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AN ACT

To Provide for the Inspection and Measurement of Logs and Formations of Lumber Districts.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Washington, that for the purpose of inspecting and regulating the measurement of logs, lumber districts are established, the number and location of which shall be designated by the Governor, said lumber districts not to exceed twelve in number.

Sec. 2. The Governor shall appoint an inspector for each of said lumber districts who shall be styled lumber inspectors of districts. He shall at the time of his appointment be a citizen of this Territory and reside within the lumber district for which he is appointed. His term of office shall be for two years and shall commence on the first Monday of January next following his appointment, but the incumbent shall hold until his successor is appointed and qualified. All vacancies in such office shall be filled by like appointment and if such vacancy occurs before the expiration of the term, it shall be filled for the residue of the term only.

Sec. 3. The Governor shall at his discretion have the power, upon receiving a petition signed by six master loggers of the same lumber district to the effect that the lumber inspector of that district is in any way derelict in his duty, to remove the same and appoint a successor to fill the unexpired term.

Sec. 4. Each lumber inspector shall upon entering upon the duties of his office take and subscribe an oath that he will faithfully discharge the duties of his office to the best of his knowledge and ability and execute to the county in which his office shall be kept a bond with three or more ample sureties to be approved by the treasurer of said county and by the district Judge in whose judicial district the said county is located, in the sum of three thousand dollars conditioned that he will faithfully perform his duty as lumber inspector of that district, and deliver to his successor in office all effects appertaining to his office. Such oath of office and bond shall be filed with the county treasurer, and any person feeling himself aggrieved may commence an action in his own name in said bond in like manner as actions are brought on other official bonds.

Sec. 5. The inspectors of lumber districts shall keep their respective offices at the places designated by the Governor when making their respective appointments.

Sec. 6. Each such inspector may divide his district into such sub-districts as he may deem best and for each sub-district as well as for any specific purpose may appoint one or more deputies, for whose conduct and fidelity in the discharge of his duty as such, he shall be responsible upon his official bond. Each of said lumber inspectors shall have power and authority to administer oaths to his several deputies or for any purpose relating to the duties of their offices.

Sec. 7. Each lumber inspector shall in person or by deputy at the request of any owner of logs, scale or measure the same. After such scaling or measurement he shall make a bill stating therein the number of logs, the number of feet board measure contained in such logs, and at whose request the same were scaled or measured, and to whom scaled or measured, a copy of which he shall enter upon the books of his office to be

provided by him and kept for that purpose, with the marks, if any, as they occur upon the logs. A correct bill of the same shall be given to such owner with a certificate thereto attached that it is a true and correct bill, which bill so certified shall be presumptive of the facts therein contained and of the correctness of such scaling or measurement in all the courts of this territory, except in favor of the inspector or deputy inspector who made the same.

Sec. 8. Each lumber inspector and his deputies shall, in scaling or measuring logs, make such allowances for hollow or crooked logs as would make them equal to good, sound, straight and merchantable logs, and all logs that are straight and sound are to be measured at their full size inside the bark at the small end, allowing for the rise. Each lumber inspector shall require of each of his deputies at the end of each month a correct account of all the logs measured or scaled by him during the month next preceding, and he shall immediately enter such accounts upon the books of his office. In measuring or scaling all logs the new Scribner scale shall be the scale used by such inspector, and lumber shall be scaled every forty feet.

Sec. 9. Each lumber inspector shall be entitled to receive the following fees for services, viz: Five cents per thousand feet for measuring or scaling, and in making out survey bill for a log he is called upon to measure or scale, and in all cases such fees shall be paid by the party employing him to scale or measure said logs.

Sec. 10. All logs shall be scaled at the place where they are boomed or rafted ready for towing, and one-half of one per cent. of all fees received by the scaler or his deputy for scaling logs shall be paid into the treasury of the county where said logs were cut, for the benefit of such county, within one month after the said logs were scaled.

Sec. 11. All sales and all contracts for sales of logs cut in any of the lumber districts so designated by the Governor, shall be void unless the same shall have been scaled or measured as herein provided, by the said lumber inspectors or their deputies and a scale-bill thereof made and certified as to herein provided, and shall have been delivered to the owner of said logs.

Sec. 12. Such scale-bill shall constitute a basis by which all logs are bought and sold within any of said districts, in so far as relating to the quantity thereof.

Sec. 13. Each lumber inspector shall file with the auditor of the county in which his office is located, a correct account of all logs measured or scaled by him during the month next preceding, who shall immediately enter such account upon a book kept in his office for such purpose.

Sec. 14. Each lumber inspector shall also report to the legislature within ten days after the meeting thereof, the amount of logs scaled or measured by him in his district for the two years previous to the date of his report. Providing that no lumber district under shall be established in the counties of Walla Walla, Columbia, Whitman, Spokane, Stevens, Clark, Klickitat, Skamania and Yakima.

Sec. 15. Any person, firm or corporation who shall remove any saw-logs from the county where the same were boomed or rafted for towing, until the same shall have been scaled as provided by the Act of which this is amendatory, shall be fined in any sum not

exceeding two thousand dollars, to be recovered by an action in the name of the territory, in the county where said logs were cut, or rafted, or boomed.

Sec. 16. One-fourth of all fines recovered under the provisions of this Act, and the Act of which this is amendatory, shall be paid to the party instituting the proceeding, one-fourth to the county in which the logs were cut and one-half to the territory.

Sec. 17. This Act to take effect from and after its approval.

Oregon Cedar.

In an article furnished to the Gardner's Chronicle, of London, by Prof. Charles S. Sargent, he says: In Portland we had seen in the factories a white, close grained and odoriferous wood, everywhere known as Port Orford cedar. This wood was very highly esteemed for all sorts of inside work, and appeared to possess to a high degree many valuable qualities. Although distinct in color, perfume, and especially in its greater rapidity of growth, it closely resembled the wood of the Sitka cedar, and unless produced by Lawson's cypress, we were unable to refer it to any species with which we are acquainted. We had been told that Port Orford cedar was only shipped from Coos Bay, and to settle our doubts in regard to its origin, and to study the amount and distribution of the tree producing such valuable material was the principal object of our visit to this part of Oregon.

The belt occupied by the Port Orford cedar extends from the north shore of Coos Bay south about sixty miles to Rogue river; and from the shore inland ten to thirty miles. It ascends, however, some of the small streams still further from the coast. This tree was first discovered by Murray in the valley of the Upper Sacramento river in California, where a few isolated clumps and individuals, small and stunted, exist. It is a very local plant, with its greatest development here on the Oregon coast, the few trees of the Sacramento valley being the extreme southern outposts of the species. It selects rather dry sandy ridges, and grows even in the pure sand of the coast dunes within reach of the ocean. The heaviest continuous body of Port Orford cedar is on Cape Gregory, extending south to and beyond the mouth of the Coquille. This belt is about twenty miles long by an average width of twelve, and lies along the western slopes of the foot hills of the Coast range, extending within three miles of the coast. In this belt two-thirds of the trees are cedar, the other tide-water spruce, with a few Douglas fir. It is estimated that it contains 2,000,000,000 feet, board measure, of Port Orford cedar. These figures give some idea of the wealth and productiveness of the Oregon forests.

In 1867 a terrible forest fire raged during three months in the vicinity of Coos Bay. Volumes of smoke obscured the sky; it became so dark that all work had to be abandoned, and navigation was impeded for miles out to sea. It has been estimated that from 200,000,000 to 300,000,000 feet of Port Orford cedar was destroyed at that time. It reproduces itself, however, very rapidly, and after the forest is burned over it is the first tree to reappear, springing up generally in the third year.

As early as 1854 the first cargo of Port Orford cedar was sent to San Francisco, where ever since it has been largely used. It is remarkable that the value of

this wood has not become generally known beyond the limits of the Pacific coast. It is handsome, easily worked, strong, straight grained, and, owing to the highly-scented resin with which it is impregnated, practically indestructible. It is particularly adapted to the manufacture of furniture, and for all sorts of inside work, and, if better known, should command a high price for many purposes. The match factories of the Pacific coast use no other wood. The resin contained in this tree must be studied. We are informed that the odor of the newly-cut wood is so potent that the men working in the saw mills become, at the end of a few days, so weakened that the mill cannot continuously saw Port Orford cedar, and have to change on to other wood.

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