

THE ITEMS

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Age gives added respectability to what is honorable; it makes vice contemptible.

England has poor crops this year, but we can spare her a shoot or two and a few roasting ears.

St. Louis has a good sized wash hanging out in the front yard. Some of the other municipalities ought to follow suit.

The mere fact that you feel like loafing does not entitle you to take up the time of a busy man telling him how the world ought to be run.

Whether he proves successful or not, President Roosevelt has earned the gratitude of the American people by his efforts to end the coal strike.

If the American people once become convinced that it is a case of J. Pierpont Morgan, et al. versus Theodore Roosevelt party lines will be forgotten in their haste to render the verdict.

During the Grand Army encampment in Washington a former member of Mosby's Guerrillas entertained fifteen members of the G. A. R. Thus old time differences are buried in the patriotic pride of the present.

The Senatorial question seems to be taking a rest, now that Scott has gone abroad. Geer has ceased to write letters. Fulton is all at sea, while the dark horses are still in the dark.—Portland Journal.

The owl is no wiser than other birds although it is a symbol of wisdom. It can see truth only in half lights and even its admirers do not flatter its voice. Many men have the reputation for wisdom who have the same claims therefor as the owl.—Ex.

Children chase butterflies and build sand houses and thereby develop strength to do a life work. As we grow older we are prone to indulge in chasing the rainbow and building castles in the air. And this inclination is not all bad as some moralists tell us. Even though we never catch the rainbow even though our castles fail to find a foundation, we are uplifting and strengthened for our real work of life. Man is a working animal, but his best work is done with his eyes beholding the rainbow and his hope moulding the clouds of sunset into ethereal palaces.—Ex.

Over-Work Weakens Your Kidneys.

Unhealthy Kidneys Make Impure Blood.

All the blood in your body passes through your kidneys once every three minutes. The kidneys are your blood purifiers; they filter out the waste or impurities in the blood. If they are sick or out of order, they fail to do their work. Pain, aches and rheumatism come from impurities in the blood, due to neglected kidney trouble.

Kidney trouble causes quick or unsteady heart beats, and makes one feel a though they had heart trouble, because the heart is over-loading its pumping action. It sends impure blood through veins and arteries. It is to be considered that only urinary troubles were to be traced to the kidneys, but now modern science proves that nearly all constitutional diseases have their beginning in kidney trouble. If you are sick you can make no mistake in first detecting your kidneys. The mild and extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmor's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy is now realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases and stands on its merits by all druggists in fifty-cent and one-dollar bottles. You may have a sample bottle by mail. Home of Swamp-Root, also pamphlet telling you how to find out if you have kidney or bladder trouble. Mention this paper when writing Dr. Kilmor & Co., Singhamton, N. Y.

WAGONTIRE MOUNTAIN.

Nearly 70 miles in a southerly direction from Burns is situated one of the most noted points in the history of Oregon.—Wagontire Mountain, writes a correspondent to the Baker City Democrat. It is noted as having been the spot where a train of emigrants from the eastern states headed for the Willamette valley all perished at the hands of the Indians. The only evidence left of this little band of argonauts is the half burned wagons that marks their last exploit. Wagontire mountain is 6620 feet in height and from the summit one of the most extensive views is to be seen that has not probably its parallel anywhere else in America. The Horsehead mountains are in plain view 12 miles to the south. Iron mountain stands out with its sugar loaf contour like a lone sentinel, 25 miles to the east. The glass Buttes lie in a cluster, seemingly only a hands throw distant, 20 miles to the north. Looking beyond these points that really seem close at hand, Stein's mountain limits the view to the east, 80 miles distant. Warner mountain closes the vision 70 miles to the south, while on the west you can look away beyond the Three Sisters, 180 miles, and see Mt. Hood looming up, breaking all records, 200 miles distant. But to the north the Snow mountains prevent one from seeing beyond 50 miles.

Nestled under these mountains Silver lake lies 20 miles east, with Harney lake 29 miles beyond. Alkali lake glistens like a piece of silver 30 miles to the south, while Christmas lake shows up plainly 40 miles to the west.

The settlement of Wagontire mountain is not very extensive, only six people with their families residing there. Their nearest neighbors are 30 miles away—Buck creek settlement on the north, Silver creek on the east, each 30 miles, while Warner valley and Summer Lake are each 60 miles away to the south and west respectively.

Although only six families reside in this locality, yet it is not without other population, over 20,000 cattle find pasture winter and summer in this locality, 18,000 horses and 150,000 sheep roam over the hills.

Most prominent among the owners of this stock is Mr. Riley, with 6000, X. L. ranch, with 7000 head, Mr. Hereford, with 6000 head. W. W. Brown leads all of his neighbors as a grower of horses, his holdings at this time exceeding 5000 head. He is a crank on the subject of horses, or at least it appears so to your correspondent and the most of his neighbors, for, although he runs 1400 head of sheep, which have always been profitable to him on account of their wool and mutton, he puts all his surplus from his sales of sheep and wool into horses, saying he is going to hold them until he can get \$100 apiece for them, wild and untrained, upon the range. He breeds mostly English Shires and Clydesdales, but the horses do not attain the normal size of their kind because of their being range bred. This is a country where it is not necessary to feed winter or summer. The year round the stock of all kinds roam the fields and plains never visited by man except when he comes with the branding iron or to exact his toll for the market. Quite recently Mr. Brown refused \$45,000 for 500 head of these same range horses, saying he was buying instead of selling horses at those prices. Mr. Browns owns 5,000 acres of desold land and untold miles of range that no one else but he and his five neighbors can occupy.

Right around Wagontire mountain a few spring of water gush out and flow down and lose themselves in the sand before reaching the plain. This water is owned by the six men before mentioned and with it they control 900 square miles of territory, which no one else can invade unless they can coax some way of getting water from the heavens or from the depths of mother earth. The man who gave me those notes, Mr. Hutton, and who owns

over 6000 head of stock, says that last winter he only fed one beast, a milch cow, that he kept in the stable to furnish milk for the family. The rest of the stock did well all through the winter upon the range. Snow scarcely ever falls in this region to exceed four inches, and then generally disappears within the next 24 hours.

The outlet for stock in this territory is either Ontario on the east, Heppner on the north, or Lakeview on the south. Everybody from Burns is talking of the Great Eastern railroad. The survey passes about two miles south of Wagontire mountain, bears a little to the north to pass Steins' mountain and will pass between Malheur and Harney lakes at a place called the Narrows.

About 12 miles east of Wagontire mountain is situated Big Stick canyon. Nobody lives there but something has happened at this particular point which will go into the history of the state of Oregon, and perhaps of the whole Pacific coast, in company with the facts about the big redwood trees. We don't write this for the sake of incurring the jealousy of California, the animosity of Nevada or the rage of Idaho, but will relate a fact that can easily be substantiated, but which many will doubt. A short time ago the people of Wagontire discovered a sage brush that could more reasonably be called a tree, for it was nineteen feet high and had a solid trunk six feet in circumference. A section of this tree exhibited at the world's fair in St. Louis would create more wonder and astonishment among the visitors in 1903 than would any other exhibit from Oregon. If big sage brush is a sign of rich land, we are willing to wager that Oregon has land twice as rich as any other state in the Union.

THE NILE OF AMERICA.

One of the most ambitious schemes conceived by prince, potentate or capitalist, now or ever, is an engineering feat by which it may be practicable to harness the great flow of the Colorado river as it passes through Colorado, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, and California, utilize the water for irrigating vast areas of desert, and incidentally create two or three hundred thousand acres of new land by scientific guidance of the stream so that it will deposit its alluvium or sediment as desired by man and likewise create vast electrical power.

The Colorado has never been considered a stream whose waters could be utilized to a great extent for irrigation, but Arthur P. Davis, who has spent several months in a careful reconnaissance of the situation, presents a plan of startling proportions. Mr. Davis is one of the best known hydrographers of the United States Geological Survey, and was detailed as chief hydrographer of the Isthmian Canal Commission. In speaking of his recent reconnaissance he said: "The great Colorado river is the largest stream both in drainage area and discharge that lies wholly within the arid portions of the United States. It is formed by a junction of the Green and Grand rivers, rising in Wyoming and Colorado, respectively, in regions of heavy rain and snow fall. Only a very small part of the flow of the Colorado has as yet been utilized for irrigation. Through most of its course this river and its tributaries flow at the bottom of profound canyons from which it is impossible to divert them upon irrigable lands. If its water could be fully utilized, it would irrigate vast areas of rich land."

Mr. Davis' plan is for the provision of a series of reservoirs on the Colorado river by the construction of dams where the possible storage is large. The fall of the river is so slight that reservoirs of enormous capacity may be constructed without involving dams of impracticable height. At any time, by opening the sluiceways of the reservoirs the current of the river will quickly cut the channel through the deposited sediment. With this exception each reservoir is expected to gradually fill with sediment.

When this occurs it is proposed to draw down the surface of the reservoir permanently twenty to forty feet, and to convert all of the reservoir site, except the river channel into irrigated farming land and, if necessary, construct another reservoir for storage purposes higher up on the stream.

His Life Saved by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

"B. L. Byer, a well known cooper of this town, says he believes Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy saved his life last summer. He had been sick for a month with what the doctors call bilious dysentery, and could get nothing to do him any good until he tried this remedy. It gave him immediate relief," says B. T. Little, merchant, Hancock, Md. For sale by H. M. Horton, Burns; Fred Haines, Harney.

James Hall was arrested by Sheriff Brown of Baker county, at the Ingstrom ranch, seven miles north of Durkee, last Saturday, on a charge of horse stealing. The officers have been on Hall's trail since last July. Hall is the last of a gang of stock rustlers that have infested this part of Oregon for years, all the others having either been convicted or are awaiting trial.

State Senator George C. Brownell has prepared a bill regulating the setting of fires in timber and during gashing time in this state, and will present it at the coming session of the Oregon Legislature. The enormous loss of timber and the suffering of people this year caused by the fires has led Senator Brownell to prepare the bill.

Thomas L. Brophy, the mining expert, has returned to Pendleton from the Heppner coal fields, after spending a fortnight viewing the work in progress. He says this is the greatest discovery that has been made of late years in the world. The opening up of transportation and getting the coal on the market means much to Morrow and Umatilla Counties.

Pursuant to the general forestry policy adopted by Secretary Hitchcock, the office of Superintendent of the Cascade Reserve will be abolished December 31, when S. B. Ormsby, of Salem, now superintendent, will terminate his official career.

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In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Malheur County.

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of T. M. Seaward, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that by order of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Malheur County, made and entered on the 2nd day of September, 1902, that Letters Testamentary were issued to the undersigned, May H. C. Seaward, appointing her as sole executrix of the Last Will and Testament of T. M. Seaward, deceased.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present them, with the proper vouchers therefor, within six months from and after this date, to-wit: 2nd day of September, 1902, to said executrix at her place of residence at Cord, Malheur County, Oregon.

May H. C. Seaward, Executrix

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