

IS THERE ROOM FOR CITY HERE?

MINNESOTA MAN ASKS QUESTION IN LETTER TO MARSHFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND J. W. BENNETT TELLS HIM A FEW THINGS ABOUT COOS BAY.

The other day Dr. J. T. McCormac, president of the Chamber of Commerce, received a letter from a man in Minnesota asking if there was really room to build a metropolis on Coos Bay. The nerve of the individual rather dazzled Dr. McCormac for a minute and then he began to think how he could answer the letter. He decided that only J. W. Bennett could answer such a question properly, so he referred the letter to Mr. Bennett with an appeal that he dictate the answer and finally Mr. Bennett consented to do so. A Times reporter happened to run across a copy of the letter and by a "slight of hand performance" got it for publication. Here it is complete:

June 18, 1909.

Mr. Chas. I. Reigard,
Owatonna, Minn.

Dear Sir: Your letter of the 11th inst., to Dr. J. T. McCormac, president of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce, has been handed to me for reply, and replying would say that the report, you heard, "that there is no place for a town between the coast range and the ocean in Oregon and no room for a town without going up into the mountains" is all in fact true, but still the place is very fertile for certain purposes.

The land surrounding Coos Bay and the inlets of Oregon west of the Coast Range, stands up on end, but still it is very fertile and the towns are built on floaters and all of the inhabitants are what we call web-footers.

The only objection to navigation here is that the harbor is so deep that vessels cannot find anchorage and are compelled to tie up to the sides of mountains.

A. Mr. Harriman undertook to bore a hole through the Coast Range but he could not get through as he ran out of rocks. There is a prospect that he may be able to get through and then run down the sand beach close to the ocean at low tide. This Mr. Harriman is a very energetic man and works all day and part of the night time too, but he says you cannot bore through a mountain unless you've "got rocks" all the time.

It will be difficult to operate a railroad on the beach even at low water as the storms will probably throw the sand over parts of it at times and then if there should be a break down or a delay they would have to find some way to keep the tide from coming in until the train was got out of the way.

The townsites you see platted on paper extend over certain portions of the bays, which are protected from the north winds, but there is one energetic real estate man here who has platted some land which is V shape. He has already sold out two sides of the angle and now he is looking for some sucker who will build a townsite on the base line. He is a very energetic man. You might be able to get in on the ground floor plat as they call it, as he did not think about platting that until he sold out the two upper sides of the V shaped mountain.

We have fine fishing here too, but there are only certain times when you can get salmon as they go into the deep water when they get their bellies full of craw-fish off the sides of the mountains, but we have a run of snappers here. They come in here hunting snappers and the fellows on the floats catch a good many. Suckers are also very plentiful here, when you and your people come you will enjoy them very much.

When the sun gets high enough so as to overlook the Coast range and precipices it is real nice on the water and a fellow named Powers has just brought in an automobile boat which goes so fast at full speed that she jumps out of the water and by putting another plate on the flange, he will have a air-ship, so that he can cut over the mountains and save the necessity for this man Harriman finishing boring the hole.

This is a great place you ought to see it.

Mr. Roosevelt, Judge Landis and two or three of the presidents of

LETTING GO OF MILLIONS

Mrs. Russell Sage Spends \$24,000 Every 24 Hours to Benefit Mankind.

◆ Sage Made \$3,500 a Day; Widow Spends \$25,000 Every 25 Hours.

Russell Sage accumulated his millions at the average rate of \$3,500 a day during fifty years of active life. Mrs. Sage is spending the millions for the benefit of mankind at the rate of \$25,000 a day, and in three years has disposed of \$25,000,000. At this rate she will have placed the whole of the great fortune entrusted to her by the financier in five years more. Her philanthropies so far are general and mainly in the line of education and religion, and her apparent desire is to expend her fortune so as to bring the greatest good to the greatest number.

A New York special says: In less than three years Mrs. Russell Sage has spent more than \$25,000,000 for public purposes and the benefit of mankind. The recent investigation abroad of the question of workmen's insurance and the establishment of a gigantic employment bureau call attention anew to her prolific bounty.

It took Russell Sage fifty years to get \$50,000,000. This great sum represented the scraping together of what amounted to \$3,500 a day for the life-time of the astute financier.

Mrs. Sage is now giving away the fortune at the rate of \$25,000 a day. If the widow continues her charities at the pace she has set, all will be gone in five years. Comparison of the finance's power to make money with Mrs. Sage's faculty of giving it away shows that the widow is giving away \$2 in the same time that it took Mr. Sage to accumulate the proverbial "thirty cents."

When Mrs. Sage, after the death of her husband, set about distributing her wealth, the cause of education and religion and the amelioration of human misery appealed most strongly to her. To educational institutions she has recently given nearly \$5,000,000; to religious work, something like \$2,500,000; to the Sage Foundation, \$10,000,000, while the remainder has gone to works of a semi-religious and educational character. Mrs. Sage has tried to place her money where it would do the greatest good to the greatest number.

NEWSBOY GAINS HONOR.

Communication From Spokane Read in Senate.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., June 21.—For probably the first time in the Senate's history, a communication from a newsboy signed by Arthur Prague, manager of the Spokane News Association, who expressed regret over the death of Rev. Edw. Everett Hale, was received in that body today. Senator Piles of Washington asked that the communication which was written on a postal card be read, thus insuring its printing in the Congressional Record.

The life insurance companies are coming out here next week so as to permit the financial disturbance in the east to settle down to where it was before they put the powder in the soup. You had better come then, you ought to see it, sure, come, and bring the folks.

There are a few places of interest you ought to see sure, Rascal Creek on the lower Bay has the wettest water of any place on the coast and the Seven Devils close by there have never been removed since the floaters came.

There is another attractive locality called Tar-heel Point. You will see the point easily when you come.

Then I hope you are not afraid of the natives, as the place is infested with Skookum Tillamucks; they are very attractive, especially the Hi-Aas Clutchman variety. You could take one home with you and your wife would be delighted.

Respectfully yours,
J. W. BENNETT.

"CASTLEWOOD" at the P. K.

C. A. SMITH ON REFORESTRATION

(Continued from page 1.)

restoration of our cut-over lands was perfectly practical in that territory. In connection with this government work, their reforester, Mr. W. G. Weigle, states in his report as follows:

"Decided steps have been taken along the line of conservative logging by the C. A. Smith interests. Stumps are cut low, pitch butts are no longer left in the woods, and effort is made to avoid breakage. Attention is paid to low undercutting to avoid pulling out splinters in falling; also sound dead timber is taken; unsound logs are taken which show 50 per cent or more merchantable lumber. Logs are cut to small diameter in the top; hemlock is cut as closely as Douglas fir. Logs of good quality are not cut for making chutes, and logs of inferior quality are selected for fuel for the donkey and railroad engines. As compared with others along the coast of Washington and Oregon, this company stand pre-eminently for conservative logging."

"I quote this for you, not in the spirit of egotism, but simply to show you the line along which we are working. We have already employed a competent forester of years of experience in the government service, and with Dr. Schenck of Biltmore, to look after our new growth of timber, and he has as his assistant a graduate of the Biltmore School of Forestry. These men are employed in addition to our regular cruisers for the sole purpose of attending to reforestation."

"Now, to get to your letter. We believe that everything possible should be done to save the forests, not only of the state of Oregon, but of the country as a whole. This does not mean to keep the timber from being manufactured, but means that new growth should be established as fast as the old growth has been cut and removed from the land, assuring a continuation of our magnificent timber woods. There are two things that have prevented the private holder of timber from conserving heretofore. These are the destruction of the timber by fire and excessive taxes charged on the land. To overcome the fire hazard we employ many rangers during the dry season who patrol our territory. The result has been that in eight years we have had no destructive fires in the Oregon or California timber. It is our purpose to continue this patrol service, but it would certainly be very much cheaper and better for all the owners of timber and the state in particular if a co-operative fire association could be formed in the various districts who would have charge of this fire patrol and fire-fighting, each of the owners paying their pro rata share of the expense, based on the acreage owned. Such an association is doing the fire-protecting service in the Clearwater district of Idaho and is doing it very much cheaper than each individual holder could do, and in a more satisfactory manner. If a fire breaks out, these men employ additional help to fight the fire, thus limiting the extent of damage. The second thing, preventing conservation, namely, taxes, cover a wide range of questions. This state of Minnesota has been agitating the passing of a law by its legislature which provides for a simple land tax on the land upon which a new growth of forest is being made, and the same bill provides that when the trees are mature, the owner shall pay to the state a certain amount per thousand feet for all the timber cut. In this way the state will derive the same benefit it would derive from the taxes annually had the present

method been in vogue, but the taxpayer will be in much better position to pay the taxes at that time than he would be from year to year while the land was unproductive. If this matter is not taken up by the various states and some concession made to the reproducer of timber, reforestation would be an impossibility in this country unless carried on by the National Government. Such laws are in effect in Germany and France, where the reforesting of denuded lands has been carried on for several hundred years and worked successfully. You may wonder why we are going on with our project along this line if my previous statement is true. In reply to that, I will say that we are convinced that the agitation at the present time by the National Government and the various forestry associations of the country will finally result in an action along these lines that will make it a possible thing for all owners of tracts of lands suitable for the growth of timber. Further, you state, 'would it be practical to place watchmen in our logging camps?' This question, we believe, in Oregon answers itself, in that during the dry season all the logging is being carried on; during the wet season when it is impossible to log, there is no danger of fire. In our various logging camps in Coos county there are always men on-hand watching for fires. Further, we always have a watchman in connection with our donkey-engine crews and make a business of having water enough to extinguish any incipient fires started from sparks. It would be perfectly practical to fall our timber in a manner that the tops could be cut and piled and burned annually. As a matter of fact, it will be necessary along the coast to burn over the land before re-planting can be done now, on account of the luxuriant growth of salal and alder, which cover the coast country to such an extent that all light is shut out and the germination of seeds of the fir and other trees prevented. We shall burn these coast cuttings over and then set out new trees. Further back toward the mountains this growth of underbrush is not so thick, and there we shall use a natural method of reforestation, leaving mature trees to furnish the seeds for the new growth. Further, I might state that the Legislature of Minnesota in its present session has a bill before it compelling the lumbermen to destroy their tops, and in this way do away with one of the most vicious causes of our forest fires. There are many subjects we could discuss with you along these lines, but am afraid we have written too great length already. If, however there are any questions your committee would care to put to us we would gladly answer, and if there is any way in which we can work with you looking to the conservation of the Oregon forests, rest assured that we will use our best efforts to that end."

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Further Details of Marshfield Man's Trip to Seattle in a Gasoline Launch.

A press dispatch from Seattle dated June 10, gives the following additional details of Capt. Tom Holland's trip north with the launch Eagle:

"Completing a run of more than 400 miles, 300 miles of it in the open sea, the nine-ton gasoline launch Eagle is in Seattle, having braved the dangers of the passage from Coos Bay. The Eagle was brought up by Captain T. D. Holland, assisted by his mate.

"The Eagle made the hazardous run in 16 days, but much of this time was spent at ports en route. Some heavy seas were encountered but Captain Holland states that the Eagle rode the high waves like an ocean-going liner and that although she rolled considerably none of the glass windows was broken."

MAKES BIG HAUL.

Russian Army Paymaster Gets Away With \$80,000.

(By Associated Press.) OMSK, Russia, June 21.—The paymaster of the 26th district Siberian rifles, has fled from Omsk after drawing \$80,000 of the regimental funds on forged orders.

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