

### FORESTS MADE SAFE BY RAINS

**Weyerhaeuser Man Says the Damage Danger is Over For This Year.**

### PREVIOUS FIRES ALMOST HARMLESS

No Loss of Green Timber, in Weyerhaeuser Holdings or Otherwise, Says This Authority—Season's Record Unprecedented.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 23.—According to the Weyerhaeuser timber syndicate, which keeps a close tab on the forest fire situation than any other firm or interest in the northwest, there has been less destruction of timber by fire in Oregon and Washington this season than during any previous year since manufacturing operations and lumber manufacturing have been features of the commercial activities of the Pacific northwest.

It is conceded now by loggers and lumber manufacturers generally that the heavy rains of the past few days, which have been general over the Pacific slope, have practically wiped out all danger of further forest fires for this year, and in summing up the damage done by the fires it is found that they are practically nil.

All in Logged-off Lands. "In all of the territory in this state and Oregon in which our company is operating," said George S. Long, manager of the Weyerhaeuser company today, "there has been no destruction of green timber by fires this season. I have not heard of any timber being destroyed. The fires that have taken place have been entirely confined to logged-off lands and brush fires in old burns and there is a second growth of timber that has grown up on ancient fire-blasted areas. The biggest fire that has been in our immediate territory, and that I mean territory in which we have merchantable timber in striking distance of the fire, was the Nisqually river. It burned extensively in logged-off lands and in the vicinity of Ashford, but happily did not do a bit of damage and was finally overcome and put out.

No Thanks to Fire Wardens. "There were several fires in the northern part of Washington, and while we have no forestry fire patrolman in that section as we have in other portions of the state, I understand that those fires did no damage. "The immunity the timber interests have enjoyed from fires this season is something distinctly lucky, and is due to natural causes or the working of a providence rather than to our fire wardens and fire patrolmen. There were three fires during the season when the woods of the Pacific slope were as dry as tinder, following long dry and hot spells of weather. On two of these occasions fires had broken out in many sections of the country and were ranging through the logged-off lands, and there certainly would have been serious forest conflagrations had there not come timely rains. These thoroughly wet the forests and checked the incidents. I don't believe there will be any more fires this season."

### WISE FARMER PRIES LARD PAIL APART

**Finds Double Bottom Filled In With Old Scraps of Tin.**

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Walla Walla, Wash., Aug. 23.—E. S. Russell, a farmer near Trigo, has exposed a cheap swindle by which a number of Walla Walla meat dealers have been giving short weight on lard bought in 10-pound pails. Russell visited a local dealer, and asking for a pail of lard, took his knife and pried loose the bottom of the pail. It was found that the pail had a false bottom filled with six pieces of scrap tin weighing about six ounces. The dealers professed ignorance of the swindle and blamed the shortage on the manufacturers of the pails. A St. Louis firm, as lard is selling for 14 cents per pound in Walla Walla, dealers using the shorter pails have been profiting about 5 cents a pail.

### Celtic at Columbia.

The division of modern languages and literatures at Columbia has established four courses in Celtic, to begin with the opening of the academic year 1908-09. Dr. Laurence Gerig will have charge of the new department.

Dr. Gerig was graduated from the University of Missouri in 1898 and took his master's degree there the year following. He got a Ph. D. from the University of Nebraska in 1902, after he had instructed a year in Missouri. He was an instructor in Nebraska for four years and afterward a year at Williams in the modern language department. He is now a lecturer at Columbia.

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## SELLWOOD'S BANK SOON TO MOVE INTO FINE QUARTERS



Sellwood's new \$20,000 bank building is about completed and will be occupied the first week in September by the Bank of Sellwood, the east side's newest financial institution. This bank was organized about six months ago with a fully paid-up capital of \$20,000. Since its establishment it has obtained a growth far beyond the expectations of its officers. In fact, the business and deposits of the bank are much greater than was looked for at the end of a year, while the institution has been in operation less than six months.

The officers of the bank are Peter Hume, president, and C. A. Hume, cashier, with the following well-known names on the directors: A. W. Campbell, J. M. Nickum, Theo. Nols, Peter Hume and D. M. Donough. The bank house, which is located at the corner of Umatilla avenue and East Tenth street, is a two-story brick structure 50x100 feet. The ground floor is arranged into three storerooms, in addition to the bank's quarters. On the upper floor are four offices and three well-appointed living apartments. The cost of the structure was about \$20,000.

### MONEY IN PLENTY FOR FALL TRADE

Reserve Funds Ample Able To Handle All Crop Movements.

### CITY'S FINANCES IN BEST POSSIBLE SHAPE

Failure of Last Week Has Had No Local Effect Except to Depositors—Gilt-Edge City Bonds Allowed To Go Begging.

That there is plenty of money in Portland bank reserves to take care of all the legitimate business of the fall season is the declaration of local bankers who today discussed the situation. The banks never were in better condition than at present, and the failure of the city of New York to market its new 4 per cent bonds at a premium is a case in point that illustrates what in a measure is the situation all over the country. Even large investors did not care to place their capital in gilt-edge 4 per cent bonds, they could make better investments that had but slight speculative tinge.

### MONEY MARKET WILL EASE UP

In view of the exceedingly slow and almost lifeless condition of the bond market all over the country, it is not surprising that the bonds of the Home Telephone company were not strong enough as securities to make possible a quick reaction by the bank when it needed ready cash. Since the failure a large number of depositors have voluntarily signed requests that they would take the bonds at par in satisfaction of their accounts in the savings bank.

### Low Rates East.

On September 11, 12 and 13 the Canadian Pacific will sell round trip excursion tickets to St. Paul, Chicago and eastern points at very low rates. This will be the last excursion of the season. Make your sleeping car reservations now. For full particulars regarding rates, etc., call on or address F. E. Johnson, G. A. P. D., Portland, Oregon.

### Larceny Accused of Forgery.

The Dalles, Or., Aug. 23.—John Frakes, after completing a sentence of 60 days in the county jail for larceny, has been taken to Heppner by a deputy sheriff of Morrow county, where he is wanted on a charge of forgery.

## PROSPERITY IS COVERING STATE

**Heavy Crops and High Prices Bring Easy Financial Means.**

### FRUIT AND GRAIN YIELDS ENORMOUS

Farmers Receiving Higher Prices For Dairy Products Than Any Place Else On Earth—Livestock Market Is Steadily Improving.

With a potato crop that will be fully twice as heavy as a year ago, a wheat crop much above normal yields, a hay crop that is a very liberal production and fruit crops that are record breakers, Oregon producers are scarcely worrying over the money situation in the east at this time.

Not only do the crops show much greater volume than a year ago, but the prices paid are in practically every instance much greater than a year ago, when it was thought that record values had about been reached.

Nowhere on earth is there a locality that secures so high a price for butter fat as do the farmers of Oregon. Even the far-famed Elgin, Illinois, market—considered in butter circles what Chicago is to the world's wheat market—is always several cents a pound lower than the Portland market. Portland creameries receive cream on this account from so far away a locality as Utah, and even into Montana the empty cans are sent out by Portland creameries to be returned with cream which is later manufactured into butter here and the product in many instances shipped back to where the raw material first originated.

The pear crop of Oregon this year will break all records. It will be sold as far east as the Atlantic ocean, some small amounts going into European territory. The apple crop will bring prices that will again make the producer smile. The world's crop is small, but Oregon still sends forth a good production.

The livestock industry of the state of Oregon is in the best possible shape. Cattle are high, sheep are high, and for hogs the values may be considered fancy.

All these products of Oregon will bring that much more money into the treasury of the state. Every year Oregon is exporting more and more of the state's product, and the greater volume of sales to the outside the more money is returned to this city.

Then, again, the volume of imports is not increasing nearly so fast, and as the exports grow larger the imports will look that much smaller in comparison.

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Submitted to the Comptroller of the Currency at the Close of Business August 23, 1907.

ASSETS.	LIABILITIES.
Loans and discounts.....\$3,681,622.33	Capital.....\$ 500,000.00
U. S. bonds to secure circulation..... 500,000.00	Surplus and undivided profits..... 409,000.00
U. S. and other bonds..... 600,000.00	Circulation..... 457,700.00
And premium..... 787,756.85	Dividends unpaid..... 240.00
Bank building..... 125,000.00	Deposits..... 7,140,238.88
Money on call in N. Y. .. \$ 600,000.00	
Cash and due from banks .. 2,942,790.10	\$3,442,790.10
	\$6,637,179.23

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