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## OREGON LAGGING

By CHARLES V. STANTON

A significant item was moved recently on the Associated Press Northwest leased wire loop which serves *The News-Review*. This item stated that the State of Washington during 1947 netted \$777,000,000 from wood waste, compared with \$585,000,000 by Oregon in the same period.

The figures were compiled by the Institute of Forest Products, a research group set up two years ago by Governor Wallgren and the Washington legislature to promote wood utilization research. Col. W. B. Greeley, former manager of the West Coast Lumbermen's Association is the Institute's operating head.

It is planned, according to the news item, to seek an appropriation amounting to \$160,000 from the next session of the Washington State Legislature, while private donations in excess of \$50,000 are expected, to expand the research program.

The news item contained the following statement:

Washington lost its leadership in lumber production some years ago to its neighbor on the south, and some mill towns became "ghost towns."

However, the wood waste utilization program, with the vast growth of the fibre board industry accounting for much of it, has come to the fore. The Institute contends that proper research the next 10 to 15 years would yield enough new business to rebuild the industry to the boom years of 1925 to 1929.

Alcohol is already being produced, and cattle food, molasses and sugar are experimental products.

Oregon went ahead of Washington in volume of lumber production in 1937. Since that time Oregon has been the nation's leading producer of lumber, with the gap steadily widening between the two neighboring states. Hundreds of mills in Washington have closed because they have exhausted their timber supply. Yet, according to the Institute's report, Washington expects within the next few years to have a wood products industry fully equal to the boom years of its lumber production.

Oregon is cutting nearly twice as much timber as is Washington. Yet Washington netted \$777,000,000 from its by-products industry while Oregon, with approximately double the volume of raw material removed from the woods, recovered only \$585,000,000 through utilization of waste materials.

Something most definitely is wrong with this picture. Why should Washington, her timber supply badly depleted, be deriving more money from wood waste than a state which has an annual removal of raw materials from the forest double that of Washington's in volume?

It is obvious that Oregon's timber industry is criminally wasting a material portion of a natural resource. If Washington can net \$777,000,000 from a depleted supply of timber, then Oregon, with approximately twice Washington's annual cut should be able to have a by-products industry returning more than ONE BILLION dollars, or double the present rate of return. A billion dollars ain't peanuts!

Add a half billion dollars to our present by-products industry, calculate 60 per cent in payrolls, and we could be adding \$300,000,000 annually to our industrial pay envelope. On an average of \$5,000 annual income per worker, we could be employing 60,000 men, which, on the national average of four persons per family would mean 240,000 people to the state. Add the usual percentage for service industries, professions, store clerks, etc., and we could support an additional population of more than 300,000 persons with the wood now going up in smoke in our refuse burners.

It has been past experience in the timber industry that little attention is given wood waste utilization until the supply begins to get short. Then, after the raw supply has been reduced to a very low level, by-products operations spring up which, as has been conclusively shown in many other states, produce as much or more income than did the lumber industry in its original phase.

But why should we go through this waste period? Why burn up billions of dollars worth of valuable material from an abundant supply before we begin to get smart? Why not combine our high lumber production with full utilization of waste and thus double the benefits?

## In the Day's News

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stuff to Chambers. If he succeeds in proving that, the bee will be on Chambers.

UNFORTUNATELY, this whole nasty affair broke into print smack in the middle of our Presidential election campaign. For that reason, it became involved in politics. We all listened to the story with our fingers crossed, not knowing what to think of it. Experience told us that it must have a lot of political implications. We were inevitably cynical about the whole business.

THE political campaign is over now. So the politics OUGHT to be squeezed out.

What we all want to know is what happened. And why. And who did it.

If somebody was handing out our military and diplomatic secrets to a possible enemy, or enemies, we want to know it.

PRESIDENT Truman has taken strong stand on this matter. During the political campaign, he called it a "red herring." He has repeated that charge within the past few days.

On the second day of November, we (meaning the majority of those of us who went to the polls and voted) gave a dramatic expression of our confidence in President Truman.

Even those of us who voted against him had no lack of confidence then in his integrity as a man and as a citizen. So far as his attitude on the "spy ring" disclosures was concerned, we shrugged it off. We figured that he felt he had to defend the integrity of men with whom he was and had been associated. We were sure he believed what he

## OUT OUR WAY



By J. R. Williams

## High School Found Unsatisfactory To 60 Pct. of Students

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON — "Our high schools don't make sense for 60 percent of our kids. Of every 100 youngsters, 55 drop out of school. Boredom and frustration are factors behind the drop-outs."

These are charges made by the Commission on Life Adjustment Education for Youth in a publication now being distributed to school administrators throughout the country. The publication — "High School—What's In It For Me?" — was prepared by the Office of Education and produced by the American Technical Society at Chicago.

"Today the traditional curriculum of specialized courses offers thin and unsatisfying fare," the publication says. "And for some 60 percent of our youth—those who would stand to benefit most from a general education—the traditional curriculum is far below subsistence level."

Most boys and girls are headed for jobs that require little training, the authors say. They stress the fact that these need and want a healthy general education that relates to their everyday lives. "So as a matter of fact, do the youth who are bound for college or the skilled trades. For tomorrow all youth—however they earn their bread—will be struggling against the social, economic and emotional tensions that headline modern life."

The myth of white collar superiority has a choking hold on the curriculum," the booklet adds. "This hold has persisted since the days of the goose quill, when specialized courses groomed sons of the well-to-do for the ministry, law and medicine."

"When only a few youth were in high school there was enough room in the professions to accommodate them all. Today there are many thousands more pupils than there is such room." Still, the Commission reports, many high schools "keep right on directing youth toward the professions by negative if not positive implications—because institutional inertia is great."

Life adjustment education, the booklet says, means teaching such things as:

1. Education for family life — home economics, biology, nutrition — specific knowledge for marriage, home management and bringing up children.
2. Consumer education — instruction in skillful planning and buying of food, clothing, housing and household appliances, the use of credit.
3. Citizenship.
4. Good work habits.
5. Creative use of leisure time.

## DAILY DEVOTIONAL

(Dr. Charles A. Edwards)

### WANTED A MAN

A man is wanted for the Lord. Life: Take thy tools and make the man. Hew him, and mold, and form and shape, on ancient lines. Thou knowest the plan. Life: Do thy work, but ere its close, with tender skill the task pursue. Smooth off the rough and rugged edge, and softly touch with evening dew. What hast thou here? A simpleton, a babe, a block?

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