

OREGON FACULTY HELPS SUMMER SCHOOL SUCCEED

Southern Oregon Venture Huge Success; May Be Permanent Thing, Say Those in Charge.

By Margaret E. Dill
Ashland, Aug. 28.—The biggest educational project yet launched in the southern section of the state—the Vacation Summer School of Southern Oregon—was brought to a successful season's close with two entertainments on the evening of the 28th and 29th at Chautauqua Auditorium, Ashland. On Wednesday, 18th, an artists' recital was given with Prof. Leland A. Coon of University of Oregon at the piano and W. Carleton Jones, a graduate of the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, on the violin. On this evening was also given an exhibition of the work in physical education, aesthetic and folk dancing by the classes under the direction of Miss Edith Lindsay of Oregon Agricultural college. On Thursday evening Cowen's cantata, "The Rose Maiden," was presented by a trained chorus of 75 voices made up of the best talent in Southern Oregon and under the direction of Professor Coon.

DEMAND IS GROWING

For a number of years, during Chautauqua week, Dr. Frederick Bercholdt of O. A. C. has had a class in literature and physical training for children and has been given. The growing demand for the broadening of the curriculum has been felt, but the pioneer spirit hesitated. This spring, however, Chautauqua president John H. Fuller, returning from a Chautauqua engagement in the south to take the secretaryship of the Ashland Commercial club, decided the venture must be made, and asked the state universities for the loan of faculty members.

Professor Coon was planning on the first summer vacation in years, but the call was too insistent, and, forgetting self, he volunteered to be director and plunged in. He and President Fuller, with the assistance of the faculty section, initiated and established a vacation summer school for the southern section of the state.

The response was most encouraging. The community chorus, which met in the towns of Ashland, Phoenix and Medford on alternate evenings, had a membership of 75, and was made up of busy housewives, business men, busy ranchers and young people from all over the

AT ASHLAND'S SUMMER SCHOOL



Among faculty of vacation summer school at Ashland. Above, left to right—Leland A. Coon, U. of O.; W. Carleton Jones. Below, left to right—John H. Fuller, president Ashland Chautauqua; Miss Edith Lindsay, O. A. C.

valley. Mr. Coon mentioned with pride the instance of one member, who, though working on the mountain, walked in two evenings a week to practice in Ashland, and left for work the next morning at 2 o'clock. Many a stroller in Lithia park dropped in at Pioneer hall to revel in the joy of listening to the blended harmony of the 80 children's voices in the chorus which Mr. Coon conducted every afternoon.

The community chorus, children's chorus and daily instruction in Lithia park in recreation and games was open and free to all residents of the valley. For a nominal tuition private lessons in piano, violin, voice and theory, harmony, solfeggio, history and appreciation of music, literature, aesthetic and folk dancing and swimming were given to both children and adults.

The school opened on July 7 and closed August 18.

Mr. Fuller states that next summer it is planned to open the school in time to close the six weeks' course by August 1, and one of the courses he thinks most in demand is an education training course for teachers, so that the teachers in the public schools of Southern Oregon may take the required normal course and at the same time enjoy the pleasures and recreation afforded by a mineral and mountain resort town.

A chorus of 500 voices with instruction by university faculty members in educational training, literature, trades, professions, and all branches of physical recreation is the result that President Fuller confidently anticipates as an annual summer feature for the near future.

NEW BUSINESS AT LUMBER MILLS IS 40 PER CENT LESS

Unprecedented Decrease in Volume of Business Is Attributed to Advanced Freight Rates.

A loss of 40 per cent in the volume of new business received by 129 lumber mills of Western Oregon and Western Washington for the week ending August 21 is reported in the last issue of the weekly bulletin of the West Coast Lumbermen's association. The decrease in new business for rail delivery was 35 per cent compared with the previous week.

This unprecedented falling off in the volume of business is attributed by lumbermen to the advance in freight rates now effective. An agreement has been reached by officials of the transcontinental railroads and the West Coast Lumbermen's association for a joint conference to be held here at an early date to prepare permanent freight tariffs which the carriers will file with the interstate commerce commission during the next three months.

The 129 mills reporting produced 76,824,235 feet of lumber for the week ending August 21, which was about 15 per cent below normal. New business totaled \$3,827,381 feet, of which a considerable volume was for water delivery. Orders for rail delivery, which have been running in excess of shipments, dropped to 26 per cent below shipments for the week.

All shipments totaled 67,539,512, the movement by rail being 1602 cars; domestic cargo 9,556,409 feet; export cargo 4,812,797 feet. Unshipped balances total \$479 cars for transcontinental delivery, \$9,175,249 feet for domestic cargo and \$8,367,511 feet for export shipment.

FEDERAL SPRUCE COMPANY

SELLS LINCOLN HOLDINGS

Transfer of the property of the United States Spruce Production corporation in Lincoln county to Pentress Hill of San Francisco, and a group of Eastern capitalists for \$2,000,000, was the largest transaction in timber land and lumber mill property recorded in the Northwest last week.

Property included in the transfer includes a sawmill at Toledo with a daily capacity of 250,000 feet, 12,507 acres of timber land lying along the coast between the Alsea and Yaquina rivers, and 22.4 miles of railroad connecting the mill with the timber tract. The mill is equipped with the best of modern machinery, installed by the Spruce Production corporation during the war for the manufacture of airplane material. The timber purchased was formerly known as the Blodgett tract and cruises

315,144,500 feet of Douglas fir, 253,755,000 feet of spruce, 200,476,000 feet of hemlock and 15,110,000 feet of cedar—a total of 766,102,000 feet of board measure. The tract bears one of the finest stands of spruce in the Northwest and was purchased by the government to supply American flyers on the western front during the war.

The railroad, which is known as the Alsea Southern, starts from the south side of Yaquina bay and is connected with Southern Pacific and Newport Northern rail terminals by ferry. It follows the coast for more than half its length, crosses Alsea bay on a trestle and passes through the town of Waldport at the mouth of Alsea river, extending southward from that point into the timber tract. Extensions of the line already surveyed will continue the road to the Yaquina river and eastward to the Coast mountain range.

1500 ATTEND OPENING OF SAWMILL AT GLENBROOK

Corvallis, Aug. 28.—Fifteen hundred people from southern Benton county and northwestern Lane county assembled Thursday at Glenbrook to celebrate the opening of the big sawmill of the Alsea River Lumber company. The mill is located about 23 miles southwest of Corvallis and 20 miles northwest of Eugene among the foothills of the Coast range. It is equipped with latest appliances for handling the big eight-foot logs in the best manner and at least expense.

According to J. E. Robertson the entire plant, including an abundant supply of stumpage, represents an investment of about \$2,000,000. The big 10-foot band saw will cut 125,000 feet of lumber in each eight-hour shift. The company intends to run the mill at least two shifts a day. For the present about 250 men will be employed. The plant will be furnished with a three-mile kiln in order to dry the entire output.

The company has a railroad running five miles up into the mountains, reaching 30,000,000 feet of timber and land when it becomes necessary to supply the mill with more the road may be extended to the western slope where some billions of feet of timber may be drawn upon.

DOUBLING OF POPULATION

OF TOLEDO ANTICIPATED

Toledo, Or., Aug. 28.—The sale of the big government spruce mill here has put a smile on everyone's face. The operation of this big plant will make of Toledo a second Bend, it is predicted. The starting of this one plant will double the population of the city. Toledo has five sawmills and one planing mill, and there is room and timber for more. With 18,000,000,000 feet of merchantable timber in the county, and with the completion of the harbor improve-

ments, this will undoubtedly be one of the busiest spots in the state. More houses must be built before families can come as every house is occupied and strangers are daily looking for houses to rent. Several houses are under construction as well as a two-story concrete building which will house the First National bank. A building boom is expected, as it is a case of build houses or live in tents.

Redmond Has New Industry

Redmond, Aug. 28.—A ready market for junipers, cut from land being cleared on Carey act irrigation projects in the Redmond country, and an additional payroll of 16 men will be provided here within the next 60 days through the building of a juniper pencil-slat manufacturing plant in Redmond.

The Redmond Juniper Manufacturing company has been formed with a capitalization of \$10,000. Officers will be: G. E. Dobson, president; Dr. J. F. Hoach, vice president; L. S. Roberts, secretary and treasurer; and C. F. Hoskins, W. M. Wilson, W. C. Van Cleave and G. E. Dobson, directors. Others who have bought stock in the corporation are: J. R. Roberts, M. A. Lynch, J. A. Wilcox and W. T. Mullarky.

South Bend to Make Airplanes

South Bend, Wash., Aug. 28.—The Willapa Airplane company, with a capital of \$15,000, was organized here last week.

The old Kleebs Lumber company property, near the present factory, has been leased, and the sheds will afford ideal housing for about 20 planes. It is expected that with a crew of 15 men the output will be about one plane per day. The manufacture of parts of all types of machines is also done.

New Shingle Mill

Kelso, Wash., Aug. 28.—H. D. Miller and C. O. Windel of Kalama, who recently sold their interest in the Columbia Shingle company of that city, are arranging to build a three-machine shingle mill on the site of the old Eugene mill, which they are leasing. The mill-site is on the Columbia above Kalama.

Working Ten Hours a Day

Dec. Aug. 28.—The sawmill of the Oregon Lumber company is working 10 hours a day in order to meet demands for lumber placed by its patron for delivery before the advance in freight rates became effective on August 26.

Mill Will Open

Marshfield, Aug. 28.—After having been closed because of log and saw shortage the Oregon Export company mill near Marshfield will begin operations again next Monday.

Clerk Finds \$150 On Store Counter

Mrs. A. W. Montgomery, 167 Eleventh street, was sure that someone had entered her apartment house and stolen \$150 in cash and her bank book. She told the police on Saturday after missing her money Friday night. But Inspector Glenn Howell was just as sure that some one had not. Late Saturday night Howell established his contention when a clerk at the Leland drug store called Mrs. Montgomery by telephone and told her she had left the \$150 and bank book on the counter of his store.

Four Revolvers Stolen

Upon returning home Sunday evening at 9:30 Mrs. G. C. Braman, 1003 Cleveland avenue, found that her home had been entered and robbed of four revolvers. The burglar broke a basement window to gain entrance and ransacked the dwelling, throwing things about in his search for money. No jewelry or money has been missed.

Logger, in Search Of Music, Arrested

A charge of burglary was placed against Henry Smith, 24, who was caught late Saturday night in the Newman's Exchange store, 128 First street, by Sergeant Maa. While a block away from the store Maa heard a crash. Smith is said to have broken the door down with a 50-pound slab of steel. He told the police he wanted to get a phonograph to take back with him to the logging camp. He refused to tell the police the location of the camp or where he found the piece of steel.

Child Dies of Burns

Walla Walla, Wash., Aug. 28.—(U. P.)—Joy Marie Jones, 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jones, died in the hospital tonight from burns received today. The child and her little 4-year-old brother, Harold, had found some matches and the child's dress became ignited.

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