



THE OPENING OF THE ALIBI SEASON
CHARACTER SKETCHES BY A. RUSSELL

TIMBER SALE OF SIZE MADE

The sale of 655,000,000 board feet of timber on the Cascade National Forest in Oregon has just been completed, according to an announcement made by the forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture.

This is one of the largest bodies of timber of the Douglas fir type ever sold by the department; it compares in size with the recent sale of 850,000,000 board feet of the yellow pine type from the Malheur National Forest in Oregon and with the sale of 990,000,000 board feet of the sugar and yellow pine type about a year ago from the Lassen National Forest in California.

With the sale of the Cascade Forest timber the department reports that its total sales for the fiscal year ending June 30 will probably be greater than in any like period. The total estimated quantity of timber sold will be between 2,500 million board feet and 3,000 million board feet, with an estimated cut of between 900 million and 1,000 million board feet. The latter figure represents an increase of nearly 250 million board feet over the cut for the preceding fiscal year.

Douglas Fir Brings \$2.25.

George H. Kelley, of Portland, was the successful bidder for the Cascade Forest timber at an average price of \$2.25 per thousand feet for the Douglas fir. The total value of the timber is placed at \$1,500,000. It will be cut at the rate of 50 million board feet per year, thus increasing the receipts of the Government by about \$100,000 per annum. Prices may be changed by the department in 1925 and at three-year periods thereafter. Fourteen years is allowed for removal.

The body of timber sold comprises 15,700 acres in the watershed of the North Fork of the Willamette River a short distance from Oak Ridge, the present terminus of the Southern Pacific branch line, 44 miles from Eugene, Oregon. It is presumed that the sawmill will be located at Oak Ridge.

The average stand per acre is estimated at 44,000 feet, 25 per cent of which is Douglas fir. The stand is very old with an unusually large percentage of decay. Only a small percentage of the Douglas fir trees to be cut are less than four feet in diameter. The usual method of clear cutting and brush disposal will be followed. Leaving seed trees and giving the area careful protection from fires after the brush is burned has been found a satisfactory method in establishing stands of young growth in this type of forest.

This sale is the first large operation to be started on the Cascade National Forest which contains over 25,000 million board feet of mature timber. From the North Fork of the Willamette River alone 50 million feet can be cut annually on a permanent basis, according to the management plans for this forest.

Education doesn't always pay. If the Turks knew how big the world is they wouldn't have the nerve to bluff so successfully.

Alabama May Abolish Convict Leasing System

(By the Associated Press)
MONTGOMERY, Ala., July 12.—One of the results of the recent investigation of alleged outrages in Florida prison camps will be to make the subject one of the most complex matters to come before the Alabama legislature when that body convenes tomorrow, for its summer session, according to the opinion expressed by members in advance of the meeting.

In stirred by the investigations and their results in Florida, citizens of Alabama started an inquiry into conditions in this state and several groups now are demanding that the present lease system be abolished, despite the fact that the legislature at its January session extended the leasing system until December, 1925.

Governor Brandon has expressed himself in defense of the existing system, declaring the state should make no changes until some other employment might be arranged, enabling the state to continue them at work without loss.

The league of women voters of Alabama, who also have the aid of various legislators and many private citizens have declared their intention of endeavoring to have the legislature repeal the extension measure at the coming session. Alleged insanitary conditions, inhuman treatment, negligence of moral supervision and bad conditions in general are charged by those opposing the continuation of the leasing system.

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TO GUIDE BOYS OVER PITFALLS

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, July 12.—Boys of sixteen are being enlisted into an assembly of American Sentinels, an organization which plans to take the boy at this age, build him in mind and body, protect him against pernicious associations and direct his development until the day when he shall be inducted into citizenship. His protectors are numbered among the most prominent men of the country, with President Harding as honorary head.

"Young fellows in this transition period are neither boys nor men, and need guidance so that they will not become misfits in the world of action because they lacked vocational training," said Rear Admiral William A. Moffett, former commandant at Great Lakes Naval Station, and honorary director of activities. "Much of the social and industrial unrest is developed because in too many instances young fellows who have almost attained their majority are left to drift. They are compelled to take an individualistic view of life and thousands of them become resentful against society because they feel they did not have a fair chance."

Seeking to correct this alleged condition, the American Sentinels was launched with a program of six aims, which are:

Teaching the enjoyment of living and developing a sense of true sportsmanship; finding the proper vocational place for each young man and training him to fill that place; revising the Old Spartan endurance, fearlessness and steadfastness in all good things; cultivating a spirit of

honor, tolerance for his fellow man, and understanding an appreciation of American liberty and institutions; developing a body of athletic, intelligent, clean-cut and virile young Americans; formally inducting each young man into citizenship.

The organization is based upon the Roman army system, there being two main divisions—legionaries and auxiliaries—those under 21 being legionaries. The workers and sponsors are auxiliaries. Legionaries are divided into groups, 32 forming a guard. Each guard is divided into four squads. The guard is governed by a perfect and two assistants. Eight guards constitute a manipule, governed by a centurion. Twenty manipules make a cohort, ten cohorts a legion. All legions are under the direction of a director general.

There is no distinction as to race, faith, party, class or sect.

CLOSES GAMBLING HALLS.
(By the Associated Press)
LEBON, July 12.—All public gambling halls in Portugal have been ordered closed, and a wave of indignation has swept the larger cities as a result. Several newspapers have taken up the protest, claiming that where gambling formerly was supervised and forced to yield an income to

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One newspaper alleges that loaded dice, marked cards and other trick devices have been substituted for equipment which, under the gambling regulations, was inspected by the police, and that the public has sustained tremendous losses as a result.

View Jordan Project.
BAKER, July 10.—An inspection trip of the Jordan Valley and other reclamation projects in Eastern Oregon, a group of state officials and others, including Governor Pierce, Frank C. Bramwell, state superintendent of banks, Percy A. Copper, state engineer; Sam A. Koser, secretary of state; Jefferson Myers and W. D. R. Dodson of Portland and Harold Baldwin of Prineville, members of the advisory committee of the state

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NEWBERG PLANS FESTIVAL.
NEWBERG, July 12.—A heavy influx of visitors—one that will far exceed that of previous years—is expected here on the occasion of Newberg's berry festival Wednesday.

Rosarians, Prunarians, Chorrians and Ives Wires are all expected to send large delegations and the Prunarians have announced they will bring a band.

McMinnville, Hillsboro, Carlton and other towns in this vicinity are expected to be well represented. The Rosarians are planning to entertain 500

guests at a luncheon.

Dr. W. W. Youngston, of Portland, will make the address of the day, which will have as a feature the coronation of Queen Mildred. A full program of sports and diversions has been arranged.

SALVAGE \$5,000,000 GOLD.
(By the Associated Press)
LONDON, July 12.—After nearly a month's salvage work, the wreck of the Peninsula and Orient liner Egypt, which was sunk off Ushant in collision early in 1922 is believed to have been located. The bullion on the sunken vessel is said to amount to about \$5,000,000 and British engineers and salvage experts have undertaken to recover it.

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