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## More About Forest Reserves.

One of the greatest grafts ever perpetrated on the American people, so far as the Pacific Coast is concerned, says the Goldendale Sentinel, is the forest reserve policy at Washington for the alleged protection of the water supply of this coast and to prevent freshets. As a deputy surveyor and an assistant for the past fifteen years, we have some knowledge of the timber belts of Oregon and Washington, and are well acquainted with the timbered section of Klickitat County. Wherever timber has been cut or burned and the land not cleared for agricultural purposes, there has been a heavier growth of timber on such lands than ever before, with the result of a better protection to the water sheds of the country. There are thousands of acres of good timber in Oregon and Washington which will be a total loss to our people and millions of dollars of loss to the government if not sold, the land not being fit for cultivation and will never be. Furthermore, no injury would result to our water supply or cause any marked rise in streams at the times of freshets should the small valleys in the mountains be cleared and thus give homes to the working man and cause the development of this great Northwest, which is being impeded by the present policy of the government. In Klickitat County, where the old timber has been cut down, a newer and thicker growth has sprung up in its place, making a greater protection to our water-sheds. The editor has been in the Simons in the middle of winter, and when there was a growth of timber, the snow was deep on the ground, but in the large open timber, the first chinook wind melts the snow with great rapidity. We believe the water supply of this county will be better protected when the old timber is made into lumber, as a heavier growth of young timber will take its place.

## Russia Asks for Extension.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—Russia has requested permission of China to postpone her evacuation of one of the frontier provinces of Manchuria for several months after October 8, the date for the general evacuation of Manchuria. Minister Conger cables the State Department this fact, and the matter has been referred to Secretary Hay at the Secretary's summer home in New Hampshire for consideration. The State Department apparently is not concerned over Russia's request as it is pointed out the province is a small one, and the postponement asked is only for a short time.

The Washington government has received satisfactory assurance from the St. Petersburg authorities that the general evacuation of Manchuria will occur October 8. If for some reason purely local to the province in question Russia should request permission to postpone the withdrawal of her troops from that particular province for several months, it is said to be for China to say whether the re-

quest shall be granted.

The request, in the opinion of State Department officials, does not indicate that Russia intends to break her pledge to the powers. Secretary Hay will prepare instructions for Mr. Conger, upon receipt of which the latter will advise the Pekin government of the attitude of the United States.

## Fatal Accident at S. P. Yards.

At about two o'clock, Sunday morning, a very sad accident occurred in the S. P. yards. The night hostler was backing engine No. 2208 on to the main line, and before it was in the clear, the switch engine ran into it, tearing the cab entirely off the switch engine, and damaging the tender of the other engine. The freight engine had no lights or danger signals on the rear of the tender, and as the switch engine was running at the highest speed allowed in the yard limits, it could not be stopped in time to avoid the accident. Ray Carlon, engineer of the switch engine, was killed, although his fireman, Robert Forbes, received but a few scratches.

Mr. Carlon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Carlon, and as he has lived here most all of his life, he has many friends who are grieved to hear of his sad death.

Mrs. Carlon, widow of the deceased engineer, was visiting her parents, in Grants Pass, when the telegram announcing the sad news, reached her. She returned on the 10:45, Sunday morning, accompanied by her sister, Miss Cook, and was met at the station by the ladies of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. Two sisters, Misses Maggie and Bertha Carlon, and a brother, Tom Carlon, arrived from Portland yesterday evening, and Ed Carlon came in from Eastern Oregon this morning. The relatives are all in attendance save one sister, Mrs. J. J. O'Malley, of Vancouver.

Funeral services were held from the First Presbyterian church, at 2:30 o'clock, this afternoon, and the esteem in which Mr. Carlon and family are held was evidenced by the number and beauty of the floral offerings, the church being literally laden with flowers.

The services at the cemetery were conducted by the A. O. U. W., of which Mr. Carlon was an esteemed member.

This accident is one of the saddest which has ever occurred in Roseburg, and the bereaved relatives have the sympathy of the entire community.

## Robbery in Grants Pass.

Wm. Tucker, a young man of Portland, and Barton Barclay, of Waldport, Oregon, were held up, beaten and robbed in a box car in the Grants Pass yards by two negroes and a white boy Thursday night. The thieves secured about \$11 in money, all the boys had in their possession, and made their escape on the southbound passenger train. The officers at Medford were notified, caught the thugs and returned them Friday evening. They are now in the county jail to await trial at the coming term of circuit court.

The robbery occurred just as the 10:45 southbound passenger train pulled out from the depot. Night Officer John Lockhart was at the station and had been attracted by screams and cries for help from a box car in the yards. He ran across and met the two young men, one of whom, Barclay, was badly beaten, his face being cut and bleeding. They told the officer that they had entered a box car in the yards to await the arrival of the passenger train, and in the car were two negroes and a white boy whom they had met in town here Thursday afternoon. The five conversed for some time, and just as the train pulled in at the depot the negroes and their white chum jumped on the other two and with clubs and revolvers forced them to give up their money, some \$11.50. Barclay struggled to get away from the big negro that had pounced upon him, and as a result had his face beat and bruised by a club or revolver wielded by the coon. So soon as the thieves secured the money they leaped from the box car and boarded the "upper deck" of one of the coaches of the outgoing passenger train. The two unfortunate boys were placed in the city jail to be held as witnesses. Officer Lockhart by hasty work in telephoning had the thieves secure in the hands of the Medford officers in less than two hours.

Wm. Tucker is a bright appearing youth, and with his partner, Burton Barclay, had been employed at one of the hop yards near town. They intended to take the six o'clock train Thursday evening on their return home, but missed it and were in the box car, so they claim, only to pass the night.

Tucker is about 18 years of age and Barclay 21. Barclay is a member of the lodge of Maccabees at Waldport.—Grants Pass Observer.

## Silos Increasing in Number.

G. F. Billings, of Ashland, built the first silo to be constructed in the Rogue river valley in June, 1903, says the Ashland Tidings, and its success was so marked that there are now or will be in a few days when they are finally completed no less than nine of these fodder preserving plants in operation by the following diarmen of the valley: J. Patterson, Talent; G. F. Billings, Ashland; Mrs. D. J. Brown, Ashland; H. H. W. W. and C. C. Taylor, Medford precinct, 1 each; C. T. Payne, Jr., Phoenix.

## Camp Lawton Vacated

The last of the O. N. G. encampment left for their homes on Friday. We were sorry to see the boys leave, as their presence in Roseburg had come to be a part of our every day life. These annual encampments of the State Militia are a good thing. Aside from giving the men the necessary experiment in camp life, it affords a means of recreation and vacation from their every day labors, while they are made better and broader from the association with each other and the discipline they would not get elsewhere. Our citizens tried to make it pleasant for the soldier boys while here, and we hope they will come again.

## Schools of the County.

Superintendent of County Schools F. B. Hamlin reports all the schools of the county in a good condition. With a very few exceptions, all the schools opened today. Competent teachers have been employed at good salaries and the attendance in each district in the county promises an increased attendance. The supply of teachers to the number of schools seems to be nicely adjusted, there being no surplus of either. District 33 has been able to secure the services of a good teacher, Mr. S. P. Stewart, for only four months, after which there will be an opening for a competent teacher. Mr. Robt. Hathaway is clerk of District 33, and will receive applications for a teacher after Mr. Stewart's four months' term expires.

## County Court Proceedings.

In the matter of the estate of James Patterson deceased on hearing for final settlement of said estate. It was shown that the funds of said estate were sufficient to pay 80 per cent of the indebtedness of said estate, and said showing being sufficient the court ordered such payment and final settlement, together with a discharge of the administration.

John H. Shupe has been appointed administrator of the estate of Wm. Kirk, upon a petition prepared at the instance of deceased's daughter living in Massachusetts. Wm. Kirk, is the old gentleman who mysteriously disappeared last January, from his cabin in the neighborhood of Coffee creek, and is supposed to have perished in the mountains.

In the matter of the estate of C. E. Landon, a minor. An order was made permitting said minor to mortgage his estate in order to raise money for the purpose of receiving medical treatment, he having been ailing for about fourteen months.

## Oakland Owl Hoots.

Sampson Sutherland was a Roseburg visitor Wednesday evening.

A. T. Bestul and Dave McCollum returned from Roseburg, Saturday.

County Judge M. D. Thompson was over from Roseburg the first of the week. J. A. Underwood, Sam Crouch and Grant Taylor were Roseburg visitors, Tuesday evening.

Cohn Flanigan, a pioneer of 1853, died at Empire City a few days ago. The deceased was an uncle of Mrs. T. R. Sheridan, of Roseburg.

Miss Mina Cooper returned to Roseburg Monday morning, after enjoying a visit with her brother, E. H. Cooper at Cooper & Thornton's mill.

Grand Master Joe Micelli, of Roseburg, accompanied by Dr. Twitchell and Robert Robertson of the same city, is making an official visit to Odd Fellow's lodges in Coos county.

The new Southern Pacific railway agent, A. S. Pence took charge of the Oakland depot the first of the month. Mr. Pence and family are domiciled in comfortable quarters near Miller's blacksmith shop.

About 250 hop pickers are busy gathering the crop of Stearns Bros. and Hon. D. W. Stearns. The crop is as good, if not better, than last season. It is expected both yards will be finished this week.

The editor and family returned from a five weeks absence in Eastern Washington and Idaho last Friday evening. During this time we visited Spokane and many other attractive cities. There was "something doing every minute all along the line" and every community seemed prosperous, yet we were glad to reach Southern Oregon again. After all, in the language of the poet, "There's no place like home."

## White Star to Absorb Them.

LONDON, Sept. 12.—A dispatch from Liverpool to the Times says it is reported that the White Star, Dominion and American steamship lines will shortly cease to exist as distinct organizations, the Dominion and American lines being taken over by the White Star. It is stated that the new twin screw steamer Columbus, now being built for the Dominion line at Belfast, will be included in the amalgamated fleet. Inquiry at the White Star office elicited the reply that there was nothing to communicate yet.

Eight hundred cars of commercial apples from Oregon, as against 700 last year, is the estimate made at the Portland Chamber of Commerce, reports of the present state of the crop throughout the state being the basis used. This total is computed by districts as follows: Rogue River Valley, 450 cars; balance of state, principally the Willamette Valley, but including all Eastern Oregon, 350 cars.

The Ashland Tidings reports that J. C. Mitchell, a buyer from California, has contracted for the purchase of the fat beef cattle to be turned off by the

Mrs. M. Josephson was hostess at a one o'clock luncheon, Friday, given complimentary to Mrs. Binger Hermann. The floral decorations in the reception hall and double parlors were of ferns and long-stemmed roses and handsome pot plants, while in the dining room the decorations were a unique arrangement of autumn leaves and sweet peas, the centerpiece on the table being sweet peas. The menu was most tempting and was in nine courses. Mrs. Josephson was assisted in receiving by Misses Lulu Willis, Jeannie Buick and Rose Parrott. Those so fortunate as to be Mrs. Josephson's guests on this delightful occasion were: Mmes. Binger Hermann, K. L. Miller, F. G. Oheme, W. R. Willis, D. S. K. Buick, J. C. Aiken, J. F. Barker, A. Wollenberg, I. Wollenberg, W. S. Hamilton, J. W. Hamilton, W. W. Thackrah, S. C. Flint, F. W. Haynes, N. Curry, H. C. Stanton and T. R. Sheridan.

E. C. Gaddis came down from Medford Saturday morning. Mr. Gaddis reports times good in Jackson county, especially among the alfalfa growers. The new creamery of Gaddis Bros., at Medford, is doing a good business. The dairy interests of Jackson are rapidly increasing as the people learn more about the affinity between alfalfa and butter.

A very important meeting of the '95 Mental Culture Club will be held at the home of Mrs. W. M. Willis, Tuesday, Sept. 15th, at 3 o'clock. All members requested to be present.

M. THACKRAH,  
Secretary.

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stockmen from the ranges east and south of Ashland, or about 1,200 head. The price to be paid for top steers is 3½ cts. per pound. For fat cows and cull steers the price is 3 cents.

Miss Ada Schmidt and Master Charles Schmidt, of the McClallen House, Roseburg, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ed. T. Naghel at the Overland. The prune dryer on the old Metz place a mile from town caught fire and burned Tuesday night. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is thought it caught from the furnace. The dryer was worth about \$200 and there were 75 bushels of prunes in it.—Myrtle Creek Mail.

Senator Bacon, of Georgia, recently had to stand on a station platform hungry while Booker Washington and several negro friends occupied the dining car. When asked later what he had for breakfast the Senator responded, "Bacon and red hot bacon too."

The Jefferson Review says that A. D. Robinson thrashed 57 bushels of wheat from one acre of ground, and says he is confident that fully four bushels was left on the ground.

## MARRIED.

WELLS—LAMB.—In Roseburg Sept. 11, 1903, at the home of W. B. Lamb, R. R. Wells and Myrtle A. Lamb, Rev. N. J. Harbit officiated.

HOUN—FARNSWORTH.—In this city Saturday night, at the home of the bride's brother, R. O. Goff, Mr. A. D. Houn, of Roseburg, and Mrs. Minnie Farnsworth, of Oakland, Rev. S. A. Douglas officiating.

For a nice job of shoeing go to H. L. Gould. 70-1f.

All parties knowing themselves indebted to S. K. Sykes, on notes and accounts past due, will please call and settle. S. K. SYKES.

All kinds of mining tools sharpened and repaired at H. L. Gould, the blacksmith. 70-1f.

W. H. Palm, wife and little child, and Mrs. Palm's sister, Miss Saffley, after several days' visit with Mr. Palm's relatives here, and seeing the encampment, have returned to their homes near Leona.

Give the farmers better roads whenever possible. The farmers are what keep the country up and they need all the privileges that can be given. Good roads mean a prosperous, thickly settled community. There is no factor so far reaching and so satisfactory.—Vancouver (Wash.), Columbian.

The dam at the new Neil creek lumber mill of Sims & Anderson, gave way under pressure of the water and the weight of about 400,000 feet of logs which it held ready for the saw, yesterday, occasioning a damage of several hundred dollars, and necessitating besides, a shutting down of the mill for probably a week, until the dam can be rebuilt, which is a serious inconvenience at this time, as the product of the mill which is handled by the Ashland Manufacturing Co. is in good demand.—Ashland Tidings.

## For Sale.

One good horse cheap, H. L. Gould, the blacksmith. 70-1f.