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MILITARY RESERVE FOR PARK.

THE SUGGESTION of a special road committee, the members of which recently made a trip to Charleston Bay, that the Coos Bay people make an effort to secure a large tract of land somewhere along the ocean beach and improve it as a park, has caused a good deal of favorable comment. It is the opinion of many that now is the time to secure park sites before the community is settled up and land becomes too expensive to procure.

There is a way in which perhaps this park plan can be carried out and without any very great expenditure of money. The United States government holds at the entrance to the harbor a military reserve. On the north side the sand spit is all military reserve. This however, would not be of any use for park purposes but that on the south side at Coos Head would be ideal. Tacoma has a fine public grounds which is known as Point Defiance Park. The land on which this park is located was given to the city for park purposes by the government, the only condition being that the place be relinquished to the government in case of war or if suddenly needed for military purposes. Doubtless the government, if the matter was made clear to the war department, would be willing to let the Coos Bay cities take up the Coos Head military reserve under similar conditions. It would at least be worth trying, for the reason that it would make an ideal park. In this tract there are about 240 acres including Coos Head with its beautiful view, the rocky coast line with its reefs and caves and the timbered hills. Paths and trails extend through the timber and with a little work and improvement it could be made a beautiful place. Then almost adjoining and a little to the south there is another piece of military reserve comprising about thirty-five acres and taking in the beautiful beach known as Long Beach. With these two tracts of land there could be made a park of about 275 acres which would afford sand beach, woods, hills, caves and views unequalled. Another advantage of this plan would be the fact that if the cities or community should take over government reserve for park purposes they will secure a good deal of government aid in the way of improving the place and the roads which lead to it. If it is desired to make a larger park some of the adjoining land could be purchased. The government land would cost nothing for the original outlay and what money was raised for the purpose could all be put into improvements. It is of course not certain that this reserve could be secured for this purpose but it is not at all unlikely that the plan could be carried out here as elsewhere.

SUGGESTS GOOD ROADS

ENGINEER HOEY of the Southern Pacific who has charge of the construction work of the company in Oregon, did not leave the city without advising that this community make good roads. Mr. Hoey is a man of extensive experience and knowledge of conditions in Oregon and realizes the importance of having good roads. He suggests that the community is losing a good deal in the way of auto tourist travel because there is not at least one good road for machines. He calls attention to the fact that making good roads that can be travelled by autos is one of the most important steps in the development of a community. Suggestions from a man of Mr. Hoey's profession and experience are worthy of consideration.

CHANCE FOR DAIRYMAN

FOR THE purpose of furthering the development of the dairy business in Oregon and the Northwest there is to be held at the North Portland stock yards Nov. 18 to 23 the Pacific International Dairy Show. Dairy live stock is to be exhibited as well as the products of the dairymen. This show offers Coos county a fine opportunity to advertise her dairy resources. Coos stands second in the counties of the state in dairy products and her butter and cheese are unexcelled. The butter has taken first prize at the state fair for the past two years. The advantage that this county offers to dairymen who want to settle on the coast should be made known by all means of advertising and the fairs and exhibitions are one of the best advertisers. The dairymen of Coos county receive annually \$500,000 for their milk which is manufactured into cheese and butter and there is room for ten times as many dairymen if the available land was used for the purpose. An opportunity to let the country know of these facts should never be passed.

Local county and district fairs will be held in seventy-five of the cities and towns of the northwest this fall. For the first time in many years Coos is in the list as holding a county fair. It will be given under the auspices of the Coos and Curry County Fair Association October 25 to 28 at Myrtle Point where the association has erected buildings and made a first class fair ground. If the farmers take sufficient interest in the occasion there can be as fine a lot of exhibits shown as is possible in any county of the state. To many who reside in the cities a showing of live stock, fruit, vegetables, grains and other agricultural products of the county would be a revelation. The county fair is a first class advertisement on the outside and an education to the local people as to just what really can be raised here.

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THE MOOSE

SOME political opponent of Roosevelt has dug up an old description of the bull moose made by the Colonel himself some years ago. It appears in Roosevelt's book "The Wilderness Hunter," and is as follows: "Another noticeable characteristic of the Bull Moose is his inordinate and unchangeable selfishness. Whether roaming the woods in solitude, or tearing up the earth, or coming headlong to the call, he is thinking, first, last and all the time of the safety of his own skin and the fullness of his own stomach. There are people, especially among the Taft supporters, who think the description also fits the political species of the moose."

THE DEATH PENALTY

OREGON will vote in November on a proposal to abolish capital punishment. The proposition is coupled with another limiting the constitutional power of the governor to pardon persons convicted of murder and given life sentences, to those cases in which the pardon or commutation is recommended by the judge before whom the case was tried or his successor. This will safeguard the people to a degree, but it would be much better were the pardon of murderers made impossible. If such a provision were offered doubtless opposition to abolishment of the death penalty would disappear. There are indications that laxity in the administration of the penal code through the indeterminate sentence and parole laws may be checked; in Pennsylvania the indeterminate sentence law has been declared unconstitutional; in Iowa, the parole board has definitely gone on record against the policy of paroling life prisoners, despite the vigorous effort along that line which, at one time, seemed about to be successful. But as a general proposition the tendency toward leniency has been so marked that the people have not been prepared to abandon the death penalty for all murderers. The promoters of the movement in Oregon to abolish capital punishment, in addition to offering the provision limiting the pardoning power of the governor also propose to make the new law inoperative as to those doomed before its passage, the theory being that this will reduce the opposition to the measure. It would seem that if there are valid reasons for the change of policy they must be retroactive whether the law is or not.

FACTS ABOUT OREGON

THE OREGON Calendar, the book which is to be issued at the expense of the state, it is claimed, will be the most complete and accurate statement of Oregon facts that has ever been published. The cost will be met by the \$25,000 special appropriation made by the state legislature and it is being prepared jointly by C. C. Chapman, immigration agent, the state board of immigration and the statistical bureau of the Oregon Agricultural College. Coos county is to be represented along with the other districts of the state. Plain facts and actual agricultural experiences of the farmers will be given. Such a publication will be of vast value to prospective settlers as it will tell matters just exactly as they are and people may know what to expect in the locality in which they intend settling. The book will bear the seal of the state insuring its reliability.

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

THE COBBLER

I paused before the cobbler's door, and cried: "Oh, man of shoes, we are down-trodden more and more, till good men have the blues! The special interests have got the nation by the throat, so leave your wax and all that rot, and come with me and vote! Now every cherished bulwark busts, and Freedom's bird's an owl! We're robbed and riddled by the trusts, so come with me and howl! The sacred boon of liberty has perished in the storm, so leave your work and come with me, and rant and yell 'Reform!' Oh, cobbler, leave your sordid bench and help me paint things red, and bring along a monkey-wrench to cave in some one's head!" The cobbler stitched and pegged along, and answered: "By the powers! I work, and I see nothing wrong with this fair land of ours! You see the country's on the skids; I say that it is fine; you ought to see my wife and kids, and that new home of mine! I am as happy as a clam when clams are at their best, and as I work I sing a psalm, and chortle when I rest. My trade increases day by day because I do things well, I'm out of debt, and I'm as gay as any marriage bell. And while I've health I'll here be found to work and pay my bills; let idle soreheads rant around about the nation's ills!" Such men as this, who do not care for sordid things, have brought this nation to despair and wrecked its hopes, by jings!

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THE WEALTHY MAN.

The man who struggles through this life with only friends, and kids and wife, and never gets Dame Fortune's glance needs no one's pity. He toils along throughout each day and never gets into the way of those who by some freak chance rule o'er our city. When to his humble home he goes, he finds a place to take repose and laugh and talk about the things in which lies duty. He has a place to rest his head, finds comfort in his cornhusk bed, and never grumbles at the springs. He sees their beauty. His good wife meets him at his door. He steps o'er kiddies on the floor and stops and gives each one a kiss. He loves them only. He does not see much of the world nor of its brazen things unfurled. He revels in domestic bliss and is not lonely. He is not like his wealthy friend who keeps the golden coin to lend, and worries o'er the price of stocks from night till morning. He has no breach of promise suit and never hears the Syrens' lutes, and so he never hits the rocks without forewarning. When ev'ry thing is said and done, the man who toils secures the bun, and lives a life of joy and peace. He's always healthy. He has his friends, and wife, and boys. He's happy when he hears their noise. He homes their prattle will ne'er cease. In fact, he's wealthy. BOB STANLEY.

FEMININE PHILOSOPHY

A woman's way is the world's way. A philosopher is a man who loves none but himself. When he falls in love with a woman he ceases to be a philosopher. In talking metaphysics to a woman do not be surprised or offended if she asks you what is the sign when you dream of teeth. After a woman reaches a "certain age" without having found a mate she begins to wish that she could be a widow without getting married. Young man, do not be alarmed if you find her cold and distant when you pay an unexpected visit. She may have been eating onions.

MIDSUMMER MADNESS

We have a cozy little home, where wealth's in evidence, and life therein would be a pome if we had any sense. All modern comforts are on deck, the doors with screens supplied, and any fly would break its neck before it got inside. The bath room has its water hot and also water cold; and every comfort's in our cot that can be bought with gold. But, tired of urban neighborhoods, we've made our plans to go and spend a fortnight in the woods, which means two weeks of woe. The flies will eat us up alive—no screens are there to check—and every bee will leave its hive to sting us on the neck. And ants will crawl beneath our clothes and chew our person raw; and we shall lie down for repose on sacks of moldy straw. We'll bathe in dark and muddy pools, all slimy, dank and warm. I wonder why we are such fools, and why we don't reform? And two weeks hence we'll seek our shacks, like drowned, bedraggled rats, with painful blisters up the back and bunions on our slats. I wonder why we live in tents, and suffer there, parboiled? I wonder why we have no sense, and why our brains are spoiled? WALT MASON

A NOTRE DAME LADY'S APPEAL.

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GOODRUM HAS GREAT TRIPS

MARSHFIELD MAN WRITES OF EXPERIENCE IN DRIVING HIS CADILLAC OVER CALIFORNIA ROADS.

E. W. Steele, in charge of George Goodrum's garage, has just received a letter from George Goodrum, who is touring California, that will be of interest to Mr. Goodrum's many friends and especially to auto owners and prospective auto owners. Mr. Goodrum in writing from Wawona, Mariposa county, California, under date of August 19, says: "I have driven over some bad and steep roads but the one here is just a little ahead of them all. From Jadera, a distance of 41 miles it is from 8 to 25 per cent grades and believe me, they are some rocky and dusty, but our Cadillac auto took it like a dream. As yet I have not had one minute's trouble and I am putting her through. I am going to find out for myself what there is in the name Cadillac. I am going to drive 115 miles tomorrow over the steepest and roughest roads in California and it is from here to Merced. Very few machines ever go over this road but as I am looking for the hardest to give her a test I am going to make the trip. I am homeward bound but cannot say just when I will reach there. In a letter from Los Angeles under date of August 11, Mr. Goodrum said: "Certainly having some trip. As yet I have not had one thing go wrong, not even a puncture and I have driven our Cadillac 1200 miles. Was down in Mexico and saw a bull fight. I am going to leave tomorrow for Los Angeles then northward after a thorough investigation of Los Angeles. Am having lots of fun driving on these good roads. I made 295 miles one day without feeling tired. I drove from Los Angeles to San Diego, a distance of 155 miles in five hours. Now I think that is going some. Don Lee has sold 175-1913 Cadillacs in Los Angeles without even knowing the specifications. The San Diego agent told me this morning that he had orders for 30 and expected to sell his limit before he even got a demonstrator. The Cadillac certainly set a pace in the auto world in 1911 and 1912 and 1913 they are farther ahead than ever. I have always been a Cadillac booster but since making the trip here I can speak from experience. I have passed cars on top of cars with all kinds of trouble. Some

HEARD ON THE STREETS

"I feel sorry for the person who laments that the world owes him a living and that the world ought to bring it to him on a silver platter," said a Marshfield man to-day. "Some people are continually whining about the living that the world owes them. I never saw one of these persons that was over anxious to work and very few of them can hold a job. They are the sort that are always looking for a snap where they won't have to do anything but draw their breath and their salary. A good many of them spend a large share of their time telling the bar-keeper what an unjust world this is and what they would do if they were running things. They know how everything ought to be run, from a newspaper to a bank, but they can't run their own affairs well enough so they have money enough to get a hair cut. But so far as I have been able to discover, the old world is paying up her debts promptly. In cannot make hills on account of getting too hot. The 13 car is going to have an aluminum body so it will not be as heavy as the '12."

OCEAN DEPTHS.

Atlantic Is From Two to Four Miles Deep in Many Places. NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—It has been officially stated that the depth of the ocean at the place where the Titanic sank was something over 10,000 feet, or approximately two miles. The place where the ill-fated ship went down was not by any means the deepest in the Atlantic. The greatest depth in the North Atlantic is supposed to be the depression about a hundred miles to the north of St. Thomas, where the soundings indicate 3875 fathoms, or about four and one-third miles. The floor of the basin proper of the Atlantic, at its widest part, lies at a depth of from 2000 to 3000 fathoms, while the "plateau" is found to be on an average not more than 2000 fathoms. It was on the plateau, therefore, rather than in the basin, that the great White Star liner found her grave. Some Coos Bay men marry because it is cheaper to keep a wife than a housekeeper. And some Coos Bay women marry just to show the other girl. It requires considerable courage for a man to come home half intoxicated. A full jag defies anything.

nine cases out of ten the fellow who is continually howling about the living that the world owes him is too lazy to go after it. He wants me and give it to him. The world owes me a living, and I am getting it, but I have to go after it and work for it. If we all waited for some one to bring us the living that the world owes us there would be no Rockefellers, no Morgans, no bank presidents, no railroad magnates, no manufacturers, no coal mines, no nam sandwiches and no job. We are continually waiting for the living those conditions the man who has a tough time pulling the bar-keeper's leg for a boot of suds."

"I every one would determine to do one kind act to some person every day and not be satisfied until he had done it, we wouldn't have to bother about Little Talk on the millennium," said Honesty D. A. Jones. "The trouble is that we get so accustomed to having someone kick our dog around we do not hesitate to kick the other fellow's dog when we get a chance. We imagine it is the only way we can get even with the world. If we get a counter-felt dime we begin to make a mental list of the people we can pass it on without getting caught. There is too much counterfeit honesty in this world. I do not want to be mistaken as saying to whole world is dishonest, but there is too much of the brand of honesty that stays honest because it is afraid of getting caught if anything dishonest is done. In other words there are people who are honest because they have to be, not because they want to be. It takes some effort to be honest when your neighbor's brother is hanging around your barn. Another brand of counterfeit honesty is the kind that brings out only the good points on a business proposition where the bad ones outnumber the good ones."

NOTICE.

The water will be shut off at all points in North Bend between the hours of one and four o'clock p. m. Sunday, August 25, 1912, for the purpose of making a new connection on the main line at Marshfield. Coos Bay Water Company.



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