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$\qquad$ feed, and it is only the sparsely tim bered or open sections, or in the old only in the southern part of the state does this condition, exist at all on the western slope of the mount. and there only in a limited area South of Mt. Jefferson the mountan are more or less open, and in places and it is here the greater part of th locks are herked. There is no thin conditions here, too, are entirely dif ferent from those in the East, and one who has any knowledge of our big fir timber with bark from three to nine inches thick, so thick that the average forest fire will not kill or injure the tree, will smile at the idea of even an Enstern Oregon sheep injuring its bark with their bite Here, too, the conditions vary, aud


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