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Of course congress will not pass the Nicaragua canal bill this session. The sugar trust quarrel takes too much time, and it must be remembered that Huntington and other railway magnates don't want any canal.

The Japa-China war may make times some better. We can sell them guns, powder and lead to kill each other with, and sell them supplies to eat or destroy while they are doing it. This is not a very humane consolation however.

What is lumber, butter, or other produce worth to this county unless there is some money in circulation to buy it with? There are many people who need these and other things, but they can't buy because there is no money in circulation.

A tannin factory to utilize the hemlock bark, and a pulp mill to use up the wood from the hemlock timber would surely pay here. Some man with a speculative turn of mind and a little Yankee ingenuity should take advantage of these opportunities.

Mr. Handley hasn't heard of any dissatisfaction regarding the present mail schedule. It is probable he hasn't heard of the result of the June election. For his benefit we will state that Mrs. May received a clear majority of 34 for school superintendent.

The politicians and convention fixers are laying plans already for the next election. They had just as well take notice right now that the people have no further use for them. There will be a new deal when the next republican county convention comes off, and those who are trying to run things will be left out. The people will control the convention and the slate makers will get a chance to stay at home. This paper proposes to fight everyone of them to the bitter end, before the convention, and after, if necessary. The republicans in this county have a clear major-

ity above both of the other parties, but it can never succeed with the old political hacks in the foreground. The people will sit down upon them hard.

The HEADLIGHT has worked unceasingly to encourage every enterprise or industry calculated to benefit this county and everyone will admit has been of great help to the county. Any inference to the contrary is entirely uncalled for, and is hatched up by some politicians who feel that their chances of running the county are slim while this paper exists.

A man may have a large farm, plenty of beef cattle, hay, potatoes, and other articles, and a poor house. He can't buy lumber to build a new one because he can't get a good price for his cattle. He can't sell off part of his farm so he can build a house and improve the balance of his place, because he can't find anybody with money to buy what he has for sale. Yet there are many people who are actually suffering for the need of some of his produce.

Both Good Routes.

According to reports from Tillamook, there are three stage loads of people go over the North Yamhill route to the coast where one goes over any other route. The reason is obvious—the best, cheapest and shortest route.—North Yamhill Record.

The HEADLIGHT is not interested particularly in favor of either route, but to correct any wrong impression made by the above statement will make the following statement: The distance to North Yamhill from here is estimate at 45 to 50 miles. The distance to Forest Grove is estimated from 54 to 61 miles. The number of people coming over each route is about equal. The stage fare to North Yamhill is \$3.50. The fare to Forest Grove is \$4.00. It is necessary to stop over night on the North Yamhill road in making the trip, the way the schedule is arranged. The trip to Forest Grove is made in one day, and in time to catch the train for Portland the same day, however in coming from Portland to Tillamook it is necessary to stop over night in Forest Grove. The railroad fare from Forest Grove to Portland is a little less than from North Yamhill. There is fine scenery and fine fishing on both routes, and the accommodations on both are very good, considering that they are mountain roads.

A Bible Question.

Having attended a religious meeting recently, and hearing so much exhortation to start to heaven, I wish to ask the following questions:

Is there a writer, speaker or passage in the Bible that exhorts people to start for heaven? I have read it all and find none. Then why so much exhortation of our day to start for heaven? To the contrary, in apostolic days, the good and just waited for His Son from heaven, and the kingdom of God to come to Israel on earth. Thess., i, 10; Luke xxiii, 50, and 51; Luke ii, 25. Do people read their bibles? Will some stop and think? JAMES M. LEVELL.

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