

## FORESTERS DOING GREAT WORK FOR WIND RIVER VALLEY

Road Building, Experimentation, Reforestation, Recreation and Other Work Is Shown.

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One of the best places to see what the forest service is trying to do is in the Wind River valley in Skamania county, Washington. Here in a single day may be seen the phases of forest fire destruction, forest harvesting, recreation, road building, experimentation and reforestation.

Desolation caused by the old Yacolt burn and the numerous fires that followed—desolation from recent logging off and slash-burned lands—modern logging operations—a stretch of virgin timber—a modern, comfortable hotel in the wilderness—mineral water good for all ills—excellent fishing streams—public camp grounds and summer homesites in the making—forest road construction—one of the most unique and interesting experiment stations in the country—all these the forest service exhibited last week to a member of The Journal staff in a trip through Wind River valley.

### TO BUILD NEW BRIDGE

Wind River valley lies north of Carson, Wash., in the Columbia national forest. It is accessible to Portland over the North Bank Highway via Stevenson and by ferry across the Columbia river from Cascade Locks. Upon the completion of the prospective bridge across the river, which is to be started January 1, according to present plans, the ferry will be eliminated for those who prefer to make the trip via the Columbia river highway.

The trip was planned by Supervisor F. H. Brundage, and the automobile was piloted over the tortuous, twisting roads that are used pending the completion of the regular "highway" by Forest Examiner C. W. Boyce. Other members of the party were Mrs. Boyce and Miss Zella Zeigler of the forest service.

The Wind River country has three principal attractions, besides numerous side trips. Seventeen miles north of Carson, just within a stretch of wonderful virgin timber, are the government mineral springs, whose water has been the fountain of youth for the afflicted of all degrees since first its medicinal qualities were discovered about 22 years ago. On the way to the springs are the operations of the Wind River Lumber company under government contract, including several of the most modern lumber camps and a sawmill. A little to the west on Trout creek is the forest service experiment station, where forest trees are propagated for restocking purposes and where experiments of all sorts are being made.

### BUILDING NEW ROAD

The road leading from Carson to Government Mineral springs is far from good, but a new road is now under construction and with a crew of 20 men at work, it is expected the road will be complete by July 1.

Government Mineral Springs hotel is to be opened formally today, although for several weeks past visitors have drifted in to partake of the mineral water, which is claimed to be the finest in the country. The Government Mineral Springs hotel, operated under special lease permit from the forest service, has been taken over this year by Charles G. Miller, well known greeter and Oregon hotel man, formerly with the Marion hotel at Salem and the Umpqua hotel at Roseburg. Miller is a son-in-law of the Markhams, who have been operating the institution for the last three years. Fred Miller, brother, is running the daily stage from the springs to Carson.

### HOTEL STANDS IN CLEARING

After riding for miles over territory made bare and black by forest fires and recent logging operations, a wonderful relief is experienced upon entering the forest, untarnished forest. A paradise of a road extends from the clearing, a short half mile and ends in the clearing, where stands the big hotel with its hosts and guests. For the visitor who prefers roughing it, to the comforts of a modern hotel, the forest service is laying out public camping grounds just in the bend of Trapper creek, not far from, but hidden from the hotel, while across the stream it is surveying from 15 to 20 summer cottages for lease at a small annual rental. More will be surveyed at a later date.

### FAMED FOR MINERAL WATER

Government Mineral Springs is famed for its mineral water. Numerous varieties of minerals have answered to the roll call in the diagnosis of the water. In Trapper creek and in other tributaries of Wind river, the fishing is excellent; back in the woods deer abound, and the call of the wilds may easily be attained.

Government Mineral springs lies about a half mile from the edge of the logged off areas of the Wind River Lumber company. To the other side stretches the dense forest within the logged off area about a mile and one fourth this side of mineral springs are smaller soda springs located within a clump of reserved timber. Here the forest service will lay out another public camping ground for the benefit of those using the springs.

### EXPERIMENT STATION NEARBY

Wind River experiment station lies on Trout creek, within a basin surrounded on all sides by blue hills. A surprise greets one with the first glimpse of Stabler, its postoffice designation, after riding for miles through burned over and logged off barren lands, to see below the next group of hills the forest of closely clipped lawns and well trimmed evergreen hedges, with the acres of nursery beds.

Julius V. Hofmann is in charge of the experiment station and nursery which supplies trees for replanting purposes to the entire northwest. The trees are grown from seed in the cones being gathered from high altitudes nearby. From the seed beds the sprouts are transplanted after the first year in beds

## WHAT THE FOREST SERVICE IS DOING IN THE WIND RIVER VALLEY



and again the third year, after which they are ready for shipment to replanting areas. The annual transplanting operations and shipments were completed a few weeks ago. Since many of the young trees are planted in high altitudes where the snow is not yet off at transplanting time, the seedlings are placed in cold storage to hold back their growth until the climate at their place of planting will permit their shipment. The cold storage cellar of the experiment station is the result of a series of experiments by the forest service men in holding back stock.

### SMALL TREES STRIKING

The thing that impresses the visitor to the Wind River nursery is the diminutive size of the trees. One finds it difficult to think of Douglas fir, silver and noble fir and white pine in terms of smallness, and when one looks upon beds of tiny green shoots it is hard to imagine them as trees.

Experiments are now being conducted at the station along the lines of fertilization and rotation of crops, since the soil is becoming exhausted through the continued growing of trees for many years. To the rear of the white row of homes lies the arboretum. The arboretum is in its infancy, but the dream of C. J. Krael, who has designed it, resolves itself in the harmonious arrangement of trees from every part of the world according to species, foliage and coloration.

At present the trees are planted rather haphazardly with little white "headstones" indicating their name, but these are to be transplanted according to the "blueprint" within the laboratory of the experiment station.

### TREES FROM MANY LANDS

There will be spruce from Norway, there will be pines from Corsica, there will be trees from Switzerland and trees from France. Japan will be represented, as well as China, as will the obscure little countries with particular forest species of their own. The deciduous trees will also be represented—in fact, every species of forest tree that will grow in the northwest and of which seed can be obtained is to be grown at Wind river, a wonderful medley of forest life.

Together will all the species of white pine be placed; together will the spruce be grown; the giant Sequoia will be next the California redwood; each and every species will be placed next to that of its kind, labeled with the proper name. The trees will be planted according to soil adaptation. Near a swampy place will grow the cypress; on the rocky ridges will grow the tamaracs.

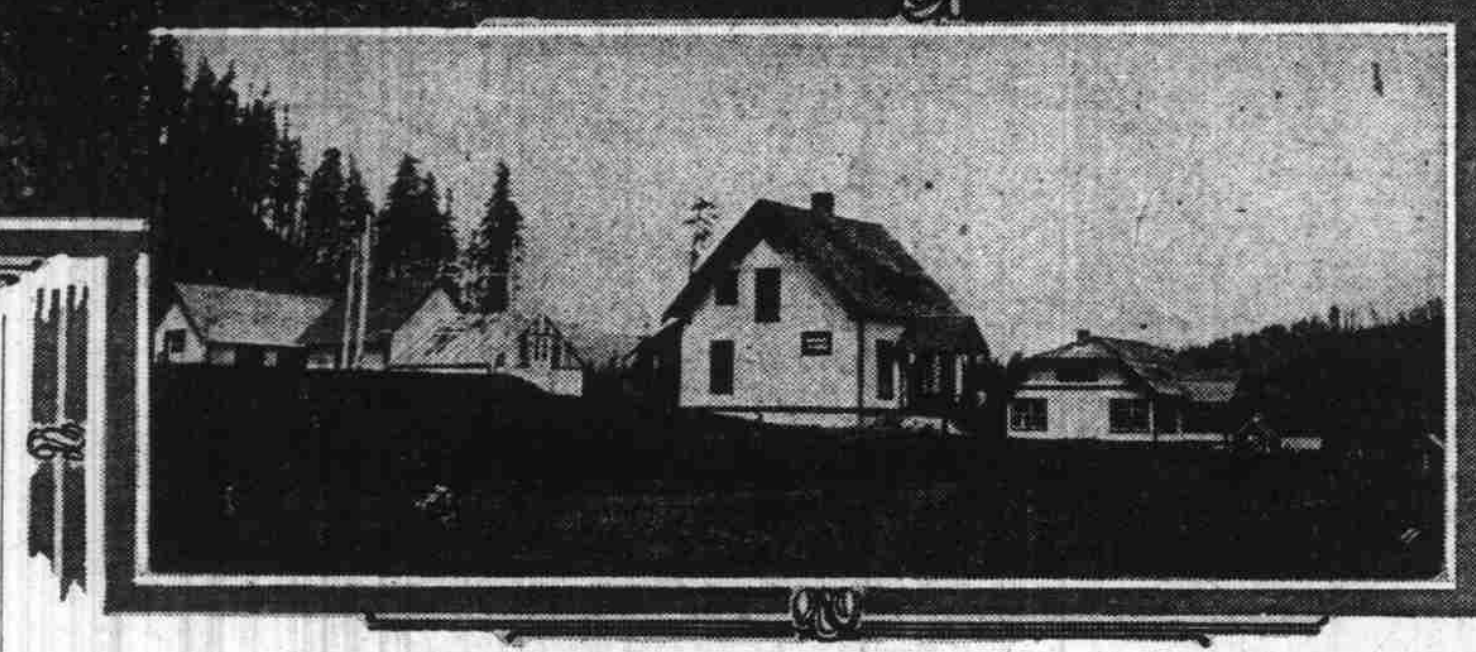
### WILL BE POPULAR PLACE

When the arboretum becomes a reality, then will Wind River experiment station become more popular than ever, not only with scientists but tourists, interested in trees, who may see all species growing upon a fairly small area. Then will come not only forestry men from this and other countries, but scientists of all sorts, college classes and all persons making studies of trees. Krael, who has made plans for the arboretum, is leaving for Hawaii, but the work is to be carried on in connection to his recommendations.

And from the little white houses in the little green valley with the blue hills all around one looks upon a world of hope and promise springing forth from the graveyards of destroyed forests of the past.

## Cherrian Band to Give Concert Series

Salem, May 29.—Salem's season of open air band concerts will begin about the middle of June, according to Oscar Steelhammer, director of the Salem Cherrian band. The season's program calls for 18 concerts covering a period of nine weeks, to be staged in Wilson park, adjoining the state capitol grounds.



Left—Road to government mineral springs north of Carson, Wash. Right, above—Mineral Springs hotel, 17 miles north of Carson. Center—Wind River nursery. Below—Office and greenhouse of Wind River residence of J. V. Hofmann in right background.

## CORVALLIS PLANS \$300,000 HOTEL

New Public Library Also Projected by the Commercial Club of Corvallis.

Corvallis, May 29.—The business men of Corvallis have formulated plans for building a \$300,000 hotel, construction to begin within 90 days. The Commercial club is engineering the deal through the manager, C. O. Lauritzen. The main building is to have four stories and contain 108 rooms. The general plan of the interior is to pattern after the Davenport hotel in Spokane.

In addition to the main building the old Corvallis hotel, now occupying the corner of Madison and Second streets, will be moved east across the alley and retained for hotel purposes, with its 26 rooms and fine accommodations for commercial salesmen. The new structure will occupy the corner of the present Corvallis hotel and the main front will be toward the north on Madison street, with a corridor connecting the lobby with the entrance on the west on Second street.

The plans of the building were prepared by Edward Bergholz, architect, of Portland, and his draft of the front elevation presents an attractive looking building.

The strong financial men of Corvallis are behind the enterprise and as soon as the corporation is organized they will take large blocks of the stock and it is expected that some well known Portland men will become interested in a financial way. It is considered by Commercial club members that this big hotel when in operation will, in connection with the fine tourist park the city now has, form quite an attraction to the thousands of tourists passing along the Pacific highway, who will make it convenient to stop over here and make several side trips to take in the scenic beauties of the mountains along the coast on the west as far as Newport.

Another enterprise projected by the Commercial club is a fine public library. Hitherto the public has been satisfied to get along with the old one on account of the fine library at the college, but now it is determined for the city to have a good one of its own. The Woman's club, of which Mrs. G. V. Skelton is president, has already started a library fund to be used toward the erection of a library building.

## Boys Buy Registered Stock on Bank Notes

Reedsport, May 29.—The members of the Lower Umpqua Club have purchased 10 head of registered stock with money loaned by the First Bank of Reedsport, and the notes which were signed by parents of the boys. Among the boys who bought the stock were Bert Roberts, Emory Dalley, Richard Kromings, Freddie Townsend, Clarence Abbott, Ellis Dolan, Eddie Bernhart, Chester Noel, Ray Henderson, Willard Black and Thomas Black. They paid from \$300 to \$500 a head.

### Chautauqua Site Sought

Seaside, May 29.—Seaside will have a Chautauqua, July 11 to 16. The grounds formerly used for the purpose have been sold and a new location is being sought.

## Bible University at Eugene Has Large Graduating Classes

Eugene, May 29.—With large audiences attending, the twenty-fifth annual commencement of the Eugene Bible university has been observed in this city, the features including the graduating exercises of the school of oratory, the ordination services and baccalaureate sermon by the Rev. John T. Silvers, the alumni address by Clarence W. Reynolds of Corvallis, the alumni banquet attended by scores of visitors and the graduating exercises held this evening.

Classical biblical course—Dickson Paine Harriman, Florence Kirk, Lena Esther Newton, Frank L. Purnell, Ramona Adelphi Stover, Carroll Curtis Roberts, William Phene Sutton, Ruth Ellen Williams, William Robb Bird, Zena Vernon Boyd, Edna Lawrence Burke, David Allen Berlee, Milton Ward Bower, Rex Rufeth Dallas, Len Bryan Fleishback, Effie Gladys Gibson.

English ministerial course—Marguerite Gebhart Dallas, Laura L. Drill, Edna Cornelius Harriman.

Normal Bible course—Etta Althea Prall.

School of oratory—Martha Watson Baird, William Robb Baird, Guy L. Drill.

School of music—Mary Ethel Ashurst, Ethel Fay Dana, Dickson Paine Harriman, Ruth Ellen Williams, Hattie Peley Mitchell, Charles Harold Richards, Lucile Elizabeth Sheafar.

## Corvallis to Make Eagle Scream on Nation's Birthday

Corvallis, May 29.—The Fourth of July will be celebrated in Corvallis. President C. E. Ingalls of the commercial club has named a committee as follows: Finance, W. H. Kline, R. P. Malden, M. H. Bauer, E. J. Newton, parade, W. H. Rickard, R. A. Pulley, C. L. Son; sports, Thomas Graham, Herschel Ellensberg; band music, Professor Wetmore and S. S. Haralson; ball game, Roy O. Bier; sunrise salute, James Horning; marshal, Captain Sharpe; decorations, W. R. and G. A. R.; grounds, J. C. Love, R. C. Von Lehe, J. C. Cooney; fireworks, Thomas Graham, A. G. Allen, Hiram Hochstetler; street decorations, Withcombe Post; program, C. E. Ingalls; baby show, Woman's V club; concessions, W. H. Kline; community sing, Dr. D. V. Poling.

## Ontario to Celebrate

Ontario, May 29.—The Ontario commercial club is urging a three-day celebration for July 4.

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## CLUB HOUSES ARE ASSURED LOGGERS

Smith-Powers Company to Build Retiring Places in Eight of Its Camps.

Marshfield, May 29.—Club houses for the loggers are to be established in each of the eight camps of the Smith-Powers Logging company. The company will build the club houses and furnish them with chairs and tables and the Four L has promised to supply regularly reading matter, including newspapers and magazines.

Writing material will be furnished and the Four L will put in boxing gloves and other apparatus for the men's amusement in the evening. The organization will bring moving picture machines to Coos county and arrange a show one evening each week at every camp.

On account of the shortage of gasoline it was decided at a mass meeting to leave the matter of rationing the supply to the Standard Oil company. So far industries and passenger automobile lines have been kept running, but pleasure cars are almost entirely eliminated.

More than 60 per cent of the dairymen in Coos county have signified their intention of joining the Oregon Dairymen's league and a permanent branch of the organization will be formed locally. A total of 276 dairymen, representing the ownership of 6072 cows, have signed to join the league. Cheese factories and creameries in the county will be given an opportunity to turn over their property to the league at a price agreed upon by appraisers.

William Bromme and Henry Moe, who have been mining near Eckley, on the Sixes river in Curry county, are turning out some ore which seems promising. They have had 300 tons of ore tested by T. R. Dean, an assayer of Haddon, and this report have been so satisfactory that a more thorough test is to be made.

## Italy Seeks Oregon Irrigation-Drainage Code to Copy From

Salem, May 28.—The fame of Oregon's irrigation and drainage code has spread to Italy where minister of agriculture has requested, through Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby, copies of all Oregon laws on irrigation and drainage. Copies of these laws were forwarded to Colby, with the additional information that under these laws, enacted in 1917, 58 irrigation districts have been organized in this state, more than \$4,000,000 have been expended by irrigation districts in construction work and more than \$1,000,000 in bonus have been voted by 19 irrigation districts for development work.

## Maccabees Perfect Board Organization For Building Home

La Grande, May 29.—Complete organization has been effected by the board of directors for the Maccabees, Friendly tent No. 31, whose plans are about complete for the erection of a fine new lodge home to cost in the neighborhood of \$75,000. The directors are Nixon N. Christy, formerly of Portland, but now district commander, as president; E. J. Donahue, as vice president; J. G. Snare, secretary-treasurer; Sam Harris, J. A. Russell, P. J. Lilly and Dr. Frank Ralston.

It is expected excavation will be started within the next 10 days, after which the building will progress rapidly. Under the present plans the ground floor will be a large hall, which will be used for moving pictures and good road shows, while the two upper stories will be given over to lodge rooms, rest rooms and club rooms.

A livestock show will be another feature. The city will be decorated and several bands will be secured. All of the other cities of this part of the state have been invited to participate and special rates will be arranged on the railroads.

tourist visitors.

The chief features are the annual state encampment of the Spanish-American War Veterans, and the dedication of the new armory.

The lumbering industry and the marine will be made prominent. There will be water sports on the bay, several parades in the city and auto and horse races. Provision will also be made for auto



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