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HELP IT ALONG.

Much has been written and said concerning the future of the Siuslaw river, its abundant timber resources and the capital required to develop them, the improvement of the bar at the mouth of the river, the prospects for a coast railroad at some future date, its horticultural, agricultural, fishing and other interests, make it a place of no little importance. All of these things should receive the fullest consideration by the people of Lane county, and nothing should be overlooked that would conduce to their development.

Congress will soon convene, and the usual river and harbor bill will come up for consideration, and it is now time for those of our citizens who have influence to present the matter of Siuslaw needs to our senators and representatives in that body, and urge them to secure consideration commensurate with the needs of the river. The last appropriation of congress would not only go a great ways in the work so well started, but will be the only economic manner in which the work may be prosecuted. The engineers in charge of the work here have made recommendations to the chief engineer for an appropriation of \$30,000, and that official in turn has made recommendations to congress for an appropriation of \$35,000.

Can any influence be brought to bear through our representatives in congress to show the importance of dealing with this project in an economical manner? Can the present system of making small appropriations every two or three years, and then leaving the work to suffer from elements until a small fortune is required to repair the damages, be the most expensive that can be employed.

THE RECONCENTRADO SYSTEM.

Forbearance has ceased to be a military virtue, according to news that comes from the war department. Lord Kitchener's plan of operation in South Africa, which he appears to be, appeals to officials of the war department, and during the coming campaign in the Philippines no mercy is to be extended to those in active rebellion or who give aid and comfort to the insurgents.

The administration, according to high officials, has become weary of the long drawn out war. It has become conciliatory in dealing with the insurgents and the efforts to accomplish peace by this means have met with contempt. It is now proposed to give them a taste of real war, and though the innocent may suffer, it is only by this means it is believed that the guilty can be reached.

There is reason to believe that General MacArthur contemplates devoting his principal attention at first to the northern part of Luzon. Aguinaldo is believed to be in the mountains of Berguet.

A strong effort will be made at the coming session of the legislature to pass a bill to reform the method of selecting candidates for the various offices. Ivan MacQueen, of Lorane, representative from Lane county, writing to the Oregonian under date of November 18, says: "I am heartily in favor of the movement looking for its end the substitution of the binary method of selecting candidates in place of the present system of county convention nominations. I believe it would be a vast improvement over the present method, and I will cordially support any practical measure having this end in view. I have no definite plan of action in mind and have not as yet framed any bill embodying the proposed reform."

Siuslaw mills have cut more timber in 1900 than for any two years previously. We look for an increased output and activity in the coming year, although there is a slump in the lumber markets owing to a temporary small foreign demand for this commodity.

Weather conditions throughout the country indicate that Oregon has less trouble from storms than any other state in the Union with possibly one exception. Much suffering and loss of life and property are reported from every quarter.

The official vote of Oregon gives McKinley a plurality of 13,141.

Congress will convene on Monday, December 31.

Washington, Nov. 19th, 1900. A quorum of the senate could easily be mustered in Washington today. Senators of the dominant party are talking very cautiously of what will be done at this session of congress, and some of the most influential of them are frowning down the idea of reducing the representation in congress and the electoral college of those Southern states which have constitutionally disfranchised some of their voters, and the President is also being quoted against the scheme, which now seems to have next to no chance of going through. Minority senators are reticent. They say that it depends entirely upon the attitude of the majority whether the session is a business one or a political bear garden. Senator Harris of Kansas, one of the minority, said: "We face grave questions that must be solved and they ought to be acted upon with all the wisdom and foresight the nation can summon. It would be folly for the republicans to prevent harmonious action on those subjects by angering the minority through the passage of a reapportionment bill that would decrease representation from the Southern States. I do not believe the republicans will try such a thing. They want harmony at this session of congress."

That the cut in war taxes cannot be made very deep by this congress is made apparent by Secretary Gage's estimate for the current and the next fiscal year. This year the excess of receipts over expenditures will be about \$80,000,000, but the estimate for the next fiscal year is that it will only be \$30,000,000, if the war taxes are left undisturbed and the present average of receipts therefrom be maintained. That is why it is not believed that the bill for the revision of the war taxes, which is now being considered by the ways and means committee of the house, will reduce the war taxes more than \$15,000,000; and if the wrangling among the various interests seeking a reduction or repeal of some of the war taxes gets too warm, there may be no reduction at all.

Gen. Miles, in his annual report, again urges the necessity for a thorough reorganization of the army and for the enlargement of the regular army to at least one man for every thousand of our population. He is very emphatic in declaring that we have not enough regular troops at home. In his own words: "The force has been so much reduced, that at the present time there are not one-fourth enough troops properly to care for and man the fortifications which have been erected on the coast at an expenditure of nearly \$55,000,000."

Congressional investigations are never treated with any too much respect in Washington, because very few of them have ever been so conducted as to command the respect of unprejudiced persons. Present indications are that the investigation of the expenditures and receipts in Cuba, since it has been under American control, ordered by resolution adopted by the senate at the last session of congress, when the Neely case was disgusting honest people, will be no exception to the rule. The senate committee on relation with Cuba was charged with making the investigation, and as a starter, it called on the war and other departments for a complete statement of moneys handled in Cuba. Although that was months ago, the committee only held its second meeting several days ago, and after carefully examining the newspaper men, solemnly adopted a motion to adjourn subject to the call of the chairman, because the information asked for was not complete, which probably means that no actual investigation will ever be made by the senators. Some day they may make a report on the figures submitted to them by the departments.

In making the early announcement that he would not accept the general invitation to remain with him, extended by the president to all members of his cabinet, Attorney-General Griggs may have been actuated by a feeling of sympathy for the large number of persons who had been deprived of their usual occupation of making cabinets after each national election, by the president's invitation. Those industrious individuals have no cabinet to make this time, but they can now busy themselves making an attorney-general. Secretary Gage says he hasn't made up his mind whether he will remain in the cabinet, and doesn't expect to for a little while. Rumor says that Postmaster-General Smith is so anxious to get back to his newspaper work that he will retire before the close of the administration, but he is out of town and post office officials express ignorance of any such intention on his part.

The annual convention of the national grange, Patrons of Agriculture, has been in session in Washington, since the middle of last week, and will continue during the greater part of this week. By special invitation, the association of agricultural chemists also holding their annual convention, participated in a joint meeting at which some interesting addresses on pure food were made, and the chief chemist of the department of agriculture—Dr. H. W. Wiley—complimented the grange upon its efforts and success in securing pure food legislation.

General A. W. Greely, chief signal officer of the army, says in his annual report on a subject that will soon come before congress: "An American trans-Pacific cable is a military and commercial necessity if our colonial possessions are to be retained, or if American interests are to be safeguarded in Asiatic countries." The navy department has completed a survey of a route for such a cable, and only congressional action is now necessary to establish it.

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Secretary of State F. L. Danbar has published a map of the state of Oregon showing all the counties and giving condensed statistics regarding each for the year 1898. The outline of the map is printed in blue, the names of the counties in red, and the tables of statistics printed on each county in black. The figures show the number of acres of tillable land in each county, the number of acres of non-tillable land, the miles of railroad bed, the railroad stock, telegraph and telephone lines, shares of stock, the number of horses and mules, cattle, sheep goats and swine, together with the value of each in total and the value of each per acre, per mile and per head. The purpose of the map is to show at a glance the relative locations of the counties, and the comparative sizes, the different proportions of tillable and non-tillable land and the comparative valuations. Similar maps will be published covering the statistics for 1899 and, perhaps, later on, for the year 1900. The reports from the several counties will not be in until early in January. On the whole the map makes a very interesting showing, and forcibly presents the need of some provision for the equalization of assessments.

NEW MAP OF OREGON.

There is no pleasure in life if you dread going to the table to eat and can't rest at night on account of indigestion. Henry Williams, of Booneville, Ind., says he suffered that way for years, till he commenced the use of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure, and adds, "Now I can eat anything I like and all I want and sleep soundly every night." Kodol Dyspepsia Cure will digest what you eat.

RURAL FREE DELIVERY.

A Washington dispatch says an enthusiastic plea for a wide expansion of rural free delivery is made in the annual report of W. M. Johnson, First Assistant Postmaster-General. He says that the extraordinary development of this system during the past twelve months under the stimulus of appropriations of \$450,000 for the fiscal year 1899-1900, and \$1,750,000 for the fiscal year 1900-1901, is conclusive as showing that hereafter it must be a permanent and expanding feature of the postal administration. The service can now be extended as swiftly as Congress may direct or as the means permit, until it covers all the portions of the United States now reached in whole or part by the more primitive methods of the postal service.

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My wife has been using Chamberlain's Pain Balm, with good results, for a lame shoulder that has pained her continually for nine years. We have tried all kinds of medicines and doctors without receiving any benefit from any of them. One day we saw an advertisement of this medicine and thought of trying it, which we did with the best of satisfaction. She has used only one bottle and her shoulder is almost well.—Adolph L. Miller, Manchester, N.H. For sale by O. W. Hurd.

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R. McCreary,  
Agent Northern Pacific, Eugene.

The Century's Last Christmas.

Making an appeal for a simpler Christmas, Edward Bok, in the Ladies' Home Journal, considers this Christmas—because it is the last in the century—a good time to change about and go back to the simpler Christmas of earlier days. "Why not respond to our natural selves, the selves that were given to us as children?" he asks. "In other words, why not be simpler and true to ourselves? Why not give a true remembrance to our children to carry them through life—the remembrance that comes to them of true giving. Not the giving that we feel, for some reason, that we should or ought to practice. Not the giving that is measured by what the gift costs. Not the giving that comes from any artificial or conventional motive. But the giving that comes of great gladness; the giving prompted by real loving-kindness; the giving of sincerity; the giving of the heart. It makes no difference how simple may be the giving. It need not be a gift—even a few written words will suffice. I believe there are certain things needed to evoke the highest power of Christmas—their rarest gladness. It shines brightest and best, and discloses most where material expression of it is wanting. It tells its best and sweetest secrets where love is found. It grants its highest endowments to hearts that are simple and true and gladden the lives of others. The material surroundings matter not. Upon such a Christmas the master of the feast bestows the dearest, most abiding influences that can come into the human heart."

HARVEY ACQUITTED.

At Roseburg, November 27, the jury in the case of the State vs. B. F. Harvey, charged with the rape of Winnie Thorne, of Cottage Grove, some months ago, returned a verdict of "not guilty," and he was discharged from custody. It will be remembered that young Patterson, of Albany, was convicted and sent to the penitentiary for the same crime. Attorneys L. Blyer, of Eugene, and J. S. Melley, of Cottage Grove, appeared for the defendant.

The Morris Hotel had a very narrow escape from fire at three o'clock one morning last week. Mr. Cowan left some matches on a shelf behind the kitchen range which caught on fire, burning up the shelf and a great number of towels, besides charring the whole side of the wall, and choking the inmates with smoke, by which they were awakened. Children should be taught to not play with matches or they will get burned.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Equalization for Lane County will meet on Monday, Dec. 10th, 1900, for the purpose of equalizing the annual valuation of property and remain in session six days. All parties having grievances in regard to assessment will govern themselves accordingly.

D. P. Burdon,  
County Assessor.

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There is a great deal of nonsense in statements made from time to time that the authorities in Washington are trying to force the Turks to pay up by a display of force. Every time an American battle-ship or cruiser approaches a Turkish port the correspondents assume that the visit is made for menacing purposes, but in the final result it will be seen that the United States has not yet gone into the business of collecting debts at the mouth of the cannon.

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Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased.

Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.

Women as well as men are made miserable with kidney and bladder trouble, and both need the same great remedy. The mild and the immediate effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It is sold by druggists, in fifty-cent and one dollar sizes. You may have a sample bottle by mail free, also pamphlet telling all about it, including many of the thousands of testimonial letters received from sufferers cured. In writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., be sure and mention this paper.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, November 16, 1900.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Frank H. Rogers, U. S. Commissioner, at Gardiner, Oregon, on December 31, 1900, viz: Jay C. Morris, on H. E. No. 8670, for the SW 1/4, SE 1/4, Sec 21, T11N, R11W, Sec 28, NW 1/4, NW 1/4, Sec 27, T11N, R11W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: H. C. Dawson, M. V. Leach, Ernest L. Haskell and Robert M. Chapman, all of Gardiner, Oregon.

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He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: I. B. Harwood, C. H. Sever, Peter Ebrahrt and E. B. Miller, all of Lake Prævelnet, Oregon.

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