

SHINE REPLIES TO MR. CLARKE

Manager of Southern Oregon
Company Writes of Port
Commission and Circular.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 8. — Editor Times: I have just received a copy of your issue of February 27th, containing a letter from Francis H. Clarke, also a copy of the circular referred to by him regarding Port of Coos Bay. His remarks apparently apply to the Southern Oregon Company, and, while I write chiefly to state that the company named have no connection with the circular in question, I feel that the insinuations contained in his letter are unfounded and at variance with the suggestion made by you, when you kindly offered the use of your columns for discussing this subject, viz., "that all personalities should be avoided." I regret that Mr. Clarke should be the first to depart from this rule.

In making accusations of this nature it may be well to remember that some of those who contribute largely to the annual county expenses possess some rights, even if few votes, and cannot be expected to join in the hymn as cheerfully as brother Clarke seems to do.

His delicate sneers at individuals connected with the circular are also ill-timed. He speaks of "freaks who work without pay." Possibly Mr. Clarke does not belong to this class or may have "great expectations," but he need not show irritation because others do not belong to his Union.

He speaks of "absentee landlordism," and "draining the state," etc. If Mr. Clarke was an older resident and possessed any vested interests in Coos county he might know that the hundred or more stockholders of the company referred to, invested their individual money in good faith in the county with the intention of permanent operation. That they proved their good faith by large expenditures of money to that end, but that owing to a chain of unfortunate circumstances spreading over a number of years, their several attempts in active business met with failure, and notwithstanding the immense outlay expended by them, not one dollar has ever been sent back from this community, in the shape of interest or dividends.

On the contrary, these unfortunate stockholders have been remitting annually to Coos county some years as high as \$25,000, for the sole purpose of taxes and care of property, without any prospect of immediate return. He might also know that in recent years when an opportune time had apparently arrived for operation, that these stockholders were obstructed in their plans for putting in additional capital land taking action towards the development of the property by certain members of the community, and that now their hands are tied for an indefinite period pending legislation affecting the validity of the title to their property.

It is popular now-a-days to decry a corporation, and Mr. Clarke has uplifted his voice with the familiar strain. It may be his legal training, or it may be an expectant interest on the Board of the proposed port, which influences him to consider but one side of this matter and to soar aloft in spasmodic eloquence and vituperation at other residents and taxpayers who have had the temerity to regard this bill from a different point of view.

His letter is uncharitable and incorrect. Without basis, he has connected the company with the circular named, but his remarks are clearly for the purpose of creating the false impression that the company has been working against the plan. This is not true, as to date they have taken no action in the matter.

He has insulted those who were but innocent agents in carrying out the desire of a few humble taxpayers who seem to possess a different opinion from Mr. Clarke on the subject under discussion.

As an individual taxpayer the writer is not averse to reasonable expenditures where benefits are received, and feels that a full discussion of this port bill will be beneficial for all concerned, but if other voters or taxpayers, or corporation stockholders, should hold different opinions from his on the subject, he will try and respect their opinions

and refrain from the use of mean sneers and untrue insinuations the use of which will but retard the success of any cause.

Yours truly,
R. E. SHINE.

RULES FOR PRUNING.

Some Valuable Information On Care of Fruit Trees.

Here are a few fruit tree pruning rules: Trim a little every year, rather than much in any one year, peach trees require more pruning than most trees; at least one half of the new growth should be removed each season. Cherry trees require the least pruning; merely cut out dead, broken, or "crossed" limbs. Other trees need a judicious thinning out and, sometimes, cutting back. If two branches interlock, remove the smaller one. Avoid cutting so as to leave "stubs"; make neat cuts close to union; paint all large wounds. Be chary of cutting off large limbs; if it must be done saw on under side first, partly through, and then saw from above. Prune now or in June. Spring trimming induces wood growth. Which do you want? (Note: On young trees you should want only wood growth until they are of good size and fully able to endure the strain of fruit bearing)—March Farm Journal.

BANDON BABY BURNED.

Two-Year-Old Daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Perkins Dies.

BANDON, Ore., March 8. — The two-year-old child of Dr. and Mrs. S. L. Perkins of Bandon, was so severely burned that death resulted thirty-two hours later. The child was playing near the fireplace and its clothing caught fire, and before the flames could be extinguished the little tot's back was burned almost to a crisp.

Three of the children were playing in the center of the room in which was the fire place, and the mother had just stepped out to feed the chickens, and had hardly gotten outside when she heard the screams of the child.

Dr. Perkins is one of the best known physicians in the county, having practiced in Bandon for several years.

The child had never been given a name but was generally called "Babe."

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed bids will be received by the Oregon Coal and Navigation Company for the construction of a wharf and warehouse in Marshfield, Oregon. Bids to be in by March 15th, at noon. Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of W. S. Turpen, architect.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

H. C. NELSON,
P. HENNESSEY.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks for the many courtesies and the kindness shown us during the illness and death of our little daughter. Also to our many friends for their expressions of sympathy and especially to the singers at the funeral services and the pall-bearers.

Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE SNYDER.

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By Henry Sengstacken, Mgr.

CALL CONGRESS FOR MARCH 15

But Call Does Not Specify
Special Session Is For
Tariff Revision.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 8. — The special session of congress has been called for March 15. The call does not mention the object for which the special session is to be convened.

Speaker Cannon is puzzling his head over the personnel of the next committee on rules. The appointment of this committee will be one of the first duties of the speaker in the coming session of congress unless the "Insurgents" muster sufficient strength to form an alliance with the Democrats to amend the rules so as to provide for the election of a committee on committees. Speaker Cannon does not believe they will and so is considering some of the problems that may vex him in the days to come. There are two vacancies on this powerful committee.

Vice-President Sherman has just left it and so has Senator-elect Williams of Mississippi. Many members believe that the choice of a successor to Sherman lies between Mann of Illinois and Tawney. There is a western demand for representation on the committee. Cannon wants a thorough parliamentarian. Mann fills the bill but there is some objection as he comes from Cannon's state. Messrs. Denby and Townsend of Michigan, Smith of Iowa, Currier of New Hampshire and Foster of Vermont, are regarded as possibilities.

BIG TREES OF COUNTRY SAVED

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named, some for famous generals of the United States and others for statesmen and various states of the Union. "The Father of the Forests," now down, is estimated by Hittell, in his "Resources of California," to have had a height of 450 feet and a diameter at the ground of more than forty feet when it was standing. "Massachusetts," contains 118,000 board feet of lumber; "Governor Stoneman" contains 108,000 board feet, and the "Mother of the Forest," burned in the terrible forest-fire which licked its way into a part of the grove last summer, contains 105,000 board feet. Each of these trees named grows as much lumber as is grown ordinarily on fifteen or twenty acres of timberland. The bark runs from six inches to two feet in thickness. Among the other large named trees in the two groves are "Waterloo," "Pennsylvania," "James King," "Old Bachelor," "Pride of the Forest," "Daniel Webster," "Sir John Franklin," "Empire State," "U. S. Grant," "W. T. Sherman," "J. P. McPherson," "Abraham Lincoln," "Connecticut," "Ohio," "Grover Cleveland," "Mrs. Grover Cleveland," "Dr. Nelson," "General Custer," "Dr. J. W. Dawson," "General Hancock," "Knight of the Forest," "Two Sentinels," and "Old Dowd."

The selection of the new democratic members will probably be left to Minority Leader Clarke.

"EASTSIDE" is a winner.

The Oregon Magazine Hit of 1909

Beginning in the January issue of HUMAN LIFE, the Magazine About People, and running through the twelve months of 1909 will be published a story of his boyhood by Homer Davenport, cartoonist, traveler, humorist, lecturer and man of many stories. The scene of Mr. Davenport's boyhood and young manhood is laid in Oregon and covers many of the people that are well known there today.

Mr. Davenport, for pure and native humor, is the superior of any we have ever met since the days of Artemus Ward. Those who follow Mr. Davenport through this year's issues of HUMAN LIFE will remember 1909 as the year of laughs.

Mr. Davenport's articles will be illustrated by himself, and the pictures he has drawn, representative of his many delightful—that is, delightful to read about—adventures, will constitute not the least part of the fun.

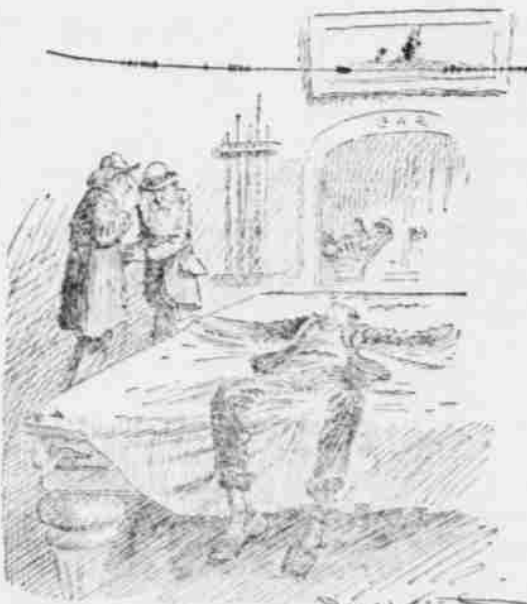
If you want to read this story from the beginning, if you want to see Mr. Davenport's pictures of himself from early boyhood to manhood, his father, his family, and all of his Oregon friends, as only Mr. Davenport can draw them, be sure your name is entered as a subscriber to HUMAN LIFE—the best magazine, for the money, ever published.

Mr. Davenport starts his story at a very early age when his father tells him that they are to move from their farm in Salem, Oregon, to Silverton, Oregon. This is a burg of some three hundred people. Mr. Davenport, in his story, states that he feels that the city is calling them and that his opportunities for studying art in the Latin Quarter of Silverton will be exceptionally good.

The story will carry Mr. Davenport up to his San Francisco days, when he made his first big hit as a cartoonist.



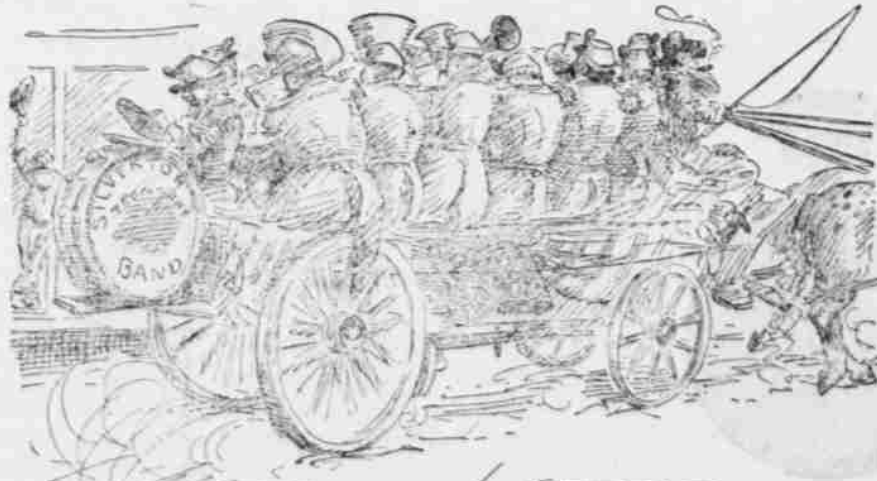
Jap Libby, Engineer, who did the work of four engines and crews



"Portland had tired me out and the kind bartender of the St. Charles Hotel let me sleep on the billiard table, for which I was later discharged from the Good Templar's Lodge in Silverton"



Al Coolidge and Jake McClaine, prominent bankers and business men of Silverton in Davenport's younger days



Silverton Trombone Band. "We always played as we drove out of town and with much effort the driver held the team"

Send us your subscription to HUMAN LIFE. We can start you with the January 1909 issue, this is the number in which Mr. Davenport's story commences, and we would call your attention to our wonderful offer at the bottom of this advertisement.

HUMAN LIFE is absolutely original. There is no other magazine dealing with people exclusively. It is filled from cover to cover with stories and pictures of people and will keep the entire family posted as to the actions and doings of all the prominent people of the entire world.

It has the greatest writer in this country of vigorous, virile, pungent, forceful, pleasant English, as its editor-in-chief, Alfred Henry Lewis, the classic contributor to the Saturday Evening Post, Cosmopolitan, Success and many other representative periodicals; the author of "The President," "The Boss," "Wolfville," "Andrew Jackson," and other books of story and adventure, every one scintillating with strenuous life. Mr. Lewis's fingers are upon the public pulse; he knows what the public wants, and he gives them running-over measure. HUMAN LIFE is up-to-date in its fresh, original matter from the best authors and the best artists, and filled to overflowing with human interest.

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Every man and woman in Oregon should read HUMAN LIFE, the Magazine About People, during 1909—do not fail to read the following most liberal subscription offer and act at once. This offer is not good after May 1st, 1909.

The COOS BAY TIMES will give a year's subscription to Human Life and a year subscription to the The Times for \$5.35. This subscription price to be strictly in advance.

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