

## TIMBER LANDS IN FEW HANDS

INVESTIGATION SHOWS THAT 71 PER CENT OF PRIVATELY OWNED LANDS IS HELD BY A FEW TIMBER BARONS.

EM, Or., July 9.—State Forester F. A. Elliott has gathered statistics that are illuminating as to ownership of Oregon's immense redwood areas. He finds that 4,300,000 acres of timberland is held by residents of Oregon. Of the forest estates which exceed 100 acres in extent, sixty-seven owners hold 1,945,731 acres, sixty-eight non-resident owners hold 2,923,198 acres. Privately owned stumpage of redwood aggregates 9,543,645 acres, is in the hands of 17,703 owners. The individual holdings average 542 acres. This average is brought down by the fact that there are 3,614 owners who have tracts of 100 acres or less. The bulk of privately owned timberland is in large holdings. The figures show that 4 per cent of the total number of timber owners have holdings of 100 acres or less. The largest holdings amount to only 2,000 acres, or 29 per cent of the forest area of the state, which is privately owned. This means that 71 per cent of the privately owned land in Oregon is held by the timber barons.

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## ALL OVER OREGON

EM.—Loganberries of the finest quality ever raised in the Willamette Valley are coming in to the Fruit Union. While the quality is first-class, the quantity for reasons is not as large as usual. One of the reasons is that the berries have not borne the usual amount of frost, and this condition due to the warmth of the weather, which prevents the growth and development of the baby berry. Colder weather the berries grow larger and fuller.

EM.—Dr. H. F. McCornack, Jr., has been elected a director of the Northwest Fruit Distribution Association to represent the Willamette Valley sub-central division, which was effected yesterday. J. O. Holt, secretary of the Eugene Fruitgrowers Association, returned to Eugene last night, after participating in the organization of the Willamette Valley branch.

EM.—School District No. 95, embracing the locality at Cedar which is fourteen miles up the Kenzie Valley from Eugene, erect a new schoolhouse this year, modern in every detail, to be the one now in use.

SEBURG.—Early estimates by different fruitgrowers from sections of Douglas County are optimistic for the crop. Those who have given figures say that the total crop for the county will be six carloads at this time will be exceeded in production of the men in charge of the Fruit Union, as the early reports are always apt to be low.

SEBURG.—Six weeks more will be needed to complete the new armory building contracted by the contractors. Concrete work is practically finished and the carpenters have commenced work on the inside.

ANY.—The midnight closing of saloons will not hereafter affect places in Albany where soft drinks and confections are sold, as the Council recently passed an ordinance repealing that section of the ordinance which prohibited such places.

NTS PASS.—George Feldman, a local dairyman, was attacked by a bull the other day and at his home on East D street in an unconscious condition, with his legs as yet unable to be set free to the extent of his injuries.

FORD.—The well known polio epidemic which was adopted by the City Council in regard to the Heights water rate controversy at the last regular meeting. It was upon the table with the hope of calling a special session to settle it. There were no voters, so there was no overruling.

## TIMBER LANDS TO BE STUDIED

COUNTRY'S TIMBER SUPPLY IS RAPIDLY BEING DIMINISHED—SIXTY BILLION FEET BEING CONSUMED ANNUALLY.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, July 16.—In the belief that the methods used in exploiting timber resources and the restoration of normal and healthy conditions in industries which convert timber into usable products vitally concern the public, Secretaries Redfield and Houston have completed their plans for a joint study by their departments of supply and exploitation of the country's timber.

One of the conditions which make the study of immediate importance, according to an announcement made recently, is the fact that standing timber, estimated at about three thousand billion feet, is being reduced of its stumpage at a rate of approximately sixty billion feet annually.

Despite this limited timber supply, lumbermen are unable to market the poorer grades. It is hoped that much waste can be saved under the improved conditions of marketing and use of wood.

There are in tracts of 640 to 2000 acres; 645,071 acres are held by 203 owners in tracts of 2000 to 5000 acres; 646,151 acres are held by 91 owners in tracts of 5000 to 10,000 acres; while 4,568,922 acres are held by 135 owners in tracts of 10,000 acres or more.

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