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#### THE BOGIE OF THE PRESS.

The Fresno Republican and the Sacramento Bee are making a strong fight against the disgraceful dive and hell-holes that abound in California. In these days when the cowardice of the press and its servility traffic are so prevalent, these two papers present a refreshing exception to the rule. As a rule the newspapers consider it safer to betray the interest of the decent element than to offend his majesty, the saloon-keeper. Just why they should be so afraid of the whiskey element is hard to discover. So far as we are aware they have never crushed many newspapers by a withdrawal of their subscriptions or patronage, nor by an adverse use of their influence. In many cases also the business men of the community seem to be laboring under the hallucination that if they raise their voice or a finger against the vilest den of infamy they will be driven out of business and possibly crushed socially. Nothing could be farther from the truth. The respectable element in nearly every community is in the majority numerically as well as in point of influence if they choose to use it. The wide-open joint must go, and soon at that, even if it becomes necessary for decent people to take measures to make the press and business men as afraid of them as they now seem to be of the liquor men.

Our immigration treaty with China expires December 7, and reopens the whole exclusion question. China has already denounced the treaty and demands equal rights and fair play. Congress might re-enact laws, but it seems likely that we shall want to import thirty or forty thousand coolies to build the Panama canal, and carry on some other of our large industries. Thus the problem assumes large proportions.

A hundred years hence you will read a wireless despatch from New Chwang: "The Russians are putting on speed and yesterday marched to Ping Yang. I also beg leave to repeat: Without the least signal of warning the whole of the Japanese fleet bombarded Port Arthur this morning."

President Roosevelt lectured a delegation of Indians and gave them some good advice, telling them they must not drink nor gamble. The President might extend his influence for good by lecturing to the "pale faces" on these courses.

In Cottage Grove's sharp municipal election Monday the two contestants for Mayor were influential Democrats and the two candidates for Recorder were prominent Republicans. Not much partisanship in such a contest.

Who says Cottage Grove is not progressive. Recently its citizens voted to bond the school district for \$10,000 for an additional public school building and on last Monday the \$15,000 sewer bonds were voted by handsome majority. Now watch Cottage Grove forge ahead.

The Japanese women are as active and strong as the men. This may account for the Jap's courage in war. After he has settled his domestic problem with a wife as muscular and agile as himself, war has no terrors for him.

No more muddy streets, cess pools and contagion for Cottage Grove with a practical sewer system.

Unfortunately the LEADER does not contain a sporting department, or else it would have given the combat of election night by rounds. Will the combatants be required to appear before themselves and answer to a charge of attempted face-punching?

It is just so much money thrown away to set an apple tree where the ground is continually wet. Apple trees can not go with wet feet and not catch their death of cold.

The word "graft" like appendicitis is only a new name for an old disease. It is only a form of stealing without the attachment of crime or the possibility of punishment.

There was something doing all along the line in the city election Monday. It was one of the liveliest city elections ever held in Cottage Grove.

Invest your earnings in real estate. Have something to show for your work when you are through. This is not a real estate advertisement.

Three important cities of the United States can now boast of Democratic Mayors—New York, Chicago and Cottage Grove.

The temperance question appears to be an issue to be reckoned with in the Cottage Grove municipal campaign.

Good streets and sidewalks are the best advertisement a town can have. Now for a sewerage system.

#### DIDN'T ATTEND TO BUSINESS.

It had rained daily for almost two weeks, when one morning small Bobby asked: "Pa, don't plumbers go to heaven?" "I suppose they do," answered his father. "But why do you ask?" "Because," replied Bobby, "if there is any there now, I'd think God would make 'em fix the sky so it wouldn't leak all the time."

#### Easter Vacation Party.

Miss Lula Currin royally entertained a large number of Cottage Grove friends and university students at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Currin in this city Saturday evening. The parlors were beautifully and appropriately decorated for the occasion and the evening was passed joyously with numerous games and vocal and instrumental music. At a late hour dainty refreshments were served, after which the company disbanded, with many compliments to their hostess who had proven herself such a charming entertainer. Those present were: Misses Victoria Mitchell, Alva Merryman, Louise Jones, Neva Perkins, Eva Chamberlain; Messrs Chas. Roy Reed, R. R. Poppleton, Carl and Marion McClain and Herbert Moulton, all of Willamette University; Leston Lewis, of Saginaw, Misses Elsie Lea, Maude Bingham, Louise and Lucie Newland, Bessie Boyles, Nina Ostrand, Dessie Harnes, Lillie Larch, Ida Thomas; Messrs David Griggs, Theo. Jennings, Horace Harnes, Alta King, Thos. Medley and A. L. Wynne, all of Cottage Grove.

#### Minstrel Show at Creswell.

The following unique poster is being circulated by the Creswell Woodmen, which explains itself and is as follows: Say! Am you gwine to the Minstrel Show? Nebah he'ad ob it, whum it at? Sho' now! Why it am at Creswell, Ore. Dat so? When? De 16th ob April 1904. It am giben by the W. O. W.'s. Dere will be de greatest singin', speakin', die-a-loggin' an' dancin' dat you eber seed. Don't fail to come. If you am got de blues an' luff um away. If you ain't got um cum any way. De genral admission am 15 and 25 cents, and de reserved seats am 35 cents. Cum in? If you don' enjoy yosef' you is sho' ailin'.

#### Better Look out Boys.

State Game Warden, John W. Baker, informs us that he proposes to rigidly enforce the law providing for the protection of song birds which includes the meadow lark, robin, oriole, blue bird and many other native birds. Any one violating the law may be convicted of a misdemeanor and is subject to a fine of from \$10 to \$35.

### POLITICAL.

Democratic primaries Saturday. A big noise is a sufficient argument for some men.

California Democrats are opposing Hearst's candidacy for the democratic nomination for president.

Every true, loyal republican will condemn ring rule and machine methods.

Is Cottage Grove to have a "Tammany Ring?" The proceedings in the late republican primary would indicate as much.

The LEADER is an advocate of fair play and will be found just as ready to rebuke the faults of the republican as any other party.

There are about one thousand good talkers to one good thinker. What a delightful old world this would be if the order was reversed.

N. W. White, who resides a few miles south of Cottage Grove is the latest candidate for the nomination of representative on the republican ticket.

Senator A. C. Marston and Claud B. Cannon of Roseburg, are making a tour of the northern counties in the first congressional district in the interest of Binger Hermann's candidacy.

Walter Griffin and Lewis Bean of Eugene, have come out as candidates for the nomination of representative on the republican ticket. Representative Shelly is a candidate for re-nomination.

W. W. Cathcart of Drain has announced himself as a candidate for the nomination of joint senator of Josephine, Douglas and Lane in opposition to the re-nomination of Senator R. A. Booth.

Marion county, with 21 delegates, will go to the Congressional convention on April 13, ready to vote for Hon. L. T. Harris as republican candidate for Congress, so says a special dispatch from Salem.

J. C. Renne of Walker's, was in town Tuesday, looking after his interests in regard to the republican nomination for assessor. He is a competent and genial gentleman and made a very favorable impression on the Cottage Grove delegates to the republican county convention.

The figures in Monday's Oregonian relative to the strength of Harris and Hermann in the First Congressional district need a little revision according to the opinion of prominent politicians. It is claimed that Mr. Harris and not Mr. Hermann will have the greater support from Clackamas, while it is further stated that Harris will have 19 instead of 15, from Marion county. The Harris men are said to have won in Benton county by a majority of two to one.

#### THIEVES CAPTURED.

Albany Officer Captured Two Men Wanted for Larceny.

U. G. Walker, of Cottage Grove, a special officer, came to Albany Thursday for the purpose of taking back to that city two hobos arrested here Wednesday night. The men are wanted for the stealing of a quantity of furniture from a dwelling house in Cottage Grove. They lived in a house there for about six weeks and when ready to leave took the personal property in the house to a store and sold it, and it is on this charge they are to be taken back to be tried.

The two fellows came down the line in a freight car Wednesday evening. A request had been received to look out for a couple of men answering their description before they arrived. When their train reached this city they left their side-door sleeper and went down town. A fter passing through the city they again boarded their car when they were arrested. Officer Catlin, who had been looking for the men, found their car and discovered that the seal of the door was broken. Investigating, he discovered evidence of recent occupation and he followed the train through the city, expecting that the former occupants of the train would again board it. He

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was right, for the men found their car also the officer waiting for them.—Albany Herald.

The two men were given a hearing before Squire Vaughn Saturday and were bound over to await trial at the June term of circuit court. They were unable to give bonds and were taken to Eugene by U. G. Walker and lodged in jail to await trial. Their names were given as Geo. Williams and Chas. Lee.

#### Deer Skinners Fined.

State Game Warden, John W. Baker, a few weeks ago received a clue to a violation of the game law on the part of a couple of deer skinners in the vicinity of Glendale. The game warden quietly dispatched a couple of his deputies, Messrs Lewis and Williams, to the scene and the guilty parties, Miller and Wheeler, were promptly apprehended and arrested. They were taken before the Glendale Justice, pleaded guilty and were fined \$25 each, which was promptly paid. The game laws are being more rigorously enforced than ever before at the present time.

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