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In the good roads propaganda, France has been continually held up to American admiration on account of the splendid quality of its country roads. These are so invariably good that the bicycle, the automobile or the lightest family carriage can go from one border of the country to the opposite one, in any direction, without the slightest apprehension of coming upon a spot difficult of passage. But in none of our road improvement literature has sufficient attention been given to the fact that the existence of this splendid system of roads is almost wholly due to the fact that France is, next to Japan, pre-eminent among the nations of the world as a country of small farms. Not farms of ten to forty acres, but of five to twenty acres, are the rule.

It is a matter of history that the inauguration of the French system of road-building was almost coincident with the breaking up of the great estates of the ancient nobility and gentry, and the division of the land, in small holdings, among the people who had constituted the old oppressed peasantry. Not long after the Revolution, the government of France devised a great road plan, which has been worked out, decade by decade, with the results now seen.

It is safe to say that if there had been no breaking up and subdivision of the great estates of the "old regime," there would have been no such development of the road system of France. To verify this assertion, it is only necessary to compare France with the other nations of Europe in which the system of large estates still remains. Even Great Britain ranks below France in this respect.

If there could be a general movement among American farmers for the division of large holdings into small ones, by selling tracts of from one or two to forty acres, the general construction of good roads would follow almost as a matter of course. For a multitude of voices would then demand such roads, where now only one voice is lifted; and a multitude of purses could be tapped, where now only a few can be assessed for work on roads.

In the inauguration of such a movement, too, lies the true secret of attracting population to many a half populated state, and adding to the value of its lands. The subdivision of large holdings in Iowa or in Southern and Central Minnesota, for instance—the offer of five, ten, twenty acre tracts on easy terms to immigrants—would do more in this direction, by many fold, than all endeavors to draw them to the newer and more thinly peopled sections. These have their merits; but the older sections of the states named could be made to absorb several millions of additional people with greater ease.—Maxwell's Talisman.

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Giant Boy Dead.
Walter Miller is dead. He is the boy, formerly of the vicinity of Corvallis, who manifested such abnormal growth. From a little boy of 12, weighing 100 pounds, he became within four months a man weighing 165 pounds. His case was described in the Times about a year ago. He lived then on a farm a mile or two across the Willamette. Besides his growth in stature and weight, there was a change of voice incident to the transition from boyhood to maturity, and in addition a growth of whiskers. The growth began in March last year, and by July the changes had all taken place. The boy was taken to Portland and there the best medical men of the state puzzled over his case. It was finally concluded that the unusual conditions were due to an ailment of the brain.

The pathetic part of the story is that the abnormal physical development was attended with corresponding loss of strength. After a time, the lad became unable to walk, and the past year was confined to bed. He died a day or two ago at Oregon City, where the family moved from Corvallis last winter.—Corvallis Times.

George Wilcox died at the home of his daughter-in-law and granddaughter, in Cornelius, last week, Thursday, aged 70 years. He was president of the Nelson-Wilcox Lumber Company, of Scappoose, Or. He was born in Canada, May 9, 1836, and came to Washington county from Clinton, Wis., three years ago. Four brothers, Nelson Wilcox, Cornelius; Harmon Wilcox, Vinton, Ia.; Lyman Wilcox, Mountain Home, Idaho, and Davis Wilcox, Haines, Or., and an only son survive him. He was married at Sharox, Wis., in 1862. Interment was in the Cornelius cemetery last Saturday.

Life Pence, who went East some time ago for the purpose, it was said, of making purchases of steel and other material for an electric railway from Portland to Linnton, left New York City last Friday for Portland, and it is expected that he will be here within a week or ten days. Mr. Pence's big enterprise of land reclamation at Guild's Lake and north of the city is progressing, and the whole proposition is today quite as mysterious as on the day of its inception, for Mr. Pence has not yet seen fit to make known to the public just what his ultimate intentions are, and what interests, if any, are back of him. Promoter Pence has undertaken to fill in Guild's Lake with earth sluiced from the bluffs near by, and he has secured from the county a franchise to build and operate an electric railway line from the city to Linnton, the consideration being that he furnish to the county crushed stone for the macadamizing the road between the two places. He has already furnished stone for about two miles of the road and this has been placed. He has a force of about 80 men engaged in his various ditch-building and sluicing operations, and he also has a force at the quarry and has made surveys far inland from the river. It is said that his surveys inland to Columbia county extend for a distance of 20 miles from Cornelius Pass. He intends, it is said, to cut down Cornelius Pass to a depth of 140 feet. Just why this is to be done or why the surveys were made is not fully known outside the interests directly concerned. Mr. Pence has not yet begun the building of the electric road, but it is understood that work on the line will soon be started. It is believed by some that some powerful railway or other corporation is behind him.—Portland Telegram.

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NEW DEPOT FOR HILLSBORO

S. P. AND P. R. & N. RAILWAYS

Will Have a Handsome New Depot at the Foot of Second Street in Hillsboro.

The Southern Pacific Railway Co. has had a force of men at work at the foot of Second street this week laying out the grounds for the new union depot. The main line and sidetracks will have to be moved from their present location, and the office attached to the Climax mill and the old building used as a fruit dryer will have to go. The new station will stand directly north of the Climax mill and the main line track of the Southern Pacific will pass on the south side of the new structure and that of the P. R. & N. on the north. Some twenty-six feet of the J. M. Greear property has been purchased by the Southern Pacific people, which added to their present holdings will give ample room. It is said that work on the structure will begin in a very short time.

The Timber and Stone Act By the authority of a vicious law which is commonly known as the "Timber and Stone Act," some 5,236,646 acres of timber land has been denuded by the payment of the insignificant sum of \$2.50 an acre. The funds that have been turned into the United States Treasury by these transactions amount to about \$13,091,815. According to figures issued by the Secretary of the Interior and the General Land Office the value of this timber has been something like \$523,664,600. This estimate is considered to be conservative.

Regularly a bill is introduced at each session of Congress to repeal the "Timber and Stone Act," but the influence of the speculators who are gradually stripping the federal lands of its valuable timber assets is so great with certain congressmen that each session sees the bill carefully smothered by the House Committee on Public Lands.

In an address before the graduating class of the Michigan Agricultural college, George H. Maxwell, a careful student of the situation, stated that timber sales during 1905 footed up to 700,000 acres, which, owing to the previous failure of Congress to repeal the "Timber and Stone Act," resulted in a loss to the government of \$68,250,000. At the last session of Congress the repeal bill met a similar fate, with the result that the government must sustain still greater losses.

Not only is this loss considerable, but the actual loss of the forests is worse. Timber a century old is ruthlessly destroyed and the land devastated. Some day we will need this timber, which should be carefully husbanded now, and then our children and our children's children will wonder at our carelessness and extravagance.—The Prairie Farmer.

The McMinnville public schools opened last Monday with an enrollment of 325 pupils. This is about the same number as enrolled last year on the first day. The total enrollment last year was 530.

Out of the four proposed railroads into Tillamook, which will reach the county first? Some say Hammond, others say Lytle, some have confidence in the electric line from Forest Grove, while the backers on the coast road have lost their wind. Mr. Lytle will, if he can make arrangements with 1000 Japs returning from Alaska, put them to work in this county this winter. Mr. Hammond has not shown his hand, neither has the electric line, but there is not much doubt but what in the near future their plans will be made public.—Tillamook Headlight.

After hop-picking if you are going to purchase a watch you will find a good assortment at living prices. E. L. McCormick's Jewelry Store.

Throughout the Eastern states once heavily timbered, there is a feeling that something must be done to preserve and foster the growing trees. Too late they feel the loss of what once was wasted recklessly. The time will come some day when the same conditions will face the Northwest. We are not talking of high prices or low prices now, but of the desperate waste and the criminal carelessness which permits the useless destruction of square miles of timber already growing more valuable and in time to come what might be worth great fortunes.—Oregon Tradesman

Has the Oregon Editorial association grown so insignificant and its deliberations so unimportant that the Portland newspapers feel called upon to ignore it, or if they are what is commonly known as "sore" what is the reason and method of their madness? We are aware that the Oregonian is said to be engaged in a most troublesome effort to keep the population of Portland down and that the Journal is occupied in seeking to boost it up, but even so, a few lines might have been spared to the knights of the pen from the backwoods by the Telegram. But, "twas ever thus," etc. Oh! jealousy, thou art truly a green-eyed monster to allow the country editor to retire to his obscurity without mention for another year.—Hood River Glacier.

It is estimated that it will cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000 to secure the rights of way and terminal grounds for Mr. Lytle's railroad, and with that object in view, at a meeting of the business men it was decided to solicit that amount of money, and on Wednesday \$11,000 was subscribed. When the full amount is subscribed Mr. Lytle will be granted a free right of way, and it is hoped that those who have not subscribed will do so at once, as Mr. Lytle wants to commence work forthwith. As Mr. Lytle's amended proposition, that of being granted terminal grounds in this city, free rights of way between Tillamook City and Nehalem and the rights of way between there and Buxton to cost not more than \$10,000 is the best railroad proposition ever made to the Tillamook people, no time should be lost in accepting it.—Tillamook Headlight.

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IS IT MURDER OR SUICIDE

BODY OF C. D. SNYDER FOUND.

Bullet Hole in the Skull—Gold Watch, Sleeve Buttons, Letters and Pawn Checks Found on the Body.

Scarcely a doubt remains but what Carey D. Snyder, whose fleshless bones were found last Monday morning in the brush near Cedar Mills, was murdered. Everything points in that direction. The skull of the man whose checkered career has been the theme of common discussion and columns of newspaper space, now reposes on a shelf in the office of Dr. A. B. Bailey in this city, a grinning, horrible witness of a crime most foul and sickening. A bullet hole near the right ear and up through the skull shows where a 38-caliber revolver got in its deadly work, but whether it was fired before or after Snyder's death, is a question. Certain it is that the dead man's skull has a long crack in it, which must have been produced by a severe blow on top of the head, as is shown by a discoloration of the skull at that point, and this is the opinion of the Messrs. Drs. Bailey who have made a close and careful examination of the gruesome find.

The finding of the bones dispels the mystery of Snyder's disappearance the morning after the Forest Grove bank robbery December 2nd last, and it has been the belief of very many people that he was implicated in the robbery, though his wife declares positively that he was at home all of that night. The skeleton was discovered by Harry Hansen, who was out hunting in the brush near Cedar Mills, on the farm of John Lehman. He followed a grouse into the thicket and stumbled upon the remains of a dead man and at once hastened home and notified his father, Nels Hansen, and Julius Peterson who notified Sheriff J. W. Connell, and acting Coroner H. T. Bagley went to where the body was found and empaneled a jury. At the inquest Young Hansen made the following sworn statement, which describes the finding of the body:

I am a resident of Washington county, Oregon and reside three miles west of Cedar Mills; that I am 18 years old, and was hunting in the timber where said body was found on the morning of October 1, 1906, about 10 o'clock a. m., when I came upon said body lying by some logs in the timber almost 150 feet south of the Portland-Glencoe road and about one mile west of the Union school house near Cedar Mills; that after finding said body I notified Julius Peterson and then went home and told my father Nels Hansen and next saw the body when viewed by the acting coroner and Dr. A. B. Bailey; that the body was in the same condition when visited the second

time as when I first found it. Signed Harry Hansen.

Sheriff J. W. Connell, was sworn and gave the following testimony:

I am sheriff of Washington county, Oregon; and have examined the clothing and effects found by Harry Hansen, near the Portland-Glencoe road, west of Cedar Mills; that I was acquainted with Carey D. Snyder, during his life time; that he was almost 23 years old; that I recognize the clothing, hat and watch found with said body as those of said Carey D. Snyder. That I have examined the gun and papers found with said body and from said investigation say that deceased was Carey D. Snyder.

The jury, after making an examination of the remains, brought in the following verdict:

Matter of inquest over the body of Carey D. Snyder, deceased, we, the jury in the above entitled cause, after inspecting the body of deceased, and the effects found thereon and having heard the testimony introduced, find that the body is that of Carey D. Snyder, that he came to his death in the timber on the farm of John Lehman, west of Cedar Mills, Washington county, Oregon, by a gun shot wound inflicted in a manner to this jury unknown, but probably by deceased with suicidal intent. That we are unable to determine when death occurred, but fix the date prior to March 1, 1906.

J. F. Croeni,
F. L. Bishop,
Andrew Eggmann,
A. L. Croeni,
Nels Hansen,
C. Boy.

In the decayed pockets of the dead man's clothes were found five cents in money, a bunch of pawn tickets from a Portland pawn shop, a letter from R. M. Snyder, a Kansas City banker and father of the dead man, and a number of counter checks from the store of C. S. Reynolds, a Mountaineer merchant who had transacted business with the deceased for several years. A new and valuable six-shooter, with five barrels loaded, was found in a pocket of Snyder's pants, and his gun was lying on a log near his feet. Several teeth in the skull were gold crowned, and two front teeth were missing, thought one of them was afterwards found mixed up with the bones and rotten clothing. Another find was reported by A. L. Croeni, one of the jurors who brought the remains to Hillsboro on Tuesday, that of \$1.65, which slipped out of the clothing when the skeleton was being placed in a box for transportation. A fine gold watch, stopped at 8:20, was also among the things found, all of which are known to have belonged to the dead man, as well as a derby hat and gray overcoat, partly decayed and covered with mould.

The acting coroner has wired to Snyder's father at Kansas City, where the unfortunate man's wife is said to be living, for instructions as to the disposition to be made of the remains. The skull will be kept as

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