## MATTERS OF INTEREST TO TIMBERMEN

The assessed valuation of timber lands in Clackamas county, Oregon, has been reduced $30,000 this year because of last winter's storms, which felled several million feet of timber.

The board of equalization of the state of Idaho announced the following reductions in assessments on timber lands: Kootenai district decreased 5 per cent; Shoshone 5 per cent; Clearwater 20 per cent; Elmore 5 per cent; Nez Perce, 15 per cent.

The county of Grays Harbor, Wash., has granted a reduction of 20 per cent on all the assessable property in the county. The property owners of Columbia county, Ore., are petitioning the county court to grant a reduction of 25 per cent on the assessable timber values. With the conditions surrounding the lumber industry the request should be granted. The time for retrenchment in public expenses is long overdue if the country is to become prosperous.

Nearly two and a half million feet board measure of Douglas fir is made up into furniture in Oregon every year. Other woods used for this purpose and grown in the state are maples, ash, cottonwood, alder, oak, western red cedar, and myrtle.

## NATIONAL FOREST ROADS FUNDS

Secretary Houston has just announced the plan to be pursued in spending the ten million dollars appropriated by the federal aid road act for the construction and maintenance of roads and trails within or partly within national forests, and has tentatively allotted among the various national forest states the million dollars which is expendable this fiscal year. The tentative allotments in the principal national forests states are as follows: Alaska, $46,280; Arizona, $59,950; Arkansas, $11,294; California, $140,763; Colorado, $62,335; Idaho, $108,010; Montana, $89,901; Nevada, $19,195; New Mexico, $42,622; Oregon, $127,794; South Dakota, $8,115; Utah, $40,982; Washington, $91,739; Wyoming, $40,566.

The method followed in apportioning the money was explained by Secretary Houston as follows: Ten per cent of the amount available each year will be withheld as a contingent fund. One-half of the remainder will be allotted to the states in amounts which will be based on the area of national forest lands in each state. The other half will be apportioned on a basis of estimated value of timber and forage resources which the forest contains. Amounts apportioned but unexpended within three years, and any balance of the contingent fund which remains unapportioned at the end of each year, will be reapportioned on the same basis as the original allotments.

Lane county is preparing dried prunes for the market at the rate of 150,000 pounds a day. Twenty large prune dryers are in operation, as well as many small ones.

Sheep are bringing the highest market price in years in Curry county. Five dollars a head is considered an attractive price and many ranchers are selling freely. The sheep are shipped by rail to the Portland market.

## THE AUTOMOBILE AS A FARM AID

Varied as the farm and dairy products of California are the uses to which the rancher of that state puts the automobile. They extend from the most common usage of providing pleasure for the rancher's family and hauling crops to market, to towing other farm vehicles, operating farm machinery and actually furnishing the motive power for the self-operating milking machines. During each succeeding season some new and ingenious uses are made of the motor car—some calling for sheer strength of the car's materials; others simply for a clever application of the engine's power.

John R. Leland, a prosperous rancher of the Santa Cruz mountains, furnishes a striking example of the uses to which the rancher puts his motor car. During the past haying season Leland hauled all of his hay from the fields to the stacks, a distance of nearly one mile, with the aid of his Maxwell touring car. Leland loaded the cut hay on an ordinary hay wagon, then towed the latter from the field with his Maxwell. Leland has many other uses for his car and states that he would be absolutely at a loss without his machine while at work on the ranch. —Exchange.

## FOREST NOTES

Grazing experts of the forest service estimate that the cost of producing lambs in the northwestern states is $1.82 per head.

Los Angeles was the first city on the west coast to establish a vacation camp on the national forests.

The stand of timber on the two great national forests in Alaska is estimated by the forest service as over 70 billion board feet, while the annual growth will, it is said, produce pulp wood alone enough for the manufacture of 3,000 tons of wood pulp a day.

The state of Washington consumes 225 cubic feet of wood per capita annually, which is more than twice the average consumption for the United States and six and a quarter times the average for Germany.

Over 98 per cent of the trees planted by the forest service this spring at Hebo, Tillamook county, Oregon, on the Siuslaw national forest, are still living. This has been the most successful planting operation in the forests of the northwest.

## METHOD OF PRUNE LEAF SPOT CONTROL

Three applications of Bordeaux mixture 4-4-50, or atomic sulphur, 8 lbs. to 100 gallons, were found effective in controlling leaf spot disease of prunes in experiments recently conducted by the plant pathology department of the O. A. C. experiment station. The dates of the spraying this year were May 1, just as the last blossoms were dropping; June 2 and June 28. The use of a sticker with the Bordeaux mixture was found to add greatly to the spreading power of the spray. The leaf spot disease, says Prof. Barss, head of the department, is caused by a fungus and is responsible for the serious, widespread yellowing and dropping of the foliage in Willamette valley prune orchards this year and last. It reduces the vitality of the tree, probably resulting in greater damage than has been suspected heretofore.

## COST OF LIVING TO BE HIGHER

According to the comparative table of prices compiled by manufacturers and merchants with headquarters in Chicago, the man who foots the bills will have little hope for a decrease in the present high prices of the necessaries of life. The report, in part, states:

The cost of living this winter will reach an unprecedented scale and will affect every person, no matter what object may be purchased. Merchants and producers are virtually unanimous in a forecast of further increases in prices which already have advanced alarmingly within the last year.

Food prices, it is said, vary according to quality and quantity, but it is the small purchaser at retail who must pay most. Wholesalers say canneries throughout the country have informed them that fall and winter deliveries will be only one-third normal, while the last vegetable crop is said to be only half the quantity expected.

Canned fruits will be 30 per cent higher and canned vegetables are expected by wholesalers to increase 20 per cent in price.

Cotton goods have advanced between 25 and 35 per cent. Woolens have kept pace with cottons.

The best lines of women's shoes for fall and winter will cost twice as much as the same article last year, dealers say.

Even collars, that two-for-a-quarter staple which men have known for generations, will be a thing of the past. Collars now have been advanced to 15 cents each.

Cigar jobbers raised their prices this week between $4 and $5 a thousand to the dealer.

## MUCH BUILDING AT MOUNTAIN VIEW

The Mountain View farm tracts, which were put on the market several years ago by the St. Helens Improvement Company, have all been sold and that section, which is a mile below Warren, is being rapidly settled and improved. Carlton Lewis, the Rainier banker, purchased one of these tracts and his $5,000 residence is rapidly nearing completion. It is a two-story frame house with full basement, sleeping porches, water system, etc., and all the conveniences of the modern city home. Mrs. Butterworth has also built a modern two-story dwelling on her tract, and W. C. Fisher, Eric Backlund and T. Ellis are making improvements on their places. Mountain View looks like a real little village right now and more improvements are under way.

## SOCIALIST CANDIDATE SPEAKS IN PORTLAND

Allan Louis Benson, socialist candidate for president of the United States will speak in Portland at the Ice Palace, October 10. Mr. Benson is a staff correspondent of the socialist paper Appeal to Reason. The Mist acknowledges, with thanks, an invitation to be present at this political meeting.

## BROTHER FLAGG GIVES A BOOST

To the Editor of the Mist:

Permit an old resident of St. Helens to congratulate you heartily on your great issue of last week. I have been twice proprietor of the Mist, and each time did my best to advance the community interests. In the long-ago, about thirty years, I published and printed at my own expense the first pamphlet setting forth the resources of Columbia county. Of course, the natural resources have not changed, except that the forest has given way to the cultivated field. But there has been an immense change in the matter of productive industries, and development along industrial lines has only just begun and no one with foresight can doubt that in the future it will be much more rapid than in the past. The course of empire is still westward, and no place on earth offers greater opportunities for profitable investment of capital than the lower Columbia river. The granting of the parity rate will build up a great port at the mouth of the Columbia, and all the immediate territory, in fact all Oregon, will receive its share of the benefit. Old Columbia county will have its full share of the consequent advantages, and the Mist is certainly doing its share in making those advantages known.

E. H. FLAGG,
Editor Warrenton News.

## GOVERNMENT CROP REPORT FOR OREGON

A summary of the September crop report for the state of Oregon as compiled by the bureau of crop estimates of the department of agriculture is as follows:

Winter Wheat—Preliminary estimate, 12,489,000 bushels.

Spring Wheat—September 1 forecast, 4,560,000 bushels.

Oats—September 1 forecast, 15,000,000 bushels.

Barley—September 1 forecast, 4,660,000 bushels.

Potatoes—September 1 forecast, 7,030,000 bushels.

Hay—Preliminary estimate, 1,970,000 tons.

Apples—September 1 forecast, 1,250,000 barrels.

The average prices for this September, as compared with last September, shows an increase in every article, viz: Wheat, $1.12 and 86c per bu.; oats, 43 and 37 c; potatoes, 80 and 49c; hay, $9.80 and $8.40 per ton; eggs, 28 and 23c per doz.

## COURT PROCEEDINGS

Saturday, September 23rd.

On this day it appearing to the Court that the list of County Warrants, more than seven years old prior to July 1, 1916, have been advertised as provided by law, and that the following named warrants are still on hand and have not been presented for payment:

**General Fund**

| (3rd. Series "A") | (Date) | (Name) | (Amount) |
|---|---|---|---|
| No. 7373 | July 2, 1908 | J. R. Neil | $ 3.60 |
| No. 7399 | July 2, 1908 | John Beaver | 1.20 |
| No. 7404 | July 2, 1908 | M. D. Green | 1.20 |
| No. 7406 | July 2, 1908 | Mrs. Simeons | 1.20 |
| No. 7427 | July 2, 1908 | H. McYonagle | 1.25 |
| No. 7430 | July 2, 1908 | —— Mescher | 1.00 |
| No. 7695 | Oct. 7, 1908 | Ed. Huckins | 1.50 |
| No. 7696 | Oct. 7, 1908 | J. E. Monahan | 1.50 |
| No. 7697 | Oct. 7, 1908 | Jas. McNaughton | 1.50 |
| No. 7698 | Oct. 7, 1908 | Chas. C. Troxel | 1.50 |
| No. 7817 | Nov. 5, 1908 | R. B. Hayhurst | 5.50 |
| No. 7924 | Nov. 5, 1908 | E. E. Strucker | 3.00 |
| No. 7988 | Nov. 5, 1908 | C. Bradbury | 25.00 |
| No. 8355 | May 7, 1909 | Alonzo Emmons | 1.70 |
| No. 8361 | May 7, 1909 | John Baker | 1.00 |
| Total | | | $51.65 |

**General Road Fund:**

| (2nd. Series) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| No. 5560 | July 2, 1908 | C. I. Hazen | 5.62 |
| No. 5720 | July 2, 1908 | R. B. Johnson | .50 |
| (3rd. Series) | | | |
| No. 306 | March 5, 1909 | C. Carlston | 1.12 |
| No. 381 | March 10, 1909 | John Pugh | 1.00 |
| No. 771 | June 8, 1909 | A. U. Bronson | 1.00 |
| Total | | | $ 9.24 |

**Special Road Fund:**

| (Old) Dist. No. 3 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| No. 776 | Jan. 2, 1908 | E. Pine | 12.00 |
| No. 1387 | April 6, 1909 | W. C. Henderson | 1.25 |
| No. 1390 | April 6, 1909 | W. C. Henderson | 1.25 |
| No. 1393 | April 6, 1909 | W. C. Henderson | 2.50 |
| (Old) Dist. No. 15. | | | |
| No. 1420 | April 6, 1909 | A. Emmons | 2.25 |
| No. 1422 | April 6, 1909 | L. Seigert | 2.25 |
| Total | | | $21.50 |

And the Court being advised in the matter, it is ordered by the Court that said warrants, amounting in all to the sum of $82.39, be, and the same hereby are cancelled.

On this day it is ordered by the Court that the Clerk be, and he hereby is authorized and instructed to issue a General Fund Warrant in the sum of $1,000.00, in favor of Columbia County Fair Association, being the amount heretofore estimated by the Court for such purpose.

On this 23rd. day of September, 1916, it appearing to the Court that no bids have been submitted to the Court for the improvement of the Stony Point "S" Line Road and Stony Point "T" Line Road, 1916 Special, in Road District No. 7, as heretofore advertised for, it is ordered by the Court that said improvement be performed by the Road Supervisor of said District No. 7, under the direction of the County Court.

Whereupon, Court adjourned until Wednesday, October 4th, 1916.


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