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**THE FORESTS OF OREGON.**

The distribution of forests, like that of the precious metals, is not uniform. Nature has bestowed her wealth in rich belts. Her greatest forests of primeval grandeur are planted along the north-western coast of this continent and constitute a source of immense wealth when distributed through commercial channels to the less favored portions of the world. The completion of the great ship canal transforms the forests of Oregon into staple products, already in demand but at present unavailable to the Atlantic seaboard. No state in the Union has such a source of natural wealth as Oregon. The quality of her timber is as matchless as its quantity. Ship-building, which is the foundation of all commercial wealth, can be prosecuted here without a rival. Ship timber stands in order serviceable on the banks of every stream and excels all other products of construction-timber on earth. The very obstacles to her agricultural progress will furnish the means for the development of our rich soil as soon as the Nicaragua canal is finished. There is ship timber enough in this state to rebuild every ship that sails upon the oceans of this planet and then leave timber enough to supply a source of commercial wealth for at least a half a century. The completion of the great ship canal will more than quadruple the commercial value of all the timber of Oregon in one year. Timber, like the product of gold, is limited, and has a constantly increasing value—and requires more of the other products of the earth to purchase a cubic foot of it every year. It is true that it has little or no value when it is inaccessible but the same is true of all the gold there is within the crust of the earth, which is beyond the reach of man. When the highways of commerce are once opened up for its distribution timber, like a gold lode with its accessible placer and gossan deposits, is a source of great wealth.

We shall live to see the dawn of two great commercial eras, one the completion of the Nicaragua canal and the other the restoration of the coinage laws of Washington and Hamilton. The fecundity of each of these glorious epochs are beset with all the obstacles which the British Empire can possibly interpose.

France built the Suez canal but Great Britain practically owns it, and also seeks to own and control the greatest enterprise of the Western hemisphere, the great inter-oceanic canal. Washington and Hamilton gave us a republic free and independent of Great Britain, today Great Britain dictates to us what our measure of value shall be and orders her golden calf set up for our adoration.

Has our American manhood departed? And with it has our reason and courage fled also? Are we to pay to the British Empire to cross the American continent in American transports?

British gold bugs control the present venal and vulnerable administration at Washington in all its essential departments and now demand the abolition of our Monroe Doctrine, and the present rotten ship of State will in all probability attempt the ignominious surrender

of the last hope of the Pacific coast, a broad free American highway from ocean to ocean.

**WATER.**

The water question will soon be placed before the people with all the different plans given in full and the estimated cost and probable advantages of each. It only remains for us to reassert that some plan should be chosen and then work begun on it and pushed to completion so that the work may be far advanced or even completed before fall. The fire Sunday was a reminder that one of the advantages of water works would be protection in such cases. There are other urgent reasons why a system should be put in speedily and they are readily apparent to any intelligent person.

**WATER FOR FOREST GROVE.**

Mr. Smith, the city engineer of Oregon City, visited town this week and figured on the water works as follows:

Reservoirs, brick and asphalt	\$ 3,500
City mains and pipes	7,000
Fixtures	4,500
Hose	700
Hydrants (20)	600
Headworks, etc.	600
Engineering and construction	10,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$23,900</b>

The water to come from Prickett's creek which he considered amply sufficient to furnish water for 5000 people, and would be if they didn't get thirsty but 500 would in all likelihood be dry half the time if they depended on it for their supply. A reliable water works firm will agree to furnish abundant water for a city of 10,000 inhabitants, for two-thirds the above estimate, water to be of the best quality, potable water, subject to any potable test.

**Residence Burned.**

Fire destroyed the residence of Mr. A. S. Venen Sunday night. Just before retiring Mr. Venen burned some papers in the parlor fireplace. At about eleven the fire was discovered, at that time completely enveloping the parlor so it is supposed its origin was as stated above. The family made their escape hastily from the house. Fortunately the children were sleeping down stairs instead of in their usual chamber above, occupying the room of their elder sister who was staying that night at Mrs. Watters'. Some few things were saved but of little value for they were articles that had been laid away as useless. From the front part of the house nothing was saved. An alarm had been turned in early and for fifteen minutes Mr. Hohbach who gave it kept the fire bell clanging until everyone in town was aroused. The fire company with numerous volunteers kept the fire from spreading and saved the barn. They also pulled down the burning frame of the house. A large crowd, a large proportion ladies, watched the progress of the flames until nothing was left but the smouldering ruins. The house was insured for \$300 and its contents for a like amount. A piano belonging to Mr. Hoyt was in the building and was consumed with it. It was insured. The house was one of the oldest in town having been put up in the early fifties.

**Funeral of Mrs. Donaldson.**

Monday the remains of Mrs. Margaret Donaldson, wife of the Assistant Chief of the Portland Fire Department were brought from that city on the morning train and conveyed to the Naylor cemetery and there laid to rest among her relatives. A special coach attached to the morning train brought many of her friends here. They returned in the evening. There was a wealth of flowers, tributes of respect from the Portland fire companies, public officials and numerous friends.

**John Reycraft.**

John Reycraft died near Cornelius, July 14th, 1895, aged 27 years, 11 months and 2 days. He was born in Canada, province of Ontario, on Aug. 12th, 1858, and was raised in the county of Lampton. He went to Manitoba in April, 1887, from there to Dakota and then to Oregon. He had a home on Gales Creek near Glenwood. He leaves a father and brothers in Canada, two sisters in Kansas and three brothers, Thomas, Richard and George in Oregon. He was a member of the L. O. G. T. and was loved and respected by all.

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**GLENCOE.**

Dr. Sandford's family has returned from their visit at Oswego.

Mr. E. H. Podget has gone to Molalla this week.

Mr. Smith, president of the Bay City Co-operative Co., is with us this week looking after the company's interests in this place.

About a dozen couple, who did not attend the charivari, gathered at the house of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Meck last Saturday night and tripped the light fantastic toe until the wee hours Sunday morning.

The petty thieves are still at work in this vicinity. When the P. C. C. of our lodge woke up Sunday morning his wife reported to him that their clothes line had been stripped of every garment, but after a careful search everything was found all right. My opinion in this case is that the P. C. C. had partaken too freely of the lunch furnished by the lodge that night in honor of some visiting brethren.

The saloon in this place was robbed Sunday night of about eight gallons of whisky, seven gallons port wine, four gallons gin, twelve bottles of case wine, six bottles of tolu rock and rye, seventy-five cigars, four bar bottles containing whisky, gin and brandy and fifty cents in cash. The parties were tracked and are known, but it would be difficult to prove anything against them in court and unless there is more evidence found there will be nothing done in the matter.

Glencoe lodge No. 22, K. of P., by the D. G. C., J. C. Corey, installed the following officers last Saturday night: C. C., G. T. Hollister; V. C., J. W. Goodin; P., R. Sandford; M. at A., E. C. Mays; M. of W., E. Davis; I. G., E. P. Cornelius; O. G., W. P. Freeman. The following named visitors from Delphos lodge No. 39 were present: Frank Kane, Jake Baxton, Jack Latta, Chas. Roe, Newell Macrum, John Anderson and W. S. Macrum. After an oyster and sardine lunch was served by the lodge the visitors gave us some short speeches and expressed themselves as being well contented and pleased with their visit and would return again at some future time.

**BUXTON.**

The hay crop of this section is larger than usual and if the weather continues for another week as it was the past one the hay will be under shelter and in good condition.

Sann Ichiro Hirota, the famous Japanese lecturer, will favor us with a lecture on his native land. It will be given in the McPherson hall on Saturday evening, July 27th. The correspondent has heard the gentleman lecture and knows of his ability and would advise everyone to attend and learn something of interest.

Donald McPherson is putting more seats in his hall preparatory to the Hirota-lecture.

The people of school district No. 98 are organizing a Sunday school in their school house. Now is the time for the Buxton S. S. to show its benevolence by aiding them.

It is reported that next Friday evening the capacity of McPherson hall will be filled by those young people who enjoy shaking their foot to the music of the violin.

Mr. Hagen and daughter of Portland are visiting with the family of Mr. G. H. Hedden of this place.

Mr. Will Thurston had a new barn built lately, our postmaster did the work.

**GALES CITY.**

Elder Anderson has pitched his big meeting tent near the city and is holding services every night. The tent will seat 300 comfortably and is generally well filled. The meetings will continue for a fortnight more—A new and strongly built bridge has been completed just below town.

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