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A LAND OF OPPORTUNITIES.

A few days ago a young man drove into Bend who was in pretty destitute circumstances. He had enough money to buy feed for his horses and then was obliged to borrow money to provide himself, wife and child with food. Today he has a filing on a homestead and is earning \$5 a day with the aid of his feat. The good part of it is that work is plentiful and he can find all the work he wants at those wages.

This young man is not a knocker. If you ask him how he likes the country he replies with a broad smile that it's plenty good enough for him. And he is more than glad that he came. The Bulletin knows other men who came into this country and afterwards borrowed enough money to send for their families. Later some of them sold out property they had in the meantime accumulated, clearing up from two to five thousand dollars. Everyone who might come here undoubtedly could not do as well in so short a time as the last named cases, but if anything is certain it is that there is no better place in the big and growing West for a young man, with strength and a willingness to work, to come and start his lot. There is a great demand for labor and good wages are being paid. The ditch company and the sawmills are constantly hampered by the scarcity of labor. The need is urgent and everyone who so desires can find employment.

Aside from the mere matter of finding work and earning wages, there are many opportunities for the wise investment of the savings of the young man who saves. The Bulletin is safe in saying that land values here are still at a very low stage. The past two years has seen an increase in timber values that was simply astounding to some who had previously maintained that timber claims would never bring such a price. And even now the price of timber is ridiculously low. Ten years will bring as much if not more of a surprise in increased land values.

Shrewd men who have studied other irrigation projects say that we have here one of the best in the entire country. Our soil is rich, our climate healthful and delightful, and there is an abundance of water for irrigation. There is only one thing lacking and that is transportation. Everything indicates that that will soon be supplied. Why then should not irrigated lands here approach in value those in other sections? There is no reason why they should not and nothing is more sure than that they will. In a few years men will look back and say what fools they were for not buying land at least a small acre for the low price of \$40 an acre for the very best of it. Aside from land investments there are other chances for making money. The country is new and is developing. A man on the ground will find opportunities to turn many an honest penny, and some will find chances to engage in profitable business enterprises.

Hence The Bulletin maintains that the Bend country is a good place for the young man who happens to have a little capital and even for the young man who only has strong muscles and a willing-

ness to work. He will not find here all the comforts and amusements of an older country, but he will find no real hardships. The young man who lives alone on comforts and amusements is not needed here. We want no mollycoddles. What is wanted is the young man with courage and determination enough to stick to a good thing when he finds it. For such this country is full of opportunities.

HAPPENINGS FAR AND NEAR.

The hotel and livery stables at Silver Lake report a rushing business due to many people coming in to the country after timber lands and homesteads.

M. F. Parker of Fort Klamath has purchased 1,000 acres of land at the head of Summer Lake of Jack Partin, paying \$5000 for the tract. Parker will improve the ranch and make it one of the best in Lake county.

The Prineville Journal says that Wallace Post recently sold 20 head of 3-year-old steers at \$40 per head. The cattle were a better grade than the ordinary run of stock, to which is due the fact that Mr. Post received \$5 more per head than is usually paid.

L. B. Lafolette and J. W. Collins returned from the vicinity of Shaniko Sunday where they have been for the past six weeks with the road train. They say that the roads have proven too soft for the weight of the machinery and that the project will probably be abandoned for this year at least.—Prineville Journal.

Wholesale destruction of juniper trees in Crook county ought to be stopped in some manner. It has a commercial value which is only equalled by the best quality of Coos Bay myrtle. In fact it commands \$150 per 1000 feet more at comb, brush and pencil factories, but it will all be burned in log heaps, we are afraid, before the advent of the railway.—Moro Observer.

The body of Morris Wingfield, the Lakeview stockman who disappeared on Sept. 24 and whose horse was found the day after riderless, was found on Oct. 18 floating in a slough where he had evidently been drowned. It is supposed that Wingfield's horse floundered while crossing the slough and threw Wingfield into the water where he drowned. There were no signs of foul play.

Some "smart" youngsters at Silver Lake visited the camp of an Indian known as Dr. Sam, who was camped near that place, and in the absence of the Indian entered his tepee and wantonly smashed up everything they could get their hands on. They even went so far as to chop the tepee poles in two and then climbed on top of it in an attempt to smash it down. They also took an ax and badly damaged the Indian's wagon. A good stout hickory club should be applied to such youngsters until they learn how to behave themselves and to leave other people's property alone.

Work is progressing rapidly on the electric railroad being built from Portland to Salem and on to Eugene. In about six weeks people at Portland's capital can board the electric cars and run into Portland in about an hour's time on one of the finest equipped electric lines in the country. The line will soon be extended to Eugene, surveys for which are now being made. The company building to Eugene is known as the Eugene & Eastern and is the road that J. C. Bracher told The Bulletin would be built into Bend within two years. Mr. Bracher is a director of the Eugene & Eastern and made the above statement when in Bend last summer.

A Strong Endorsement for Oregon.
Oregon never had a stronger endorsement than the following from the pen of Prof. Charles Curtis, of the Ames, Iowa, Agricultural College.
There is nowhere on the face of the globe a land or people so dominant in the improvement of live stock or so potent in the production of the highest types of

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School Land Base Increased in Price.

SALEM, Oregon, Oct. 23, 1907.—On account of the limited amount now available, the State Land board on October 22, 1907, increased the price of school land base for indemnity selections to \$8.75 per acre. This order affects all applications forwarded to this office subsequent to said date, hereafter U. S. land office fees and charges for the publication of notices will be paid by the State. An initial payment of \$1.75 per acre (one-fifth of the purchase price) should accompany an application. CHAS. V. GALLOWAY, State Land Agent.

Late Watermelons Are Luscious.

Luscious watermelons are still being brought to the Madras market by the ranchers of the neighborhood and the quality of these late melons is equal if not superior to that ripening earlier in the season. The soil and climate of this section seems especially adapted to growing of large melons of superior quality, and when transportation means are improved this crop will doubtless be one from which considerable revenue will be derived. The melons develop perfectly on the plateau lands without irrigation and with slight cultivation.—Pioneer.

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The Waning Hardwood Supply.

Although demand for hardwood lumber is greater than ever before, the annual cut to-day is a billion feet less than it was seven years ago. In this time the wholesale prices of the different classes of hardwood lumber advanced from 25 to 65 per cent. The cut of oak, which in 1899 was more than half the total cut of hardwoods, has fallen off 30 per cent. Yellow poplar, which was formerly second in point of output, has fallen off 38 per cent, and elm has fallen off one half. The cut of softwoods is over four times that of hardwood, yet it is doubtful if a shortage in the former would cause dismay in so many industries. The cooperage, furniture, and vehicle industries depend upon hardwood timber, and the railroads, telephone and telegraph companies, agricultural implement manufacturers, and builders use it extensively.

This leads to the question, Where is the future supply of hardwoods to be found? The cut in Ohio and Indiana, which, seven years ago, led all other states, has fallen off one half. Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, Tennessee, Texas, West Virginia, and Wisconsin have also declined in hardwood production. The chief centers of production now lie in the lake states, the lower Mississippi valley, and the Appalachian Mountains. Yet in the lake states the presence of hardwoods is an almost certain indication of rich agricultural land, and when the hardwoods are cut the land is turned permanently to agricultural use. In Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi the production of hardwoods is clearly at its extreme height, and in Missouri and Texas it has already begun to decline.

The answer to the question would therefore seem to lie in the Appalachian Mountains. They contain the largest body of hardwood timber left in the United States. On them grow the greatest variety of tree species anywhere to be found.

Protected from fire and reckless cutting, they produce the best kind of timber, since their soil and climate combine to make heavy stands and rapid growth. Yet much of the Appalachian forest has been so damaged in the past that it will be years before it will again reach a high state of productivity.

Twenty billion feet of hardwoods would be conservative estimate of the annual productive capacity of 75,000,000 acres of forest land in the Appalachians if they were rightly managed. Until they are we can expect a shortage in hardwood timber.

Circular 116, of the Forest Service, entitled "The Waning Hardwood Supply," discusses the situation. It may be had upon application to the Forester, Forest Service, Washington, D. C.

It Is Certainly Not Disgraceful

L. I. Gregory, president of the Oregon Trunk Line, of Seattle, was a Prineville visitor yesterday. He had an engineer with him, and this morning they both left for parts unknown. Funny how these railroad parties sneak out of sight in Crook county after they get a square meal. We never regarded it as disgraceful to try to build a railroad.—Review.

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