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FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 1903

The Missouri legislature has made chicken stealing a felony. Thus, one by one, the special privileges of the colored man are being swept away by the inroads of race prejudice.

One by one the secrets of the feminine toilet are exposed. The president of the Milliners National association says that the white ruch in a widow's bonnet means she is looking for another husband. The elder Weller's warning should always be heeded.

Our chief, Mr. Conner, has been away at Roseburg all this week on important business, and the getting out of this issue of the LEADER has devolved on the foreman, who is a rock-ribbed, brass collar democrat, and the temptation has been very great to play a joke on "Bill" and make this edition a democratic sheet to the core, but probably the retaining of a good job with a good man is better than this joke might prove to be.

Nebraska has set an example for the other states to follow. Both houses of the legislature of that state have adopted a resolution declaring for the election of United States senators by popular vote, and calling for a convention of states to amend the federal constitution regardless of the action of congress, as provided in the constitution fixing the methods of adopting amendments. The dilatory action of congress has doubtless provoked this action on the part of the legislature of Nebraska. Two things the people of the United States want done and done quickly; election of United States senators by the people and the immediate assembling of congress after the election, in order that the will of the people may be put into force at once.

Republicans and Democrats should make it a particular duty to attend their respective primaries called to select the delegates, who, through the county conventions, will have an influence in selecting the candidates for congress in the First District. If there be any principle at issue, and there is, it is certainly a civic obligation of every man, who is fit to vote, to participate in the primary. There is the seat of initial movement in politics, and if people mean nothing in the primary, all which follows means nothing, beyond a simple fight for jobs. But the voters ought to try to understand just what is meant by the action of those trying to control the primary when that action does mean something, not wholly personal. There are plenty of instances where the simple minded voter supported in the primary, unwittingly, the very program most repugnant to him and which was later carried out successfully.—Ashland Tribune.

John Paul Jones, traveling passenger agent of the S. P. railroad company spent a day in Cottage Grove late last week, endeavoring to impress our citizens with the great importance of a live Board of Trade, Real Estate Exchange or some similar organization, to a town. He found here a recently organized Commercial Club, which is headed by some of our most active and energetic citizens and which organization will soon get down to business. Mr. Jones said three train loads of emigrants recently left St. Paul for Portland, where they will scatter to various parts of the state and buy homes. Roseburg, Eugene, Albany, Salem and other towns are putting forth special efforts through their Board of Trade and otherwise to secure their full share of this immigration and are meeting with success. Cottage Grove should hasten to get some literature at Portland to distribute among these new comers and attract their attention to this favored locality. There is plenty of room.

To Receive Roosevelt.

SALEM, Or., March 26.—The following members of the Legislature will act with Governor Chamberlain in arranging for the reception and entertainment of President Roosevelt on his arrival in Oregon. Senators Brownell of Clackamas, Kuykendall of Lane, Carter of Jackson, Croisan of Marion and Wehburg of Washington; Representative Harris of Lane, Eddy of Tillamook, Banks of Multnomah, Gault of Washington, Hale of Josephine, Hermann of Coos, Jones of Lincoln, Galloway of Yamhill and Blyden of Lane.

OREGON & SOUTHEASTERN

Railroad will Make Many Improvements and Complete the Line to Warehouse.

While other towns in Southern Oregon are spouting and booming the prospective building of new railroads, Cottage Grove is fortunate in already having its second railroad under construction, with about 15 miles of track laid and no question of the rapid completion of the line to the Warehouse, 26 miles toward the great Bohemia mining district.

Mr. G. B. Hengen, the secretary and treasurer of both the Oregon Securities Co. and the O. & S. E. R. Co., was here this week and a great deal of interest has been attached to his visit at this time, and speculation has been rife as to the purposes of his presence and the probabilities of the completion of the Oregon and Southeastern railroad, which means so much to Cottage Grove, its future development, and the influence it will have on the opening up of the mines and timber resources tributary to this point. The LEADER is indebted to Mr. Hengen for information and statements which will inspire confidence in those who are contemplating a number of enterprises which are dependent on the completion of his road.

It can be stated positively that the road will be completed to the Warehouse before the next snow falls, and Chief Engineer Wood has received instructions to push the work at once and keep it under headway until trains are running to the Warehouse, by which time the wagon road leading from the Warehouse to the mines will be completed and ready to be used for transportation of the ores of the mines from the company's properties to the railroad, a distance of about seven miles. The building of this wagon road means more than the average person would suppose at first glance. It will cost \$1000 a mile to be put in proper condition and this sum will be cost construct a pike that will be fit for any purpose.

The company has completed arrangements for an extension of their terminal facilities in this city, and some \$8000 will be expended in the arrangement of the yards here and necessary buildings to handle the business of the company. During the summer spurs will be built to various timber belts for the purpose of facilitating the handling of this immense and growing business.

Mr. Hengen and Mr. Pearsons, assistant secretary and treasurer of the company, are in Portland now, and will purchase a steam shovel and dump cars, which will be used for the purpose of ballasting the entire roadbed. Every means will be employed to put the road in first-class condition, and Mr. Hengen states positively that the money is now on hand to completely carry out all these improvements and betterments. The Oregon & S. E. R. Co. is strong financially and already more than \$250,000 has been spent in the work accomplished and outstanding contracts.

A contract was let to Ed Cole this week for 10,000 ties, and other contracts are pending for ties sufficient to complete the road to the Warehouse.

All of Cottage Grove and the people of the country round about can justly rejoice and feel proud of the fact and this assurance that the O. & S. E. will be pushed to completion during the coming summer, and the public confidence in the good purposes and ability of those in control of the affairs of the company is as strong as the Rock of Gibraltar.

In addition to the improvements to be carried out, as stated above, it can be said with positiveness that the Champion mine and mill, properties of the Oregon Securities Co., have both been in continuous operation all the past winter, despite the heavy fall of snow in the mountains, and there is now no likelihood of a closing of either the mill or mine, but if anything, both will be forced to the limit of production.

As Others SEE US

Did you ever make some small success,
And brag your little brag,
As if your bragging would impress
The world and fix your tag
Upon it, so that all might see
The label loudly reading "ME?"

W. C. Conner has taken charge of and will lead the Lane County LEADER, we hope, along pleasant ways.—Salem Daily Journal.

W. C. Conner, formerly editor of the Roseburg Plaindealer, is the new proprietor and editor of the Cottage Grove LEADER which he has changed in name to the Lane County LEADER. Mr. Conner is a capable newspaper man and he will make a good paper of the LEADER as he did of the Plaindealer.—Ashland Tribune.

The Cottage Grove LEADER has changed hands. W. C. Conner, formerly publisher of the Roseburg Plaindealer, has purchased the plant of L. F. Wooley and fitted it out with new presses and material, and the first issue is a vast improvement. Well, here is wishing you success, Bro. Conner.—Medford Enquirer.

The latest addition to the Success' exchange list is the Lane County LEADER, of Cottage Grove, which has recently been purchased by W. C. Conner. Mr. Conner for several years past was one of the publishers of the Roseburg Plaindealer and under his management it was one of the leading county papers of Oregon. Mr. Conner is a bright writer and rustler for business and the LEADER under his management will be a live, newsy paper that will be a big factor in the upbuilding of Cottage Grove.—Medford Success.

This fine compliment and hearty welcome coming from our esteemed contemporary, The Bohemia Nugget, is greatly appreciated. There is nothing small in the makeup of that paper's management: "A copy of the Lane County LEADER, under the proprietorship and editorship of W. C. Conner, reached the exchange table of the Nugget last Friday. Mr. Conner is a former Cottage Grove boy, the son of Ira Conner, one of the best men in Lane county, and in this instance the son is a chip of the old block. Under his management the LEADER is greatly improved—in fact one would hardly suspicion it to be the same paper. It comes out with an attractive new head, good press work, neat ads and a good local news service. It will certainly be appreciated by its patrons, and the Nugget extends the glad hand of welcome."

A BIG SUIT FILED.

Major Kinney Seeks to Recover the Kinney Addition.

ROSEBURG, March 21.—Through his attorney, C. A. Schilbrede, Major L. D. Kinney has filed a suit against the Roseburg Lumber Co., comprising the Alexander & Campbell Co., to recover full possession of Kinney's Improved Plat of the City of Roseburg. The result of the case rests on the court's decision on the character of the instrument by which the Roseburg Lumber Co. acquired possession of the property on Jan. 14, 1903. On that date what purports to be a quit-claim deed was executed in favor of the Roseburg Lumber Co. on consideration that said company assume the indebtedness against the property conveyed, amounting to \$8,909.16. Among the creditors in this amount was the Roseburg Lumber Co. in the sum of \$3,942.09. In this complaint, Mr. Kinney alleges that the company has paid only the latter amount which was really all they were legally obliged to pay insofar as Mr. Kinney further alleges that the instrument conveying the property was really intended as a loan, taking the character of a mortgage, to secure the sum of \$3,952.09 held against the property by the Roseburg Lumber Co. The plaintiff says he has the money and has offered to pay off the lien and assume the remaining indebtedness of \$4,958.07, but this the defendant refuses to accept and reconvey the property. Wherefore, Mr. Kinney asks the court to declare the purporting quit-claim deed to the property a mortgage, so that he can pay off the amount the defendant refuses to accept, and recover absolute possession of the addition.—Review.

Guns With a History.

County Clerk Lee, says the Eugene Register, is accumulating quite an arsenal of murderous weapons. He now has three dangerous looking guns, two of which have killed their man. These guns are held by Clerk Lee, subject to the order of the court. Among the lot is the Smith & Wesson with which Elliott Lyons killed Sheriff Wilbers; also the Colt's "Old Betsey," that killed Ben Tracy, the Junction City saloon keeper. A fine hammerless pistol that was taken from the body of Tracy is also in the possession of the court.

Now is a good time to subscribe for the LEADER.

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NEWS SUMMARIZED.

A Complete Resume of the Week's Happenings.

STATE AND GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

Albany citizens have organized a referendum league.

Mrs. Nannie Powell, a pioneer of Linn county, is dead.

Free city mail delivery will be inaugurated at The Dalles June 1st.

The strike of the miners at Keswick, Cal., is assuming a serious phase.

A Pennsylvania woman has just presented her husband with the twenty-third child.

The Missouri Supreme Court has returned a decision of guilty against the beef trust and assessed a fine of \$5,000.

George Willis, aged 80, and Melvina Nash, aged 76, were recently married at McMinnville. May they live long and prosper.

The Golconda mine of the Sumpster district has declared a dividend and will disperse \$15,000 among its stockholders April 1st.

The three per cent discount on taxes has proved a drawing card, every county in the state reporting heavy payments of taxes.

Salem is making elaborate arrangements for the entertainment of President Roosevelt at that place from 9 to 11 o'clock on May 21.

The President will only be in Oregon two days. If he had ever been here before he would make it two weeks and wish he could get life.

The President has again sent in to the senate the name of W. D. Crum, colored, to be collector of customs at the port of Charleston, S. C.

Lester Belding, the Portland wife murderer, will hang today, Friday. He says he is sorry for his crime and is seeking consolation in religion.

A referendum league has been organized at Medford and they state that a referendum vote will be asked for on the Lewis and Clark appropriation.

D. M. Radley was given a judgment at The Dalles for \$5,382 against the Columbia Southern railroad for injuries received in an accident on that road.

A six-year-old girl, Grace Cooper, was burned to death near Corvallis. The child's clothing caught fire from a stove and before help could arrive or her clothing be removed she was burned so badly that her life could not be saved.

James J. Hill it is reported will extend his great northern railroad lines from Seattle and Portland to San Francisco by paralleling the Southern Pacific railroad through this state and California. Two surveys have already been made and submitted. This would be a good thing for Oregon and in fact the entire northwest.

Passing of I. M. Veatch.

After a lingering illness of several months, Isaac Milton Veatch died at the home of his nephew, Robert Veatch, in this city Friday, March 20, 1903, and was buried Saturday in the Shields cemetery. Deceased was one of the old pioneers of this state, having crossed the plains from Iowa to Oregon in 1853 in the train commanded by Wm. Oglesby and O. B. Keox in company with his brothers, Burr and Vest Veatch. Mr. Veatch was born in White county, Illinois, Nov. 4, 1823, making him a few months past 76 years old at the time of his death. With his father's family he moved to Iowa in 1845, residing in Davis county. At a camp meeting on Fox river in that state in 1847 he was converted and joined the Cumberland Presbyterian church. When the Cumberland Presbyterian church was organized in Cottage Grove in 1855, he became an active member of the same and has continued as such for nearly 50 years. Mr. Veatch was married in 1867 to the widow Smith, daughter of Silas Brown, with whom he lived until her death in May 1901. To them were born three girls and two boys, four of whom survives to mourn his death, namely: Robert and Oscar, and Lucy Shields and Sylvia Stratten.

Mr. Veatch was a plain, unassuming man, but strictly honest and upright in all his dealings with his fellowman and was held in high esteem by a host of friends.

If you read the Leader you will keep posted

Do you want some fine all wool underwear, regular \$1.25 to \$1.75 goods at 75c Ladies union suits, just the weight, at the suit 25c All solid leather shoes 3 pairs for \$1.00 Closing out a lot of mens pants at \$1.90 worth from \$2 to \$3.50 Gilbert & Welch Next Door to Benson's Drug Store

CALL MAIN 34 SKILLMAN AND BENSON FOR PRICES ON FRESH GROCERIES

1903 is bringing splendid results for... THE RICHARDSON HOUSE In January we sold eight pianos and organs. In February four pianos and three organs. And this month we have already sold one of our finest Needham pianos, and several organs, besides a vast amount of small goods. PROSPECTS ARE LOOMING UP. The Richardson Music House Cottage Grove and Roseburg