

## MORE INDICATIONS

Cephas Nelson has to Abandon 81-foot Well of Water.

Mr. Cephas Nelson, who resides 3 miles south of town, phones us this week that he has Henry Campbell skinned considerably, as far as surface indications of oil are concerned. Not long ago he had a well bored on his place to a depth of 81 feet, expecting to get plenty of water for all purposes. He got the water all right, but at that depth it became so impregnated with oil that it had to be abandoned. The oil was found in a gray shale and is, we believe, a record breaker for finding oil so close to the surface. Oil sands were plentiful at that depth, an unprecedented happening for this section.—The Polk County Itemizer.

## TWO SIDES TO THE QUESTION

Dallas, Oregon, Feb. 10

Henry E. Browne,

Dear Sir:—We are sorry to see your editorial against the State Industrial Accident Act.

There is no reason why the provisions of this bill should not apply to every class of labor in the state. It seems to us that what is for the benefit of so large a majority as the working men, would be of interest to all the people in the state.

The question of added burden to the class of people who have no direct interest, is surely overcome by the fact that the saving in court expenses will more than balance the cost of maintaining the Commission and its attendant expense.

We are writing you not with the idea of criticising your views, which are, no doubt, honestly expressed; but we do wish you would give the matter the further study which so important a measure deserves.

Yours Truly,

Willamette Valley Lumber Co.

## THE NEW BOOKS

Following are the new books recently received at the Independence Free Library:

Uncle Sam's Sailors, The Forest Runners, Pictures that Every Child Should Know, Handbook of Birds of G. Farragut, Drake and his Yeoman, From Gretna Green to Land's End, By Right of Purchase, Houdou de Monvel, Dearly Bought, Stories of England, Old Chester Tales, Making of Christopher Ferringham, Chemistry of Commerce, The Wreck of the Bad Bird, Arkinsaw Cousins, The Wide Awake Girls, Authors and Friends, England, Wonder Book of Volcanoes and Earthquakes, Williams of West Point, Fairy Tales, Best Short Poems, of the Nineteenth Century, Marquis of Lessie, How to Dress a Doll, The Long Road, Tommy Tot's Visit to Santa Claus, LaSalle and the Discovery of the Great West, Tales of Tom Kitten, Chicken Little, The Red Feathers, Our Little Australian Cousin, Una and the Red Cross Knight, With Edged Tools, Ivanhoe, The Kinsman, Fighting the Turks in the Balkans, Tom Greecan, Jolly Good Time To-day, American Hero Stories, In the Days of Queen Elizabeth, Household Management, Vanity Fair, First Christmas Tree, The Whispering Man, Woodworking for Beginners, In Our Town, Tales of Laughter, The Seven Ages of Washington, and Swiss Family Robinson.

## SALEM BOY A SUICIDE

Ill Health is Said to be Cause of Clyde Ashby's Suicide.

Despondency resulting from extended illness was given as the cause of the suicide of Clyde B. Ashby in Salem last week Thursday. He went to work at 8 o'clock Thursday morning and became too ill to resume his labor. Returning to his home about 9:30, while his wife was absent, he drank a quantity of carbolic acid and died in a short time. He was quite well known in Polk county, having been here at times in the interest of the Bell Telephone Co., for whom he was working at the time of his death.

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