

**THE WINDING ROADS AND THE STRAIGHT ROAD**

(An adapted poem.)

Where do they lead—the little roads that ramble up and down?  
They wind about the valley where the mountains lift and frown,  
With fragrant honeysuckle tangling all the swaying trees  
And rhododendron nodding in the gentle morning breeze—  
O, down the valley do they go, where all is sweet and still,  
To wind about and turn about and hide behind the hill.

They are not as the city streets; they have no clash and roar;  
But high and high above them do the songbirds wheel and soar,  
And bordering their sides are vines that spill their wealth of bloom  
Through which the sunshine spatters like a jewel in the gloom;  
Where do they go? The little roads that find the hidden ways  
As memories that ramble down through misty yesterdays.

Now there be many roads that run through sunshine and through rain,  
Broad highways that make thoroughfares across the hill and plain;  
But all the little byways—almost hidden by the leaves,  
That make a marvel-pattern of a thousand mingled weaves—  
They set us wondering of where they lead to, past the hill,  
Into the mystic shadows that are tremulously still.

They turn away from traveled roads where dust clouds rise and drift;  
They find the little hollows where the sunshine seems to sift  
Itself among the blossoms and the fabric of the vines;  
They breathe themselves all lazily between the solemn pines—  
And O, we fain would follow them, would wander on and on  
Until we knew the secret of the place where they have gone.

Where do they lead—the little roads that ramble in and out  
And know the merry music of the brooklets roundabout?  
They hail us and they call us as we journey swiftly by;  
They flash their signals to us as upon our way we fly—  
And then we fall to dreaming of a husband, peaceful way  
That was the little road we knew in some fair yesterday.

But the road that we are wanting to increase our daily joys  
Is the road that leads from Coos Bay straight away to Boise  
The road that runs by Roseburg where the rose of beauty reigns  
The road whose grade is one per cent as found by Mr. Haines  
And we know we're going to get it as sure as skies are blue  
For we have the men and money and we have the spirit too.

**BANK ROBBERS  
ONLY SEVENTEEN**

**Youths Who Tried to Rob  
Santa Clara Bank Under  
False Names.**

(By Associated Press.)  
SAN JOSE, Cal., Aug. 20.—Apparently the least concerned of all in the court, "Fred Carr" and "Joe Willits," accused of stealing \$7,000 from the Santa Clara Bank, appeared for trial before Judge Gosbey in juvenile court. Both acknowledged the names given were not their true names and offered to tell the court in confidence correct information. This privilege was granted. Both boys said their age was 17 years. On account of press of business in juvenile court, the trial was continued.

**STORM IN PITTSBURG.**

**Elements Raise Havoc With Property There.**  
(By Associated Press.)  
PITTSBURG, Aug. 20.—An electrical, wind, hail and rain storm did severe damage here today by breaking windows and flooding cellars. A number of persons were injured in runaways. Wire communication suffered and traffic was blocked.

**TO DIVORCE DAVENPORT.**

**Wife of Noted Cartoonist Files Suit.**  
(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Mrs. Daisy B. Davenport, wife of Homer Davenport, the cartoonist, is suing for separation. She charges abandonment. Davenport is reported to have taken his blooded Arabian horses from the family home at Morris Plains, N. J., to his new country home at Goshen, N. Y. This occurred in May, when, it is said, Davenport, aided by his servants, made a daylight raid upon the animals at Morris Plains and removed them to protests.

**MAY STRIKE IN CHICAGO.**

**Street Car Men Reject Proposed Wage Scale.**  
(By Associated Press.)  
CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—Rejection by the Street Car Men's Union of the proposed wage scale last night, offered by President Roach of the Chicago Railways Company, has reopened the controversy and a strike of the street car men is again possible. An amicable settlement of the dispute, however, is still hoped for.

**BUTTER Crocks at MILNER'S,  
"CASTLEWOOD" at the P. K.**

**COLLISION IN  
AIR AVOIDED**

**Glen H. Curtis, American Aviator,  
Adds Dramatic Feature  
to Exhibition in France.**

(By Associated Press.)  
RHEIMS, France, Aug. 20.—The American aviator, Glenn H. Curtis, added a dramatic feature to aerial flights in aeroplanes. Three machines were flying simultaneously when Curtis suddenly discovered that Aviator Dumanset was approaching the same level with him and realizing the danger of a collision in the air elevated his plane. His machine responded instantly and shot upward, soaring safely over the Frenchman's machine. The spectators witnessing the flight applauded wildly.

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**LOCAL PEOPLE  
LOSE CLAIMS**

**Government Declares Coos  
County Entries Were to Se-  
cure the Timber.**

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 20. — A decision involving timber lands valued at close to half a million was received at the office of the national forest service from the land office at Washington. It will give back to the government eight claims of 160 acres each, valued at \$40,000 or more apiece, as well as setting a precedent for a number of other cases involving land valued fully as high as the claims concerned in this decision.

The land involved in the present decision is situated in Coos county and was located under the coal land laws. Falling in their endeavor to find coal, the entrants attempted to hold the claims for the timber on the property, but, according to the decision just handed down by the land office, must give up all claim thereto.

Decision was first handed down by the local office of the forest service some months ago, which was practically the same as the one coming from the chief office. The claims were located in 1906 in the Siskiyou national forest reserve and have been in the hands of the persons who filed ever since. They must give up claim to them at once, however.

When the applications for receipts came to the office of the forest service they were granted to Augusta Anderson and Cecil C. Carter, two of the claimants, but after these none were given out. Investigation was then made by the forest service and it was found that there was no real bed of workable coal but that it was a mere formation of shale that on the surface shone and looked like coal, it will not burn, however.

**Coal Not Valuable.**  
When this information came to the department, proceedings were instituted and charges were filed against the claimants. The charges were that the coal vein discovered was not workable and that the land is not coal land, that the claimant did not make application in good faith for a coal claim, but for speculative purposes to dispose of the valuable timber thereon, and that the land was chiefly valuable for its timber. The decision of the local office was handed down November 9, 1908, and was recently affirmed by the general land office.

The claims disputed were filed on by Samuel D. Pulford of Myrtle Point, James H. Flanagan of Marshfield, Cecil C. Carter of Myrtle Point, Herbert Lockhart of Marshfield, Louise C. Lockhart of Marshfield, Ala E. Carter of Myrtle Point, August E. Anderson and G. W. Anderson of Myrtle Point. The claims had nearly 20,000,000 feet of the finest timber on them. A number of nearby claims are also being disputed by the forest service and will come up for decision soon. This establishes a precedent and it is expected that a like decision will be rendered from the office in the other cases.

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