

FORESTRY

(Belongs National Forest)

It may be of interest to readers in Crook County to know what has been done along the line of reforestation work for the present season. From the records of the Forest office the following figures are taken:

During the period January 1 to June 30th there has been purchased for distribution throughout the County 550 stumps of spruce. Approximately 5,000 pounds of seeds have been prepared for sowing and into which a portion of the 550 stumps of spruce was mixed. The balance of the seeds was furnished ranchers at a cost price of from \$1.50 to \$1.75 per bushel. The ranchers being their own sowing. It is estimated that 27,000 lbs. of poleseed seeds has been put out in the county during the present season.

Of the 550 stumps were available for the opportunity to purchase either spruce or another at a cost rate for use in doing their own sowing or have purchased the poleseed grain from the Forest office at a cost price. This cost did not even include labor which was contributed by Forest officials. It should be understood that the county does very generously appropriated \$100.00 to be used as a revolving fund for the reforestation work. This money was turned to the local Forestry office and enough ingredients to make up the poleseed mixture was purchased at the right price and the grain sold to ranchers at cost when the money was again re-invested in more materials for the next season. The Forest office has only been acting as a distribution center pending the time that a County agent could be secured. It is felt that the work has been well done while and the very favorable reports of results from ranchers bear out this belief.

It is now possible for the more restlessness automobilist who has a car with a good engine, to climb to the peaks of Lookout Mountain. The road is not really a road and we hope that none will be deterred should they undertake the trip. Two cars climbed the mountain last Sunday and after the present road is packed and receives some rainfall it should not be such a wearisome journey, at least for one or two trips. It is unlikely that anyone would care to drive up the mountain more than once or twice. It is comparatively easy to get as far as the quick silver mine at which point there is an excellent camp ground which will be protected from sheep grazing until late summer.

It has been necessary to bring trespass proceedings against a local camp leader for a band of sheep using the Crook National Forest. The party thoughtlessly set fire to some old logs etc., in order to clear a way for his sheep to get to and from a watering place. The fire spread and it was necessary to send men to put it out. The offender was fined \$10.00 and costs and has been furnished with a copy of the fire laws etc., so that he may understand that the penalties both State and Federal are quite severe for the willful setting of fire, leaving camp fires not totally extinguished or carelessly allowing fire to escape from any source during the period from June 1 to October 1 which is designated as closed season.

It is planned to give more attention each season to the comfort of campers and tourists on the National Forests. The Crook has never been developed to any considerable extent along this line but as fast as funds can be provided and time spared by way of the regular force, camp sites will be equipped with tables, fire places, perhaps shelters in some cases and where such camp sites are on cattle ranges the camp grounds will be fenced so that the grass and natural beauty of the place may be retained. It is also hoped the people will begin to take advantage of the summer home site privilege which enables an individual to rent a parcel of ground on which he can place a summer cottage and fix it up pretty much as he chooses so long as he abides by certain sanitary regulations and to certain building restrictions. The rental fee on a strip of ground of an average size of 75x125 feet will run from about \$3.00 to \$15.00 depending on location and desirability.

We believe that the public knows the position of the Forest Service in connection with game law violators. Now, however, since the sage hen

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season opened on July 14th it is perhaps appropriate to suggest that hunters should be very careful not to exceed the limit which is five birds in one day or ten in seven consecutive days. While in some localities sage hens seem to be quite plentiful yet it must be remembered that the areas which now support flocks of these birds are comparatively small and that a few "game hogs" could soon exterminate the remaining birds in almost the Central Oregon country. It is sincerely hoped that no individual will give a Game Warden an opportunity to cause him trouble because of his failure to quit shooting when the limit is reached. We must confess that it is the plan to give State Game Wardens every bit of assistance that is consistently possible and these suggestions are given merely as information to prospective hunters.

Joe Chamberlain, a lad of eighteen from Portland, Oregon, has taken up his duties as primary lookout on Wolf Mountain which is one of the most isolated points on the Ochoco Forest. He will be connected by a telephone and he will be at home to his friends perched in the top of a tree on a cradly constructed platform built for the specific purpose of supporting him.

One and one-half miles of woven wire fence has just been hauled to Beaver Ranger Station on the Mitchell side and will be used in the construction of a fence to be placed on either side of the new road now under construction thru the above station. Appropriate varieties of shade trees will be planted along the fence line in front of the station house and a new yard fence of woven wire will be put around the residence and office building of Ranger Blake to replace the present picket fence.

In time Beaver Ranger Station will present a very attractive appearance to tourists as they pass over the new road.

Bill McFarland who has been one of the mechanics in the Island Auto Company for some time past, is spending his "vacation" on top of Pisgah Mountain. He will occupy this point as a fire lookout until the end of the dry season.

SHEARER TO BE PLACED ON THE MAP

The falls of the Deschutes river near Shearer, which have been the site of nothing but a toll bridge and a white elephant hotel for the past 20 years, are to be harnessed soon by the Eastern Oregon Land Company. Enormous electrical energy is now going to waste.

HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY FOR COMING YEAR

The following teachers will compose the faculty of the Crook County High School for the coming year: E. E. Evans, principal; Mrs. Florence Cramer, English; Mrs. Clara Platt, Normal; Miss Hall, Domestic Science and Art; Mr. Vernon Shippee, science; C. E. Platt, Manual Training; Miss Edna Morse, Mathematics. Mr. Evans will have charge of the bookkeeping department, and as yet no teacher has been secured for the Stenography Department. Mr. Platt has been teaching in the Graham school for several years and has had charge of the athletics in that institution.

Miss Beattie McCollom of The Dalles is in town visiting her mother and sister. Miss McCollom was in Prineville during the Spring on The Dalles' debating team, and is a well known debater.

Lady-Killers.
In every town there are always some fellows who brag that they are regular lady-killers. One of the kind aimed at a dance in Prineville the other night. He asked a young lady if he might have the next dance, and received quite a shock when she replied: "Why, I guess so, if you can find a partner."—Opportunity Advertiser.

Verazzani's Discovery of America.
A French writer is distributing a pamphlet showing that none of the Atlantic coast of the United States was discovered by the French explorer Verazzani in 1494, and urging that in 1924 the 400th anniversary of the discovery be duly celebrated in the United States.

Mark Twain's Diva Threats.
When Mark Twain wrote "Huckleberry Finn" he posed this introduction: "Persons attempting to find a motive in this narrative will be prosecuted; persons attempting to find a moral in it will be punished; persons attempting to find a plot in it will be shot."

Powerful Home Influence.
The blessed influences that radiate from a home well ordered and happy are countless and far-reaching; the selfish love there kindled and nourished shines forth as a beacon light to encourage the world's hopes and faith in humanity.—Madam Willard.

The Tie That Bound.
Lawyer—"On what grounds, madam, do you wish a divorce from your husband?" Client—"Why, I married him for his money, and he has lost everything."

Strictly Business.
The candy store women always gave Lucy an extra piece of candy, saying, "I give you an extra piece for good luck." Lucy walked into the candy store and said, "I can't buy today, but you can give me the extra piece for good luck that you always give me when I buy."

Worth Remembering.
Here is a good thing to remember: "When you get sore at the world, don't forget that it will not hurt the world at all, while it may do you irreparable harm." You are but a very small part of this old world and it will wag along just about as well without you as with you, so your complaints are not going to make so very much difference after all. Better keep sweet and do what you can to make conditions better instead of getting grouchy because things do not go to suit you. The cheerful man gets farther than the grouchy.

Duration of Lightning.
A flash of lightning lights up the ground for one-millionth of a second, yet it seems to us to last ever so much longer. What happens is that the impression remains in the retina of the eye for about one-eighth of a second.

JOURNEYS IN EASTERN OREGON

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on the second day of the show, over \$600 people paid to see nearly as good stock as we show at our county fairs. Union is building the best hotel in this neck of the woods, and the next time I come, there's where I will stop. The town has a Carnegie Library and most important, a creek right through the center of the town in which salmon are being caught by the wagon load.

Union County has no fair and no place to have one if it was desired. The so-called fair grounds near here are a joke. Four years ago the live wires of the town built a race track, but used it for races only once. It is now given over to a crop of weeds. Cherries and children are the most famous products of Cove. I saw carloads of both. The crop of the former this year is the largest in eight years but is still not up to capacity. I hadn't been in the community ten minutes before I was presented with

a half bushel of cherries and a box of honest to goodness strawberries—like the kind Korman grows on McKay Creek. I was taken in with this hospitality at once.

I really don't believe there is a more peaceful spot than Cove. It is aptly named, being tucked away in the lap of Mt. Fanny amid miles of happy, contented lives and look it, too. The town was nearly consumed by fire last fall, but the work of rebuilding has started.

I met Mrs. Nellie R. Grace, who keeps Cove on the map with notes in the Portland dailies. She is 76 years old and was in Prineville in 1887. She and her husband established the Harney County News and the Burns Herald. At present she has care of the Cove Library, established and maintained by the ladies thru money made from running a picture show, a newspaper, by giving banquets and several other things that only women know how to get together on.

I heard Bryan last week with the rest of the republicans and he talked nearly as late as he did at Madras. At 12:30 I and a few others were still awake. The great Commoner is still some man.

La Grande is to be the airplane center for all Oregon east of the Cascades. I attended a meeting of the local live wires a week ago and saw them put through the deal with O. K. Jefferies. There was enough money exhibited to run me and a large family for several years. The idea is to sell planes for this section, run passenger planes, haul mail, and do everything that a plane is doing in these times. The company is getting in on the ground floor and is bound to make money. At any rate it will be a recreation for those who have too much money in this town.

Next week I will finish up in this county and will probably go to Baker.