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LESSONS FROM THE SOUTH

By CHARLES V. STANTON

The Pacific Northwest's timber industry is learning a great deal about forest management and tree farming from the South.

Farm woodlot owners and persons owning submarginal or idle lands would do well to study forest industrial history of southern states, using the information as a guide to practices and markets to be expected in the Pacific Northwest in the comparatively near future.

We are indebted to J. Herbert Stone, regional supervisor for the U.S. Forest service, and his staff in the Portland office, for much technical information concerning the timber industry of the South. Mr. Stone recently was transferred from that region to the Pacific Northwest. In addition to his personal observations, he has supplied us with a score of reports, pamphlets, magazines, fact sheets and other data. We greatly appreciate the cooperation received from Mr. Stone and his aides.

Virgin Forests Gone

Looking at the picture in the South, we find that the virgin forests are gone. By 1935, the industry had cut the southern states out of virtually all old-growth trees.

We are rapidly approaching that condition in the Pacific Northwest. Except on federally-owned lands, virgin timber already is hard to find in most of Washington and Oregon. Here in Douglas county we are cutting privately-owned timber nearly five times as fast as it should be cut. It will soon be gone.

But, despite the removal of its virgin forests, the South today represents 40 per cent of the nation's commercial forest land. Present forest lands are stocked to only about one-third their potential, yet they are the paying crop for approximately 57 per cent of the land area.

Turning to its second-growth trees, the South is "farming" its timber instead of "mining" it, as we are doing in the Northwest, except in isolated areas. Another interesting fact is that federal holdings are small, and that the major part of the South's timber is in comparatively small lots, chiefly privately owned and managed. The farm woodlot there is an important part of the agricultural industry.

This condition is made possible by the pulp industry. Twelve southern states have 64 pulp mills with a combined 24-hour capacity of 25,955 tons. In 1950 pulpwood production in the South reached 12,435,700 cords, as compared with total production in the United States of 20,714,000 cords. In other words, the South, in 1950, produced 60 per cent of all pulpwood cut in the nation. One-third of the paper produced in the United States comes from the South.

By way of comparison with the South's 64 mills and 25,955 tons capacity, Washington has 20 mills and Oregon 11, a total of 31, almost one-half as many as in the South, but only 7,833 tons capacity on a 24-hour basis, or less than one-third the production capacity.

Northwest Industry Growing

The pulp industry, however, is growing rapidly in the Pacific Northwest. As it continues to expand it will open markets for products from farm woodlots. It can utilize thinnings and cull trees removed from a growing forest. Thus the owner of a woodlot can obtain annual income from his acreage. At the same time the thinning and pruning operations, productive of pulpwood, improve the quality and rate of growth on the remaining trees, thus adding values to the future crop, much the same as putting money in a savings account.

Mr. Stone told us in conversation some time ago that it had been hard to educate the southern land owner to the value of his woodlot; that many were failing to take advantage of opportunity. Large pulp operators, however, realizing their dependence upon the farm woodlot, have carried on vigorous educational campaigns. They have been assisted by railroad companies, banks and merchants. The South now furnishes us an example of tree farming and permanent wood industry.

Here in Douglas County we have an exceptional opportunity to cash in on the experience of land owners in the South. We have an abundance of land better suited for growing trees than for any other purpose. It will not be long until we will see large expansion of the pulp industry, furnishing a market for farm woodlot products in our own area. Land owners who start now to "farm" their existing woodlots, or who start planting suitable lands, can be assured of a continuing crop and profitable market.

Scraps From the MENDING BASKET

by Vidnett Martin - P.O. Box 874 Drain, Or.

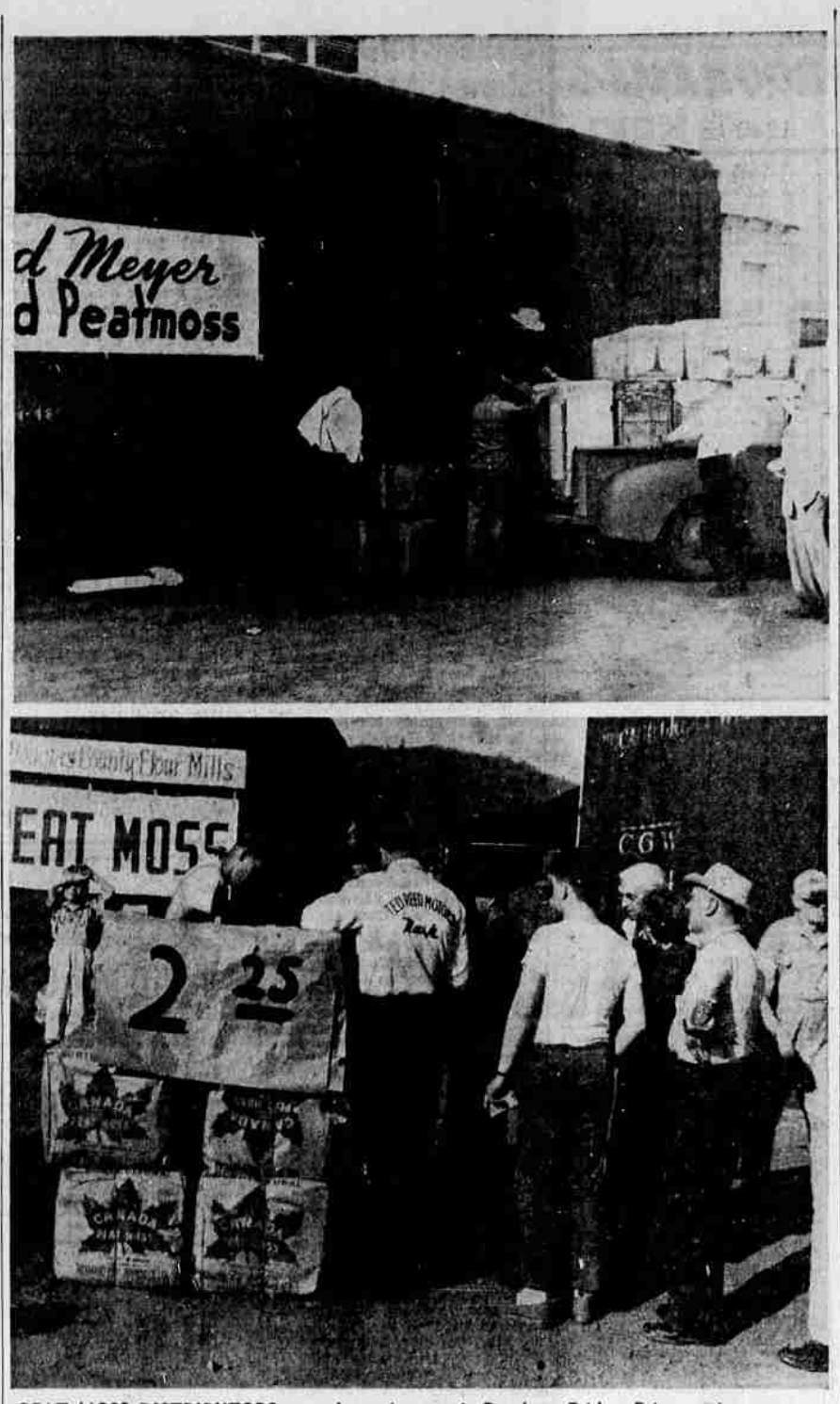
"With mud and with grime from corner to center,
Forever at war and forever alert,
No rest for the day lest the evening enter;
I've spent my whole life in a struggle with dirt."

So writes Mary Dodge in a diary entry, and adds: "little snow, just enough to stick the mud to the feet, is a fearful thing in this black gummy soil." But the everlasting battle with dirt was only a part of the picture of life on a "bonanza w..at farm" in the '80's. The five-year diary, "The Checkered Years," edited by Mary Cowdrey, a granddaughter (Caxton Press 1937—State Library Book) has grim entries of loss of life, cruel hardships, bitter disappointments.

But "The Checkered Years" gives one a picture of a brave little woman, a widow, 59, when she leaves her Wisconsin home to keep house for her bachelor son on a 1600-acre ranch. A woman with a devout trust in God, a keen sense of humor, and of almost superhuman strength and endurance. When I had finished reading the diary excerpts, I remembered most vividly Mrs. Woodward's love of flowers, and the way her struggle to keep her cherished rose geranium from frost through the bitter winter nights is threaded through the diaries. It chilled one year on March 16: "It measured forty inches from the soil to the topmost leaf, and was a regular tree in form. I loved it."

The diaries note through the short summers the writer's delight in the wild flowers of the prairies, and her own tiny flower bed where somehow she keeps over her precious peonies. She grieves because the children thereabouts cannot see an apple tree in blossom! Her thoughts often turned back to her Wisconsin garden, especially when drifts piled up to the roof, and the plants in her home were the "only green to be seen."

"The Cheekered Years" (State Library has it) will tug at the heart strings of any woman reading it, especially older women who have known hardship and have kept their faith throughout. How would the pioneer men have accomplished the miracles they did without such a wife or mother as Mary Dodge Woodward in the kitchen?



PEAT MOSS DISTRIBUTORS waged a price war in Roseburg Friday. Price cutting was carried on by Douglas County Flour Mills and Fred Meyer. In the upper picture, customers are attracted to the Fred Meyer box car sale on the Lane Street railroad crossing. In the lower photo, buyers crowd around a load of Douglas County Flour Mills' peat moss being sold at the Oak Street railroad crossing. (Staff Pictures)

Contracts Are Awarded For Riddle School

By ERMA C. BOYLE

At the regular meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 70 held Tuesday evening, final details of awarding the contract for the construction of additional classrooms for the new elementary building were completed with John B. Todd of the Todd Construction Company and L. E. McCoy, Portland architect, present.

Since the original bid of $33,446 submitted by the Todd Construction Company for building three classrooms was lower than anticipated, the board accepted a separate bid made by the company for a fourth room at a cost of $12,004. Construction of the four rooms will begin Monday, April 7, contingent upon the weather.

Election Called

The City of Riddle has called a special election for Friday, April 30, to vote on the annual budget which exceeds the six percent limitation by $9,694.44.

Riddle News Briefs

David Hickman was sworn in Monday as a special police officer for the City of Riddle.

Superintendent Chester Cook and Mrs. Cook were called to Bend Monday by word that Mrs. Cook's sister, Mrs. Eugene Washburn, her husband and their three sons had been seriously injured in a car collision on the highway near that city.

A daughter, Sharon Kay, weighing nine pounds, one ounce, was born March 28, to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Willis of Tri-City at the Myrtle Creek Hospital.

Mrs. Evelyn Gardner returned Friday from spending three months visiting relatives in California, including her daughter, Mrs. John Schonher and family in Sacramento; her granddaughter, Mrs. A. M. Fudge and family in El Centro; a brother, Dr. J. E. Jackson, Los Angeles; a brother, W. C. Jackson, Berkeley, and a sister, Mrs. Edna Yockey of Stockton.

Mrs. A. L. Woody and son, Carl are spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cloud. Mr. Woody was here for the weekend. They returned to their home in Elk City Sunday.

JAILED FOR VAGRANCY

Two men pleaded innocent Thursday in district court on charges of defrauding an innkeeper and are being held in $100 bail on vagrancy charges.

Judge A. J. Geddes senenced both Loyal Howard Crandan, 23, Foster, Ore., and Harold Owen Wright, 24, Sweet Home, on 10 days in jail on the vagrancy charges.

Teachers, PTA Officials Study Proposed Legislation

Approximately fifty officers and representatives of 15 PTA units in Douglas county gathered in Myrtle Creek High School Saturday to study the legislative measures affecting education to be voted on in the November election.

Mrs. Kenneth Bushey, Roseburg, president of the Douglas County Council of Parent-Teacher Associations, introduced M. C. Deller, superintendent of public schools, Myrtle Creek, and Kenneth Barneburg, county school superintendent, who conducted an informal roundtable discussion of all phases of the legislation.

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The day's meeting was concerned with fact-finding, study and dissemination of information and in stepping up interest in major legislation which has to do with the education of all children, according to a statement of the liegislation chairman of the council, Keneth Barneburg.

The school reorganization bill was thoroughly explained in an effort to clairfy questions regarding this proposed law. According to the state's interim committee who studied "Oregon's complex, inefficient, and educationally damaging school district organization setup," the major purposes of this recommendation were designed to provide better education for the children of Oregon, to spend the educational tax dollar more wisely, and to insure local control of the educational program.

Audience participation brought forth a lively discussion of the facts and resulted in the council voting to endorse the measure. It is also supported by the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers and the Oregon Education Association.

Other measures studied included the proposed amendment to make the superintendent of public instruction appointive, the act limiting state property tax, the cigarette tax, and the proposal to amend the six per cent limitation by providing a new tax base.

The Douglas County Council of PTAs will hold its annual meeting in Roseburg on May 17. The new officers and other interested representatives of the 28 PTA units in the county will be present for the installation of officers and conclusion of business for the year.

Allied Raiders Held Four Hours By Commie Fire

SEOUL, Korea (AP) — Communist mortar and machine gun fire pinned down an Allied patrol for four hours early Friday near the Punchbowl in Eastern Korea.

The raiders broke out finally under a screen of smoke and bursting shells laid down by United Nations artillery.

This was the biggest action reported along the 155-mile front by the U.S. Eighth Army. Three very small Red probes were forced back between the Punchbowl and the East Coast.

The minor action followed the pattern of March, when, an Eighth Army spokesman said, Communist losses dropped to a new wartime low. He listed Red casualties for March as 4,648 killed, 3-866 wohnded and 176 captured.

Allied planes hitting far back of the Red lines reported slashing rails in more than 200 places and destroying nearly 42 storage buildings Thursday.

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In the Day's News

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ment to the public and a tip to his successor.)

His statement to the public:

"I'm paying the penalty for doing my duty as I saw it."

His tip to his successor:

"Bring a pair of asbestos pants with you when you come."

(Curtain)

Cynical crack from the critics: "When thieves fall out, honest men (may) come into their own."

Idea burgeoning in the public's mind:

"The thing to do is to BOUNCE THE WHOLE GANG and start all over new."

Political dispatch:

"Supporters of Taft and Eisenhower maneuvered busily today for DELEGATES in two important Mid-West Republican conventions.

"Iowa Republicans meet in Des Moines today to pick 26 delegates to the Chicago convention . . .Informal caucuses left the outlook muddled . . .It appeared from preliminary commitments that Taft and Eisenhower are running neck and neck . . . The 3000 Republicans (at the Des Moines convention) will be asked to support a proposed Republican national farm platform plank."

"In the Michigan convention, the Republicans appeared to be agreed to compromise on DIVIDING THE STATE'S 46-VOTE DELEGATION EQUALLY rather than risk a showdown fight."

Messy?

A little on the wobbly side?

Surely! But I wonder if it's any messier than the screwball primary system we have in about half the states.

Imagine the Wisconsin primary with Taft's name on the ballot but Ike's NOT. Imagine the Nebraska primary with NEITHER Taft's name nor Eisenhower's name on the ballot!

For that matter, imagine Oregon's primary next month without Taft's name on the ballot.

How are you ever to get a sincere and accurate expression of the people's will under a system like that?

I wonder about this proposed farm plank in the national GOP platform that the Iowa Republican convention will be asked to support.

Will it come out boldly against ALL boondoggling and ALL bribing of pressure groups with promises of special benefits and subsidies and PRIVILEGES?

Or will it seek out to out-boondoggle and out-bribe the New Dealers?

I'd be afraid to lay a bet now. So far, I haven't seen much evidence of GRIM COURAGE on the part of Republicans anywhere in this campaign. It seems to me that this is a time, if there ever was a time, for grim courage and straight thinking.

Especially on the part of the Republican party.

How about a plank endorsing states rights as opposed to BIG AND MENACING FEDERAL GOVERNMENT? It seems to me that next after national solvency that is about the most important issue that confronts us today.

But I've heard no mention of it from any Republican candidate or any Republican big-wig.

DAMAGES DEMANDED

Highway accident damages of $10,000 general and $3,338.94 special are sought in a Circuit Court suit filed by Jospeh P. Hedrick against Henry H. Miller and William H. Buenz.

Hedrick alleges a truck owned by Miller and driven by Buenz collided with his car, resulting in injuries.

In a suit against Trygroe and Velma Farness, William E. Sullivan Jr., Dellwood, Ore. grocer asks a total of $470.58, allegedly owed on account.

Lutheran Church Plans Voters' Assembly Meet

Following the second service at St. Paul's Lutheran Church April 6, the quarterly meeting of the voters' assembly will be held. Voting members are urged to attend.

Preceding the meeting, a potluck luncheon will be served in the parish house by members of the Mid-Week Bible class.

WILL PRESENT CANTATA

The Canyonville Bible Academy choir will present an Easter cantata, "Olivet to Calvary," at Canyonville Gospel Tabernacle Sunday at 11 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT
Chamber of Commerce
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FORUM
Monday Noon — Umpqua Hotel
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When the Good Lord admonished us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to do unto others as we would have them do unto us, we suspect that He envisioned the swift pace of today's business competition. But no matter how competitive the situation may be, we should all remember that there is abundant business and success for all of us. We are truly grateful to our fine competitors for demonstrating the brotherly principles of the Golden Rule, and for standing firm upon the live-and-let-live platform of equality and forebearance which has made America the greatest nation in the world. It is with genuine pride that we salute our competitors. May they always enjoy peace, patronage and prosperity!

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NOONDAY SERVICES
12:05 to 12:30 Monday through Thursday (April 7-10)
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES
12:00 to 3:00 P.M. Theme: "7 Last Sayings of Jesus"
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
EASTER SUNRISE SERVICES
6 A.M. At Veterans' Facility Grounds
ROSEBURG MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION