

REMINISCENCES OF OLD ELGIN FOREST FIRES COME EARLY

By Lee Tuttle in Elgin Recorder
To write reminiscences one must be in a reflective mood, and to control one's feelings and force the brain cells of memory back to events that are remembered or are related by others is no easy task on the day before a circus comes to town.

Likewise, when in a state of reflection one's thoughts revert to so many events—some to childhood days and of schoolmates; some to our own personal lives; some to sensations that have happened in the community or town—murders, suicides, robberies. Then again we may reflect upon the success of some and the failure of others, but in all these thoughts one cannot fail to recall events intended to build up or retard the growth of a town or community. There is no town, no community but what lives a life and leaves a history. What that life and history is depends upon the people who constitute the citizenry thereof—the decline or advance is what the people have made.

standing. The furnace door was open and rays of light emitted from the seething coal flickered across the face of the fireman who was feeding the flames with additional fuel. Then passed seventeen carloads of native pine logs, destined to factories to be manufactured into finished lumber and shipped to the markets of the world.

The train rolled on until the chug of the black monster became less audible and became fainter and fainter. A black trail of smoke remained overhead, and I thought: "Every time that agency of power passes this point drawing its heavy trainload of logs the industrial life of Elgin is robbed of one heart beat—reminding me of the worst blunder committed in the history of Elgin's industrial career. It serves to show me what might have been."

The tenderfoot has come and gone—its a reminiscence."

COAST DEFENSE BEING URGED

It has not been more than a dozen years when at the arrival of each morning train in Elgin from one to a dozen arrivals would be recorded of people from Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin, in fact from nearly every state in the Union. There was wonderment for a time and the "natives," if you will pardon the slang expression, were at a loss to know the meaning of the daily incoming of so many strangers. It was but a few days, however, until it became noised about town that at the head of each party there was a timber cruiser. "What are they doing?" asked one. "Why, it's just a bunch of tenderfeet going to the Looking Glass to take up a quarter section of the tall uncut under the Timber and Stone act. They'll stung. Them locators and cruisers are getting from \$50.00 to \$100.00 a claim for showing the suckers the corner stakes and lines. It's a darn graft so it is."

Well it might have been a graft from the standpoint of the one who succeeded in obtaining a claim, or for the lumber syndicates that finally acquired all the claims, but the tide of travel still continued Elginward. The tenderfoot (?) was a daily arrival and time sailed on until practically all the timbered area covering the sections known as Cabin creek, the Looking Glass and the thousands of acres lying north and east had been bought for an average price of about \$500.00 per quarter section to the one who filed the application, and sold for from \$1,200.00 to \$2,500.00.

All this time Elgin citizens and business men to the number of a hundred and fifty or two hundred, each of whom could easily command the purchase price of a timber claim, sat idly by and ere they realized the fact thousands of acres of virgin timber had been patented by the government to people from all sections of the United States. A few claims were left, 'tis true, but so scattered that to consolidate an extensive area was impossible. Thus was the control of our largest resources was lost.

Then came extensive purchases by the Grande Ronde Lumber Co., followed by the gigantic deal made by the Geo. Palmer Lumber Co., in which they became the owners of thousands of acres and which they have been logging for the past eight years.

Naturally, the talk of a sawmill with a daily capacity of 100,000 feet soaked its way into the understanding qualities of Elgin's brainiest citizens. It was known beyond doubt that it would be a mill of large capacity; that the installation of the industry would mean an expenditure of at least half a million dollars. What transpired then is known, or thought to be, to the readers of The Recorder. It is only necessary to state that Elgin did not secure that important industry.

Portland, June 2.—Through the instrumentality of the Pacific Coast Defense League, an organization of prominent citizens of Washington, Oregon and California, which has headquarters in the Chronicle Building, San Francisco, several Congressmen and Senators of the three states are pledged to bring before the next session of Congress facts and figures relative to the military unpreparedness of the coast should any trouble arise with a foreign power.

The League officers claim to be in possession of positive information to the effect that, should the fortified harbors of Puget Sound, Columbia River, San Francisco Bay and San Diego be invaded by hostile fleets only sufficient men of the Army and Organized Militia combined could be mustered to man half of the direct fire rifles and the mortars of the fortifications, and should it be necessary for all the batteries manned to maintain a continuous fire, there is sufficient ammunition on hand or available anywhere on the coast, to last but a few hours.

With but 6,700 officers and men of the regular Army and but 8,318 officers and men of the Organized Militia in the Western Department, which includes six states and the Territory of Alaska, practically every man would be obliged to get behind the coast defense guns from the land side by troops landing without the zone of artillery fire from transports and warships.

The League while demanding no radical Army and Navy increase, is insisting that the Pacific Coast gets its share of troops and ships of war, that Middle West "political posts" be abandoned and that the Organized Militia of the Coast States be strengthened.

FROM OVER THE STATE.
(From Pacific Coast Manufacturer)
(Banker E. L. Thompson of Portland protested against the Portland handicap of \$3 a day minimum wage. He said the time had come when those who run a city government should be compelled to treat business men fairly.

Mr. Thompson is a banker, operates a big woolen mill, a big dairy farm and heads an irrigation project in Marion County.

The Portland city commissioners put through the political deal to give common city laborers \$3 a day for eight hours when they know that contractors and business men were hiring such labor for much less.

A business man, whether he runs a peanut roaster on the street, or a steam railroad, is a human being. He has a right to protection from unfair treatment even at the hands of a labor organization or a politician.

The whole program of the kid-glove political experts and labor agitators to buy votes at the expense of other people is an outrage that reacts against those it seeks to benefit.

Baker, May 27.—Baker may have baseball four days in a row if the present plans of the management are carried out. Elgin is scheduled to play here next Sunday, and as Baker has a postponed game with the Indians, effort will be made to arrange to play it next Monday, Decoration Day, giving the fans a holiday game. Definite arrangements will probably be made tomorrow.

If these two games are played, the two on June 1 and 2 will complete four days of the national game in a row, taking us back to the old Tri-state days when we had a game every day.

When to Cut Hay
Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, June 3.—"Cutting the crop at the proper stage for hay is important. If cut too soon, a light waxy hay will result and if delayed past the proper stage, a course unpalatable and indigestible product. Cut clover when in full bloom and with one-tenth to one-third of the blossoms turning brown. For cowbit may be cut slightly earlier.

Cut alfalfa when coming into blossom, but better still watch the basal shoots at the crown of plant and cut when one to one and one-half inches long. This is your second crop coming on. Don't wait to cut until these are long enough to be clipped off. Vetch should be cut for hay when first seeds appear in pods. If growing with grain, the grain should be in milk or soft dough stage."

These are the views of J. E. Larson, Agronomy Extension specialist of the Oregon Agricultural College, on the best time to cut hay. Mr. Larson continues as follows:
"Grasses are cut usually at, or just

According to official reports, there has been an unusual amount of damage done in the eastern states this spring on account of forest fires. As a result, the Government is emphasizing its campaign, having for its main object the cooperation of the general public in the work of fire prevention and suppression. In this work, the west has already been very active, for fire prevention west of the Rocky Mountains has reached a well established basis.

For the past five years, the Northwest has carried on a live campaign of publicity, setting forth the results of forest fires and urging the help of the community in suppressing and preventing them. Various kinds of notices have been freely posted, and circulars have been distributed among young and old everywhere. The campaign has been so effective that the public has awakened to its duty and interest in the matter, with the result that where the Forest Service once stood alone in fire prevention work it now has the co-operation of the States, of private organizations, timber owners, and the public generally.

Every camper who enters the woods now knows that he must not throw away a match until he is sure it is out; he will not drop a burning cigarette or cigar butt; he will not knock out his pipe ashes while hot, or where they will fall into dry leaves or other inflammable material; he will not build a camp fire any larger than absolutely necessary, nor will he build it against a tree, a log, a stump, or anywhere but on bare soil; he will not leave his fire until he is sure it is out; he will not burn brush or refuse in or near the woods if there is any chance that the fire may spread beyond control or when the wind may carry sparks where they would start a fire; if he discovers a fire in the woods and can't put it out himself, he will notify the nearest forest guard, ranger, or State fire warden.

In fact, he will be just as careful regarding fire in the woods as he is with fire in his own home. He will not only do all these things himself, but his is so well convinced of the wisdom of fire prevention measures, that he will urge it upon his friends and neighbors and thus help the good work along.

before blooming time; the rye grasses should be cut before blooming as they become woody; timothy for market hay at blooming time. It does not deteriorate so rapidly and may be allowed to pass bloom before cutting; red top also can stand slightly longer in field than rye or oat grasses.

"Grain hay (oats, wheat, etc.) should be cut just between milk and soft dough stage for best quality. Many try to get grain and hay both. What is gained in grain is more than offset by what is lost in the hay or forage. The nutriment in the stalk and forming grains at the soft dough stage and passes rapidly into the grain as it nears ripening. It will pay to cut the grain hay at the proper stage."

For Sale, Five Acres—Notice to Bidders.
Notice is hereby given, that the Commission of the City of La Grande, has put for sale a five acre tract of land lying one mile south of the City of La Grande, between the Clark and Redhead properties, known as the Old Pest House property. Sealed bids to be in and opened by the Commission, June 16, 1915, at 7:30 p. m. Said bids to be accompanied by a certified check for 10 per cent of the amount bid. The Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Dated at La Grande, this 27th day of May, 1915.
By order of the COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LA GRANDE,
LEE WARNICK,
City Recorder
5-27-10t.

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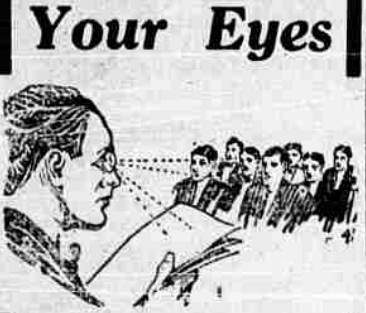
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Richard, June 1.—(Special)—Reports gathered from the orchardists in the valley show that the fruit and berry yield will be up to the standard, the rains and storms of the past month and in any way seriously affecting the orchards.
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