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For Jackson county the County, Probate and Commissioners' courts meet every month, commencing with the first Monday; for Josephine county, the first Monday in January, April, July and September; for Lake county, every alternate month, commencing the first Monday in January. For Klamath county the first Wednesday in March, June, September and November.

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H. K. HANNA,
Administrator of the estate of S. P. Hanna

JOAQUIN MILLER.

HE FORMULATES A PLAN FOR DISPOSING OF THE PUBLIC LANDS.

Written for the "Examiner."

Chicago, May 28.—A dispatch from Marquette says: "The forest fires, which have devastated the northern peninsula of Michigan during the last fortnight, by careful estimate, caused a total loss of $7,000,000, including $2,500,000 caused by the destruction of Lake Lindin. Only eight lives are positively known to be lost. Great destitution prevails throughout the burnt district.

Only seven millions! Only eight lives! I have waited for the little ripple of commotion which the above telegram excited to pass. It is all over. Another week and the world will have forgotten all about it.

About fifteen years ago I was sent to this same region to report on one of these forest fires by my London paper. I forget the millions of money that had been lost. The number of lives that had been lost. The number of lives that has been sacrificed was something startling. I remember we found fifteen dead bodies in a single well. All over the burned district we found that men, women and children had plunged headlong into the wells to escape the flames. In one well we found a young mother with two small babes lashed to her side. She had evidently been a women of cool, good sense, and had deliberately tied her babes to her side and then attempted to let herself down into the well by a rope. But the rope broke, or was possibly burned off. And that was all. The three dead bodies at the bottom of well had nothing to say of the details touching the awful tragedy.

AN UNHEEDED WARNING.

I remember that John Hay, the poet and historian, was on the ground, reporting something of the terrible facts for the New York *Tribune*. I also remember that I wrote to the London *Times* protesting that these fires were entirely unnecessary, and urging that the General Government should surrender to each State what fragments remain of our public lands; and that each State should then give to each county all the public lands within its borders, so that each county and each county officer should have the same interest preserving those lands from fires as in preserving the courthouse and county records from destruction.

No attention was paid to the proposition. And now, in a small way, the story is repeated. Still it is only seven millions this time. Only eight human lives this time. Only eight benighted creatures hidden away there in the woods hewing out a path for civilization to follow on over their graves. Yet it seems to me that even seven millions of property is worth preserving; even if the lives of the woodsmen and their wives and little ones are not.

And how long under our present management will it be until we have another Michigan fire?

Or will it be in the mountains of Pennsylvania next? or in the Carolinas, sweeping away millions on millions of Federal forests, to say nothing of human lives, of homes too remote for the reporters to reach and report upon with profit?

I own a little bit of the rough and rocky mountain side which you may see by looking across the bay from San Francisco. It is steep and stony under foot; but it is as smooth as any man's hand overhead, thank God. Well, what I was going to say about it is this: Some ants have built their little colony right in my path, and nearly every time I ride along the horse sets his foot down in their midst and there is destruction. Some ants are killed, the whole colony upset. The industry, the patient and persistent toil of these little creatures in returning and building up again and again that which has been destroyed is very American, it seems to me; very. And the blindness and the folly which we continue to indulge in here in America seems to me to be but little above the intelligence of those instructive ants in my mountain path.

DANGEROUS DUDES.

The other day I found a gang of San Francisco "dudes," who hardly knew one end of a gun from the other, camped in my canyon. They had a fire right in the midst of my young redwood trees, and felt as little concern about the ruin they threatened to the trees and the adjoining wheat fields as they had for the wild beauty of the savage hills around. I mildly protested against the fire. They retorted that they were on public land, and they would do as they pleased. I then went to an insurance office, and tried to have my little forest insured against fires. The company informed me, as an argument against taking such risks, that the year previous $400,000 worth of grain alone had been burned in California!

And this brings us right home to our own doors. Let us leave the Michigan fires for the present, and all other fires, outside of our own State. Yet at the same time bear in mind there can be nothing selfish in this measure, since we have long since urged its adoption for protection of other people than our own.

Much less than a century since there was no public domain at all. The Federal Government made no claim to the vast tract that made up the unmeasured estates of Virginia. But when that great commonwealth presented her northwestern country, Illinois—now divided off into several States—to the Federal Government, only then the President of the United States began to sell off Federal lands, signing the deeds with his own hand. This was when the United States were poor and comparatively limited in power and dominion. Then we bought Oregon of France, together with all the intervening territory between British America and New Orleans. The fifteen million francs were to be returned to the general coffers. And to-day our vaults are heaped up and bursting with gold and silver. The time has come to call a halt in this business. The best part of the lands have passed away. Won't good come of the system for more than half a century? But now hundreds of Federal officers and an incredible amount of rascality is about all that is left to cling to and to foster on and fester about the few remaining marshes, land marks, timber peaks and petty wooded canyons. So I say, bluntly and emphatically, abolish all that business! And let each State have its own lands, to be left to each county, in order that they may be protected, and life and property.

DEMAGOGIC PROTESTS.

Yes, I know very well that from out the over-verdant and never-failing crop of demagogues there will spring up those who will loudly cry out for the poor man—and his vote—and make a protest against letting each county have its own lands to care for. But, I think, they can can be easily disposed of. A county that can buy and sell real-estate for roads, court-houses and all sorts of needed buildings, can deal as equitably with its own people as can this horde of office-holders at the capitol, either Federal or State.

Back of all this it will be readily seen that the border countries, which are the poorest, because they are the pioneers and have had battles to fight, would be the most benefited. Counties that are now deep in debt would not only be made free of debt, but they would have parks and drives and many pleasant places of resort for their people. And, I think, this better than letting the land—what little remains in it—fall into the hands of English cattle kings, Holland lumber dealers, or any other class of hogs, either abroad or at home.

County taxes would, in some of our poorest counties in California, be made merely nominal by this equitable act. And be assured that the day when the last bit of public land is no more the land all over the Union will bound away up in value. Some time ago a party came to me from Redwood City, urging me to persuade either the State or Federal authorities to help that place secure for itself a redwood forest, which was being fast torn to pieces. I said, "Go back and have your county buy the whole thing, even if it has to issue scrip for it. It may not be quite legal, but it will certainly be equitable; and in time the act will make your county so rich that like one of the Western States it will no longer need to levy a tax."

TO PRESERVE THE FORESTS.

All this, of course, applies to any county. Light taxes, higher prices for lands now in the hands of those who by industry and foresight have secured them, and, above all cool and pleasant roads, secure from the fool with a gun loaded with fire and destruction—these are some of the practical profits to spring from this measure if proposed. But back of all these things there lifts up and hangs like the white snow walls of the Sierras the larger and grander and the nobler purpose—the preservation of our forests, our people, our State. For what avails even the industry of the ant if we, like that insect in the path, or the honest but blind State of Michigan, have not the spirit and enterprise and practical sense to preserve ourselves against such fanaticism?

Last year I induced some poor friends to come on and settle here. Thirty years of intimacy with the characteristics of this State had given me some useful information and I went with them and helped pick out a little home; a sweet place it was on the foot of a wooded mountain. In fact it was entirely shut in with pines. There was a spring of water, and wild grass and wild game was all around them. You could hear the ax and saw of the lumbermen in these pines up and down and all around.

Last week my friends came down with blanched faces. The fire had surrounded them, and the father and mother barely escaped with their two children on their backs. Their horses, cows, pigs, chickens and all that makes a quiet country home delightful, were swept away, and they were left here destitute. Their story and condition give emphasis to this article, and I will follow this plan of mine until the measure is a law, or I learn the reason why.

OUR COSTLY LAND SYSTEM.

To sum up the conclusion, I take the responsibility of advising that our whole costly land system be swept out of existence; it has survived its usefulness. The entire revenues from the sale of public lands to day do not nearly pay the salaries of the hordes of officers who have fastened upon this rotten land system of ours. Then of what use are these innumerable officers to the country? Protect the land? Let Michigan and a dozen other States answer.

No, I do not blame the present officers at all. Indeed it would be asking much to expect a man in Washington to protect the woods of Shasta. But what I do insist upon, is that the officers and citizens of Shasta, and the officers and owners of San Bernardino county, shall protect their own property, and so on throughout the entire Union. And most especially do we denounce this here in California, where the very rains of heaven depend in our protection of the lands. In fact, the whole grand future of this great State is tied up in this proposition, the proposition of our present great forests and the planting and maintaining of still greater ones.

JOAQUIN MILLER.

Oakland, Cal., June 10, 1887.

TRAILING ALONG—THE TIDINGS.

Prof. Merritt once said in a speech in our hearing, "that some men must lead as perforce of circumstances, while others must follow, or be led." How truly this was illustrated in the case of the *Tidings* man, who seems never to have had an idea above mediocrity. See him last week, and the *Courier* also, trotting along at Merritt's heels, "being led," as the Professor said. Why did you not write your little pieces the week before? Simply because, in reading our little paragraph complimentary of the TIMES as the best newspaper in southern Oregon, all admitted the remark to be true, and you dared not criticise it. But, lo; and behold! when this "new Daniel came to judgment" and issued his decree, and for all to listen while he spake, and when he had spoken, these little six-inch-hat newspaper men, who, if a few ideas worthy of notice were perchance to come wandering down through the highway of their intelligence, their little craniums would be cracked until doomsday. They then set up a howl about the RAVEN sacrificing "dignity, candor, church affiliations, etc. for the lust of office, etc;" and the *Tidings* trailer closes his interesting and dignified (?) remarks with this delightful and eloquent peroration: "Let us hope he will be able to accomplish his self-abasement without attempting to insult members of the fraternity who still reserve the right to express hearty contempt of cowardly sneaks and pusillanimous sycophants."

These poor fellows must feel on jealousy and hatred at another's ordinary success in life. Look at the character of their vocabulary, hardly suitable for the center-table of an Indian. Dear brothers, and we can only claim relationship with you by the ties of journalistic consanguinity, we are glad enough to say we know the seat of your malice. Make as good newspapers as the TIMES and the REVIEW, and you will all be entitled to more respect. We answered the king last week; the satraps will not now be noticed further.—*Roseburg Review.*

A HOPMAN'S ADVICE.—Mr. Ramsey of Reedsburg, Wisconsin, who in past years has taken a deep interest in the hop business of this region, once gave me some disinterested advice. In nine cases out of ten, he said, editors who take the extreme bull-side of the hop market, and advise growers to hold till the last moment for a rise, make a mistake, and often harm their friends who may confide in their judgment. A speculative product like hops, he said, should go sold whenever the market is hot, and consumers are in search of their product at fair prices. They may be sure that only the best hops will be sought ordinarily at high prices, and that the urgency once tided over rates more frequently depreciate than advance. Buyers have a large range of markets, and while it is usually safe to hold a very low market, those farmers are wise to keep as far as possible out of the range of gambling influences, and exercise an independent judgment in making contracts based on experience.

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GOLD MINING IN JOSEPHINE COUNTY.

Josephine county undoubtedly ranks among the richest of Oregon's gold-bearing districts. Yet, notwithstanding the number of placer claims heretofore worked, abandoned, and those at present in operation, an examination of the various localities impresses one with the conviction that the development of this rich section is still in its infancy. What has been done is mostly confined to deposits actually in sight; and the mining that has been carried on appears to have been in many cases by the most primitive and unscientific methods. Yet there are abundant evidences of rich harvests awaiting skillful management, energy, modern machinery and enterprise. The mineral deposits of the county are undoubtedly rich and varied, consisting of gold, silver, copper, chrome, platinum, cinnabar and nickel. The principal mining camps of Josephine county are situated on Wolf, Grave, Galice, Silver, Josephine, Slate, Deer, Applegate, Williams, Althouse and Sucker creeks. Coarse gold exists in paying quantities in all these camps, and many of them are known to be rich in gold-bearing quartz. It is not possible within the limits of this article to give an outline of more than a few of the principal mines; but this will be sufficient index of the work of development now going on in the districts referred to. The quart