

**The Timber Going.**

It is only a few years since the dense forests of Oregon and Washington were looked upon as a detriment. The growth was dense, and the stumps simply appalling to the intending settler. It cost so much to clear the ground that, though the soil was first class, few had either the courage or the money to undertake it. The result was that thousands of acres of the very finest timber in the world was destroyed by fire, says the Portland Journal.

That was the method, the cheap method of getting the ground in condition for the plow. The burn soon produced a fine crop of maple and other undergrowth which in turn was burned, and the job of clearing was reduced in magnitude until it didn't break the settlers' heart to complete it. It would be impossible to make anything like an accurate estimate of the value of the timber thus destroyed, but it would run into the millions of dollars so far that one could hardly be made to believe the figures.

Now all this is changed, and there is a wild scramble for timber lands, and the more timber and the larger the trees the better. Now the land itself cuts no figure, for it is the timber and that alone that is sought.

The Maine forests are gone, those of Michigan and contiguous states rapidly going and now the Northwest must furnish the country, or it must go without. Canada has some good forest areas, and so has Alaska, but Oregon and Washington will be denuded before these remote sections are touched.

It takes the timber from 5500 acres to supply the demand of the United States alone for a single day. That is in round numbers, four sections. A strip a mile wide and four miles long, a township every nine days, and in one year a tract six miles wide and 246 miles long. It does not require a very complicated calculation to fix the time when Oregon timber will be only a memory. Against this destruction the Interior Department estimates that 25 acres of forest trees are planted daily, or a tract one mile by 12 in the course of a year. There is however, some consolation in the fact that owing to our abundant and much-abused rainfall, the young growth starts at once, and in the course of time will replace the forest which the demands of civilization is today destroying.—Lakeview Examiner.

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The Baker City Herald tells of salt brush as a crop for the alkali plains. It says: "If some experiments now being conducted by H. W. Smith, a Utah farmer, are carried to a point that will demonstrate the correctness of his theory, the State of Oregon will be a cause to rise and call his name blessed. Not long ago Mr. Smith sent and secured some seeds of a plant which is popularly known as the Australian salt brush. He has produced a small crop which he finds that his cattle eat with apparent relish and which seems to produce an abundance of nutriment. The best of it is that the

bush grows on what has always been considered worthless alkali land, unfit for any purpose whatever. The salt brush not only grows on this character of land and makes fodder, but it draws the salt from the soil, it is asserted, and makes other crops possible thereon."

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