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FOREST AND FLOOD.

The conditions prevailing especially along the eastern slope of the Cascades are not understood by the advocates of forest protection, and in consequence their arguments are without force. We believe as much as anyone in the preservation of our grand forests, but at the same time we believe in using the lands upon which they grow when it can be done without in any way injuring the forest.

The principal objection made to pasturing the reserves is that it would destroy the undergrowth which now retards the flow of water from the melting snows, and would consequently cause disastrous floods. This argument is correct in theory, but, applied to the eastern slope of the Cascades, false in fact. It applies to conditions on the headwaters of the Mississippi, but it does not apply here. In the first place, the sheep can do little or nothing towards destroying the undergrowth, for it grows and spreads faster than all the sheep in the country can keep it down; and as for the flood conditions, they do not and cannot exist. A glance at the map of Oregon will show that the entire eastern slope of the Cascades drains north into the Columbia through the Deschutes river, a stream nearly 300 miles long, running due north along the eastern base of the range. For its entire length it runs through a deep canyon, has practically no bottom nor farming lands, and to do any damage along its own course would have to rise from 1000 to 2000 feet. As it has a fall of from twenty to fifty feet to the mile for the last half of its course, and the canyon is from 300 yards to half a mile wide, it will be readily seen that there can be no danger of flood along the stream itself.

Now again, the only place where the Columbia flood can do any damage is below the mouth of the Deschutes. Let us see, if we can, what effect the Deschutes flood would have on the Columbia. We have not the figures at hand to show the volume of water passing down the Columbia or the Deschutes at flood periods, but knowing the streams as we do, as all of us do, it is safe to say that the Deschutes at its highest, when the Columbia is also high, would not add one half-inch to the height of the latter.

So all arguments concerning the destruction of the undergrowth on the eastern slope of the Cascades, causing flood conditions, become absurd. On the western slope conditions are different, and there theory and fact would agree. We do not believe the pasturage of such portions of the western slope as admit of it would injure the forests; but we do admit that protection against the destruction of the forest is there a necessity.

The county commissioners of Klickitat county have quarantined Wasco, Sherman and Gilliam county sheep so effectually that none will be driven into the county this year, either to pasture or for any other purpose. Their action was taken to prevent Oregon sheep being pastured in Washington; but it reaches much further than that, for now an Oregon sheep may not be sold to be slaughtered in Klickitat county. It has been the custom of some of our sheep owners to cross their sheep here, drive them to Yakima or Ellensburg, and there sell them; but this cannot now be done. It seems hard that a man may not drive his stock to market, but that is what he is prevented doing by the Klickitat commission-

ers. It seems to us some steps might be taken by them to prevent the pasturing of sheep in the county, since that is the real purpose of their action, and at the same time a way left open for driving flocks across the county.

The Grant monument is soon to be dedicated. New York City begged for the corpse of the great American that it might raise a monument over it; but in a month the matter was forgotten, and much of the money was furnished by the country at large. It will be a long time before another national character will be buried in that state, providing any place else can be found for the interment. Now the dedicatory ceremonies are being widely advertised, not in honor of Grant, but for the purpose of inducing people to visit New York and spend their money there.

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