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COTTAGE GROVE, OREGON. The headquarters for three great lumbering companies. Only gateway to the rich Bohemia gold mines, and the Black Butte cinnabar mines.

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FIENDISH ASSAULT

Jim Bunn Arrested and Convicted for Attempt to Rape Little Girl.

TEN YEARS IN PEN

Eight-Year-Old Cottage Grove Girl Object of his Foul Designs

Jim Bunn, a well known Eugene character who has figured more or less conspicuously in the police and justice courts for some time past, and who last August completed a term in the penitentiary for burglary, is now in a fair way to be sent back to the penitentiary for a much longer term.

Bunn was arrested in Cottage Grove Saturday afternoon, charged with attempted rape upon Ethel Bartels, the eight-year-old daughter of John Bartels, of the meat market firm of Bartels & Veatch.

Constable B. K. Lawson took Bunn down to Eugene Sunday morning and turned him over to the sheriff who lodged him in the county jail. Constable Lawson is quoted with the following story of the attempted crime and arrest.

Bunn had been drinking during the day, but was not so drunk but that he knew what he was doing. He met the little Bartels girl on the street and offered her money to accompany him to a nearby shed or barn. They remained there some time. Bunn did not carry out his foul designs but the testimony given by the little girl at the preliminary examination before the justice of the peace was enough to convict him.

Leaving the shed, Bunn and the little girl started for the brush on the river. At this juncture the child began to cry and they were noticed by some ladies who informed Fred Bartels, brother of the girl, who ran and overtook them and held Bunn until Constable Lawson arrived.

The would-be rapist was at once given an examination before Justice Vaughn and Lound over to the circuit court.

There was considerable feeling in Cottage Grove over the attempted crime, but no demonstration was made.

Had the fellow succeeded in carrying out his foul purpose he would have been strung up without any ceremony, as the town was full of Bohemia miners and men from the

logging camps and a number of them were drinking heavily.

JAMES KERR ROBBED AGAIN.

Chief of Police Stiles was working up a case of robbery against Bunn and was about to effect his arrest when this other and more serious charge was preferred, says the Guard.

It seems that last Thursday night Bunn and an old man by the name of James Kerr, residing at Wildwood, several miles east of Cottage Grove, were drinking together in Eugene, and by Friday morning the old man was so drunk that he knew next to nothing. He and Bunn were seen down on North Jefferson street and the old man could scarcely stand. Some women living in that neighborhood saw Bunn lean Kerr up against a fence and go through his pockets. He then made for the brush on Skinner's Butte and disappeared. A telephone message to Chief Stiles brought that officer to the scene with a wagon and Kerr was taken down town. When sober enough to tell his story he said he had lost in the neighborhood of \$60, most of which Bunn no doubt secured. At any rate he was spending money freely at Cottage Grove and he was never known to have more than a few cents at a time on his person.

BUNN FOUND GUILTY.

The trial of Jim Bunn, the brute who attempted to criminally assault little Ethel Bartels at Cottage Grove Saturday, began in the circuit court Tuesday.

A number of witnesses, including the little girl, her mother and the children with whom the little girl was playing at the time of the attempted assault, were examined, and their testimony was enough to convince any jury ever empaneled that the fellow was guilty.

The jury went out at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and in a few minutes rendered a verdict of guilty.

On Wednesday Bunn was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. This is the highest penalty for this offence. Before pronouncing sentence Judge Hamilton stated that inasmuch as Bunn had served a previous term in the penitentiary and after being given his liberty had been given a chance to do better but had neglected his opportunity and sank worse in the mire of crime, he would this time be given the full penalty of the law.

Card of Thanks.

The undersigned desires to express his heartfelt thanks to all those who so kindly assisted and administered to the comfort and care of the family during the late illness and death of a beloved wife and mother, and to the Woodman lodge and circle do I especially extend thanks for their many acts of kindness in our sad hour of bereavement.

J. M. EMERICK.

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MINING

NOTES OF INTEREST GATHERED FROM ALL SOURCES

Henry C. Marcus has located "Gold Coin" claim in the Bohemia mining district.

More than a million dollars' worth of the gold of the copper mines at Butte, Mont. every week.

Alex Pugh has filed proof of labor on the "Gypsy Queen" and "Gypsy Girl" mining claims in the Bohemia mining district.

John Peterson foreman at the Musick mine during the past season came down from the Bohemia district Monday. He has tendered his resignation as foreman at the Musick and has accepted a position under G. Meadows, in the Oregon & Colorado mines, the property of F. J. Hard & Co.

Herbert Leigh, the assayer and mining expert arrived in this city Tuesday and returned to his home at Eugene from a several weeks trip to Bohemia where he has been looking after his mining interests. He reports work progressing in the various mining properties regardless of the recent severe storm.

Frank Wheeler, secretary of the Crystal Consolidated Mining Co., started up to the mines Monday, but on reaching the warehouse he found it convenient to remain over a short time at that place while the first genuine snow storm of the season was spending its fury in the high altitudes of the district. Mr. Wheeler went up to the company's property to ascertain the prospects for getting their new stamp mill into the mines which arrived at this place last week, fears being entertained that so far advanced is the season that it will be impossible to put the mill into the camp until spring.

Gill Meadows came down from the Bohemia mines Monday having

just completed the Crystal Consolidated Company's road from the Chabupion road to their mines, of which road construction work Mr. Meadows had full supervision. He reported considerable snow in the district and the most severe storm raging that has ever been experienced in the camp so early in the season. He reports considerable damage to the new Champion basin wagon road resulting from slides and cave-ins and says some little time will be occupied in repairing the damages. He says activity continues in the mines and that there is plenty of work for everybody.

"Dozens of capitalists who go into the Bohemia mining district emerge there-from saying "Eureka," says Dr. W. W. Oglesby, president of the Golden Slipper Mining & Milling Company, of Cottage Grove, who is at the Perkins Hotel in this city, said Saturdays Telegram.

"The Bohemia country is thriving and as a result Cottage Grove is growing rapidly. There have been 50 new dwellings erected in Cottage Grove during the past six weeks, and the indications are for the erection of dozens more.

"We have timber, mines and agricultural country back of the town, and all combined we expect to make Cottage Grove the leading city of the Willamette Valley in the near future. "The day of impulsive speculation is past," continued Dr. Oglesby, "and for that reason capital is more careful of its investments. This condition makes the growth of Bohemia permanent and real. There is little of the 'boom' atmosphere in Lane County, but rather a steady growth, which makes a good foundation for future building. "There is something doing every minute, activity all the time, and progress is the watchword of the camp.

reception at the opera house Saturday evening by the local team and its friends.

Meat Market Firm Dissolves.

The meat market firm of Bartels & Veatch was dissolved this week by mutual consent, Marion Veatch retiring from the firm. Mr. Bartels will continue the business at the old stand and will go right on supplying his many patrons with the best fish, fowl and meats to be found in this part of the country. He will soon move his stock pens to the newly acquired site near the railroad bridge north of town where he has erected a modern slaughter house. Mr. Veatch has not yet decided as to what he will turn his attention and energies.

Youthful Horsethieves Captured.

Deputy Sheriff H. T. McClallen on Tuesday night brought in from Riddle young Harvey Bice, the 17-year-old horse thief, who with his older brother, Bert, eluded Deputy Sheriff Parrott near town Monday. The two horses afterwards stolen by them from Jephtha Green and M. Morrison, of Brockway, were also recovered by Mr. McClallen. The older boy, Bert Bice, was also caught sight of near Riddle Tuesday afternoon, but escaped in the brush, although several shots were fired in his direction. The boys previously stole two horses at Yoncalla, but left them at Elk Head. They are believed to have likewise taken horses in Lane county, releasing them after riding some distance. Several of the Bice boys have served terms in the reform school and Bert very recently completed a term in the penitentiary for larceny. Their parents live in the mountains several miles from Riddle.—Roseburg Review.

MR. PEARSONS PROMOTION.

Is Elected A Director of the Oregon Securities Company.

A letter dated New York City Nov. 5, and addressed to the LEADER, by John H. Pearsons, who served as general manager of the Oregon & Southeastern Railroad Company at this place during the past season, mentions inadvertently a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Oregon Securities Mining Co., operating in the Bohemia district, at which considerable business of importance was transacted and reports concerning operations the past season in the mines were received and were most satisfactory to all concerned. Mr. Pearsons received substantial recognition for his valuable services of the past season by being elected a member of the official board to succeed Mr. Geo. B. Knapp of Boston, who was forced to resign on account of long continued ill health. The many friends of Mr. Pearsons here will be pleased to learn of his promotion.

NON-PROGRESSIVE

Complaints are Numerous Against the S. P. Co. Because Shippers Cannot Secure Sufficient Cars.

The Southern Pacific has not kept pace with the growth of business in Oregon, say shippers who cannot get cars. Merchants and manufacturers at Portland are thoroughly stirred up over the matter and are in a mood to demand redress from the Legislature.

They aver that their business is curtailed and that they have suffered heavy financial losses for which they threaten to sue the railroad company. They declare that rail transportation by the Southern Pacific is stagnant, not only at Portland, but in the country. And while they are unable to fill contracts and farmers are unable to dispose of their grain, hay, potatoes and such like, warehouses along the line are bulging, markets are vacillating and both buyer and seller are in the speculative gamble.

Shippers point out that competitive points on the Willamette River don't suffer from the car famine. They assert that the railroad company moves hops and prunes promptly because transportation of such products is more remunerative.

A Portland merchant bought 300 tons of hay in Yamhill County last November, but did not get it all to Portland until last July. The northwest Door Company hasn't been able to get a car on the Southern Pacific for three months. A week ago Wolf & Sons were working on a deal for a Southern shipment of 50 carloads of potatoes, but lost the business for lack of cars. Another firm of potato dealers had an order from Arizona for 25 carloads, but couldn't ship. Meanwhile producers in other parts of the country are supplying dealers who prefer Oregon potatoes, says the Oregonian.

A lumberman of the Valley whose pay roll amounts to \$6000 a month has been unable to ship only 12 carloads in the past year, and is debating the advisability of going out of business.

The price of timothy hay is \$18 a ton at Portland. The hay is very scarce, and consumers have been

able to get only a bale or two at a time. The scarcity and the high price are caused by scarcity of cars. A large part of the hay used in Portland comes from Eastern Oregon, over the O. R. & N., which manages to supply cars as they are needed.

A local firm bought 35 carloads of hay in Yamhill County three months ago. It has been able to bring only two car loads to Portland. The firm is Everding & Farrell.

Another firm, the Stephenson Company, some two months ago, contracted with farmers for about 125 tons of hay, paying \$600 down. The firm has moved only two carloads of the hay, those two cars being all that it has secured from the railroad in the past 40 days.

FOOTBALL SATURDAY.

Cottage Grove High School vs. Roseburg High School.

One of the liveliest football games of the season will no doubt be witnessed on the gridiron in this city Saturday, the contest to be between the Roseburg High School team and the local High School team, which played a scoreless game at Roseburg recently. The two teams are pretty evenly matched and this game promises to be one full of vim and sharply contested as each team is determined to score this time and maintain its laurels, neither team having met defeat thus far this season. The visitors will be tendered a cordial

CHARLES DAVIS DROWNED

In Attempting to Break a Log Jam on Coast Fork Last Wednesday

AT THE ROUSE MILL

Fell into the Turbulent and Swollen Stream—Body Not Yet Recovered.

Chas. Davis, an old employe of the Coast Fork Lumber Co, was drowned near the company's mill, formerly known as the Rouse mill, Wednesday, while assisting in breaking a log jam in the coast fork river at that place. It appears that he either fell or became excited in the supposition that the jam was breaking and jumped into the swollen, murky waters of the mountain torrent and was swept away, the body having as yet not been recovered. He was a married man and leaves a small family to mourn his death. He was held in high esteem by his employers and fellow laborers who greatly deplore his tragic and untimely death.

THE RECENT STORM.

Western Oregon and Washington was visited by a severe storm the early part of this week of some thirty-six hours duration, snow falling in the high altitudes, the valleys being drenched in a driving rain. Some little damage resulted in this county, several small bridges being washed out and the mill men lost a few logs and pilings, among whom was the Booth-Kelly Co., at Springfield. About Cottage Grove the loss was very slight, the Pacific Timber Co., being able to save all but a few of their pilings in Mosby Creek and their logs and pilings in the Coast Fork.

Some damage resulted in the Bohemia mines from slides and wash-outs. The new Champion basin wagon road is considerably obstructed with slides, but will be repaired in a couple of weeks. The new dam of the Oregon Securities Co., was slightly damaged and its electric power wires were blown down in places, but no serious damage resulted.

The Oregon & Southeastern Railroad suffered slightly from the storm. The steam shovel was flooded in the gravel pit near town and work was temporarily suspended. The long stringers and false work of the new railroad bridge across Frank Brice Creek in the Bohemia foot hills was all washed out.

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