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Millions Lost. Compiled statistics now in the hands of the committee show that during the month of September alone there was lost to Oregon, last year, the amount of \$215,000 in farm property and products destroyed by fire: school houses and churches, \$35,000; bridges, \$7,000; saw-mills and manufactured forest products, \$149,000, and standing timber, \$22,499,000. The grand total reaches \$23,555,000.

Three billion feet of standing timber turned to smoke and ashes in the grasp of the Fire King and it is estimated that this timber, if manufactured into lumber, would have been worth at least \$10 per 1,000 feet, or \$30,000,000. As a further proof that this estimate is correct, it is cited that the prepared timber product of Oregon last year was 1,000,000,000 feet, and this brought \$10,000,000. To this loss is added also what labor would have received at \$4 per 1,000 feet, or \$12,000,000, of which Oregon has forever been robbed by the fire of one month alone.

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Walter Reed will render several numbers. Mrs. Reed is a contralto and has no peer in Scottish songs. John P. Kavanaugh, of the Portland bar, has been secured to deliver the address on Burns.

The birthday of Robert Burns is observed in every town and hamlet wherever is found a Scotchman, and this is everywhere, and at this time the Clan feels justified in undertaking the celebration on so large a scale. At their last concert numbers had to stand up, but on this occasion several hundred extra seats have been provided to seat the crowd. Everett's Orchestra will provide music for a dance to follow.

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Charles F. Beebe, and Representative Hansbrough. The last was cast by Jones of Lincoln, who has hitherto been voting steadfastly for Binger Hermann. Representative Hume has not yet arrived from San Francisco, though expected daily. Adams of Umatilla may be here, it is said, next week.

Next Week to Know. SALEM, Jan. 30.—The Multnomah delegate to the Oregon Legislature will meet Saturday evening in the City Hall for discussion of measures pending before the Legislature, which are of especial interest to the people of Multnomah County. Among other things to be considered, are the rebuilding of Morrison-street bridge at a cost of \$400,000, issuance of bonds for the Port of Portland to the amount of \$300,000, establishment of Sellwood and Albina ferries. Members of the delegation are anxious of learning the views of the taxpayers, and are therefore anxious that opponents as well as advocates of any of these bills be present.

Of course, the statement was not put boldly and in so many words. It was rather suggested, implied and injected. The real originator of the idea could not be traced down in person, yet so completely and thoroughly was the work of promulgating this doctrine carried out that wherever there was a knot of legislators there was mention of it.

Opposition to Fulton laughed when the idea of such duty was broached, but it has been laugh, political stampedes are infrequent and there is no man, sect or creed that is without weakness. That the verdict at Olympia had effect here was at once plain and, while that effect may have no other visible result, it has certainly set those who are opposed to the Clatsop candidate to "counting noses and holding hands" to see that no one flees the faith.

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