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FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY.

With our last issue the LEADER entered upon a new volume having been established in Cottage Grove just 15 years ago on that date. We enter upon another year with the brightest business prospects and the assurance of continued prosperity and success. We expect the coming year to mark many valuable improvements in the paper and thereby to be able to greatly increase its circulation and patronage. During the two months which the paper has been under our management the office has been equipped with large modern power presses and other up-to-date machinery as well as a great deal of new type and other printing material, which gives the LEADER an office as complete and modern as can be found in the county, not excepting the offices of the county seat papers. During this brief time the LEADER's subscription list has been increased nearly one-fourth and the patronage of the paper has increased at about the same rate. This evidence of the general appreciation of our efforts to please, on the part of the public, patrons and friends of the paper, is very gratifying and an incentive to still greater endeavor on our part—in fact we expect to keep the Lane County LEADER thoroughly abreast of the times and a little in advance of the ever onward march in Cottage Grove's progress and advancement. The coming year is full of bright prospects and golden reward for the LEADER and Cottage Grove, and to the old year we say hale and farewell. With the old volume we bury its cares and sorrows and cherish its pleasant memories as bright jewels of a buried past.

It is stated on good authority that Senator Fulton will campaign for Blinger Hermann.

A small advertisement used continually is far better than a big one used only once in a while.

President Roosevelt left orders to push the postoffice department investigations with unabated vigor and then went away to the wilds of the Yellowstone. Meanwhile the politicians are frothing at the mouth.

Cottage Grove and vicinity was the subject for a whole page of descriptive and illustrative matter in the daily Oregonian of April 22. The town shows a spirit of progression and expansion in all directions. It is the gateway to and distributing point for a very rich mining, timber, farming and grazing region.

The Wireless is a very unique little paper that has just been born in Avalon on the Cataline Islands. It is an infant of the Los Angeles Times, but is made up and printed at Avalon, all of the news being received by wireless telegraph. It is a breezy little four-page paper and contains over four columns of advertising. It is the first issue of its kind in the world.

One of the most slightly, favorably located and best kept cemeteries in the country is the Masonic cemetery located about a mile west of Cottage Grove. It occupies a dry eastern slope and is fringed on the western border by a dense evergreen grove. It is easy of access and a good view of the valley and town may be had from the inclosure. The Masons would do well to purchase a fifty foot strip of the beautiful grove bordering on the west side of this cemetery, which casts a cool shade over the grounds in the afternoon and adds to the beauty of the place. The axmen, we observe, are already making inroads on this fine grove and at the present rate it will all fall soon under his sturdy stroke.

Many of the enterprising business people along Main street have in the past few days greatly improved both the appearance and condition of this graded and graveled street by removing the larger stones from the surface of the street. This improvement is one so great and so much needed that the council would do the city a great favor and a valuable service to take a hand in the matter and assist the business people in their effort to improve and beautify the city's Main business thoroughfare. Let there be an organized effort put forth to remove all of the coarse rock from the street from the depot to Griffin & Veatch's hardware store.

Now is a good time to subscribe for the LEADER.

A STEEL BRIDGE NEEDED.

On May 6th bids for the building of a new county bridge across the Coast Fork river at the intersection of Main and Wall streets in this city will be opened by the county court at Eugene and the contract possibly awarded. The bid calls for an old style open wooden structure of the Howe truss variety, which when completed will be a bridge no better and no more modern in its construction than are the bridges found spanning the various small streams on the country roads throughout the county, notwithstanding the fact that this bridge is a most important one and is subjected to more strain and wear from heavy and continuous travel than any one bridge in the county, owing to the fact that it not only serves as a county bridge at an important cross-roads point in a very populous section of the county, but also connects east and west Cottage Grove, and over which all of the traffic of the city and the great country tributary must pass. Nothing less than a good modern steel bridge should be constructed at this crossing, and such a bridge could be granted by the county court without incurring any great expense to the county owing to the short span—87 feet—the high protected banks and the good solid bedrock foundation for the piers, as well as many other favorable conditions for building such a bridge. The travel and traffic of the town and country tributary is increasing at a very rapid rate and along with this growth and development, and the importance Cottage Grove is assuming commercially and otherwise, comes a demand for more modern improvements, and especially is this applicable to our roads and bridges.

It is observed that Mayor R. M. Veatch is taking a commendable interest in this new bridge improvement and like all of our enterprising and progressive business men and citizens, greatly deprecates the fact that the county court should overlook the urgent demand for a more modern, permanent and substantial bridge at this place. In fact, like Mayor Veatch, we believe the citizens of the town and the many farmers and teamsters hereabouts, would be willing to contribute to a fund to assist the county court, if absolutely necessary, to construct a good steel bridge across the Coast Fork at this place. And it is possible that if a fund, say of \$1000 could be raised the county court would be willing to assume the additional expense required to defray the cost of such a structure at this place. We hope our citizens will awaken to a realization of the great importance of this matter and take some speedy action toward securing a more modern and permanent bridge improvement here. The county Judge and Commissioners cannot afford to be selfish, arbitrary and niggardly in this bridge matter nor do we think they will if our citizens will take up and properly lay the matter before them and ask that it be reconsidered and a more substantial and modern bridge granted.

THE REAMES CAMPAIGN.

Young Mr. Reames, of Jacksonville, the democratic candidate for congress, is not making a vigorous campaign so far, but shows signs of awakening to the task of reaching the voters of seventeen counties, says the Salem Journal.

It is understood a great deal of still hunt work is being done at present in locating and rounding up groups of disaffected republicans. How successful this will be remains to be seen.

Mr. Reames is a native son, and will make a great deal of his connection with that and other organizations. Personal letters are being received by members of that organization in his behalf.

The native sons of California have elected more than one governor of that state, and more than a dozen congressmen, in the history of the state, and they are powerful in Oregon.

Whether they can be induced to take hold of the political situation or not can only be told after the ballots are counted, and not fully then, as the vote will be cast with great secrecy.

Whether Mr. Reames has fully sized up the job of carrying the district, which has not today a democratic county in it, is not apparent. He is a young man of ability and energy, and may make a rustling campaign.

County Judge W. A. Booth of Crook county and brother of county Judge John O. Booth of Josephine county and Hon. R. A. Booth of Lane county has resigned his office to take effect May 1. Governor Chamberlain will appoint his successor. He is a democrat and Judge Booth of Josephine is a democrat and was the nominee on the Union ticket in 1898 for State Treasurer against Moore the present State Treasurer.

Secure your seats for "Breaking His Bonds," at the New Era Drug store. Opera House, May 1st.

OUR CORRESPONDENTS

Interesting Letters From our Country
Correspondents Detailing the
Neighborhood News.

CRISP AND BREEZY LETTERS

Creswell Items.

Guy Budy has gone to Portland.
Wm Miller went to Eugene on business Friday.

Mrs Hamilton of Goshen was in town Friday visiting friends.

Joe Stone has sold his ranch on Bear Creek to Eastern parties.

William Hawley of Lorane was in town Sunday visiting friends.

Miss Pearl Moore from Eastern Oregon is visiting friends on Camas Swale.

O C Miller and Thos Brown were down from their mountain ranches this week.

Roy Griggs left for a visit with friends and relatives in Polk county Wednesday.

Milliam Moore left on the train Saturday for Portland, where he will remain several days.

J M Hazelton, of Pomeroy, Wash, arrived in town Sunday for a few days visit with relatives.

Miss Ford, a traveling elocutionist, gave a recital at the school house on Thursday night.

Frank Bush and family have arrived from Nebraska and will make their home in Creswell.

Samuel Richards, who has been confined to his room at the hotel, is up and around again.

J H Ewing returned from California Wednesday where he has been for the past five months.

Mr Hoeke, the Bear Creek sawmill man, has sold out his mill and land on Bear Creek to Ed and Riley Betty.

Star Twinklings.

A. J. Anderson and daughter were in the Grove this week.

C. A. Harlow and the Pitcher boys have begun logging again.

Mrs J. T. Hunt passed through Star Monday on her way to Eugene.

C. A. Harlow spent a few days in both the Grove and Eugene this week.

The Damewood brothers for the past week have been cutting culvert timbers.

J. S. Stewart made a flying trip to the Grove Saturday, returning the same day.

Joe Wicks and sons purchased of J. T. Hunt of Wildwood 30 fine goats, last week.

The sport of the young people at Star nowadays are picking wild strawberries and fishing.

Phoebe Damewood has been quite sick with the measles this week, also some of Mr. Vaughn's children.

Ed Cole has finished his large contract of ties for the O. & S. E. and they are now along the track ready for use.

William Kirk started for the mines Monday with a load of freight, but was called back on account of the illness of his little son.

The end of the R. R. has for some time been at Rocky Point, but Saturday, we are glad to say, the train went through the cut, and a quarter of a mile beyond.

CHILD OF THE FOREST.

Wildwood items.

U. G Leroy made a trip to Star Tuesday.

J. Q. Doud visited at the Hawley farm one day last week.

Miss Iva Wicks is employed as cook at the Hotel Wildwood.

William Hawley Jr. is very busy this week "hatching measles."

Mr B M Hawley left this morning on a business trip to Bay City, Mich.

J. M. Culp and family visited Mrs Culp's parents, William Hawley Sunday.

Georgie Kerr has returned to Bohemia after several days visit at his home.

Mrs J. T. Hunt went to Eugene on business Tuesday, returning Thursday.

Born at Monmouth, Ore., to the wife of C. A. Coats, a nine pound son. Mother and child doing well.

Mr. A. B. Wood and Mr. Pearson were guests at the Wildwood Hotel Tuesday on their way to the mines.

J. M. Culp visited his family over Sunday, returning to his work canvassing for the LEADER, Monday morning.

Geo. Lang has just purchased six

Now Read Our
Advertisement
Then Say

Here is Where I'll
Spend My Money

Ladies' Hose 10c, worth 15c
A Shoe Worth \$1.75 for \$1.50
Infants Fancy Colored Shoe for 25c
An Old Lady's Comfort Shoe for \$1.10
A Shoe for 95c, 12 1-2 to 2, Warranted
All Solid Little Baby Shoe 50c, worth 60c

Clothing For Men and Boys

\$13.00 Suit for \$11.00 Boys' 2-Piece Suit \$1.50
\$ 9.00 Suit for \$ 6.90 Boys Hats and Caps 20c

See them in the windows this week

GILBERT & WELCH

One Door West of Benson's Drug Store.

head of beef cattle which he will butcher and take to the mines as they are needed.

Timber inspector Jacob, and T. M. Hunt, returned last Friday from an extended cruise in the hills east of upper Sharp Creek.

William Hawley, accompanied by his son William, spent several days in the Grove last week improving their property there by building a fence around the orchard.

Mr. Burnett's family returned Sunday from their farm near Dorena, where they have been the last week making some improvements, preparatory to moving there.

Walker Notes.

R E Walker went to the Grove Friday.

Mr Chas Wright went to the Grove Friday.

Mrs King of Saginaw was in Walker Thursday.

James England was visiting friends in Walker Thursday.

Mrs Geo Sears and son Ralph went to Eugene Thursday.

Mr Neal, C Lejoie and Frank Neal returned from Anlauf Saturday.

Stanley Martin was visiting relatives in Cottage Grove Sunday.

Miss Bertha Tait returned Wednesday much improved in health.

The assessor has been calling in this neighborhood the past week.

Mrs Simmon went to Cottage Grove Friday returning Saturday.

Miss Nora Wright and Pearl Smith drove to Eugene Monday with old John—and returned Tuesday.

Mrs C Morningstar of Drain returned home Saturday after visiting several weeks with relatives at this place.

House Raided.

On the evening of April 27th the home of the undersigned at the C. P. manse was raided by a company of 40 or 50 persons between the hours of 7 and 8 o'clock. They took away with them the affections of the family, but instead they left the evidence's of true friendship and Christian kindness, an element which is absolutely necessary to exist between people and pastor in order to succeed in the Master's work, and will be a precious remembrance and source of consolation for many days to come. The evening was spent in a pleasant manner by both old and young. The time passed so rapidly that it seemed only a few moments until they were taking their departure and bidding us farewell for the evening, assuring us of their enjoyment of the occasion.

On examining the kitchen almost every thing known to be palatable was found, which we can solemnly testify was not there a few hours before.

Thanks! Thanks! dear friends. We hope and pray by the grace of God, that we may be enabled to feed your souls on the words of eternal truth, which will supply your spiritual wants as faithfully and promptly as you have manifested a disposition to supply our natural wants.

Rev. L. M. Boyles and Family.

NEEDHAM PIANOS

Have you examined those High Grade Needham Pianos at "The Richardson Music House?" If you have not, it will pay you to stop when passing and take a peep at them, for they are certainly a marvel of beauty, and the tone cannot be excelled. All are cordially invited to call at our store whether they buy or not.

Richardson Music House

Cottage Grove and Roseburg, Ore

NEW YORK RACKET STORE

Near S. P. Depot, Cottage Grove

We are now occupying more pleasant and roomy quarters, and have greatly increased our stock, which we are offering at lowest cash prices. Our motto is "live and let live." Our line of goods consists of everything carried by a general Racket Store. Our aim is always to please our customers.

Yours for Bargains

A. K. SHERK

Speaking of Furniture

We have it—have just received an immense stock. Call and be convinced that there is no better place from which to select.

We make a specialty of Carpets, Mattings, Springs and Mattresses, also carry a complete line of Underlying goods. Call and get prices.

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GROCERIES

Produce, Fruits, Vegetables

Family Groceries

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