

**ROAD FOLLOWS THE TIMBER**

**TO MAKE A SPECIALTY OF THE TIMBER BUSINESS.**

Gould's Western Pacific May Utilize Port of Portland While Harriman is Waiting—Prospects for Santa Fe.

In building into Oregon, Gould's Western Pacific will follow the route of the greater timber country. That this is the plan is believed to be demonstrated by the fact that the Gould agents, accompanied by expert timbermen, are making careful examinations and preparing estimates on the forests of Oregon, it is realized by those in control of Western Pacific, one of whom is B. A. Worthington, formerly in charge of the Harriman lines in the Northwest California and of Oregon will be one of the most valuable products in the world within a few years, and it is their aim to place their road in position to reap the benefits of the immense amount of business they know will come when all America looks to the Northwest for lumber.

Timber cruisers and agents of the Western Pacific, who have been in the Sierra Nevada Mountains in Northern California for the past two months, have completed their labors of investigating the timber growth in that region. The report shows their observations were responsible for estimates being made of 27,000,000,000 feet of timber standing along the right of way. The road will tap this big belt and the management is depending largely on the timber, both in rough and as milled for the haul east.

Coming across the state line with the branch from the main road and entering the Willamette Valley, at Eugene, Gould will make a special effort to secure the timber business. While the Southern Pacific at present handles the output of the Both-Kelly system of mills in Southern Oregon, which reaches an enormous total each month, it is being reasoned out that Gould will make a strong bid for a share of the trade. He has already displayed his preference for Oregon fir by purchasing a cargo of ties here several weeks ago and having them shipped to Stockton, where they are to be used in the construction of the main line to the Coast.

With the Santa Fe making rapid headway toward Eureka, on Humboldt Bay, forcing Harriman from San Francisco and compelling him to use San Pedro as the principal Pacific coast port for his Oriental fleet, and Gould pressing him from the East and in a fair way to make a deal through which he will possibly control the Far Eastern business from Portland—if not with his own steamers, through an arrangement with other interests—Harriman is thought to be rapidly losing his clutch on the coast territory over which he has practically exercised a dictatorial policy for years.

The Pacific coast has suddenly become the battleground for the railroads of the country. With Hill supplying the express liners at the British Columbia ports with overland cargo over the Great Northern and using the Northern Pacific in the interest of the Sound; Harriman idly looking to Portland to care for the overflow from San Francisco, which cannot be accommodated on his three lines, and now turning his attention to San Pedro in order to help that locality instead of standing with this city and furnishing Eastern freight which would increase the cargoes from here and pave the way for increasing the P. & A. tonnage there is an opening for a fleet at Portland to be assisted by one of the transcontinental roads heading this way.

Prospects are also bright for the Santa Fe if congress can be induced to dredge the bar forming the entrance to Humboldt Bay.—Telegram.

**A WONDERFUL INVENTION.**

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**FASHION TASTE IN DRUGS.**

Doctor Tells What He Thinks of Woman Who Insisted Upon Flavors in Medicine.

Being a man of excellent wisdom, the doctor seldom makes remarks about his patients, but that day he was so mad he couldn't help himself.

"That woman," said he, "is a dashed fool."

"What has she done?" asked a listener.

"She has insisted upon my flavoring the medicine for which I just wrote out a prescription with Swiss lilac, because that is her favorite perfume."

"Did you do it?" asked the listener.

"Yes, I had to. 'I won't take the stuff if you don't,' said she. 'You won't take it if I do,' I said. 'You won't be able to. It will be so nasty you can't swallow it.'"

"But that argument never feazed the woman. 'It is lilacs or nothing,' she said. 'I'd rather die than be inconsistent.'"

"So I gave her the lilacs. 'It is queer, anyway,' proceeded the doctor, "about the flavoring of medicine. I don't know whether you know it or not, but styles in flavoring extracts used by druggists change with the seasons, the same as hats and coats and dinner table decorations. Last spring the majority of prescriptions compounded tasted like sweet peas. Before that peppermint was the favorite, now it is lavender. Peppermint, by the way, has its innings most frequently as a popular essence. There are a good many people who don't like peppermint, but there are more who do, and it comes into favor about three times as often as any other essence. For one thing, it mixes with other ingredients more harmoniously than other extracts, and there are some doctors who are old-fashioned enough to stick to it year in and year out, no matter what their more up-to-date brethren may be using for a time. Fortunately, the flavor of a prescription has nothing to do with its efficacy, so if a doctor feels like it he can make a fool of himself, as I did just now, and satisfy the whim of a fashionable patient by flavoring her tinctures with an essence that matches her perfumes without endangering her life. However, freak flavors are not calculated to make a disagreeable drug more pleasant to the taste, and after a few experiments of that kind most doctors, at the request of the patients themselves, go back to lavender and sweet peas and the ever reliable peppermint."

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**AT ENGLISH PRISON GATES**

Salvation Army Is There to Lead a Hand to Released Convicts—Great Aid to Nation.

All who are seriously interested in social questions ought from time to time to find themselves outside a prison gate in the early morning. There is no more pathetic spectacle in the study of human misery. The Salvation Army officers are there and the church army stands with them side by side. There are little groups of friends waiting about in the gray morning until those who have finished their sentence step out into freedom, says a letter by Lady Henry Somerset.

The door slowly opens and men and women come out by twos and threes, a tragic moment to the on-looker, when husbands and wives and fathers and children meet again. Then the Salvation Army man begins his work, and distributes cards to them, inviting them to meetings, or telling them to count upon him as a friend, if they need help—for the difficulty which stares the prisoner in the face and looms so large is how to get work. There are thousands of honest men out of employment. Who is to find an opening for the man who has been in prison? The Salvation Army officer truly said that the law gives a man three months or six months in prison to expiate his offense, but when he comes out he finds that it is really a sentence for life, and many and many a man could tell the same hopeless tale, of his vain endeavors after employment, until he clasps the brotherly hand which was extended to him by one of these modern Franciscans.

There is a man in London today who holds the keys of one of the largest city warehouses. This man spent more than 11 years in prison. He was helped by the Salvation Army, and one day, after many months of weary search for work, he was engaged on a temporary job. He gave satisfaction and remained permanently, and is now in this position of great trust. Another man who was visited in prison, serving his second term of 15 years, although he was only 45 years old, said that it was the first time that any message of any kind from the outside world had reached him. Directly his time was up he went to the Salvation Army, "and in his gratitude to us," said the officer, "he gave us the only thing he had, his prison mouse." The rule is that if a man in any of the convict prisons can catch a field mouse and induce it to stay in his cell without the help of a cage he may keep it. This man had tamed the little animal, to which he was devoted, and is now enjoying a peaceful old age in a Salvation Army home; but whenever the former owner comes to London he always visits it.

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