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## HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

Will be Erected in West Cottage Grove this Year

## THIS CITY LEADS

Other Oregon Towns in Building Growth and Increased Population

Architect Burgraff of Salem, was in town this week and turned over the plans and specifications for Cottage Grove's new high school building, to the school board. The site for the new building has been selected in the J. H. McFarland addition on a slight elevation near the sight of the old home which burned, but the ground has not yet been secured. The building is to be a fine eight room, two story structure, modern in all of its departments, and is patterned after the Patterson school building at Eugene. It will cost complete, about \$14,000.00, however, only three rooms are to be completed at the time of building.

Notices have been posted calling a special school meeting for the purpose of empowering the school board to purchase grounds and make other arrangements for the construction of the new high school building.

The present building, though commodious and modern in its construction is inadequate to accommodate the growing requirements of the district therefore it is imperative that a new building be provided and at as early a date as possible. Since the present building is located in east Cottage Grove it is deemed advisable to erect the new building on the west side for the convenience of the patrons of the school. The LEADER hopes the citizens of the town and school district fully realize the great importance and necessity for increased public school facilities and will lend their united support to this most commendable movement.

### COTTAGE GROVE LEADS.

A statement recently appeared in a Portland daily, in reviewing the growth of Oregon towns for the past year, to the effect that Cottage Grove, in proportion to its population, showed the greatest growth and increase in population of any of the Oregon towns during the year just closed, and this city was correctly credited with having erected 125 new buildings during the year 1903. This speaks volumes for Cottage Grove's favored lo-

cation, substantial backing and enterprise, and there is every assurance that the year 1904 will witness even greater progress, prosperity and advancement in this city, owing to the rapid development of the great tributary mining, timber and agricultural interests. The LEADER was informed by a local contractor this week that he had knowledge of orders having already been placed and contracts let for sixty new buildings in this city to be completed during the coming season, and there are others.

### Miners' Cabin Burned.

John Nokes has returned home from the Bohemia mining district where he went some time ago to work out his annual assessment on his Good Friday claim, which is located along the wagon road between Judson Rock Canyon and Lookout point, and is thought to be an extension of the Lilly claim of the Glenwood group. Mr. Nokes has had three men at work besides himself, John Graber, Malachi Miller and Mr. Critchlow and he has completed a 40 foot tunnel on the main ledge which is well defined, about 4 feet thick and has true hanging walls. He brought in some very fine specimens of ore which carry copper, galena and other metals. Mr. Nokes will proceed to have an assay made of this quartz at once and feels sure that it will demonstrate the fact that he has good property.

One day last week while Mr. Nokes and his crew of men were at work, the cabin which they were occupying, known as the LeRoy cabin, caught on fire in some way and was totally destroyed, together with their rubber boots, blankets, guns, some tools, clothing and all of their provisions. Mr. Nokes was even left in bleak Bohemia in his shirt sleeves. The loss fell very heavily on the boys as their winter supplies were all consumed. They remained long enough to complete the assessment work, boarding at the Benson house, some distance from the claim and then returned to this city for the winter.

### NEW RAILROAD SCALES.

O. & S. E. Railroad Yards Receive Another Fine Improvement.

A force of a dozen men have been engaged in putting in a new improved Fairbanks railroad scale in the yards of the Oregon & Southeastern Railroad company in this city this week. The work was superintended by an expert of the Fairbanks company and like all of the work of this Cottage Grove-Bohemia railroad company another good substantial improvement has been made. The new scales have a weighing capacity of 190,000 pounds and fill a long-felt want in the new railroad yards in this city. With the construction of a new turn table the O. & S. E. railroad will have most convenient and up-to-date yards in this city, and fully equal to any of the S. P. yards in this part of the state.

## SENSATIONAL DEATH

Fred Gale, a Crippled Harness-Maker, Assaulted New Year's Eve.

## DIED OF INJURIES

Considerable Mystery Overshadows the Affair Mysterious Woman

Quite a sensation was created in this city New Year day by the report that some unknown party or parties had entered the apartments of Fred Gale, the crippled ex-harness maker, adjoining Clark's harness shop at an early hour that morning by way of a back door and had severely beaten and robbed him of some \$25 or \$30 dollars. Mr. Gale was in attendance at the New Year eve's ball given in the Masonic hall, and acted in the capacity of door keeper for the dancing club. It appears that he left the dance hall between the hours of 1 and 2 o'clock a. m. New Year (Friday) morning, went down to the Resort Saloon, treated four or five bystanders to the drinks and then proceeded to his bachelor quarters only a short distance away, accompanied by Thos Miller. That was the last seen of Gale by his friends until about 10 o'clock New Year day when his room was entered through the back door which was unlocked, by Stella Fry, a 15 year-old distant relative of Fred Gale with whose parents he was taking his meals. Gale was found in a dazed condition, lying in his bed, while his face was covered with blood from slight wounds on his nose and mouth. His shirt was also specked with blood and several blood stains appeared on the carpet by the side of the bed. The room was in disorder, chairs upturned, clothing scattered about and unmistakable evidence of a struggle was observed. The young lady stated that on approaching his bedside. Gale exclaimed "Hello! why Stella, some one entered my room last night and nearly killed me." The young lady then called Mrs. Clark, wife of the harness maker who succeeded Gale, and who resided in another addition to the harness shop. Mr. Clark entered the room and found it as described above. Len Miller who was passing by was called in by Mrs. Clark and together they washed the blood from Gale's face and hands, to whom Gale asserted that a heavy built man wearing a black hat, brown mackintosh with belt, and who had a two weeks growth of beard, had entered his room about 5 or 6 o'clock that morning (Jan. 1.) and struck him in the face with his fist, and then blew out the light. Gale said he reached for the fellows throat intending to choke him, but was dragged from the bed and severely beaten, and hardly knew how he got back into bed. He first maintained that he thought the motive of the assault was robbery and said that his trousers contained about \$30. A search was made of his pantaloons, by Arthur Thompson, who had called by this time, in the presence of Miller and Mrs. Clark, and Gale's purse was found in his hip pocket containing a \$5 bill, and \$3.85 cents in silver was found in another pocket. This somewhat exploded the theory of robbery being the motive of the assault and Gale thereafter seemed reluctant about answering questions relative to the robbery, but told some queer stories about a man having paid him \$30 borrowed money the day before, and that this money had been stolen, but when asked the name of this party who gave him \$30, said he did not remember the name, but that it was something like "Westover, Westendorf or something like that and the fellow was foreman of the Pacific Timber Co." Inquiry at the office of this company developed the fact that they had no foreman or anyone else in their employ by such a name.

### MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

Dr. Anderson was summoned and made an examination of Gale's injuries and at the Coroner's inquest

Tuesday, testified substantially as follows: "I visited Gale January 2, and made an examination of his injuries. Found a contusion over the right temple bone, bruise on nose and also at the right corner of his mouth; bruise over chest, one on his left side and another over the left kidney." The doctor said he knew Gale to be a sufferer from chronic Brights disease and that the blow over the kidneys aggravated the disease, resulting in inflammation or congestion of the kidneys, and that was the direct cause of Gale's death at 1 o'clock Monday morning, January 4, 1904.

Dr. B. R. Job was called and testified before the Coroner's jury, in substance, as follows: "I made an examination of Gale's injuries with Dr. Anderson Tuesday morning January 5, after death had ensued. Found a bruise or tumorous formation over left kidney, resulting from a hard blow; breast and left side were bruised and discolored, while nose, cheek and mouth showed bruises. Owing to Gale's delicate physical condition and diseased kidneys his death resulted from blow over the left kidney, which caused congestion of this organ.

### ACKNOWLEDGED HE WAS NOT ROBBED.

Mr. Clark, the harness maker who recently purchased Gale's harness shop testified, that he was called to Gale's room about 10 o'clock New Year day by his wife and others and found him and the room as heretofore stated. He said that he felt sure Gale knew who beat him, but for some reason desired to shield his assailant, and he did not think the motive of the assault was robbery but simply to satisfy a grudge. He said Gale admitted to him that none of his money had been taken.

### HEARD NO CRIES OR COMMOTION.

Mrs. Clark, wife of the harness maker, stated that their room and Gale's occupied the same building but that there are three partitions between these rooms. She did not know at what hour Gale came home New Year morning. Nor did she hear any cries or commotion in Gale's room at anytime during the night or early morning. Said Gale told her that he had been "done up" when she was called to his room, but did not maintain that he had been robbed until later in the day. She said his bed did not appear disturbed when she entered the room. She noticed a number of empty whiskey bottles at the head of his bed and at first supposed he had come home intoxicated.

### A MYSTERIOUS WOMAN.

Many other witnesses were examined before the coroner's jury by Deputy Prosecuting Attorney L. T. Harris and Sheriff Fred Fisk, but little tangible evidence was secured. Messrs Shanafelt and LeRoy, intimate friends of Gale's, stated that they had knowledge of quite a dramatic romance in Gale's career. When a young man he became intimate with a certain young lady and an illegitimate child, a boy, was born to them. Gale refused to marry the girl, but she had always thereafter pursued and urged him to marry. She kept herself posted in regard to his every movement and when Gale finally married, it seems as though she ceased to persecute him until he was separated from his wife, who it is thought resides in Seattle, then this mysterious woman again sought Gale's favor and urged that he legalize their child by marrying her. She called on Gale at this place late in November, but never revealed her identity nor from whence she came. Gale induced her to go to Roseburg where he agreed to meet her, as letters from her at that place prove. Gale announced that he was going to California soon thereafter and is supposed to have joined the woman at Roseburg. On his return from San Francisco, he told Mrs. Fry, his former wife's cousin, that he and the woman had "agreed to disagree and she went her way and he went his."

### ANOTHER WOMAN IN THE CASE.

Other evidence was to the effect that a woman was seen in Gale's room about 2 o'clock New Year's night, and it was supposed that the husband saw her in there and as a result went in and dealt severely with Gale, and this seems the most plausible story and the one generally accepted at this place. It is not supposed that the party intended to fatally injure Gale, and had it not been for his diseased condition he would have soon recovered from his injuries and a scandal would have been suppressed.

The jury could get at nothing

## NEW RELIGIOUS SECT

Members Receive Coat of Tar and Feathers at Corvallis.

## APOSTLE MARRIED

Soon After Removing His Sticky, Feathery Covering.

CORVALLIS, Or., Jan. 5.—Crefield and Brooks, the leaders of the Holy Rollers, which religious sect has created excitement and ridicule here and all over the coast for the past several weeks, were tarred and feathered by citizens of this place last night. These modern "apostles" had been repeatedly warned to get out of town, but they secreted themselves and continued to hold meetings about town where they rolled about the floor praying.

Last night they grew bold and held a meeting in a convert's house. Their rantings were heard for blocks and a posse of citizens was soon formed and raided the house. They took Brooks and Crefield outside, stripped them, covered them with a heavy coat of tar and then rolled them in a bed of feathers. When turned loose they fled and are believed to be still going.

### SMELLED OF TAR.

Tuesday apostle Crefield showed

tangible to show who was responsible for the crime. Robbery, however, was not the motive and no money was taken, as previously reported. Gale had for the last few months become addicted to drink and was under the influence of liquor a great deal. He was a member of the Odd Fellows and was buried by that order Tuesday in the L. O. O. F. cemetery.

The deceased was born in Minneapolis, Kan., was 44 years of age, was a harness maker by trade, having located in Cottage Grove about 3 years ago. He had recently sold out, and after taking a trip to California, returned to this place and was preparing to open up a cigar stand. He was a cripple, having been thrown from a horse when young, receiving injuries to the spine, from which he never recovered, the lower limbs being paralyzed, necessitating his using an invalid's chair as a means of moving about.

Word was sent to Sheriff Fred Fisk at Eugene Monday morning that Gale had died from his injuries.

up in Albany smelling strongly of tar and with face and neck red from scouring, bringing with him his bride-to-be, Miss Maude Hurt. License to wed was issued them and the ceremony was performed by County Judge Palmer. Crefield looked like he was in trouble but was not very talkative. He said they would return to the Beech ranch opposite Corvallis, and take up their residence.

### New Banking Firm.

The Chambers-Bristow banking firm commenced business Monday morning in the quarters formerly occupied by the Lane County Bank, in the three story Hovey block at Eight and Willamette streets, Eugene. The incorporators are F. L. Chambers, H. E. Ankeny and Darwin Bristow and the capital stock is \$50,000.

The directors of this new institution are the above named gentlemen and the officers are as follows: F. L. Chambers, president; H. E. Ankeny, vice president; Darwin Bristow cashier.

It is the intention of the new company to purchase entirely new fixtures and furniture in the near future. They will be strictly up-to-date.

### More New Material.

The job printing department of the Lane County LEADER received another fine large consignment of new type this week, comprising some of the most up-to-date styles which makes a valuable acquisition to Cottage Grove's popular and well equipped printing house. We are better prepared than ever to execute your job printing on short notice. Give us a trial.

No one is a fool always; every one sometimes.

The sheriff came up on Monday afternoon's train to investigate the matter. Coroner C. B. King being ill he sent word to Justice Vaughn of this city to conduct an inquest over the man's body. A jury was summoned and an inquest was held Tuesday resulting in the following:

### VERDICT.

We, the coroner's jury empanelled to examine into the cause of the death of the body before us find that deceased's name was Fred Gale, aged about 44 years, and that deceased came to his death by bodily injuries inflicted upon his person at the hands of some person or persons unknown to us on January 1, 1904, between 2 and 6 o'clock a. m. at and in his home in Cottage Grove, Oregon, and that from the effect of which wounds deceased died January 4th at about 12:30 a. m.

R. M. VEATCH, Foreman.  
J. W. HARRIS,  
FRANK JORDAN,  
CHAS. VAN DENBURG,  
W. S. CHRISMAN,  
L. F. WOOLEY.

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