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## O. BECK IS MISSING

has gone to some secluded spot and committed suicide, but there is no positive evidence of this, further than what can be inferred from the note. He had some money and did not owe any one a cent, and had no reason to skip out.

Douglas County Court.

Circuit court for Douglas county opened in regular session in Roseburg Monday morning. The most important of the orders made were the one in the case of Frank Gorrell's suit for over \$11,000 damages against Douglas county resulting from a bridge accident. Upon motion of Mr. Gorrell's attorney, O. P. Coshaw, the court ordered the case transferred to Lane county for trial, holding that Douglas county jurymen were disqualified in trying the case because they were taxpayers and therefore directly interested. Attys A. M. Crawford and Geo. M. Brown represent Douglas county.

## THE SAW MILL INDUSTRY

Great Increase in Number of Mills in Lane County—The Output Doubled and Laborers in Demand.

The increase in the lumbering business of the county this Spring is estimated to be about 50 per cent over that of any preceding year, and it would be greater if men and machinery were at hand. There are at least 20 sawmills in the county now cutting lumber, with a combined capacity for cutting of about 600,000 feet of lumber per day.

There are employed in the mills and in the forest or otherwise in connection with the industry at least 1600 men, and still there has not been a day during the past year when any willing and reasonably competent man could not get employment upon application. Wages paid are better than usual, running from \$1.75 per day for the commonest kind of labor up to \$3 or \$4, or even more in some instances, for skilled men or men of responsibility. The demand for the lumber is far in excess of the capacity of the mills, and the millmen have no difficulty in getting good prices for all they can cut. Prices have advanced during the past two years from \$9 to \$11.50 for common and from \$16.50 to \$22 for first-class fir lumber.

It is estimated there are 700,000 or 800,000 acres of good timber in the county outside of the forest reserve. The railroad company holds a vast amount of this, and there is also a considerable amount of school land. Large companies have holdings amounting to many thousands of acres, and there are small armies of men holding quarter sections each. Most of this land has been taken up during the past few years, and has cost the locators \$2.50 per acre.

## COUNTY SEAT NOTES

County Commissioners Appropriate \$100 for an Exhibit at

## THE STATE FAIR

Bold Burglars Struck the Town in Force and Secured Booty

A marriage licence has been issued to Adolphus Emerick and Mignie Pfouts.

The Salem and Eugene league teams play next Saturday and Sunday in Eugene.

Mrs. W. D. Garman of Cottage Grove has been visiting with her sister, Mrs. R. W. Newland, of this city this week.

L. T. Harris and A. C. Woodcock have formed a co-partnership and will pull together in legal harness. They will make a strong team.

Surveyors are at work surveying and setting stakes for the new bridge at Springfield and railroad to connect the Woodburn-Natron branch road with the S. P. at that place.

Miss Maude Blair returned to her home—the Sherwood House—at Cottage Grove, Saturday after a brief but enjoyable visit with her brother, Frank Blair of this city.

Hon. J. T. Bridges, register of the U. S. land office at Roseburg, who has been quite ill for some time, past spent Sunday in Eugene visiting with friends, who were glad to note his improved condition.

The musical festival and the big W. O. W. logrolling was two of the

biggest events in Eugene's history. We observed that the Cottage Grove "Wow's" with their C. M. A. band made a very creditable showing.

The county commissioners have appropriated \$100 toward the expense of preparing a county exhibit for the state fair. This act on the part of the commissioners should certainly meet with approval. E. M. Warren, of Coburg, has been appointed to collect the exhibit.

The Eugene "Nobles" won a victory over the the Salem "Raglans" in a game of baseball Saturday which was a credit to neither, by a score of 14 to 10. The grounds were new and slippery on account of heavy rain and both teams were at a disadvantage. Sunday the game was reversed, Salem winning by a score of 14 to 0.

No doubt the same house-breaker who plied his profession so energetically at Cottage Grove last week reached Eugene on schedule time and made his presence known here at 2 o'clock Friday morning by effecting an entrance to E. S. Skipworth's home. He carried a lighted candle which was observed by a member of the family who gave the alarm and the thug fled. J. D. Ladley's residence one block from the Skipworth home was also entered about the same time, but a house dog drove the burglar away.

The bold burglar got in his work in this city again Saturday night. Some time during the night the residence of Dr. W. L. Cheshire, at 798 Willamette street, was entered and about \$90, belonging to Mrs. Cheshire's father, P. P. Palmer, was taken. An entrance was effected to the residence of Rev. J. S. McCallum the same night and all the small change in sight was appropriated, amounting to about \$2. The intruder entered the parson's studio and read his Sunday morning sermon notes leaving candle droppings all about them. After going to the cupboard and feasting on cake and other delicacies he left without being discovered.

## MANY NEW STRUCTURES

Under Headway and Building Operations are Very Active at Present in Cottage Grove.

Many new substantial buildings are under course of construction in this city and among those not heretofore mentioned through the columns of the LEADER are as following:

Marion Veatch has a very neat commodious six roomed cottage inclosed on the lot which he recently purchased almost opposite the Christian church. The Thomas Bros. are the contractors and when completed it will be a model little home.

On the lot adjoining Mr. Veatch's new cottage on the south, a neat, cosy cottage is just being completed by Mrs. Emerson, the paper hangers and painters now being engaged in putting on the finishing touches.

Herbert Eakin of the firm of Eakin & Bristow has the lumber on his lot in the south part of town adjoining Harry Wynne's residence property, for a new story and a half cottage of modern design, which Mr. Eakin is building to rent.

Albert Willard has the material all on the ground for a fine commodious two story residence on his lots opposite J. H. McFarland's home in the McFarland addition to west Cottage Grove.

### The Lorane Creamery.

The machinery and cans for the Lorane Creamery arrived at this place Monday and on Tuesday was taken over to the creamery site where the plant will be installed at once and put into early operation. It is sure to become a great source of revenue and profit to the Lorane farmers and dairymen where the conditions are so favorable for dairying. Pass the Lorane Creamery butter, please!

Work is well advanced on a neat five room cottage for Jas. Hart in the new McFarland addition to west Cottage Grove. Will Hart is the head carpenter on this building.

Robt. Phillips has a large addition to his cottage in West Cottage Grove nearly completed which makes a marked improvement in the appearance of his premises.

C. C. Roberts is putting the finishing touches on his new cottage on Bridge street near the school house, which will be a cosy little domicile.

J. I. Jones recently completed a commodious addition to his residence in Jones addition to Cottage Grove.

A. G. Knapp has the carpenters at work enlarging and otherwise improving the residence which he recently purchased in the McFarland addition a little north of the Catholic church.

Mr. F. Korinek, the genial and enterprising new proprietor of the Central Hotel has the carpenters at work building a fine commodious addition to his hotel, the main room in which is to be fitted up for a convenient sample room for the accommodation of the commercial traveler.

### Pupils Vote for Congressman.

The sixth and Seventh grades of the Cottage Grove public school voted for Congressman Friday afternoon. Stirring speeches were made by different pupils, preceding the election. The ballot resulted as follows:

Hermann	18
Reames	7
Wilkins	2
Elmore	0
Total votes cast	27

## CAUGHT ON THE WIRES

News Notes of General Interest From Various Sources

## SERVED RED HOT

W. P. Peacock Shoots and kills A. S. Kerr near Independence

There is talk of an automobile stage line between Medford and Jacksonville.

A fierce snow storm raged over Montana and Utah this week entailing a loss to cattle and sheep men in the enormous sum of \$5,000,000.

Ashland had a big fire Monday, the loss aggregating \$80,000. Most of the structures burned were frame buildings except one brick which was destroyed.

W. P. Peacock shot and killed his neighbor, A. S. Kerr, at Parker, five miles from Independence Tuesday, the result of Peacock's ill temper. The slayer is under arrest.

A movement is being made to start a newspaper in Jacksonville, to be under the conduct of Chas. Meserve, lately of the Medford Success. It will be known as the Jacksonville Sentinel.

President Roosevelt in travelling over the United States goes thousands of miles further than an European ruler in going over all of the countries of the continent. Great is the U. S.

A few days ago in a domestic difficulty between Mr. and Mrs. John Bounds of Coquille City a struggle for the possession of a pistol took place. The pistol was discharged in the melee and both combatants received flesh wounds in the knee.

In a snappy game of ball at Roseburg Saturday the locals fell before the Albany ball tossers by a score of 11 to 2. It was an exciting contest. The game was repeated on Sunday and the tables were turned, Roseburg winning by a score of 15 to 10.

Mrs. A. S. Bliton, wife of the editor of the Medford Mail, died at her home in Medford last Thursday aged 36 years. The funeral took place Saturday from the family residence conducted by Rev. W. F. Shields and interment was made in Odd Fellows cemetery. The LEADER extends sympathy to Editor Bliton.

The Oregonian has been making some discoveries that will startle the President when he reaches Portland. In that city there are 20,000 female population between 20 and 44 years of age, of whom one third are unmarried. Of the 14,000 married but one in eleven gave birth to a baby during the last year. Then on the part of the men but half of those between 20 and 55 years are married.

Secretary of State Dunbar has completed the arrangement of the candidates for congress as they will appear upon the official ballot. According to arrangement, as provided by the statutes in the alphabetical order of their surnames, W. P. Elmore, the Prohibitionists candidate appears first on the ballot as No. 12; Binger Hermann as Republican, as No 13; J. W. Ingle, Socialist, as No. 14; A. E. Reames, Democrat, as No. 15.

The magnificent sword, by which the people of Oregon showed their appreciation of Captain, now Rear Admiral, Clark, who commanded the famous battleship Oregon on her historic run from the Pacific to the Atlantic, during our war with Spain, has been forwarded to him, accompanied by a letter from Gov. Chamberlain, which says: "The sword is tendered to you by a grateful people, embracing all classes and all shades of political opinion, and I trust you will receive it as an expression of gratitude for your distinguished service to the nation and in appreciation of you as a man and officer."

The foot pad is getting in his work in and about Roseburg. A stage has been held up and private citizens are being relieved of their purses.

## SURVEYS DISCONTINUED

No New Townships will be Platted in Oregon this Year, and all Present Work Ordered Stopped.

No new townships are to be surveyed in Oregon by the Government this year, according to the present prospects, and all those in course of surveying are "hung up," pending investigation under the supervision of United States Land Commissioner Richards.

The cause of this suspension of surveys, as nearly as can be learned, is the reports of Special Agent Green, of the Interior Department, who became alarmed at the great quantities of timber lands being bought up by lumber syndicates, who used the alleged "settler" as go-between in acquiring title. Surveys are now suspended in the timber regions of Lane, Douglas, Josephine, Coos and Curry counties, in Western Oregon, and in Willows and Klamath counties, east of the Cascade Range.

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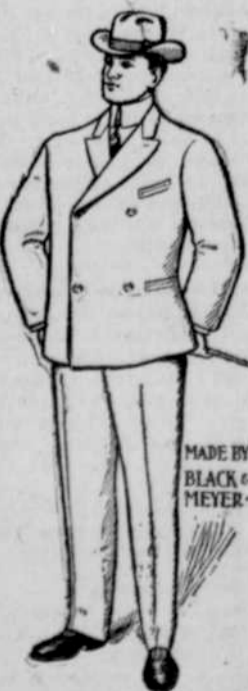
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