

## BENSON MEETS WITH STRONG OPPOSITION

Frank W. Benson, candidate for the Republican nomination for secretary of state, is meeting with some strong opposition on account of his affiliations with the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company, says the Portland Journal. The secretary of state is one of the three members of the state land board, and Mr. Benson, if nominated and elected, would have a voice in the sale and disposition of state school lands and in the leasing of the funds derived from such lands. The argument used against him is that it would be dangerous to place in such an important office a man who has had such close business relations with the Booth-Kelly company, two of whose officials are under a federal indictment for complicity in the land frauds.

James Henry Booth, secretary of the Booth-Kelly company, is the largest stockholder in the Douglas county bank and was formerly its president. After he was appointed receiver of the Roseburg land office, about eight years ago, Frank Benson was selected to succeed him as president of the bank. Benson was also the bank's attorney. The bank was the depository of the funds of the Roseburg land office, during the period of the transactions which subsequently resulted in the indictment of both Robert A. and James Henry Booth. It is said that Benson has acted at times as attorney for the Booth-Kelly company as well as for the bank. His law office was in the same building as the land office.

The government's investigation of the Roseburg land office brought to light the fact that Frederick A. Kribs and the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company were operating through the Roseburg land office in such a way as virtually to monopolize all the valuable timber land in the district. When any one else sought to file on a piece of land, the application was held up until the agents of Kribs and the lumber company had time enough to examine the land and ascertain whether it was of sufficient value to take for themselves. If it proved valuable they took it. The evidence brought before the federal grand jury a year ago showed fully in the manner in which the officials of the Roseburg land office connived at these transactions of Kribs and the lumber company.

The Booth-Kelly Lumber Company acquired vast tracts of valuable state and government lands in Southern Oregon; they purchased most of the fine timber land of the Southern Pacific railroad, and recently through a decision of the United States Supreme court they gained title to about 100,000 acres of the finest lands in the Klamath Indian reservation, most of which are occupied by the Indians.

Benson has three competitors for the Republican nomination for secretary of state, Claud Gatch, Lot Pearce and Frank Wrightman, all of Marion county. The only Democratic candidate is P. H. Sroot, also of Marion.

## NEWS NOTES FROM SPRINGFIELD

A shoemaking and repair shop has been started in the building first door south of Mr. Thompson's blacksmith shop.

Geo. Willoughby, of Eugene, has purchased the Springfield bakery, and took possession this morning. Mr. Willoughby has the reputation of being a first-class baker and candy maker.

Earl Dodd captured the largest otter last Friday that has been trapped in Lane county for a long time, six miles up the Willamette. It measured over five feet in length, nine inches wide, and weighed 25 pounds. Mr. Dodd claims this is his third otter this season.

Jim Clark's new \$1000 residence is now under course of construction. When completed it will be the finest residence in Springfield. We understand that Harry Stewart will erect a fine residence on the lot north, in the same block. This will also be a \$1000 building.

The new baseball suits for the high school boys arrived Wednesday. Each member purchased his own suit. The boys have organized with a much stronger team than they had last year, and expect to win a large per cent. of the games played this season.

Since the wages have been raised by the Booth-Kelly Co. at their Springfield mill we understand they have a full crew of good hard-working men. If the company continues to pay the wages now being paid, which is likely, it will not be difficult to procure good, competent men to fill all positions.

N. A. Rowe, the gentleman who

erected the large two-story building on the corner of Main and Fourth streets, has the structure completed. The west half is unoccupied and we understand has not yet been rented. The east side is being used as a saloon and will be run by Mr. Rowe, who has his grand opening Tuesday night.—News.

## APPEAL FROM OLD PEOPLE'S PARTY

Editor Guard:—It is scarcely worth while to state to you what we all know, viz.: that the People's party is dead, but nevertheless, some of its principles still live and are going into operation. The primary election law of Oregon embodies one of them. But as we are not affiliated with either of the old parties, the privilege of putting that law into effect is confined to the hands of those against whom we battled in the past. As good citizens first, ought we to stand by sucking our thumbs while others do the battle we once fought? Principles are eternal, and that enunciated by Lincoln in his Gettysburg speech where he proclaimed this government to be "of the people, by the people and for the people" is one of them. The primary election law is an embodiment of it. But the real is a determined effort on the part of interests in Portland to break it down in this election. It may succeed unless patriotic citizens come to the rescue and every old People's party man in the state, in my judgment, should put on the necessary fighting armor to take a turn at the guns. Register as either a Republican or Democrat and then vote in the primary election against those aspirants for legislative nomination who do not include in their petition Statement One without any modification whatever. The enemies of the law and the people are putting up candidates pledged to vote for that Republican only for United States senator who has received the highest number of the popular vote in the June election. This is an effort to place party and party boss above the people, hence it is that I advise you to register as a Republican or Democrat, that the work of saving the law to the people may thus be done, for, if this effort of the plutocratic gang is not beaten, then the law will be repealed and the old method of selling the Oregon senatorship at Salem will be reinaugurated. Let me hear from you, but in the meantime register as a Republican or Democrat, fight from the inside of the party for the people and the establishment of the reform the primary law undertakes to place in their hands against boss, machine and plutocracy.

The law is on trial, but in a greater sense the people are in the crucible being tried out as to their intelligence and their capability for self-government. Only by the enforcement of the provisions of State "e" One, unmodified, and sustained by the force of crystallized public opinion can the sovereignty of the people over party be maintained and perpetuated in Oregon.

Awaiting an early reply, am,  
Very truly yours,  
A. P. NELSON,  
Chairman People's Party of Oregon.

## YOUNG LADIES BOUND FOR FOLEY SPRINGS AFOOT

Miss Sue Dorris, the photographer, and Miss Smith, the osteopathic physician who is visiting friends here, left this morning afoot for Foley Springs on an outing.

They had not figured on yesterday's heavy rain, but as the sun shone brightly early this morning they concluded to take their chances and set out according to previous arrangements. They encountered some mud, but as appearances indicate fair weather after today they will no doubt have dry walking during the greater part of their trip. It is not known how many days the young ladies expect to occupy in making this trip.

Miss Dorris took her camera with her and expects to secure many pictures of scenes along the road.

This trip is a unique one in that it is probably the first one ever made from here to Foley Springs by women afoot. The distance is 80 miles.

## Farm Lands Wanted

Having been in the immigration business in the east for the past ten years, having good success in the business, I have decided to open up a real estate and immigration office in the town of Eugene, and have associated myself with H. F. Hollenbeck, formerly of C. S. Farrow & Co., retaining my office in the east and as we will work with about five hundred of the leading real estate agents in the west and will advertise your land in about one hundred of the leading Eastern papers we want to list one hundred good farms at once, so if you want to sell your farm call on Hollenbeck & Conkie, office rooms 1 and 2, Chambers block, 918 Willamette street.

## OFFICERS WORKED RUSE ON MITCHELL

In the capture of Jack Mitchell, the desperado, Friday afternoon, Sheriff Fisk and Chief of Police Farrington landed their man in jail by a clever ruse. As the train pulled in the sheriff and the chief of police located the car that Mitchell was supposed to occupy and entered the same from opposite ends. After locating, from their descriptions, the man whom they supposed to be Mitchell, the officers with their guns and one hand in their side coat pockets kept him caged. Sheriff Fisk, extending his right hand for a hearty handshake accosted Mitchell: "Hello, Bill Francis!" Mitchell spoke up: "Guess you are mistaken," and replied after parrying, "My name is Mitchell." This assured the officers that they had the right man. He was quickly searched and informed that he was wanted down the line for skipping his hotel bill, which he stoutly denied with the plea that "he always paid his bills." Thus he was marched off to jail, supposing it to be for some minor charge of which he was innocent, little thinking that he was being booked upon a charge for which there was a \$5000 reward for his capture.

Saturday's Portland Journal says:

Jack Mitchell, accused in five states of horse stealing, train robbery and the murder of two sheriffs' deputies, and has repeatedly declared that he would never be taken alive, was captured at Eugene yesterday afternoon through the efforts of the local police department. Detectives Vaughn and Hellyer had the man almost within their grasp at Montavilla Thursday, where they went disguised as members of a surveying party, but he gave them the slip that night.

For more than two years the authorities of Montana and Idaho have been searching for Mitchell. Three other states took part in the man hunt at different times, but all finally gave up the chase except the Idaho authorities and railroad detectives. Mitchell was trailed into Canada by a railway detective and a short time ago to Portland.

"I will never be taken alive." That is the sentence repeatedly uttered by Mitchell, and the two detectives were made acquainted with the murderous nature, courage and indomitable will of the man with whom they were dealing.

It was ascertained that Mitchell's wife lived at Montavilla. The detectives watched the home for two or three days and were finally rewarded by catching sight of Mitchell. Knowing him to be armed, Vaughn and Hellyer and the railway detective attired themselves as members of a surveying party and pretended to work in the vicinity of the house.

Mitchell became suspicious of their actions, kept close to the house and, after dark Thursday night made his escape.

The detectives next learned that he had applied several days ago at a local employment office for work and was promised it at Drain, Oregon. They then discovered that he took the train from here for Drain. Word was telephoned to Eugene authorities and yesterday afternoon Sheriff Fisk and Chief of Police Farrington boarded the train from Portland and arrested him on description.

More than two years ago Mitchell is said to have helped rob a Northern Pacific train in Montana. He was trailed by a posse to an Indian reservation and escaped after killing one of the posse. He was next hunted for horse stealing and in Idaho killed a deputy sheriff in a posse searching for him in the hills. His trail was taken up there by the railway detective, who has followed him pertinaciously for months.

Sheriff Fisk and Chief of Police Farrington knew the character of the man and were told of his declaration that he would never be taken alive. Yet they took the chance of a revolver duel with him rather than have a number of deputies aid them, as they believed that too many men might cause confusion and give the man an opportunity to escape.

## NEWS FROM LOWER SIUSLAW RIVER

The Oregon and California Lumber Company started up its logging camp on Hadsall creek this week for the season's work. Mr. LeBlue is in charge as superintendent.

Tuesday afternoon R. V. Hughes was taken before Recorder Severy, charged with assault on Wm. Brynd. The recorder fined him \$5 and costs, amounting to two dollars more, making \$7 in all.

A surprise party was given at Glen-

ada Hotel Saturday evening in honor of Viola Colter, who returned home a few days previous from teaching school on upper Sweet creek. About 40 people were present and passed a pleasant evening.

The Oregon and California Lumber Company is preparing to start up its mill in a few days. From O. W. Hurd we learn that the company has chartered two large schooners for a year—the Oakland and Hogan—to carry their lumber. Both are light draft vessels suited for work on shallow bars. The Oakland will carry about 500,000 feet of lumber and the Hogan about 700,000 feet.

The regular annual city election in Eugene was held Tuesday and a full set of officers chosen to serve for the coming year. With the exception of the president and recorder all are new men, none of them having held the positions before. When the votes were counted it was found that the following had received from three to twelve votes over their competitors: President, Marion Morris; trustees, S. J. Shrum, E. W. Cobb, A. E. Pickett and F. A. Johnson; marshal, H. B. Gray. D. E. Severy was elected recorder without opposition.—The West.

## NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION

The National Educational Association will hold its annual convention in San Francisco from July 7 to 14 of this year. The people of San Francisco and, in fact, the people of the whole Pacific coast, are preparing a welcome and reception to the teachers the equal of which has never given to any organization.

The educational value of these meetings is well known and those interested in education throughout the state are anxious to have our teachers participate, first, because it will be many years before another National Educational Association will be so accessible, and second, because our standing educationally will be judged largely by the attendance of Oregon teachers at this convention.

The railroad and steamboat lines have granted very liberal rates and the local committee at San Francisco assures us that there will be no advance in the regular rates at hotels, rooming houses and restaurants in San Francisco during the convention week.

Any data or information in any way relating to the meeting can be obtained by addressing the California committee, N. E. A. No. 25, New Montgomery street, San Francisco, California, or J. H. Ackerman, Salem, Oregon.

## PUBLIC WELL WILL BE IN WEST PARK

The public well that was ordered by the county court last week will be located in the northeast corner of the west park, diagonally across the street from the courthouse, a very convenient location and the one suggested by the Guard at the time the order was made by the court.

J. E. Kilburn has the contract for drilling the well and the work will be commenced this week. It is the intention to drill below bed rock, thus insuring a supply of absolutely pure water. If the water is obtained above bed rock it is liable to be contaminated, the surface water seeping into the well through the loose earth.

## Irving Items

Irving, April 10.—J. H. Duffy returned from Grass Valley, Cal., Friday morning, where he had attended the funeral of an aunt.

Mrs. Mathews and Mrs. Elliott, of Goshen, returned home Monday morning after a short visit with friends in Irving.

Mrs. Francis Hammett came down on the local Sunday morning to visit relatives in Irving.

Death has again visited our midst and taken one who has been a lifelong resident of this place. W. B. Yates was born on a farm adjoining Irving, and with the exception of a few months had resided continuously here. His illness was of short duration and his friends can scarcely realize that he has gone. Will was a good neighbor, kind-hearted, always ready to assist in sickness or trouble, and he will be missed. His family has the sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

## Married

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ivy Morris, of Point Terrace, Oregon, on Monday, April 2, 1906, John Perry, of Gardiner, and Miss Matilda Morris, C. H. Holden, J. P., officiating.

Our artist will make you a portrait for 57 cents. Offer expires April 21st. HAMPTON BROS.

## EUGENE CITY WATER MUCH BETTER

Dr. J. W. Harris, county health officer, has received a report from the state health board upon samples of Eugene water recently sent for analysis, and it is found that there is a great improvement over the first examination made in the early part of February, when the typhoid fever epidemic was beginning to assume alarming proportions. At that time the water contained from 1000 to 3000 bacteria to the cubic centimeter. The recent examination shows that it contains from 40 to 100 bacteria to the centimeter under one certain temperature and from 40 to 400 under another.

Six samples of water were sent, one each from the following places: George Sovern's well on West Eighth street, the Willamette river, the water company's well near the river, the well near the millrace, the mains at F. L. Linn's drug store, the mains at F. L. Poindexter's residence on West Sixth street and the mains at J. A. McMahan's residence on East Thirteenth and Oak streets.

Under a temperature of 21 degrees C. the number of bacteria to the cubic centimeter was as follows: Sovern's well, 1040; mains at Linn's store, 40; river water, 80; well near river, 100; mains at Poindexter's residence, 300; mains at McMahan's residence, 60; well near millrace, 80.

Under a temperature of 37 degrees C. the number of bacteria to the cubic centimeter was as follows: Sovern's well, 100; at Linn's store, 100; river, 80; well near river, 100; at Poindexter's residence, 400; at McMahan's residence, 40; well near millrace, 100. The mains at Poindexter's residence had not been used for a long time previous to the taking of the water, accounting for the greater number of bacteria there than at the other places.

Dr. Ralph C. Matson, assistant state bacteriologist, who analyzed the water, states that the sample from the mains at the McMahan residence was the best and was suitable for drinking purposes, but that the others were not.

## THE BOSS BARBERS FORM A UNION

The barbers of the city held a meeting last night and organized a boss barbers' union with the following officers: Ed. Lindley, president, and George Marx, secretary and treasurer.

Prices and hours were agreed upon but they are not yet ready to give out. There is no advance in the prices of shaves and haircuts, but it is understood that neck-shaving will be charged for and customers will probably also have to pay for other little accommodations. This is to the benefit of the customers, as well as to the barber, as the customers will get better service when the barbers are better paid for their work.

## SPANISH WAR VETS. ORGANIZE

At a meeting of a number of Spanish-American war veterans at the armory last night a temporary organization of the Spanish-American Veterans' Association was effected with the following officers:

President, C. C. Hammond; vice president, J. M. Deeds; secretary, treasurer, O. J. Hull, officer of the day, Raymond Babb; sergeant-at-arms, James E. Snodgrass; canteen officer, Merritt Huntley; officer of the guard, W. W. Branstetter; chaplain, R. S. Huston.

The camp will affiliate with the national organization. Another meeting will be held on Friday evening of this week.

## HEAVY TRAFFIC ON BOHEMIA RAILROAD

A correspondent from Cottage Grove writes:

The Oregon & Southeastern Railroad Company has a force of men at work here rebuilding some of its gravel and dumping cars into small flatcars for handling logs, wood and lumber. The increased freight traffic on the road makes use for all the cars the company has.

The company has also purchased several new flatcars and boxcars for use on its line. All of these cars will be loaded with rails to be used on the extension of the road into the forest reserve.

## Iverson Notes

Iverson, April 10.—School here Monday morning and E. Miller, of Salem, as usual. During the windstorm of the noon we were cut off from communication by timber on the line.

L. A. Chastain is on the He went to Madison School with Dr. Canady.

Miss Ora Inman, of the teaching the Notli school, attended a week ago.

L. A. Chastain, A. W. Cornelius and I. S. Day went to Eugene last week.

W. B. Smith, our present rier, has the contract for four years.

C. A. Cornell and wife engaged clearing land, building and otherwise beautifying place.

The prospects for a good crop are very flattering here with the exception of peaches were very badly damaged by cold spell.

We understand there will be a lot of logging done on the map by the Elmira mill company two or three more miles.

J. M. Stephens and J. C. enterprising poultry raiser, each has a new incubator, soon be ready to fill orders for egg and spring chickens.

Joseph Reibham and wife week for Mill City, Ore., for the coming season.

Charles Cornelius left for Fall Creek to work in the camps.

The trapping fraternity closed operations in this report a very small collection. Mink, marten, wildcat, raccoon were the principal catches, and not many of the kind.

L. Lamb, an old pioneer wood valley, made a business trip to this place last week. He was favorably impressed with our growing timber.

We understand that county rock crushers will be in operation today near Hadsall. Quite a lot of road work for this part of the county, especially in the North.

F. M. Nighswander, the road builder, has gone to resume work on the Willamette road. A resurvey of road will be made so the whole road in Lane county Nighswander thinks he will road open this season.

## Wanted and Comm

Wanted—A street sprinkler.

The councilmen conducted a very gentlemanly at a meeting. Just wait till they tied down and acquainted with other see the fur fly squally Monday night.

If the council grants the company a franchise it means a electric railway system for a line from here to Springfield.

With the proposition by the city the water company seem that the two interests together and close a deal.

ter company and the city desire to be just with each other a little diplomacy they can obtain a footing on common ground. It will be easy to arrive at a nite conclusion. As the approaches the work for must not cease an hour, order the jurisdiction of the or the city. The council with the company over the question carefully mit it to the citizens at a special election.

only one plant in operation is a municipal ownership. S this ground both sides and with every one on the with no opposition, the fighting of the past year at once and every one should shoulder to shoulder for a greater Eugene.

## Born

In Eugene, April 8, 1906, Whitall and wife, a daughter.

## Over a Million

In this issue we published a statement of the First National Bank of Eugene. A careful shows the bank is in condition. Deposits are cash resources, \$194,000, 133,224.