

STATE OF WASHINGTON STILL LEADS IN LUMBER PRODUCTIONS

MORE THAN ONE-TENTH OF ALL LUMBER CUT IN UNITED STATES LAST YEAR PRODUCED THERE—OREGON'S LUMBER STATISTICS.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—The state of Washington produced more than one-tenth of all the lumber manufactured in the United States in 1910, according to figures made public by the Census Bureau. Washington is now the leading lumber state in the Union, and has been since 1905. Louisiana ranks second, Mississippi third and Oregon fourth. All these states except Mississippi show material increase of production for 1910 over 1909, and if the rate of increase in Oregon continues throughout 1911, the present year will close with Oregon in third place. All the lumber states of the West show increasing production in recent years, while the old lumber states of the east show a falling off in production. The following table gives the production of western states for 1910 and 1909, as shown by the Census Bulletin:

State—	1910.	1909.
Washington	4,097,492	3,862,916
Oregon	2,084,633	1,898,995
California	1,254,826	1,143,507
Idaho	745,984	645,800
Montana	319,089	308,582

Discussing the production of lumber in 1910, the Census Bulletin says:

"The reported production of lumber in the United States during 1910 was 40,018,282 M feet board measure, as against 44,569,761 M feet in 1909. 33,224,369 M feet in 1908 and 40,256,154 M feet in 1907.

Pacific Coast Increases.

"Of the four principal lumber regions, the decrease during the past four years has been greatest in New York and the New England states, and less marked in the Lake states, while the Southern states and the Pacific Coast group, which are the newest centers of lumber manufacturing activity, have steadily increased their production. In 1907 New York and the New England states contributed 9 per cent of the total cut, as against 6.2 per cent in 1910; the Lake states supplied 13.6 per cent in 1907 and 12.5 per cent in 1910; while 40.3 per cent of the total was reported from the Southern states in 1907 and 43.9 per cent in 1910. The cut of the Pacific coast states increased from 16.8 per cent of the total in 1907 to 18.6 per cent in 1910.

The relative prominence of the Southern group of states in lumber production has been maintained during many years owing to the continuous and rapid development of the industry in the western portion of this region, thus making up for its decline in the eastern and older lumber states of the group.

The softwoods supplied 31,160,856 M feet board measure, or 77.7 per cent of the total production in 1910, while the hardwoods contributed 8,857,426 M feet, or 22.1 per cent.

Douglas Fir Second In Importance.

"Douglas fir was the species next to yellow pine drawn upon most heavily as lumber material during 1910. The production from this wood amounted to 5,203,644 M feet, or 13 per cent of the total cut from all species. Only 10 states reported an output of Douglas fir lumber in 1910. Washington alone supplying 3,259,546 M feet, or 62.6 per cent of the total from this species.

"Oak, by far the most important hardwood cut into lumber in the United States, supplied material for 3,522,098 M feet of lumber in 1910, and ranked third in point of production. The manufacture of oak lumber is widely distributed among the states, an output from this species of timber having been reported by 37 states in the past year. Nevertheless, the production of oak lumber is to a considerable extent centered in West Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee, where nearly 35 per cent of the output in 1910 was manufactured. The cut of white pine in 1910 was 3,352,183 M feet, Minnesota alone reporting 1,280,239 M feet, more than 38 per cent of the total. While the production of hemlock lumber was reported from 27 states during the past year, more than two-thirds of the total output of 2,836,129 M feet was cut in the three states of Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania, ranking in the order named."

VALUE OF LUMBER CUT.

Washington's Lumber Output In 1910 Valued at Over \$42,000,000. SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 28.—The value of the lumber cut by Washington mills in 1910 was approximately \$42,000,000, the value of the shingles approximately \$12,250,000, and

the value of the lath about \$500,000. Such, at any rate, are the estimates made by F. D. Becker, secretary of the Pacific Coast Shippers' Association, in an analysis of the Federal report just issued. Mr. Becker says: Washington ranks first in this country as a lumber producing state. The last compilation shows there are 1,143 mills, that manufacture 4,097,492,000 feet annually, or 180,000 carloads, about 8 per cent of the total cut of the United States.

"In canvassing among members of the Pacific Coast Shippers' Association, I find that they have handled 50 per cent of the entire output of Washington and 70 per cent of the rail shipments from Western Washington. The value of the annual output of lumber, f. o. b. at the mills, is more than \$42,000,000. The last annual cut is 170 per cent increase over the cut of 1900, showing the vast growth in this industry, and commands the attention of the commercial interests of the world. "Of the lumber cut in this state, 80 per cent is shipped by rail to the markets in the west and middle west, and 20 per cent is cargo business. "Oregon ships about 25 per cent of its cut by rail and 25 per cent cargo. The cargo business of both Washington and Oregon has increased greatly in the last 10 years, and when the Panama Canal is opened water shipments ought to be 50 per cent.

"The red cedar shingle business is more extensive in Washington than in any other state in the Union. There is really only a very small percentage of red cedar shingle manufacturers outside of this state. The last annual compilation of cuts gave Washington 7,124,447,000 shingles, which would fill nearly 35,000 cars. Members of the Pacific Coast Shippers' Association have handled 85 per cent of this enormous output. The value of the stock is estimated at \$12,250,000 annually.

"Of the amount of standing timber in Washington and Oregon, it is estimated that Washington has 291,000,000,000 feet, Oregon 545,800,000,000, totalling in value \$950,000. At the rate Washington and Oregon are cutting lumber this timber, without considering added growth in the meantime, would keep the present mills going more than 200 years."

FOREST FIRE PROTECTION.

Meeting at Portland Next Month to Discuss Means of Improving It. PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 28.—Beyond question the largest gathering for the discussion of the subject of forest fires ever held in the United States will be that held in Portland December 4 and 5 at the forest fire conference of the Western Forestry and Conservation association. Western states from Montana to California will be represented, not only by leading timber owners, but by state officials and government forestry men will also attend.

The general object of this conference is the exchange of experience and suggestions in the practical work of fire-fighting and patrol and to develop some systematic and constant cooperation between private, state and federal agencies, said A. L. Flewelling of Spokane, president of the association. "Our allied associations in five Pacific states have already spent money, hundreds of thousands of dollars per year, in this work, but we want to utilize every means to make it more effective and to enlist further help from the lumbermen and the public."

The program opens on the morning of December 4 with the address of the president, followed by a report on the work of the association during the past season by Forester E. T. Allen. Then will follow short reviews of the 1911 experiences and lessons learned by the states, with Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and California reporting. "Fire Hazard" will be the general topic Monday afternoon. It will be discussed from the viewpoint of the slashing menace, the logging hazard, railroad fires, the camper, settler and hunter. Tuesday morning patrol and fire fighting will be the topic and organization for this purpose, communication and transportation will be considered. Tuesday afternoon educational matters in connection with the forests will be the subject and cooperation between public and private interests to protect neglected territory and bring about better fire patrol will be considered. Fire losses, how to make the most of existing statutes and needed legislation along this line will be the closing topic.

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ALL OVER COOS COUNTY

CULLINGS OF COQUILLE.

Coos County Seat News as Told by The Herald. Mr. and Mrs. John Yonkain are the proud parents of a son, who arrived November 20.

Mrs. Ed. Renair of Marshfield was the guest of Mrs. N. C. Kelley and Mrs. J. J. Stanley a few days this week.

Mr. H. C. Davis, who recently had his leg broken at Camp 2, Smith-Powers company, was down town Tuesday for the first time.

H. L. Stevens of this city has been awarded a prize on his "Grimes Golden" apples which were exhibited at the apple show held in Portland last week.

Efforts are on foot by local socialists to establish a newspaper in Coquille advocating their doctrine. As there were eight hundred socialists votes cast in Coos county at the last election, it would appear that a paper of that denomination could be maintained.

The Title Guarantee and Abstract Co., of which Mr. J. S. Barton is the Coquille manager, are contemplating the erection of a brick building next year on the site of their present location next to the Farmers and Merchants Bank. Workmen are now busy cutting off one corner of the present building in order to make the entrance more accessible.

COQUILLE WELL FIXED.

May Not Have to Levy Tax This Year For City's Expense.

The Coquille Sentinel says: "There has been some talk on the streets lately about no city tax for 1912. It is the opinion of most of the councilmen that a tax will have to be levied. The saloon licenses bring in four thousand dollars per year. Last year a five mill levy was made, which brought in about twenty-five hundred dollars. The total income last year was about seven thousand dollars. A balance will be left in the general fund at the end of the year of about five hundred dollars.

"The total salaries of the city officials amounts to two thousand seven hundred and sixty dollars per year. The councilmen are all agreed that some changes will have to be made in the docks which will cost about one thousand dollars. All bridges inside of the corporate limits have to be kept up by the city. If the bridges are repaired in 1912, this will necessitate another large expense. There is also quite a stir being made about building a new city hall. Although all are agreed that the city is greatly in need of a new hall the councilmen are of different opinion as to whether the city can afford to build this coming year."

CASE IS SENSATIONAL.

D. J. Taylor Begins Suit Against E. O. Carter.

The Coquille Sentinel says: "D. J. Taylor, formerly of Gravel Ford, now a county charge at the poor farm, has started suit in the Circuit Court against E. O. Carter of Myrtle Point to have the deed annulled which Carter has to the farm formerly owned by Taylor at Gravel Ford. It is alleged that a preacher by the name of L. F. Smith talked Taylor into giving him a deed to his farm, which is worth ten thousand dollars, the consideration being that Smith should give Taylor a home with him on the ranch the rest of his life. Smith then gave Taylor a life lease of the place.

"Taylor is a bachelor and at the time Smith made his acquaintance, was eighty years old. It is alleged further that Smith then told Taylor that a smaller ranch nearby would suit them better and proceeded to sell the Taylor ranch to E. O. Carter, using his influence to get Taylor to quit claim his life lease.

"It is then claimed that Smith bought the Airey ranch with part of the money, having the deed made in his wife's name. He then sold this ranch, took all the money from the two sales and left the country.

KILLS 13 WILCATS

Among the callers at the Herald office this week were N. W. Moon and J. A. Deadmond, accompanied by Mr. Moon's well-known faithful companion "Jim." The farmers in this vicinity will be glad to learn that there are 13 less wildcats to prey upon their flocks as Mr. Deadmond exhibited that number of dried hides in the office on the occasion of his visit. These animals were trapped near the Moon ranch on the north fork of the Coquille river, steel traps being used.—Coquille Herald.

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MYRTLE POINT POINTERS.

News of Upper Coquille Valley From The Enterprise. Geo. W. Beale of Marshfield was in the city the first of the week.

Born—Saturday, November 18th, to Mr. and Mrs. W. Lee Ray, a daughter.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Weekly, Thursday, November 23, 1911, a son.

Mrs. Albert Carver, who underwent an operation for appendicitis last week, is recovering nicely.

While at work driving the team on a hay baler on the Zack Grant place, Ed. Phillips had the misfortune to have his leg fractured. Something about the machine gave way and the sweep struck him with the above result.

Ranchers of the Bridge section have organized a stock company and are preparing to operate a creamery at that place. They purchased the machinery that Frank and Albert Schroeder used in their private creamery on their farm north of this city some years ago, which was one of the first creameries established in the valley. The outfit is being hauled to Bridge this week.

GYMNASIUM IS BEATEN.

Bandon Voters Decide Against School Project There.

The Bandon Recorder says: "The district turned out en masse for the purpose of voting a tax for carrying on the schools for the current year. Clerk J. W. Mast reported that the amount necessary to pay all expenses, including outstanding warrants of all kinds, interest on bonds, teachers salaries, etc., over and above the money from the county court, would be approximately \$10,915, and that the assessed valuation of 1910 was \$709,000. A 15 mill tax would be sufficient to carry on the schools. The motion was made to levy a 15 mill tax for carrying on the school and a three mill tax for the purpose of building a gymnasium. The former project carried by 140 to 2, the gymnasium project lost by a vote of 83 to 59."

CAPT. PACKWOOD ACTIVE.

Pioneer of Coos and Curry counties Visits Roseburg.

The Roseburg Review says: "On Thursday evening Roseburg Lodge of Elks was honored with a visit (after the regular session) from Capt. Wm. H. Packwood of Baker, Oregon, the only surviving member of the convention which framed the Constitution of Oregon. While not a member of the order, Capt. Packwood has for many years been active in preserving, so far as possible, the native elk of Oregon from extinction. Capt. Packwood, who is one of Oregon's earliest pioneers, was introduced by Hon. Blinger Hermann. He resided for many years in Coos and Curry counties and told of the great herds of elk that once roamed there—having seen as many as several hundred in a day. Their wanton slaughter by the Indians and by market hunters in the early days was also related. This slaughter of thousands of the noble animals in a single season was once checked for the time being by Capt. Packwood and a few brave companions, at the peril of their own lives. It is due solely to him that the figure of an elk appears upon the Great Seal of Oregon. Capt. Packwood's impromptu address was roundly applauded. Although now over 80 years of age he is en route to Coos county to visit with relatives and review the scenes of his pioneer days.

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Deposits	484,774.71
Total	\$588,940.43

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