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BUSINESS IMPROVING

Booth-Kelly Mills Will Soon Be Running

LUMBER RAILWAYS

J. W. Blodgett, New Stockholder, Tearing up His Logging Roads to Move to Eugene.

Lumber business is looking up in Lane county, and John F. Kelly, vice president of the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company, reports better prices and an increase in Eastern orders and inquiries. Three of the company's mills are now running to their full capacity and it is stated the output will be materially increased next year.

J. W. Blodgett, one of the Eastern capitalists, who recently acquired large interests in the company, is expected at Eugene in a few days, and after the annual meeting of the stockholders it is expected that some extensive improvements will be inaugurated, including the building of new mills, and the construction of logging railways. Heretofore all the timber cut by the company has been floated to the mills by driving down the various streams where the standing timber is conveniently located.

LOGGING RAILWAYS.

A recent issue of a Minnesota paper contained the announcement that Mr. Blodgett was tearing up his logging railways for the purpose of removing the material and equipment to Eugene, Or. This no doubt means that the Booth-Kelly Company will add to its already extensive facilities for handling lumber and timber.

The published call for the annual meeting to be held January 20 specifies that the number of the directors will be increased from seven to nine, and the board of directors will be authorized to elect an executive committee composed of three members, that will have authority to define the duties of the manager of the corporation.—Telegram.

Lumber Goes Up.

Pieces of rough lumber were advanced today from \$7.50 a thousand to \$8. This is the flat of the Portland Retail Lumber Company, which practically controls the local market. The new price list was mailed to patrons of the company last night, and becomes effective today. It is said builders had been warned of the rise in price and were prepared for it,

so that there will be no rise in building prices. The rise brings rough lumber nearly back to the price obtaining last October, when it dropped from \$8.50 to \$7.50 a thousand. It is said inquiry in the local market is the reason for the advance.

Builders are glad to see the increase in price, as they say people who hesitated to build, hoping that the price of lumber would fall yet lower, will now commence operations and it will mean much more building.

The change in price affects only "common rough," and the rise is 50 cents a thousand. Dimensions not over 14 by 14 inches to 32 feet long will sell for \$8; from 34 to 40 feet long, \$9; from 42 to 48 feet, \$11, and from 50 to 56 feet, \$15. Fir ship dunnage is now \$8 and sidewalk lumber \$9.—Portland Telegram.

Rate Cut One Half

What is probably the most extraordinary inducement that has yet been made to encourage immigration to Oregon, Washington and Northern Idaho, of settlers from the Middle West, was announced Tuesday by the traffic department of the O. R. & N. and Southern Pacific Oregon lines. Effective February 15 to May 15, the rate on movables of colonists will be reduced one-half, from the Missouri river to points in the Willamette valley on the Southern Pacific Oregon line, and one-third to all points in Eastern Oregon and Washington and in Northern Idaho. The rate will be made effective during the periods in which low one-way passenger rates are named, under what is termed colonist or home-seekers' rates, combining to enable intending settlers to migrate at a minimum cost.

The present rate from the Missouri to Willamette Valley points is \$1.00 for each 100 pounds, and under the new tariff it will be 50 cents per hundred, the minimum being carload of 20,000 pounds. This will be a reduction from \$200 to \$100 a car.

Dissolution Notice.

The firm of Tom, Dick and Harry, consisting of Tom Jenkin Dick Berry and Harry Peck, has dissolved partnership, Dick Berry and Harry Peck retiring. All claims against the firm and all bills due the same will be paid and collected by the undersigned.

Dated Dec. 14, 1904.

THOMAS W. JENKINS.

Notice to Stockholders.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Cottage Grove Electric Co., will be held at the office of the said company in Cottage Grove at 10 a. m. Monday, Jan. 9, 1905. H. C. Thompson, Sec.

The Woodmen of the World lodge at their regular meeting, Saturday evening will enjoy a smoker and general good time. All Woodmen are invited.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Regular Monthly Meeting Wednesday Evening

FEW BILLS ALLOWED

Three Plumbers are Granted Licence—Statistics of Water System to Be Prepared.

The regular monthly meeting of the city council, adjourned last Monday evening on account of a legal holiday, was held on Wednesday evening.

Present were Mayor Medley, Councilmen Veatch, Hinds, Curran, Chamberlain, Bingham and Campbell, Recorder Wheeler and Marshall Underwood.

The water committee was appointed by the Mayor as a body to prepare statistics in regard to the city water system and to make suggestions looking toward its enlargement and extension. This was the most important action taken and was the subject of some discussion.

The petition of C. M. Jackson and others for sidewalk on the south side of South street to be laid west to River street, was referred to the street committee and on motion the cross walks asked for in the petition were ordered placed.

The applications for plumbers' license made by Harry Wynne, W. C. Carpenter and Orville Knapp were referred back to the applicants and the licenses ordered granted upon the filing of required bonds, as they had furnished sufficient evidence to the council of their ability in that line.

On motion it was ordered that Ordinance No. 95 be published in the Lane County Leader one week. (The ordinance appears in another column.)

A petition for a cross walk on South street was referred to the street committee.

The Recorder was instructed to furnish to all property holders in the sewer districts notices stating the full amounts of their assessments.

A communication was received from A. H. King, attorney for W. A. Weatherspoon, giving notice of the dedication of a street in the Perkins addition. It was read and ordered placed on file.

A quit claim deed for land dedicated to street purposes from J. I. Jones was read and referred back to Mr. Jones for a slight correction.

The following claims were audited and ordered paid by warrant by the finance committee:

Thomas Allen, sewer	\$ 1.80
H. Gregory, sewer	3.30
Griffin & Veatch Co.	20.15
F. D. Wheeler	8.68
H. E. Underwood, marshal	60.70
Lincoln Taylor	18.00
Robt. Martin	60.00
Cottage Grove Electric Co.	175.00
Union Iron Works	.75
Long & Bingham Lumber Co	3.50
B. Lurch	12.00
A. F. Turner	2.00
George Hubbard	11.60
Lee Martin	2.00

Council adjourned to meet January 16, at 8 p. m.

PAPERS WRITTEN FOR ESSAY CONTEST

What the pupils of Public School See in Cottage Grove.

The following essay was given the third prize by the Commercial Club Committee. There were eight essays received from the young students of the Cottage Grove schools: "Cottage Grove is situated on the famous Willamette river in the Southern part of Lane county. It is the very busiest town in the Willamette valley. It is lighted by electricity, a large plant being in operation. The town is incorporated; has

mayor and common council.

The city also owns the water system, the water being obtained at a mountain spring, and brought to the city in mains and carried to each householder at a cost of seventy five cents per month.

Two excellent newspapers are published here weekly; the Bohemia Nugget and Lane County Leader.

Cottage Grove is completely surrounded by vast forests of fir and cedar timber.

There is one saw mill, one sash and door factory, one flour mill, two livery stables, two feed stores, eight general merchandise stores, three blacksmith shops, three hardware, three drug stores, four confectionary stores, four churches, and the Episcopal hold meeting once a month.

There are several saw mills and logging camps around here, of which over one thousand men are now employed in the logging camps.

Cottage Grove is especially adapted to fruit culture. The varieties that thrive best here are: prunes, cherries, apples, pears, grapes, quinces and peaches, while berries of every variety reach perfection in growth and flavor.

Cottage Grove has two public school buildings, of which together contain about five hundred pupils.

Twenty years ago there was but one business house and but a few dwelling houses on the east side of the Willamette river, where the main part of the city now stands.

The climate of Cottage Grove is very mild and agreeable.

Cottage Grove has just lately completed laying the finest sewer system in the whole Willamette valley.

The Southern Pacific Railway Company has a large depot, while the Oregon and Southeastern Railway Company are building a railroad from Cottage Grove to Bohemia mining district. Some twenty miles of this line being completed and the work is rapidly increasing. The Company owns their own depot, round house, and five yards, situated east of the Southern Pacific depot.

ELVA WARNER.

Essay on Cottage Grove by Calista Garoutte.

A description of Cottage Grove, Lane County Oregon.

Cottage Grove is a beautiful little town situated on the banks of the Coast Fork of the Willamette river which flows so peacefully through our town. It has a population of about twenty-five hundred.

It has one electric light plant which lights the streets, business houses and many a dwelling-house.

This town is well supplied with water systems. It has three reservoirs and they contain mountain spring water which is pure and healthy and we pride ourselves in being so best.

We also have one fine roller system Flour mill, so you see we have the bread and water of life.

Nearly every home is supplied with a garden which produces vegetables nearly the year round and fruit is raised in abundance.

The school advantages are excellent. There are two fine school-houses, one on the east and one on the west side of the town which give employment to twelve teachers. It is a beautiful sight to see the healthy and robust pupils marching in and out of school.

This town is supplied with numerous business houses and has four churches.

A sewer system has just been completed which is a great benefit.

A large saw-mill is situated in the suburbs which gives employment to a number of men and other mills are near here in all directions.

The great Bohemia mining district is also about thirty-five miles east of here and the Black Butte quick-silver mines are fourteen miles south.

The surrounding hills are covered with beautiful ever green forests and farms are all around us.

Now, you people back East You'd better come West We'll treat you fine We'll do our best We like Cottage Grove and are here to stay. Just come and see us and you'll not want to go away.

Miss Rose Williams returned home Sunday after a three months' stay at Baker City.

LARGE ATTENDANCE

Citizens of the City Meet With Commercial Club

DRAIN DELEGATION

Must Have Such Freight Rates as Will Allow Development of Resources.

The meeting of the Commercial club Monday night was one of unusual interest. Besides the presence of the members, there was a large number of the citizens in attendance upon invitation. The question of freights was to be considered and it was desirable to have a free and full expression of the people before action was taken. A large delegation arrived from Drain in time to participate in the deliberations. Also a number of gentlemen from Eugene. After a statement of the object of the meeting by president Campbell, a general discussion, lasting some hours was held.

The following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The State of Oregon is laboring under great disadvantages at the present time, by the excessive local freight rates imposed by the Harriman lines, and by their refusal to furnish cars and equipment during the year 1905, for the transportation of all classes of freight throughout the state, and especially Western Oregon, and

WHEREAS, The lumber industries have suffered from the arbitrary measure adopted by the Southern Pacific Railway company, in increasing the freight rate to California has resulted in closing down nearly all the mills and piling camps, which had that state for their principal market.

WHEREAS, The Harriman System, running to Missouri river points, has refused to concede to the lumber interests of the state the benefit of a 40 cent rate to that point, which rate, had it been allowed, would have afforded an outlet for the product of the mills, and

WHEREAS, The local freight rates, as established at the present time, are so high as to make the cost of living out of proportion to the earning capacity of the laboring classes, and others dependent upon the aforesaid industries, now therefore, be it

Resolved, That we request the members of the Oregon legislature about to assemble, to pass a maximum freight rate law, covering local shipments. Also a law compelling railroad companies to provide cars and equipment to serve the demands of traffic at all times of the year, and also bespeak their good offices to urge upon the Harriman System the necessity of granting the 40 cent rate to the Missouri river common points.

There was also a resolution endorsed by the club, in favor of an appropriation by the legislature for the maintenance of the Drain Normal School. Mayor Medley made a good speech on freight rates as did also Hon. I. H. Bingham and many others.

The meeting was adjourned until Thursday night.

Thursday night's meeting was well attended by the members of the club.

After the routine business, Secretary Roseburg read the resolutions received from the Commercial club of Drain. They were in accord with the resolutions passed by the club the previous meeting. Mr. Bingham reported he had presented to the Commissioners, the petition of the citizens of Cottage Grove asking that this city be made a separate road district and that the Commissioners had asked for description of the boundaries of the city. City Recorder Wheeler offered to furnish it at once. The question of having the prize essays passed upon was brought up and the committee instructed to attend to the matter as soon as possible.

There being a vacancy in the ladies' committee, caused by the removal from the city of Mrs. A. C. Gage, Mrs. Frank D. Wheeler was appointed a member.

After a discussion upon various matters of interest to the city, an adjournment was taken until Monday night.

Star Items.

Leslie Wicks went to Dorena Monday.

Blaine Jackson passed through Star Saturday.

Miss Edna Kerr visited with Iva Wicks this week.

M. and Mrs. Ben Pitcher visited at Star this week.

Miss Annie Jones has been visiting with Nora Vaughn this week.

Miss Annie and Nettie Moss of Cottage Grove visited at Star this week.

Mr. Churchill passed through Star Saturday on his way to the Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Green Pitcher of Cottage Grove visited with Mr. and Mrs. Miles Pitcher this week.

Jewel Wicks, who has been visiting at Lebanon, returned home last week. His cousin Leslie Lafords, returned with him.

There was a surprise party at Mr. Vaughn's last Monday night as it was Miss Nora's birthday. A good time was enjoyed by all.

There was church at the Star school house Sunday morning and evening by Rev. Moss of Cottage Grove, a large crowd attended.

Miss Fay Phillips departed Tuesday night for her home at Northport, Washington. She has been visiting in Cottage Grove at the home of her uncle, F. B. Phillips, for the past three months and during her stay here has made many friends who regret her departure.

Mrs. W. C. Conner and Miss Lizzie Orpurd, at the home of the former, gave her a farewell party on Monday evening, which was a pleasant function.

BANKRUPT SAWMILL SOLD FOR \$14,000.

Long & Bingham Co. Bankrupt, Bought in by Booth-Kelly and Others.

W. V. Dewald of this city, at a meeting of the creditors of the Long & Bingham sawmill company, bankrupts, held in Eugene Wednesday morning bid in the property for \$14,000, and the sale was confirmed. The total indebtedness of the company is said to be in the neighborhood of \$18,000.

While Mr. Dewald is the nominal purchaser, he was only acting with the authority of others who have the principal interests of the property. Among those who furnished funds were W. E. Brown of the Eugene Loan & Savings Bank, Tatum & Bowen, the sawmill machinery dealers of Portland, the Booth-Kelly Company, and — Miller, of Albany.

The purchase includes only the mill property and the city property in Cottage Grove occupied by the store and office buildings of the Long & Bingham Lumber Company.

Neither I. H. Bingham nor Dr. A. E. Lawbaugh, the former owners, will have any interest in the new company, at least that is the information furnished the Leader. Although the firm name was Long & Bingham. Mr. Long had previously to the failure, sold his interests to Dr. Lawbaugh.

"The property is worth about \$40,000" said Mr. Long. "It cost us \$35,000 to build the plant alone."

It is announced that the plant will remain idle for the immediate future at least.

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