

DEMANDS RECONSTRUCTION

Chamber of Commerce Seeks to Develop Logged-Off Land.

POSSIBILITIES ARE GREAT

Inadequate Means of Approach Are Largely Responsible for Latent Condition.

With the best thought of the world centered upon the problems of reconstruction and with leaders of constructive ability in America studying what this country can and should do to open the road of opportunity to the returning soldiers, Oregon possesses in a large measure the latent natural resources...

Franklin K. Lusk, Secretary of the Interior, under date of May 31 called the attention of the President to the agricultural possibilities of the logged-off lands of Oregon and Washington as a part of the lands of this character available for reclamation and colonization. In this connection he said:

"Substantially all this cut-over or logged-off land is in private ownership. The failure of this land to be developed is largely due to inadequate methods of approach. Unless a new policy of development is worked out in co-operation between the Federal Government and the states and the individual owners a greater part of it will remain unsettled and uncultivated. The undeveloped cut-over lands lie chiefly in the Pacific Northwest (particularly in Washington and Oregon) in the lake states (Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin), and in the South Atlantic and Gulf Coast states (Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas.)"

No Charity in Plan.

Secretary Lusk pointed out that the plan he proposes does not contemplate anything like charity to the soldier, nor should he be made to feel that he is in any sense a dependent. On the contrary, it is the idea that the soldier makes a contribution in the Government service to develop resources. After the land is developed the soldier would have a chance in returning to his Coast states (Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas.)

Data is Compiled.

George Quayle, heading the development section of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, has compiled data of the most authoritative sources showing the areas of burnt-over and logged-off lands in the state of Oregon. The investigation reveals that there is almost 1,600,000 acres of agricultural lands in this state, and within this state, and 1,238,177 acres of valuable pasture lands in connection with the land suited to farming in these areas. In this alone there is a latent resource of immense value, capable of maintaining a very large population.

There is another great area in Oregon, not taken into account in these figures, that may be brought under intensive production by means of irrigation, but which will be the subject of future reports. In this connection it is interesting to note that in the accompanying table showing the acreage of land available for development, there is no logged-off or burnt-over lands of any moment in the counties of Morrow, Sherman, Wheeler or Gilliam, but in these areas are large bodies of land capable of maintaining a very much larger population than at present resides within their boundaries.

LOGGED-OFF AND BURNT-OVER LANDS—STATE OF OREGON NOVEMBER, 1918.

Table with columns: County, Total, Improved, Timbered, Burnt and Logged, Acres. Lists counties from Baker to Yamhill with corresponding acreage data.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—Casualties reported today number 1075, as shown in the following classified summary: Deaths—Reported Today. Total Killed in action 13,287 202 13,489...

KILLED IN ACTION

Kendrick, William E., Mrs. Elizabeth Kendrick, DuPont, W. Va. Washington. Carlson, Arthur E. (Lieut.), Mrs. Anna Carl...

DIED FROM WOUNDS

Emerson, A. C. (Corp.), Boise, Idaho. Kivist, Oscar R. (Idaho Falls), Idaho. Maders, Arthur P. (Idaho Falls), Idaho.

DIED OF DISEASE

McCune, James A. (Corp.), Chicago, Ill. Haines, Vernon (Chicago), Ill. Elr, Roger L. (Clinton), Ill.

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Johnson, John H., Measow, Tenn. Taylor, Edward, Chattanooga, Tenn. Brewer, Leonard T., Manning, Tenn.

DIED FROM ACCIDENT AND OTHER CAUSES

Blackburn, John, Soda Springs, Idaho. Barratt, Jno. C. (Corp.), DuQuoin, Ill. Bawson, Henry, Pawtucket, R. I.

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