

# BIG INCREASE IN TIMBER CUT

## During 1907 Over Forty Billion Feet of Lumber Was Cut

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 2.—Figures of the lumber cut in 1907 compiled by the Bureau of Census and the Forest Service showed the largest total ever reported in the United States, exceeding by over seven per cent the cut reported for 1906, until then the record year. This does not necessarily show a larger actual cut than in 1906, for the returns obtained last year were more complete than ever before. The figures are:

In 1907, 28,260 mills made returns, and their production was over 40 billion feet of lumber. This is believed to be 95 per cent of the actual cut. In 1906, 22,398 mills reported about 37 1/2 billion feet. Since according to these figures nearly 29 per cent more mills reported last year than the year before, while the increase in production was only a little over seven per cent, it might be thought that the amount actually manufactured must have been greater in the earlier year. This, however, would be a too hasty inference, for it is almost wholly among mills of small individual output that the gain in number of establishments reporting has been made.

**Business Depression Felt**

Before the year closed the general business depression was severely felt in the lumber industry. It was not, however, the most important cause of the falling off in the production of the year where a falling off occurred. For decline in production took place only in certain regions. The south is the region of greatest activity in lumber production, and yellow pine the most important wood, forming 33 per cent of the entire cut of the country. The cut of yellow pine reported shows an increase of 13 per cent over that of 1906. In the early part of the year many of the southern mills cut so heavily that, in spite of the curtailed output which followed the business depression later, the total was greater than ever before. But in both the lake states and the northwest a smaller cut was reported than for 1906, though the number of mills reporting increased.

**Increase in Oregon**

The figures of production show that during 1907 Washington fell off decidedly from its huge cut of 1906, while its sister state Oregon, is credited with a slight increase in its total. In the early part of the year Washington suffered from a cut shortage, and at the end of the combined effects of business disturbance and higher freight rates had brought the industry almost to paralysis. Oregon kept up its cut because of its larger proportion of coastwise and foreign trade. These two states together produced more lumber than any other two states in the Union.

It is a striking fact that though lumber prices have been steadily going up during the last half century, the per capita consumption of lumber has also been going up. In 1859, according to the best figures obtainable, the average consumption to each person in the country, was 250 feet, in 1900, 460 feet, and in 1907, 480 feet. This illustrates what has been found true the world over—that with industrial progress the demand for wood becomes greater and greater.

### JAP COMMERCIAL BODIES OBJECT TO POSTPONEMENT

TOKIO, Sept. 2.—The dissatisfaction of the Japanese commercial bodies over the postponement of the Tokio World's Exposition from 1912 until 1917, has become so marked that there is danger that the scheme will have to be abandoned altogether.

At a mass meeting of the Tokio business men's associations this afternoon the action of the cabinet in postponing the exposition was condemned in unmistakable terms and a formal protest against the action was framed and sent in to the commissioners of agriculture and commerce.

The meeting of the business men was exciting. Charges that graft has crept into the management of the proposed fair were freely made. It was stated that the fair can be given for less money than is proposed if the management is economical. The business men say that the exposition will be a big factor in ending the hard times.

As an alternative they threaten to have an industrial fair of their own in 1912 under the auspices of the various commercial bodies of Japan if the cabinet does not restore the original of the proposed World's Fair. The matter is to be discussed at a special cabinet meeting.

### OFFER WRIGHT \$100,000 IF HE CAN MAKE GOOD

LEMANS, France, Sept. 2.—A contract was signed today between M. Weiller and Wilbur Wright under the terms of which Weiller agrees to pay Wright \$100,000 for his aeroplane if it is able to make two flights the terms of which are stipulated in the contract. It is believed that Weiller is backed by the French government and that the Wright Brothers' wonderful invention will soon be adopted by the French department of war.

The contract specifies that the aeroplane is to carry two assistants besides the operators. It is to accomplish two flights of 50 kilometers each within a week. The machine must fly against a wind of 14 miles an hour and neither flight is to require over an hour. The course is to be laid out by Weiller and the machine must fly within the prescribed bounds.

### EXPERIMENTS WITH FENCING TO PROTECT SHEEP

Fencing the range to protect sheep from attacks or predatory animals has met with excellent results in the Wallawa National forest, Oregon. The problem was to find a strong fence that would make the sheep secure, even without the care of a herder.

The chosen fence, which is built of woven wire with barbed wire on the top has kept out all the minor animals, such as wild cats, lynxes and coyotes, but has not withstood the attacks of the grizzlies, which are apparently able to pass through it with little trouble.

Sheep numbering 2,200 head were placed in the enclosure with their lambs upon June 20 and have been allowed to graze at their free will with no attention whatever from any herder. They have done splendidly and as far as the observation of those in charge of the experiment goes, a given area grazed by sheep under such conditions will carry more sheep per acre than one grazed under the charge of a herder.

Tracks along the fence show that the predatory animals come to the fence constantly and follow it around but, with the exception of the bears, do not seem able to enter.

The hunter employed by the service for hunting predatory animals in the vicinity of this fenced enclosure has killed no less than six large grizzlies this season, besides numerous other animals of the predatory class.

The results of this experiment are so satisfactory so far that private individuals are profiting by it. J. W. Emmons of Troy, Oregon, has a large tract of private land fenced with special wire fence in which he has this season lambed a herd of 670 ewes without a herder's care and with very little attention and great success. Mr. Emmons is extending his fence, for he finds that it pays. Careful records will be kept of the weights of lambs raised inside the fence on the same class of range, so that any gains or losses in weight and growth may be determined.

**Mrs. Harriman Remembered**

The stage which left Ashland for Pelican Bay this morning carried some of Ashland's choicest fruits and flowers to Mrs. E. H. Harriman with the compliments of the Ladies Civic Improvement club, and an invitation to the Harriman family to stop in the city on their way out from the summer visit to the Lodge.

Other towns in Oregon have been flooding Harriman with invitations to visit them but the ladies of Ashland are believed to have extended the first invitation to Mrs. Harriman and they are hopeful that it will be accepted, not only by her but by Mr. Harriman and the members of his party.

It is rumored that the Harrimans will leave the Lodge during the present week.

Messrs. Draper and Robinson, two young New Yorkers, arrived in Ashland at 5 o'clock this morning in Supt. Field's private car from Portland, and left on the stage for Pelican Bay Lodge.—Tidings

**W. J. BRYAN, JR., TO WED MISS HELEN BERGER**

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Sept. 2.—The marriage engagement of Miss Helen Berger, daughter of Alexander Berger, a prominent miller and Board of Trade member of this city, and W. J. Bryan, Jr., son of the Democratic Presidential candidate, is admitted today by Mr. Berger, who returned from a business trip to Colorado and Nebraska. Miss Berger and her mother are at present visiting friends in Lincoln, Neb. It is said the wedding may not take place for about a year.

**DEPOT AT YREKA IS BROKEN INTO AND ROBBED**

YREKA, Sept. 2.—Early Saturday morning the Yreka depot was broken into presumably by hobos, and a can of coffee, two bottles of whisky, a quilt and a half side of bacon was stolen. There is no clue to the person or persons that did the job, but from the character of the articles stolen it was probably a couple of hobos. The depot was filled with goods of all kinds that were far more valuable than the stuff taken. The theft was reported to the officers and the matter is being investigated.

**ONE DOLLAR FOR A WORMY APPLE**

SALEM, Or., Sept. 2.—N. C. Jorgensen, a Marion county orchardist, defies Fruit Inspector Armstrong to find a wormy apple on his farm; in fact he has sent a written communication to the fruit inspector last week offering him \$1 for every wormy apple that he could find on his orchard.

### SQUATTER IN TROUBLE WITH FEDERAL AUTHORITIES

Upon complaint of United States District Attorney John McCourt, a warrant has been issued by Commissioner Canon for the arrest of one Charles W. Anderson, charged with cutting and selling 400,000 feet of sawed timber from the Siskiyou National forest.

Anderson squatted within the boundary of the Siskiyou forest in 1903, as a homesteader. He was a married man. The land upon which he settled being unsurveyed, he was unable to make a filing upon it, but would have been prevented from so doing in any event because of the territory having been withdrawn as a forest reserve by proclamation of the President. He was, however, left in undisturbed possession of the land. It was an unsatisfactory home for Mrs. Anderson, and in the fall of the year she left him going to the state of Washington, where she procured a divorce. In August, 1903, she returned to the home of Anderson, and, it is alleged, again resumed her place as his wife. In the meantime coal had been found on the place, and Mrs. Anderson filed on 80 acres as a coal claim, taking 120 acres additional as a homestead. Cline Anderson, her erstwhile husband, also filed upon the coal lands and a homestead in addition. They then applied for patents on all the lands.

At the hearing of the contest Anderson attempted to prove that he could make a living on the land by showing that he had cut 400,000 feet of timber from one 40-acre tract and had sold it at a good price. His arrest was ordered upon his own admissions while on the witness stand.

When coal was first discovered Anderson is said to have been very active in letting his friends in on the ground floor, but whether he located them for a consideration or not has not been developed. The persons who joined him are alleged to have done so in good faith, and feel that they have been defrauded of large sums of money they have invested in development for the reason that the coal vein has not proved profitable, and in the opinion of experts it never will. The claimants exhibit a good deal of feeling toward forest service officials, claiming that they should be given patents on the ground that they have exhibited good faith, even if the coal was not there.—Tidings

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### Medford Time Table

**SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY**

Northbound	
No. 16 Oregon Express	5:24 p. m.
No. 14 Portland Express	9:49 a. m.
Southbound	
No. 15 California Express	10:35 a. m.
No. 13 San Francisco Exp.	3:20 p. m.
No. 225 From Grants Pass	9:15 p. m.
No. 225 For Ashland	10:15 p. m.

**PACIFIC & EASTERN RAILWAY**

No. 1 Leaves Medford	8:10 a. m.
No. 3 Leaves Medford	9:50 p. m.
No. 2 Arrives Medford	10:28 a. m.
No. 4 Arrives Medford	5:08 p. m.

**ROGUE RIVER VALLEY RAILWAY**

No. 2 Leaves Medford	10:45 a. m.
No. 4 Leaves Medford	5:35 p. m.
Motor Leaves Medford	2:00 p. m.
Motor Leaves Medford	9:00 p. m.
No. 1 Leaves Jacksonville	9:00 a. m.
No. 3 Leaves Jacksonville	3:30 p. m.
Motor Leaves Jacksonville	1:30 p. m.
Motor Leaves Jacksonville	7:30 p. m.

**MAIL CLOSURE**

Eagle Point	A. M. P. M.
Northbound	7:20 2:00
Southbound	9:19 4:54
Jacksonville	10:05 2:50
Jacksonville	10:20 5:20

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