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MORE ABOUT THE RESERVE.

One of the objections to the reservation being pastured by sheep, and the one most strenuously urged, is that the sheepmen and their herders set fire to the underbrush and destroy vast bodies of timber for the purpose of extending the area of their pasturage grounds. Coupled with this objection is one, too, strongly urged, but of minor importance to the first. That the sheep browse on the underbrush is true, but that they do harm thereby is not so certain. The sheep do not go into the dense timber; there is nothing for them there; nor do they penetrate the thick underbrush, where the same serves to protect the snow. It is only in the more or less open timber that they are herded, and they only browse the underbrush where it is well scattered. In the open glades wherever they go they eat out the brush and grass, or trample it so that fire will not run, having nothing to feed upon, and so, instead of being an injury, are in that respect, at least, a benefit.

There was a case in point near Johns' mill, back of this city, last summer. R. H. Guthrie pastured his sheep around a 1500-acre tract belonging to Mr. Johns. After he left, fire broke out and ran through the timber on the Johns tract, doing considerable damage and destroying 150,000 feet of logs already cut. The fire burned over this tract, but stopped on all sides where Guthrie's sheep had pastured. The old settlers along the range will, to a man, tell you that owing to the sheep keeping the brush on the hills eaten down, and so preventing fires, that the timber line is moving steadily down, and in many places fine young timber is growing where there was none before the sheep were pastured on the lands.

As for the statement that sheepmen set fire to the timber, the proof is equally fallacious. It is claimed that as soon as the sheepmen drive their sheep over the feeding grounds they set out fires. What we have just said answers that proposition. Where the sheep have been, fire will not run. Where, then, can these men set fires? To suppose that they set them before the grass has been eaten off is to brand them as idiots, bent on destroying that which they had use for. The big forest fires do not occur in that portion of Oregon where the sheep are pastured, but they do occur from the burning of the slashings of the settler, not set for the purpose, but getting beyond control. They occur in those sections where lumbering is carried on, and the dry tops get on fire generally through carelessness.

Along the trout streams, where a sheep was never known to be, more disastrous fires occur than in the whole section pastured by sheep, and these fires are caused by negligence. In that portion of the Cascades where the greater number of the sheep range there are no forest fires at all, for the reason that there are no forests there, none that would burn even if set on fire. The higher mountains are bare, or practically so.

We believe in protecting the forests, but we do not believe in ruining the industries of Eastern Oregon to satisfy the whim of people in the East, who know but little about their own forests, and nothing about ours.

Congress will do well to open the reservation, and by so doing save from destruction the only interests of the vast region along the eastern slope of the Cascades.

The Oregonian advises the Democrats and Populists in the legislative to stay with their own senatorial nominee, and let the Republicans fight out its senatorial battle. This is, perhaps, good advice, but it is not the kind given only two short months ago. We fear when the Democrats and Populists consider the advice in the light of its source that they will not heed it. With advice and castor oil the statement that it is better to give than to receive will be accepted without demur.

Whatever else may be done with the Cascade reserve, township one south of range ten east on Hood river, should be taken out of it. There are now some thirty families located in the township, and the balance of it being withdrawn from settlement, leaves them in bad shape. The land is nearly all the very best for orchard purposes, has no timber to amount to anything upon it, and there is absolutely no reason for withholding it from settlement.

A Trans-Mexican Road.

CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 4.—It is stated that C. P. Huntington has a corps of engineers in the field making a preliminary survey for a railroad from Port Alvarado, south of Vera Cruz, to the port of Salina Cruz, on the Pacific, and that, if he can secure advantageous routes, he will ask the government for a concession for the purpose of operating the line in connection with Pacific Mail steamers, going away with the Panama route.

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CHANCES OF LONGEVITY.

Primary Conditions Necessary to a Long and Healthy Life.

"The primary conditions of longevity," the Medical Record quotes Mr. F. W. Warner as saying, "are that the heart, lungs and digestive organs, as well as the brain, should be large. If these organs are large the trunk will be long and the limbs comparatively short. The person will appear tall in sitting and short in standing. The hand will have a long and somewhat heavy palm and short fingers. The brain will be deeply seated, as shown by the orifice of the ear being low. The blue hazel or brown hazel eye, as showing an intermission of temperament, is a favorable indication. The nostrils being large, open and free indicates large lungs. A pinched and half-closed nostril indicates small or weak lungs.

"In the case of persons who have short-lived parentage on one side and long-lived on the other side the question becomes more involved. It is shown in grafting by hybridizing that nature makes a supreme effort to pass the period of the shorter longevity and extend the life to the greater longevity. Anyone who understands these weak and dangerous periods of life is forewarned and forearmed. It has been observed that the children of long-lived parents mature much later and are usually backward in their studies."

THE WITCH HAZEL.

Last Plant of the Year to Put Forth Its Blossoms.

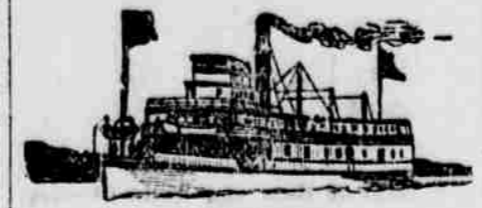
This peculiar plant, which, "amidst the reigning desolation of winter puts forth its yellow blossoms," thrives on the sand hills along the eastern shore of Lake Michigan. In this locality it appears to be the last of the reminders of summer before the fies of advancing winter. In September, while the leaves are still green, some of the bushes may be found putting forth flowers; late in October, when entirely bare of leaves, other bushes appear in the flush of bloom, the branches dressed in yellow from end to end by the crowded flowers; a month still later frequent specimens still persist in flower, and by the right combination of circumstances one may ride in the gliding sleigh past bushes with a lingering glimmer of yellow. On last Thanksgiving day I waded through snow knee-deep to collect some flowering branches. In some of the flowers the stamens appeared to be immature, but the petals had passed their brightest day. About 18 inches of snow had fallen previously during the month, and the lowest recorded temperature in the vicinity was 14 degrees Fahrenheit. In "Wood's Class Book of Botany" the flowering season stated is November to January. That may be its season in lower latitudes, but in this region its time is September to November. The embryo fruit remains apparently unchanged through the winter and until the following spring is well advanced, ripening in the autumn, when the earliest flowers are appearing.

The witch hazel scatters its seeds in a peculiar way. The fruit consists of an oblong woody case about half an inch in length, inclosing two hard nutlets somewhat resembling the seeds of an apple. The expulsion of the seeds may be witnessed by placing a branch with the ripened fruit on a table in a room. As the case dries a strain results, and that causes a slight opening at the apex. The rupture of the case goes on very slowly for a number of hours or days, when the strain suddenly overcomes the remaining resistance, completing the opening with a sharp snapping sound and sending the seeds bounding about the room. The case splits nearly to the base, and its appearance afterward is said to suggest much the wide-opened mouth of a serpent about to strike.—Popular Science News.

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