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TIME'S A-WASTIN'

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Douglas county long has boasted of its virgin timber supply We have more standing timber than any other county in the United States. In fact, we have the largest block of merchantable timber in the country today. Estimates are that our original stand was around 72 billion board feet. While we have been cutting a considerable volume of timber in recent years, we probably have not materially reduced the total, as our sawmill production is only slightly larger than the annual growth.

But how much of our raw material supply is to be manufactured in Douglas county? Indications are that a very large part of the resource, which should be supporting local industry, creating jobs and payrolls, will be exported to produce prosperity elsewhere.

Our recent economic survey shows that during 1950 we exported 14,194 carloads of logs containing approximately 106 million board feet. The bulk of the export logs went to pulp mills. Some, however, were sawlogs.

Weyerhaeuser is taking a large volume to Springfield from its Calapooia holdings. Last year the Springfield plant processed 37 million board feet of Douglas county logs, of which 27 million feet represented sawlogs. Others were culls. Associated Plywood is taking out a tremendous volume from its Little river operation. A Klamath Falls moulding concern has a virtual exclusive in the Diamond lake working circle.

Weyerhaeuser controls a major part of all the Coast range timber from the Roseburg—Coos Bay highway north to the Drain-Reedsport highway, through purchase several years ago of the Pillsbury tract. Most of this timber will go to the new North Bend operation.

Pope and Talbot Co., Oakridge, has a road now ready to tap the headwaters of Steamboat creek, reaching into one of the finest bodies of timber on the Umpqua national forest.

A major part of our coast timber is going to Willamette valley paper and pulp mills.

One Oregon paper manufacturer is now working on arrangements to install a chipper at one of our larger plants, proposing to take the chips out of the county for pulp production

Opportunities Being Lost

Many other exports could be listed. We are shipping peeler logs into the Puget Sound country, for instance. Various concerns are buying peeler and sawlogs for export. We are shipping out a large amount of veneer to be fabricated elsewhere into plywood

Is Douglas county, with its enormous stand of timber, simply to ship raw materials to other parts of Oregon and the Pacific Northwest? Are we to be only a logging center to supply manufacturing centers elsewhere?

While we brag about our timber supply, we already have permitted too much of our resource to be seized for export purposes. The resource left to support our local industrial economy, aside from logging and trucking benefits, possibly is only a little more than 50 billion feet.

Of course, 50 billion feet is a lot of timber — still more than any other county in Oregon can supply. But why should the manufacturing benefits go elsewhere? Why can't we have hardboard and softboard plants, more plywood fabrication, furniture factories, sash and door plants, moulding plants, and Kraft mills?

The trend in wood usage today is toward pulping processes. The Kraft industry has reached such a stage that newsprint mills are selling pulp to Kraft mills.

Paper is being used more and more today for containers. The demand is steadily growing. Widespread interest is being shown all over the country in pulp production.

Opportunity exists here for widespread secondary manufacture, yet we already have materially reduced our supporting resource and will lose still more to outside manufacturing centers unless we can develop utilization processes here.

Some of our industrial leaders are becoming concerned about the export situation. They are considering ways and means of retaining a greater share of our remaining timber for our own use. It is a most hopeful sign that anxiety is being created. We sincerely hope a greater interest in the existing opportunities for secondary manufacture can be developed. Experience in the industry shows that, once the movement starts, expansion would be rapid, for industries follow one another like sheep.

We're personally provincial. We hate to see logs going elsewhere when they could be producing local jobs and local income. We've already lost far too much of our resource. Our losses can't be reclaimed. We'll lose still more if we don't get busy.

Time's a-wastin'!

Scraps from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett Martin

By the time we had paid a too-brief visit to the Gold Star Mothers who were having an annual picnic and entertainment at the Veterans' hospital grounds—I couldn't skip that!—and we had had a nice meal at the Rose hotel—EJ wouldn't skip that!—we arrived at the Rodeo just too late to see the Sheriff's Posse drill. And that was one of the main things we had hurried down to Roseburg, after church, to see! The times we haven't seen the Sheriff's Posse drill—getting to be a joke.

We bought two seats which turned out to be smack in the middle of the grandstand. Our pretty usherette took a dim view of our ever getting to them, and then she found two young men in them, because others were occupying their seats. Fortunately the folks whose view we may have been blocking were very gracious and did not say, "down in front." But I certainly was glad to sit down when there was a place to sit!

Glad we didn't miss Jackie Carstens' riding: she made a picture that could have been entitled, "Joie de vivre." Judging by the crowded grandstand we should talk about the children being "crazy about horses!" Every age is!

It would be hard to say this feature or that was "the best." Each was so interesting in its own way. Little Beaver—we loved him! The Carson children—weren't they lovable and mighty good little horsewomen, too! But who ever saw a horse put his rider up on his back the way Pat Henry's Golden Horse did. I used to watch a young friend, many years ago, train her palominos. I have a picture I took of one of them atop a flight of 16 stairs, quite steep steps, too, her dad had made for the trick. Just room enough at the top of the little platform for the horse to turn around.

It takes patience, and love and lumps of sugar to train a horse, but it must be lots of fun. EJ was tickled with the way the palomino shoves his master along, and then picked up the hat and gave him. And the way he jerked the saddle-blanket off each time before the saddle was put on it—until presumably, he got what he wanted, a nice cold drink. Then the saddle was slung on casually, but uncinched! And the horse picked up the lost hat again. We certainly enjoyed the Chick-asha cowboy's act. But, dear, me, shall I ever see that Sheriff Posse drill?

The Same Kind Of Joy Water He Bought In 1948

Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON — The Pentagon has removed the secret label from a 1945 military intelligence report on the Communist party in China. It makes chumps out of Secretary of State Dean Acheson, his Far East "experts," and Secretary of Defense George C. Marshall.

Marshall was talked into spending a year in China, trying to form a coalition government between the Chinese Reds and Chiang Kai Shek. This was exactly what the Communists had been trying to do in China since 1937, but the State department, and apparently military intelligence, failed to notify Marshall of this fact.

One year after the 1945 military intelligence report was distributed around the Pentagon and the State department, Acheson was sitting in the witness chair before a House Foreign Affairs committee trying to get members to okay the arming and training of ten Chinese Communist divisions with U. S. weapons and officers. He said Marshall, then in China, had approved the idea after the Communists there suggested it to him.

This was also a long-time Communist objective in China. The Reds wanted to merge with Chiang's army, but not until they had been "beefed up" with U. S. weapons so they could take over the Nationalists without much trouble. The military intelligence report points this out, but Acheson and Marshall ignored it. Here is what G-2 said:

"Under terms of the United front understanding in China, the Chinese Communists pledged themselves, as of 1937, to cease subversive activities against the government, to abolish their separate government and administration, and to integrate the Chinese Red army with the Government's Central army."

G-2 said the Chinese Reds did not fulfill any of their promises. Certain zones in China were assigned to the Reds by Chiang, it said, adding:

"The Communists, however, refused to stay within their assigned zones. While Chiang's armies, in obedience to the Chinese high command, kept within their assigned defense zones, the Communist armies insisted on being granted entry into any Nationalist zone that they desired to enter. Whenever Chiang's troops refused to admit the Communist troops they were called traitors by the Communists."

This was early in the Chinese-Japanese war when the Chinese Communist armies had pledged to fight the Japs. The Reds kept on behaving this way for seven years. In 1945 G-2 called their hand on it. Yet, in 1946 Acheson and Marshall were trying to cram down Chiang's throat an agreement exactly like the one made between Chiang and the Reds in 1937, which the Communists promptly and consistently ignored.

In the secret G-2 report on the Chinese Communists, there is another very interesting paragraph which bears reprinting. The military was ignored so many years on Chinese security matters that I suppose it was only natural for G-2 to needle the State department's Chinese Communist sympathizers when it had a chance. Anyway, here's the paragraph:

"Contrary to the widely-advertised reports of their sympathizers, the Chinese Communists have, however, fought the Japanese far less than have the Nationalist government troops. The Generalissimo, Chiang Kai-Shek, and his followers have yielded ground politically and militarily to the Communists in order to avoid an open break; as a Nationalist, Chiang has been primarily interested in the war against the Japs."

That was our war, too; remember? And Chiang was helping us fight it. But when it came time for the payoff, he got a Russian Communist payoff instead of an American one.

G-2 examined 2,500 reports, pamphlets and books before writing its intelligence summary. This is the way it concluded:

"The independence and territorial and administrative integrity of China, including Manchuria, have been key points of U. S. policy and interests in the Far East. During the past 50 years Russia and Japan, the two leading military powers in Asia, have been the chief threats to China's independence. American concern in this contest between Russia and Japan for control of China has been demonstrated several times.

"The rivalry between Russia and Japan has centered on Manchuria and Korea."

So while the State department obviously did not know it, at least our military intelligence knew as far back as 1945 that with Japan out of the picture, Russia would move in.

Hear Fulton Lewis Daily On KRNR, 4:00 P.M. And 9:15 P. M.

Revenue Collector Suspended By Truman

WASHINGTON — (AP) —President Truman has suspended Denis W. Delaney, collector of internal revenue for the Massachusetts district.

A White House announcement said the suspension is effective immediately "pending the investigation of certain charges concerning the manner in which Mr. Delaney has conducted the business of his office."

The White House would not elaborate on the one sentence statement.

In 1947, a house appropriations subcommittee charged there were irregularities in the handling of tax returns and March of Dimes collections in Delaney's office. There was no indication that today's suspension was in any way connected with that four-year-old probe.

$125,000 MILL BURNS

PHILOMATH — (AP) — Fire destroyed the Ed Albertsen sawmill west of here Monday night with loss estimated at about $125,000.

Some 30 men were made jobless and Albertsen said he did not know whether he would rebuild.

Spontaneous combustion was believed responsible.

Reader Opinions

Balks At Party Loyalty Because Of Policies

ROSEBURG — (Open Letter to the Democratic Party of Oregon)—Your letter of June 6 at hand, asking for my loyal support.

May I ask why I should be loyal to a party that is not loyal to me?

I notice Truman is rolling back prices on my product and rolling up my taxes.

I have heard nothing of rolling back prices on steel or munitions of war. If you think I am going to support a party to destroy the Constitution my own flesh and blood helped to build, you have lost your mind. We the people, are being taxed to death to make bigger profits for Big Business.

Truman is as popular in these parts as a skunk at a church picnic. We have a Republican administration with a Democratic label as I see it.

What guarantee is there that the arms we send to West Europe will not be used against us?

When you support Senator Edwin C. Johnson's Resolution 140 and William O. Douglas' program to stop Communism, then, and not until then, can I consider you worthy of support.

R. B. SPACKMAN
Seven Springs Ranch
Roseburg, Oregon

Juvenile Delinquency Blame Put On Parents

ROSEBRG — After reading Hal Boyle's column on dope and teenagers, I certainly admire Ruth Elinor Howell's courage in speaking out and placing the blame for juvenile delinquency where it belongs—on the adults.

If mothers and fathers would work as hard at teaching their little boys and girls the good and moral things in life as they do at playing bridge and going to cocktail parties, 'till all hours in the night, we'd have different teenagers.

Five and six-year-old kiddies are not capable of taking care of themselves. Grade school youngsters should find mother there when they get home from school, instead of at her bridge club 'til dinner time.

The kiddies have to roam the neighborhood, or off down some ravine or alley, to find most any kind of companions. The nicest child, left to his own devices, will soon fall under bad influence.

It isn't always the so-called low class children that get into trouble. I know of several little girls from our better families and often wonder what they will be in their 'teens; but there's nothing we observers can do about it.

Mothers and fathers should realize the responsibilities they assume when bringing these children into the world. Many mothers are a disgrace to their daughters; daughters who have had to raise themselves.

If we adults don't set a good example, how can we expect our girls and boys to be better than we?

EDNA YOUNG
Roseburg, Oregon

SNEEZE IT!

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — If oddest-sounding names are any criterion of which of the two cities is the most cosmopolitan, then New York can now take a back seat to Los Angeles.

That is, if you can base such a distinction on last names appearing in current telephone directories. In New York it's a comparatively common John Zyzneeski. But in Los Angeles (you pronounce it) it's: Richardo Zryzs.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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gent. It's from Turkey. There are 5,000 Turks, and their casualties up to date are 1613—one out of three. The general report is that they fight like demons. Also that they're competent as well as brave.

Remember when we called them The Unspeakable Turk? Is anyone old enough to remember our poisonous hatred of them when they were fighting the Armenians?

Now they're our buddies.

The tides of history ebb and flow like the tides of the sea, and the tides of human loves and human hatreds ebb and flow with them.

I've purposely omitted the Republic of Korea from the list of military contingents included in the forces of the more or less United Nations fighting in Korea.

I don't know what the South Koreans are fighting for (or the North Koreans, either, for that matter;, I doubt if they know.

They were invaded, and HAD to fight. Everybody else's reasons for fighting in Korea are more or less academic. Theirs aren't. When somebody barges into your house and starts murdering your family, there is nothing academic about the situation. You fight or you die. Maybe you do both, That's what happened to the South Koreans.

Anyway, they have an estimated 250,000 troops in the scrap. Their casualties up to date are 126,174. That's military casualties. It doesn't count the thousands of civilian Koreans who have perished.

Looking at Korea, I can't help being reminded of the crusades—especially the First Crusade. I'd like to point out that the First Crusade was directed against the "Infidel Turks," who held the Holy Sepulchre. The purpose was to wrest it from them.

The organized forces of the First Crusade came from all over Europe, but especially from France, Normandy, Flanders, England, Southern Italy and Sicily—with the Normans as the spearhead. After wanderings and battles and adventures, a Norman contingent of them led by Godfrey of Bouillon arrived before the gates of Jerusalem. Ernest Barker, one of the great historians, tells what happened:

"After a little more than a month's siege the city was finally captured. The slaughter was terrible; the blood of the conquered ran down the streets until men splashed in blood as they rode. At nightfall, sobbing for excess of joy, the Crusaders came to the Sepulchre from their treading of the winepress and put their blood-stained hands together in prayer. So, on that day of July, the First Crusade 'came to an end.'"

I wish it could be said of the First Crusade that it ended evil in the world. It didn't. It didn't even end possession by the infidel Turks of the Holy land. They took it back from the Crusaders, and went on from there. Now the Turks are fighting side by side with us in Korea for the cause of human liberty.

Such is war. Such is LIFE.

W. German Military Unit Will Back Atlantic Pact

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Western Germany will decide to contribute military units to the proposed Atlantic treaty army, John J. McCloy said, despite Russia's "enormous efforts" to prevent it.

McCloy, U. S. high commissioner to Germany, said that "the idea of neutralism seems to be less appealing as it becomes apparent that such a policy would play patently into the hands of the Russians."

McCloy said the Soviet is putting "every possible effort short of military aggression" into a campaign to make Germany its "greatest satellite."

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