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**FORESTRY AND SERVANT FIRES.**

Millions of dollars are lost annually through the destruction of western timber by fire. That such loss may be prevented entirely is not to be imagined. That fire damage can be greatly reduced, however, under commercial and federal forestry methods different from those generally practiced, is undeniable. It is well known that damaging forest fires were few and unimportant before the advent of the settler and the later lumber mill with its logging operations.

The absence of fires in the years before the white man's coming was not due to the absence of man from the timber, but because the old time timber men, the Indians, understood the proper use of fire as a forest conservative.

Such is the gist of the article appearing elsewhere in this paper, whose purpose is to point out the vast importance of fire as a servant in man's forest regulation, thereby preventing its destructive dominance as a master.

According to the author (and we believe the facts bear out his allegations) the total neglect of this important preservative function of fire on the part of our national foresters is responsible for much of the fire loss in our reserves.

The Indians preserved their forests with fire. They appear to have been better conservationists than the officials of today. Certainly it is rather futile to lock our forests up in "national domain" if when there they are not to be protected properly.

Quite clearly there is "something doing" in the Deschutes railroad field. And if a guess may be hazarded in a matter of such uncertainty it appears fairly certain that the next crop of "doings" will emanate from the Harriman camp. Both the recent action of the Hill people in withdrawing construction work south of this point, after having gone to great expense in inaugurating it, the presence of so many of the Harriman leaders here primed with "satiated curiosity," and the fact that a common trackage agreement at points further north has been entered into, strongly lead to the belief that other non-competitive agreements are in the air. Such, for instance, as a division of territory and track-building. We would not be surprised, indeed, to see the Hill interests build from the Columbia to Bend exclusively and from Bend eastward, and the Harriman road continue the north and south line from here to connect with its Natron cut-off and California. This would appear a program devoutly to be wished for.

Folks in Germany Land, where the lager beer flows, folks have acquired an impressive head start over us plodders of Central Oregon. While we are awaiting the coming of the railroads the Kaiser's people are enjoying air-ship travel. Count Zeppelin's successful inauguration of commercial aerial navigation truly marks an epoch whose results are as problematical as they are far-reaching. Aside from the serious aspects of the new order of things, there are plausible possibilities not devoid of interest even to those who never hope to afford sky autos. If Germans are to be the exclusive heavenly chaffeurs, will it not be incumbent upon poor earth-abiding citizens to carry steel umbrellas to ward off falling empty beer bottles and other trifles? And how about air-sickness—will it prove as unattractive as sea-sickness?

Redmond's little play for publicity, which the Madras Pioneer characterizes as "diabolical" might better be styled an excellently well conceived—if somewhat humorous—plan for selling lots. The sad part of it is the heart-rending slight given Bend; the line of the proposed county of which Redmond is the proposed Hub and Heart and (shall we say it?) Brains, comes to within but five miles of Bend. Surely this is the unkindest cut of all. Would it not have been more considerate to have included Lytle, or part of our own city at least, in the phantastic county of Deschutes? In short, Bend is hurt—irreparably cut by this unmerited neglect.

Under the head of "Oil in the Christmas Valley," the Bend Bulletin of last week contains about as much misinformation as it would be possible to put in the same space. It's a case of the Bulletin being imposed upon. They have not struck oil, the well is not down 430 feet. The drill has been stopped temporarily, but not for the above mentioned cause.—Silver Lake Leader.

The article in question was based

upon reports made to the Bulletin by one W. A. White, a "substantial settler in the Christmas Lake Valley." We are inclined to believe that The Bulletin may have been "imposed upon" as the Leader states; also, that it is more a case of gas than oil.

The divorce colony at Reno must have boomed considerably since the Californian gubernatorial frown sent the Big Mill from that state into more appreciative Nevada. Certainly it will be a convenience for would-be divorcees, serving their term of legal residency before the sacred bonds are severed, to have such a notable diversion as a world's championship scrap to divert their minds from their marital troubles. And by the way, will Jeff be divorced from the coveted belt?

**GAY PARTIES UP RIVER.**

**Mrs. Schultz Entertains On Opening of New House.**

DESCHUTES MEADOWS, June 28.—Mrs. Nettie Schultz, having just completed her new house, gave a dance in honor of the occasion which was attended by a large number of friends. The floor was in fine shape for dancing and everybody had a splendid time, with Messrs. Carter and Fordham supplying the music. Refreshments were served at midnight and it was morning before "Home, Sweet Home" brought the party to an end. A picnic dinner at the Fish Traps, with good things to eat

without number, occurred next, Mrs. Schultz being hostess.

John Atkinson made a trip to the mill above Rosland this week for lumber for the flume across the river, which is being built by Lutner Metke for Messrs. Atkinson and Shonquest, for irrigation purposes. The water is to be taken out of Spring River.

Harold Tholstrap is up on his homestead again and is building fence.

**Temperance Move Is Powerful.**

L. D. Wiest, who is identified with the "Oregon Dry" movement, reports that he has received advices from prohibition headquarters to the effect that already 35,000 signatures have been secured on an initiative petition to put state prohibition up to the voters for decision.

**Deeds, Bonds for Deed and Mortgages.**

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**Tumalo Happenings.**

TUMALO, Or., June 28.—Ed White of Gist, was visiting at Tumalo yesterday.

A number of teams have passed through here recently from the valley.

Water Superintendent Saxton of Baker City, had a good sized class before him at Laidlaw last week.

J. E. Winner and Charles Spangh were

business callers at Tumalo yesterday.

William Baker is laid up with a felon on his finger, which is very painful.

Crops are growing nicely these days and a good yield will be harvested on the irrigated lands of this vicinity.

Attorney Benson of Bend and Attorney Brink of Prineville, stayed several nights in Tumalo, while attending the water court at Laidlaw last week.

Jess Harcrow of Culver was in this vicinity last week attending water court at Laidlaw.

J. R. Rannels of Cline Falls, was in Tumalo on water business last week. Mr. Rannels has just returned from Josephine County, where he has spent the past three years. He expects to return to Grants Pass this fall to locate permanently.

A free-for-all dance will be given this evening at Linster's Opera-house. The Band will play.

**An Ordinance.**

An ordinance amending ordinance No. 14, of the City of Bend, entitled:—"An Ordinance to provide for the employment of persons confined in the city jail."

Be it Ordained by the Common Council of the City of Bend:

Section 1. That said ordinance No. 14 be amended by adding thereto a section which shall read as follows:

"Section 4. All prisoners employed under said Ordinance 14 shall be required to labor for the period of eight hours per day during the term of his sentence. Provided, that in all cases where a prisoner is confined under the penalty of a fine, he shall be credited at the rate of two dollars per day upon the fine for each and every day he is employed under the provisions of said ordinance 14."

Read the first time June 14, 1910. Read the second time June 28, 1910. Passed by the Common Council June 28, 1910.

Approved June 28, 1910.  
 C. W. MERRILL, Mayor.

Attest  
 H. C. ELLIS, Recorder.

**An Ordinance.**

An ordinance amending ordinance No. 17 of the City of Bend, entitled:—"An ordinance providing for licensing and regulating the carrying on of certain professions, callings and occupations within the corporate limits of Bend."

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Bend:

Section 1. That said ordinance No. 17 be amended by adding thereto a section which shall read as follows:

Section 14. That every person, firm or corporation to whom a license shall issue under the provisions of said ordinance No. 40 shall pay into the City Treasury the sum of Five Hundred (\$500) dollars per annum payable quarterly as provided by Section 4 of Ordinance No. 17. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Read for first time June 14, 1910. Rules suspended and read for second time June 14, 1910.

Approved  
 CHAS. W. MERRILL, Mayor.

Attest  
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