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sawmill companies own the bulk of that matchless timber area. The land included in these patents is one of the most magnificent yellow pine forests left in Oregon, its isolation from the railway being its only present drawback. A large proportion of the timber claims taken in that belt were taken by foreigners and nearly all giving their residence as Wisconsin or Minnesota. It is the only virgin timber belt left free from violation by the Oregon Lumber company's filibustering sawmills in Eastern Oregon, and it now looks as if it has only escaped a scorching in the frying pan to be blistered in the fire. The land office should look into the matter thoroughly. While the land fraud campaign is on, every appearance of fraud should be sifted to the bottom.

THE PRISONER EMBARRASSED.
A pioneer relates a story of a Umatilla Justice to the East Oregonian, as follows: The Justice was dumbfounded one morning by having one of his best friends and the most honored poker player in the town brought before him in a serious charge. After hearing the damaging evidence against the accused, who was an ex-judge and a very dignified person, the Justice, in a most pompously judicial manner, said: "Considering the grave charges against you, and recognizing the importance of preserving the peace and dignity of Umatilla Landing, it is the decision of this court that you pay a fine of \$20." In an equally pompous air, the accused ex-judge arose and addressed the court as follows: "It is needless to say that the four jacks which the court held in the last game last night financially embarrassed me, until, as a matter of fact, Judge, I don't happen to have \$20 in my possession." The "court" was shifting in his chair and turning the pages of the Oregon code during this brief speech, and when the accused sat down, the Justice, with apparent embarrassment said: "Considering the extenuating circumstances in this case, and the ill luck that has attended the accused, the decision of this court is that he pay a fine of \$20, that the law of this sovereign state may be satisfied." The accused once more arose and in a solemn voice replied: "It is peculiarly unfortunate, your honor, that my finances are such that it would be impossible for me to raise \$20, unless your honor could lend me a considerable proportion of that sum." With chilling gravity the Justice adjusted his spectacles, pushed the code aside with his elbow, and fixing a stern gaze on the prisoner at the bar, said firmly: "Then the court 'taps' you." Accordingly the state of Oregon was enriched by a contribution of \$7,500, and Justice at Umatilla Landing was satisfied.

Nothing of more thrilling moment having been heeled out of the congressional closet, Senator Smoot is being promptly and gracefully grilled for the delectation of the prurish public. Better were it for the hungry public that some of the crowned and plumed thieves in high places be chased down and put in prison, than that the time and money of the people be further wasted in Smoot investigations and in advertising Mormonism. Congress has saved thousands of dollars in missionary hire to the Mormon church, by opening the columns of the public press, congressional records and other news resources, to the discussion of Mormon principles by Mormon leaders. The Mormons, being keen-scented advertisers, have made the most of this public display. President Smoot could not have scattered so widely in any other way the vital tenets of his faith as through this Smoot investigation. He desires it to continue because he has yet more precious principles which he would be glad to have the news agencies scatter for him, free of charge.

He is said to the highest credit of John Pierpont Morgan, that of all the great coterie of millionaires, he is really the only one whose private life and moral character are absolutely unassailable. Others are accused of holding secret liaisons, of leading double lives, of being libertines in private life, and of being moral lepers in general. But Morgan is said to lead a perfectly simple and open life, being devoted to his wife and unapproachable to the lecherous parasites that live from the vices of the rich. Whatever else Morgan may do, this is one eternal credit to his life. This homely, honest virtue will compensate for all the railroads smashed and all the mergers planned by Morgan.

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INDIAN ETHICS.
White men can learn some of the most inspiring truths from savages. Major Charles Wilkins, who has been agent for the Umatillas for the past nine years, has made a study of Indian life and ethics and has found under the coarse and vulgar exterior of the savages, some of the most exalted principles of justice. Uneducated and untutored in the niceties and amenities of civilized laws and moral codes, the Indian yet possesses fundamental ideas of justice which might well grace the white man's codes. One thrilling instance of Indian justice was brought to Major Wilkins' attention in the investigation of a supposed murder on the reservation. An Indian had been found dead on the road and Black Horn, a well known Umatilla, was suspected of having committed the murder, because he was last seen with the dead man.

GOODBYE, BABIES.
Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Gilman has created sensations in Chicago woman's clubs in the last week, says the Tribune of the Windy City. At a meeting of the Chicago Women's Aid last week she evolved a scheme for domestic felicity which included the segregation of infants and the establishments of co-operative kitchens. She declared that in the municipal nurseries which she would have established the infants would receive better care than the "creature" whom they call "mother" is able to give them. She said the home was no more the proper place for the preparation of food than for the making of boots. Yesterday at Hull House she urged that the widow who lets her child work to support her is no better than would be the woman who ate her child because she was hungry.—San Francisco Call.

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Everything pointed to Black Horn, and what the white man calls circumstantial evidence tightly incised him in its tell-tale meshes. Any white man, upon being informed of the circumstances, would have instantly admitted that he believed Black Horn guilty, although no one saw him commit the deed. Not so in Indian ethics. An old Indian, perfectly honest and loving justice intensely, when closely pressed to express an opinion as to Black Horn's guilt, said emphatically: "I no see, I not know." "But don't you think Black Horn guilty?" was asked again. "I no see," was the stolid reply. "You saw Black Horn with dead man last; you find dead man; you know he no kill himself; why you not say 'Black Horn surely kill him'?" was asked him again. Again came the stolid response: "Because I no see, I not know." "Don't you think, may be, Black Horn kill him?" was the lawyer's parrying question. "When I no see, I no think," came the equally diplomatic reply and the investigation closed. Because this old Indian had not seen the crime committed, no rule of reason or logic could bring him to say that he believed what he didn't know. With the Indian, every truth must be based on absolute facts. In his code of ethics, no such an indefinable quality of truth as "circumstantial evidence" finds any place. It is a crude, yet startling principle of justice, which would be especially applicable to the white man's code. "Because I no see, I do not know." Very few guilty men would escape under it and no innocent man would ever again be sacrificed to "circumstantial evidence."

The Mammoth and the Mosquito
What has come to pass in thousands of years seems hardly credible. Primitive man, a weakling in comparison to modern man, was able to conquer the huge monsters of thousands of years ago, such as the Mammoth, and to-day they are dead forever; yet the mosquito and fly have never been conquered. It is now time for the scientist to devise methods for killing the mosquito and fly, so that they will go to join the mammoth and the monster lizards. The mosquitoes and flies are dangerous enemies of man because they spread contagion. The mosquito often carries the germ of malaria with his bite. The house-fly spreads germs of disease over our food. These bacterial germs, ever hunting for the weak spot, find a place in our blood, and then we suffer from grip, catarrh, consumption, or malaria. Dr. E. V. Pierce, chief consulting physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, at Buffalo, N. Y., says: "There would be no grip epidemics, the germs of consumption, or malaria would find no place in the human economy, if the blood were pure, if the lungs, heart and other organs were fed on good blood. Poisons should not be allowed to accumulate in the body; to be safe it is best to take a gentle laxative at least once a week." Such a vegetable laxative as Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets contains nothing which could harm the system. For putting the blood in order, and as a tissue-builder and tonic for those weakened by coughs, colds, catarrh, grip, nothing will build one up quicker than Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. This is a medicine made entirely of roots and herbs, without the use of alcohol. Dr. Pierce's Medical Adviser is sent free on receipt of stamps to pay expense of mailing only. Send 21 one-cent stamps for paper covered, or 31 stamps for cloth binding, to Dr. E. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.



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