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TAX THE TIMBER LANDS.

With timber lands worth from \$20 to \$40 per acre, what valuation should they be rated by the assessor. This is the question that is not only puzzling the assessors of the state but is causing much agitation among the large owners of timber lands...

Two years ago the timber land of Clatsop county was assessed as high as \$7.50 an acre, but the board of equalization trimmed it down to about \$4, which has been the maximum for some years...

It will readily be admitted that there is no justice or reason in assessing fine timber claims worth from \$20 to \$40 an acre at from \$1.50 to \$4. The owners of these lands are gaining wealth by simply letting their timber stand while its value mounts up...

After the valuable timber has been logged off then the values will fall flat, and owners will not want to pay on a valuation of more than \$1 per acre. They should be made to pay their just share of the burden while the land is still valuable...

Said check or cash to be forfeited to the county of Clatsop, state of Oregon, if after an award is made or bid is accepted said bidder fails or refuses for a period of two days to enter into contract and file a bond as may be required by the county court aforesaid.

Payments for said bridge to be made by warrants drawn on a special fund created by the county court of Clatsop county, Oregon, at their regular term in January, 1903, same being a levy of 1-2 mills on the dollar for a term of four years. Bids to be sealed and marked 'Proposals for Draw Bridge across the Lewis and Clark River,' and filed in the office of the county clerk.

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made by The Hague Tribunal, it is not difficult to foresee trouble. The Monroe doctrine will be abandoned or the United States will maintain a very considerable navy in South American waters.

We read of the terrible loss of life and property by overflow of rivers in China and ascribe these calamities to the ignorance of the barbarians, but with all our greater advancement we have not yet learned to tame the Mississippi or to protect our people dwelling along its banks.

By way of consoling the people of Finland for the loss of their liberties the Russians propose to give them a closer railway communication with St. Petersburg, but the Finns will doubtless take notice that the road will also give them a quicker route to Siberia.

Sir Thomas says there is no doubt about his lifting the cup this time. One of Sir Thomas' best traits is his ability to accept disappointment gracefully no matter how sanguine his hopes may have been.

In the year before the Civil war the total expenses of the government for all purposes were not one-half what the postoffice will use next year. These things are important and impressive.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

Itching piles? Never mind if physicians have failed to cure you. Try Doan's Ointment. No failure there. 50c per bottle. For sale by Charles Rogers, druggist.

Bridge Proposals

Notice is hereby given that plans, specifications, strain diagrams and bids will be received by the county court of Clatsop county, state of Oregon, until 5 p. m., Tuesday, May 5th, 1903, for the building, construction and erection of a drawbridge across the Lewis and Clark river in Clatsop county, Oregon, according to such plans, specifications and diagrams.

Location of bridge is shown on maps now on file in the county clerk's office as approved by the Hon. Secretary of War.

Bridge to be a steel swinging draw bridge with a clear space of 70 feet on each side of the draw rest. As is also directed by the Hon. Secretary of War.

Approaches to be pile trestle with a 16 foot clear road or driveway. Bidders shall attach to their bid a certified check equal to 10 percent of the same and check made payable to the order of the county clerk or may deposit the amount in cash at time of filing his or their bid.

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The county court, however, reserves the right to reject any or all bids. By order of the County Clerk. J. C. Clinton, Clerk.

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STEEL CORPORATION'S STUPENDOUS FIGURES.

New York, April 8.—The first annual report to the stockholders of the United States Steel corporation for the year ending December 31, 1902, has just been issued. The income account for the year shows total net earnings of all properties, after deducting expenditures for repairs and maintenance, also interest on bonds for the subsidiary companies of \$133,208,744, less sinking funds on bonds of subsidiary companies, \$624,064; depreciation and extinguishment funds, \$4,834,710; extraordinary replacement funds, \$9,315,615; special funds for depreciation and improvements, \$10,000,000; total, \$24,774,289; balance of net earnings for the year \$108,534,374; interest on United States steel corporation bonds for the year, \$15,187,820; sinking fund of United States Steel corporation bonds for the year, \$3,940,000; total, \$18,227,820; balance \$90,306,554; dividends seven percent preferred stock, \$35,720,177; common, four percent, \$20,222,699; total, \$54,942,876, leaving undivided profits or surplus for the year, \$35,363,678. Previous surplus, \$43,829,940; total surplus, December 31, \$79,193,618, which includes the capital surplus of \$25,000,000 provided at date of organization. The physical condition of the properties has been fully maintained during this year, the cost of which has been changed to current expenses, and the amount expended by all properties for maintenance, renewals and extraordinary replacements aggregated \$28,157,011.

The average number of all employees in the service of all property during the entire year was 168,127, receiving for salaries and wages \$120,328,343. The total number of stockholders in March, 1903, was 38,629, an increase of 15,810. This does not include the subscription for preferred stock by the 23,378 employees, who were granted the opportunity to participate in the profits of the organization and through the purchase of preferred stock of the organization.

ANTI-BARTONISTS SUSPENDED.

New York, April 8.—Walter G. Phillips, a member of Clara Barton's inner board of control of the Red Cross society, has issued an announcement that the executive council of the society has suspended from the membership what is known as the Washington "minority," or those members who have been trying to oust Miss Barton from the presidency.

This formal note was sent to each of the disciplined members: "You are hereby notified that at a meeting of the executive committee of the Red Cross held in New York April 6, you were by vote of the executive committee, suspended from membership and all privileges of a member, the charges against you being: First—That you have attempted to disrupt the organization. Second—That in a certain memorial sent to congress and known as house document No. 246, Fifty-seventh congress, second session, you have assumed an attitude unbecoming a member of the organization.

"Among Miss Barton's supporters are such men as William T. Wardell, who was chairman of the New York Red Cross society during the Spanish-American war, and who has since established the Red Cross hospital in this city.

"It is now proposed that the society shall take up the work of extending the organization throughout the entire country, as contemplated some months ago by Miss Barton and outlined in her report at the last annual meeting."

CHICAGO GRAIN FLEET MOVES.

Chicago, April 8.—Before the close of the week the 2,000,000 bushels of grain that have been tied up in the river for the last two weeks will be shipped to Buffalo and eastern ports. The vessel owners have secured non-union firemen to take the places of the strikers and expect to send on five boats today.

The departure of the grain fleet will save its owners from \$200,000 to \$300,000. Most of it was under contract and should have been delivered three days ago. Its owners attempted to get permission from the strikers to move it last week and were refused. News of the refusal angered the carriers and non-union men were immediately hired.

EMPEROR TO VISIT PARIS.

London, April 8.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Copenhagen telegraphs the statement that the German emperor before his departure for Copenhagen on learning that Princess Marie of Denmark, formerly Princess Marie of Orleans, intended to visit Paris, said: "We shall meet there." The correspondent adds that he has other good reasons or believing that Emperor William intends visiting Paris.

ANOTHER NEW JERSEY CONCERN.

Chicago, April 8.—A dispatch to the Tribune from New York says: A certificate of incorporation for the United States Biscuit company has been filed in Trenton, N. J., with a capital of \$4,500,000. The new concern promises to be a powerful competitor of the National Biscuit company.

The financial powers behind the new company are not disclosed, but it is understood they are millionaire Chicago capitalists. It is regarded in Wall street that the new company will be operated as an adjunct of the beef combination, with Armour interests in

Rheumatism "THE PAIN KING."

Those who have ever felt its keen, cutting pains, or witnessed the intense suffering of others, know that Rheumatism is torture, and that it is rightly called "The Pain King."

All do not suffer alike. Some are suddenly seized with the most excruciating pains, and it seems every muscle and joint in the body was being torn asunder. Others feel only occasional slight pains for weeks or months, when a sudden change in the weather or exposure to damp, chilly winds or night air brings on a fierce attack, lasting for days perhaps, and leaving the patient with a weakened constitution or crippled and deformed for all time.

An acid, polluted condition of the blood is the cause of every form and variety of Rheumatism, Muscular, Articular, Acute, Chronic, Inflammatory and Sciatic, and the blood must be purged and purified before there is an end to your aches and pains. External applications, the use of liniments and plasters, do not afford temporary relief, but such treatments do not reach the real cause or cleanse the diseased blood; but S. S. S., the greatest of all blood purifiers and tonics, does cure Rheumatism by antidoting and neutralizing the poisonous acids and building up the weak and sluggish blood. It is safe and reliable in all forms of Rheumatism. It makes the old acid blood rich, and the pain-tortured muscles and joints are relieved, the shattered nerves are made strong, and the entire system is invigorated and toned up by the use of this great vegetable remedy.

If you have Rheumatism, write us, and our physicians will furnish without charge any information desired, and we will mail free our book on Rheumatism.

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control. The capital of \$1,500,000 is divided into \$1,500,000 seven percent cumulative and \$2,000,000 common stock.

CUNARD LINE REMAINS BRITISH.

Chicago, April 8.—A dispatch to the Inter-Ocean from London says: At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Cunard Steamship company yesterday Lord Inverclyde, the chairman, said the essence of the agreement with the government was that the company would remain purely British as to shareholders, board officials and employees, management, and control—in fact in every respect.

The chairman says the directors had not yet placed the contract for the construction of the proposed new 25-knot steamships, as they desired to give the utmost consideration to every point before placing the orders.

TRAGEDY AVERTED.

"Just in the nick of time our little boy was saved," writes Mrs. W. Watkins of Pleasant City, O. "Pneumonia had played and havoc with him and a terrible cough set in besides. Doctors treated him, but he grew worse every day. At length we tried Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption and our darling was saved. He's now sound and well." Everybody ought to know, it's the only sure cure for coughs, colds and lung diseases. Guaranteed by Charles Rogers, druggist. Price 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free.

"Little Colds." Thousands of lives sacrificed every year. Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup cures little colds, cures big colds too, down to the very verge of consumption. For sale by Charles Rogers, druggist.

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U. S. Engineer office, Portland, Ore., March 25, 1903. Sealed proposals will be received here for extension of jetty at mouth of Columbia river, Ore., and Wash., until 11 a. m., April 30, 1903, and then publicly opened. Information on application. W. C. Langfitt, Capt. Engrs.

Office of C. Q. M., Vancouver Barracks, Wash., March 16, 1903.—Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received here until 11 o'clock, a. m., April 16, 1903, for clearing ground at Fort Stevens, Oregon. Information furnished here or by quartermaster at post. U. S. reserves the right to reject or accept any or all proposals or any part thereof. Envelopes containing proposals should be marked: "Proposals for clearing ground at Fort Stevens, Oregon," addressed F. H. Hathaway, C. Q. M.

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