

SISKIYOU PICTURED AS LAND OF ENNOUI

Valleys, Hills and Shops Show Effects of Malady, Says David Swing Ricker.

STYLES OF WOMEN OLD

Hiker Finds Strangers Viewed With Suspicion in Northern California and People Satisfied With Things as They Are.

BY DAVID SWING RICKER. DUNSMUIR, Cal., March 7.—(Special.)—When I was a young lad in knickerbockers, Edward Everett Hale sat me down on the arm of his chair and told me to be careful never to get ambitious. At that time I distinctly remember, I thought getting ambitious was something like getting the bumps.

Later on, as my own ambitions grew and I associated with ambitious and successful men and women, I came to regard the advice of Dr. Hale much the same as we look upon most advice given to us by our solicitous maiden aunts who select the books for us to read, not because they are good books or because they have read them, but because they are supposed to be given to children like cod liver oil and sulphur and molasses. So, in early youth, I catalogued "ambitionless" with auntie's books, and it was not until yesterday that Hale's good advice came back to me, nor have I since then understood what a devastating disease ambitionless is.

In Northern California it is epidemic, not only in the early months of the year, as in some climates where it is known by the common name, Spring fever, but all the year around.

Everybody's Got It. Everybody's got it here. Even the children and the dogs have it. At Yreka everybody had it except two or three men and they were unable to do anything for the good of the community because nobody would work with them. They were like missionaries trying to bring Constantinople to Christ. Yreka regarded them with suspicion, questioned their motives and felt the impulse to touch its forehead with its fingers as they passed along the street.

At Sisson—well, 16 men leaped against posts all day yesterday and watched two men lay a sidewalk by turning over the old boards, and a dozen men sat on the curbstone, whittled, smoked, chewed and watched three small lads play "fat." Here in Dunsmuir they call you to dinner by beating metal triangles with iron clubs, and after they had asked me my business and I had told them, they allowed I couldn't get many subscriptions here, as a San Francisco paper was giving away sets of dishes and magazines, and I had printed any good stories like "the Poplar."

The valleys and the hills show the devastating effects of the malady. They are brown and barren and fruitless. The houses show its effects, they are unrepared, unpainted, weather-worn and sun-bleached. The sidewalks show the effects; they are uneven and unkept. The shops show its effects; the drummers have unloaded last year's stock on them. The women show its effects; they are out of step with fashion.

Oregon Line Barrier. It is strange what a barrier to progress that imaginary line up in the mountains that marks the end of Oregon and the beginning of California has come to be. It is like the wall that separates the drawing-room from the kitchen. If there's any house in the world so arranged. And the change in landscape, altitude, customs, people and nervous physical and mental energy creates an impression that is unforgettable. Of course, as we progress southward we shall come again into the good rooms of the house, but just now we are in the unfurnished upper stories. Like the cob-webbed half of Emperor Wilhelm's Berlin palace, perhaps because the house of the West is too big for the present needs.

We have just come from a city of the living dead, where the people are half alive and half dead. The live part is physical. The dead part is mental. I shall not give the city's name. It would bring no good to the city and no satisfaction to me. Their dilemma is too pitiful to allow room for censure. They do not know their plight. They have lived always hereabouts and they do not know that the procession of progress has moved along without them. They think they are alive because they are able to walk and breathe, give voice to words and make gestures with their hands. That's all life means to them.

"I just read a great book," said one of them to me, and he pointed to a book that he had of progress in his small community, who thought I was "literary" and it would be gratifying to me to discover someone able to converse with me in my own language, "a new book, I think. At least, I have never heard of it before, although perhaps you have." I think it is the best of the recent novels.

Old Men Approve. And the old men gathered around the iron stove in the hotel office as their oracles began to speak, nodded approvingly and smiled with unmistakable admiration.

It is so long since I read a novel that I became conscious of a feeling of embarrassment as I asked: "What is the book?" "Ben Hur," he replied. "Yes," said a traveling salesman, stopping his letter-writing and looking at me seriously with a queer glint in his eye, "I agree with you. Ben Hur and 'Plutarch's Lives' are without doubt the best of the new best sellers. And with these few words he returned to his letters.

It is rather difficult to discover what is going to happen to Siskiyou when part of it is going backwards, part of it is going forward and most of it wants to stand still. A few people in every center of population in Siskiyou want to advance, but most of the people are reactionary, and the hope of the progressive element seems to be that they will begin to consider seriously the superficial evidences of progress and discover that there is not a real estate agent in the county who devotes himself wholly or half wholly to selling realty; that nobody can tell you anything about land values or which lands are for sale and which lands are not for sale; that they still write longhand in their business correspondence, the typewriter being regarded as a luxury and a new-fangled machine that costs \$100 and "ain't worth much money;" and that their haste is measured in terms of weeks instead of hours, or even days.

People Are Cheasty. And yet they are a somewhat cheasty people, more or less—some less, some a great deal more. They will ridicule any comparison you make with the

work they do and the work that is done elsewhere. "Well, I suppose he did the best he could," is their excuse for inefficiency. And with that explanation, they lie back among the pillows of self-complacency and rejoice because nothing better was expected of them. They lack three qualities more than any others—nimble-mindedness, up-to-dateness and the desire to know more than can be learned without effort. And I believe that it is their self-complacency that enables them to be content over the prospect of finishing their lives where they began them, and I am glad that this journey has given me the chance to discover something I have never been able to comprehend—the attitude of the man who is content to live and die in a small town toward the world without. Contentment is a possession which is rarely attained. Yet it never occurred to me until a few days ago that too much contentment is worse than too much

JUNCTION CITY LAWYER IS CANDIDATE.



F. N. O'Connor, Junction City, Or., March 7.—(Special.)—F. N. O'Connor, of Junction City, is a candidate for the Legislature from Lane County on the Republican ticket. He is one of the most promising members of the Lane County bar. He is a graduate of Willamette University, where he excelled in oratory and debate.

DUNES MAY GROW TREES

FORESTATION OF SANDY TRACTS ALMOST EXPERIMENT.

Five-Year Task of Planting Seeds and Young Firs on Mt. Hebo About to Be Completed.

EUGENE, Or., March 7.—(Special.)—Completion of the five-year task of reforesting Mount Hebo, in Tillamook County, and the beginning of an experiment with the forestation of the sand dunes about Gardiner, were announced yesterday by H. L. Rankin, supervisor of the Siuslaw National Forest.

The Mount Hebo burn, which was one of the largest tracts of burned-over land in the West, was caused by the great fire of 1861, when the Indians set fire to the timber of the Coast and destroyed vast areas. Much of this was reforested through natural agencies, but the tract in Tillamook County was too vast an area for the wind to carry the tree seeds, hence the work has had to be undertaken by man's hand. In all 6000 acres will have been replanted, and it is estimated that the whole tract will be bearing saw timber within 40 years.

Another tract of equal size lies in the northwestern portion of Lane County, back of Cape Perpetua, and the reforestation of this tract will be undertaken.

PATROLMAN ARRESTS SON

Aberdeen Young Man Accused of Violating Bicycle Ordinance.

ABERDEEN, Wash., March 7.—(Special.)—Police Officer S. H. McCracken arrested his son here this morning on a charge of violating the city ordinance against riding bicycles on sidewalks within the city limits. Young McCracken gave bail for his appearance in Police Court Monday.

Ex-Wife Sues for Value of Hay. WALLA WALLA, Wash., March 7.—(Special.)—A suit to make her former husband account for 150 tons of hay he sold for \$5 a ton was started in Superior Court yesterday by Rosalia L. Boyles against Samuel Boyles. When they were divorced October 24, 1912, she states she was given an undivided half interest in a stack of hay. Her share, she says, was 150 tons and her ex-husband told her he could sell it for \$5 a ton. She states he turned over but \$462.

NATIVE SON CANDIDATE FOR JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT.



Fred S. Wilhelm has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for Judge of the District Court, Department No. 2. He is a native son of pioneer parents, and was educated in the Portland public schools. He is also a graduate of the Stanford University School of Law. He has law since 1907, and was formerly a member of the City Council.

CHEESE IS IN FAVOR

Curry County Turns From Production of Butter.

MANY PLANTS BEING BUILT

When Extra Profit of Two and One-Half Cents Is Realized on Butter Fat Many Competitive Factories Are Erected.

MARSHFIELD, Or., March 7.—(Special.)—Dairying in Curry County has undergone a great change in the past four years and where, before 1910, no dairy products except butter were shipped from Curry, the indications promise an entire discontinuance of butter shipping. Cheese has been proved a more profitable product than butter, and factories are going up in all sections of the county. The first cheese factory was established in Langlois, three years ago, and in order to obtain milk from the ranchers in that vicinity, the owners of the factory were obliged to manufacture at a stated price to the point for none of the ranchers would sell them milk outright. Even with the inducement of working on what was a co-operative basis, the ranchers and dairymen thought little of the enterprise and the receipts of milk were limited the first season. However, ranchers found they were receiving from \$2 to \$2 1/2 cents a pound more for their butter fat than they could get by manufacturing butter.

Profits Encourage Competition. The Langlois factory did a better business the following year, and the dairymen made up their minds the factory was making too much profit and thoughts of private factories were common. The second factory was started on the Galt ranch, they under lease to Mr. Catterlin, who manufactured his cheese at home. This factory was followed by Frank McMullen, who had a large hangle of cows and is located near other ranchers who wanted their cheese made closer to their homes.

Charles Zumwalt, who lives on the Sixes River, was the next to build a factory and he manufactures, for a number of neighbors.

Three new factories will be in operation soon. S. P. Merrill, who lives on Euchre Creek, 17 miles below Port Orford, is just completing his factory. This will accommodate the Corbin, Brush Creek and Frankport neighborhoods. M. Eraser, of Bandon, is building at Four Mile. This is surrounded by a particularly rich dairy country. Business about Langlois was found to be so good another factory was considered necessary and Cope and Guerin are about ready to start a joint plant.

Large Ranches Prevail. In the neighborhood of Langlois there are several enormous dairy ranches, some of which range over 200 cows. Dr. Wetherbee expects to milk over that number next year. Another ranch of large possibilities is the Thrift place, where 150 cows contribute large returns for their owners. The Cope ranch is known far and wide for its area and the excellence of its output, and smaller ranches developed and conducted by Swiss owners, who started with wooded lands, are producing big returns for their owners.

Besides the advantage of being more profitable, the manufacture of cheese in Curry County is preferable because of the ease of freighting and the certainty there will be of no loss by spoiling. At times freighting is difficult, all the products being hauled by team to Bandon for shipment on boats plying to San Francisco. Butter, no matter how excellent, will spoil if held too long. Cheese improves with age, and the question of shipping has no other drawback than delay in obtaining the returns.

ROAD TAX RAISES TOTAL

AGGREGATE OF LEVIES IN WASHINGTON IS \$38,311,180.

Estimating Population of State at 1,250,000, Average Per Capita Cost Would Be \$30.65.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 7.—(Special.)—An analysis of the 1913 taxes, now being paid, made by the State Tax Commission, shows that the increase in levies for road purposes is the largest in the state, and the general increase which resulted in taxes levied in the state this year amounting to \$38,311,180, breaking all previous high records.

The total levies for road and bridge purposes, in four different funds, aggregate \$8,258,961.77, more than \$2,000,000 in excess of the levies for the previous year.

The total levies for school purposes, including the University of Washington, Washington State College and the three normal schools, call for \$12,568,711.28, an increase of \$1,160,000 over last year.

The largest proportionate increase came in taxes for the state general fund, to meet the appropriations made by the 1913 Legislature. Taxes to meet the state general fund levy payable this year amount to \$1,820,000 more than last year.

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ROAD PLAN DISCUSSED

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The bonds are 6 per cent and would be retired in 10 years. The distance to the Polk County line over the proposed route is about 30 miles. The new road would enable Siletz Valley farmers to bring in potatoes, grain and other products.

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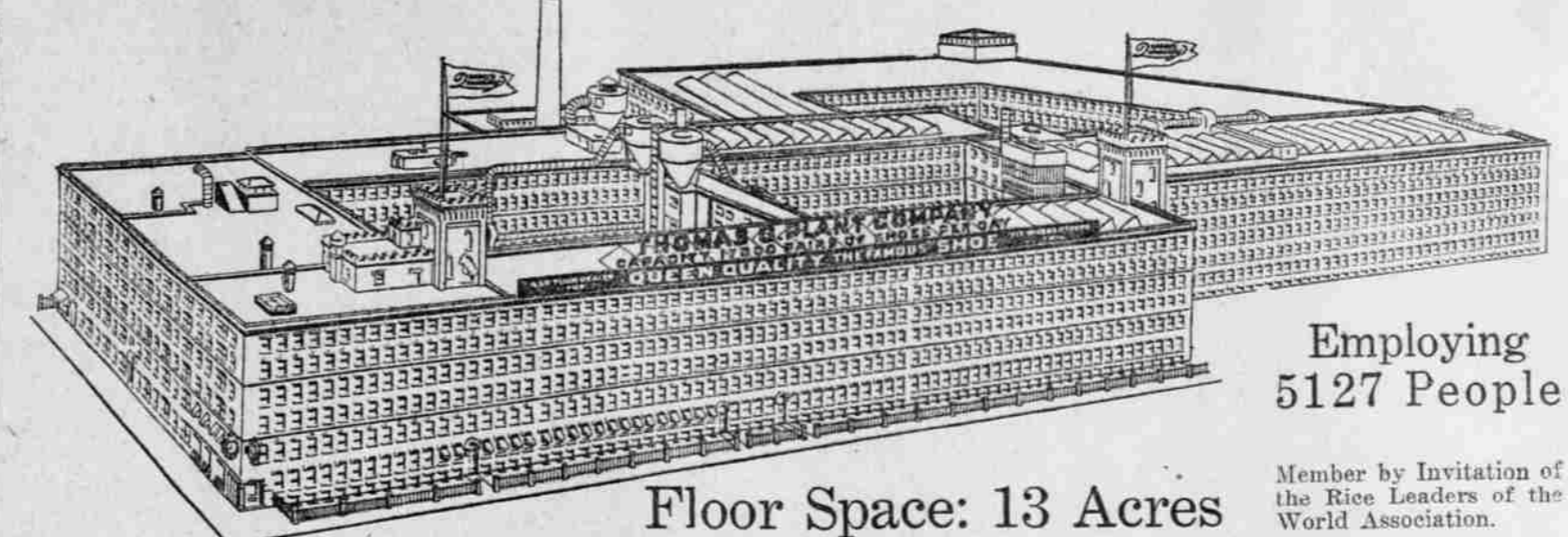
timber cut and removed." His opinion is shared by other Newport residents, but a majority are in favor of the bonds.

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