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COUNCILS OF THE WOOL MEN.

The woolgrowers' convention just closed has been of considerable value to those who are engaged in the production of wool. Indirectly, then, it has been beneficial to the people at large. Notwithstanding the fact that a tendency was noted to ask for new legislation to accomplish results possible of attainment under present laws, the deliberations have been fruitful of substantial results. The wool growers should gather thus each year, become acquainted, exchange views, learn improved methods, debate mooted questions, ask for their rights, and assume an attitude of justice towards those engaged in other industries. It was apparent to a close observer at the convention that forest preservation and regrassing of the ranges are questions the importance of which is little understood. During the deliberations of the sheepmen here, for three days past, these questions have come up frequently, and have received intelligent treatment by many of the speakers, in the set addresses, and by the delegates, in their discussions. Yet, it was apparent that there is an undercurrent of feeling, manifesting itself occasionally in sneers, at well directed efforts to discover varieties of grasses that will make it possible for the ranges to be again covered with vegetation, where now it has been eaten o by too close pasturing by the stock men. While the public grazing lands are being changed into deserts, and livestock owners are crying out for relief, men will scorn the results of careful investigation and practical findings, as brought to them by scientists, results closely in keeping with the knowledge of all who see the course of events in the West.

In this Pacific Northwest, today, are countless thousands of acres of lands of little value which once were covered with nutritious bunch grass. Sheep and cattle men have crowded each other, and have fought for room in which to graze their bands. Quarrels have occurred. Blood has been shed. Competition has been fierce. And the range, once large enough for all, is now far too small for the desires of those engaged in the raising of sheep and cattle. Farther and farther back into the mountains, the bands have been driven, until no one can point out a spot that has not been found by the herders.

Every day, in Pendleton, the livestock men utter complaint concerning the scarcity of range.

Several sheep men have announced this spring that they will go out of the business of raising sheep, for the reason that they experience too great difficulty in finding range.

However, in spite of the scorn of many of the livestock owners, in spite of the sneers at regrassing experiments, these attempts are being made, and in the end are bound to bring success. In the end, certain grasses more permanent than the native bunchgrass will be introduced, and the experiments now being conducted will bring benefit to livestock men in spite of their shortsightedness in scorning the present day experiments.

In like manner, forest preservation must run the gauntlet of ridicule and scorn, and the insinuation that those who demand care lest our timber be exhausted are actuated with weakly sentimentality. The experience of the country east of the Mississippi river is that, whereas once the Great Lakes forests were regarded as inexhaustible, now the timber is exhausted, and lumbermen are coming west to gobble up vast tracts of timber in the Pacific coast states. Perhaps, when timber becomes scarce here, and lumbermen turn to British Columbia and Alaska for their supply, the warnings of today will be remembered.

If the livestock owners are wise, they will encourage all attempts to apply scientific methods to the handling of such questions as the preservation of the public ranges and forests.

OREGON, THE UNKNOWN.

This is an occasion when an Oregon article must come from the edge of this continent farthest removed from the subject of the contribution. I am a long way from home, and am writing in a New York hostlery, says F. J. Hard in "Finance." Sitting in the lobby of the hotel the last hour, I heard the Pacific Northwest mentioned in a group of gentlemen; could not help listening; thought I might meet a friend; but, alas, "Spokane," "Tacoma," and many flattering words were spoken of Seattle, but Oregon, or Portland, never a word; I felt lonesome and had nothing left me but to hie myself off to my apartments, and now I wonder if I hail from such an insignificant section of the world that no one knows about it. O, that I might hear some one say, "Portland, Oregon." As I sit and reflect with regret upon the misfortune of our backwoods condition, I remember, however, that we have a friend in the "Finance." You have found out, some way, that we amount to something, as shown by your editorial entitled, "Throttled Opportunities"'.

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I can not write from Oregon, but may say a few things about Oregon: Your willingness to publish facts relative to our great state shall be seconded by my continued efforts, in a missionary way, not so much for our residence, but that the whole world may know of the great opportunities lying dormant, waiting for some one to utilize them. Today the New York Sun has a three column article on Tacoma, her natural harbor, her foreign trade, etc., but where is Portland, Oregon? It is the most desirable city in the Northwest for residence, it has the most superb climate, is the richest and largest city, it is on the Willamete river, close to where it empties into the famous Columbia, which draws sufficient water to admit the largest ocean vessels and affords a natural harbor for the accommodation of more vessels than have ever yet landed on the Pacific coast. It affords a water inlet for imported merchandise, fluxes for treating ores, Chinese and Japanese, an outlet for our wheat, lumber, coal and all exports.

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Portland is the "pride city" of Oregon. Oregon might be the "banner" state of the union. Fish, hops, wool, fruit, lumber, "dry rain" (that you like when you get used to it); and mines—who says there are no mines in Oregon Thank God I have a tongue and can talk back, or I too would be convinced that we have no mines, if I had to simply listen We are going to have an exposition in 1905, from that time on I expect to see a change. I have now in the parlors of the Oregon Mining Stock Exchange, at Portland, fair samples from about 100 Oregon mines, the result of a year's work. By 1905 we will have in Portland enough mineral exhibit to open people's eyes. Oregon produced more gold last year than was produced in Colorado in 1889.

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Mr. Markham of the Southern Pacific railway is beoming the creamery business, a good thing to do. What would you think of stopping in a country town surrounded by farmers, and not a pound of butter to be had for two days? Vic Shilling and the O. R. & N. railway are talking about a direct line of steamers to the Philippines and China; also a smelter for Portland, all excellent undertakings.

Leslie's Weekly shows that Oregon is on the map, shows that we have iron and nickel True enough, iron in abundance and about a nickel's worth of nickel. I do not wonder at the "send off" that paper gives us I could say many things, but probably they will sound better from the lips of that pioneer, H. W. Scott, editor of the Oregonian, who in his address at the recent banquet at the Commercial Club, uttered the following truths: "If I may speak plainly here tonight I will say that our main defects as it seems to me, lie in the sluggishness of our temperament. This again is due to peculiar conditions. From the pioneer state of life we have not as yet wholly emerged. We are at a sort of half-way house between pioneer life and the state which should and must succeed it. Newcomers are among us in considerable numbers, yet not in numbers sufficient to inundate the old population, and the old population sets up a kind of conservative resistance to the new. Hence, much is to be desired in the way of co-operation. The different forces in Oregon do not fully work together, and instead of being helpful to each other they are in no small degree a check upon each other. It is easy to find fault—much easier than to find remedies for defects in social and industrial life. We must be careful, moreover, how true that we proceed, for we must not sell our own name. But it remains true that we, the people of Oregon, do not act together in industry and business. We seem to prefer the unorganized condition. Each man goes it alone. From whatever cause, there has been no proper assimilation of our forces. We are half way on the road from the old to the new and are stuck there—not absolutely stuck fast, perhaps, but in no condition to get forward at fitting pace. * * * For Oregon, Nature has done all that could be desired, though man is yet remiss."

THE RED HEADED GIRL.

Upon noticing in a recent issue of your paper an article by Nell Allen on "The Red-Haired Girl," I was reminded of an article that appeared in one of the leading magazines several months ago, written by Will H. Clemens, in which he said:

"The bard wrote of red hair, beautiful auburn, not the yellow of gold, rather the red of sunset, the sun-warmed, golden, the deep, rich red of an eternal fire. Red hair completes the perfect ideal of beauty in womankind. The poets of all ages and all nations have paid tender tribute to the women of the sunset hair. It was the golden hair of the beautiful Delia, that bewitched the poet, and Catullus sang the glories of Berenice's golden hair. The radiant ideals of Titian, Murrillo and Raphael were as Eugene Sue described Adrienne de Cordoville: "Her hair was of reddish hue, of that peculiar color seen in many of the most admirable female portraits."

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Among the poets we remember the red haired "Pyrrha" of Horace, Kingsley's "Hypatia," Bulwer's "Adeline de Montreal," Virgil's "Venice," Homer's "Agamede, Shakespeare's "Portia," Milton's "Eve," and Halleck's "Fanny."

With a web of golden tresses Helen snared the heart of Paris. Beatrice was a blonde. Tasso's "Armide" was inspired by the fair and blonde Eleonore d'Este, one of the most beautiful and remarkable women of that epoch, and one with whom, of course, he was desperately in love. The beautiful Cleonice supplants all brunette rivals in the heart of her royal lover when she "veils her pearly tears in the shining gold of her hair." Venus, the goddess of beauty and love, rises from the sea foam with dead-gold locks.

The virtues, Faith, Hope and Charity, have bonde hair, and Aurora, who opens the eastern gates to the day god, has hair as yellow as the sunshine.

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Paula, of Toulouse, was a red-haired blonde. Phyrne, the fair, when brought before her judges, suddenly threw off her nepium and dazzled the lawmakers with her wondrous beauty. Men have not changed through the centuries. Beauty was then, as now, a woman's best defense, and her pardon was granted instantly. The heroic women of history were of the red haired sisterhood—Isabella of Castile, Helen of Troy, Catherine I. of Russia, Joan of Arc, Elizabeth of England, Mary Stuart, Anne of Russia, ex-Empress Eugenie, Lucretia Borgia and Beatrice Cenci. Red-haired women are ardent and vivacious, especially if they have hazel eyes, in which case they have a bright and quick intelligence. They have a great deal of natural felicity for study, and good memories. Red hair with blue eyes shows the same warmth of character, but not so much intelligence; bright golden hair, of a rich, deep color growing thickly on the head, shows an ardent, poetic and somewhat artistic temperament. It is the signature of Apollo, the sun. In part, this sort of hair gives sense of color in painters, force of language and eloquence in poets, and power in musical composition.

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