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READING MATERIAL.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO the output of printed matter was 400,000 tons annually, a tremendous figure, to be conceived only by the familiar piling of books in the direction of the moon and the stretching of newspapers around and around the equatorial belt. It astonished the country then to learn how it had developed the habit of reading.

There is reason for further astonishment now. The tonnage of reading matter has reached one and a half millions. Trains of 50,000 loaded cars would be required to haul it. The annual circulation of 23,000 newspapers and periodicals is close upon 12,000,000,000 copies. It is figured that one person in every four reads a daily newspaper, one in two subscribes to a weekly and two out of three buy a monthly magazine. Considering that a fairly large percentage of recently acquired population is not readers at all, the figures indicate a much wider custom of reading among those familiar with the English language.

The educative possibilities of this immense distribution of reading material is acknowledged, but even greater good is forecast by the tendencies of newspapers and magazines to write for the carrying out of reforms upon which they are agreed.

VACATION DAYS AHEAD.

THE BREATH OF SUMMER is blowing faintly, but surely, over the land, and the spirit of the vacation period is rousing itself in the breasts of the worker and student and operative everywhere; the voices of the wood, the mountain, the sea, the river, of glen and rock, and there, are calling the first, faint summons to the weary, the sick, the straggled; and the man, woman and child of the cities and centers are answering with responsive thought and action, in all directions; preparations are beginning, homes are being arranged, finances calculated, letters written, inquiries made, and the usual steps taken to ensure delightful surcease from the cares and anxieties and common-places of life and for the annual flight to the various "pet" resorts all over the coast and mountain sections.

Coos Bay and her scores of outlying haunts of pleasure that would afford a haven for thousands back in the interior is denied her natural and inherent rights as a resort, because of lack of railway facilities. This one feature alone would furnish funds and finance for a road to Roseburg that would be surprising. Everyone who has once tasted the sweets of summer climate on Coos Bay becomes its loyal and lasting devotee.

The news columns of The Times bore evidence of this the other day when Mr. Lee Brown, former pursuer on the Alliance, and a gentleman familiar with nature in all her moods along the Pacific coast from the frozen shores of Alaska to the tropical waters of South America, paid a splendid tribute to Coos Bay climate. He contrasted it with Portland weather and declared that personal experience was necessary to convince that there could be so great and pleasant a difference in such a few hundred miles.

This is one of the really compensating sections of Oregon. The ideal perfection of the Coos Bay summer can never be forgotten by those who have indulged it, and their word has gone forth broadly and convincingly to the last nooks of the land, and the results will sometime be manifest. There is nothing disappointing about the call to these waters and hills

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING.

May we make and keep a few dear friends. May some good book enrich the passing hours. May love flow through all acts, and the star of hope shine in all shadows.

—Selected.

THE LURE OF THE GAME.

The wearied clown, sans rouge and paint, Looked his sad-faced self in the eyes; He was sick of the smell of the circus taint And he said: "I can see no prize; There is naught ahead—I must change my lot," But applause swept in, and cheers, And his eyes were alight with a flame, youth-hot, And he doffed full twenty years. For it isn't the money and it isn't the fame— It's the lure, the lure of the game.

From the broker's hands there fell away

The tape, in a heap on the floor; He said: "I must forswear this today,

Though I've garnered a million more;

I must seek a cot in the countryside, Away from the town's unrest"— But the morrow's bugles were not denied,

And back to the fight he pressed, For it isn't the money and it isn't the fame— It's the lure, the lure of the game.

So ask of the prospector, on the height,

The cowboy who rides the plain, Of the engineer who guides the flight

Of the night-stabbing, roaring train;

What voice has the god of chance and change

To woo them to callings new? Away with the roses, 'neath heavens strange—

The thorns of this bed must do; For it isn't the money and it isn't the fame—

It's the lure, the lure of the game!

A girl will never admit she's flirting unless she isn't.

After a while only people with plenty of dough may be able to have bread on the table.

A Portland woman is seeking a divorce because her husband said she was stuck up. Guess that will take him down a bit.

A Coos Bay girl loves to have her complexion complimented, but a boy is ashamed to be told he has a "lovely" complexion.

There are not many Coos Bay men who will steal openly, but nearly every man will take advantage of another man's carelessness.

Club for the husband to use when asked to button their wives' waists in the back; The perfectly formed woman can reach every button herself.

Eugene has a women's society called the "Silent club." It would be interesting to know how a woman can become eligible to anything like that.

According to an eastern exchange party is to be given by Mr. and Mrs. Amos Kiddo. Of course, such innocent pleasures are all right, but—oh, you Kiddo!

There is some hope for the boy who has to be driven into the bathtub, but there is mighty little hope for the boy who has to be driven away from the mirror.

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former is large in that state, Georgia may soon consider itself blessed with plenty of the latter.

A San Francisco preacher declares that Christianity is growing. When a man living in San Francisco can talk like that, what excuse have the rest of us for being pessimistic?

A Pittsburg man committed suicide with the aid of carbolic acid and iodine. The addition of a bit of turpentine and tobacco sauce might have added slightly to the warm feeling in his stomach.

Some men near Greeley, Colo., report having seen three moons in the sky at the same time. The only thing we wonder at is their nerve in telling of it. A Coos Bay man would never mention a little thing like that to his closest friend.

In a country town a boy is regarded as hopelessly gone to the devil when he plays pool. And nothing meaner need be said against a girl to injure her reputation than that she winked at the boys.

When a Coos Bay man tells his wife of an increase in his wages she doesn't burst out in congratulations; she has an absent-minded look in her eyes as if calculating how many yards it will take for a dress she had hitherto felt that she couldn't afford.

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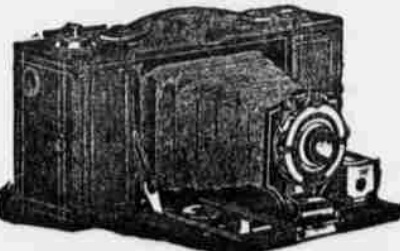
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