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SHALL WE EXHIBIT.

County Court for Columbia County meets Wednesday, September 7th, and it will be one of the most important sessions ever held in the county. The question as to whether there shall be an exhibit of our resources at the Lewis & Clark Centennial Exposition will be discussed, and we sincerely trust it will be decided in the affirmative, for no county in Oregon will be in a better position to profit by the high class of people that will be brought here to attend the greatest historical event ever celebrated on the Pacific Coast. We have unlimited undeveloped resources of field, forest and mine, together with coal, iron, water power, transportation facilities, and everything that makes this a rich field for manufacturing enterprises, and all that is necessary is to set these facts forth in an attractive and convincing manner at the forthcoming exposition in order to double the population of this county within a very few years. The opportunity is ours, and it remains to be seen whether we have the business acumen to avail ourselves of it. The offer made by the commission is liberal in the extreme. Whatever sum the county appropriates for an exhibit, one-half thereof will be paid by the commission as the purchase price of the same, and such portions thereof as are suitable will be placed in the permanent exhibit, to remain as an advertisement of this county in the future. We need this advertising. We want new people to start industries, build roads, increase our school census, and in all ways take part in the building up of our county, and a few hundred dollars should not be permitted to stand in the way. One soap factory, one creamery, or good saw mill will be worth far more to the county than the investment called for.

EXPERT ADVICE.

The editor of the Evening Telegram suggests that all danger from forest fires may be obviated in the future by the very simple method of preparing the slashings in the fall and burning them in the spring. This seems to be such a simple and reasonable way of averting the great losses from which the country suffers annually that it is almost incredible that no one has thought of it heretofore. Like all great ideas it is remarkable for its simplicity. "Prepare the slashings in the fall and burn them in the spring." The newspapers of the Coast, especially those published in the timber region, should give wide circulation to this important discovery. No more forest fires—no more consequent loss of homes and life. And what piece of news is more to the great idea was evolved by a newspaper man. The particular month in which the carefully prepared aerated slashings are to be burned is not mentioned. Sometimes it rains a little during the spring months, and the slashings, unless they had been very carefully prepared, might not burn very briskly. Last spring, for instance, it would have been necessary to soak each separate twig with coal oil before it could be ignited, and constant attention with a hand bellows would barely have sufficed to keep the flame alive. But these are minor difficulties and doubtless the "burn 'em" principle, applied in a judicious manner, will present a solution.

CHEER UP.

Cheer up. You are living in Columbia County where crops are never a total failure and where any man who is willing to work, and diversify as he should, can always forge ahead. You have timber at hand, lumber is cheap, near to market, the best climate in the world, near the mighty Columbia river that will transport your surplus products to markets, and contains fish enough to feed a nation, we say—

Cheer up. The world is taking your photograph. Look pleasant. Of course you have your troubles, troubles you cannot tell the policeman. A whole lot of things bother you, of course. Business worries or domestic sorrows, it may be, or what not. You find life a rugged road, whose stones hurt your feet. Nevertheless cheer up.

It may be your real disease is selfishness—ingrown selfishness. Your life is too self centered. You imagine your tribulations are worse than others bear. You feel sorry for yourself—the meanest sort of pity. It is a pathetic illusion. Rid yourself of that and cheer up.

What right have you to carry a picture of you woebegone face and funeral wails about among your fellows, who have troubles of their own? If you must whine or squelch, take a car or boat and go somewhere.

Cheer up. Your life are largely imaginary. If you were really on the brink of bankruptcy, or if there were no thoroughfare through your sorrows, you would clear your brows, set your teeth and make the best of it.

Cheer up. You are borrowing trouble and paying a high rate of interest.

Cheer up. Why, man alive, in ten minutes walk you may see a score of people worse off than you. And here you are digging your own grave and piling mauls there into the bargain. Man alive, you must do your own work. Smile, even though it be through tears, which speedily dry. And cheer up.

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SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT ROLL OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON, FOR THE YEAR 1904.

Table with columns: NUMBER, VALUE, RISE OR DEDUCTION. Rows include: Acres of tillable lands, Improvements on tillable or patented lands, Value of all lots, Improvements on lands not deeded or patented, Miles of railroad bed, Improvements on town lots, Rolling Stock, Miles of logging railroad, Logging rolling stock, Miles of telegraph and telephone lines, Steamboats, sailboats, stationary engines and manufacturing machinery, Merchandise and stock in trade, Farming implements, wagons, carriages etc, Money, Notes and accounts, Household furniture, watches, jewelry, etc, Horses and mules, Cattle, Sheep, Swine, Gross value of all property, Polls.

The real increase is \$765,500, and the percentage of increase 41.9. The gain in number of acres of non-tillable lands, the result of deeds from the State and United States is 3837.

THE SIEGE OF PORT ARTHUR.

An officer of the Russian General Staff yesterday expressed his opinion that the Japanese would presently abandon their efforts to carry Port Arthur by a series of continuous assaults and would settle down to the less spectacular efforts of regular siege operations. It may be that this officer based his opinion upon the Russian conduct at Plevna, where a number of assaults were unsuccessfully made upon the Turks before the slower methods of reducing the beleaguered town were adopted. If this be the case, the member of the General Staff overlooks an important difference between the Russian and the Japanese conduct of affairs. Assaults upon Plevna were haphazard affairs. A wave of men broke upon the crests of the fortifications, and for lack of a supporting wave, fell back from the Turkish positions. The Japanese do not trust much to luck. Even with their belief in the "divine influence" of the Mikado, they keep their powder dry. And if Verestchagin had survived to paint a scene at Port Arthur he wouldn't have had to obliterate piles of empty champagne bottles around the Japanese officers' quarters as he did in his painting of the Russians at Plevna.

If any reliance can be placed upon the reported losses of the Japanese, a halt must soon be called on the fortress be sieged at the cost of an army. The latest report from Liao Yang says that the attackers lost 7000 men on July 26, and 10,000 on July 30, the total number since the beginning of the siege being 28,000. At Plevna 7000 Russians attacked 10,000 Turks, and were repelled with a loss of 2800. Ten days later 30,000 Russians were sent against 45,000 Turks—the garrison having been reinforced—and were repelled with a loss of 8000. Six weeks later 50,000 Russians assailed Plevna, then defended by 55,000 Turks, and were defeated with the enormous loss of 15,000. It will be seen that the assailants were inferior in number to the defenders, who occupied excellent positions. Even then the Russians penetrated to the third and more important line of defense, only to fall back for lack of co-operation on the part of the leaders. An army of 110,000 Russians and 500 guns was then assembled around the town, and Osman Pasha, after six weeks of total isolation, made an attempt to cut his way out. He failed and succumbed with the 45,000 survivors of his forces. Russian bravery was displayed in the frequent assaults upon Plevna, but it is a defensive position that appears to afford most scope for the exhibition of their dogged courage.

The Turks in Plevna held out for ninety-four days, almost the same time that Port Arthur has now been invested, if we reckon the beginning of the siege from the fight at Nanshan Hill, May 29. The Russians in Sebastopol held out for 327 days, although the town was reduced to a "heap of rubbish and cinders." With such determination was the defense conducted that at only one spot was the attack successful, and that was considered almost a matter of luck. General Pelissier, of the French army, remarking: "We were four all and I turned the king," a term borrowed from carte. Daily the Russians lost from 1000 to 1500 men, yet they did not falter, even on the last day of the fighting, when they suffered a loss of 12,013 men. The defense of Sebastopol does not auger an easy yielding of Port Arthur, even if the place is completely invested. Sebastopol's communication with the interior, it must be remembered, was open.

From the determination of the assailants, and the courage of the defenders, it is not unlikely that the siege of Port Arthur will take its place among the greatest of the world. The importance of the interests at stake in its defense and the sentiment attached to its possession by both sides attract all eyes to Port Arthur. It has now held out for nearly ninety days, but the frequent captures of important positions by the Japanese appear to foreshadow its early fall, if the attacking side considers that the gain balances enormous losses in men. The gallant defense has already graven the name on the tablets of Russian pride, and the same source as that of Great Britain for the relief of Mafeking, unimportant though it was from a military viewpoint.

The best man for our town is he who prays it and talks about it without grossly exaggerating its resources or his own importance. He trades at home and encourages everybody else to do the same thing. He will always have his eyes open and endeavor to steer industrial enterprises into his town, but will never try to fill the town with people before there are means for a livelihood for them. A dull town is the home of idle people. This man will be courteous and will not have a hard-luck story on the end of his tongue, nor will he tell them that the town is going to the eternal "bow-wow's." He will never put himself ahead of his town when the public welfare is concerned. He will encourage the public officers; he will never lose his vote; will keep himself well informed on all questions wherein the public is concerned, and will always be up with the times.

Lincoln was a long-sighted man. He had never been to the Pacific Coast, but when in 1864 Secretary Colfax started to make a tour of this region, Lincoln said: "Remember me to the people of the Pacific Coast; tell them that they have the treasure house of the world." What he saw forty years ago only a comparatively few men are now but dimly perceiving.

THE CLOSED FISHING SEASON.

Throughout the state the sentiment is general that the fishing laws should be made to conform to the habits of the salmon. The following is taken from Astoria Herald: "For some reason the annual runs of salmon into the mouth of the Columbia river are gradually growing later in the season, and it appears necessary that the date for the closing of the season should be extended at least two weeks. The habits of the salmon, if they may be called habits, have changed within the past five years until what has heretofore been known as the 'July run' rarely begins until some time during the first half of August. This may be, no doubt, the result of progressing salmon artificially, which, for some reason, seem reasonable and for others that we may not understand, has gradually thrown the main annual run into a later part of the season. At any rate, the fact confronts the fishermen that since salmon are propagated for the sole purpose of catching them, the open season should be made to conform to the habits of the fish themselves. This complaint has been repeated annually now for five years, at least, and should be answered by some legislative action that will meet the changed conditions which have appeared since the enactment of the present law. It is all guess work as to the young salmon, its mode of living, and whether they grow in schools after reaching sea water when six months old. It is supposed the fish are four and six years old when they return to fresh water, and how they return to sea water, and when to start together, is as yet a conundrum. But it is certain that artificial propagation is a great success, and is doing wonders in restoring the salmon output of the Columbia river, which, in the aggregate, has during 30 years amounted in export value to a sum not far from \$100,000,000. It is one of our greatest industries and worthy the fostering care of the state authorities.

Radium, with all its wonders, does not promise more to the world of science than the latest discovery, solid air. At first the mention of solid air appears to one's sense of humor. The idea of being able to grasp a chunk of atmosphere and hurl it through space—seems to be preposterous. Yet it is a fact, and the fact charged, with a thousand important possibilities. The discovery was made by Professor A. L. Metz, who for some time has been experimenting with liquid air in his laboratory in the Tulane University, Louisiana. As a practically useful product Professor Metz expects solid air to find an important place in the forces used by man. A cylinder charged with solid air will send its force outward as from the mouth of a cannon, and sideways when released. This, when in coal mining, will accomplish silently the same results as dynamite, and at the same time as it travels solid air gives off almost pure oxygen. Thus the atmosphere is at once cleared of all noxious gases, and allows of the men working at once. The professor promises to produce an explosive in comparison to which dynamite will be as a Chinese firecracker.

End of Bitter Fight. "Two physicians had a long and stubborn fight with an abscess on my right lung," writes J. F. Hughes, of DuPont, Ga., "and gave me up. Everybody thought my time had come. As a last resort I tried Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption. The benefit I received was striking, and I was on my feet in a few days. Now I've entirely regained my health." It conquers all coughs, colds, and throat and lung troubles. Guaranteed by the St. Helens Pharmacy. Price 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free.

WHAT AN OREGON GIRL DID.

It takes the Oregon girl to make her way, and no difficulty is too great for her to overcome. In fact, what man has done or can't do, it takes the Oregon girl to accomplish. An example of this is the story of a girl who was a day laborer who a year ago went out into the wilds of Crook county and took up a timber claim. Without kith or kin or, imagine it, even a "chaperone," she superintended the erection of a little cabin, fully two miles and a half from a neighbor, and there, where the coyotes are nightly heard and where wild benets are said to wander, took up her abode—alone. Nor did she summon assistance to grab out her land, but by taking her time accomplished the difficult task herself, soon sowing the seed, and while she waited for the harvest, putting in a garden. The nearest town is Siskiyou, eight miles distant, and to obtain supplies this brave girl walks thither twice a week, thinking no more of the journey than would some of her helpless sisters of going to market to buy their clothes.

Suicide Prevented.

The startling announcement that a preventive of suicide had been discovered will interest many. A run down system of decomposability, invariably precedes suicide, and something has been found that will prevent that condition which makes suicide likely. At the first thought of self destruction, take Electric Bitters. It being a great tonic and nerve will strengthen the nerves and build up the system. It's also a great stomach, liver and kidney regulator. Only 50 cents. Satisfaction guaranteed by the St. Helens Pharmacy.

ROYAL Baking Powder Makes Clean Bread. With Royal Baking Powder there is no mixing with the hands, no sweat of the brow. Perfect cleanliness, greatest facility, sweet, clean, healthful food. Full instructions in the "Royal Baker and Pastry Cook" book for making all kinds of bread, biscuit and cake with Royal Baking Powder. Grats to any address. ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., 100 WILLIAM ST., NEW YORK.

NEHALEM FIRES CONTROLLED. Settlers Near Baxton Have Been Making a Hard Fight. R. R. Routledge, of the Portland Seed Company and his brother, George, who left Friday evening on their heels for a few days' trip to their claims on the upper Nehalem, have just returned, says the Oregonian. Mr. Routledge says that while the forest fires are not practically under control, they have been very destructive, and scattered over a large section of the country. The two left Forest Grove Friday evening and reached Buxton about dark and decided it was wise to go over the summit that night, as the fires could more easily be located. The road from Buxton to the foot of the mountain, and from the top of the mountain, led the other side to the river, but fell less than 25 feet and burning trees over which they had to climb carrying their wheels. The fire has not turned much of the green timber, but has destroyed many homes and cabins. Messrs. McDaniel and J. D. Rosellier lost their houses, barns and hay. Raymond lost his home and everything in it. Mrs. Raymond, who was teaching school at Mist, lost all the money that she had earned, owing to the fact that it was in greenbacks, and in the excitement was left in the burning house. A rancher by the name of Schmitz, leaving his baby at home went over to his brother's house to help him fight the fire which was threatening the house, and upon returning found his own home in flames, and had just enough time to rush in and get the child. Peter Soljak was also burned out, losing his hog, chickens and tools. The Cape Horn road from Buxton to Vernonia is full of fallen trees. James Turk's place on the river is safe. He has lost only a few rods of fence, but has been fighting fire day and night for the last three weeks. Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Routledge, who are at present on their claim, have saved their cabin, fences, etc., but show the effect of long sleep and the strenuous life they have been forced to live since leaving the city. The roads are now being opened up again, and it will probably be a few days more until teams can travel them.

THE DEATH PENALTY. A little thing sometimes results in death. Thus a mere scratch, insignificant or puny, has have paid the death penalty. It is wise to have Buckle's Arnica Salve ever handy. Its best value on earth and will prevent fatality, when burns, sores, ulcers, and piles threaten. Only 25c, at St. Helens Pharmacy.

RIQ. RED APPLES. There will be Plenty of Them in Oregon This Year. Oregon's apple crop will be excellent this year, according to the statements of George H. Lamberson, secretary of the State Board of Horticulture, who learns through the various fruit commissioners what the conditions are in all parts of the state. "There will be a full crop of apples this year," said Mr. Lamberson, "and the quality will be of the finest that has been raised in this state, as a general rule. One reason for this is that there has been no fungus this year. Disease in fruit is largely due to dampness in the air that gives life to the little organisms that cause it. The long dry season that we have had during this year has done good in that regard, for it is owing to that there have been no pests in the apples, and therefore an excellent crop. It is indeed very fortunate that Oregon should have a good crop at this time, for fruit of that kind will, in good demand this season, owing to the lack of it in the Mississippi Valley, where the crop has been largely a failure. That is the great apple producing country of the United States, and a failure there means that a shortage will be realized as a result. Thus apple growers will realize better returns this year than for many seasons. "There will also be a fairly good crop of peaches this year, especially in Southern Oregon. In the latter place there will be a good crop of peaches, and a failure there means that a shortage will be realized as a result. Thus apple growers will realize better returns this year than for many seasons. "There will also be a fairly good crop of peaches this year, especially in Southern Oregon. In the latter place there will be a good crop of peaches, and a failure there means that a shortage will be realized as a result. 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