

EUGENE DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The annual Sunday School convention of the Eugene district will meet at the Baptist church in Eugene Saturday, March 21, at 9:30 a. m. Following is the program.

Meeting will be led by the District President, Mr. H. K. Shirk. 10:00 Report of District Work, Mr. H. K. Shirk.

11:00 Report of Home Department Work in Eugene—From the Superintendent. 11:00 Report of the Cradle Road Work in Eugene—From the Superintendent.

11:00 Temperance Teaching in the Sunday School, Mrs. S. M. Day, East Eugene.

Afternoon Session. 1:30 Song Service—Led by Rev. O. C. Wright, Eugene. 1:45—The Boy Problem—Mr. Chas. W. Clark, Santa Clara.

2:00 Our greatest need—Rev. W. B. Pinkerton, Eugene. 2:30 Missions in the Sunday School—Mrs. Ella M. Humbert, Eugene.

3:00 Primary and Junior Department—Mrs. D. H. Trimble, Eugene. 3:30 Teacher Training—Rev. J. M. Morris, Eugene.

4:00 Building for the Future—Rev. J. S. McCullen.

County Convention The Lane County Sunday School Convention will meet in Springfield April 14th and 15th. The State Field Worker, Rev. C. A. Phipps, for Oregon, will be present and it is hoped that all workers of Lane County will give attention to the work.

SAMUEL W. TAYLOR RESIGNS HIS POSITION HAS BEEN CONNECTED WITH WATER PLANT FOR PAST EIGHTEEN YEARS—FAITHFUL AND EFFICIENT

Samuel W. Taylor, who has been connected with the water works of Eugene since their installation eight years ago, has resigned his position as superintendent of that plant and mains. He is as yet undetermined what business he will follow, but will not be idle long.

Mr. Taylor, during his connection with the water plant, has been faithful and efficient and he will be greatly missed by the patrons of the system. He thoroughly understands the water business and his place will be hard to fill. During his incumbency the city has never been short of water while he had charge of the pumping plant. To know the location of every main in the entire system from the big 12-inch pipes to the tiny half-inch pipes.

NEWS NOTES OF COTTAGE GROVE AND VICINITY J. I. Jones and several prominent citizens of the town are figuring on forming a stock company with \$50,000 capital to establish a new sawmill on the Jones pond and mill site in East Cottage Grove with a capacity of 65,000 feet per day. It looks like a go.

In the basketball game between Cottage Grove and the Drain Athletic team last Friday evening the home team won by the score of 12 to 11. This was considered a brilliant victory for the home team from the fact that they were greatly outweighed by the visiting team, but not out-

ACTOR HITCHCOCK IS FIEND, SAYS ELLEN VON HAGEN

New York, March 13.—Ellen Von Hagen, whose accusations resulted in the indictment of Raymond Hitchcock, the actor, repeated her story to a jury today.

The girl, who is now in the care of a society, told of nights spent at the Hitchcock home at Great Neck, L. I., and of visits to a furnished room in this city, where the defendant had temporary lodgings. On each of these excursions, she was accompanied by either Flora Whiston or Elsie Vascko. At the time, more than a year ago, Flora was 16, the witness was 15, and Elsie was 12 years of age.

In his opening address, following the filling of the jury box today, the prosecutor had charged that Hitch-



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cock had been guilty of misconduct with all three of these children. When her testimony was interrupted by adjournment the Von Hagen girl had sworn confirmation of the state's allegations so far as she was concerned.

STOCKHOLDERS WILL SUE MR. HARRIMAN New York, March 12.—Charges that E. H. Harriman has caused a loss to the Union Pacific Railroad of over \$40,000,000 by his stock speculations with the funds of the corporation were filed with the board of directors today. A formal demand was made that suit be brought against him and the other directors of the system who have been parties to his speculations, to recover the sums lost to the company through the illegal transactions.

The action is preliminary to a suit to be instituted by a powerful group of stockholders to force Mr. Harriman to disgorge the profits he and his associates have made in stock market operations with Union Pacific funds, and through the unloading of a large amount of securities of other corporations upon the company's treasury at prices far above their present value. The action is designed to forestall the plan of the Union Pacific executive committee to segregate these securities under a holding company, which is now being formed for the purpose.

HOMESTEAD CAN NOT BE EXEMPTED Residence on a homestead by a family, consisting of two or more persons, is required if the premises are to be exempted under the bankruptcy laws. This was the decision of Judge Wolverson in the United States court in the case of Henry C. Gardner, a bankrupt, who contended that his homestead at Drain could not be included as an asset in liquidating his debt under the bankruptcy laws.

Judge Wolverson held that since only the bankrupt himself had resided on the homestead, he cannot declare it exempt from the bankrupt laws. "Although such premises may constitute his dwelling place or place of abode," said the court, "yet he cannot claim them exempt for the reason that he alone does not constitute a family."

DRAIN RAILROAD WILL GO AHEAD A railroad man from San Francisco representing Chief Engineer Hood, of the Southern Pacific, was here this week and bought every ton of hay for sale between Drain and Scottsburg. He also renewed the leases for all of the old camping grounds along the route of the new road to Coos Bay. This looks like they are getting ready to go some.—Nonpariel.

Good for Everybody. Mr. Norman Coulter, a prominent architect in the Delbert Building, San Francisco, says: "I fully endorse all that has been said of Electric Bitters as a tonic medicine. It is good for everybody. It corrects stomach, liver and kidney disorders in a prompt and efficient manner, and builds up the system." Electric Bitters is the best spring medicine ever sold over a druggist's counter; as a blood purifier it is unequalled. 50 cents at W. A. Kuykendall's drug store.

Spring Humors

Impure or effete matters accumulated in the blood during the winter cause in the spring such disfiguring and painful troubles as boils, pimples, and other eruptions, also weakness, loss of appetite, that tired feeling.

The best medicine to take is Hood's Sarsaparilla, which thoroughly cleanses the blood, and effects permanent cures by giving healthy functional activity to the stomach, liver, kidneys, bowels and skin.

Improvement AT B-K'S SAWMILL AT SPRINGFIELD

A few weeks ago it will be remembered that the News made mention of the fact that the Booth-Kelly Company were making some extensive and substantial improvements in their Springfield plant. In the following issue of the Western Oregon we are called to task for even daring to mention that this company is making improvements. In his article he doubts the truthfulness of our statement and says "It is hard to credit that the company is doubtless making repairs and possibly installing new parts to replace worn-out machinery." He says, "True, all mills are doing overhauling work but there is no increase of capacity." That's all folly, but, no doubt, comes from some jealous mood because the little mills at Cottage Grove are not making similar improvements. The information that was given in the News columns was authentic and as proof that this company is doing more than merely repairing the broken parts, we are informed that a contract has been let to the Frazer Iron Works for the making of a log kicker for the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company at Springfield. This is a big piece of machinery, and when completed will weigh over 7000 pounds and will cost the company in the neighborhood of \$2500. They have also installed within the past week a \$2000 turning lathe which has been placed in their blacksmith shop. These are only minor improvements that have already been made. That the Booth-Kelly mill at Springfield will be one of the best on the coast is assured and those who are skeptical in their belief are at liberty to visit the yard and see for themselves what is being done. The News has not lost faith in Springfield or the Booth-Kelly Lumber Co. and we believe that we have the best town in the state of Oregon for its size. We respectfully invite the editor of the Western Oregon to visit our plant and compare notes.—News.

FINAL REPORT OF LANE COUNTY GRAND JURY (From Thursday's Daily Guard.) The grand jury finished its work this forenoon and filed its final report with the circuit court. The report is one of the longest ever made by a grand jury in Lane County. It is as follows: In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Lane County. To the Honorable Circuit Court of said County:— We, the grand jury of said county for the March term thereof, 1908, respectfully submit this, our final report: That we have to the best of our ability investigated all the violations of law triable within said county so far as the same have been brought to our knowledge. That on Saturday last we visited and investigated the condition of the county poor, now under the personal supervision of Mrs. Russell. Those under her control and care, pursuant to a contract, made and entered into between her and the county authorities, number thirteen, ten of whom are males ranging in age from 50 to 80 years, and in a very feeble condition. That by and on account of their extreme age and physical debility they are only able to help themselves to a limited extent, and the duties imposed on Mrs. Russell by virtue of her trust, assumed under her contract with the county, are most exacting in view of the condition of those in her charge.

After due examination of the inmates of this home for the poor, we found them kindly and considerately treated. They claim they are well fed with good wholesome food, well cooked. The house and beds used by these unfortunates were clean, and as we believe well-kept—that is to say, the shed or place where the male inmates sleep; but we are of the opinion that the house where they are maintained and cared for has not the conveniences and comforts necessary in the unfortunate condition in which these unfortunates are placed.

Mrs. Russell is, in our judgment, doing all in her power with the means at her command and the compensation she is receiving, to make them comfortable, and is well calculated and qualified to discharge the duties of her trust. We are of the opinion that she does not receive sufficient compensation to enable her to give these poor the comforts of life that would otherwise be bestowed upon them, had she the means to do so.

The compensation received by her is wholly inadequate, as we believe. Lane County is one of the largest and wealthiest counties in this state, and we recommend that our county shall not exercise too much rigid economy in the treatment of these unfortunate poor. The sum of \$3.25 per capita for these poor, which is inclusive of board, clothing, medicines and burial expenses, is in no sense sufficient, in our judgment, and we respectfully call the attention of the county court to these matters, that they may be corrected and placed on a more liberal and modern basis. Our civilization demands attention in the matters specified, and we urge attention by our county authorities in the premises.

Railroad Crossings. We also call the attention of the county court to that part of the county road where the railroad crosses the same near the Springfield bridge, as a particularly dangerous place for public travel, and the railroad company should be compelled to remove the piling out of said road and provide some means for operating the railroad track above the road, so as to avoid the present obstructions to public travel. In this connection we also call the attention of the county authorities to the fact that the public road known as the river road, about a mile and a half northeast of Junction City, where the S. P. road crosses the same, is in a dangerous condition; that the road has been washed out at that point, and the road under the railroad track is impossible of public travel for about six months of the year; that the road that formerly ran over the railroad track and should now cross said railroad track at the point indicated instead of under the same, that a suitable bridge or approach should be placed there, in the interests of public travel, during the present spring, and to that end we urge the county authorities to compel the S. P. Railroad Company to provide a suitable crossing at said place to the extent of their right of way over said public road.

More Room in Courthouse We would recommend that a large room in the attic of the courthouse be properly equipped and arranged, so that the records of the various county offices not demanded or immediately and general use, be safely stored and preserved. We further advise that the room

DIED. March 6, 1908, at Lee's sawmill, near Cottage Grove, Herbert W. Lee, aged 45 years, 4 months and 2 days.

In West Cottage Grove, March 4, 1908, the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Smith.

At his home near Cottage Grove Monday, March 9, 1908, William P. Hays, of rheumatism of the heart.

SPRINGFIELD BRIEFS CULLED FROM THE NEWS J. E. Bartlett has rented one of the rooms over the Odd Fellows' new hall and will start a real estate office.

Mrs. Frank Reimser, of Eugene, and her brother, Tobias McGill, and daughter, from Kansas, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Price last Sunday.

U'REN HAS WITHDRAWN IN FAVOR OF CAKE

Salem, Or., March 12.—W. S. U'ren has prepared a letter withdrawing from the race for the United States senatorship, which will appear in the Portland papers this evening. In his letter he declares that it would be wrong to divide the vote of the people as between Statement No. 1 supporters, and declares his intention to support Cake for that office. He makes a bitter reply to Editor Scott, of the Oregonian, and trails his guns on Scott, Matthews & Co., as the would-be political dictators of the state. He refers in a caustic manner to the bargain between Scott and Bourne, when, for four hours, Scott was willing to put up \$6000 per hour for the senatorial toga, which, he declares, the Orego-

ANARCHIST IS FOUND GUILTY AND DOOMED TO DIE

Denver, March 12.—Judge Whitford charged the jury in the case today and defined the various degrees of murder. He said if the jury entered a reasonable doubt as to the sanity of Alia it should acquit, but if it finds Alia to be of sound mind, but carried away by passion, it should convict.

CONGREGATIONALISTS ELECT OFFICERS At the annual business meeting of the Congregational church last night the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Deacon, S. M. Elliott; deaconess, Mrs. W. C. Yoran and Mrs. O. A. Stillman; trustees, Professor Joseph Schafer and Rev. O. A. Stillman; treasurer, F. W. Osburn; clerk, Miss Ellen Loomis; members of pastoral committee, Mrs. A. E. Wheeler and Mrs. R. Mc-Muhphrey.

G. NETTLE BUYS RESIDENCE PROPERTY Gustav Nettle, the McKenzie logging contractor, who a few days ago sold his farm near Leaburg, today bought the Gray residence property at the corner of East Eleventh and Oak streets from the heirs of the late J. G. Gray, paying \$3800 for it. The lot is 90x160 feet in dimensions and contains a large residence. It is old but still in fair shape. Mr. Nettle will finish up his logging contracts on the McKenzie and then will probably move his family to Eugene to reside. He will move the old residence to one side and erect a handsome one on the corner.

WALSH GETS FIVE YEARS IN PRISON Chicago, March 13.—John R. Walsh, former president of the Chicago National Bank of this city, convicted of illegal use of the funds of that institution, was today denied a new trial and sentenced to five years in the federal penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth.

STRETCHING HEMP MIGHT WAKE HIM UP Washington, March 13.—Hugh Hollis, a treasury department clerk, shot and killed his wife at their home early today. She got up to attend a child and as she returned to the bedside Hollis awakened, pulled a revolver from under the pillow and shot his wife dead. He then turned over and went to sleep.

BATTLE TO DEATH IN LOUISIANA Amite, La., March 11.—Murder was added to the bitter political feud in this vicinity when Senator-elect D. S. Kemp, a Democrat, was shot and instantly killed last night by C. F. Hyde, who is prominent in this part of the state as a politician and business man. The feud attained a climax in a quarrel following the recent Democratic primaries, at which Kemp was successful. As soon as it had been announced that Kemp had emerged from the primary fight victorious, Hyde sought to demand a quarrel ensued. Friends tried to patch up the trouble between them on more than one occasion during the day, but the bitter feeling increased hourly.

SOMEBODY RESPONSIBLE, SAYS THE CORONER Cleveland, O., March 12.—"The loss of the lives of little children in the Collinwood school fire was absolutely incalculable," Coroner Burke declared after making a thorough investigation.

REDUCE PAY OF FACTORY WORKERS Lowell, Mass., March 12.—Notices of a wage reduction of ten per cent have been posted in seven large cotton factories. Nearly 25,000 operatives are affected.

CASTORIA The Kidney and Bladder Regulator. Prepared by Dr. J. C. Smith. Sold by all druggists.

EUGENE'S CENSUS TO BE TAKEN THIS SPRING

A special meeting of the Eugene Commercial club was held last night for the purpose of considering several matters that could not be taken at the regular meeting on Monday night on account of lack of time.

The following communication was read from the Eugene Military club and received the endorsement of the Commercial club.

To the officers and members of Eugene Commercial club, Lane county, Oregon: Gentlemen—As members of the Eugene military club we are working for the advancement of Eugene and Lane county and in this respect ask your kind co-operation in helping bring before the voters of Lane county the true merits of the referendum bill which is of vital interest to Eugene and Lane county as it is to us. "The Armory appropriation bill." This bill does not mean the wasting of money, for the \$100,000 which the bill covers is to be expended outside of Portland (which already has a fine armory) to the aid and build armories for the different companies of the Oregon National Guard. This property is to be owned by the state, thus making a good investment, making the state landlord instead of renter; and at the rate of rent now being paid by the different companies of the state, or rather paid by the state for the companies, the state would in a few years save the amount expended to build the armories in the rent. The armory we have here in Eugene, which is occupied by two companies and headquarters, costs about \$1200 per annum to maintain. From good authority it has been told us that if the bill passes at the June election that Eugene is to have at least a \$12,000 armory.

We will have in a few days literature issued by a committee appointed at our annual meeting in Portland, which we shall divide with you. The daily papers are willing to give us space in their issues, and if you can in any way aid us it will be greatly appreciated.

EUGENE MILITARY CLUB, Willard L. Coppernoll, Pres. R. Clauver, Secy.

Will take census of the City The matter of taking a census of the city was brought up and G. W. Griffin suggested a plan. His idea was to appoint a committee to canvass each block in the city, and in that way a more thorough census could be obtained than by employing only one or two men to do the work over the entire city. A committee consisting of G. W. Griffin, J. M. Williams and F. M. Wilkins was appointed to prepare a plan and arrange for the work.

Committees Appointed. The president was empowered at the regular meeting Monday night to appoint several committees. He announced the following last night: Committee on excursion from Portland to Eugene commencement day, S. H. Friendly, Dr. D. A. Paine, Darwin E. Yoran, H. W. Thompson, Judge L. T. Harris.

Added to committee on building and loan association, M. Svarverud, John H. Hartog. Committee on lighting Willamette street, stores along main streets and improvement in present light supply, J. M. Williams, David Linn, Frank E. Dunn, G. W. Griffin, John H. Hartog.

Committee on decorations for gala occasions, Wm. C. Yoran, Geo. McMorran, John H. Hartog. Other Matters. The matter of interest in the coming city election was taken up and it was the sense of the meeting that the best men possible for councilmen should be put up.

The club endorsed the county fair proposition and promised to lend it all the moral support possible. The matter of an ordinance to be passed by the city council providing for a building inspector was discussed. Several members of the council were there to hear the discussion and to obtain an idea of the wishes of the citizens in that regard.

BERGER LOSES CASE IN SUPREME COURT The supreme court has rendered a decision in the case of the state vs. Jake Berger, in which Berger was found guilty by the circuit court of violating the national liquor law and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$250. The case was dismissed on a motion made by the state for the reason that the statute was not followed regarding that "a notice of appeal in a criminal action must be served upon the clerk of the court and the district attorney of the county in which the criminal record is filed. This (criminal) code is complete within itself and the sections of the civil code in reference to appeals do not apply to criminal actions."

The motion for dismissal was refused by the supreme court and Berger will have to pay the fine.

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