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TIMBER AS A CROP

Charles V. Stanton

Did you read the report published a few days ago that timber sold from the Umpqua National Forest during the past fiscal year amounted to \$6,654,000?
Timber on the Umpqua National Forest is handled as a crop. It is harvested on a cycle of more than 100 years with an annual allowable cut designed to equal the rate of growth, thus maintaining a sustained yield pattern.
Returns from the Umpqua National Forest's "crop" last year were only slightly behind the total agricultural industry income from all other sources combined for the same period. Douglas County's agricultural industry has an annual return of between \$7 and 7.5 million, reports J. Roland Parker, county agricultural agent. Thus receipts from the national forest alone almost equal the income from all other agricultural lands in the county.
The Umpqua National Forest has an allowable annual cut of 265,000,000 board feet. That total will be reached this year for the first time. Heretofore the actual timber removal has been below the permissible cut because of the lack of access roads.

Steamboat Road Extended

During the past few years cutting in the Little River area has considerably exceeded the allowable cut for that particular working circle. This overcutting, however, has not created concern because much of the timber was mature, overripe, diseased, etc., needing earliest possible cutting to permit use of the ground for a new crop.
While overcutting continued in the Little River area, the Forest Service was pushing a road up Steamboat Creek. This road now has been extended far enough that it becomes possible to reduce the rate of cut in the Little River valley while opening up the Steamboat country.

Two operator roads are under construction, branching off from the main Steamboat road into cutting areas. As these and other roads are extended into virgin areas, the Forest Service will be able to maintain sales up to the full volume permitted under the sustained yield program.
By the time the rate of removal from the Steamboat basin must be reduced, it is hoped to have the North Umpqua road completed. Operator-built tributaries then will reach into the upper watershed, where ample cutting can be continued while Little River and Steamboat sections are being reforested.

The long range program assures a steady supply of timber for all time.
Another factor is that stumpage prices are steadily climbing. It is quite probable that sales from the Umpqua Forest this year will equal, if not surpass, the county's total agricultural income from other sources.

Inventory Increasing

The total allowable cut from the Umpqua Forest eventually will be materially increased. Future generations will have a much larger timber inventory with which to support industrial activity.

New forests, as they grow on cut-over lands, will produce much more wood per acre than is obtainable from existing virgin forests. The old forests are scarred by fire and disease. As new forests grow under managed operation, disease control assures heavier stands. At the same time fire protection prevents such losses as occurred in years when forest fires were uncontrolled. Eventually, as the Umpqua Forest begins cutting its second crop, a much higher yield per acre will result.

One discouraging feature of our timber usage is the heavy rate of overcutting on private lands. If the existing rate is maintained, it will not be too many years until cutbacks in production will be forced. In the meantime, if we succeed in building up secondary usages, thus giving better utilization of our wood supply, there should be little impairment of economy.

The present situation should point up one obvious fact to large land owners: timber is a most profitable crop. Submarginal lands should be carefully examined for their possible use to produce timber for the future. Farm woodlots will be an important source of income in the coming days of chemical utilization. Our agricultural economy can be greatly bolstered by converting non-productive lands into the growing of timber.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP)—Should a man ever bawl out his boss?
The ordinary principles of human safety would be against it.

But now a doctor comes along and implies that blowing your top is necessary safety valve—and the general idea is that if a guy gets all geared up about life he can explode against the boss.

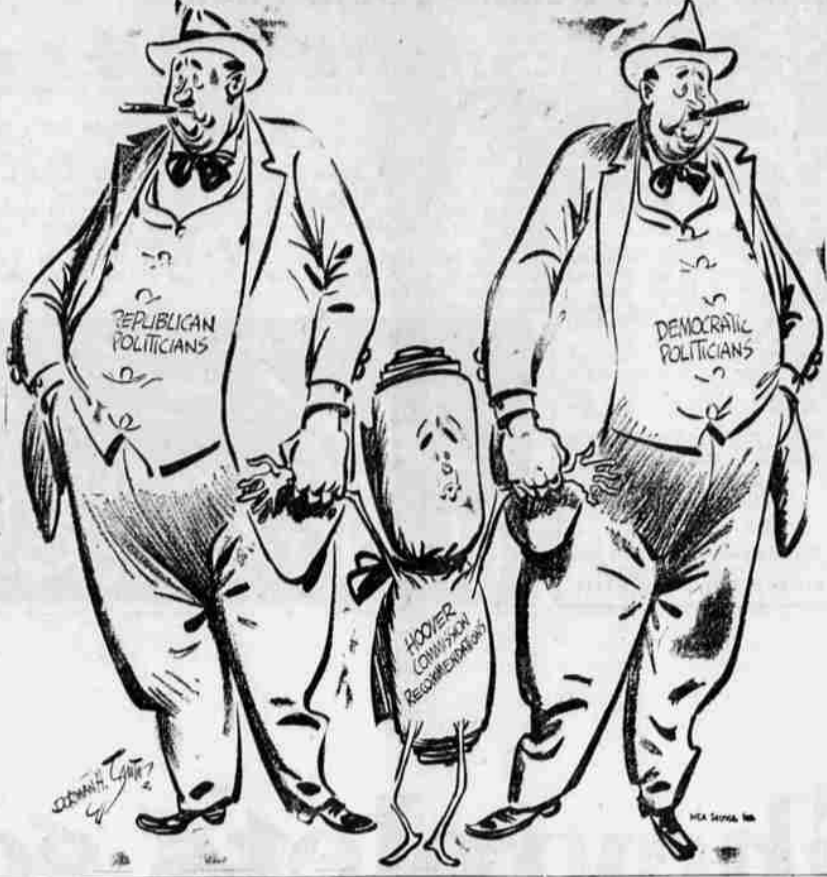
This may save the guy himself from a heart attack, bolster his pride a bit, and perhaps expose him to death by hunger. But what about the boss? What happens to him? How about his heart?
The average office today often has several hundred employees, but only one boss.

You can see what would happen if all these people, getting knotted up with their own personal problems, went in and individually barked at the boss on the grounds it would save them from a heart attack.
Since even the most serious boss doesn't usually spend more than nine hours daily at his desk, there simply wouldn't be time for everybody to get his barking done.

But a ficed hand, hit by sudden indignation or woe, isn't going to worry about office hours. He will pursue the harried employer during his luncheon hour or follow him into the homeward-bound bus or suburban train to make his point.

"Look, boss," he says, "I know this probably isn't the right place to bring up this situation. I hate to tell you what's wrong about the way you're running the outfit. But I have to—protect my own health. You understand, don't you?"

Where Do We Go From Here?



Peery Medicals

BY W.K. PEERY
Considerable attention has been given to moral conditions on the Klamath Indian reservation. Violence, in the form of beatings and murder, are common to the news. Drinking, accompanied by sex orgies, add to the sordid picture. If these affairs on the reservation are of considerable shock to those of our citizens with sensitive morals they are not among the first to be disturbed. The Methodist pioneers in the mission field were shocked, no less. After prayerful deliberation they decided our native brethren were too steeped in the original sin of Adam's time. Better take their land away from them and turn it over to the white race. This they did, and the Indian sunk even lower from the vices introduced to him by the very whites who divested them of their heritage.
So we condemn the Indian for his lack of morals and smugly preen our own, the white forgetting our white ancestry was just as low down when it was at the adolescent stage of civilized progress, as is our Indian. The grandfathers of those Indians on the Klamath reservation were further back in time than the Phoenicians who settled on the northern shores of Africa ten thousand years ago. Plus, a possible thousand years more, for good measure. At this period in man's climb toward the light of mercy and understanding, our own ancestors were clubbing their neighbors to death in Northern Europe, stealing their victims' wives, and eating their husbands' food for good measure. And these Indian grandfathers lived less than a century ago.
There is no sense in studying the Indians merely to gratify a desire to gather ancient skulls and arrowheads. But if we see in the life of the Indian the steps in progress the human race has taken in its climb up the ladder of civilization over the ages, we stand to learn something about ourselves, why we are like we are, with individual consciences and social customs designed for the common good.
Personally, I have no time with the idea of original sin and all the cults built around that idea. Proof of mankind is convincing proof that we came by morality and culture the hard way, that conscience as we know it resulted from man's reasoning powers and is not a miraculous gift that comes to the individual as a revealing light. Wise men in all ages, among all races have reasoned out the need of conscience, with the attendant growth of ethical customs among their kind.
If one is aware of the lessons of history we are equally aware that immorality is a reversion to the animal type from which we have risen. So are wars, crimes of violence and sexy movies. Man, if he is to live up to the Godly concept he has acquired through the centuries, that he is a creature growing into Divine relationship, must bear in mind that he can easily lose the vision by reverting to a savage state.

Job Placements In Oregon Double Last 3 Months

SALEM (AP)—Job placements by the state employment offices have more than doubled in the last three months, reaching 8,987 in June for the highest total in nearly three years.

The State Unemployment Compensation Commission said Wednesday that unemployment is running at about one-fourth to a third of the level of 90 days ago.
They added that prospects are for the best balance in Oregon's summer labor market in several weeks.

Jobless pay claims are running less than 8,000 a week.
Much of the employment rising has been in basic industries with demand growing for skilled and semi-skilled labor, the commission reported. Lumber and logging operations hired 1,282 in June through the state employment office, compared to 457 in April and 725 in June of 1954.

Over 50,000 farm jobs were filled in June.
There were 1,176 unfilled job openings on the employment office files on July 1, compared with 631 the previous year.

Berry, pea, cherry and other early harvests have created temporary shortages in some parts of the state, mainly in Western Oregon.
Harvest help is needed in the Hillsboro, Hood River and Salem areas.

Sen. Geddes In Group To Study Urban Control
SALEM (AP)—An interim committee on local government and urban problems was organized at the state-house Wednesday. Ormond R. Bean, commissioner of finance of the city of Portland, was chosen chairman.

The next meeting will be in Seattle, July 22, in connection with a national conference on government.
Members of the committee, which will study the advisability of spreading urban controls into unincorporated areas, include:
Sen. Paul Geddes, Roseburg; Rep. Al Lloucks, Salem; Sen. Stewart Hardie, Condon; Rep. Edwin Johnson, Eugene; Rep. George Layman, Newberg; County Judge Raymond Lathrop, Grants Pass; and Curtis Everts, Portland.

Ad Slogans On License Plates May Be Banned
LANSING, Mich. (AP)—Secretary of State James M. Hare said today Michigan likely will drop the "Water Wonderland" slogan from auto license plates in 1957.
"The trend is away from license plate advertising and slogans," Hare said.

The question arose when the Kalamazoo County Circuit Court yesterday overruled the conviction of a motorist who had covered the slogan on his license plate. The court held that the motorist was not required to advertise the state.

MOOSE TO CONVENE
ASTORIA (AP)—The Oregon Moose Assn. will hold its annual convention here this weekend. Attendance is expected to be 1,500.

Atomic-Electric Power In Debut Commercially

WEST MILTON, N.Y. (AP)—The free world's first commercial atomic-electric power is in use today in upstate New York.

Chairman Lewis L. Strauss of the Atomic Energy Commission pulled a switch that loosed several thousand kilowatts of it into the Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. grid.
A counterpart of an atomic-submarine reactor produces steam to operate a turbine and generate the power. An official of the General Electric Co., which built the generator, said it had a capacity of 21,500 kilowatts and was "expected to produce electricity at the rate of about 10,000 kilowatts."

The GE spokesman said the generator could provide additional power for as many as 35,000 homes in the system served. Niagara Mohawk provides power for a wide area of upstate New York.

"One of the first persons" to use the atomic power, the spokesman declared, was Mrs. John Thomas, of nearby Ballston Spa, who "cooked a hamburger" with it.

This generating system, General Electric said, "has a capacity more than twice the amount the Soviet Union claimed to be producing from a nuclear source in June 1954."

Not Yet Competitive
Strauss threw the switch during ceremonies at the AEC Knolls atomic power laboratory in this community near Schenectady. The gathering was attended by first-rank atomic and other officials. The chairman stood before a 225-foot, 20-story shiny sphere housing the reactor.

It is a prototype of the reactor that will power the world's second atomic submarine to be launched Thursday at Groton, Conn.

Strauss said atomic power was not yet widely competitive with orthodox forms of generating electricity.

In Washington, an AEC spokesman told a reporter that no decision had been reached on how long the submarine reactor would be used in part as a commercial power-producing installation.

He said the present contract with General Electric was for three years.

Glen Wellman Draws GOP Meet Honor Seat

PORTLAND (AP)—An attendance of more than 500 at Friday's Northwest Governors' Republican Dinner was predicted here Wednesday by Paul Hebb, chairman.

Profit from the \$100 a plate affair will be divided equally between state and county GOP treasuries, he said, with counties credited on the basis of tickets sold locally.

Speakers will be Gov. Paul Patterson of Oregon, Gov. Arthur B. Langlie of Washington and Gov. Robert Smylie of Idaho.

In a drawing to determine who would be at the head table with the governors as representatives of precinct workers those selected were Glen Wellman of Roseburg and Mrs. Dan Head of The Dalles.

In The Day's News

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through history well-heeled able men have built castles. Sam Hill was familiar with the castles of Europe. That commanding bluff above the majestic Columbia may have appealed to him as a proper place to build a castle. Anyway he went ahead and did it.

He built Maryhill Castle as an architect's dream of what a luxurious home should be in an age dominated by the automobile — which, he foresaw, would change men's lives as no preceding human invention had done. As originally constructed, Maryhill had a long corridor through its second story. This corridor was reached by a ramp. Automobiles could drive up the ramp through the inside corridor and could go out at the end and down another ramp into garages at the bottom. On each side of the corridor were living facilities, including a huge living room and game rooms.

The idea was to utilize the automobile — then in its rudimentary stages of development — to the fullest possible extent for the greater convenience of the great house's occupants.

That is to say: Back there nearly a half century ago Maryhill Castle was as perfectly designed for ultra modern living in the ultra ultra modern automobile age as it had been architected by Harold Lloyd Wright, the modern of moderns in the way of functional houses built for modern living in this modern day.

At Maryhill, Sam Hill — backed by a railroad fortune — went much farther than the design of the house itself in his anticipation of the automobile age. In the grounds, along the road leading up to the castle from the river level, he built sections of the various types of roads then known, starting with macadam and going on through such types as concrete pavement, blacktop pavement and oil mats.

These were designed to be guide-a-pigs for the highway engineers.

Maryhill Castle, of course, was ahead of its time. But it is interesting to reflect that back in that earlier day, when the automobile was still in its more rudimentary stages, a keen intelligence such as Sam Hill's had anticipated the day when this new device would revolutionize human living.

Maryhill is now a museum, supported by a trust fund left by its level. It has been altered to accommodate it to its present purpose. The corridor through which automobiles were designed to enter the structure and leave their passengers conveniently and comfortably on the inside, has been closed off. Other changes have been made for the same reason. It was never lived in for any extended period. It was basically a dream house.

I suppose Maryhill will be remembered best for its dedication. Among Sam Hill's numerous titled and royal European friends was Queen Marie of Roumania. Because of this friendship — and, incidentally, a certain flair for showmanship possessed both by Roumania's beautiful queen and her American host — she came over to dedicate Maryhill Castle. As one hears the stories, the dedication must have been a brilliant affair.

Visiting queens in those days were rare even in the more sophisticated eastern part of our country, and out here in the far west they were regarded as glamorous indeed. In her later years, grief and sorrow and frustration came to Queen Marie in overflowing measure, and there must have been times when she looked back to her carefree visit to Maryhill Castle with nostalgic longing.

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