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A TALK WITH A LOGGER. The Cost and Value of Some Puget Sound Timber.

A reporter of the Post-Intelligencer, interviewing a logger from Stuck Junction with a train of logs, was told last Saturday: "Those five logs on the forward pair of trucks all came from one tree. We have just measured them, and they scale 20,300 feet, which, at going rates, will bring \$142.10. The tree from which they were cut contained 136 running feet of clear timber. The other day I sold a raft containing 105 logs to the railroad mill, which scaled 232,700 feet, which shows an average of 2,215 feet to the log, which you will concede is a good average. By the way, I saw an item in your paper this morning in reference to the price of logs and the big profits, which the general bookkeeper at Stetson & Post's mill claims the loggers are making this season, and in which he mentions my name as authority for saying that I could put logs on the market at \$4.50 per thousand. To this statement I must most respectfully demur. Last winter, however, I did tell him that the above figure was the average cost of last season's work, but these figures have nothing to do with the cost this season, as some figures which I will give you plainly show. I now have to pay from 15 to 25 per cent. higher wages than last season; hay is over 300 per cent. higher; feed, 25 per cent; groceries, 20 per cent; dog fish oil is now selling at 52 cents per gallon, when last year it could be had at from 35 to 37 1/2 cents. Now, when figuring up the increase in wages and the advance in hay, feed and general supplies, over that of last season, I find that the increased cost of putting logs on the market amounts to \$1.20 per thousand over last year's cost, or, instead of \$4.50 per thousand, \$5.70, which leaves the logger, allowing him \$7 per thousand for his logs (which sold last year at \$5.50) only a raise of 30 cents per thousand, which I think is very small indeed, when the present price of lumber is taken into consideration. Now let us consider the other side of the question, or as a certain reversed gentleman once wrote in his books, when he could not make them balance, 'Here the account changes sides.' While in San Francisco last winter Mr. George W. Stetson told me that the total cost of manufacturing lumber at his mill did not exceed \$1.25 per thousand. Allowing a fair advance in wages for his mill hands, the cost now would be \$1.37 1/2. If the mill, as claimed, made a profit on last year's cut at \$8 per thousand for lumber, what must be the profits now, when the mill is selling lumber at \$11, an increase of \$3 over last year's prices? From this it appears that the mill's profit has been increased \$1.37 1/2 per thousand, while the poor logger only makes 30 cents per thousand by the increase in the price of logs. However, the logging business is in a fairly prosperous condition, and I hear no complaints."

The Baroness' Extra Skin. A curious story comes from England, through a private source, that the Baroness Burdette Coatts has something that no other woman in the world possesses—three skins. All other women have two; but what is the use of a great fortune if you can't afford yourself a little unusual luxury now and then? The third skin is made of silk, and is so exquisitely fine and close-fitting that few people have detected its presence. It is said to cover her whole body, from the ankles to the chin, and they (for she has sets of them) are woven specially for her. They are flesh-colored, of course, and hide all wrinkles and ravages of time, with the natural discolorations of the skin that are the result of age. Where this artificial skin ends at the throat the baroness wears a splendid collar of jewels or a velvet band, and she never takes off her gloves while in evening dress, nor even to eat her dinner. In consequence of this curious repair of the natural shrinkings and wrinklings of age, the baroness is able to wear her gowns decollete, though since her marriage with a man thirty years her junior, the queen has never summoned her to one of her levees, where such a costume is imperative.

The Names of Deity. It is singular that the name of God should be spelled in four letters in almost every known language. It is, in Latin, Deus; in Greek, Zeus; Hebrew, Adon; Syriac, Adad; Arabian, Alla; Persian, Aham; Tartarian, Tgan; Egyptian, Aum or Zent; East Indian, Esji, or Zeul; Japanese, Zain; Turkish, Adid; Scandinavian, Odin; Wallachian, Sene; Margian, Eese; Swedish, Odd; Irish, Dieh; German, Gott; French, Dieu; Spanish, Dios; and Peruvian, Llan.

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