

FOR BETTER STREETS

Taxpayers' League Considers the Question.

ADVOCATES CHANGE OF METHOD

Present System Entirely Inadequate to the Needs of Portland—Experience of Other Cities.

The Taxpayers' League of Portland is becoming deeply interested in the present policy of improving and maintaining the street pavements of the city, and the unsatisfactory results of the system...

In acquiring this information, Mr. Chase wrote to the City Engineer, Mr. J. H. Chase, requesting detailed data on the subject of street improvements. He received answers which were carefully classified and arranged in tabular form...

As to the maintenance of the street pavements, the City Engineer reports that the City keeps the pavements in repair out of the general funds, until they are worn out and new ones are required...

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By Rev. H. J. Hoadley, D. D., pastor of the Taylor-Street Methodist Church.

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IN THE NEHALEM COUNTRY

PROSPERITY FOUND ALL ALONG THE WAY.

Dairy Business Flourishing—Settlers of Timber Country Pleased With Their Lot.

PITTSBURG, Or., Sept. 3.—(To the Editor.)—Before resuming the narrative about the trip through the Nehalem country, it may be well to note some matters of interest along the route already passed over.

"Paul saw holiness brought to saved man by the triumphant Christ. The holy man lives all the beatitudes and keeps step to the music of life. There is no poem, from Chaucer to Tennyson, that can be named along with the psalm of charity...

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SOME PROGRESS.

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ing. The country roundabout, while rough and wild in many respects, affords good pasture, and to the extent that it is cultivated, yields good returns in root crops. Donald McPherson, born at Colville in the late '60s, has a home here also. As he with his family have gone to the Valley, he could not be interviewed. His father had charge of Fort Hudson's Bay Company business at Colville for many years, and during that time kept diaries of his daily life, embodying the record of transactions. The writer obtained a hint of these records some time ago, and was hoping to get them, but upon consulting with Mr. McPherson a year ago, it was found they had been accidentally destroyed by fire. This most valuable historical data being forever lost.

Proceeding onward over the range toward Veronia, a distance of 17 miles, all evidence of home-building disappears, save at intervals of from three to four miles. The timber is second growth red fir, with an occasional cedar, hemlock, maple and white fir, with heavy undergrowth of vine maple, hazel, salal and Oregon grape, intermingled with ferns and wild blackberry vines. The timber here is not so heavy as that of Colville, but would make good lumber, but would make good pulp, as it would average from two to three feet in diameter, and is tall and straight. Descending the slope towards the headwaters of the Nehalem River, the timber increases somewhat in size, but is mainly red fir. While but few home-builders are found along the route traveled, inquiry revealed the fact that a large proportion of these settlers were from the prairie states of the Middle West, and largely from Kansas. Frequently the writer took occasion to comment upon the paucity of these settlers were from the prairie states of the Middle West, and largely from Kansas.

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