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NEXT week we will begin the publication of a series of articles, entitled "Reminiscences of Early Days in Coos county" by M. C. Pohl, one of the pioneer settlers of this county. They will describe very graphically the scenes and situations of early days and will be of great interest to all our readers, both old and new settlers.

AN EXHIBIT at the Seattle fair, of the products of Coos county, and a pamphlet advertising its resources will, no doubt, be the means of bringing many people to this county during the coming season. What we need here is settlers. We have the resources and can produce the goods, if we can get sufficient people here to properly populate the county and develop the resources.

SNOW on the prairies of the Mississippi valley, and in the Rocky mountain district, devastating gales in Ohio and Texas, an ice gorge threatening towns on the Niagara river and the fruit ranchers fighting frost in the famous Yakima valley by means of making smudges in their orchards with crude petroleum, —who would not prefer to live in Coos county, Oregon, even though we do have a little cool sea breeze occasionally?

THE summer camping season while not upon us yet will be here before we are really aware of it and that Bandon will have a large number of campers goes without saying as this is one of the most popular, and by far the most beautiful resort on the coast of Oregon. What we want to do now is to commence beautifying the city by fixing up the lawns and cleaning up the alleys etc. The city council is doing excellent work in the matter of ordering street improvements, and when all of these projects are completed it will add materially to the beauty as well as the convenience of the city.

THIS paper puts in a plea for the planting of fruit and shade trees and vines about every place that is to be called a home. Even if one does not expect to live in a place long enough to get the fruit or enjoy the shade somebody will be glad of it some day and silently bless the kindly hand that planted and cared for the trees or vine. A small, plain cottage, on an ordinary lot, can be made beautiful and homelike by tastefully surrounding it with trees and flowers. Few people realize how much a child's mind is influenced by his surroundings. Children brought up with trees and fruits and flowers have a larger idea of home than children brought up among the bare walls of a crowded city. Personal attention to the surroundings of the home is a pleasure one cannot afford to miss. The mistakes we make are useful lessons, the successes are full of satisfaction and as the years of growth bring added beauty, the taste and personality of the owner is reflected. It stands as an inspiration and an incentive to others.—Times.

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Now that the movement has been launched by the commercial organizations of Bandon, Coquille and Myrtle Point, for the establishing of a Port of Coquille River there should be concerted action on the part of everyone who is interested in the welfare and development of the Coquille valley should lend a helping hand. The greatest thing that could come to this valley and the thing that will go farther toward its development than anything else now in sight will be the establishment of a Port of Coquille River. It has been conservatively estimated that a three mill tax on the property that would come within the boundaries of the port, which covers all that which drains into the Coquille, would be ample to maintain the port, as there is now about six million dollars worth of property in this territory, and there will be more all the time as improvements are made. With the present amount of property, the three mill tax will produce eighteen thousand dollars per year, which would be sufficient to keep the river and port in the best condition from the bar to Myrtle Point. Let everybody boost for the port. Let's have a long boost a strong boost and a boost altogether.

DID you ever notice, a group of little girls between the age fourteen and eighteen chattering away in a corner? The next time you sit near such a group listen and hear if every tenth word about is what "he said" If it is you have found some more of the "he said girls", and they are not the nicest little girls in the world. The "he said" girls are likely to loaf down town after school too late to help their mothers with the afternoon work. They are likely to wear a little better clothes than their fathers can afford, so that the neighbors wonder what their mother can be thinking about. The "he said" girls also too often think more of boys than of their books, and frequently fail to get through school. They are in for a time, and have nothing in their heads but hair pins and two steps. Sometimes nature takes a girl out of the "he said" family and makes a fine woman of her, but generally she gets to going out to parties and is developed before her time, and either marries and fades away at twenty or hangs on after all the other girls are married off, and takes generation after generation of young boys to raise by hand, and becomes known as "grandma" in the crowd. There is nothing so sweet as a simple, frank, open hearted girl. But the boy struck girl is an abomination. The whole matter rests with the girl's mother. She can bring up one of the "he said girls" or she can have a daughter to be proud of.—Times.

ALL things considered, there is possibly no better authority on the construction of the Panama Canal than President William Howard Taft. Certainly, no man has studied the problems which the construction of the canal presents more earnestly than he. There is no one who has a stronger incentive, or who is better equipped toward the mastery of this matter in its entirety than the present Chief

Executive. Hence, an authoritative word from the President, such as appears in the current number of McClure's, will command National attention and carry convincing weight. The article in question was written before Mr. Taft was inaugurated as President. It is a comprehensive summary of the history of the present canal enterprise, and an exhaustive review of the arguments and the facts which have a bearing on the mooted question of lock versus sea-level type. There is no detail of this controversy that touches the important considerations of cost, time consumed in construction and the stability, safety and utility of the canal when completed which Mr. Taft ignores. Upon all of these points, the case in favor of the type adopted is clinched. There is also factual and satisfactory explanation of the increase in estimates of cost above the original, in which there is nothing of apology, but a simple statement as to conditions governing cost of construction, which were unforeseen and unavoidable. In President Taft's conclusion, which gives an outline of the administrative policy with reference to canal construction, he presents a terse statement of facts as to the two types, which it is well to quote: "The facts today are the same as they were when the lock type was adopted, namely, that it would take at least \$200,000,000 of money and at least five years more of time to construct the sea-level type of canal. . . . That the canal when so constructed, would be dangerous for the passage of larger vessels, and that the lock type of canal constructed at \$200,000,000 less in cost and five years less in time will be a better canal, a safer canal and one in which the time of passage for large vessels will be even less than in the sea-level type. "Meantime," says Mr. Taft, as a last word. "the canal will be built and completed on or before the first day of January, 1915, and those who are now its severest critics will be glad to have their authorship of recent articles forgotten."—Telegram.

CONJECTURE has it that Wheat Bull Patten cleaned up all the way from four million to five million dollars. Of course conjecture is not reliable, serving only as a sort of a conscience satisfier but the fact remains that the Raspy Mr. Patten, through his shrewd manipulation of the wheat market laid up enough for a rainy day, and it all comes out of the mouths and pockets of the poor people who are struggling along on meager salaries, with which to buy bread and butter. There is a cessation, a lull, a decline, or call it what you will, in the wheat market, and Mr. Patten has withdrawn temporarily from the field and taken up his abode on his partner's ranch in Colorado, and there being no secret about his movements he is kept in view by the newspaper men who desire to keep the public posted with regard to the wheat market and the movements and prospects of the Wheat King. Mr. Patten resents the ubiquity that such desire develops, and in answer to a professional question, politely put, he tells the reporter "it is none of your business." Mr. Patten certainly shows himself extremely discourteous and inconsiderate, and his actions prove to the public that there is nothing virtuous in his intentions. It was only the other day that Secretary Wilson had the temerity to show that what Mr. Patten had said about the high price of wheat being based on nat-

tural conditions was a mistake and that Mr. Patten dogmatically, if not cleverly, disproved the negative set up by the Honorable Secretary. This is not mentioned in any partisan spirit as to the correctness of either opinion, but simply to show the more clearly the important figure which Mr. Patten cuts as we try to forecast the bread-and-butter side of our existence. It is not evident from what has occurred that to eliminate the opinion and counsel of Mr. Patten at this stage of the game would be to plunge us in stygian darkness? The thousands of families in the large cities of this country who are struggling along on a weekly income ranging all the way from \$5 to \$9, have a real living interest in the matter, to say nothing of the effect of high prices as evidenced in the milling and baking business. Mr. Patten has authoritatively announced his wisdom in the premises, and while public skepticism exists as to the correctness of his assertions, the pressure of \$7 flour and 7-cent loaves is onerous, and the consuming public is something more than curious to know if it is to continued. The country would like to know if the moon is really made of green cheese.

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