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CONSERVATION IS NOT LOOTING

At least so far as Oregon is concerned Colonel Roosevelt's assertions as to "wasted resources" do not apply, says the Telegram. He refers to the tremendous advantages which the West is to reap from the conservation policies he advocates, as if this region were the special beneficiary, and the country at large a secondary issue.

Getting away from the initial academic ideas, which dominate the Roosevelt mind yet, Oregon wants to know what is to be done in the Administrative field. Conservation is accepted in the west. But the west's conservation the mining of coal as competition and public needs require, under conditions which will insure its selling at all times to the consumer at the lowest possible figures; the cutting of mature trees in forests for commercial purposes, selling the products at a low price and restocking the ground; preventing monopolistic and permanent control of water power sites, yet giving to capital the necessary inducement to warrant speedy development of this resource; and teaching the farmer and orchardist how to enrich and refertilize the land.

Oregon is suffering from an administration feature of the general conservation policy, perhaps an incident, which is destined to drive this state soon into most radical opposition to all state interference unless a remedy is applied. Arid land reclamation intended that the public lands of the western states should be sold and great irrigation works be constructed therein, to conserve this wonderful source of wealth, lying on the edge of desert and waste. Under this benign general policy about \$8,000,000 has been taken from Oregon to some other region for use in some way which has no direct or indirect benefit for Oregon. Under the administrative system of the Forest Service, Oregon's unsurpassed timber wealth will be used to pay the cost of planting trees on National forests elsewhere, thus taking from this state from \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000 annually when heavy cutting begins here. Under the proposed administrative policy of controlling water powers, Oregon's 3,000,000 horse-power of energy available for development will be made to yield a big public revenue, which will go to Massachusetts and other states, which are using their own water powers for cotton mill operation and

kindred industries.

Oregon is not protesting against conservation, when the term is given practical meaning, but the state will soon be protesting in no uncertain manner against being stripped of its wealth for the benefit of its neighbors enjoy fully their own in addition to what they got from Oregon. Conservation must not mean looting one state for the benefit of others. It will have to signify in practice, as it does in the dictionary, a nursing and conserving, without stealing from a favored community that which would make it great.

It takes Col. Hofer to get on all sides of all questions. Notice his record on the direct primary law. He saw in it a deal on the part of Portland politicians before it passed, and he was sure that only rich men could run for office. Yet the primary law passed. Portland politicians failed to put the state in their vest pocket and now Col. Hofer is running for office, at the same time admitting that he is not a rich man. No. Oregon wants no Col. Hofer for her governor. Our choice is Jay Bowerman and we believe he will be nominated. But if Bowerman can not win we sincerely hope Dimick will be the man. Republicans of all factions could conscientiously vote and work for Judge Dimick. It is a question whether as much could be said if Hofer should be named.

There is little doubt about Congressman Ellis being named to succeed himself as representative in the lower house from this district. The cause for this feeling among the people is plain and convincing. Ellis has been before the public for twenty years. Sometimes he has been beaten, but in every political battle he has kept his nose clean. We mean by that, he has not indulged in anything but what was manly. He holds the respect of everyone, and as congressman there has never been a breath of scandal uttered against him. Oregon has no complaint on Ellis and the people of this district will return him to the capital.

One of the steps to make a city lively is the laying out of additions. La Grande has one addition, "Grandview," which was laid out a short time ago and the lots are selling because of their strong value. Dr. O'Connor will put on his addition and the real estate campaign will be intensified. Let it come. This city will get a great deal of advertising from marketing lots in any addition and La Grande is dead ripe for advertising.

The season of fairs will soon be on. Wallowa county will have two this year—one at Flora and one at Enterprise. If anyone imagines for a moment that either of these fairs is not worth attending they are mistaken. The north county fair at Flora will be a gathering of some of the finest people in all the world—people who live on large ranches and have cattle and sheep. At Enterprise the crowds will be very large for Wallowa county is getting to be a county of many people compared with what it had a few years ago. Then followin Enterprise fair, La Grande will hold her annual exposition, and everyone knows what that means.

Medicines that aid nature are always successful. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy acts on this plan. It loosens the cough, relieves the lungs, opens the secretions and aids in restoring the power to a healthy

Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

PERT PARAGRAPHS.

THE man who doesn't worry about expenses is apt to be the man who can charge them up to the house.

Profit is not without honor, no matter how it was made.

Having a good opinion of yourself isn't a crime, and it may even be amusing.

A lawyer isn't a good individual to consult if your object is to keep out of trouble.

The girl who takes the cake is the one who knows how to produce it.

There are two sides to all questions except the one upon which you have exclusive information.

Sometimes we feel sorry for the time we have wasted being polite to fool acquaintances.

The advice that is the most thankfully received is accompanied with the wherewith to put it into immediate execution.

What a majority of the populace needs more than anything else is a safe and sane amount of common sense.

Standard Remedy.

When the times are out of whack
 And your trolley's off the track,
 When the skies are looking blue
 And there's nothing bright for you,
 Knock off labor for a day,
 Take a little time for play,
 Get a pole and line and hook
 And go fishing in the brook.

If your head is in a kink
 And your business on the blink,
 If the bill collector lands
 On you with his horny hands
 And you have not wherewithal
 Out of him to take a fall,
 With the fishing bug get bit
 And forget the blooming kit.

Working on a steady strain
 Will play circus with your brain,
 Keeping at it all the time
 Is, to say the least, a crime.
 Drop your worries, then, and run—
 Drop them though they weigh a ton.
 Give them all the busy sign
 And get out your hook and line.

Though a whale you may not snare,
 You will get the sun and air,
 Though a bass you may not land,
 You will get your whiskers tanned
 And will come back full of vim,
 With your nerves in better trim.
 Put your troubles on the shelf—
 Get a pole and chase yourself.

Appropriate.

"Did you hear about that band of porch climbers?"

"No. What about them?"

"They had a good motto."

"Did they?"

"Sure!"

"What was it?"

"United we steal, divided don't squeal."

The Difference.

"Lost your job?"

"Yes."

"Too bad! How did it happen?"

"Playing hooky. Heard you lost yours."

"Yes."

"Too bad! How'd it happen?"

"Playing crooky."

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LOSSES BY FIRE OVERESTIMATED

Portland, Sept. 4.—The Western Forestry and Conservation association acting as a central medium for the timber owners forest fire associations, has sent the following letter to the presidents of its affiliated organizations in Oregon and Washington as to loggers' and lumber manufacturers' associations:

"As calmer information comes in it is evident that, while serious in a few localities, on the whole losses by the Northwestern timber owners from the recent forest fires have been insignificant. This is due very largely to the excellent patrols they have maintained in the timber districts. The greater injury has been suffered by settlers and residents of small towns. Many of these have lost their all and are without occupation or shelter.

"This season has taught once more that the forest fire is the common enemy of all. No industry escapes its attack upon the public welfare. The settler and the lumber man are bound together closes in interest, however, through their more direct contact with the problems, and for this reason we should be prompt at this time to do our part to aid those who have suffered most.

Political Announcements

This column is open to any candidate regardless of Faction or Party and is paid advertising

S. F. WILSON, Athena, Oregon, candidate for joint senator for Umatilla, Union and Morrow counties subject to decision of republican primaries. "I firmly believe in the direct primary law, economy in the use of public funds, good roads, better schools, strict and prompt enforcement of law, the square deal and eternal progress of man and his institutions."

C. A. BARRETT, Athena, Oregon.—I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for joint senator for the district embracing Union, Umatilla and Morrow counties, subject to the choice of republican voters at the primary nominating election to be held on September 24th, 1910. If nominated and elected I will work for the interest of all the people of my district to the best of my ability.

favor the maintenance of the direct primary law and people's choice for senator and believe the people are as competent to nominate as they are to elect their officers. Very respectfully yours,
C. A. BARRETT.

DR. C. T. BACON, La Grande, Oregon.—The Observer is authorized to announce the candidacy of Dr. C. T. Bacon for coroner of Union county, subject to the decision of the republican voters at the primary election

DR. CLYDE T. HOCKETT, Enterprise, Oregon.—I wish to announce my candidacy for joint representative for the 24th representative district subject to the voters of the republican party at the primary nominating election to be held in said representative district, September 24, 1910. CLYDE T. HOCKETT.

By Sight.



"What is the matter?"
 "I have a bad cold."
 "Are you very susceptible?"
 "Yes, indeed; I catch a cold just looking at a draft horse."

Elevating.

"He is a very high minded young man."
 "Indeed!"
 "Yes."
 "Poet?"
 "No; aviator."

First Aid.

"I never happened to fall in love."
 "Didn't you?"
 "Never."
 "What would you do if you should?"
 "Signal the life saving service."

Different Kinds.

"Too many cooks spoil the broth."
 "And there are others."
 "Others?"
 "Yes, that eat it before it is

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