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BRIQUETTING COOS BAY COALS.

When the Perry, a United States torpedo boat, was at Empire the other day, a prominent citizen of Marshfield, while on board by invitation of the officer in charge, took occasion to inquire into the fuel used on that boat and others of the naval vessels. The officer, whose information on the subject was quite extensive and who had a practical knowledge of the needs of the navy in that respect, complained of the inability of the ships to get good fuel. The main difficulty appeared to be the filling up of the tubes with soot and the necessity of constantly cleaning the same so frequently as to take the time of a number of men. "But," said the Marshfield man, "there are great quantities of coal here."

"Yes," answered the officer, "I understand that, but the Coos Bay coal can't be used for steam, can it?" "It has long been used for steam purposes, but can not be used by the navy," said the Marshfield man. "But," continued he, "there is a movement on foot to briquet the coal here and when that is done it will be possible for the government to use our coals for naval purposes."

The officer became deeply interested. "If you make briquets," said he "your coal will become very important to the government. It will solve the fuel question of the Pacific for the navy and Coos Bay will be forthwith dredged and put in shape to receive the biggest boats afloat. It will not be necessary for Coos Bay people to go after the government for appropriations, if you briquet the lignites found here. The government will come to Coos Bay without invitation."

The briquetting of Coos Bay coal will be the most important influence which can be brought to bear toward making Coos Bay the third seaport in importance on the Pacific coast. In California, at Stockton and Tesla coal is formed and pressed into cakes—but the material is more in the nature of asphaltum than coal and is inferior in every way to the Coos Bay product. It may not be known to most people that the Coos Bay coal is valuable or will become so when its values are better appreciated for its paraffine bi-product and also for the benzol which can be produced from it. The latter is far better and safer than gasoline for operating engines and when manufactured here will be much cheaper. This paraffine base makes the lignite coal a better material for briquets as well as fuel. The Tesla and Stockton briquets are held together by an ingredient which does not condense, nor much improve the fuel. It has a tendency to melt on the grate and for that reason burns the grate out without producing much heat. Besides this, it has an odor which makes it unpopular for domestic purposes. The Coos Bay coals will make a briquet equal to the famous German product which is made without a binder—that is which will cause the powdered coal without introducing an ingredient to adhere. A ton and a half of Coos Bay coal contains about five hundred pounds of water and the briquetting process will not only remove most of this but will press the mass together into a small compass so that a ton and a half of coal will make one ton of briquets. This can be done without any oil, pitch, gas pitch or other odorous ingredients and will make a far better fuel than the raw coal and a first class steam producer.

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WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING.

Get all the enjoyment you legitimately can get out of life, but remember the only sure way getting in the end, no enjoyment out of life, is to start in to make it the end of your existence.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

The Awful Gossip. We like to knock the gossip. We can't admire her ways. Too much she criticizes; Too meager is her praise. The fallings of her neighbors Are always on display. But still we pause to listen To what she has to say. We know Jones isn't perfect; But then, it isn't kind To dwell on his shortcomings And fault with him to find. But still of all his meanness Perhaps we wouldn't dream Did we but stop to listen When she has on full steam. But, though we may abhor it That she her tongue should use In such a busy fashion, Still we must know the news, And if we didn't meet her Most everywhere we went We'd have to buy a paper. And that would cost a cent.

Yes, we despise the gossips Who gaily morsels pass, But are we very certain We are not in the class? Perhaps examination An inward look, would show When knocking was the programme That we were none too slow.

A Coos Bay man says that there is one nice thing about a safety razor. A man's wife can't use it for cutting her corns.

No marriageable young woman should wear a pin in her belt during tete-a-tetes.

The clock is very bashful. At least it always has its hands in front of its face.

A woman is usually taken at her face value, a man at the value of his pocketbook.

Geo. Goodrum says that when a man calls a girl his lamb, the next thing she knows he will gather her into his fold.

The man on the Water Front remarks that when a man marries a woman for a mate and she turns out to be a skipper, he may as well make up his mind that he has been cruising in deceiving waters.

The Millicoma Bachelor says, marriage is not a lottery, but a pottery where family jars are manufactured.

There is one nice thing about a fellow's foot being asleep—it never snores.

And to think that father sometimes kicked at the biscuits mother used to make!

A cheerful woman will make home more beautiful than an unlimited bank account.

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