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Coal From Coos Proves Best

An exhaustive test of Coos bay coal at the Willamette Iron Works has proven that it is superior to Washington and Wyoming coal for domestic purposes. The test was made under direction of Engineer Fowler, and will result in arousing a local interest that will lead to the forming of commercial connections between Portland and Coos bay, which has for years been trade territory of California.

To make the test thorough, by comparison with results from other well-known coals, the same quantities of Coos bay, Washington, Wyoming and Australian coal were placed in the furnaces. It was found that Coos bay coal burns slower than either of the others, and that it lasts longer, gives off steadier heat, with less ash and smoke than any of the coals except the Australian coal. The Coos bay coal required more draft, and for that reason is reckoned better for domestic than for steam-producing purposes.

Engineer Fowler said the Coos bay coal, when banked, kept fire longer than any other coal tested. After the test was finished all the ashes were piled out on the floor and compared. The Australian coal left slightly less than the Coos bay coal. The Washington coal ash pile was nearly double the size of that from Coos bay. The Wyoming coal left about a third larger pile of ashes than did the Coos bay coal. No steam test has been made but it is expected that when one is made it will show the Coos bay coal favorably in comparison with Washington and Wyoming coals. The question of economical mining and transportation from Coos bay to Portland is still to be determined. It is said the Coos bay coal can be mined as cheaply as any other coal, and that water transportation from Coos bay will prove to be cheaper than rail transportation from Washington mines to Portland.—Oregon Daily Journal.

Leus, France, April 4.—In the mine from which 13 miners were taken alive Friday, who had been buried 20 days, this morning the searchers found ten alive in pit No. 4. They were brought to the surface and it is hoped that attempts to resuscitate them will prove successful. One more survivor of the Courrier mine disaster was taken from the workings this morning. He was barely alive. He said members of the party with him died one by one, after having eaten the corpses of two apprentice boys found in the mine. The ministry of the Public Works announced that the only three men supposed to be lost in Curriere's mines came out alive this morning, but knocking has been distinctly heard in several parts of the mine, particularly pit No. 4, where evidently are more men to be rescued. This news has not yet been published in Paris but is to increase indignation against the engineers, who, it is alleged, instead of trying to save miners, simply blocked the entrance to save the property. There seems to be every reason to believe that hundreds could have been saved but for this action. With their backs to the wall, fighting public wrath, engineers are making sensational disclosures, declaring that they obeyed the orders of the mine owners.

Every little while some newspaper tells about the custom of planting fruit trees along the roadside in Germany and recommends doing the same in this country. The time may come when the custom will work in this country but it is not here now. Roadside fruit trees are occasionally found here and almost without exception they are disreputable in appearance and pest-breeders in practice. It is now certain that we should have trees of any kind growing along the sides of the road in Western Oregon so long as we have earth roads, for such roads need the sun. If, however, trees are planted in the roadsides it is probable that nut trees of some kind will prove most satisfactory.—Oregon Agriculturist.

For a good pair of shoes, go to Drane's.

Work Commences With Good Weather.

Portland, April 4.—William Hood, chief engineer of the Southern Pacific, has sent word from San Francisco that within a short time the first section of the Drain-Coos Bay branch of the Southern Pacific will be let by contract, and construction work will begin as soon as the weather will permit continuous operation. It is believed that actual construction will begin within the next thirty days.

The first section will be thirty or forty miles in length, and the rights of way have practically been secured. Surveys have been completed along the whole route.

The road will follow the grades of the Umpqua river, and it is said that for the whole distance to the coast from Drain the grades in no place will exceed one half of one per cent. Notice has been received by Portland merchants that as soon as the contract for work is let, the usual policy of road construction for branches will be followed and all supplies are to be purchased here.

Rails for the summer work on the line have been received and stored on the Drain end, where construction will be started.

For Equal Property Rights.

The next session of the Oregon State Grange will doubtless reaffirm its position in regard to securing an act of the legislature to reduce the husband's right of courtesy one-half, making it just equal to the dower right. Under our present law the husband has a life estate in all his wife's property, while she has a life estate in only one-half of his property. This law should be made the same for both. It came before the last legislature as House Bill No. 275. It passed the House but was held up in the judiciary committee of the Senate.

Mrs. C. Peterson, 625 Lake St. Topeka, Kans. says "Of all cough remedies Ballard's Horehound Syrup is my favorite; it has done and will do all that is claimed for it—to speedily cure all coughs and colds—and it is so sweet and pleasant to the taste. Sold by R. S. Knowlton.

The fruit growers of the Willamette Valley have not put forth many claims for superiority in the line of the production of fancy apples in the past ten years, but have been getting up a good deal of courage in the past year, especially as there is plenty of evidence to prove that it is possible to raise as perfect apples in the Willamette valley now as in the old days when the apples of this valley made Oregon famous. "Old Yamhill," in particular, has come to the front with splendid exhibits made by a number of its growers. Mr. M. O. Lownsdale, of LaFayette, secured the cup on Baldwin at the last meeting of the State Horticultural Society, but has scored a greater triumph in securing the congratulations of the fruit dealers of Portland upon sending in this season the finest and most highly artistic pack of apples ever seen on Front street. Prices tell their own story and Mr. Lownsdale has received in Portland from \$1.75 to \$2.00 per box for Ben Davis apples and on up for better varieties to \$3.00 for Spitzenburgs. One gratifying feature of this season's business in Portland is the fact that there has been a considerable local demand for first-class apples at the high prices which would in former years have sent such apples to distant markets.—Oregon Agriculturist.

About Rheumatism
There are few diseases that inflict more torture than rheumatism and there is probably no disease for which a varied and useless lot of remedies have been suggested. To say that it can be cured is therefore, a bold statement to make, but Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which enjoys an extensive sale, has met with great success in the treatment of this disease. One application of Pain Balm will relieve the pain, and hundreds of sufferers have testified to permanent cures by its use. Why suffer when Pain Balm affords such quick relief and costs but a trifle? For sale by R. S. Knowlton.

To the People of Oregon.

The approaching election is one of the most important in the history of the State. Every voter should carefully consider his ballot before casting it. The people here and elsewhere are just awakening to see that elections are often a contest between the rights of the people and the corporate interests.

Among the initiative laws to be voted on in June are two put forward by the State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, which have been largely endorsed by the farmers, the workmen and the taxpayers generally. One bill provides for an annual license tax upon the gross earning of oil, sleeping car and refrigerator car companies. (Vote 318 X yes on ballot.) The other provides a similar tax upon express, telegraph and telephone companies. (Vote 320 X yes on ballot.)

These corporations have been doing a profitable business in the State of Oregon and have hitherto escaped paying any tax worth mentioning. The expenses of State Government are rapidly increasing, and the burden of taxation falls more and more heavily upon the owners of real estate. Other states have similar laws in force, and relief has come, thereby, to the farmer and to the man who owns his home.

The Grange has labored long to secure a more equal taxation in Oregon, and has petitioned for these laws in the expectation that every taxpayer and fair-minded citizen would support them.

The provisions of these bills do not revoke or change any law upon our statutes. They seek to accomplish only what is right and just.

Printed copies are in the hands of the county clerks for free distribution. We urge the citizens to examine these laws, and all others to be voted on June 4th. The conservative and substantial character of the Grange is a sufficient guarantee that these laws are necessary and in the interest of necessary reform.

B. G. LEEDY,
AUSTIN T. BUXTON,
C. E. BUXTON,
State Grange Executive Committee

Chastet Death.

Kidney troubles often ends fatally, but by choosing the right medicine, E. H. Wolfe, of Bear Grove, Iowa, cheated death. He says: "Two years ago I had Kidney Trouble, which caused me great suffering and anxiety, but I took Electric Bitters, which effected a complete cure. I have also found them of great benefit in general debility and nerve trouble, and keep them constantly on hand, since, as I find they have no equal." R. S. Knowlton druggist, guarantees them at 50c.

When the pioneer mothers of Oregon toiled across the plains beside their weary and heartick husbands, beset with perils, threatened with death from murderous savages, by starvation in a barren land and surrounded by all the privation of a wild frontier, did they think the coming generation would be ungrateful and selfish enough to deny them the fullest political prerogative in the state they helped to found?

Really, isn't the delay in granting Oregon women the ballot a mean and miserly reward for their joint conquest of the wilderness with their husbands?

To think that the thug, the thief, the charlatan, the trickster, the reprobate and the immoral scoundrel may vote in Oregon, but that the pure minded, noble mothers and wives are denied this privilege, is enough to awaken the thinking citizen to the injustice of the situation.

What will the answer of Oregon be?—East Oregonian, Pendleton, Oregon.

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Proclamation.

Whereas the Secretary of State of the State of Oregon has notified me in writing that pursuant to the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act making effective the initiative and referendum provisions of Section 1 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, and regulating elections thereunder, and providing penalties for violations of provisions of this act," approved February 24th, 1903, a committee of citizens of Clackamas County, C. W. Kerns being the chairman thereof, duly filed in his office on January 22nd, 1906, an initiative petition containing 7761 signatures, properly attached to a copy of said measures, certified in accordance with law, demanding that a proposed law, the title, tenor and effect of which is hereinafter particularly set forth shall be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Oregon for their approval or rejection at the general election to be held in said state on the 4th day of June, being the first Monday in June, 1906.

Now, Therefore, I, Geo. E. Chamberlain, Governor of the State of Oregon, in obedience to the provisions of said act herein before first mentioned, do hereby make and issue this proclamation to the people of the State of Oregon, announcing that the said committee of citizens of Clackamas county, Oregon, C. W. Kerns being the Chairman of said committee, has filed said initiative petition with the requisite number of signatures thereto attached, demanding that there shall be submitted to the legal electors of the State of Oregon for their approval or rejection at the regular election to be held on the 4th day of June, 1906, said day being the first Monday in said month, a bill to propose by initiative petition a bill entitled "A bill to propose by initiative petition a law for the abolishment of tolls on the Mount Hood and Barlow Road, and same by the State of Oregon," the tenor and effect of which in brief is to direct the Secretary of State to purchase the Mount Hood and Barlow Road from the Pacific Abstract, Guaranty & Trust Company, the owner thereof, for a sum not exceeding \$24,000.00, and to deliver to said company before the 1st day of September, 1906, or as soon as said bill may become a law, a warrant upon the State Treasurer payable out of any moneys in the general fund of the State of Oregon not appropriated in favor of said corporation for the sum of \$24,000.00, upon delivery to the said Secretary of State of a deed conveying to the State of Oregon said road, together with all rights, franchises and privileges of every kind and character pertaining thereto, and as soon as the title to said road is conveyed to the state all tolls of every kind and character are to be abolished and said road free to the use of the public.

Done at the Capitol at Salem, this Fifth day of February, A. D., 1906.
(Signed) GEO. E. CHAMBERLAIN,
GOVERNOR.
(Signed) F. I. DUNBAR,
Secretary of State.

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