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RESERVE TIMBER SOLD.

Whitman Forest Timber Is Sold —
Bugs Had Damaged It.

Word has just been received that the district forester at Portland, Oregon, has approved the application of the Metzler-Hegsted Lumber company to purchase a small tract of government timber from the Whitman national forest. This company has been operating a small saw mill upon Wolf creek and is estimated to have about 1,890,000 feet B. M. of saw timber. The prices which have been approved and which will be named in the advertisement are \$1.50 per thousand for western yellow pine and \$1.00 per thousand for timber of all other species. This sale is the first which has been made upon the Whitman national forest in this region. It is especially desirable since a considerable per cent of the timber involved has been killed recently by the dark beetles, which have been working to such an extent during the last few years. This insect-killed timber is nearly all still merchantable but if left uncut for a longer period will soon weathercheck and become valueless. The forest service hopes to make further sales of the timber in this region and the forest supervisor at Sumpster, Oregon, will willingly furnish information regarding valuable areas and terms of sale upon request.

Atlanta to Entertain A. F. of L.
Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 10.—The labor bodies of Atlanta are making elaborate preparations for the entertainment of the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor here next week. The convention will be attended by representatives of organized labor throughout the United States and by fraternal delegates from Canada and England.

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"JOAQUIN" AT 70TH MILESTONE

POET OF THE SIERRAS HAS HAD
BRIGHT CAREER.

At One Time Located in Eastern Oregon—Was a Squaw Man.

Oakland, Cal., Nov. 10.—Receiving congratulations from distinguished friends in this country and also from abroad, "Joaquin" Miller, the "poet of the Sierras," quietly celebrated his 70th birthday anniversary today. Notwithstanding his advanced years the poet is still enjoying good health and is mentally fresh and full of energy.

Cincinnati Heine Miller was the name which the poet received in baptism shortly after the day of his birth November 10, 1841, and under this name was he known before he assumed the pen name of "Joaquin" as a writer. In the three-score and ten years of his life Miller has crowded a greater number of adventures and experiences than half a dozen average men of the same age could muster in the aggregate.

He was born from Scotch-American parents in the Wabash district of Indiana and was scarcely ten years old when his father emigrated to Oregon, then a wild and sparsely settled country. He received but little education, but became thoroughly acquainted with everything pertaining to woodcraft and the adventurous life of the trappers, hunters and prospectors in that region. He was only 13 years old when he left home to try his fortunes in California.

For seven years he aimlessly roamed through the wilds of northern California and southern Oregon, sharing the life and dangers of gold-diggers, lumbermen and trappers and finally casting his lot with a tribe of Indians, becoming a squaw man and losing caste with the white men altogether by this step. He was treated with contempt, like all squaw men and retailed by leading the Indians in their attacks upon the white settlers.

After seven years of this life young Miller returned to his home in Oregon and began to study law in the office of George H. Williams at Eugene, Ore., who afterward became attorney general of the United States. In the following year Miller became express messenger in the gold mining districts of Idaho, which position he resigned to become the editor of a weekly newspaper in Eugene, Oregon. The paper was shortly afterward suppressed by the authorities because of the seditious character of its editorials.

It was while he was editor of that paper Miller became acquainted with "Minnie Myrtle," a frequent contributor of poetry to the paper. A brief courtship was followed by their marriage and two children the result of that union. Their married life was not happy, however. His wife soon separated from Miller and took the youngest child, a boy, with her, while the daughter, Maud Miller, in later years well known as an actress, remained with her father.

In 1863 Miller opened a law office in Canon City, Oregon. While living in that young and struggling town he distinguished himself by leading an expedition against the hostile Indians who had attacked the settlement. In 1866 Miller was made the county judge of Grant county, which post he held until 1870. His literary activity began about 1864 or 1865. He began to write poems, dealing mostly

with the adventurous life of the west and published first a collection of poems in paper covers called "Specimens," and next a volume with the title, "Joaquin et al." which contained a defense of Joaquin Murietta, the famous Spanish-American outlaw, who had been the terror of California for ten years. From this Miller took his pen name "Joaquin," under which he published all his subsequent works.

In 1870 Miller went to London, where he published in the following year, his "Songs of the Sierras" and "Pacific Dreams," which quickly established his literary reputation and made him a much sought-after lion of British social and literary circles. After his return from England Miller found himself a celebrity in his own country. His literary reputation was established and he had no difficulty in finding papers or magazines eager to print and liberally pay for his prose and poetry. He became a regular contributor to the daily and periodical press and in 1873 published another volume under the title "Songs of the Sun Lands," and a prose volume, entitled "Life Among the Modocs: Unwritten History." Since then he has published more than 20 books of poems, novels, essays and plays.

Postal Banks in Panama.

Panama, Nov. 8.—The first postal savings banks in the canal zone were opened today. The establishment of the postal savings banks system here is very gratifying to residents who have long desired to put their savings in the hands of the government for safe keeping. The system established here differs materially from that in the states, in that no interest will be paid on the deposits, the object being merely to provide a depository for the funds of the canal zone inhabitants.

The Youth's Companion Calendar for 1912.

The publishers of the Youth's Companion will, as always at this season, present to every subscriber whose subscription (\$1.75. is paid for 1912, a beautiful calendar for the new year. The cover picture reproduces a water color painting of a bit of New England coast, giving a glimpse of breeze swept ocean, of smiling sky, of warm, sunny rocks, which will come like a breath of salt air to those, who have once lived near the sea and to those whose whole life has been passed inland. The picture being in eight colors, the tones of the original are faithfully reproduced.

YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING.

The time is not far distant when everyone will be arranging for holiday purchases. It is very essential in order to get the greatest satisfaction that shopping be done early. It is better for the shopper, better for the merchant, and decidedly better for the clerks in the different stores. La Grande stores are filled with splendid articles that will make useful gifts. Take a look around and begin figuring out what you are going to buy for the holiday season. It is none too early.

Mrs. Pauline Moore Riley, worthy grand matron of the order of Eastern Star, will pay her official visit to Hope Chapter No. 13, O. E. S., next Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock. All officers and members are requested to be present. By order of Worthy Grand Matron, My Mary A. Warnick, secretary.



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