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THE COAST RANGE OF OREGON.

The readers of the HATCHET are reminded of the fact that just west of this rich valley, occupied by the large and rich farms of Washington county, are the hills of the coast range which our people are inclined to underestimate in the value of their natural resources and also overlook the results thus far achieved in the progress of their development.

The seven hills of Rome once garrisoned that plenary power which made her the mistress of the world. The hills of our great coast range are better than garrisoned cities. They contain the natural elements and forces out of which cities are built, fed and garrisoned with legions of industrious sons, learned and skilled in all the arts of peace— which will pour the rich blood of a state through the great commercial arteries, feeding a world of consumers which the Roman sword would have gloried in the conquest of arms.

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WATER.

The water committee has finished its work and will make its report to the citizens Saturday evening. All the different propositions have received careful attention and have been thoroughly investigated. Each member of the committee has had some one line assigned to him and made special study of it. What the committee's report will be we have no means of knowing but that it will be full and reliable all can be assured. At this time it may not be out of place to state the HATCHET'S position on the water question. From the start it has urged the need of pure water as necessary for the health and comfort of the citizens and essential for the growth of the city. But the wandering off into impracticable plans it has discouraged as diverting attention from the real question. The Prickett creek scheme it has opposed because it was in possession of facts showing that during October and early November there was a scarcity of water. To attempt any calculation from the present amount of water in the creek is simple foolishness to any one familiar with that region. Many of the residents of the Grove know the condition there and freely express that it is impracticable for a source of water supply. The entire stream for five minutes by placing his two feet across it. The amount of running water is slight. Decaying vegetation, accumulated through centuries, absorbs the winter's rain like a sponge and when summer comes gives it off slowly. At present there appears ample water there, but the rains are only recently over. Wait until two more months of dry weather have passed. Ordinary calculations fail in a case like this and the opinion of an engineer, even if he were of the highest reputation in his profession, who is an entire stranger to the region is valueless compared with the experience of those who have lived for years beside the creek.

HILLSBORO.

An addition is being put to Mr. W. E. Brock's house. Born—To the wife of Amos Adams, on the 27th, a daughter. John Bohart is minus 300 lbs. of bacon. The present owner is unknown. J. F. Carstens has recently built a dry house by the ash and door factory. Johnson Freeman threshed this week. His oats averaged 70 bushels to the acre. Wm. Beamish who has been suffering with malaria is recovered sufficiently to be about again.

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There will be a lecture in the grove at Tualatin, Saturday, August 30, at 2 p.m. by Dr. W. A. Lewis and Mrs. Capt. Taylor of Portland. Subject, "What I Saw in the Church of Rome." Immediately after the lecture there will be dancing in the pavilion. Everybody come and have a good time.

GLESCOE.

The singing school of this place is no more. J. W. Corey of Greenville was doing business in our city the first of the week. D. McIherson a merchant of Buxton is in our city today. Steve Meek has been making the walls of our city resound with the whistle on his steam thrasher. Earnest Helleire who has been working in Portland as a messenger is out home on a month's vacation. Mr. Abner Harriman has returned to Goldendale, Wash., to look after his business in this vicinity. Miss Elsie Bowie and Mrs. Charles White of Klickitat, Wash., are visiting friends in this vicinity this week. J. S. Jackson went down to Phillips last Friday to instruct the new postmaster in the mysteries of a post office. E. C. Mays has purchased a bicycle and is trying to break it to ride but he says it is the wildest horse he ever tried to break. W. E. Mays and wife went down to Linnton, Sunday, to see the butchering of horses, but the plant was not working that day. W. E. says the meat looked good enough to eat. H. P. Cornelius was kicked by a horse last Wednesday. Ed was reported pretty badly hurt but when the members of the visiting committee of the K. of P's went to visit him they found him out in the field overseeing the cutting of his grain. John Joos, living about two miles north east of this place, lost his barn by fire last Wednesday morning. John is like the lark and wants to be up and doing early in the morning. He hitched up his team by lantern light and left his lantern setting in the oat bin, when a loose horse in the stable upset it and before it could be poked up the straw had caught on fire. The barn contained forty tons of hay, a set of harness and a hack. The hack was all that was saved. The loss was about \$250 with \$150 insurance. Mr. Joos has lost no time for he raised a new barn today to replace the one that was burned.

SCHOLLS.

Hanson Bros. are digging a new well. John Dagan did business in the County Seat Friday. S. Seely's saw mill is running regularly now and doing a good business. Miss Carrie Morrison of the metropolis is the guest of Mrs. Adams this week. County School Superintendent Craig did business in Scholls one day last week. The steamer Tualatin came up the river Sunday as far as Smith's logging camp. The families of Skells, Emrick and Hathaway started for the seashore last Friday. Mrs. Wallan, Grace, Editha and Elgin were the guests of Mrs. LeRue last Tuesday. John French has gone to Portland where he intends working through the summer. Nelson Bachelor has moved to Portland where he intends making his home in the future. Our merchant, Mr. LeRue, is convalescing after another severe attack of his old ailment. Frank and Bert Povel left, Monday, for Astoria where they intend remaining a week or so. Miss Mary Candal of Portland, who has been visiting Mrs. E. Schmeltzer the past week, returned to her home Sunday. The singing class is progressing nicely. There are at present forty members and several are contemplating joining soon. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Baker with Miss May Eike were visiting their daughter, Mrs. W. T. Andrews, of Mountindale, last week. Miss Vernie Morrison returned to her home in Portland after spending several weeks with her friend, Miss Ettie Adams of this place.

BUXTON.

Mr. M. H. Parker of Greenville visited over Sunday with Mrs. C. A. Peterson. J. T. Buxton and family of Forest Grove drove out to their mountain ranch Sunday, returning the same day. Sylvester Wilson is employed as mail carrier during the absence of Mr. Matod who is teaming on the Tillamook road. Mr. J. H. Lancaster accompanied Mr. Hirota to this place Saturday, both visiting while here with their former schoolmate, Phil H. Buxton. The principal feature of this week's proceedings about here was the lecture Saturday evening. It was quite well attended and everyone seemed intensely interested in what Mr. Hirota had to say. The correspondent will not say much of the ability of Mr. Sann Hirota as it is spoken of in nearly every paper in the state. Should Mr. Hirota never receive any larger collection of coin than he did at this place he would soon go down to financial ruin; however, he seemed satisfied in that respect. Everyone tried to make his stay pleasant and regretted very much that he must return the same night, but duty called him and he must go.

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