built by Subscription. Fund Already Subscribed. Boy Lost in Mountains.

I. P. Inman, postmaster at Lorane was in town, Tuesday circulating a subscription paper for the purpose of raising a fund with which to put up a telephone line between Cottage Grove and Lorane, a distance of 12 miles. The upper Siuslaw valley has become quite a large and important settlement and is greatly in need of some direct communication with the outside world. For some time past this locality has had a daily mail service, which Cottage Grove as the distributing point, the mail leaving this place at 7 o'clock a. m. each day and returning late the same evening. However, the enterprising settlers of the productive upper Siuslaw country have long felt the need of telegraph or telephone communication with the outside world, owing to the bad winter roads and their isolation, due to their geographical location, the first range of coast mountains separating them from the upper Willamette valley and Cottage Grove, their depot for supplies, and nearest railroad market point.

Mr Inman informed a LEADER representative that about \$350 would be required to construct the line between the two points and when at our office Tuesday morning the subscription paper showed nearly the full amount subscribed, the Cottage Grove business men having contributed liberally to help along the enterprise. The subscription paper recited that any and all persons subscribing to the fund in the sum of \$5.00 or more would be given free use of the new system for an indefinite period of time, practically becoming a stock holder in the line—hence, \$5 subscriptions were general. While this new line will be a private enterprise, the fact that its instruments will be rented from the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Co., the line will be connected with the company's central office at this place, which will give all local subscribers to the old system the advantage of the new line making it practically a part of the main or general system.

Mr Inman stated that work on the new line would commence about April 1, 1903, and would be speedily pushed to completion. He was much gratified with the hearty encouragement and substantial aid received at this place.

BOY LOST BUT FINALLY RESCUED.

Considerable excitement was occasioned at Lorane last Sunday by the announcement that a little eight year son of F. G. Gray lost his bearing on the following day

and was still wandering about in the mountains or had fallen a prey to some wild animal. Mr. Gray and his little son went up on the mountains bordering on the upper Siuslaw Valley Saturday morning hunting when on reaching the summit, the father directed his son to proceed down the ridge with the dog to a certain large tree where he would meet him later. The boy started to the point designated but lost his bearings and wandered far back in the mountains. The father on reaching the appointed place and not finding his son, immediately instituted a search for him, but upon being overtaken by darkness he returned home and the next morning was joined by a large number of his neighbors and a general search was inaugurated. All day Sunday the mountains were traversed in searching for the lad, but not until the shades of night were falling was their search rewarded by the finding of the boy and his faithful dog, which had remained with him.

The lad had found a small stream and was following it down to the valley and had he not succumbed from hunger and exhaustion would have soon reached the settlement. Aside from being very hungry and wornout he was little the worse for his severe 30 hours experience. He was perfectly cool and collected and stated that he slept soundly Saturday night with his dog under a big tree and had not been alarmed at any time. The family had become almost frantic over the boy's disappearance and there was great rejoicing when he was finally rescued.

Want 34 Graves Opened.

PHILADELPHIA, March 16.—The police authorities have directed the opening of 34 graves, having secured evidence which led them to the belief that George Hossey, the negro "herb doctor," is responsible for at least many of the deaths. Hossey is in jail as an accessory to the murder of William G. Danze, whose widow is charged with having administered to her husband slow poison furnished by the negro.

"We do not know how many poisons can be traced to Hossey," said a police official today, "but thus far we have secured evidence that has warranted us in directing the opening of 34 graves. This step will begin at once, and we believe the result will show that Assistant District Attorney Shoey was not exaggerating when he branded Hossey as an arch poisoner."

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