



TIMBER TO BE SOLD

Government to Sell Lumber at Poles in Washington

A sale of government timber involving 70,450,000 board feet and 286,000 linear feet of cedar poles on the Olympic national forest, Washington, is about to be advertised.

Though all the timber will be sold to one bidder, it lies in two blocks, separated by an old burn, the result of a fire which consumed the timber on the intervening land.

The first block is within the watershed of Little River, and is estimated to contain 16,060,000 board feet of Douglas fir, 1,780,000 feet of red cedar, 2,160,000 feet of western hemlock, and 100,000 linear feet of cedar poles. The minimum rates which will be accepted for this timber are \$1.65 a thousand for red cedar, and 50 cents for western hemlock. The cedar poles will be sold for not less than 3/4 cents a linear foot for poles under 45 feet in length, with not greater than a 10-inch top diameter; 1 1/4 cents a linear foot for red cedar poles 45 feet and over in length, with not greater than a 10-inch top diameter.

A period of five years will be allowed for the cutting and removal of the timber, subject to a readjustment of stumpage prices at the discretion of the forester in 1916.

Buncom Reports.

Charlie Garrett was in Medford Monday.

Arthur Hall and John Cantrall tarried in town Saturday.

J. Cameron of Medford spent several days on the old home place this week.

Garfield White and wife of Medford are spending a while at Buncom.

Mrs. H. Hall was visiting Mrs. W. L. Barzee Sunday.

Mrs. John Bellinger was the guest of Dora Saltmarsh last week.

Joe Goldsby and family took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hall Sunday.

Mrs. Joe Donahue returned from Portland last week.

Mrs. C. C. Pursell and daughter Letha were visiting Dora Cameron last week.

Chester Pursell made a business trip to Medford last week.

Daisy Whelpley of Buncom was in town circus day.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos McKee were trading in town Wednesday.

Lee Saltmarsh and Clarence Buck spent a week at the Beaver ranch.

Mrs. C. C. Buck and daughter Letha were visiting Mrs. R. G. Jennings Wednesday.

Mrs. Joe Ginett was the guest of Mrs. Ansel Gilson Tuesday.

Mrs. Ella Cook who has been spending a few weeks on Applegate returned to Jacksonville Monday.

W. L. Barzee was in town the middle of the week.

Charlie Pursell has taken charge of the livery stable at Fort Jones.

ENORMOUS COAL PILE

Production Has Increased 400 Per Cent in Generation.

The production of coal in 1912 reached the great total of 534,466,580 short tons, valued at the mines at \$695,606,071, according to a statement by Edward W. Parker, coal statistician, just issued by the United States Geological Survey.

This year the report on the coal industry of the United States begins the fourth decade in which coal statistics have been published annually by the Geological Survey. In 1882, the first year of this period, the total coal production of the United States had reached what was then considered high-water mark—103,551,189 short tons.

In 1912 the production of bituminous coal alone in the State of Pennsylvania exceeded that figure by nearly 60 per cent and the combined production of bituminous coal and anthracite in Pennsylvania in 1912 was 2 1/4 times the total production of the United States in 1882.

The total coal production of the United States in 1912 was more than five times that of 1882. In 1882 the United States was a poor second among the coal-producing countries of the world, Great Britain having an output exceeding that of this country by nearly 70 per cent.

The United States supplanted Great Britain as the premier coal-producing country in 1899, it was as far ahead of Great Britain as the country was ahead of the United States in 1882.

The United States at present is contributing 40 per cent of the world's supply of coal and is consuming over 99 per cent of its own production.

In 1912 the production of coal in the United States not only surpassed all previous tonnage records, but the average value per ton exceeded that of any normal year in the 33 years for which statistics are available. There has been only one year when prices generally were higher than in 1912, and that was 1903, the year of the fuel famine.—U. S. Geol. Survey.

Try that delicious Ice Cream at Chapman's.

TRIP TO YREKA, CAL.

Made in Autos by Party From This City. Country Fine But Lacks Shade.

A party, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ulrich and children, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Ulrich, Miss Flora Ulrich in an Overland auto and Dr. and Mrs. T. T. Shaw in a Ford car left here early Sunday morning for a trip to Yreka, Calif. about 65 miles south of this place (by the road) and in the Siskiyou mountains.

The entire trip, going and coming was made without mishap, although some very heavy grades were encountered on both sides of the mountains; grades that should be eliminated, or avoided by building a new road by the county. I do not think it would be a wise plan for the county to purchase the present toll road as it is too heavy a grade in this age of the world.

There is plenty of territory for a new grade which could be twice as long as the present one and still be travelled in less time, hope this will be done in the near future.

The road over is kept in a fair repair, the steepest grades are at the railroad crossings. There are also some very bad mud holes on the California side, especially one near Hornbrook that had been caused by the overflow of water used in irrigating alfalfa fields. The finest piece of road is that between Ayres and Yreka, that is simply no. 1.

We arrived at Yreka at 2 o'clock P. M. The people seem to be alive and full of business. There seems to be no stopping of business on Sunday. The streets were somewhat torn up on account of getting ready to pave. Like all other towns built during mining times it has a great many unsightly old shacks which should be removed.

In passing through Shasta valley on the road to Yreka there are thousands of acres of land without the sign of a shade tree—none even on the hills. It looks strange to us Oregonians. From the time you leave Hornbrook until you reach Yreka, there is not a shade tree large enough to eat lunch under. We ate our lunch under some willows along side a water ditch. But nevertheless, the people all seem to live the same as we do and have automobiles to use on their good roads of which they have many.

By One of the Party.

Here is a woman who speaks for a great deal of knowledge and long experience, Mrs. P. H. Brogan, of Wilson, Pa., who says, "I know from experience that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is far superior to any other for a cough there is nothing that exceeds it." For sale by all dealers.

TO THE BOYS AND GIRLS

A Few Words From Mr. Maris Regarding Industrial Fairs.

I hope you are all having a good time during vacation, playing some, working some; and not forgetting to prepare your exhibits for the school fairs. Had you thought about how soon they will be here? Only a few short weeks now, and the time will pass quickly. Procrastination is said to be the thief of time. Do not let it be the thief of those prizes you have no doubt had your heart set on winning.

It is so easy to waste time and get slack in our habits, especially during vacation. Everyone ought really to set apart certain hours each day for play, for work, and for reading. You will be surprised how much more you will accomplish.

If you are raising garden stuff to exhibit, do not neglect it. The weeds will keep growing these hot days just the same, and if you do not keep them hoed or pulled up they will rob your pumpkins or potatoes of the moisture they need, and they will not grow to prize winners. If you are raising poultry, do not fail to feed the fowls regularly and well and handle them carefully so they will be gentle and in good condition.

If you expect to exhibit sewing and win that sewing machine, gold watch, or some other attractive prize, you have no time to lose. If you would win in the bread making contest, you cannot practice too much. Do not be afraid of soiling your hands with the dough. It is no disgrace to work, and horny hands are honorable.

Do not overlook the fact that the railroads will carry your exhibits to and from the State Fair free of charge. The children of no other state are so generously treated by the railroads, so far as we know. Do not fail to read the rules and regulations in the State Fair Prize List which tells you what you have to do in order to get the free rate.

Some boy or girl who reads this may say "I have to work hard all the time and never have a vacation, and do not have time to prepare anything for the fair." I hope very few of you are entirely deprived of a vacation, but as to having to work hard, you really ought to be thankful for that. Hard work does not hurt you if you do not chafe and worry about it. Our best and greatest people have had to work hard. Surmounting difficulties brings out the best that is in you, and develops strength of character. The best exhibits at the school fairs last year were generally made by children who had to work hard. Loafers do not win prizes at fairs nor in the battles of life. Perhaps you are not yet acquainted with Mr. Churchill, our new State Superintendent, but you will have an opportunity to meet him some day, I hope. I am sure you will like him, he says he is very much interested in the boys and girls of Oregon, and especially in seeing them learn the practical things of life. He is anxious to see definite results from the Industrial Department. It is up to you to show such results, boys and girls, and I am sure you will do your part.

Very truly yours,
N. C. Maris,
Field Woker Industrial Fairs.

Oregon Sidelights

As the result of one hour's soliciting Heppner citizens put up \$1272 for the Morrow county fair, and the city council followed with \$500 more.

Newberg's commercial club already has under discussion plans for celebrating the formal opening of the new bridge across the Willamette, which event is due some midwinter date.

The Terrebonne Oregonian invokes death upon such noxious weeds as one recently destroyed within the townsite. It was a Russian thistle, five feet and eight inches across and 27 inches high.

Woodburn Independent: A heavy cloud of smoke drifted over here last night about 6 o'clock which hung over the city until dark, making one of the most gorgeous sunsets we have ever seen here. It came from a forest fire in the hills northwest of Wilsonville.

The editor of the Burns News describes a field of Harney county barley that will make 75 to 100 bushels per acre. A growth nearby was so heavy that the rabbits though attacking it in herds had been unable to damage it much.

Though mourning the loss of a valuable horse—the fourth in only a few years—Editor Stewart of the Port Oregon Tribune can imagine himself consoled. If only enough delinquent subscribers will make the crossing with \$1.50 per he will buy him an automobile and cheer up.

PORTLAND LETTER

Oregon Merchants Will Meet in Portland. Work on Jetty to be Commenced Soon.

Portland, Ore., Aug. 12 (Special)—Buyers' week in Portland, Sept. 1—6, will be the occasion for entertaining merchants from all parts of the Pacific Northwest. An elaborate program has been arranged, providing for daily opportunities for merchants to meet each other as well as their Portland hosts. The jobbers and manufacturers of Portland are behind the movement. Special entertainment is to be provided for the members of families of the visiting merchants.

Reduced railroad rates for the week will go into effect on August 23 and will be good, going, until Sept. 3. Return tickets will be honored until Tuesday, Sept. 9.

That the number "13" does not always stand for bad luck is indicated by a recent statement from the Northwest Fruit Exchange that an order for thirteen carloads of Oregon Jonathans has just been received from dealers in Johannesburg South Africa at a price almost three times that of the average received last year. This order completes a chain linking Europe, Asia, Africa and South America with the apple districts of the Pacific Northwest. The Exchange has also received an order for seven carloads—three Jonathan and four Rome Beauty—to go to South America.

Oregon lumber is also enjoying a season of great popularity in foreign countries, judging from the present brisk demand. In one day the past week five vessels were chartered to carry Oregon fir from the Columbia River, three to Australia, one to New Zealand and one to England.

In order to assist hunters who may become lost in the woods, or who might possibly meet with some disabling accident, State Game Warden Finley has arranged a code of signals which he wants every hunter to learn before entering the forest. If lost or disabled, fire two shots 10 seconds apart; wait 60 seconds, then fire one shot. This is to be recognized as the official signal of distress. Any hunter hearing it will at once fire one shot in answer and lose no time in rendering any possible assistance.

Of interest to every community in the Columbia River Basin is the announcement made within the past few days by Major McIndoo, U. S. Corps of Engineers, that work on the north jetty at the mouth of the Columbia will be commenced in October. The original estimate of \$1,600,000 as the cost of this improvement has been increased to \$5,000,000, and it is expected that 5,000,000 tons of rock will be required in the work. The Government officials have announced that the south jetty, which was commenced in 1885, is now complete and that the task of transferring the equipment to the north side of the river will be taken up at once. It is expected that confining the current to the narrow channel between the two jetties will result in a permanent depth of not less than 40 feet on the bar.

Debenger Gap.

By Norman Gage.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Pelton and daughter from lower Sams Valley spent Sunday in the upper Rogue River country fishing.

Mr. Peterson of Gold Hill who is successor to D. C. Henry as school supervisor of district No. 2 spent Tuesday night at the Debenger Gap ranch on his way to the upper Rogue river country.

Mr. William Pomeroy of the Meadows country came over to the Debenger Gap ranch last Monday.

Mr. Byrd Johnston and Mrs. Mary F. Gage and her two daughters Miss Mary and Martha made a business trip to Medford and Ashland last Wednesday.

Mr. Ray Watkins who is working on the Debenger ranch returned to his home near Gold Hill last Saturday. He returned to the Debenger Gap ranch Tuesday.

Mr. C. P. Dennis of Debenger Gap ranch returned to his home near Dallas, Oregon, to spend the rest of the summer.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Malinda Conger.

Mrs. Malinda Conger died at her home in this city, Sunday morning at half past four o'clock, aged about sixty-five years. Tuberculosis, with which she had been afflicted for some time was the cause of her death.

She was a native of Ohio, but had been a resident of Oregon, since 1877. She leaves a husband, Enos Conger, and three children, Mrs. Irene Wells, Mrs. Minnie Robison and H. W. Conger. Funeral was held Tuesday afternoon, interment in the cemetery at Talent.

Magnus J. Hall

Magnus J. Hall, a former resident of this city, died at the Sacred Heart Hospital at Medford, Oregon, Tuesday August 12, aged thirty-one years.

Deceased was a native of Kansas, but had resided in Jackson county most of his life. He was stout and rugged in appearance but was attacked with pneumonia early in the summer and to which disease he finally succumbed.

He leaves a wife and three young children, his father, mother four brothers and one sister. Funeral services were held in the Catholic church and interment was had in the cemetery at this city Thursday morning.

Forest Notes.

An organization of scientists who are engaged in the study of forest insects has recently been formed in Washington.

Pencil manufacturers are buying up old red cedar fence rails, in Tennessee and southward, to be made into lead pencils.

The Buffalo herd on the Wichita national forest, Oklahoma, now numbers 48, 10 calves having been born this year. When the buffalo were introduced on the Wichita in 1907 there were 15 head.

A conservation movement has been started in China, said to be richer in natural resources than any other nation. The Chinese use the word "conservancy" instead of conservation. One of their plans for the Hwai River contemplates dredging and tillage together to control floods.

The steel towers that support electric power transmission lines are being increasingly used by forest rangers as fire lookout stations on national forest. With the harnessing of the mountain streams a network of these lines is gradually being woven over the forest, and in the absence of other convenient lookouts, the rangers find the steel towers helpful in their fire patrol work.

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Electric Sparks

And they keep on lecturing Bryan, but don't want him to lecture.

To try to look intelligent is easier than making good.

If the Pennsylvania scientists are correct in their assumption that Abraham invented the plow, we may be able to fix with tolerable certainty the blame for the boys leaving the farm.

Showing that we are safely away from the imperialistic idea, nobody has yet spoken of Miss Jessie Wilson as "Princess Jessie."

We read with amusement of \$250.00 damage by fire in a millinery store. Had no idea there was anything as cheap as that in a millinery store.

A day's lecture undoubtedly pays better than a day's work for the Government. But the time it takes a man to think up and write out a lecture ought to count something.

Mexico is so fastidious that it does not permit any American citizen to become socially popular whose rank is below that of Ambassador.

One objection to every fishing party is that there is always some man in it who insists on talking of real fishing he used to do, somewhere else.

A pet dog traveled two hundred miles to get back to John D. Rockefeller, this instance of devotion is the more touching because a dog has no use for money.

A few broken promises will keep a man busy the rest of his life trying to pick up pieces!

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