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WAR ON THE SAWMILLS, BUT—

The fish and game wardens announce with a great flourish that the Oregon sawmills will be prosecuted for ruining the trout and salmon streams by dumping sawdust into them, but—power companies in Oregon that dam whole streams and the dead salmon pile up at their dams by the car load, and there is no prosecution of them, but—

These powerful corporations that stay safe by the car load, are not even threatened with any prosecutions. It is one thing to war on the sawmills that employ labor, while the electric power plants appropriate whole streams, and sell the proceeds with impunity escape, but—

Anyone who will take a trip through Southern Oregon and see the way the forest game fish in the world are slaughtered by the wholesale, can come to one conclusion, and that is the shameful neglect of certain officials in enforcing the laws for the preservation of fish, but—

Why should anyone kick, when they are going to enforce the anti-sawdust law to the letter? That is a crust earned when the whole loaf is being thrown away, and if we can only save a crust we should be happy with our state government.

In the meantime the people can have the satisfaction of talking about the new ideal they are going to get.

THE AUGUST CRAFTSMAN.

The midsummer number of the Craftsman of Syracuse, N. Y., brings to its readers a wealth of good reading and good art, which will alike interest and satisfy the home reader, and brighten the leisure hours of the vacation folk. The sincerity of purpose, the variety and practical value of its text and illustrations continue to lend impulse and dignity to the Craftsman movement in its many and vital relations to modern art and modern homes.

"Municipal Art in American Cities" opens with an article by Charles Keeler of San Francisco, a writer who is thoroughly in sympathy with the efforts for civic improvement along all lines, San Francisco being chosen both as the metropolis of the Pacific coast and the city where there is a growing tendency towards better things.

Mr. Charles M. Shean of New York, an artist and authority on mural painting, contributes a scholarly review of the new art and its tendencies as essentially a personal and creative art.

"Bird Studies and Pictures From Life With the Camera" gives a free and familiar sketch of William Lovell Finley and Herman T. Bohman, the young naturalists and their photographic studies of bird life, with many charming reproductions.

"Aboriginal American Homes," the second of the series, deals with the mud, brush and willow dwellings of the Indian tribes in Arizona and New Mexico, and is interestingly illustrated.

A LITTLE SENSE ABOUT HOPS.

There is great lot of rot printed these days about the Oregon hop crop that does no one any good and injures the state and the chances of growers getting fairly good prices for the coming crop.

It can be safely stated that the continuous bright weather is minimizing the injury from vermin. With another week or two of this hot weather the Oregon hop crop of 1905 will be above the average in quality and in quantity. The injury done to the state by pub-

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liking otherwise it beyond calculation, because is untrue and far-reaching in its effects. The only beneficial effect is to drive up prices and they are already high.

It is doubtful whether many Oregon hops can be marketed at a thirty cents a pound rate for the coming year. Reduced consumption and permission of the government to employ substitutes if harmless will result.

The effect of these processes on production are not beyond comprehension of the dulled minds. It is more than likely that a steady price of sixteen cents a pound for Oregon hops the year around would produce better conditions for the grower and for the industry in the long run.

With a big growth of vines and continued favorable weather there is but one advice necessary to give the Oregon hop grower, and many of the best posted do not require that advice: make an especial effort to pick a clean crop.

A clean crop means more to the Oregon hop industry than all else, so far as capturing the markets of the world. There is a trade that demands the best hops, and will have them at any price. Oregon can make the best hop in the world and therefore Oregon should pick clean.

It is useless to argue with the speculator, and this newspaper does not knowingly publish stuff prepared by writers who are on a speculative basis. The fact cannot be too strongly impressed on growers that their greatest loss and damage to reputation comes from careless and dirty picking of the product.

ASPIRANTS FOR CONGRESS.

Prof. Hawley, Walter L. Toose and Chas. E. Moore's Willing to Run.

(Oregon City Courier.)

Two of the eight or ten Marion county candidates for Binger Hermann's seat in congress are now in Clackamas county. They are Prof. Willis Chatman Hawley, president of Willamette University and president of the Willamette Valley Chautauqua Association, and Walter L. Toose, of Woodburn.

Mr. Toose has visiting cards printed that are American flags in miniature, only in the corner where the stars should be is the picture of the sage of Woodburn. "I'll be the only Marion county candidate," said Mr. Toose, "when the primary election rolls around; all the rest of the Salem fellows will have gone into inaneous desuetude. I know the situation better than any other man, and I'll be left standing when all the others are down."

Besides Mr. Toose and Mr. Hawley, another Salem congressional aspirant has recently been stirring with the Clackamas electors—Charles E. Moore. Mr. Moore did little talking to his old Clackamas neighbors, giving the impression that when he runs it will be "at the urgent solicitation of his many friends."

BICYCLE FRAME.

Suit Over Patent Diamond Frame Settled After Many Years.

A patent suit of great interest to automobilists and bicycle riders has just been decided. Broadly, it covers the construction used in all safety bicycles, by which the lower tube, running from the head post, is grouped with the seat post tube, or upright, and the stays, at the bottom bracket, or crank hanger, as it is best known, in such a way as to form the diamond frame. The decision sustaining this patent and granting the plaintiff's privilege to ask for an accounting and damages was handed down by Justice George W. Ray in the northern district of the United States circuit court at Utica, N. Y., and filed there on July 12.

The history of this patent is a peculiar one, for the Pope Manufacturing company, which won the suit, as plaintiff, was the first defendant under the original suit for infringement. Furthermore, among the thirty odd automobiles that, jointly with the Pope company, are now asserting the validity of the Selden patent and paying royalty on it, there is one at least which is on the wrong side of the fence in the bicycle patent suit, and which is still making bicycles and is liable to an action for big damages by the Pope company. The bottom bracket first began to figure when the Pope Manufacturing company was sued in 1896 by Herbert Owen, who acquired the patent from Smith, his partner. He was backed by George B. Bidwell, collector of the port of New York. This suit was nearly completed when the American Bicycle

company was formed and bought in the majority of the big bicycle concerns, the Pope Manufacturing company among others. That was early in 1899. In the fall of 1899 the American Bicycle company bought in the patent for \$500,000. The suit against the Pope company was then dropped. In February, 1900, the American Bicycle company brought suit against the H. P. Snyder Manufacturing company. The defendants settled in October, 1901, and the action was transferred to the defendants against whom the decision was rendered, the Crosby and Mims concerns. The Pope company had in the meantime become the plaintiff through taking over the patent as a part of the assets of the American Bicycle company. The amount spent in the litigation of this patent runs into the hundreds of thousands of dollars, yet it is an interesting fact that at one time it was offered to Colonel Pope for \$3000. It was much scoffed at as a ridiculous patent, and the suits under it were laughed at as a "bluff," but while the suit against the Pope company was pending the defendants offered to settle by paying \$200,000 a year from March, 1898, until the time the patent expired, November, 1905, a total of \$1,400,000.

Teachers Fall at Map Drawing.

A gentleman who has had access to the teachers' examination papers at several examinations in Christian county recently told the Ozard Democrat some interesting details in relation to the examinations, some of the most interesting being in connection with efforts at map drawing from memory. In drawing a map of Missouri, for instance, some make the line at the north side straight across from corner to corner; some attach to the northwest corner an offset like that at the southeast corner; some make the Mississippi river run due south; some start the Missouri river into the state at the northwest corner and run it clear to the southeast corner. Few could locate the large towns anywhere near right, one even putting Springfield away down in the southeast corner, almost to the Mississippi river and the Arkansas line. Few gave the correct size or shape of Christian county. Map drawing is an excellent exercise, and should receive more attention from students. It helps to fix in the mind the important particulars of location, direction and dimensions.—Kansas City Journal.

Circus Women Entertain.

It was such a pleasure to see these women at close range, and have a glimpse of their daily life. Three or four were clustered about a trunk that had a beautiful silver Samovar on the closed lid, and they were enjoying the fragrant tea and chatting quite as much as if they were in a drawing room. One pretty brunette sat before an open trunk mending a dainty corset cover, while the stately blonde at the next trunk was getting into a most exquisitely tailored riding suit and a real skirt. One did not have to be told the garments were made in Paris. They showed it to even a novice. Close at hand two ladies were having a comfortable chat over their embroidery, which was progressing rapidly under their skillful fingers. At the farther side of the room three sisters wrapped in Japanese kimono were getting into brilliant red tights

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as modestly as they had never before dressed with any one near. One petite blonde was singing a little French song as she arranged her hair, with never a glance into the little hand mirror to see if her curls were properly disposed.—July Pilgrim.

Salt, Sugar and Booze.

The Albany Ledger tells of an ingenious scheme to relieve that dry feeling: "Two 'natives' who were engaged in cleaning the paving around the public square in liquidation to the city for drunk fines, proved by an act Tuesday night that they have the talent for conducting some great financial institution like the Equitable Life Insurance company. Becoming dry enough to spit cotton, the boys succeeded in borrowing a dime, with which they purchased a neat package of salt. One of them then took the package of salt to a dealer in wet goods and stated that he would trade a dollar's worth of white sugar for a dollar's worth of booze. The trade was made, and in a remarkably short time the boys were too full to guide their cleaning tools. The marshal couldn't make them work unless they were in a condition to work, so they took a layoff. They didn't lose their jobs, however."—Kansas City Journal.

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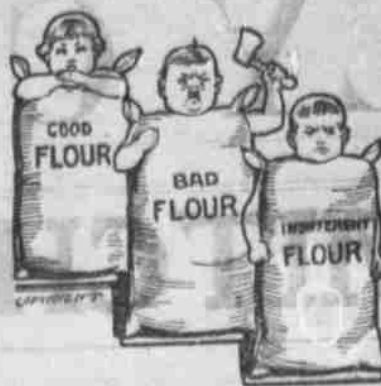


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