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law against starting forest fires were conceived and must be enforced. It will be but a few years more until the sources of the mountain streams will have to be fenced and protected, to insure a supply of water for the farming districts below. Water, timber and ranges are the great legacies of the West, and some provision must be made to transmit these unimpaired to the future.

The persistence with which Umatilla county sheep and cattlemen are breeding up their stock is one of the best assurances for the future that is to be seen in the country. The great number of stock must be reduced and a better quality introduced to correspond with the diminishing outside range. No district in the West has witnessed a greater improvement in the quality of the herds in the past five years than Umatilla county. There is room for still greater improvement, and it is coming just as fast as money and pains can build up and grade up the holdings. One good animal does not consume more feed than a poor one, and the income is so much greater that there is no comparison between them.

There are 60,000 acres of wool awaiting shipment in the warehouses at Shaniko. The Columbia Southern railway borrows its freight cars from the O. R. & N. and because the woolgrowers of Shaniko will not bill their product to suit the O. R. & N., the company has delayed furnishing cars. The woolgrowers can get a cheaper rate to Boston over the Northern Pacific, and decline to ship over the Union Pacific. There is but one gate to the Shaniko district and the O. R. & N. holds the key. What is the woolman going to do about it?

Champ Clark has made a host of friends in Oregon, during his brief stay. In fact, he was only going through the formality of getting acquainted with his friends—for he has been making them here for years by the high order of his public and private character and the purity of his politics. Champ Clark's stories and lectures are treasure words in numberless homes of the West, where genuine humor and sound sense and everyday religion and politics are admired.

The success of the Oregon Chautauqua is another evidence of the revolutionizing forces of thought and mentality in the young and struggling West. No state in the Union presents better material for Chautauquas than Oregon. All that is needed to plant circles in every village and hamlet in the state is the inviting word of some fit leader. It is the wonder of the West, that more cities do not contain these organizations.

SOCIALIST GAINS IN GERMANY.

The socialists are making great gains in Germany. Americans are interested in this, not only because it means that Germany is approaching our own standard of free government, but for business reasons. The German socialists want German tariffs on American goods removed—they are working people, mainly, and want food to be cheap and plenty.

Yesterday there were a mere handful in the German congress; today they are more than one-third of its membership. In the elections just closed they won scores of seats from the aristocrats and the farmers, who have been building up high tariff walls against American grains and meats. Hitherto German elections have been decided mainly upon religious and professional political issues; hereafter, there as here, business issues will decide elections. Truly, as Charles Ferguson says, the day of the professional politician is passing. The masses of the people the world over are learning to demand the comforts of life, and how to get them.—Frank Putnam, in August National Magazine.

LEO'S SUCCESSOR. Perhaps few men are more generally looked upon as eligible to succeed Pope Leo XIII than Cardinal Girolamo Maria Gotti. He was suddenly brought from the silence of his cell to Rome, to be raised almost directly to the cardinalate, and the monastic humility and simplicity, which are a second nature with him, confer upon him the sort of power which is not feared but loved.

Though so long a monk, he seems to possess a thorough knowledge of the world, and, though he has lived a great part of his life in the solitude of a cloister, he has a marvelous power of winning affection and trust from all who know him. He has not been long at the head of the Propaganda, but his management is both keen and wise. Leo XIII esteemed him so highly, according to report,

as to designate him as his probable successor. This may or may not be exactly true, but the Catholic church could scarcely have a better head and leader. I think that a certain prejudice which now undoubtedly exists against the choice of a monk for the papal throne may prove an obstacle in the way of Cardinal Gotti's election; but this is a purely personal opinion, and one which it is to be hoped will prove to be mistaken.—Marion Crawford in Everybody's Magazine.

A SONG OF THE OPEN.

Give me freedom, give me space— Give me open air and sky. With the clean wind in my face Where the quiet mountains lie, For the road goes up and the road goes down, The years go over and by, And soon will the longest day be past, Soon I must lay me down, I am sick of roofs and floors, Naught will heal me but to roam; Open me the forest doors, Let the green world take me home, I am sick of streets and noise, Narrow ways and cramping crowds, Give me back the simpler joys, Nothing else my spirit needs, Give me three days' solitude, Sea or hill or open plain, And with all the earth renewed, I grow strong and glad and sane, For the road goes up and the road goes down, The years go over and by, And soon will the longest day be past, Soon I must lay me down. —Bliss Carmen, in The Reader.

"Have you anything to say before we eat you?" said the king of the cannibal isles to a Boston missionary. "I have," was the reply. "I want to talk to you awhile on the advantages of a vegetarian diet."—Pick-Me-Up.

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