

LARCH CANKER MARCHING WEST

Pacific Coast Lumber Industry Threatened in the Future

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WASHINGTON (AP)—By spreading to the native tamarack, a ragged timber growth that fringes the northern United States from New England to the great forests of the Pacific coast, the European larch canker has become a potential menace to the timber wealth of North America.

Once the disease, similar in effect to "chestnut blight," is entrenched in Douglas fir, the timber industry of the Pacific coast will suffer a financial panic, forest pathologists say.

William A. Taylor, chief of the federal bureau of plant industry, outlined to congress the impending peril and asked that it include in the second deficiency appropriation bill a fund of \$25,000 with which to conduct experiments and investigations necessary for immediate control.

Although it was not found in this country until last summer, it is believed the disease came over from European nurseries 15 or 20 years ago on shipments of European larch and possibly one or two

other coniferous trees. At present it is most prominent in Massachusetts, where the absence of native commercial conifers leaves its influence more or less negligible. However, it has attacked ornamental plantings of Douglas fir and yellow pine in the east, proving to pathologists the serious consequences once it reaches the west. There Douglas fir is abundant, representing one-fourth of the coniferous saw timber supply of the country.

Confined to the east, Dr. Taylor says, the disease would not be important. It could be controlled by quarantine and by Massachusetts' present practice of cutting out all the host trees and infected timber. But, the presence of tamarack, a relative of European larch, makes possible for spores of the canker fungus to follow an unbroken path into the heart of the conifer stronghold.

While it is an entirely different fungus and attacks an entirely different species of trees, the European larch canker destroys conifers much the same as chestnut blight has destroyed virtually the entire stand of native American chestnut. It gets into the cambium layer, which is the inner bark of the twigs, and eventually into the trunk, girdles the tree, dwarfs the growth and, finally, spoils the tree either for timber or ornamental use.

Many a girl cannot walk to school, but can dance until 2 o'clock in the morning and never get tired.

Over the Valley

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of the largest rooming this family has had.

Visiting Grandmother
Miss Jean Tuttle of Tacoma is here and will spend the most of the summer with her grandmother, Mrs. Jeanette Tuttle near Rhinehart, Howard and Valjean Tuttle of Aberdeen, Washington, will also visit their grandmother while they are making a two weeks' stay in this vicinity.

To Portland On Trip
M. E. Walsinger and Vernon DeLong of the Valjean neighborhood started yesterday morning by car for Portland where they will spend a week with relatives and friends. Mr. DeLong will visit with his mother, Mrs. J. P. DeLong and his aunt, Miss Anna DeLong. They expect to drive on to the coast one day during their absence.

Pomona Meets Tomorrow
Pomona Grove grange entertains the Union county Pomona grange all day tomorrow at their hall, and a very large crowd with a full program is anticipated. Several outside speakers are to be on the program and the literary part is to be under the direction of Lloyd Woodell, lecturer of Pleasant Grove. The Pleasant Grove degree team will exemplify the work of the fifth degree in the evening. Reports of the state grange will be given in the morning. Dinner will be served at noon and supper in the evening, with all members assisting in the serving. The afternoon meeting will be open to the public.

Practice in La Grande
Mr. and Mrs. David Sanderson, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Sanderson and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Neiderer, all of near Summerville were in La Grande Sunday practicing on a stunt for the Hug family reunion next Sunday at Elgin.

An Interesting Story
"Uncle Dugham" Wright, of Medical Springs, who stands out in the minds of old and young alike in this valley as one of the county's most respected citizens to say nothing of his standing as a pioneer and president of the Union County Pioneer association, has recently written a bit about his experiences in the early days. This story will be handed on in small installments, the first being given today.

"The wheel vehicles that made the Old Oregon Trail between Fort Hall and Willapa, the Whitman mission and Fort Dallas, was in the year of 1843. Crossing Snake River at Fort Hall and recrossing the

Snake at old Fort Boise at the mouth of the Boise River, this route cut off the circuitous route via the Owyhee River, which was a hard, dry, desert route in those days. The first mentioned route was the one traveled by the Hunt party in 1811, and along in the thirties by Whitman and Spaulding, and Jason Lee and other missionaries, trappers and fur gatherers and this was the main route traveled, until the year of 1852 a large emigrant train was massacred by the Indians some sixty miles southeast of what is now the city of Boise. The Indians had resolved not to allow further travel on the north side of the Snake River.

"In 1862 a train of 25 wagons outfitted in Denver for the Florence diggings in northern Idaho, coming to the Snake river some ten miles above Fort Hall where we found a ferry and a returning train of Florence gold seekers who had made the attempt to reach Florence via Fort Lemhi. A train of 300 wagons was soon thrown together to try and find a pass through the mountains to Florence

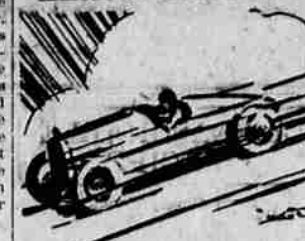
west of Fort Lemhi. "We realized this meant trouble with the Indians of that section of the country but gold-seekers are always willing to take the chances. Our first drive for the mountains was one of fifty miles from Snake River to Lost river without water. Starting at sunset with all vessels obtainable filled with water we arrived at our objective at three o'clock the next evening. Teams were in a manner exhausted and almost famished for water. The children were crying for water. The tongues of the tired dogs almost dragged on the ground, and the bosoms of the faithful old oxen were white with froth from their parched tongues."

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OLD SONGS WANTED
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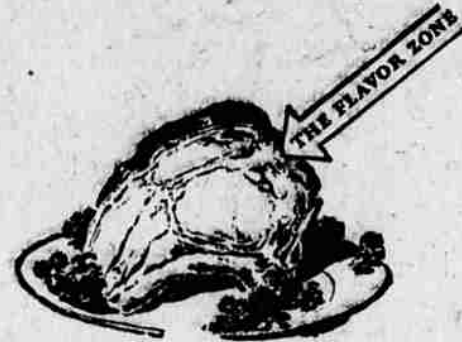


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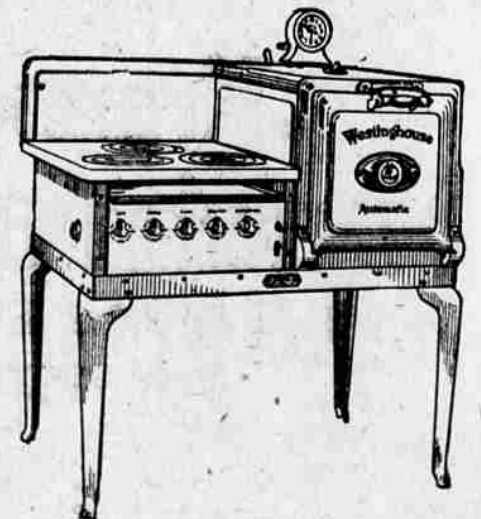
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