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Government Study Is Recognition For Cold Seasoning Ar

Booth-Kelly and Lumber
Association Cooperate in
Study of Process.

Test Is to Be Confined to
Lumber Difficult to Treat
in Dry Kiln.

Unusual recognition is being given cold seasoning of lumber by a study being conducted at the plant of the Standard Seasoning society by the federal government in co-operation with the Booth-Kelly Lumber company of Eugene and the West Coast Lumbermen's association. All claims made for this new method of preparing lumber for market will be thoroughly investigated during the several weeks of the study.

The Booth-Kelly company furnished the lumber which was put into the mammoth seasonhouse several days ago, the lumbermen's association has furnished the grader and the United States department of agriculture has furnished the technical supervisor, who will keep all records and prepare a report of the study. H. M. Johnson, of Portland, assistant forester, is here representing the government.

The government has heretofore conducted studies of ordinary air seasoning, but wishes a separate study of cold seasoning because of the claims made that a much greater amount of moisture content is removed than by any other process, that the tensile strength is greatly increased, that there is no degrade and that qualities are put into the lumber that are not given lumber by any other method of preparing for market. The government is particularly interested in the claims that wide clear stock can be as successfully treated as any other grade of lumber. Proof of this will mean much to the lumber industry.

An announcement from the forester's office at Portland concerning the study contains the following statements:

"The study will be confined to Douglas fir lumber. The grade used will be confined for the present to 'B' and better clear, both flat and vertical grain. The stock will include 1, 2, 3 and four-inch thicknesses and 8, 12 and 16-inch widths, and will be of uniform length, preferably 16 feet.

"The stock used in the study will be representative of each grade. It will be green, freshly sawn and rough, also free from seasoning defects such as cup, warp, twist, checks, etc.

"Each piece will be carefully inspected by the association grader and the forest service representative for natural and seasoning defects. All such defects will be marked on the piece with timber crayon so that these defects will not be charged against the seasoning.

"Grading will be strictly in accordance with 'rule 3' grading and dressing rules adopted by the West Coast Lumbermen's association June 30, 1925. Each board will be graded 'as is,' no allowance being made for possible degrade in seasoning. Doubtful or line boards will be marked as such.

"Whole-board and special prepared 16-inch samples, for the determination of drying rate and final moisture content, will be prepared.

The 16-inch samples will be cut from a board representative of the stock of the highest moisture content. These samples will be end-coated to prevent end-drying. Six such samples will be used, so placed that they are as nearly as possible representative of drying conditions in the bottom, top and sides of the stock. These samples will be weighed at the time of installation to the nearest 1-100 of a pound and at regular weekly periods during the life of the test.

"Each of the whole-board samples will also constitute a shrinkage sample. At the time of installation each board will be measured as to width and thickness at two points at least three feet from the ends. The points where measured will be marked on the boards so that measurements can be taken at the same point on removal."

Old Highway Now River Road.
Old Pacific highway, on the west side, will hereafter be known as River road, an ordinance making the change in name having been adopted by the city council Tuesday night. Due to the fact that the route of the highway was changed to the east side several years ago, much confusion resulted from the fact that the old highway continued to bear the same name as the new route.

er, Former Miner Talks of Days Of Old and Gold

Culp Creek, July 28.—(Special.)—Ben Conger of Eugene, member of the pioneer Conger family and at different times an operator in the Bohemia mining district, was a visitor here during the eventful days of the taking of war pictures by Buster Keaton.

Mr. Conger was associated with F. J. Hard in the development of the Vesuvius property in 1907, the days of old, the days of gold. In 1910 he returned to the camp and was interested again with Mr. Hard in the development of the Oregon-Colorado group.

He made the trip here from Eugene in his sedan in an hour and a half. In the olden day he was lucky if he got this far in two days by rail and stage and oftentimes upon the hurricane deck of a cayuse.

Counties to Prepare Claim O. & C. Taxes

Government's Wish Is to Make
It as Easy as Possible
to Get Refund.

Considerable time must be spent by counties and tax districts of Oregon in preparing a statement of their accounts against the government before they can draw the money to be paid them under the terms of the Standfield-Sinnot bill recently passed by Congress providing for the refunding of taxes on O. & C. grant lands.

In a letter to Senator Standfield, replying to the latter's inquiry as to the nature of proof that must be submitted by the counties in connection with special tax districts, the secretary of the interior says: "Where a special tax was paid by the government for the year 1915 it will not be necessary for the counties to submit any additional proof with respect to such special tax for subsequent years.

"If it was a continuing one, a reference to the payment of the former tax with a statement that such tax had been continued on privately owned land will be sufficient.

"Where, however, new special tax districts have been formed since 1915 it will be necessary for the auditor or other responsible officer of the county to furnish a description of such district and a citation of the law under which such district was established. If by special election such fact should be shown. It must also appear that the tax on government lands was no greater than that assessed against privately owned lands.

"No particular form of certificate will be insisted upon. It is the purpose of the department to cooperate with the counties in the adjustment of the taxes and no unnecessary burden of expense will be put upon the counties. The purpose of the requirement is to assure prompt action by the commissioner of the general land office in adjusting the accounts submitted by the counties.

"If such showing is complete it will not be necessary to delay a consideration of such account until a field investigation has been made."

RED CROSS OFFICIALS ATTEND MEETING HERE

Miss Margaret Barnard, executive secretary of the Lane county chapter of the Red Cross, and Miss Aleta Brownlee, field secretary from San Francisco, were speakers at the monthly meeting of the executive board of the local branch held Monday in the First National bank. Miss Barnard explained the work of the executive secretary in this district and Miss Brownlee told of the work of the junior Red Cross.

The local board voted approval of the junior Red Cross idea and decided to recommend it to the school board as a desirable activity in the schools.

Reports of relief work and other activities conducted by the local branch during the last month were given by board members.

Interpreted.
The girls—God bless 'em!—were talking it over.

"I asked him if he loved me," stated Flossie, "and he said, 'Mon Dieu!'"

"Oh, how wonderful!" gushed Tessie. "That's French for 'My Dear!'"

Our Suffering Language.
Teacher: "Use 'statue' in a sentence."

Abbie: "Ven I come in last night mint pappu says, 'Statue, Abbie!'"

Bound Books. The Sentinel.

Fifty Girl Scouts Go To Row River Camp

Nearly 50 girl scouts from Eugene have gone up Row river to spend two weeks at the camp recently used by boy scouts from Eugene. This will be the largest camp the Eugene girl scouts have ever held.

The program of a girl scout camp is not by any means all fun and frolic, although these receive their full share of time and attention. This year an especially attractive program has been prepared.

Classes are under the instruction of older women who have had special training and experience for their work. The camp for the entire period will have a cook, a physical director, trained nurse, camp manager, story teller, home economics supervisor and camp director. In addition, a number of assistants from among the mothers and girl scout council will be in camp for short periods.

Girls who go to camp are required to take a physical examination to make sure that they are in condition physically to indulge in physical exercise, swimming and other sports.

Library Is to Reopen.
The city library will reopen Monday, August 2, according to announcement given out by the library board. Hours that the library will be open are the same as heretofore. The library has been closed since June 16.

The city engineer has been instructed to draw plans for a new sewer district to include the property from Tenth street east to the city limits between east Jefferson and east Madison avenues.

Los Angeles Almost Belongs to Producers

Street Car System and Traffic Tie Up When Necessary for Film.

One of the most pleasant fellows who has been here with the Buster Keaton company is Billy Wood, who for several years has been in the art director section of the motion picture game. He returned home several weeks ago, but before leaving he described entertainingly how motion picture producers are treated in Hollywood, which is a part of Los Angeles.

Everything in Los Angeles practically belongs to the motion picture people, who bring millions annually to the California city.

The city government will tie up street car and other traffic if necessary for the accommodation of a producing company. Street car traffic will be temporarily reversed if necessary. Many scenes are taken on the principal streets of Los Angeles. The city's street car system often is utilized.

Banks lend their vaults for bank robbery scenes that are filmed at night, and once in a while a robbery scene is pulled off so realistically that the police force new men on the police force that it is only make believe.

Sometimes sewers are torn up and streets are dynamited for camera effect. Of course the motion picture people pay the cost of repair.

Police patrol motors and motor ambulances owned by the city often take part in pictures and sometimes (Continued from page 2.)

Keaton Company Enjoy Eats and Give Program

Successful and enjoyable in every detail were the farewell picnic and farewell dance given last night by the Lions club and chamber of commerce for the Buster Keaton company. Members of the company were high in their praise of the home cooking, which was supplied in a quantity that was too great even for movie people away from home on location. The picnic was held at the city park, which was lighted with Chinese lanterns.

Members of the Buster Keaton company reciprocated by furnishing entertainment during the dance at the armory and at no other time have so many distinguished and versatile artists taken part in an entertainment given here.

Glen Cavender, captain of the riders, gave two piano numbers; Earl Mohan, one of the riders, gave a soft shoe dance; Tom Nawn, lieutenant-colonel of the Union army, gave a monolog; Ed Foster, fireman of the Columbia (one of the three locomotives), gave a piano number and a song, the piano number being given while he wore 12 pairs of mittens; Joe Keaton, father of Buster and famous in days past as founder and manager of The Four Keatons vaudeville company, and a Union general in "The General," gave a dark song and dance; Frederick Vroom, confederate general, gave a Shakespearean reading; Christine Frances, scenarist, gave a Charleston; Jack Coyle, of the construction department, gave two songs, and Mike Graves, of the property department, gave a Charleston. Every number was heartily enjoyed. Ross McCutcheon acted as master of ceremonies.

Fire Department Is Highly Praised

High praise for the Cottage Grove fire department will be contained in the report to be made by the adjuster who came here to appraise the losses from the recent fire which damaged the Aubrey building and the McQueen grocery stock. The adjuster made the statement while here that the Portland fire department could have done no better.

Cledis Swanson and Harvey Holderman, who stayed inside the building to handle a hose while smoke poured out of the building so thick that it was impossible to face it, were spoken of as heroes. The smoke was so thick that Swanson and Holderman could not see and were able to breathe only by keeping wet handkerchiefs over their faces.

Damage to the grocery stock was \$150 and to the store building not a great deal more.

Keepers of the Den Clear \$110.
The Keepers of the Den cleared \$110 from the concession stand they conducted at Culp Creek during the four-day period of the filming of the battle and wreck scenes of Buster Keaton's new picture, "The General." The money will be used to defray expenses of the city playground.

Store Building Going Up.
Roy Leonard is erecting a store building on Pacific highway near the corner of Quincy avenue. It has been rented to G. H. Fullerton of Marshfield, a former resident and father of Mrs. Leonard. The Fullerton's will return here soon to take up their residence.

Reign As Hollywood Is Coming to Close

Buster Keaton Company Is
to Return to Hollywood
Within 3 Weeks.

Cottage Grove's reign as the Hollywood of Oregon will come to a close within three weeks and possibly within two weeks. All the big scenes of the Buster Keaton picture have been completed. The Union and Confederate armies have received their pay and have been discharged. One by one members of the Keaton company are completing their labors and are leaving for Hollywood.

Of course there is the possibility that the company may have to return here for retakes or fill-ins. That is something that may happen with any picture. As this is to be Keaton's greatest picture, he will not hesitate to bring his troupe back if he believes that he can add to the picture. But barring something of that sort, within three weeks, Buster and his bunch, who have added much to the business and social life of the city for two months, will be a pleasant memory. Fill-in scenes are now being made by members of the Keaton company only. Use of extras was concluded Tuesday.

Most of the fill-in scenes are being taken at the after-the-war city of Marietta, Ga. Some are also yet to be taken at the Culp Creek trestle, which has been partially repaired.

The first scenes to be taken elsewhere were taken today up the McKenzie. The raiders of the story were pictured struggling in the swift waters of the McKenzie.

While all the big scenes of the picture have been filmed, much of the success of the big scenes depends upon the smaller ones now being filmed. The big scenes give the dramatic interest, but most of the comedy is in the fill-ins.

"The General" will be an outstanding example of the kind of comedy which Buster believes has taken the place of the old-fashioned slapstick stuff which never really was genuine comedy.

A farewell picnic and a farewell dance were given last night for members of the Keaton company. It was given this far in advance of the completion of the picture because many members of the company are returning to Hollywood.

Dangerous situations in the picture did not cease with the filming of battle scenes. In a scene taken Tuesday Buster and his leading lady, Miss Mack, were almost run down by Confederate cavalrymen rushing to the front on Marietta's main street. Buster had given instructions that the scene was to be that kind of a one and no attention should be given to the presence of himself and Miss Mack. The hop skirts of Civil war days were not as easy to keep from under foot as those of today and one of the horses got one hoof entangled in the leading lady's dress. The only damage was to the dress.

James Walsh sustained a fractured hand Monday in one of the war scenes taken at Marietta. The hand became entangled in a wheel of a cannon carriage.

COTTAGE GROVE BONDS GET PAR AND INTEREST

Cottage Grove city hall and water bonds, sold Tuesday night, brought par and accrued interest. This is the best price at which municipal securities have been sold recently by Oregon municipalities. The city was in the position of not having to sell the bonds and members of the council had expressed their intention of refusing to sell at less than par.

The \$25,000 issue of city hall bonds went to Ferris & Hardgrove of Portland. The issue of \$15,000 in water bonds went to the First National bank of this city.

Dad Fletcher Is Injured.
"Dad" Fletcher, more than 70 years old, sustained painful injuries about 7:30 Wednesday morning when he was struck by a north-bound automobile as he started to cross the highway at Woodson's auto camp. He suffered a deep gash over the left eye and severe bruises on his face and left arm. C. R. Woodson brought Mr. Fletcher to a physician to receive treatment.

It is thought that Mr. Fletcher was watching a south-bound truck as he crossed the highway and failed to notice the approaching automobile. He is the father of Mrs. Harry Haskins.

Carroll George of Cottage Grove, who pleaded guilty in justice court at Eugene Tuesday on a charge of possession of liquor, was fined \$300 and sentenced to serve 30 days in jail. He was arrested here late Saturday night.

Cottage Grove Is About to Receive Nation-Wide Publicity Through Trip of Marion Mack Parchment Framed in Myrtle

Document Will Start From Here and Attract Attention as It stops at Every State Capital and National Capital for
Signatures of Governors and President Coolidge.



Right: Miss Marion Mack and unique parchment framed in myrtle wood; upper left, a studio portrait of Miss Mack; lower left, drawing of a section of the parchment.

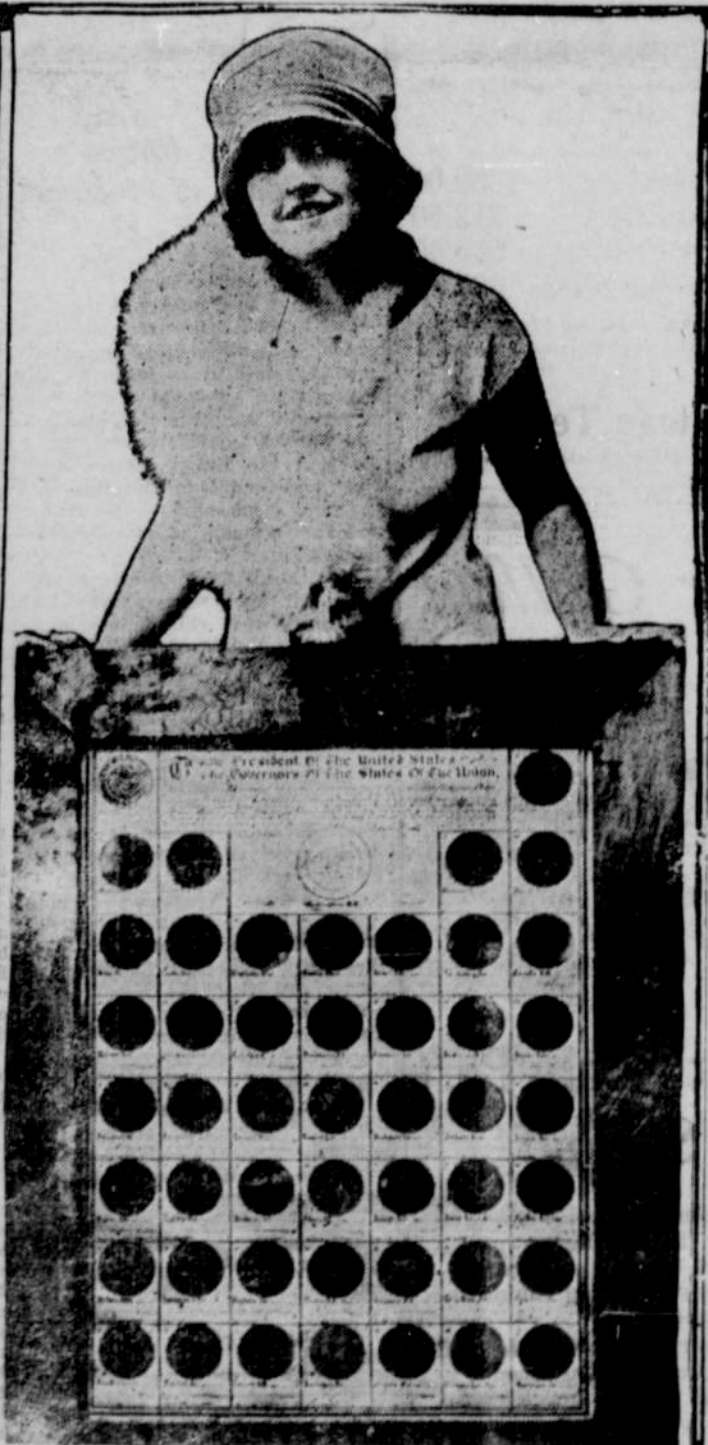


Cottage Grove is about to become a widely advertised community without cost to it. This publicity will start when Miss Marion Mack, who plays opposite Buster Keaton in the picture, "The General," being filmed here, starts on its way to the governors of every state of the union and to the president of the United States a parchment framed in myrtle wood. The parchment is to receive the signature of every governor and the president and its final destination will be Hollywood, where it will be sold for the benefit of unfortunates of the motion picture world.

The stunt is so unique that it will command publicity and it is likely that every one of hundreds of newspaper stories will say that the parchment started from Cottage Grove.

The Oregonian is sponsoring the stunt and has made a tie-up with the leading newspaper in each state in the Union. These newspapers are to present the parchment to

their governors and secretaries of state for their signatures and great seals of the states. In order to receive as much publicity as possible for the stunt and with the idea of securing bids from all parts of the country when the parchment is offered for sale, the newspapers handling the parchment have agreed to secure the cooperation of other papers in every state. In each instance Associated Press newspapers have been selected by the Oregonian, as the Associated Press



has agreed to report the movement of the parchment throughout its long journey to every state capital.

The myrtle wood frame was manufactured by the Seven Oerding Brothers of Coquille and they are now making smaller frames to be presented by Miss Mack to each governor and secretary of state on the occasion of signing the parchment. A special inlaid double frame is being prepared for President and Mrs. Coolidge and if the parchment reaches Washington,

D. C., about the time of Miss Mack's contemplated trip east this fall, she will present it personally to the president, arrangements to that effect already having been made by the Oregonian in cooperation with United States Senators McNary and Stanfield of Oregon.

Miss Mack complimented Ren Sanford of this city for the artistic manner in which the parchment has been hand lettered.

As soon as Governor Pierce, who (Continued on page 2.)