

# HALF OF TIMBER SUPPLY IS GONE

Figures Show Great Inroads Made in the Nation's Big Resource.

When white men began conquest of the North American continent it is estimated that the present United States had 850,000,000 acres of land in forest, with a stand of 5,200,000,000 feet of timber of all species. Today the same authority says that this nation has, exclusive of Alaska, 550,000,000 acres of forest land, with a stand of 5,200,000,000 feet of timber of all species. More than half of the primary forest land is yet timbered, while the stand in lumber feet is less than half the supply at the commencement of operations.

Railway managers in estimating the supply that will be available in each species, place Douglas fir first, but with hard woods a close second. Their stumpage classification is as follows:

Kinds—	Feet.
Douglas fir	\$525,000,000,000
Hardwood	500,000,000,000
Southern yellow pine	350,000,000,000
Western yellow pine	275,000,000,000
Redwood	100,000,000,000
Western hemlock	100,000,000,000
Miscellaneous conifers	100,000,000,000
White cedar	100,000,000,000
Lodgepole pine	90,000,000,000
White and Norway pine	75,000,000,000
Eastern hemlock	75,000,000,000
Western spruce	60,000,000,000
Eastern spruce	50,000,000,000
Sugar pine	30,000,000,000
Cypress	20,000,000,000

"These figures are not so alarming as we are prone to believe," said a prominent lumber manufacturer of Portland this morning when discussing the railway estimates. We have far passed the centenary mark of National existence, with the forest area yet more than half its virgin extent. We must consider, too, that an immense proportion of the primary forest was cleared to pave the way for agriculture, the wood being burned on the ground without effort to utilize it. Also, first cutting methods were immeasurably wasteful in lumber operations than now. As a final thought on this point, note that no effort was made to provide for new growth until the last few years, no encouragement was given to restoration, no thought bestowed upon the future supply.

### Consumption Much Heavier

"On the other side of the question, it must be noted that, owing to the increase of population, consumption is heavier, despite of the increased use of metals and earth materials in building.

"Our 100 years of national life, and about 200 of a Colonial career, have required about half our first stand of timber. During all of this period, the sentiment of the people was to clear away the trees, destroy the forests, make room for the farmer. We are entering upon the second cycle, with the sentiment of the conservation of forests, higher prices and every inducement to the private land owner to plant trees. We have abundant forest land left, in fact most of the present area of 550,000,000 acres is not fit for any other use.

### Some Increase Certain

"Wood can never get up to some of the fancy prices predicted in recent years since the conservation movement took feverish tone. In the far West there is bound to be increase over the price of the past, but not of a very material nature. Lumber here has been selling for pioneer figures most of the time, and it is inevitable that as the bountiful stand of timber on the verge of navigable water is cut away, and the eastern market looks more and more to this source, lumber will go up.

"Oregon and Washington fir is worth more than it has been selling for in the past, worth more to the states, the owners, the laborers and all concerned. The forests of these two states will bring to their people a much more magnificent revenue, encircling both, establishing great industries and brightening the whole trade of the Northwest. This will be done by adding comparatively a small figure to the present average selling prices, for our lumber can never be worth to us what eastern and south-



EDDIE FOY GIRLS IN "THE GIRL QUESTION" AT THE MEDFORD THEATER TONIGHT.

ern lumber has been worth to those communities. We are too far from the principal market, and must take out of our returns, the cost of shipment for long distances. As wheat is destined to sell for more as the demand grows at home, so will lumber. Both will enrich the land where produced.

"We must promote conservation, but need indulge no great alarm for the future if we use only intelligent safeguards. Prepare for a gradual increase in lumber especially when the Panama canal is completed, but do not expect any fancy prices."

### PINCHOT SAYS TAFT IS TRUE CONSERVATIONIST

CLEVELAND, O., Oct. 1.—Chief Forester Gifford Pinchot is in Cleveland on business in connection with a book that he is soon to publish. In an interview here this afternoon he said:

"President Taft has expressed himself as being thoroughly in favor of conservation, not only in his speeches, but also in letters to me, and no one can fail to understand his position. He has committed himself absolutely to conservation and its projects."

Asked whether it seemed that the forestry products would have fair sailing from now on, Pinchot said:

"The service has been bitterly attacked and will be bitterly attacked in the future, but it is firmly established and I believe we shall be able to overcome any attempts that may be made to hamper our usefulness."

He also declared that the forestry service was better understood and appreciated in the west than ever before.

### To Chicago and Return.

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Ten days allowed going trip, returning tickets good until November 30. Round trip \$82.40. For particulars, enquire at the local office or address A. S. Rosenbaum, S. P. Co. Agent, Medford, Or.

### KINGS INVITED TO PORTOLA FESTIVAL

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 1.—Invitations to attend the Portola celebration to be held in San Francisco in October are being sent out by the committee to every king, prince and potentate in the world.

Nearly 100,000 invitations are being issued and every point on the globe will be reached by the missives. The invitations are engraved and on the cover a shield embossed with the letter "P" in the Portola colors, red and yellow, gives a suggestion of the festival spirit.

Included in the list of invited guests are all of the United States army and navy officers, all foreign diplomats, all foreign consuls in America, the governors of the states, mayors of all cities, celebrated personages, scientists, inventors, authors, painters, actors and financiers of note in this country and in Europe.

### NOTICE.

To whom it may concern: Rumors have been put in circulation regarding the management of the Emerick cafe that are untrue in every particular, as those interested have ascertained to their complete satisfaction. That popular cafe is, as usual, open to all who seek the best of everything and is open day and night. A trial will convince the most skeptical. 167 PHILLIPS & LEADERS.

### BOHEMIAN COLONY FOR KLAMATH BASIN

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Oct. 1.—Unless some unforeseen obstacle arises there will be located in the southern portion of the Klamath basin one of the largest Bohemian colonies ever established in any state. Sixty representatives of the colony have spent several days going over the 3000 acres of land on which options have been secured. The colony is in the form of a club, and consists of approximately 500 families. Officials of the club visited this section several weeks ago and secured options on the large Lakeside tract.

The 60 members who have been here for several days are a final committee to pass on the land. If they recommend the acceptance of the land the settling up of this large area will be begun at once.

### "Across the Blue Ridge," at the Bijou.

Thursday night the Darling Stock company presented to a crowded house at the Bijou theater the play, "Across the Blue Ridge." The play was good and the acting showed skill.

The play was a fun maker from start to finish and many times throughout the evening laughter and applause rose from the audience.

The company present the same play tonight and tomorrow night and should be greeted by crowded houses, as they are certainly deserving of the patronage of the Medford people.

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