

COTTAGE GROVE WILL CELEBRATE.

At the called meeting of the citizens of Cottage Grove to consider the advisability of holding a Fourth of July Celebration Tuesday evening, James Hemenway was elected chairman and Wm. Root was chosen as secretary. After some discussion it was decided to hold a Celebration the coming 4th of July. Ben Lurch was elected Treasurer and the chairman was instructed to appoint the necessary committee. The following were named for the respective committees.

Finance—Roy Welch, Geo. Comer, Ed Willson, John Barker, Henry Veatch and Ben Lurch.

Music—H. R. Berry, Tom Awbrey and Frank Jordan.

Amusements and Liberty Wagon—Harry Brébaut, C. W. Wallace, Tom Jenkins, Tom Medley, Leroy Woods and A. L. Wynne.

Grounds—I. H. Bingham, Geo. Lea, Robt Griffin, O. H. Willard and John Durham.

Program, Printing and Speakers—Wm. Root, C. J. Howard and W. C. Conner.

Transportation—A. B. Wood, Mr. Isham and T. K. Campbell.

Mayor Medley will act as President of the Day, and Frank McFarland was appointed Marshal of the Day.

By motion the chairman was ordered to appoint a committee of five ladies whose duty it will be to nominate six young ladies to be voted for at 5 cents per vote, the one receiving the highest number of votes to be chosen to represent the Goddess of Liberty. The chairman appointed as such committee Mesdames W. Garman, M. Veatch, F. D. Wheeler, C. H. VanDenburg, H. V. Behne. The meeting adjourned to Tuesday night May 31st. Let us have a rousing Fourth of July Celebration and invite all tributary precincts to unite with us in the commemoration of the nation's Independence anniversary day.

A Liberal Proposition.

We are reliably informed that the Southern Pacific Company has proposed to supply thirty or more car loads of gravel and place it on the ground at the depot free of

charge to the city to be used in filling up that unsightly basin between the S. P. and O & S E. railroad tracks, which during the rainy season is a bottomless mud-hole. The only requirement made by the Southern Pacific Company is that the city council take hold of the matter and see that the gravel is properly spread. While this unsightly property is not city property it is used by the city as a street and public roadway and is within the city limits and the council should therefore assist in improving it. It is to be hoped the council or commercial club will accept the S. P. Company's liberal proposition at once and improve permanently a very unsightly place in a prominent street. It is an eye-sore and a disgrace to the city, as it is at present

Reduced Rates to St. Louis.

The Southern Pacific Co. will sell round trip tickets at greatly reduced rates to St. Louis and Chicago account the St. Louis Exposition, on the following dates; June 16, 17, 18; July 1, 2, 3, August 8, 9, 10; September 5, 6, 7; October 3, 4, 5. Going trip must be completed within ten days from date of sale, and passengers will be permitted to start on any day that will enable them to reach destination within the ten days limit. Return limit ninety days, but not later than Dec. 31st, 1904.

For full information as to rates and routes call Agent So. Pac. Co. at Cottage Grove.

June 7 has been authorized as a sale date for the St. Louis Exposition tickets, in addition to sale dates previously announced for June. This will enable the purchasers of tickets on this date to be at the Exposition on Oregon day, June 15.

Mr. Inman and Prof. Evans Surprised.

Monday evening at Lorane Mr. I. P. Inman's singing class was interrupted rather suddenly when Mrs. Lillie Crow announced that a reception and banquet was awaiting I. P. Inman and Prof. W. A. Evans at the I. O. F. hall in honor of their birthdays, says the Register. Song books were "to let" for the remainder of the evening, and those two greatly surprised gentlemen reported at the lodge hall. After

introductory remarks by Mrs. Lillie Crow, Mrs. O. W. Fidler presented Mr. Inman with a nice gold fountain pen. Then in behalf of the school children Mr. J. Atkinson presented Prof. Evans with a nice fountain pen also; which, needless to say, they prize much and believe to be "mightier than the sword." The evening was spent with recitations and singing. Then all repaired to the banquet hall. Mr. Inman and Prof. Evans feel much honored by the good will of these 100 friends, and both say that instead of feeling older after this birthday, that they feel younger.

American Mining Congress.

The Seventh Annual Session of the American Mining Congress will convene in the City of Portland, Oregon, August 22d, and continue thereafter the 23d, 24th, 25th, and 27th.

During the holding of this assembly, there will be questions acted upon, of vital importance to the general public, among them will be: "The relation of mining to the general industries of the country."

"The creation by government of an Independent Department of Mines and Mining, whose secretary shall be a member of the cabinet of the President of the United States.

"The recodification of our mining laws."

"The permanent location of national headquarters for the American Mining Congress."

"The great benefits that will be derived by the nation from making the Lewis and Clark Fair in 1905 a great success."

These subjects are of national interest, and will be presented and discussed by gentlemen of great national reputation.

Excursion Rates to Yaquina Bay.

On June 1st the Southern Pacific Co., will resume sale of excursion tickets to Newport and Yaquina Bay. Both season and Saturday to Monday tickets will be sold. This popular resort is growing in favor each year, hotel rates are reasonable and the opportunities for fishing, hunting and sea bathing are unexcelled by any resort on the Pacific Coast.

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