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HOW FORESTS CHANGE.

It is only in what novel-writers call "the depths of the primeval forest" that a fair opportunity is afforded of studying the mixed growth of our woodlands, and of observing the changes which take place as one generation of forest trees succeeds another. Such opportunities are comparatively rare in the Eastern States at present. Much of the most valuable standing timber in New England to-day is to be found upon land that has one or more times been cleared or cut off. It is therefore generally of few varieties and nearly uniform age. But if we penetrate a virgin forest beyond the devastations of the woodman's ax and the fire which follows his track, we shall find it made up of trees in every stage of growth and of every variety indigenous to that section of the country. We will find hemlocks and spruce centuries old, their branches veiled with pendants of gray moss, towering high above the hazel and moosewood. Rarely is there the monotony of a single growth. Evergreen trees mingle with deciduous. Sunshine and shadow alternate. Now we are in a comparatively clear spot, where the leaves overhead are only thick enough to flick the ground beneath with shadow; a moment later and hardly a ray of light can penetrate the curtain overhead. Alike on the dry, stony ridges and on the soft, moist earth of the valleys the growth is mixed. Hemlock, spruce, pine, birch, willow, maple, poplar, oak and many other varieties are intermingled with a seeming irregularity that leads us to wonder how all these varieties, with so widely diverse requirements as to soil and other conditions, can flourish in so close proximity. Yet all is easily explained if we but understand the unfolding care with which nature provides for the wants of all her children.

At intervals the growth ceases. Sometimes they have succeeded their way by reason of their own weight and the decay of old age, sometimes their lofty heads have been laid low before the power of the millist wind. The heavy forest of what were once monarchs of the forest sometimes they have succeeded their way by reason of their own weight and the decay of old age, sometimes their lofty heads have been laid low before the power of the millist wind.

And do you know that it is a splendid thing that the woman you really love will never grow old to you; though the wrinkles of time, through the march of years, if you really love her, you will always see the face you have loved and won. And a woman who really loves a man does not see that he grows old; he is not decrepit to her; he does not tremble; he is not old; he seems to be the same gallant gentleman who won her heart and hand. I like to think that love is eternal, and to love in that way, and then go down the hill of life together, and as you go down perhaps hear the laughter of grandchildren, while the birds of joy and love sing once more in the leafless branches of the tree of age.—Bob Ingersoll.

NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST.

Judge Stott, of Portland, will resign his office January 1st. B. A. Senborn put up 6000 cases of salmon at his Gray's harbor cannery this season. Captain Mitchell will soon engage in shipbuilding at some point on Shoalwater bay.

The contract for building and planing the extension to the Ilwaco wharf has been let to Panges and Kenyon. Last week the Northern Pacific Company sold \$8,000 worth of town lots at the new railroad city, Drummond, M. T.

When a freshet comes on the Nacog, many thousand logs that have been cut during the season will be run down the river, finding their way to market. Capt. George Whitcomb recently ran the South Bend from the head of the bay to South Bend, a distance of forty miles, in three hours, and challenges any steamer on the bay to beat it.

A remonstrance has been drawn up and presented to the signed in Pacific county, against moving the United States court from Kalama to Vancouver, and will be forwarded to the capital. In attempting to raise the wrecked steamer Mississippi at Seattle, it was discovered that she could never be made seaworthy again, so she will be raised in pieces and the iron used for other purposes.

The new bar tug Hunter arrived at South Bend on the 6th, after an eleven days' passage from San Francisco, including stoppages at several way ports and two stoppages at sea to make slight repairs to machinery. Old residents on Rogue river inform the Fishings that the railroad track now being graded along the river is several feet below high water mark, and that the freshets will be sure to greatly damage the road bed. E. Lorraine, who has been in the employ of the Northern Pacific survey for the last two months in Washington Territory, gathering geological specimens and fossils, has about completed his work and is preparing them for shipment. They will be sent to Newport, R. I., to undergo a geological examination this winter.

Chief Watkins related in answer to inquiries concerning his trip to Texas in pursuit of the "Boy Orator" that the boy had been creating quite a sensation in that state. At one little town he had delivered a series of lectures on Oregon—noting for the church in whose behalf he had labored, the snug little sum of one thousand dollars. When the chief told his mission, the people seemed incredulous and could hardly believe that their brilliant orator was a fugitive from justice. It seems to us equally incredible that one so favored by nature should prove so unworthy the confidence his genius won for him.—Hesperian.

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