

WASHINGTON TIMBER

Amount Standing is Estimated at 114,778,000,000 Feet.

OVER TWICE AS MUCH IN OREGON

Forest Fires Have Destroyed 40,000,000,000 Feet, Causing a Loss of \$20,000,000.

Last Winter the work of collecting crutings and preparing detailed maps of standing timber was completed for the State of Washington, and the results are presented in a monograph recently published by the United States Geological Survey...

The amount of standing timber in Washington has long been a matter of interest, and many wild guesses have been hazarded. As usual in such cases, most of them were far above the truth.

"First—The area of merchantable timber is by no means so great in Washington as in Oregon. While the wooded area does not differ materially, that of Oregon being 64,800 square miles, and that of Washington 47,700 square miles, a much larger proportion of the wooded area of Oregon is occupied by timber of merchantable size and species.

"Second—The lumber industry of Washington has been, especially in recent years, much more important than in Oregon, and consequently a larger area has been cut over in the West of Washington than in the East of Oregon.

"Third—Although the Coast Ranges of Oregon have suffered greatly from fires, the state as a whole, and especially the western portion, has been less injured by any means as severely from this source as has Washington, probably owing to the fact that lumbering has not been so active.

The following table gives the stand of timber of the species recognized by the lumbermen, with the percentage which each bears to the total amount:

Table with 3 columns: Species, Feet, Per cent. Includes Red fir, Cedar, Hemlock, Pine, Spruce, Larch, White fir, Oak.

Table with 2 columns: Species, Feet. Includes Sitka spruce, Douglas fir, Western white pine, etc.

Total 114,778,000,000. The stand is heaviest in Skagit County, where it averages 25,000 feet board measure per acre.

Enormous Loss by Fire. The entire area of Washington is 66,800 square miles. Of this 23,126 square miles are covered with merchantable timber.

Anyone who has passed the late Summer and early Fall in Washington will be struck by the enormous destruction which takes place annually at this season. There are fires everywhere, and for weeks at a time the smoke from them lies as dense as the fog on the New England coast.

In Eastern Washington, out of an entire area of 41,225 square miles, only 14,124 square miles are now covered with merchantable timber.

Of cedar there is scarcely any to be found on the islands and the west coast of Puget Sound, but very little in the valley to the southward.

Hemlock is almost entirely wanting in the Puget Sound region, and in the valley to the south. It increases westward and forms a noticeable proportion of the forests in the Coast Range and in the mountains of the Olympic Peninsula.

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MONSTER SAENGERFEST

Twenty Thousand Singers Met in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Competition for Emperor's Prize Ends in a Tie—All-Feeling Engaged—Other News.

Interest in the National Saengerfest, of 20,000 singers, which closed its meetings at Brooklyn, N. Y., July 7, centered chiefly in the competition for Emperor William's prize—a silver statue of a medieval Minnesinger more than a foot high, standing on a bronze pedestal.

Kavanaugh is Now a Baritone. Those who have heard the boy soprano, Blatchford Kavanaugh, who created such a



Mrs. H. H. A. Beach Amy Marcy Cheney, of Boston, is doing the most ambitious work of American women composers.

ers kept up to the beat, nor any intervals which were laid as a snare to the voice of the forest in which they sang.

Meanwhile the Brooklyn Saengerbund (a close competitor) is feeling very sore because of its defeat, and making no bones of its feelings, has publicly intimated that it will be carried into the decision in the award of a second prize, which it claims to have earned.

CLASSICS OF CONFUCIUS.

Chinese Scholars Could Reproduce Them From Memory.

D. L. Sheffield, in writing of "The Civilization of China" in the July Forum, says: "It is said that when the first Emperor of the Ch'in dynasty—two centuries before Christ—attempted to destroy the classical literature, the scholars restored it from their memories. Certainly the scholars of any city in China could now rewrite the leading classics from memory."

"Scholars competing for honors must present in their essays the traditional interpretation of the doctrines of the sages. If they should presume to set forth views of their own not in harmony with this interpretation, they would be considered as heretics, and would be already excluded and would be excluded from competing for literary distinction.

Dick Turpin's Home Sold. English auctioneers have just sold by auction at Long Sutton, a house which was at one time the home of Dick Turpin.

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