

# HARDWOOD MILL AT OAKLAND HAS FINE PROSPECTS

### Oregon Oak Being Found Excellent for Automobile Spokes.

### MILL ROLLS MADE

### Numerous Hardwood Products Are Included in Output of Douglas County Plant.

Oakland has the distinction of having the first hardwood mill in the state of Oregon and probably the only one whose products are made only from Oregon oak trees. This, the Illinois mill, was established 20 years ago and is still conducted by J. H. Miller, the pioneer of Oregon oak manufacturing.

#### 20 Years in Oakland

From a tiny plant with one saw, the mill has expanded to a fully equipped plant with all kinds of machinery, including saws of various sizes, edgers, planers and several others, so that the entire work, from sawing the log as it comes from the woods, to the finished hardwood product, is done under one roof.

Some of the products of the Illinois mill are runs for sawmills, traction blocks for donkey engines, cam-bush and peavy stocks, bow beams, all kind of adapters for wagons, such as fellows, tongues, singletrees, brake blocks and axles and rims of all sizes.

#### Oregon Oak Becomes Hickory

Years ago, Mr. Miller, a native of New York, concluded that Oregon oak was as hard and durable as hickory. Eastern oak is of different grade, but the western oak is unsurpassed, he has found, and he uses both black and white oak, depending on the kind best suited to the article in question.

Just recently Mr. Miller has become convinced that the oak will make superior automobile wheel spokes, and he has recently installed a special lathe that can turn out 200 spokes an hour. As hickory, which grows only in the east and middle-west, is rapidly becoming scarce, the possibilities of Oregon oak, which, when the mill was started, was regarded as a scrub tree of small dimensions, which grow in such abundance and are used only for wood, can be utilized for auto wheel spokes and there is little doubt.

The mill rolls range from 6 to 10 inches in diameter and are used for conveying boards from the mills to the rear of the mill.

Mr. Miller is by way of being an inventor, too. His grandfather, a Connecticut Yankee, invented the first wagon spring many years before the day of the "horrible carriage." Mr. Miller has invented eight business files and a number of other things that have shown themselves practical, and has patented a number of innovations that make for speed and facility in operation.

#### Has Big Trade Radius

Orders for the hardwood products are received from territory ranging from British Columbia to southern California, because the large local business in mill rolls, etc. Mr. Miller, who is 72 years old and in full health, does not operate the mill full time, only turning out the special orders he receives. But with the admitted superiority of Oregon oak, the immense supply of timber available and a big market demand, an industry, supplying a large payroll for Oakland could be established.

#### NEW GARAGE AND SERVICE STATION BUILT

C. B. Ewing and R. H. Stewart partners in the Oakland Service Station, are completing their new buildings and will have an attractive place.

The new buildings have been erected on the ground owned by Mrs. M. D. Morgan in the northern end of town, the former buildings having burned a couple of months ago.

Mr. Stewart is an expert mechanic and has a splendid business in car repairing. Mr. Ewing has charge of the station. Some \$2000 has been expended on the buildings and they are distinctive in colors of gray, green and red trim.

A city campground, and cabins are planned for next year, and as both young men are well known in the county, they will merit a good patronage.

#### BOOSTER ORGANIZATION IN 4TH YEAR OF EXISTENCE

The Oakland Gobblers, booster club of last city, which organization derives its name from that graceful bird without which Thanksgiving would be but an empty dream, is now in its fourth year of existence. Composed of representative people of that section, headed by J. E. Stearns as president, the Gobblers have aimed for the advancement of all civic enterprises. Their major effort each year has been the 4th of July celebration, the first feature of which is the parade, a splendid display of the West that was. This year's celebration is said to be the most successful financially, and the thousands in attendance were made up of people from all over the state.

### COUNTY AGENT GIVES TREATMENT FOR PRUNE BORER

The season is again approaching when it will be necessary to use means to combat the prune root borer, according to County Agent J. C. Leeds. This insect can be easily and cheaply controlled by the use of Parathionchlorobenzene. This chemical is a white crystalline solid which gives off a slow stream of gas at ordinary temperatures, but rather rapidly at 50 degrees F. or above, the poisonous gas penetrates the burrows of the borers, causing death.

The surface of the soil about the base of the tree should be leveled off, and the finely ground crystals sprinkled in a circle about one inch wide and about two inches distant from the tree trunk, using from three-quarters to one ounce of the Parathionchlorobenzene for trees 4 years of age.

It is desirable to delay the application to as late a date as weather conditions permit in order to avoid reinfestation, but usually

### GATHERING OF HARDWOOD BURLS VERY PROFITABLE

An industry which has a neat little payroll, and which is the only one of its kind in the county, is the trade in hardwood burls, established in Oakland by Hugh Miller.

Burls, which are formed from a diseased or deformed tree, are a satisfactory item from August 15 to September 1 in Douglas county. If this treatment is to prove effective the soil temperature must be 55 degrees F. or higher for at least a period of ten days after the material is applied and the soil must be reasonably dry during this time.

greatly desired by furniture manufacturers for expensive furniture. The knotty or peculiarly grained appearance of the wood makes particularly attractive furniture, which commands a high price. The wood is sawed into layers for veneer, which forms the table tops, bed panels and similar woodwork.

Burls from the maple trees make the bird's-eye maple so greatly prized in furniture. Laurel burls which are found at the roots of laurel trees, are a beautiful red in color, a little lighter than mahogany, with a wavy grain. It takes a high polish. Myrtle wood, famed of Palestine in the United States, is found only in Coos, Curry and Douglas counties. The trees seldom attain a great diameter and the myrtle burls are most beautiful of all. Because of its rarity, it brings the highest price and the market is never supplied.

Mr. Miller buys burls from all over the county and makes shipments in carload lots from both Oakland and Roseburg. He divides up all the burls he can see enough. — Journal Amusement

who pays 3 cents per pound. The burls range in weight up to two tons. Some 5 or 6 men are kept employed in hauling and loading the burls, making a payroll of around \$1000 a month. Shipments average a carload every week or ten days.

Last spring Mr. Miller bought an immense old black walnut tree, which had stood on the old school property in old Oakland for 75 years. The tree measured between 5 and 6 feet at the butt. He paid \$150 for the log and the middle-men in the east probably received \$700 or \$800 for it. Black walnut trees are common in the west, but few approach that size. The wood is dark of a reddish cast and takes a high polish. Genuine black walnut furniture brings a very high price.

#### COULDN'T HIDE

"If your client hadn't felonious intentions how comes it that the policeman saw him hiding behind a tree?" "Because the tree wasn't big enough." — Journal Amusement

### RADIO PROGRAM STATION KOAC WEEK OF AUGUST 1

Radio station KOAC, 270.1 meters, 500 watts, Pacific standard time:

Monday, August 1  
8:00 p. m.—Farm reminders.  
8:10 p. m.—I-H Club meeting.  
8:30 p. m.—Agricultural situation reports.  
8:45 p. m.—"Dry Plowing and Tillage Methods for Winter Grain," D. D. Hill.  
9:00 p. m.—"Controlling Brown Rot of Prunes—A Serious Disease," Clayton I. Long.  
Wednesday, August 3  
8:00 p. m.—Farm reminders and timely topics.  
8:15 p. m.—"Six at Resistant Wheats and Their Development," E. N. Bressman.  
8:40 to 8:55 p. m.—"Summer Care of the Vegetable Garden," A. G. Bouquet.  
Friday, August 5  
8:00 p. m.—The campus reporter.  
8:10 p. m.—Summer Poultry Talks.—No. 8.

### SERIES OF POULTRY MEETINGS TO BE HELD

The County Agent's office has arranged a series of poultry culling demonstrations to be held in different parts of Douglas county to aid the poultry producers in culling out the birds which are not maintaining profitable production. This is deemed of special importance at this time as a large number of poultrymen are comparatively new at the business.

H. E. Cooby, poultry specialist of the O. A. C. Extension Service, will be present at these meetings and will, not only demonstrate the most approved methods of culling on commercial flocks, but will answer all questions relating to any phase of the poultry industry. It is hoped that a large number of the poultry producers will avail themselves of this opportunity to add to their store of information.

The meetings are scheduled for the following farms:  
Monday, August 8, 9:30 a. m., C. W. Hagan, Melrose.  
Monday, August 8, 2:00 p. m.,

Ralph Sand, Willbur, Tuesday, August 9, 9:30 a. m., C. L. Pickett, Canyonville.  
Tuesday, August 9, 2:00 p. m., Lloyd Roberts, Camas Valley.

### TOMMY O'BRIEN HURT IN TIJUANA BLAZE

(Associated Press Special Wire)  
SAN DIEGO, July 29.—Reports sent out from Tijuana, Mexico, that Tommy O'Brien, well known light weight pugilist had been killed in the fire that swept two blocks of the border town early today, were proved false, when the fighter appeared on the streets shortly after noon. O'Brien was reported to have been fatally injured when the roof of the Red Mill Cafe fell in while he and one of the proprietors were taking out the cash register. Corrected reports from Tijuana this noon were that O'Brien and his companion carried out the cash register, both escaping injury when the roof fell. O'Brien later returned to Rosarita Beach, where he has been training and this noon revisited Tijuana.

# Oakland, the Turkey Metropolis of the Pacific Coast

## TURKEY RAISING IS IMPORTANT TRADE WITH THESE LIVE-WIRE FIRMS

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### Greater Interest Being Shown This Year in Production of Turkeys—Farmers Receive Cash for Their Birds—Market Is Fairly Stable and Provides Profit Each Year.

Oakland is the turkey metropolis of Douglas county and Douglas county is the turkey center of the world. And indications are that this year more turkeys than ever will be brought into Oakland on "Turkey Day."

**Crop Increase This Year**  
A number of years ago Douglas county led the coast in turkey raising and many were the birds that gladdened the hearts of epicures at Thanksgiving, the country over, while checks of four figures greeted many a rancher's bank account. Then the farmers became interested in broccoli and while the county jumped into the lead in Oregon winter cauliflower, turkey raising again became the hobby of Douglas county.

**Young Turkeys Big Care**  
The half wild nature of the turkey hen causes her to seek seclusion for her nest, therefore, unless the nest is promptly located, many of the eggs and young birds will be lost to skunks, weasels, coyotes and other marauding animals. And after the hatching, the poults are very sensitive to weather changes and a thorough wetting can wipe out an entire hatch in a single day. After the birds can travel over considerable territory seeking their own food, their cost is negligible. It has been figured out that the average cost of raising each turkey till marketing time is \$1 per bird. This year the cold, late and wet spring was rather hard on the newly hatched birds and many of them died, but for the same reason of a late spring, the feed has been good and too, the grasshoppers, chief prey of the Thanksgiving bird, have been very plentiful so the turkeys are wasting fat and prime.

**Use Care in Fattening**  
Toward fall upwards of 100 cars of crackered corn will be brought in for fattening the birds and this is fed to them for a couple of months before the holidays. This insures an ideal condition of the meat. The birds hatched late in the spring are usually held for the Christmas markets.

**Two Factors Establish**  
The turkey industry as one of the most profitable that the farmers can find, that while prices of other commodities fluctuate so as to make the crop a profit one year, and often a loss the next year, the market price of turkeys averages fairly steady. For a number of years the market price has been from 10 cents to 15 cents a pound. You thinking a market that is not a great gamble. Secondly, it is a cash business. When the crop is disposed of their crops on "Turkey Day" they receive the money before the birds are shipped.

**"Turkey Day" the Finis**  
The culmination of the whole turkey job is "Turkey Day" and this is a tight worth seeing. This usually occurs a few days before the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. This day is a grand day for the turkey raisers. It is a day of action of ten ordinary days. Yearly, the turkeys used to be driven into town alive and slaughtered by gangs of pickers, but the farmers have found that they can dress them and bring them to market for shipment, at a greater profit.

**So, early in the morning and "Turkey Day" wagons, trucks, cars and drivers arrive, all loaded with**

plump, corned dressed birds. And what with bidding by buyers, who represent large nationally known firms, arguing over cutting, prices, sorting, weighing, packing and spreading crates, it is a hectic time. But the farmers go home with steaming checks in their jeans and not half as much interested in Thanksgiving as they were a couple of days before.

**\$75,000 Cash Last Year**  
A conservative estimate of the amount realized from turkeys in the Oakland section last year, is \$75,000. Approximately 15,000 birds left the town and the average price was 35 cents to 45 cents a pound or about \$5 a bird. The J. T. Bridges company of Oakland is the largest turkey buyer in that vicinity and they handle a vast number of birds for outside packing companies. So the evidence is that again Douglas county will merit its reputation of the turkey center of the world and the fat, excellent birds, which because of our exceptional feed and climatic conditions are said to be in no period in flavor, will form the piece de resistance on the majority of American tables at holiday time.

**Over \$135,000 Realized From Lambs Shipped to San Francisco and Eastern Markets.**

Few people realize what a volume of business in sheep and wool is done in the Oakland section each year. While sheep are raised all over the county, the heaviest shipments are made from Oakland, and it has been said that it is one of the greatest shipping points for wool and lambs in the north-west.

Except in a few instances, no very large flocks of sheep are maintained; many farmers run from 50 or 100 on a small range. E. G. Young & company, Oakland's premier firm has 2,000 acres devoted to sheep. G. C. Sparks runs 2,000 head, and a few others have large flocks, but the majority of the bands are small. There is a great deal of outrage near Oakland and the sheep thrive well on the feed offered, while the mild winters send little loss on the young lambs.

The heavy rains and cool weather of this spring made an abundance of green food, and as a result the lambs were in splendid condition and heavier than normal. The E. G. Young company is the heaviest buyer of sheep and in a little over a month has shipped over 120 cars of lambs. Each car carries approximately 140 lambs, making in round figures 42,000 lambs from the Oakland district alone. The average weight this year is 80 pounds each while the average prices received was 141 cents a pound. At a conservative figure, then, the year's income from lambs in Oakland was \$135,000. The lambs are shipped to San Francisco, where most of them are consumed, some going east. Portland does not provide a very heavy market for lambs.

The second source of profit from the sheep is the wool, and (Continued on page 6)

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