

COOS, CURRY, DOUGLAS COUNTIES HOLD STATE'S HARDWOOD WEALTH

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Coos, Curry and Douglas counties contain the majority of the more than 4,000,000,000 feet of hardwood timber in Oregon, a resource which has had little development, Jack R. Pfeiffer of the Oregon forest products laboratory said on a Coos Bay visit last week. Pfeiffer said he regards figures of the U. S. forest service survey of hardwoods, made in 1951, as conservative.

Studies made by the forest products laboratory show Pacific Coast hardwoods compare favorably with the Eastern varieties for manufacturing purposes.

THE PRINCIPAL varieties in Oregon are red alder, tanoak, bigleaf maple and Pacific madrone.

The three counties contain over 60 per cent of the state's estimated 1,529,000,000 feet of red alder. Coos county has 498,000,000 feet, Douglas 332,000,000 and Curry 124,500,000. Red alder, which Pfeiffer said works easily, is used for furniture, core stock, woodenware and novelties, millwork, paper roll plugs and paneling.

The three counties have more than half the 693,000,000 feet of bigleaf maple, Coos having 204,000,000, Curry 109,600,000 and Douglas 56,700,000. The wood is well suited to making furniture, flooring and face veneers.

CURRY county has 147,800,000 feet of Pacific madrone and Douglas 138,000,000 out of the state's total of 425,000,000 feet. It is suitable for fine furniture and cabinet work and is a possible substitute for dogwood in making shuttles for the textile industry.

About 96 per cent of the state's 870,500,000 feet of tanoak is in Curry county, declared Pfeiffer. Although it resembles true oak in appearance and finish, it does not belong to the oak family. Its only present use is for its bark, which contains about 20 per cent tannin on a dry weight basis and has been the principal Pacific Coast source for tannin for many years.

Best known of the state's commercial hardwood is myrtlewood, or California laurel with Coos and Curry having the whole Oregon supply. Coos with 37,200,000 feet and Curry with 21,200,000 feet.

FRIENDSHIP

The firmest friendships have been formed in mutual adversity; as iron is most strongly united by the fiercest flame.—Caleb C. Colton.

Friendship must be accompanied by virtue and always lodged in great and generous minds.—Joseph Trapp.

A man should keep his friendships in constant repair.—Samuel Johnson.

One marvels that a friend can ever seem less than beautiful.—Mary Baker Eddy.

When we are young, friends are, like everything else, a matter of course. In the old days we know what it means to have them.—Edward Grieg.

Social Security Switches Curry To Eureka Office

Beginning May 1, 1954, service to Curry County on all social security matters will change from the Eugene Field Office to the Eureka, California Field Office.

Claude E. Dawson, Manager of the Eugene Field Office, states that all correspondence and inquiries should be addressed to Walter V. Nusbaum, Manager, Social Security Administration, 206 Post Office Building Eureka, California. The Eureka Field Office presently maintains a contact station in Crescent City on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Department of Employment from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Future news releases concerning any information on social security will be released by the Eureka, California office.

The ethics which guide thought spiritually must benefit everyone; for the only philosophy and religion that afford instruction are those which deal with facts and resist speculative opinions and fables.—Mary Baker Eddy.

We live too much in platoons; we march by sections; we do not live in our individuality enough; we are slaves to fashion in mind and heart, if not to our passions

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