

WILL SEEK LAWS TO SAVE FORESTS FROM DEVASTATION

Oregon Conservation Association Will Discuss Question of Protection From Fires at Meeting Tomorrow Evening.

Protection against forest fires will be one of the chief topics of discussion at the regular quarterly meeting of the Oregon Conservation Association to be held in the green room of the Portland Commercial club tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. Many other matters of importance will be brought up.

An expensive lesson was learned last year when the state was caught inadequately protected against fires that swept through the timbered districts and not only destroyed immense bodies of trees but also did thousands of dollars worth of damage to farm property and livestock.

It is hoped to safeguard against a repetition of such destruction by having the state take a more active part and the Conservation Association will unite with other organizations and the state board of forestry, in presenting to the legislature for adoption an amendment to the Oregon forest fire law.

Oregon Far Behind.
It is conceded that although it has more at stake than any other state, Oregon is far behind in forest legislation. Excepting the land itself, the forests of the state are regarded its most valuable natural resource, and their protection is considered of imperative importance to all classes of citizens alike.

Other forest states have seen the necessity for protection against fire, it is pointed out, and are constantly improving their forest laws. Pennsylvania spends \$120,000 a year, New York \$115,000, Main \$64,000, and it is further pointed out that no state that has begun this work has ever seen fit to abandon the policy or sought to reduce the amount annually appropriated.

The legislature of 1906-07 recognized the necessity of forest laws to some extent and created a board of forestry, charged with investigating conditions and recommending further advisable legislation. It neglected, however, to provide funds for doing any real work, so the board could only report to the next session that its facilities were insufficient to do much more than emphatically urge the creation of a state office to give the subject as much study and attention as are provided for other industries and resources of the state, and to take immediate steps to reduce the fire evil.

Plans Are Tentative.
While plans are only tentative so far, it is believed that the best system for application in Oregon is a policy which places a large share of the financial burden on the timber owner; relieves the state by leaving the execution of actual work with the timber owner to the extent that his interest and practical competence tends to secure efficiency and economy; makes the state bear just enough of the financial burden to discharge its obligations, secure public interest, encourage the maximum of private effort, and insure adequate protection of life and property in time of need; gives enough state supervision to insure honest execution and enough state backing to enforce the fire laws against all offenders, and provides facilities for collecting and disseminating information that will develop and improve the state's forest policy.

The provisions under which it is proposed to apply the recommended law are summarized as follows:
Some Desired Provisions.
A trained, practical, non-political state forester.
Sufficient assistance to the state forester in apprehending violators of the fire laws.
Provisions for taking the necessary steps to protect life and property from fire when public safety so demands.
Encouragement of timber owners and counties in better organization for protective work.
General improvement of the fire laws.
Careful coordination of the above points in a way which will permit systematic cooperation of all agencies for fire prevention and not restrict any from constantly growing in efficiency along such lines as the future shall prove best.

Starch will remove iodine stains from flesh and, if used soon enough, will prevent the liquid blistering.

WOOL CONVENTION WILL DRAW 6000 AS CITY VISITORS

Many Notable Westerners Expected as Speakers for Sessions of Sheep Raisers to Be Held Here Next Month.

Interest in the coming convention of the National Woolgrowers' association to be held in this city January 4, 5, 6, and 7, is increasing daily and spreading all over the country where any interest whatsoever is taken in the sheep or wool industry. The convention will be held in the Armory and in addition to the work of the business sessions there will be many social features, including receptions, banquets and sight-seeing trips through the city.

The entertainment committee is busily engaged getting up programs for the various occasions when the delegates and friends will meet outside of the business sessions and another committee is seeing that the city will be in gala attire during the whole week.

Letters from all parts of the country to Manager C. C. Chapman, of the Portland Commercial club, indicate a very keen interest and it is safe to predict that from 6000 to 7000 visitors will be brought into the city during the week by the convention.

Able Speakers Obtained.

Strong speakers have been secured. Edward Moir, president of the Carded Woolens' Manufacturers' association, will speak on "Schedules E. From the Standpoint of the Carded Woolen Manufacturers."

"The Payne-Aldrich Tariff and Wool Imports," will be the topic presented by C. H. Brown, Washington representative of the National Wool Growers' association.

"Tariff on Wool and Woolens," is the subject to be presented by Theodore Justice of Philadelphia, and Fred H. Blume, of Sheridan, Wyo., will speak on "Protection for Wool and Woolens." There will be extended discussions on wool tariff matters at all the sessions of the convention. Other subjects to be discussed are:

"Schedule K," by Peter G. Johnson, Blackfoot, Idaho.

"What Shepherds Can Accomplish by United Effort," by C. B. Stewart, Salt Lake City.

Judge Lowell's Topic.

"Forests and Flockmasters," by Judge Stephen A. Lowell, Pendleton, Or.

"Better Use of the Range," by A. F. Potter, associate forester, Washington, D. C.

"A Minimum Speed Law from the Standpoint of the Humanitarian," by Dr. William C. Stillman, president American Humane association, Albany, N. Y.

"Shepherds," by Dr. J. M. Wilson, Douglas, Wyo.

"Freight Rates on Wool," by Frank G. Hagenbarth, Spender, Idaho.

"Middlemen of the Sheep Business," by J. A. Deifelder, Wolton, Wyo.

"Portland, the Livestock Center of the Northwest," by D. C. Lively, Portland.

"Public Wool Auction Sales," by Sam Ballantyne, Boise, Idaho.

"The Splitting of the Wool Industry," by James E. Cozgriff, Chicago, Ill.

"The Mohair Industry," by U. S. Grant, president National Mohair Growers' association, Dallas, Or.

"Livestock Grazing as Insurance Against Fires in National Forests," by Dan P. Smythe, Pendleton, Or.

Will Welcome Delegates.

There will be addresses of welcome to the visiting sheep raisers by Archbishop Alexander Christie of the Catholic diocese of Oregon; Oswald West, governor-elect; Joseph Simon, mayor of Portland; C. C. Chapman, manager promotion committee Portland Commercial club, and William MacMaster, president Portland Chamber of Commerce.

President Fred B. Gooding of the National Association of Woolgrowers, will deliver his annual address, which is expected to be a review of the problems now confronting the sheep raisers.

Prospective speakers are William Whitman, president of the National Association of Wool Manufacturers; Senator Tom Carter, of Montana; Senator F. E. Warren, of Wyoming; Governor Brooks, of Wyoming; Alvin Saunders, of Chicago, member of the tariff board; Professor E. L. Shaw, H. Wellington Wack, Magnus Brown and Dr. A. D. Melvin.

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