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BAKER CITY'S WOES.

The Baker City Democrat's story of the anti-lawless movement started in Baker City does not give the same coloring to the proceedings as the Herald of the same city, though the Democrat's account has a touch of easy day romance that is interesting to those less acquainted with the modern Dick Turpin's methods.

Speaking of the court-house meeting the Democrat says about 100 persons gathered at the sheriff's office and continued.

"There was no ranting or excitement in the meeting and no effort was made or any talk had of interfering with the present saloon arrangements in the city. On the other hand the meeting unanimously applauded the offer of the local members of the local saloon and gambling fraternities to form themselves into information bureaus and advise the police department of the presence in the city of undesirable characters. The association will act as a committee of one and will receive authority from the police department and sheriff's office to act as volunteers in this matter."

H. B. Miller, a citizen of Oregon now doing consular service for the government at Newchwang, Manchuria, informs the state department that the first shipment of lumber has been received for the Chinese Eastern railway and it came from Siberia. Commenting on this fact Consul Miller says: "I am

not advised as to the extent of the mills and forests of Siberia, and am not prepared to say to what extent this new timber supply will cut into the Chinese market for American lumber, but I have been informed in a general way that the possibilities of development of the lumber industry in Siberia adjacent to the Pacific and on the island of Sakhalin, are considerable. In a large contract for lumber for Dainy that was recently let, the American firms were beaten by Russian firms supplying the lumber from Siberia."

Consul Miller goes on to say that Russia is sending into China, cotton goods from Moscow, kerosene from Southern Russia, lumber from Siberia and the Yalu and flour from Harbin and that the Russian people are earnestly striving to build up trade in each of these lines.

One argument by forest reserve advocates from Washington that on its face bears evidence of merit is the statement that the government will allow any mill company the privilege of buying and cutting the timber on reservations. It is also stated that the blanket restrictions governing the cutting of timber on reserves will be removed. Such unauthorized promises will not satisfy people of the west who have undertaken to comply with the terms of the government for cutting timber from the reserves or explain satisfactorily the purpose of including in reserves tillable lands and sage brush plains. Those who have tried the experiment of cutting timber from reserves have found that the red-tape process and many exactions from the department, render the manufacture of lumber from reserve timber impractical. The government may be as lenient as it will with the mill man, but the greed for timber on one hand and the disposition to protect the forests on the other, presents a difficulty that so far has proven insurmountable. The trouble lies in the reservation of too much of the state's area and blanket rules governing the cutting of timber. Rather cut down the reserve and give to each reservation specific rules, as conditions vary in different parts of the state else Oregon in a few years must be known as the home of the bear and cougar, where sportsmen from the cultured East may annually come to spend an adventurous summer outing.

If the rock being used on the jetty were flint they would probably not be hard enough for unnecessary tidders

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I, Jay Yuen Kwong, and have this day purchased all the merchandise, including the store fixtures, belonging to Jesse Fong heretofore doing business under the firm name of Jesse Fong & Company, at 420 Commercial street, Astoria, Oregon. All creditors of Jesse Fong & Company are requested to present their bills for payment on the 25th day of September, 1903. Notice is further given that I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by the late firm of Jesse Fong & Company. JAY YUEN KWONG, Astoria, Oregon, September 14, 1903. S-15-0-1.

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