

ed to the factory, as the wood is too heavy to float.

The lumber is cut into thicknesses from one to five inches, generally about eight feet long. Much of the lumber is highly polished for use as walls and ceilings for offices and for private homes. For novelties, planks are scribed to sizes desired and band-sawed into circular discs for bowls, trays and similar objects. Band-sawed pieces are "roughed out" on a lathe. As an example a salad bowl is molded into the general shape, but is left about an inch thick on the sides and bottom. The piece is stored for some time to dry and after being properly seasoned is again molded on the lathe to the desired size, following by sanding, after which it is treated with sealer and lacquer, upon which high polish is applied.

Because of the limited range of the myrtle and the fact it is not particularly reproductive, the trees are likely always to be classed as a rare species.

In view of this rarity, "Save the Myrtle Woods, Inc.," has now set aside a number of virgin groves for posterity, or has cooperated in having them set aside. The largest of these is a 462 acre tract of virgin forest which has been preserved by the federal government.

It adjoins the Brummet creek tract of 40 acres in Coos county, purchased by Mrs. C. S. Jackson of Portland, and to be established as the Maria C. Jackson park.

The Oregon state forestry department has acquired 160 acres along the Chetco river near Brookings, described as one of the most picturesque mature groves now remaining. It has been named the Alfred A. Loeb state forest-park, recognizing the generosity of its former owner. Strips of myrtle, bordering state highways, have been acquired as scenic waysides.

Lumber companies have indicated

they are refraining from cutting myrtle groves when they are logging surrounding pine and fir. Individual owners of small tracts, although unwilling to sell them for public parks, have agreed to preserve them in their original condition.

A man may fall several times, but he isn't a failure until he starts saying somebody pushed him.—The Whetstone.



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