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WHY THE CHANGE.

For some years past, it was possible to receive from Bohemia, a reply to a letter written at Cottage Grove on the following day.

About the 17th of last month a new contract went into effect which has proven very disappointing to those who have correspondence of a business nature with that district. The mail now leaves Bohemia in the morning, but arrives at Willwood too late to catch the train and lies there over night and is not brought to the city until the next day.

If a saving in expense to the government in carrying the mails had been made, there might have been some reason or excuse for the change of mail service, but the facts are the cost of carrying the mail by the new systems costs nearly if not quite double that of the former service.

Truly the ways of the Star mail routes are sometimes past finding out.

COMMERCIAL CLUB WILL RESOLUTE.

The shippers and business men of Cottage Grove are not satisfied with the freight rate conditions as established by the Southern Pacific. It is claimed by many that the local rates from Bay points are entirely too high.

The Commercial Club of Cottage Grove has inaugurated a movement which it is expected will be taken up by Commercial bodies of other cities and towns to cause resolutions to be passed and presented to the members of the coming legislature, asking that a maximum local freight rate be established by that body. Also that the roads to the East make a 40 cent rate to Missouri river points for the transportation of lumber. The resolutions will likely be presented at the meeting of the club on next Monday night. Whether the Southern Pacific road thinks the local rates are too high or not, the people along the line who have to pay the freight certainly believe them to be exorbitant.

A DESIRABLE BUG.

There are not a great many bugs that have been found useful to mankind. The honey bee has stood almost alone in his class as a beneficiary to the race with the exception of the cochineal fly and the silk worm, and some others whose usefulness is not known to the writer. But the statement that a bug has been discovered which is the natural born enemy of the Codlin moth will be gladly received by the apple growers and consumers of the country. The home of the most desirable bug is in Southern Europe and his family is that of the wasp. When the codlin moth cocoon takes up his abode under the loose bark on the apple tree this wasp stings an egg into him and when the egg hatches the larvae feeds on the contents of the cocoon. The new insect is being propagated by the Agricultural Commissioner of California, who expects to be able to furnish orchardists in the state with the moth destroyer. There is a good prospect for a steady job for the new bug.

TAXABLE BEFORE PATENTED.

The following from the Eugene Guard may be of service in enlightening the holders of lands pending patent from the government in regard to the regulations regarding the payment of taxes on the land. This same plea has been largely made by the railroad companies in the effort to avoid paying taxes on their large holdings in government lands:
In the sheriff's sale for taxes,

which is advertised to take place on the 14th of January, there appears a large number of delinquent items of taxes against property where no patent from the government has been issued, and the present holders have been of the opinion that they were not taxable. Many of those present owners are non-residents, but others who have received notice have made protest that they have received no patent and for that reason the land is not taxable.

However this may appear, the sheriff must go ahead and sell the land as the law requires. By the terms of the law the land becomes assessable to the entry man from the time he makes application for his final proof. It may be that as much as two years will elapse between the time of making final papers and the issuing of patent, but during that time the land is assessed to the holder, and this point in many instances is misunderstood. There might be a case where a man would be taxed on a piece of land for two or three years, and then fail to get a patent, in which case the country would be bound to refund the amount of taxes paid.

ESSAYS ON OUR CITY

(Continued from first page.)

dentists and lawyers, its business firms, its ideal climate and scenery make it a joy forever.

In closing I wish to say, those who live in Cottage Grove are fortunate, those who do not ought to make haste to become a citizen. Those who were born here are indeed lucky; were I to be born again, I would want this to be the place.

Cottage Grove and Lane County against the world.

GRACE KNAPP.

SECOND PRIZE ESSAY.

Cottage Grove is situated in the center of a very pretty little valley, being 144 miles from Portland and 628 miles from San Francisco. It is connected with both places by the Southern Pacific Railroad. There are hills on almost every side. The population is about 2500. There is timber on the hills surrounding the city.

Cottage Grove is the gateway to the famous Bohemia mines situated about 38 miles from there. The Oregon and Southeastern Railway which is built for 18 miles in that direction will connect the two places.

There are some famous Mineral Springs about twelve miles from Cottage Grove where there is a large hotel and fine camping grounds surrounding it. There is a bottling plant there where they bottle the mineral water and are putting it on the market all up and down the valley.

The Blackbutte quicksilver mines are five miles beyond, where they mine quantities of quicksilver. There is a stage running up to the mines making the round trip in one day. There are extensive hop fields in the regions around Cottage Grove.

Cottage Grove has many of the modern improvements, and has progressed very rapidly in the last four years. It has a good system of electric lights and sewers and a fine national bank. It has a good telephone system, connecting with Portland, San Francisco and surrounding towns. There are several drug stores and general merchandise stores. There are two good news-papers and a good depot and a post-office.

There is a flour mill producing 50 or 60 barrels of flour per day, and a planing mill. It has a good system of water-works and is well supplied with churches and schools and the schools are graded. There are about 12 teachers and 600 scholars.

There is soon to be built an electric railway that will run through Cottage Grove, connecting with Portland and other cities in the Willamette valley.

Cottage Grove has a fine Commercial Club, its members being amongst the prominent merchants and business men of the town. Their rooms are nicely fitted up and they have already done a good deal for the building of the town. Among some of the things Cottage Grove needs is a creamery because the people have to send away for most of their butter and cheese; an ice plant which would furnish them with ice and cold storage; a florist which would furnish us with plants and shrubbery;

an opera house; a new and up-to-date hotel; a good lumber yard and a public library where school children and others could go for reference.

There are other things that are needed in Cottage Grove but these are amongst the foremost.

In fact Cottage Grove offers more prospects and more inducements than any other city or town in the state of Oregon.

MABEL ROSENBERG.

TO BEGIN WORK ON POWER PLANT

Electric Railway Company Means Business at Martin Rapids.

(Eugene Register.)

We understand that a force of men will leave at once for Martin Rapids on the McKenzie, just above the mouth of Gate creek, to clear out right of way for the canal to be built by the Willamette Valley Electric Railroad Company, with which to supply power for their power plant in operating their proposed electric railroad system.

Rumors are in circulation that there will be interesting developments in electric railroad matters within a short space of time.

H. C. Diers, chief engineer of the company, was seen yesterday by a Register reporter and verified the report that work was to begin at once at Martin's Rapids.

When asked about the movements of the company, Mr. Diers declined to state, but it was apparent from his remarks that the company mean business, that their original plans will be carried out, the preliminary surveys have all been made, and the routes selected.

Mr. Diers says they will be able to develop a 5000-horsepower, or about the amount necessary to run the whole system. The additional power can be used in turning the wheels of other industries along the route.

The Register is assured of important information for publication at no distant day. It is plain that the company intend to complete the amount of road and more than is necessary to hold the franchise granted them by the County Court.

Public Lands Opened.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Under a recent order of the Secretary of the Interior a tract of about 224,000 acres lying on the west side of the Cascade Forest Reserve, which was withdrawn from entry August 3, 1903, with a view to enlarging the Cascade reserve, will be immediately restored to settlement and will be opened to entry after 90 days publication by the local Land Offices at Oregon City and Roseburg.

These lands were found unsuited for reserve purposes, either because they were not timbered or because they are intermingled with private holdings, and are really isolated tracts.

Says Czar is Crazy.

That the Czar of all the Russians is crazy is the claim made by David Starr Jordan, president of Stanford University, in an interview with an Oregonian reporter during his recent visit in Portland. Dr. Jordan says that he has it from an official high in the Russian government service that the Czar has not been of sound mind since injuries received in a riot in Japan many years ago, before he ascended the throne. Dr. Jordan further said:

"Russia stands no show against Japan in the present war, and will ultimately be driven out of Manchuria. The Russian government is in the hands of an irresponsible gang of hereditary grafters, and is governed by an irresponsible and insane Emperor. Nicholas has not been a sane man since the affair at Otsu a number of years ago, when he was still Czarovitch. The incident occasioned much excitement at the time, and the Japanese so greatly deplored the occurrence that a number of attempts were made to change the name of Otsu, but it was never done. Governed as she is, Russia cannot hope to succeed against a nation like Japan. The result of the war, as I see it now, will be the humiliation of the Bear and the letting of light into the Russian government. Russia is not a world power and cannot hope to become such under the present regime, but one result of the present war may be a transition such as occurred in England under William III, out of which a constitutional government may come.

ROSEBURG TEAM IS THE WINNER

Score of 17 to 9 is Result of Lively Basketball Game.

In a lively game of basketball in the opera house Tuesday evening the team of the Roseburg High School defeated the team of the Cottage Grove High School with a score of 17 to 9. Members of both teams did some good work although the game was a continual string of fouls for both sides from beginning to end and at least half of the time of play was spent in free throws at the goal.

At the close of the first half of the game the score stood 11 to 5 in Roseburg's favor, while the second half resulted in the additional points being made to make the final score. There was a fair crowd of spectators. Many complaints were heard from Cottage Grove people about the rulings of the referee, Harry Hildeburn from Roseburg. Horace Harms acted as umpire.

There is no doubt though in the minds of those witnessing the game that the Roseburg team was the stronger and faster and their victory was deserved.

The personnel of the teams follows: Roseburg—Earl Stroug (captain), Wilbur Faulkner, Lenore Ragsdale, George Howe, Vivian Jackson, Mar Hannan, Cottage Grove—Harry Brown; Albert Griffin, Chester VanDeburg, Merton Earl and Dan Thomas.

Miles Negley, Emory Davidson and James Fletcher accompanied the Roseburgers and witnessed the game.

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Tom Richardson is at home from Newport.

W. N. Wheeler went to the Grove Monday.

O. D. Wheeler made a trip to Lorane Wednesday.

A. D. Owens and E. A. Wheeler went to the Grove Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Miller went to Saginaw Wednesday to visit relatives.

J. R. Elliott spent Xmas with his daughter, Mrs. Schreeves, of Cottage Grove.

Grandma Babcock visited her daughter, Mrs. W. N. Wheeler, a few days last week.

Elder J. M. Cole, of Salem, and Elder F. M. Burg, of Portland held religious services at the Seventh Day Advent Church Tuesday.

Our district school closed Friday, December 23d, after a very successful three months' term taught by Miss Elizabeth Hutchinson. There was an interesting program at the close consisting of recitations, songs, dialogues and instrumental music. Every one present seemed pleased with the efforts of teacher and pupils.

CHURCH SERVICES

There will be services every after noon and evening this week at the Presbyterian Church. The afternoon services are for the children. Illustrated talks. The children are cordially invited. Evening service to be of a revival character. The usual services next Sunday. All are cordially invited, strangers and sojourners welcomed.

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Flour	4.30-4.75
Bran	21.00 per ton
Middling	25.00
Shorts	25.00
Chops	18.00

POULTRY

Timothy	14 @ 16
Clover	11 @ 12
Grain	11 @ 12
Cheat	12 @ 13
Onions, per lb.	2.00 @ 2.25
Honey, per case	3.00 @ 3.25
Potatoes, new Oregon fancy	75 @ 85
BUTTER, EGGS, POULTRY, ETC.	
Eggs, ranch	31 @ 32
Eastern	25 @ 26
BUTTER	
Extra creamery	30
Fancy creamery	25-27 1/2
Dairy	13 @ 13 1/2
POULTRY	
Chickens	95 @ 10 1/2
Springs	10-10 1/2
Broilers	12 1/2-13
Wild geese	3.00
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Pigeons	1.00-1.25
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