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## COUNTY SEAT NOTES

**Deserted Wife Dies at the  
Poor Farm after Lin-  
gering Illness.**

## TEACHERS MEET

**W. A. Simmons of Rose-  
burg appointed as  
Forest Ranger.**

The old soldiers of Eugene and vicinity have chartered a special car to carry them to the national G. A. R. encampment at San Francisco in September.

Mr. Hoffman of Fairmount went over a 100 foot embankment near Alpha with his horse and buggy Saturday. He caught on a crag about half way down, and strange to relate the only damage resulting was a demolished buggy.

Mrs. Matlock, wife of Jas. Matlock, who was drowned in the Hepper flood, arrived here Monday and is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Matlock, Miss Nora Matlock, daughter of the hero of the flood, Tom Matlock, accompanied her.

C. F. Mitchell, manager of the lumber yard recently purchased by J. M. Eddy from the Long & Bingham Lumber Company, was arrested Monday on a complaint sworn to by his wife charging him with assault and battery. He was found not guilty.

Mr. W. A. Simmons, of Roseburg has been appointed as forest ranger under Forest Supervisor S. C. Bartum. Mr. Simmons left Saturday morning for the McKinzie river east of Eugene where he will take up his new duties as a protector of Uncle Sam's property.

The regular examination of applicants for state and county papers will be held before county school superintendent W. M. Miller, and his assistants at the court house commencing Wednesday morning Aug 12, and continuing until Saturday evening Aug 15.

Messrs Long & Bingham, the Cottage Grove lumbermen, sold their yard and business in this city Friday to J. M. Eddy, the well known contractor. Mr. Eddy will continue to conduct the yard and will put a good man in charge of it while he looks after his building interests.

The state printer has delivered the job premium lists ordered by the

officers of the District fair and they are now ready for distribution. F. A. Rankin, first vice president, Amos Wilkins, of Coburg, member of the Board of Commissioners; T. G. Hendricks, assistant treasurer, and J. M. Williams, assistant secretary, are Lane County's officers of the association. The new premium lists will be furnished upon application. The fair will be opened Sept 29, and continue five days at Eugene.

The Annual Lane County teachers institute opened at the courthouse Tuesday, nearly 100 teachers being registered. Interesting and instructive subjects were discussed by President Mulkey of the Ashland Normal, and Supt. Bechtolt of the city schools. J. M. Williams gave a talk on "Corporal Punishment." The first evening session consisted of an entertaining lecture by Pres. Mulkey, which was well attended. State Supt. Ackerman and Supt. Adams of the Albany schools were down on Wednesday's program. Arthur Frazer furnished music. The institute closed Thursday evening.

The League baseball games closed for the season at Salem Sunday. Twenty-four games have been played by each team and Salem won the pennant. The game Saturday at Eugene between Roseburg and the home team resulted in a score of 5 to 7 in favor of Roseburg. At Salem Sunday the game was forfeited by Roseburg refusing to play because Jay McCormick of Salem, was forced upon them for Umpire. The standing of the clubs is as follows: Salem won 16, lost 8, P. C. 655; Roseburg won 14, lost 10, P. C. 582; Eugene won 12, lost 12, P. C. 500; Albany won 6, lost 18, P. C. 250.

There is a sad sequel to the elopement of E. B. Wickham of Springfield with his wife's buxom young sister last spring, after Mrs. Wickham had sent her sister the money with which to defray her expenses on the visit from the east. For a time Mrs. Wickham prosecuted a vigorous search for the unfaithful pair and then returned to her home to endeavor to eke out an existence on the place, but hard work and worry soon resulted in illness and she was finally committed to the county poor farm, at which place she grew worse until Friday when she died. A wayward, thoughtless sister and a traitorous husband is responsible for her sad death.

### Roseburg Young Lady Suicides.

ROSEBURG, Aug. 5.—The dead body of Miss Ida Page, aged 18 years, residing in Roseburg, was found by passersby early this morning half a mile south of the city lying by the side of the railroad track. There were no marks on the body indicating violence nor any signs of a struggle. It is supposed she took poison with suicidal intent, but no reason is assigned for the act. A post mortem examination will be held.

## MAN KILLED AT CRESWELL

**Benjamin Stroup Crushed  
to Death by Logs Pass-  
ing Over Him**

## MONDAY MORNING

**Was Working with South-  
ern Pacific Pile Driv-  
er Crew.**

Benjamin Stroup, of Aurora, a member of the Southern Pacific pile driver crew, met with a fatal accident at Creswell at 11:30 o'clock Monday forenoon. It appears that he stumbled and fell in front of four or five heavy pilings as they were rolling down the skids, all of which passed over his body, crushing him and it seems a miracle that he was not killed instantly. He was picked up in an unconscious condition and Dr. L.

### ROAD WORK COMPLETED.

Twelve Miles of Bad Road Between this City and Bohemia Permanently Repaired at Cost of \$2,000.

Through the generous financial contributions of the county court and the citizens of Cottage Grove and vicinity that notoriously bad section of the Bohemia-Cottage Grove wagon road located between the Red Bridge and Bohemia Warehouse, covering a distance of 12 miles, has been put in first class shape for all ordinary fall and winter travel. Through the enterprise and energy of Geo. O. Knowles, a fund of \$2000 was recently raised for this much needed road improvement, the county court volunteering to donate \$1,000 providing the citizens of Cottage Grove and the Row River valley would contribute as much. Mr. Knowles soon raised the required amount by subscription and a force of men completed the work last Saturday, the entire amount subscribed being very judiciously expended on the improvement under the personal supervision of Mr. Knowles and Green Pitcher. This work consisted of general road improvements, widening grades, putting in culverts and placing corduroy across marshy places in the road, about 8,000 feet of road being improved in the latter manner.

Geo. Allen who has been employed on this work was in town Monday and informed the LEADER that the improvement will be of great advantage to the Bohemia mines and Cottage Grove as well.

### Killed a Mountain Lion.

Jos. Schlee killed a big cougar on Walt Baker's place on the headwaters of Mosby Creek 15 miles east of town Sunday. He was down on the creek when he heard a peculiar whistling noise a short distance above and looking up saw the big cat crossing a gravel bar. He opened fire on the animal, but missed it, whereupon he put his dog on its trail and it was soon treed in a thick growth of timber, which he entered and began looking high up in the trees for his game, but presently found himself looking squarely in the glaring eyes of the panther, which was crouched down on the lowest limb of a big tree not more than ten feet above his head. He was not long getting his rifle into action and sent a well directed bullet crashing through the head of his big game which barely missed him as it fell from the tree. It was an unusually large cougar or mountain lion, measuring 11 feet from tip to tip.

### Bought a Springfield Bakery

W. S. Williams who has been interested in the Cash Grocery of this city for some time past disposed of his business interests here last week and went to Springfield where he has purchased the Springfield bakery of M. B. Huntly and took possession of the business Saturday. Mr. Williams will soon move his family to Springfield to reside, which is greatly regretted by their many friends here, who however, wish them happiness and prosperity in their new home.

D. Scarbrough was summoned and attended to his injuries, but stated that they were such that the young man could not long survive, he having sustained fatal internal injuries. The young man was put aboard the north bound train which arrived soon after the accident and started on his painful journey to the Southern Pacific hospital at Portland, but he died from his injuries a few hours later just below Halsey and the body was taken to Aurora and turned over to the K. P. lodge at that place, of which he was a member, for burial. Coroner King left Eugene Tuesday morning for Aurora to hold an inquest over the remains before burial. The verdict of the coroner's jury was that the young man came to his death accidentally. Deceased was well and favorably known in Cottage Grove and was a very exemplary young man. He was a cousin of Mrs. M. O. Warner of this city and spent Sunday here in company with the Misses Martin and Lula Hughes visiting relatives and friends who little dreamed that on the morrow he would receive his final summons, be stricken down in vigorous youth without a moment's warning, and pass to that bourne from which no traveler returneth. This sad and untimely ending of this worthy young man is deeply deplored by all.

### CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Sunday Ordinance to be Enforced—Bicycles Excluded From Sidewalks on Prominent Streets.

The city council met in its regular monthly session last Monday evening the mayor and all the councilmen being present.

A petition praying for the rigid enforcement of the city ordinances and state laws relating to gambling and closing of saloons was read and duly considered.

An ordinance providing for the closing of all business houses on Sunday except as provided by the statutes, was read and passed.

Ordinance No. 99, prohibiting the riding of bicycles on the sidewalks within the corporate limits of the city with the exceptions of Jones addition was read and lost. But upon a motion this ordinance was amended to exclude bicycles from Main, River, Bridge and Fifth streets and upon roll-call was promptly passed.

### BILLS ALLOWED

Geo. Bisby cross walk,	\$ 8.97
J. W. Harns, hauling gravel	3.50
J. L. Allison, " "	7.00
B. H. Coffman, wk on reservoir	1.00
J. E. Young, salary	8.30
Griffin & Veatch plumbing and hardware	152.67
Light Co.	143.00
S. R. Critslow, wk on reservoir	2.50

### New Resident Physician

Dr. Alexander Corpron, late of Minnesota, and a graduate of the regular Ann Arbor Medical College arrived in this city accompanied by his wife and baby Tuesday and after looking over the town and tributary country has decided to locate here permanently. The doctor comes very highly recommended and is skilled in his profession. He is genial, affable and a very pleasant gentleman to meet. The family will reside temporarily in the Powers residence, and the doctor will announce later where he will open his office. The LEADER joins in extending Dr. Corpron and his estimable family a hearty welcome to our city.

### A Washington Lynching.

Wm. Hamilton, a farmer 24 years old, who upon being arrested Monday, confessed to waylaying, outraging and then brutally killing with a club, Mabel, the 13 year old daughter of Sheriff Richards, at Asotin, Wash., Sunday, was taken from the jail Tuesday by an infuriated crowd of citizens despite the protestations of the sheriff and his 25 special deputies, and hanged to a cross-beam of a telegraph pole. The girl was on her way to Sunday-school and on passing through a little wood alone she was seized by Hamilton and in the fearful struggle which ensued nearly all of her clothing was torn from her body. She was found soon afterwards lying in a pool of blood by the side of the club with which she had been struck on the head and killed.

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## JOINT STOCK COMPANY

**The Simmons Ochre Beds  
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## CRESWELL PEOPLE

**Have Organized to Work  
this Paint Mine on  
Extensive Scale**

The LEADER has had considerable to say in the past few months regarding a very extensive deposit of Ochre, Sienna and Fire Clay on the Ellis Simmons place four miles north of this city and near Walker Station. Mr. Simmons has been operating this paint mine on a small scale for several years, but the full extent of the deposit has only been a matter of conjecture. Now, however, some of the prominent business men of Creswell have become interested in the property and they find by the most searching tests that it is almost inexhaustible and have organized a company to manufacture paint and put it on the market.

The company is composed of Dr. L. D. Scarbrough, C. C. Hazleton, S. A. McKay, W. W. Scott and S. A. Gorrell. They propose to organize a joint stock company and place a limited number of shares on the market. Mr. McKay and Mr. Simmons were in Eugene this week arranging for machinery and men to begin active operations.

Samples of this paint have been exhibited at the Buffalo and Charleston expositions and is now being shown at Osaka, Japan along with the Oregon exhibit. A request has recently come from Portland for samples of the paint to be sent to the St. Louis exposition.

In all probability a large and profitable paint manufactory will soon be built up on the site of this great paint-clay deposit.

### BUSINESS TRANSFER.

J. P. Currin has Sold his Drug Business in this City to A. B. Wilmot, Late of Shedd, Linn County.

J. P. Currin, the pioneer druggist of this city sold his stock and business to A. B. Wilmot of Shedd's, Linn County, and the new proprietor assumed charge of the business last Saturday at the old stand on Wall Street, West Cottage Grove. Mr. Currin has long been identified with the advancement and upbuilding of Cottage Grove and while not

by any means an old man, he has been engaged in business longer in this city than any other business man here today, the time of the establishment of his drug store here dating back nearly twenty-two years, and his retirement from business will remove a familiar character from the business circles of this city. Mr. Currin will now devote the greater portion of his time to building up the slightly Currin Park addition to Cottage Grove and he will erect several modern residences and cottages thereon for rent or sale. Mr. Currin's successor, Mr. Wilmot, is a genial, enterprising and obliging young man, a registered druggist and a graduate of a well known school of Pharmacy. His wife also has considerable knowledge of the business and enjoys assisting her husband at times in the store. The LEADER joins in welcoming Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot to our city and bespeaks for them the same liberal share of public patronage which has always been extended to Mr. Currin. Mr. Wilmot has styled his place Wilmot's Pharmacy, and it will be found a good place to spend your money to get values when in need of anything in the line.

### Fire Alarm Tuesday.

A vigorous fire alarm was turned in from the West side Tuesday and in less than five minutes the streets of Cottage Grove presented the appearance of a circus day. Both the Rescue and Eagle fire companies responded promptly, the Rescue boys of the west side reaching the fire first, which was located in the roof about the flue in the rear of the old Hall residence now occupied by John Spray and family on River street nearly opposite Mrs. Pet Sanford's dressmaking parlors. No time was lost in getting water on the blaze and it was promptly extinguished, just as the Eagle's from the east side appeared on the scene after a long, but lively run. Little danger resulted and it was fully demonstrated that under any ordinary conditions a fire in this city can easily be controlled by our very efficient volunteer fire companies with the excellent water supply always at hand. It was reported that the same building caught fire the next day about the same place and time but was promptly extinguished.

### Church Being Improved.

The Christian church in this city is being repainted, repapered and generally renovated and will soon present a greatly improved appearance. Owing to the progress of this work which is only partially completed, there will be no services held at this church Sunday.

The loss by the fire which destroyed the business portion of Halsey is said to be less than \$70,000 the first report. The loss though to the little town is almost irreparable and a number of years will be required to overcome it.

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