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FOREST FIRE LAW.

THE TIMES prints in this issue a digest of the new Forest Fire law for this state as enacted by the last legislature. This is published for the benefit of the Coos county public. This law is of much importance to Coos county with its billions of feet of standing timber. Coos county has been fortunate in escaping disastrous fires. This happy experience is due in a large measure to the excellent protection and precautionary measures of the Coos County Fire Patrol association. It is only justice, however, that every resident of Coos county should lend some support to this work of protecting the source of supply of our greatest industry. One good way is for everyone to read this law carefully and familiarize himself with its provisions to the end that greater care may be exercised in conserving this splendid resource.

SOCIALISTS TO THE FRONT.

THE results of two recent municipal elections in the widely separated cities of Butte, Montana, and Berkeley, California, are significant. These two cities represent two widely divergent classes of citizens, one the rough and ready miner the other the scholarly element always to be found in a university town. Yet in both instances the Socialists gained complete supremacy. It is a most significant fact and may not be under-estimated by the people who pretend to see civic annihilation in the success of that party in this country. It means something when a community, to rid itself of a group of Democrats, or Republicans, which has robbed and wronged it, turns for safety and comfort to the untired and inexperienced people whose best function seems to be the conceiving and framing of laws for others to follow to advantage and success. The rise of the Socialist in America has been very slow, yet there has been a sureness about it, even in the abstract, that tells of the influence they are swinging and the positive effects they are achieving in the minor councils of the nation. The law of growth, the rule of adoption and the yearning for better things, are inevitably forcing the Socialist to the front and the leverage of his plausible theories of government, if not their logic, will keep him there by just such movements as that of Butte and Berkeley. We who are using the cardinal political provisions of the Socialist propaganda, such as the Australian ballot, the Initiative, the Referendum, the Recall, the rule of Proportional Representation, etc., etc., can ill afford to contest his right to enter the field of politics or deny his theoretical claim to everything in sight, however much we may rightfully question his practicality and experience. The days are not far apart now when we are reminded of his presence and prestige, and there is but one way of defeating his subsequent promiscuity in the governmental scheme, and that is to take over his clean and just and balanced weapons, as we have done in the past, give them new names, and apply them ourselves, in the interest of our parties, before he shall make the crowning coup of his career and Socialize America. We are not ready for him yet, by beat.

about 100 years; but his is a beautiful and ardent independence; he will not stay out, nor down, and we had best be on our guard and supercede him if we can. Ill-logical as the whole idea may be, by drawing the adverse inference from the Butte and Berkeley elections and applying it widely and successfully.

OBSERVATIONS.

DRAWBACKS.

There is no rose
Without its cruel thorn.
No pleasure glows
Without some grief to fill us,
In words of bliss
There still lurks tones of scorn—
In every kiss
Hides some dogged bacillus!

Our own confidential weather tip:
Lots of housecleaning will be done this week.

The Coos county hen is making some fine records this year in the matter of laying eggs and big eggs at that. This valuable bird is one of the most dependable things in the country, and when she tries to exert herself she invariably makes good, and beats a good many people to it.

They say that no one is too old to learn and it now appears that no one is too old to be sued for breach of promise. A venerable wooer of 64 in Eugene, Ore., has been sued by a spinster of 50 for \$3,000 to cover the damages to her affection. As such things go this may be rather a low value for a broken heart, but at three score years the appropriation for romantic expenses is generally put at a small figure.

A Nevada criminal, recently convicted of murder, had a rusty needle taken out of his brain, which, his physicians say, caused him Jacksonian epilepsy, and was no doubt responsible for his crime. May it not be possible that all criminals tendencies may some day be surgically treated? Imagine a hospital full of homicidal-maniacs, pyro-maniacs, kleptomaniacs, not to mention money-maniacs, waiting their turn to go under the knife. The millennium would surely be upon us if such a thing should come to pass. Who knows?

When you ask a man to subscribe for your paper and he says: "Oh, I never read much, and besides; times are too plagued hard," for God's sake apologize and leave him. Life is too short to teach a jackass to sing soprano. All gentlemen nowadays read newspapers and lots of them. Show us a man who lives for years in a town or community and never subscribes for the paper published there and we will show you a man whose head is shaped like a piece of pie, with the point, up and whose ignorance is exceeded only by his gigantic gall.

She laid the still, white form beside those that had gone before; no sob, no sigh forced its way from her heart, throbbing as though it would break. Suddenly a cry broke the still-riding shriek; then silence; another cry; more silence; then all silent save but a guttural murmur, which seemed to well up from her very soul. She left the place. She would lay another egg tomorrow.

IDLE TEARS.

His are transient, woes are fitting, soon they'll all be with the past. It's by tending to his knitting that a man wins out at last. Statesmen kick up fuss and flurry, viewing daily with alarm; not a minute do I worry; I am busy on my farm. I am planting bottled potatoes, boneless beans and things like those; I am sowing stewed tomatoes, and I haven't time for woes. I am working, striving daily, treating fair my fellow man, and the old world treats me gaily, for I do the best I can. Let the statesmen paw and thunder, in their ancient, foolish way, till the welkin's torn sunder—I will do my chores today. If you think that you are toting burdens that you should not bear, you won't get relief by voting—that won't lessen your despair. Read the story of the ages, written through the unfolding years, and you'll find the statesmen's wages always wet with tollers' tears. When have noisy statesmen aided in the drying of men's woes? All they've ever done is faded save their promise and lies. He who looks to legislation for a solace when distressed, but invites new aggravation. Plant potatoes—that is WALT MASON.

TROUBLES OF FARMING.

Andrew Hongell, in from his ranch on Catching Inlet, says there's nothing in farming any more. He entertained the passengers on the "Rita" this morning with accounts of how the farmer plants potatoes, how his hogs root out and consume the "spuds"; how the beaver catch and devour the hogs, how the farmer pursues the bear with his trusty flint-lock, gets tangled up in a wire fence, falls atwart the muzzle of the gun just at the moment when some bramble or twig unfeelingly pulls the trigger. Then it is all off," says Andrew. "There is nothing in it for that farmer."

LOUIS HILL COMING.

ROSEBURG, Ore., April 26.—According to advices received at Roseburg Louis Hill, the great railway magnate, has his eye on Roseburg. In a letter to the commercial club the gentleman says he will try and be in this city during the Strawberry Festival in May.

FIRE IN ROSEBURG.

Mercy Hospital Sustains \$3,000 Loss.

ROSEBURG, Ore., April 26.—A disastrous conflagration which might have resulted in the death of a number of persons had it not been for the heroic efforts of the Sisters of Mercy and their employes, occurred shortly before noon Monday, when Mercy hospital, a Catholic institution under control of the Sisters of Mercy and located in West Roseburg, was partially destroyed by fire.

The hospital was built two years ago and cost about \$12,000, exclusive of the heating plant and furnishings which represent a total value of approximately \$14,000. It is conservatively estimated that damage to the building and equipment will aggregate no less than \$3,000, which is fully covered by insurance. Among the twenty-two patients carried out of the building was Mrs. Ed. Riddle of Riddle, who had just undergone a severe operation. It was fortunate, however, that she was still under the influence of an anesthetic. Donald Denning, little son of Mrs. C. J. Denning, had also just been operated on, but was removed without difficulty.

BURNED TIMBER GOOD.

Government Forest Service Men Make Investigation.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 26.—Studies in the life of trees burned in Oregon and Washington forests, conducted by J. B. Knapp, engineer of the local office of the forest service, make important revelations which timber and lumber men are receiving with more than usual interest. Mr. Knapp finds some Douglas fir is fit to be manufactured into good commercial lumber 18 to 20 years after being killed by forest fires. Again, the commercial life of other sizes and ages of Douglas fir after a burn is limited to eight to 10 years.

Old fir, when killed by fire and left standing, is the class that is good for 18 to 20 years, when climatic conditions are ordinary. Young fir, not to exceed three feet in diameter, and when killed by what is termed a crown fire, has the shortest period of soundness after being killed, but is not cut off, with less than eight years.

Mr. Knapp's studies also reveal that burned trees standing or lying in a cool, moist place have much greater life than where in a dry district, which is contrary to many of the accepted canons of tree life. If a tree is down and is in a cool, moist spot, it is found to last about as well if not better than when standing. Red cedar, the marvel of local woods for endurance against elemental inroads, has been cut and found in perfect condition 50 years after life in the tree had been destroyed by fire.

JOINT PRAYER SERVICE.

The pastor of the Baptist church has invited the congregation and pastor of the Methodist church to the mid-week service to be held tomorrow evening in the Baptist church. Rev. H. L. Rutledge will lead the services.

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