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PROTECT THE FORESTS.

THE OREGON STATE board of forestry has issued a timely word of warning to the people of the state in reference to fire protection of the forests.

Would you set fire to any man's house in your town? If you saw his house afire would you pass by without doing anything?

Do you realize that timber is quite as valuable to the owner, and much more so to the community and to you? He can build a new house, but not a new forest.

Oregon has 350 billion feet of standing timber, even now worth \$475,000,000 as a resource.

If manufactured and sold, even at present lumber prices, it will bring \$5,000,000,000 into the state for labor and supplies.

Oregon now sells \$20,000,000 worth of lumber a year. Of this \$14,000,000 is received by employes who put it in local circulation.

In other words, you, whatever your business, share it. About a billion feet is destroyed by fire in Oregon annually, which if manufactured would bring in \$13,000,000.

On every thousand feet burned, the stumpage owner may lose \$2.00 but the community loses \$8.00 in wages.

Timber means pay checks, to support all industries. But burned timber pays no wages.

Timber pays taxes in your county. If it burns, your property has to pay the difference.

Help keep down forest fires and you'll make more money. So will your children.

Don't toss away burning matches or tobacco. Don't make a camp fire in leaves, rotten wood, or against logs, where it may spread, or where you cannot be sure it is out.

Never leave a fire until it is out. Don't burn your slashing in the dry season without a permit.

Put out any fire you find if you can. If you can't, notify a fire warden, some other public officer, or the land owner.

Remember it's the little fire you can put out which may later become a big one.

EDISON'S HOUSE.

THOMAS EDISON has announced the perfection of his plans to build concrete dwellings at a cost of \$1,200 a piece—dwellings which, if constructed of stone or wood, would cost from \$2,500 to \$3,000.

The Spirit of the Hive

(Continued from page 1.) start another daily newspaper on Coos Bay at the present time. There are hundreds of cities in the United States from two to five times as large as the cities on Coos Bay without a second daily paper.

Why is it needed here? Pendleton, Oregon, is a city of eight thousand in a thickly settled farming community. A second daily newspaper has recently suspended there after sinking several thousand dollars of the stockholders' money.

El Paso, Texas, is a city of 25,000 population. The second evening newspaper in that place recently went bankrupt after spending more than \$40,000 of the stockholders' money.

The Seattle Morning Times, the second morning newspaper in that big and booming city suspended after more than \$100,000 were thrown away.

These are statements that can be easily and quickly verified. I merely refer to them here to prove that more promising fields have proven financial failures.

Why shouldn't Coos Bay profit by the experience of other cities. There is no need of stockholders to waste thousands of dollars or business men to contribute to the support of two daily papers.

If the Times is not the kind of a paper the people want I am perfectly willing that they should put another man in my place. I know I have not pleased all the people but I did not expect to. The son of God came on earth and tried to more than 2,000 years ago and He failed.

It is impossible to please all the people, but that is no reason why the people should throw money away in two newspapers.

If there are any business men who think there is any money to be made publishing a daily paper they can easily secure stock in this paper. It has never paid a cent of dividend and in fact it would require an assessment of 35 or 40 cents on the dollar to pay its present debts.

These debts were accumulated under its former editors and one who was present while this debt was accumulating is the man who is now trying to induce business men to put more money into another daily paper.

I am not making this plea because I fear competition, for I do not. The job I hold here as editor is not a particularly attractive one. I never worked as hard in my life for as small wages as I have on Coos Bay.

I have, it is true, been interested in working out some ideals in making a newspaper but I have been kept so busy trying to collect money to pay the bills that the ideals have had a severe jolt.

If a dozen daily papers are started on Coos Bay this paper will merely continue along the lines it has laid down. If the people reduce the amount of their contributions I will simply make a poorer newspaper.

If they withdraw their support I will only be out of a job. There are other jobs and there is always one waiting for the man who is willing to work.

I am simply trying to present a common sense view of the situation here. It is now up to the people of Coos Bay. They must use their own judgment and abide by the results of their decision.

Whatever that decision may be I am not a kicker or a knocker. The good of the whole community is paramount to the profit or privilege of any individual. That's all.

With the Toast and Tea

GOOD EVENING. The fool maintains an error with the assurance of a man who can never be mistaken; the sensible man defends a truth with the circumspection of a man who may be mistaken.

DE BRUIX. Misery still loves company, if we may judge from the gleeful manner in which it has been announced that "Los Angeles is to be a city of a million people."

In time, perhaps, balloons and airships will become so numerous in the atmosphere that life will seem like one long cloudy day to the folks remaining on the earth.

The natural span of life, according to Professor Metchnikoff, is 120 years. The discovery, however, comes too late to benefit those who "died a natural death" before reaching 60.

One California town has passed an ordinance prohibiting policemen from entering saloons. Which will doubtless have a tendency to decrease the number of applications for places on the force.

At the Alumni Dance. Said He—I sometimes feel as if I could die waltzing.

Said She—And every time I waltz with you I feel that dying would be a welcome relief.

Seventy young men in a California college have been sentenced to refrain from talking to the girls for a week. The girls will feel that punishment quite as much as the young men, or we miss our guess.

According to a Washington correspondent, Mr. Gore, the blind senator, is "led around by his wife." Perhaps more men—even those blessed with eyesight—would be successful if they would permit themselves to be led by their wives.

"With the cost of living and the price of funerals both increasing, it will be so after a while that it will be money in one's pocket not to be born."—Keokuk Gate City.

No doubt; but how, under such circumstances, is one to get at the pocket?

MAUD MULLER AGAIN. Maud Muller, one summer's day, On a bucking broncho tried to stay. But the broncho humped his after-deck, And Maud came down a frizzled wreck.

And Maud's saddest words were, "Jingo gee!" No more of your untamed nags for me.

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