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For one thing the interruption of the lumber business in the Northwest will have a tendency to check the cut of timber, which has been going on wastefully, and to carry over much timber to a time when it will be much more valuable. Waste of resources is one of our besetting American sins. We have exterminated the seals; have almost destroyed the salmon, and have wasted immense quantities of the timber already cut or culled over, and allowed other and greater bodies of timber to be destroyed utterly through carelessness in losing control of fire. Not until recently had we begun to realize how valuable our great stand of timber is. Most owners want to "realize" too quickly for their own good; or if not for their own good, certainly for that of the country. Now, if we can't sell, at least we may pause and reflect, add then, after a while, when we can resume, belike we may be prepared for the exercise of more care and conservatism; so that in cutting the timber we may be as saving as possible of it, and careful in the use of means for protection of the younger growths. It will be said, of course, that this will not be practicable, that it will not pay; that the logger must make all the money he can; that he can't stop to protect the younger growths, when cutting and felling trees, or to keep fire from running over the ground. He can't, of course, or will not, if he has no thought of the future, and is merely working one of the many varieties of get-rich-quick schemes, with which the energy of the time teems and abounds. Yet it takes so long for timber to grow that it should cost everyone a pang to see young trees heedlessly perish.

It is one thing to clear the land for necessary crops. It always has been necessary to sacrifice timber, in particular localities to this end. So it is still. But it is another thing to destroy wholly the timber on land that never can bear crops. Such are the lands in most of our mountains and in many of our hilly districts. To protect the timber from the waste that is destruction is one of the objects of the system of forest reserves recently put into operation.

There was an empire of white pine timber about the Great Lakes and Upper Mississippi. The timber is gone, and most of the land on which it stood is practically useless for crops or cultivation. Millions of acres of these lands are now on delinquent tax lists. Proper care in cutting the timber would have preserved from destruction the smaller trees, which, in the hurry and slash of the lumbermen's movement were merely destroyed to get at the best. Reforestation, under proper care, would go on steadily, through processes of Nature, as the larger trees are removed, if care were taken; but it is perhaps too much to expect there ever will be the needful care. Private owners seldom will study anything but present gain.

But now, if our people cannot get their lumber hauled away, perforce they will save their timber. It will require some philosophy to obtain contentment out of such enervated economy, which our people ill pray may end as soon as possible. Yet it is not out of order to serve the fact that we are saving our timber when the railroads refuse to haul it. If we can't market our timber we can have it; and every year after this it will be worth more money than it is this year.—Oregonian.

Never help circulate a rumor. Nine cases out of ten they are baseless. Know what you are doing before you ever repeat a thing as a rumor. When your tongue wiggles have it amount to something. Too many people seem only too willing to assist in keeping a report going. Great harm might be done a city. Days like these are a splendid test of a man's loyalty to his town, says some one, and this is emphatically true. Be loyal to your town by being loyal to the institutions in it that deserve your support. Never be an instrument for stabbing any one. Rather help boost the interests of your friends. A selfish life is the worst of all lives and the biggest failure. Just now, if ever selfish any other time, drop it from your system. Be a man not a mollycoddle.

Two hundred and thirty new people found homes in Oregon every day from September 1st to October 31st as a result of the colonist one-way tickets and through the help of the newspapers the population and wealth of the state has been enormously increased. The exact number of tickets sold as reported by Mr. William McMurray, General Passenger Agent on the Harriman lines, for 1907 was 13,753. For the same time in 1906 it was 8890, an increase of 4863 or about sixty per cent. This of course does not include tickets sold to Oregon over the Canadian Pacific, Northern Pacific, Great Northern, or any other roads whose tickets came around by way of Puget Sound. The Oregon Development League has made the colonist rates the chief feature of its work. The Portland Commercial Club circulated 400,000 leaflets with this low rate its central feature, and probably no advertising ever done by any state in the Union has shown better results. The rates will be on again during March and April 1908.

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William Jennings Bryan consents to accept the democratic nomination for President if it shall be offered him, but will make no fight for it. This stands no matter who is nominated by the republicans. Mr. Bryan further invites the democrats to show where the campaign contributions come from and challenges the republicans to a similar clean canvass. It must be a campaign of principles, he says, and if the people support the democracy, there will be no misunderstanding of what the democracy stands for.

A canvass of the business houses, wholesale and retail, as well as the factories, proves that business has gotten back to normal conditions. Many report an increase over last year. There has not been a failure on a suspension of a single business house or factory in this city. The people of the state can depend upon the newspapers of Portland giving them the facts and before they get these facts they can depend upon any news contrary to the above statement being merely rumors.

The last spike has been driven in the electric road between Portland and Salem and as soon as the track is ballasted cars will be started which will be about January 1st. The people of Western Oregon and the upper Willamette hope before another year, to see this road extended on up the valley and relieve us from our bondage.

Be prepared to speak a good word for your town at all times. It is a poor town that has no good in it, but it is a mighty good town that has no drawbacks.—Ex.

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Are you going to give a party for your children, or for your friends of your own age during the coming Christmas holidays? Do you want some ideas which no one has had a chance to try before? Get the December number of the New Idea Woman's Magazine and read "Mrs. Santa Claus at Home," and "Christmas Frolics for the Youngsters." Send your friends one of the original invitations illustrated in an article on this subject and make the affair complete. We publish this month words and music for a charming Christmas carol which the children can learn, as well as four programs for amateur musical entertainments. "Good Housekeeping" is full of good recipes, not only for the dainty things such as Christmas cakes, sweetmeats and puddings, but the method of cooking steak and fish on a wooden plank—a method not known to many housewives—is also discussed. "Marketing for Small Families" will help all those who have to make the best of a small income.

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