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"MINE EYES UNTO THE HILLS."

Mosby Creek is noted as a section for good hunting and fishing, and the editor of the Leader with his family has discovered that it is a place where rarest hospitality is found—the real, simple, pure article which forces one to feel at home and to thoroughly enjoy a day among the beauties of the mountains. On Saturday last Thomas Rawlings came to Cottage Grove and with him the editor of the Leader and his family returned to the Lyons-Rawlings ranch, 10 miles up Mosby creek, through the grandeur and beauty of a stately Oregon forest. Remaining until Monday morning, the varied charms of the locality constantly impressed themselves more and more upon us. I love nature in her "visible forms" and she speaks her language clearest when we are farthest from the haunts of men and deepest in the forest. We found Oregon more beautiful than ever that day. It seemed the air was ambient with purity, even tho' there was smoke from far forest fires lurking over the bald peak of "Blue Mountain." The adolescent period, I hope, may never wane, with me when I may not with boyish vigor and enthusiasm range the hills and feel my pulses throb with the spirit of the wild, call upon echo and shout my lungs full of the balsamic breath of the woodland.

I have seen our men of trade leave their avocations and go to nature with open arms and hearts. I fear I am a poor hunter, and I take no shame from the confession, for when above me (as on Sunday) on the highest point of the range I saw an antlered king of the forest go bounding afar among the giant fir trees, there was no regret that I had no rifle to stay his flight. Men who go and come with regard to the slight protection given these animals by the laws of men and states, I respect. But him who, out of sheer desire to kill, slaughters ruthlessly, these fleet, harmless denizens of our woods, in season or out, I cannot respect. He it is who causes their decimation. He it is who destroys the sport of the true, sportsmanlike hunter. His punishment under the law is mild in proportion to his offense, and I honor the agent of the law who, without regard to policies or politics, in this or any other state, reduces that man to the level of the criminal by apprehending and convicting him.

But on the peaceful, hillside homestead, which Miss Catharine Millikan has designated "Cloud's Rest," the serenity of the everlasting hills seems to have settled. The world is, but for the reverent locomotive whistle from far away, shut out, and the creatures of the wood hold sway, for the most part unmolested. A chipmunk ran along the rail fence of the pasture and stopped less than ten paces away to scrutinize the party of hill-climbers. Then a wild dove (whose eye-brows, I always think, have been singed away) stands at gaze as we go by, and the squirrel and "cotton-tail" go on with their nutting as calmly as grand ma with her knitting.

The cattle browse over the forest carpet of fern, violets, moss and salal or come to the salt lick in the pasture—calm as the rest of the picture, but representing the commercial element in the scene. These range free over thousands of acres and miles away, herded occasionally by the owners, or coming late in the night to shed from their udders the rich harvest of their day's wanderings, or, more often, straying far upon the hills with their calves, which take the place of the milker at the homestead. For forty years on this same land have these people, patrons of husbandry, tilled the soil, cut their forests, sheltered their stock, lived in peace and security, untouched by the stream of the busy world, yet fully in touch with all its windings and changes by their many periodicals, their books and their newspapers.

And yet there is room up that same canyon and its branches for two hundred more such homesteads, equally broad and equally prosperous. Someone has written that the tide impouring to cities has begun to ebb—

that men are turning back to the country for health and for substance. Well it might be for many, who choke and strangle their lives in the cities, to come, if only for a time, to the green, the quiet and the cool of the great, round out-of-doors,—to the brown pastoral scenes, and to feel nature in them responding to the song of God's high hills.

It can only be said that we thank the people at "Cloud's Rest."

A. C. G.

It would seem that a section so fertile and productive as the northwest, blessed as it is annually with abundant rains, should be able to profitably supply its own demand for butter and dairy products. But the accompanying extract from the speech of State Food Commissioner J. W. Bailey, before the convention of the Oregon Development League, shows that there is a vast opportunity for exploitation of the dairying interests of Oregon and Washington:

"A news item from Jamestown, N. D., says: The first car of butter shipped from the Jamestown creamery to the J. B. Agen Co. at Seattle, went out today. Its value was about \$6000, and the car contained about 300 tubs. It is expected that the creamery will ship about two cars a week during the season which will mean a payment to farmers within a radius of 75 miles of between \$3000 and \$10,000 a week. This butter is collected from the smaller creameries, shipped into this creamery repacked and sent out to the coast along with the surplus from this creamery. There is a demand for all the butter that can be made and a good deal of it goes to the Klondike trade. This is all new business, developed within the last 12 months, and speaks well for the growth of the butter making industry in this locality."

A few miles west of Cottage Grove, at Lorane, there was established a creamery, but for some reason it was not successful and was abandoned. With larger herds, it would seem that such an establishment would pay. The question of feed can be solved by planting alfalfa, it is claimed. In other sections of Oregon alfalfa grows with surprising fullness and rapidity, why not here? A new variety called "high-land alfalfa" will shortly be experimented with by local growers. Prof. Withycomb of Oregon Agricultural College, with Col. R. C. Judson of the O. R. & N., will arrange to supply local growers with this variety of alfalfa. If it proves successful in the soil of the Upper Willamette, there should result a strong impulse to establish creameries in this section.

Legal enactment is suggested providing that county assessors shall furnish to the county courts of their respective counties full lists by precincts showing the names and the total value of the property of each person, company, association and corporation assessed. The court shall cause such lists to be published in the newspaper published nearest to such precinct. By this means the public may know the extent of the possessions of all business concerns, whether corporate or individual, and the passage of law with the requirements stated will tend to remove the general uncertainty so frequently felt with regard to incorporated concerns and their assets. The proposed measure has received approval from many sources.

It is suggested that the Commercial Club give an evening to the ladies of the city. The commodious and well-arranged club rooms are suitable for such an affair and no doubt the gentler sex would heartily appreciate a complimentary evening of this sort. Women can do much to assist in the work of the club for the advancement of the interests of the city. Many towns owe their public parks and other attractions of "the city beautiful" to the loyal and energetic efforts of women. Women's Improvement Clubs have proved profitable in various ways and there is no reason why such an organization should not thrive and do effective work in Cottage Grove. It could ably second the efforts of the Commercial Club.

Cottage Grove's new sewer system is growing daily. Several cars of pipe have arrived and the work of laying is progressing steadily. Considerable interest has been shown in the specimen joint of 24-inch pipe which Munney Brothers, contractors for the sewer work, have had placed on the sidewalk in front of the Leader office. Few appreciate the size and carrying capacity of the sewer until they see the dimensions of this large terra cotta pipe.

State Printer J. R. Whitney sent the Leader a copy of the game laws and other state documents of interest. Heretofore the game laws have not been in print for general distribution, but now they can be had by sending to J. W. Baker, the state game warden, at Cottage Grove.

It is estimated that \$1250 is sent out of Cottage Grove each month for butter. Why not establish a creamery here?

Russell Sage celebrated his eighty-eighth birthday a few days since and worked as usual, more perhaps from consideration for what the future in-

evitably holds than from obedience to a custom cherished in indulgence for more than three-quarters of a century. The old man has not many more days in which to work and even birthdays must not interrupt fidelity to a purpose.—San Francisco Call.

Sewer pipe may be seen on most of the main streets of Cottage Grove at present—an indication of proper care for healthful conditions on the part of the City Council which citizens should heartily endorse.

Contest for Books.

Following is the result of the contest of points in the Leader's contest for the works of Shakespeare, as shown on Thursday, Aug. 11th:

Lulu Harlow, Star, Ore.	1475
Lindley Welch	1150
Katie Knowlton	1050
Leta Sanford	575
Anna Oglesby	300
Allen B. Baker	150

Prizes for Best Articles on Oregon.

Any person in the State of Oregon can contribute articles in competition for the following prizes:

The Portland Commercial Club offers two gold medals and \$200 in cash prizes for articles on Oregon, under the following conditions: For the best article appearing in the regular edition of any newspaper or other publication printed outside of the state of Oregon, to be computed for only by persons residing in Oregon and not living in the city of Portland, choice of a gold medal or \$50 in cash. For the second best article, either the gold medal or \$20 in cash, depending upon selection made by the winner of first prize. Article winning third prize will be given \$25. Fourth prize will be \$15, the fifth prize \$10. To residents of Portland a gold medal and \$50 will be distributed in prizes upon exactly the same basis as the gold medal and \$100 are to be distributed to residents of Oregon outside of Portland.

The reason for having these articles printed outside of the state is that we want the people away from home to know our advantages, and to see that the people of Oregon and Oregon papers to be relieved from any embarrassment that might arise through having to decline articles. Articles containing the expression "Webfoot" will not be allowed to compete. The Governor of the state will be asked to appoint a committee to decide as to the winners in the state contest, while the Mayor of Portland will be requested to name the committee that will select the winners in this city.

One of the chief reasons for offering these prizes is to give the younger generation an opportunity to do some pleasant work during vacation. This is a busy age and no article is desired exceeding five thousand words—those of about one thousand words preferred.

No article will be accepted in competition except where the newspaper or other publication is submitted complete. The articles submitted become the property of the Portland Commercial Club, to be used as desired. The contest closes October 1, 1904. We believe that there will be an interesting competition for these prizes, and feel sure that many newspapers throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico and other countries will be glad to secure interesting matter relative to the most fertile state in the Pacific Northwest. Articles in any language will be accepted. Feeling certain that this effort will result in much good to Oregon, we are, Very truly yours, H. M. CARR, President, THEO. B. WILCOX, Chairman Executive Com., Portland Commercial Club.

Jas. Chambers of North Platte, Nebraska, has been visiting in Cottage Grove. E. F. Smith who lives about four miles south of town recognized in him an old Iowa friend. They had not met in 25 years. Mr. Chambers has returned to Nebraska.

Reduced Rates to St. Louis.

The Southern Pacific Co. will sell round trip tickets at greatly reduced rates to St. Louis and Chicago account the St. Louis Exposition, on the following dates: Aug. 8, 9, 10; September 5, 6, 7; October 3, 4, 5. Going trip must be completed within ten days from date of sale, and passengers will be permitted to start on any day that will enable them to reach destination within the ten days limit. Return limit ninety days, but not later than Dec. 31st, 1904.

For full information as to rates and routes call on Agent So. Pac. Co. at Cottage Grove.

The new school building is nearly finished, painters having removed their scaffolding. It is a valuable addition to the city.

Men are wanted by the Pacific Timber Co., at the Alca mill. See advertising columns.

A Young Lady In Drain

There was a young lady in Drain whose face grew exceedingly plain. She tried paints and lotions And all kinds of notions To bring back her beauty again.

"Till a friend who had been the same way Chanced to meet the young lady one day. Said she, 'Fool no more. 'Here's a splendid drug store 'And they do just whatever they say.'"

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Send It East.

If friends in the East ask you for information about Oregon or the Northwest, send them a copy of the recently issued pamphlet entitled "Oregon, Washington and Idaho," which can be had upon application to J. M. Isham, station agent at Cottage Grove.

Bright's Disease and Diabetes.

We desire to place in the hands of those afflicted with Bright's Disease and Diabetes a 20 page pamphlet that is saving human lives. It is not an ordinary pamphlet, such as is commonly used to advertise medicines, but is principally made up of reports of scientifically conducted tests in a large variety of cases, showing 87 per cent of recoveries in these hitherto incurable diseases. The specialists employed in these tests are known as the Fulton Compounds and the results obtained prove conclusively that these dreaded diseases so long fatal (the deaths from Bright's Disease alone are appalling, over 100,000 a year, starting as kidney troubles) have at last yielded to medical science. The pamphlet is free. Write to the John J. Fulton Co., 409 Washington street, San Francisco, Cal. When to suspect Bright's Disease: Puffy ankles or hands; weakness without apparent cause; kidney trouble after third month; frequent urination; may show sediment or cloudy on standing; falling vision; day drowsiness; one or more of these.



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