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Clark Wood Says—
 "The deceptive thing about stocks is that they 'go boom' first and 'faw down' afterward."

LAST NATURAL FORESTS

While the United States and House of Representatives are locking horns over a tariff scale on lumber and soft woods, Richard Lieber, director of the department of conservation for the state of Indiana draws attention to the fact that last stands of merchantable natural forests are those in the Pacific Northwest, and that within the next three or four decades this great store of nature will have almost entirely disappeared. "The lumbering wave," says Lieber, "swept down from the New England States to New York and Pennsylvania, then northwest through the Lake States, and onward through the Central States and into the great cypress and pine forests of the South. Today the great virgin forests are making their last stand in the Pacific Northwest. One cannot condemn the use of the forest products for they have gone into homes, transportation, industry, warmth and even art and beauty. We do stand, however, guilty before present and unborn generations for the destruction of the recurring possibilities of forestry and agriculture upon the lands we have laid waste. Why are there millions of acres of potential forest land in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania standing as idle as barren deserts? This land once supported heavy stands of timber stocked with all sorts of game and wild life. The answer is human carelessness. Where once grew magnificent trees we find forest fires have robbed the next generation of that wood supply which means so much to us. There fires have taken away time after time the soil cover and fertility needed to sustain new growth. Over vast areas it will be two centuries before this humus can be rebuilt by successive types of smaller vegetation to the point where the land will again sustain a forest stand. Why are the small woodlots which are so precious to every farm through the agricultural states like Illinois, Indiana and Ohio neglected and ignored both by the landowner and the agricultural leader as a potential crop and therefore a part of farm management? The answer is lack of vision which permits grazing animals to eat up the young trees on the forest floor so necessary to perpetuate species and link one crop of timber with the next one. While busily engaged in building up the quality through careful selection and breeding and by eliminating the "boarder" individual, we have been permitting the lumber man to haul away only the best timber, leaving the cull and overmature trees to occupy the site and perpetuate their own inferior kind."

A warehouseman's obligation of ordinary care cannot be signed away by contract—no matter what commodity may be stored on his premises—is the important conclusion of a recent supreme court decision in New Jersey. The question arose over the loss of 16,000 baskets of peaches in a warehouse in which the temperature had not been sufficiently reduced on account of some mechanical difficulty. The warehouseman's contract had attempted to avoid such responsibility by providing that he "shall not be responsible for failure to maintain any given temperature unless same is caused by its negligence," but the court held that "the defendant was charged with ordinary care for the protection of the fruit, and by ordinary care in this connection is meant the care that a reasonably careful owner would exercise in regard to similar property of his own. The law imposed that obligation, and it could not be impaired by any stipulation of the contract in pursuance of which the peaches were stored."

Police Commissioner Whalen of New York City has documents in his possession showing that the communist soviet at Moscow is responsible for fomenting strikes and riots in this country. Whalen's investigation has become so warm that Russian officials whom he accuses have come forth with declarations that evidence the New York officer holds against them are forgeries. Whalen discloses that Seattle was temporary headquarters for one "Comrade G. Grafpen," who was assigned by the soviet executive committee to "call in a reunion of all our general representatives which must receive instruc-

tions, literature for organization of the first May outbreaks from you, and sums of money from Comrade Sversky, who continues to be in charge of the financial department."

Once in a while luck is on the side of human freight when plane crashes, as was evidenced when eight army men survived a wreck in California the other day. Six "caterpillared" to earth in parachutes when one propeller broke, injured another and crumpled a wing. The pilot and his mechanic stayed with the ship and brought the craft down to an upright landing. As a rule the story reads the other way—everybody dead and ship burned up.

Boy criminals have increased in numbers to a point where police and other law enforcement departments are brought face to face with a problem that is extremely difficult to cope with. During the past week no less than five boys all under 17 years of age have been implicated in crimes of major degree, in Oregon and Washington. Two have confessed murder, and three figure in sensational automobile thefts.

Interest in the primary election campaign has been centered in the gubernatorial aspirants, of which there are enough to "go 'round." Next Friday we shall know who's who

The storm king has again raided the middle west. He visited nine states and left in his wake twenty-three deaths and property damage amounting to thousands of dollars.

H. N. Blakeslee of the national safety council, figures that accident prevention is good business and justifies in a return of dollars and cents.

Henry Ford says: "The farmers are right; their advisers are wrong. There is only one real 'farm board,' and that is the 8,000,000 farmers on the land."

The dad who electrifies the motive power in his shop is a poor scout who refuses an electric washing machine for mom.

Not since the exit of pingpong has anything come along to give the populace a faddist itch like yo-yo.

Why is a nineteen-gun salute? For the reason that it's a 19-gun salute.

23 Years Ago

Friday, May 10, 1907
 Agent Richards of the Puget Sound Warehouse company reports that but one-half of last season's crop has been shipped from warehouses under his charge.

The "Colts" will play Ed Forrest's reservation team on the Athena diamond Sunday afternoon. The players are evenly matched and a close game is expected.

W. P. Leach, the well known farmer, is delivering twenty tons of baled timothy hay to the Preston-Parton Milling company of this city. Timothy is now selling for a good price, ranchers being paid \$21 per ton. John Walden and other ranchers of Weston mountain were in the city and disposed of their hay at the above price.

Mrs. Will Harden and Miss Edna Harden are visiting friends in Helix this week.

Mrs. Claud Reeder is up from Tacoma, visiting relatives and friends in Athena.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Swaggart visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Akers on Birch creek, Wednesday.

Miss Della Danner, who has been attending school at Pendleton, has returned to her home in this city.

Wm. Willaby, sr., left Athena yesterday for a month's visit with relatives at Spokane and Newport, Wash. Owing to the illness of Mr. Chas. McLean, D. C. McIntyre has been named chairman of the committee on grounds for the Caledonian Picnic.

The members of the committee include, D. C. McIntyre, chairman; J. P. Millen and H. A. Barrett.

S. S. Parris has been elected delegate to represent this district at the Free Methodist national conference in Illinois.

Mike McCarty, the rounder who is supposed to have robbed John P. McManus at Pendleton, before the Pilot Rock editor killed Bob Estes, has been arrested at North Yakima and will be tried at Pendleton on the charge of robbery.

B. D. Clemons grinds an excellent quality of corn meal at his mill, and now has a quantity on hand for sale. In addition to being fresh and sweet, it is the product of a home institution and should be given preference by local dealers.

A canary bird flew into the home of V. E. Hoven yesterday and was captured. Owner may have the bird by calling.

Hugh Bell has finished plowing west of town and yesterday moved his outfit to the reservation, where he and

James Bell will plow the Umapine place, containing 500 acres. Five 2-bottom gang plows are expected to do the work in twenty days' time. It is reported that Wm. Anderson of Milton, who has been seriously ill and who was thought to be out of danger, has taken a relapse. Grandma Gerking, who has been ill for several weeks at the home of her daughter, Mrs. David Taylor, is very much better and able to be around once more.

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 Athena, Oregon

DR. I. U. TEMPLE
 Republican Candidate for Representative
 Umatilla County

A competent business man, a pioneer resident, a substantial taxpayer and informed on the economic conditions of the state and county. Our representation should be distributed over the county.

—Paid Adv.

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Editorial
 Consider the hammer. It is the only knocker in the world that doesn't fly off the handle. It keeps pounding away and after looking at the other side, clinches the matter.

Say Bill. "How did you like Venice?"
 Not so well. "Only stayed three days. The place was flooded."

REDOOF NOW
 THE Pioneer way -
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We see that our contemporaries are running us competition in the newspaper game. But we can see right thru that Dower knot hole. Our lumber doesn't have the knots fall out.

One thing we have never seen is an ox cart trying to beat a train to a crossing.

Jim Huggins and the Shell Oil company are on the spot with gas and oil.

A lattice fence will hide a lot of things and it adds to your garden's beauty. If you care to call we are glad to show you styles that can be built at prices ranging from 10 to 75 cents a foot.

Did you know that you can floor the living room of your house with oak for only 99 cents per ten foot square?

365 Golden Rule Days each year is our motto. Rain or shine, it doesn't matter to us.

How about the Summer wood? Then there was the Scotchman that went into Woolworths and asked for the furniture department.

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Reduction In Electric Light Rates

The following reduction in Electric light rates will be in effect on and after March 15, 1929:

Residential Rates
 First 30 KWH hours used, per month...10c per KWH
 Excess over 30 KWH used, per month...3c per KWH
 The above rates apply when bills are paid in full within 10 days from date of bill. Otherwise, the rate will be increased by 10 per cent on each item.

Commercial Rates
 First 100 KWH used per month...10c per KWH
 Next 200.....7c per KWH
 Next 300.....6c per KWH
 Next 400.....5c per KWH
 Next 1000.....4c per KWH
 Excess over 2000.....3c per KWH
 The above rates apply when bills are paid in full within 10 days from date of bill. Otherwise, the rate will be increased by 10 per cent on each item.

Preston-Shaffer Milling Company



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Treasurer
 of Umatilla County
 Primaries May 16
 Present incumbent; seven years experience in handling County Records;
One Term
 as County Treasurer, Official records open to inspection.
 —Paid Adv.

Re-Elect
Ralph E. Williams



Republican National Committeeman

For the first time in the history of the West a Western man—Ralph E. Williams of Oregon—is Vice Chairman of the Republican National Committee. During the past six months he has served as acting Chairman of the National Committee. He has given 22 years of unselfish service to Oregon, its citizens and its worthy enterprises. His service has been without salary or financial remuneration of any kind. To re-elect him means that Oregon keeps its important place in affairs of the Republican National Committee and that citizens of the state will continue to have the benefit of Mr. Williams' influence in Washington, D. C.

Vote 13X Williams, Ralph E.

Paid Adv. Citizens Committee, MARY A. BERRY, Secretary
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