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FRIDAY, - - - Oct. 25 1901.

This week the Leader comes to its readers under new management Mr Wooley having retired from the editors sanctum, leaving the undersigned in charge.

Having been associated with the management of the Leader almost continuously for several years we are perfectly familiar with our surroundings, but in assuming charge of the business affairs, as well as the editorial sanctum we feel a deeper responsibility resting upon us and in view of this, it is our determination to put forth our utmost efforts to make the Leader the foremost paper in Lane County. It has in the past enjoyed a liberal patronage and all we ask is a continuation of the same. With these few preambulatory remarks we will roll up our sleeves and get into the harness and pull for the interest of Cottage Grove, Bohemia and South Lane in general.

C. W. WALLACE,
Managing Editor.

Since the arrival of the Cottage Grove-Bohemia railroad surveyors last week business seems to have taken on a new life. Many of our citizens who have heard the railroad talked until they had given up all hopes of it ever being built and had almost lost faith in the great Bohemia mining district are beginning to realize that the long talked of proposition is at last going to materialize. They are commencing to awaken to find that it is not a dream, and that we are really going to have a railroad into the district. With this assurance they are commencing to get a move on and as a consequence thereof our little city is a bustle from morning until night. Every train brings in parties looking for locations and the real estate dealers are kept busy showing them about. Parties who were anxious to sell only a few weeks ago are now willing to hold their property. A slight advance in the price of property in the business section of town is already noticed and it is the unanimous opinion that it will double before many months.

The value of submarine torpedo boats is still doubtful, experts asserting both that they are valueless and that they are more valuable than any battleship in existence. The question might well have been settled at Santiago, where the Holland wanted to go in and try to destroy the Spanish fleet as it lay at anchor but was prevented by the short-sighted policy of the Navy Department, a neglect that will certainly cost us hundreds of millions before it is remedied.

Recent testimony before the Schley Court goes far to explain the conspiracy against the Admiral. When one officer testified that Admiral Schley showed personal cowardice in battle, he discloses the miserable jealousy and animus that brought about the whole proceeding.

Doings at the Capitol.

By Our Regular Washington Correspondent.

While every effort is being made to prevent publicity being given to the fact it is learned that the Treasury statement for September, which shows a falling off in our export trade for that month of over \$9,000,000, as compared with the corresponding month of last year, has given the Republican leaders a bad scare and that means to reverse this condition of affairs are the chief topic of discussion at the White House. Senator Frye was summoned and immediately seized the opportunity to push his subsidy bill into presidential favor, although of course, he also discussed reciprocity treaties as a valuable means toward increasing the export trade. The President also sent word to Senator Lodge that he would like to see him immediately upon his arrival in this country and accordingly that gentleman came to Washington before going to his home in Massachusetts.

Although Senator Frye granted an interview to the newspaper men and talked definitely on the subjects of his subsidy bill, and more or less vaguely on the subjects of reciprocity, the isthmian canal, the revenue cutter service etc, the real object of his coming to Washington did not come out. Senator Lodge was seen by our correspondent, and practically every other Washington correspondent, but he refused positively to say anything for publication. There is a decided fear that the conditions may shape themselves as they did during the Harrison administration when from a period of prosperity things took a sudden "slump" and resulted in a democratic victory at the following presidential election. The next two years will prove the critical period in the present administration and everything possible must be done to promote real or apparent prosperity until the people have expressed themselves at the polls in 1904.

It is confidently predicted by people who ought to know that the President is most anxious to have Senator Lodge in the Cabinet and he would be much relieved if Secretary Hay would kindly tender his resignation, as that is the portfolio that he desires to offer to Lodge. So confident is the President that Mr Hay will resign, as soon as the isthmian is concluded, that he has persuaded Mr Lodge to make no effort to secure the chairmanship of the committee on Foreign Relations which, by right of seniority, would go to Senator Cullom and which Senator Lodge would prefer to everything else except the portfolio of State. It is given out that for the present Senator Lodge will retain the Chairmanship of the Philippines Committee.

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