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FIR VS. STEEL

Corvallis is an example of a city in Oregon that uses wooden water pipes with satisfaction. The pipes are all made in that city and are dovetailed, instead of being jointed, and keep smooth and give excellent

pressure. Wooden pipe costs about half less than iron or other kinds. Why not use Oregon fir for Oregon water pipes?

It seems food for reflection when we learn that Pennsylvania is importing Oregon fir for its bridges, while Oregon is importing Pennsylvania steel for a like purpose. Many of the counties of this state are using steel for bridges, with an abundance of wood at hand, which can be had much cheaper than that which is shipped from Oregon to Pennsylvania. If steel bridges are so necessary, why does the Southern Pacific railroad and other such like companies build bridges of wood? The life of a steel bridge is about 20 to 25 years, and on the coast they have to be painted at least once a year to withstand the rust ravage. It would seem that in the case of Oregon the main beneficiaries of the use of steel in Oregon bridges are the railroad companies that haul it out here from the steel mills in the east. As to the difference in the lasting qualities of the two materials, it would further seem that eastern experts know that Oregon fir is good enough for their purposes, the conclusion naturally follows, that Oregon fir would be good enough to be used exclusively for bridges in this state.

The life of Oregon wooden bridges is from 15 to 20 years, but it is claimed that two wooden structures of the kind may be had for the cost of one steel bridge, so the saving would seem to be worth while.

The big bridge building concerns recommend steel for Oregon bridges for the very good reason that they get a commission from the steel manufacturers. Their argument is that the steel bridges, while they cost more, last longer, but in reality there is not more than 5 to 10 years difference in the age of the two materials. So that, all things considered, including the big item of economy, why not use Oregon fir for our bridges?

Professor R. Sandowin, a Russian scientist has arrived at the conclusion that soured cow's milk, a bread as a diet, is calculated to prolong life indefinitely. Outside of the bread, that kind of a diet has nothing in it to appeal to the average man. The most of us would be content to eat beefsteak, potatoes and mince pie and cake, and take a chance on longevity.

E. A. Duply of Beaver transacted business in the city Monday.

F. N. Wilson of Hillsboro, who for thirty-one years was a resident of this county, is in the city for a few days, meeting with old friends, and looking after business interests here. Mr. Wilson has a fine 60 acre farm in this county, and still holds a warm feeling for old Tillamook and Tillamook people.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tinnerstet are enjoying a visit from Mr. and Mrs. P. Blumquist of Minneapolis, Mr. Blumquist being a brother of Mrs. Tinnerstet and Mrs. Blumquist being a sister of Mr. Tinnerstet. It has been 35 years since they last met.

Mr. and Mrs. J. DePenning are visiting at the A. G. Beas home from Portland. Mr. DePenning is superintendent of the Central Sash and Door factory and is combining business with pleasure on his visit to this city.

Miss Nancy Greenfoot, of New York, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Durrer, of this city. Miss Greenfoot is a prominent musician of New York and is making an extended tour of the United States.

Mrs. H. V. Berg, of Nehalem registered at the Todd hotel Monday.

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