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OREGON FOREST FIRE LAW

DIGEST PUBLISHED FOR BENEFIT AND INFORMATION OF
COOS COUNTY PEOPLE—SHOWS HOW TIMBER
MAY BE PROTECTED.

A DIGEST of the salient provisions of the new Oregon forestry law, for the information of private citizens, has been prepared by State Forester Elliot. It should not be mistaken for an authoritative copy of all the provisions of the new law, and persons desiring a full copy can secure one on application to the state forester's office at Salem. The principal points, however, are covered in the following and it should be read carefully by every citizen in Coos county. Familiarity with the law will be helpful to all in aid of its full enforcement as a means or better protection to Coos county's chief asset from this time forward. The digest is as follows:

Certain Land a Public Nuisance.
Any and all inadequately protected forest or cut-over land adjoining, lying near, or intermingled with other forest land and covered wholly or in part by inflammable debris or otherwise likely to further the spread of fire, which, by reason of such location or condition or lack of protection, endangers life or property, is declared a public nuisance, and whenever the State Forester shall learn thereof he shall notify the owners or persons in control or possession of said land requesting them to take proper steps for its protection and advising of means and methods to that end.

Fire Wardens to Enforce Law.
All fire wardens, under instructions from the State Forester, shall take proper steps for the prevention and extinguishment of fires within their localities, assist in apprehending and convicting offenders against the fire laws, control the use of fire for clearing land in closed season, and make such reports as may be requested by the State Forester. They have power to make arrests for the violation of forest laws, and to enter upon the lands of any person or owner in the discharge of their duties; provided that in so entering they exercise due care to avoid doing damage. Any fire warden who has information which would show with reasonable certainty that any person has violated the forest laws, shall immediately take action against the offender by arresting or making complaint to the proper magistrate or by filing information with the district attorney, and shall obtain all possible evidence. Wardens are punishable for failure to comply with their duties.

Closed Season for Burning—June 1st to October 1st.
Burning of slashing, chopping, woodland or brushland is unlawful between June 1 and October 1, without written or printed permission from a fire warden and strict compliance with terms of the permit which shall give conditions to be observed. This restriction does not apply to burning of log piles, stumps or brush heaps in small quantities, under ample precaution and personal control, and in accordance with any regulations of the State Board of Forestry. If any burning without permission results in the escape of fire or injury to another, such escape and injury shall be proof that the burning was a violation of the law. Violations of this provision are punishable by \$25 to \$500 fines or ten days to three months imprisonment. Any fire warden may revoke or postpone permits when necessary to prevent danger to life and property. Any permit obtained through wilful mis-

representation is invalid and no defense from penalties of the law.
Governor May Suspend Permits, Game Laws and Prohibit Use of Fire.
In times and localities of unusual fire danger the governor with the advice of the State Forester, may suspend any or all permits or privileges and prohibit absolutely the use of fire herein mentioned. He may, in certain emergencies, suspend the open season for shooting game by proclamation, and for such time as he may designate, during which all laws of closed season shall be in force.

Forester to Act—Counties to Assist.
In times or localities of particular danger, or to enforce the fire laws or to apprehend and prosecute violators thereof, the State Forester may appoint and employ, independently or jointly with other agencies, such additional fire wardens, and furnish these such assistance and facilities for protecting life or property from fire, as he shall deem public safety demands, and unless contributed by other sources, the cost thereof shall be paid from the funds appropriated by this act, but each county in which such service is given shall be rendered responsible for one-third the expense thus actually incurred and paid by the state for services in said county, and upon demand the State Treasurer shall pay the amount thus due into the State treasury to be credited to the fund appropriated by this act.

Provisions of Section 8 Having General Application.
Setting fires or causing fires to be set on land of another without permission of the owner; wilfully or negligently allowing fire to escape from fire on land of your own or another and allowing it to escape without using every effort to extinguish it, are punishable by \$50 to \$100 fine or one month to one year imprisonment.

Camp Fires Permitted—When.
Camp fires may be built in a careful manner on uninclosed land if same is not forbidden by personal or posted notice of the owner, but fire must be totally extinguished by the builder before departing. Ground around camp fires must be cleared of all material which will carry fire, and fires must not be left burning on unattended or permitted to spread on land of another owner, under penalty of fine or imprisonment.

Back Fires Permitted.
Back fires are permitted if set in good faith to prevent the progress of fire already burning.
Use of Gunwadding That Will Burn Prohibited.
The use of inflammable gunwadding in firearms discharged on land of another is punishable by fine or imprisonment.

Spark Arresters Must Be Used On Engines.
Adequate spark arresters must be kept in constant use and repair during the closed season—June 1 to October 1—on all locomotives, logging engines, portable engines, traction or stationary engines using fuel other than oil in or near forest or brushland under penalty of \$25 to \$100. Escape of fire from any such engines is proof of violation of the law, and each engine not equipped with required spark arrester is deemed a separate offense, and its use forbidden until properly equipped.

Slashing to Be Burned—How.
Owners or parties who are engaged in logging or permitting logging on their land, shall be held liable each year and the fire confined to the land of those doing the burning. If burned between June and October 1, all dead trees or snags over 25 feet high must first be cut down. Such burning is also subject to the provisions of Section 8. Penalties \$100 to \$1,000. State Forester may suspend these restrictions where public safety permits or requires, but may have such burning done at the expense of the offender who fails to comply with the law after proper notice.

Trails, Roads and Railroads Must be Clear of Debris.
All inflammable material resulting from construction of trails, roads and railroads must be immediately destroyed or removed unless prevented under the provisions of Section 8. Those operating railroads with coal or wood fuel shall annually, or when directed by the State Board of Forestry, destroy or remove all inflammable material from their rights of way, in accordance with the directions of said board.

Malicious Setting of Fires a Felony.
Setting of fire unlawfully with intent to injure property of another is deemed a felony and is punishable by one to ten years in the penitentiary.

Civil Action for Damages.
In addition to the penalties of this law, damages may be recovered, in civil action, brought by persons whose property has been injured or destroyed against those responsible, to the extent of double the amount of damages if fire occurs through wilfulness, malice or negligence. But if fire was accidental or unavoidable action shall lie only for actual damage.

Violators Liable for Expense of Fire Fighting.
Persons or corporations causing fire in violation of this law are liable for the full amount of all expenses incurred in fighting such fires.
Reward for Information of Violation of Fire Law.
One-half of the fine paid by anyone convicted of violating this law will be paid to any person, not employed and compensated as a fire warden, who furnishes information leading to the arrest and conviction.

Fines Go to Counties Where Conviction Is Had.
All fines imposed under this law, less cost of collection and rewards for detection and information, shall go to the county in which the conviction is had.
District Attorney to Prosecute—Justices to Issue Warrant.
The District Attorney must prosecute with all diligence and energy whenever an arrest is made for violation of this law within his district, or whenever any evidence is lodged with him showing with reasonable certainty any such violation. Failure of the District Attorney to act is punishable by \$100 to \$1,000 fine. The same penalty applies to Justices of the Peace who refuse or neglect to issue warrants for the arrest of persons when complaint under oath has been lodged with them.

Notices Must Not be Destroyed.
Wilful destruction of any notice posted in compliance with this law is punishable by \$10 to \$50 fine or imprisonment for each \$2 thereof.
Counties May appropriate.
Boards of County Commissioners may appropriate money for forest protection under the provisions of this law, and expenses so incurred shall be a proper county charge.
Any information calculated to assist this department in better protecting the public from fire will be gratefully received and carefully considered.

(Note.—The foregoing is a digest of the salient provisions of the forestry law for the information of the private citizen and should not be mistaken for an authoritative copy of all its provisions. Copies of the complete law will be furnished on application to F. A. Elliott, State Forester, Salem, Oregon.)

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DUFFY GIVEN PAROLE ALSO

Bandon Man Convicted of Burglary Released During Good Behavior.

Joe Duffy, the former logging camp cook who was indicted for four robberies at Bandon yesterday entered a plea of guilty in the circuit court before Judge Coke at Coquille. He was sentenced to five years imprisonment and was released on parole during good behavior. He will have to remain in Coos county and report monthly to the court.

Duffy came over from Coquille last night as did "Ray Brown", the mysterious forger who was released on parole. Brown went to work this morning but before doing so, called on A. J. Mendel of the Hub Clothing and Shoe store, apologized for making him the victim of his needs and promised to pay him back the money he lost on the forged checks.

Sheriff W. W. Gage does not take kindly to the extensive use of the parole on grown men and fears that it will have the wrong effect, not only on the men themselves but also by removing the fear that prevents some from committing crime.

Two Are Indicted.
The grand jury yesterday returned a true bill against Sherman Stage, the North Bend youth who is charged with contributing to the delinquency of fourteen-year-old Stella Culbertson with whom he eloped.

Another true bill was returned against Walter Clapper charged with passing a bogus check on Merchant & Kammerer under the name of Culver.

The jury brought in a verdict of not guilty yesterday in about ten minutes after the case of the State vs. Crowley was submitted to them. Crowley is a Bandon man and was charged with knocking out a horse's eye. He claimed the animal bit him and he struck it and accidentally knocked out the eye in administering the punishment.

NEWS OF ALLEGANY.

Miss Myra Camp, who has been teaching at the Gravel Ford Academy, is visiting in Allegany for a few days at the home of Z. T. Thomas. She will commence a term of school next Monday at Ten Mile.

Elton Stevens of Fish Trap spent last Sunday at the Price home. The people of Allegany held a meeting at the Roberts' home Sunday afternoon which was conducted by Rev. Bert Gray.

Charles Smith of Eastside spent Sunday in Allegany. Mrs. Charles Kroeger made a business trip to Marshfield Tuesday.

THE WHEAT MARKET.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
TACOMA, Wash., April 26.—Bluestem wheat, 88c; Fortyfold, 87c; Club, 86c; Red Russian, 84c.

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