

BIG DEAL IN LANE COUNTY TIMBER LANDS

The Olean Land Company, of Olean, N. Y., has just negotiated for the purchase of 15,000 acres of land on Gate Creek, in this county, situated in township 16, s. r. 2 and 3 east. For several months this company, which is being represented here by Gilbert Wells, a member of the company, has had a large number of buyers carefully estimating Lane county timber lands.

Besides the land just purchased this company has about concluded a deal for the Smeed tract in township 17, s. e., which is one of the best tracts of timber in Lane county, and has an option on a large pool held mostly by Eugene people in the same township and adjoining and surrounding the Smeed tract, consisting probably of 30,000 acres.

Besides these this company has been securing options on large and small tracts of timber throughout the county and it is anticipated will buy in every instance wherein the timber meets their demands.

FOR SPECULATIVE PURPOSES.

The Olean Company does not manufacture lumber, but deals in timber lands for speculative purposes only. An instance of how this company's profit is made can easily be seen by one of its transactions in the Gray's Harbor country. In October, 1905, less than six months ago, the company disposed of its holdings on the harbor, consisting of 6500 acres for \$315,000 in cash. This land had been purchased only about six years previously at a cost of about \$20 an acre and sold for nearly \$50 an acre.

TIMBER LANDS BOOM.

The Eugene crowd holding timber in 17-4 are in a pool for self-protection and have agreed to raise the price per acre from \$20 to \$25.

In the past few days there have been a half dozen timber land buyers in Eugene.

PRICE OF LUMBER BOOMING.

M. S. Barker informs the Guard that the price of lumber and logs is steadily advancing, and that it is impossible for the coast mills to fill the orders coming this way now.

NEWS ITEMS FROM COTTAGE GROVE

Wm. Burnett, of Dorena, was arrested and tried last Monday on a charge of unlawfully running a velocipede on the O. & S. E. R. R. on or about March 3. The action was before a jury. At the first hearing the jury could not agree, hence was discharged. At the second trial, on Tuesday, the jury found the defendant guilty, but recommended that the minimum fine be imposed. The defendant was fined \$20 and costs.

A family reunion at the old homestead of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Shortridge, six miles south of Cottage Grove, settled in 1851 and occupied continuously since that time, was held last Tuesday March 20. This was the first time for 31 years that the family had all been together. The children present were, Mrs. Dr. J. W. Harris, of Eugene; Mrs. Olive Lacy, of Portland; Mrs. Weeden and F. B. Shortridge, of Cottage Grove.

The Willamette Valley Company which takes over the city electric light plant about the first of the month, contemplates several substantial improvements, requiring an expenditure of nearly or quite \$10,000. A car of machinery was sent up on Friday of last week, which was safely unloaded and housed last Monday. Among the pieces is a dynamo that is double the capacity of the one now in service. The new company plans maintaining a day current, which at times will be quite a convenience.—Western Oregon.

Hiram Tyree's Troubles

Hiram Tyree, former superintendent of the Albany schools, yesterday at Salt Lake was committed for trial in the circuit court under \$5000 bonds on the charge of certifying falsely to the returns to the secretary of state in reference to the business of the insurance company of which he is manager. The case attracted a good deal of attention, both in Salt Lake and San Francisco, Albany's former school superintendent having become quite noted.—Democrat.

Tyree is well-known in Eugene, having resided here a short time after leaving Albany.

Note and Comment

The Telegram is publishing an item which is being copied by the papers sending a big sale of timber land in

Lane county along the Santiam river. Those using this item should first consult a geography of the Willamette valley, when they would observe that up to the present time the Santiam river has never been located in Lane county.

The Register criticised the Guard because it took political advertising from a Republican and showed a disposition to support Governor Chamberlain. It went so far as to use the word "grafter," and stated that it was a case "of revenue," etc. Lo and behold! Now the Register is out "for revenue." It appears with a regular announcement for Sheriff Fred Fisk, the Democratic candidate for sheriff. What about consistency? Surely an independent paper has these rights, but can a good Republican paper resort to the tactics which it has itself condemned?

LOOKING FOR A FOOTBALL COACH

President P. L. Campbell, Football Manager Guy Mount and Captain-elect William Chandler, of the university, have been in correspondence with various football coaches of the country, but have not decided yet on a coach for the next season's Oregon team.

There is a great deal of discussion at the university as to what a football coach should be. Some think also that athletics at the university should be governed and supervised by one man. President Campbell's idea is that there should be a man at the college all year to coach the football, basketball, track team, baseball and all other teams. The plan is considered an ideal one by the students, but the question as to whether a man that is entirely satisfactory in all respects can be secured. The committee has several men in view for this position if the plan is adopted. Among some that are mentioned are Norcross, of Michigan, Main, of Dartmouth, Redding, of the State University of Kentucky, McIntosh, of Colorado, and Thom, of Columbia.

MORE CANDIDATES FILE THEIR PETITIONS

E. U. Lee, the Republican candidate for the nomination of county clerk and present incumbent, will have opposition at the primaries. Today James J. Wynn, a well known Long Tom farmer, whose postoffice is Junction City, filed his petition for the nomination of a county clerk. He states if nominated and elected he will give the people a correct and clean administration.

Franklin T. Plank has filed his petition for the nomination as constable of the Eugene justice district on the Republican ticket.

Reuben W. Smith's petition for the nomination as justice of the peace of Springfield on the Republican ticket has been filed.

Charles C. Bennett wants to be the Republican constable of Richardson precinct, E. O. Potter, Republican central committeeman from South Eugene precinct No. 2 and W. S. Moon from North Eugene No. 1.

BARBERS MEET TO ORGANIZE

The barbers of Eugene have taken preliminary steps toward organizing an association looking to their mutual benefit. A meeting was held at the city hall last night, at which a committee consisting of W. H. Branstetter, George Marx and Ed Lindley was appointed to draft a set of by-laws and rules and regulations governing the proposed organization.

George Sovren presided at the meeting and George Marx acted as secretary. It is said the object of the organization is to regulate the working hours and it may be that 25 cents will be charged for shaves on holidays and neck-shaving may hereafter come five cents extra.

Letter List

Eugene, Or., March 22.
Altman, C. C.
Bell, Mrs. Sadie.
Curtis, Mrs. Nancy L., 2.
Hyland, B. O.
Hunter, John.
Inman, Mrs. H. W.
Jutain, Emma.
King, Mr. and Mrs. Peter.
Klippie, Miss Lizzie.
Manning, Mrs. Belle.
McPherson, Lela.
MacSwain, G. R.
Purcell, John H.
Stingley, R. G.
J. L. PAGE, P. M.

See us for fresh garden seeds in bulk.
Chambers' Hardware.

OPEN PORTIONS OF FOREST RESERVE

Efforts have been made to open large tracts of land in the government forest reserve in Lane county to settlement. County Judge Chrisman recently wrote to U. S. Senator Fulton in regard to the matter, and the senator has written to a large number of interested persons in the county as follows:

Washington, D. C., March 13, 1906.
My Dear Sir:—Judge Chrisman has stated to me that a large area of the forest reserve in Lane county, possibly 50,000 acres, would be much more valuable for other than forestry purposes if it were opened to private ownership. I want to secure as many details of this condition as possible, and would appreciate it if every person who is personally familiar with any portion of the reserve more valuable for other uses than forestry would write me at once, giving the area of the land so described, by township or section number if possible, and if not by as good description as possible in relation to some contiguous physical point or tract.

In describing any such land I would like to have the figures showing about the altitude above sea level, the average precipitation, character of the soil and surface, depth of soil, growth of timber now sustained, whether irrigation for crops would be necessary, if best for grazing land about how many acres to the head of stock would be sustained thereon during the grazing season, if valuable for orchards or gardens, character of products possible and probable worth of land when so utilized, the estimate you put upon the land as a permanent forest reserve with timber being sold at its present stumpage valuation, and all other information you may possess that would be likely to bear weight as evidence with an official deciding whether or not to create the land a permanent reserve. As early a reply as possible will be appreciated.

Very respectfully yours,
C. W. FULTON.

SHIPPING ENGINE TO COTTAGE GROVE

The Willamette Valley Co. has recently purchased the big Corliss engine formerly used by the old Lane County Electric Co. at its station in Eugene, together with the boilers, shafting, pulleys and other appurtenances, which will be installed in the Cottage Grove electric plant which the Willamette Valley Co. recently purchased. The engine is being shipped today. The Lane County Electric Co. had one of the finest plants in the state, but the city out grew it and the big plant at Springfield was erected and later acquired by the Willamette Valley Co. The old plant was situated on East Eighth street, just east of the mill race.

Died

Mrs. Julia A. Sumner, wife of T. C. Sumner, died at the family home, two and a half miles northwest of Eugene, this morning at 3 o'clock. She was aged about 60 years and leaves four grown sons and a grown daughter. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

The cause of death was appendicitis, with an obstruction of the bowels.

Card of Thanks

We wish to extend our thanks to the friends and neighbors who assisted us in our late bereavement. Also to the teachers and pupils of the Geary school and our friends for floral offerings.

MR. AND MRS. E. J. SMOONS
AND FAMILY.

Card of Thanks

To the neighbors and friends who have so kindly given their service during the illness and death of my beloved husband, I wish to express my heartfelt thanks.

MRS. JOHN H. COX.

Card of Thanks

We desire to extend our heartfelt thanks to the many friends for their kindnesses and sympathy in our great affliction.

Mrs. A. G. Mathews and Family.
Alex Mathews and Family.

Security Calf Food mixed with skim milk will equal in feeding value whole milk; costs only 1 1/2 cents per day.

Chambers' Hardware.

UNANIMOUS FOR CLEAR ROADWAY

The Register got aboard the band wagon this morning and is now a "Me Too." It says the public has rights, and finds that the fight made by the Guard only against the blockading of the county road by the S. P. trestle near Springfield has been correct. It has found out that the farmers and others using the road are complaining loudly, that the rights of the public have been usurped, rendering a main-traveled road "unsafe without just cause and if an adequate remedy can be provided it is the duty of those who sit in authority to right such a wrong."

The Guard is glad to see the morning paper climb onto the band wagon, even after the fight is practically won, but the word "if" this can be remedied is wrong. It can, must and will be remedied.

The Merchants' Protective Association met on Monday night. The Register ignored the action taken by the association for two days, though it was promptly reported by the Guard. It is possible that the morning paper has heard of some of the uncompensated things said of its course in his matter that have awakened that "sleepy sheet" to give this news item.

Anyway, we welcome all recruits with a glad hand. The Guard for weeks has fought this proposition alone. It is right and just. We believe that if a delegation is sent to the railroad officials at Portland, who have never seen the obstruction and do not understand the situation except through the reports of its engineer, in whom they depend absolutely, matters will be remedied. The S. P. Co. does not want to ignore Eugene nor have such a feeling as prevails here, and if the situation is made clear to them they will remedy it at once. It will cost them practically nothing to give a good, satisfactory crossing.

SENDS MAN TO JAIL WITHOUT A TRIAL

The constable of Mabel precinct brought to Eugene yesterday a man named Collins, who had been arrested for assault and battery upon his wife. The constable said that Justice of the Peace Adams had sentenced the man to jail without giving him a trial. Inasmuch as this is not according to law and usage Sheriff Fisk sent the constable back to Mabel with the man with instructions to the justice of the peace to give him a trial and then sentence him if he is found to be guilty.

According to reports from the Mabel neighborhood the man beat his wife in a terrible manner. The justice of the peace no doubt considered the evidence as being strong enough against the man to send him to jail without the formality of a trial.

PAUL MESTEL USED OBSCENE LANGUAGE

Paul Mestel, the erstwhile proprietor of the City Meat Market, from which a \$350 cash register was recently stolen and secreted back of the Underwood House, was arrested this afternoon by Acting Chief of Police Farrington, upon a warrant sworn to by E. J. Frasier charging him with using obscene language before a woman. He appeared before Police Judge Dorris, pleaded guilty and was fined \$10.

Mestel was in Frasier's office yesterday and there arose a dispute in regard to rent money Mestel owed Frasier, whereupon Mestel became angry and used obscene language in the presence of Frasier's stenographer.

UNIVERSITY DEFEATS THE HIGH SCHOOL

A large and enthusiastic crowd witnessed the basketball game between the university and high school teams in the armory last night. After the smoke of battle had cleared away it was found that the U. O. boys had 26 points to their credit while the high school players had succeeded in making 20. The game was fast and furious and honors seemed almost even all the way through. The first half resulted in a score of 14 for the university and 12 for the high school and in the second half the university boys made 12 while the school boys had to be satisfied with 8.

As a preliminary attraction a team from the seniors and sophomores of the university played against a team from the juniors and freshmen, resulting in a score of 19 to 15 in favor of the former.

COLLINS TRIES TO END HIS OWN LIFE

John Collins, the man arrested at Mabel the other day for beating his wife, attempted to commit suicide last night by taking poison.

After being taken back to Mabel by the constable who brought him to Eugene for incarceration in the county jail, having been committed by Justice of the Peace Adams without a trial, it appears that Collins got away and came down to Springfield. The marshal of that town was instructed by telephone to arrest the man, and about 9:30 o'clock last night found him. The marshal started to the jail with Collins and upon opening his grip to have it searched the man took a bottle out and told the marshal he wanted to take a dose of medicine. He poured some powders out of the bottle and swallowed them, telling the marshal that he could have the rest of them, but advising him not to take them.

Soon afterward Collins began to get very sick and he admitted that he had taken poison. Dr. Jayne was sent for and by heroic efforts succeeded in saving his life. He was placed on a bed in the city hall, where he stayed during the night and this morning was still pretty sick.

Collins stated as a reason for his attempt self-destruction that family troubles worried him greatly. Trouble between him and his wife has been going on for several years past and he says that she and her relatives are trying to take his children away from him. Collins is a man 38 or 40 years of age.

CONTRACTS SCARLET FEVER FROM OLD GERMS

It may be interesting to note that Attorney R. S. Bryson, who has the scarlet fever, contracted the disease by occupying a room in the Commercial Club building as an office, the room several years ago when the building was used as a residence having been occupied by a scarlet fever patient. Mr. Bryson is secretary of the Commercial Club and has spent a great deal of his time in that room. When the building was moved recently to make room for Dr. Paine's fine new brick block to be occupied by the club, it was given a shaking up, and the scarlet fever germs which had remained in the walls were communicated to Mr. Bryson.

This story may seem strange, but this is the only explanation the physicians can give as to how Mr. Bryson contracted the disease.

A similar story comes from Wyoming. An old posthouse which had not been used for years was torn down and pieces of the lumber therefrom taken and used by a large number of persons. Shortly thereafter broke out an epidemic of smallpox in that vicinity, nearly every family taking pieces of the lumber being afflicted.

SPANISH WAR VETERANS MAY ORGANIZE

A number of Spanish-American war veterans residing in Eugene are talking of calling a meeting soon for the purpose of organizing a branch of one of the national organizations. There are a large number of the veterans in Lane county who would be glad to assist such a move.

Note and Comment

In yesterday's writeup of timber land sales the Olean Land Company, the Smeed tract should have read Swede tract and the Eugene pool should have stated that the price would be increased from \$20 to \$25 an acre if the present deal fell through. Several other parties are asking for an option at the increased price.

Nothing could hardly be more sensational and dramatic than the killing of Alice Gordon at Portland yesterday afternoon by her lover, a married man, who less than a year ago deserted wife and children for her and had lavished all his money on her, only to be tired of. When arrested sitting on the edge of the bed where she lay dead with four bullets in her body, one through the heart, he arose, washed her blood from his hands, gently laid a carnation on her blood-stained breast and tenderly kissed the blood-stained face. It is useless to repeat that "the wages of sin is death." Though the old story, it will continue new in performance as long as there are men and women.

MORE MEN FOR BOOTH-KELLY COMPANY

L. S. Hill, employment manager for the Booth-Kelly Lumber Co., arrived up from Portland last night with about 250 men whom he had secured in that city to work in the company's logging camps.

The men, who are a good-looking lot as far as the ordinary sawmill hand goes, upon their arrival on the 9 o'clock local, were taken to the Encore Hotel, where they were given a night's lodging, and this morning were driven in special vehicles to Fall Creek to be put to work in the logging camps there.

Since the band of Swedes, who were brought out from Chicago at the company's expense, left without doing a stroke of work because the wages were too low, the company, it is said, has made a material advance in wages and no doubt will hereafter be more successful in holding its men.

The men brought up from Portland last night by Mr. Hill are all of the better class of workmen and will prove of benefit to the company.

ROUSING MEETING OF STUDENT BODY

The students' association of the State University, meeting in Villard hall yesterday, decided after a heated discussion to still hold to the custom of electing two orators to uphold the university in interstate and intercollegiate contests.

A graduate treasurer who is to have charge of all athletic funds was also advocated. Regular varsity caps were adopted for the athletic teams, different O's are to be awarded to different men winning points in intercollegiate contests only.

Track men must win a total of five points before they are allowed to wear the emblem.

Baseball is acknowledged as a college sport and money provided to carry on the work and an emblem is to be awarded to the men playing in all intercollegiate or championship contests.

Other games are to be played only as practice games. This action prevents the university team from playing with the little colleges, to the honor of the other team's credit if the latter should win.

LABORERS ON WAY TO PORTLAND

Yesterday's Albany Herald: Inside of two hours yesterday 28 men walking on the railroad track south of this city passed a given point, bound for Portland. The men were not ordinary tramps, but were laboring men who had left their work in the sawmills at Springfield, and were on their way to Portland where they hoped to get work on the new railroads and in other lines. Some of the men were of the crowd of Swedes recently brought out from the east for the Booth Kelly mills.

ACCIDENT AT WENDLING SAWMILL

J. Grimwood, aged 23 years, was severely but not seriously injured at the Wendling sawmill yesterday. A plank going down a chute flew off and struck him on the leg, badly cutting the member. It was at first thought that the young man was badly injured, but upon examination it was found that only the flesh was cut. He will be laid up for some time.

Springfield Items

Abe Gilbert has resigned his position with the Electric Light Company, which we understand has been filled by Dan Humphreys.

Geo. Perkins and Henry Fuller, two gentlemen who recently arrived from Hart, Michigan, have formed a partnership and will do carpenter work in Springfield and vicinity this summer.

Will Hodes, proprietor of the Eugene Stam Laundry, has the plans out for a store building 24x60 feet to be erected on his lot between the City Meat Market and Peery's drug store. The building will be a one-story frame and will be occupied by the News office.—News.

Scrappy poultry means skinny profits; feed your hens security poultry food and you will get eggs. It keeps little chicks in good condition. Your money back if not satisfied—what more can we do?

Chambers' Hardware.