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OREGON'S GREATEST MENACE

Today, one of the greatest problems before the nation heads is the conservation of forests. Oregon loses \$600,000 income every year from 1,000,000 acres of land which is now devastated, burned over and no attempt made to reforest. Forests cover 37 per cent of Oregon, pay over a fourth of the taxes, employ 50,000 men who receive 65 per cent of the state's payrolls, and bring \$300,000 cash daily to the state. Yet, at the rate with which they are being destroyed, within a few years they will be gone. This means taking away one of Oregon's leading industries and best source of income. Without continuing with timbering operations, no other business firm or industry.

Forest fires each year burn some 85 to 100,000 acres of productive timber land in Oregon, most of which has young growth. This causes a double and entirely unlooked for loss, for it is the young forests that build future timber lands. This young growth is as vitally important as big trees. Unfortunately most people do not realize this, nor the fact that this young growth in future years will be turned into millions, or, on the other hand lost in flames. When land is burned over several times, it is impossible for it to receive natural reforestation. The best and only apparent way to save such areas is to get before the eyes and spirit of the campers and travelers who are responsible, a full realization of its importance. To do this an appropriation should be made to advertise conservation.

Now that the warmer seasons are approaching again, active campaigning should begin. There is in Oregon now about 450,000,000 feet of commercial standing timber, 300,000,000 of which is in private hands. This privately owned timber should pay for the program.

A WONDERFUL FUTURE

"Compared with future development, public utilities are today where the railroads were seventy-five years ago when one was obliged to change cars five times when going between New York and Chicago. Most bonds of light and power companies now being offered should some day be underlying liens of super power systems with great central generating stations. Furthermore, we as yet are only scratching the surface as to uses for electrical energy. Homes, factories, railroads and other lines should, during the next ten or fifteen years, triple the present demand for electric current. Almost every new important invention either increases the demand for power or decreases the cost of producing or transmitting it.

"I believe the securities of well managed companies supplying light, power, gas, etc., to be the best investment now available, considering both security and yield. I oppose government ownership, as inefficient and corrupting, but I heartily approve customer ownership. I know of no investment paying over six per cent which is as safe as the first preferred 'Customer Ownership' stocks of such companies. When every user of a product is a stockholder of the company producing it we will have a condition which will be about one hundred per cent efficient and fair."—Roger W. Babson.

STILL IN THE LEAD

Although modern versions of the weaker sex have it that women are adopting masculine characteristics, and that set vice versa, it does not seem to predict any transformation in age superiority, so far as masculine and feminine age standards are concerned.

A recent inventory of ages of students registered at Oregon Agricultural College, shows the average age of men is 21.4 while that of women is but 20.70 years. All students average 21.17. The freshmen group is the youngest of any enrolled, the women of which average 19.12 and the men 19.57, with a class average of 19.42. Sophomores are next with 21.39 as a group average, and 20.77 and 21.68 for women and men respectively. Juniors average 21.89. Men of the class average 23.16 and the women 21.21. Seniors have an average of 23.34, men 23.53 and women 22.66.

THE BUSINESS OF HUNTING

Some men make a business of hunting, and because of their skill predatory animals are fewer. Federal, state and local governments have co-operated in employing hunters to kill animals that prey on livestock and game. The operations of these hunters, during 1924, were reported from Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Idaho, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. The "kills" include 562 wolves, 134,092 coyotes, 3,507 bobcats and Canada lynxes, 237 mountain lions and 193 bears.

The story of the hunting operations is tersely told

in the animal report of the Chief of the Bureau of Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture. Notable "kills" include "an old white wolf in Arizona, known for the past eight years on the Aguila range, and reported by stockmen to have killed about \$25,000 worth of cattle and sheep," "a wolf locally known as the 'butcher wolf' was trapped in Eagle County, Colorado," "a large male mountain lion in the Pike National Forest," "a grizzly in the Okanogan Forest Reserve in Washington, definitely known to have killed 50 head of cattle and 150 head of sheep during the summer of 1923."

Western states predominate in the seventeen states in which operations were directed against predatory animals. So the West has not lost the wildness of its animals, nor have all its great open spaces become town lots. And the report is assurance that should a man tire of the soft living of the city he can still match his resourcefulness against the cunning of animal hunters. To face an up-and-coming grizzly is to sharpen all the faculties of decision and action. A grizzly is not to be put off with any of the buffers of business.

GETTING ACQUAINTED

There seems to still be a large number of people who believe that Texas is a region of barren plains and rolling wastes. They must be startled over the announcement that the ship Lafayette, the largest passenger steamer that has ever put into Gulf waters, is sailing from the port of Houston with 250 Texans and a sprinkling of business men from adjacent states, to make a 26-day tour of the West Indies.

This is a method devised by the Houston Chamber of Commerce for bringing home to the rest of the world the fact that the waters of the Caribbean have been brought to pave the municipal doorstep, although Houston is fifty miles from the Gulf.

It is the second cruise of its kind. The first has already proven that it is only a short reach across the water to West Indian ports, from Texas by the Sea. This year the Texas gospel is to be spread not only in Cuba, Porto Rico and the West Indies, but in the Bahamas, Port de France, La Guaira and Caracas, Willemstad, Cartagena, the Panama Canal Zone and British Honduras. The spreading is to be done by the passengers who need no stimulus to induce them to exploit the advantages of Houston. They have a good time and the project costs Houston nothing.

Although people do not think of Southern Oregon as a barren waste, such a program might be tried nearer home.

COMMENT FROM THE NATION'S PRESS

One check that can always be cashed is a check on your living expenses—Columbia Record.

Over one hundred million people in the United States escaped being run over by automobiles last year, several of them having also escaped the year before—Life.

There are two kinds of people; the intelligentsia and the morons. The intelligentsia does the classifying—Fresno Republican.

It is easy to pick out the foreign-born. They cuss capital instead of congress—El Dorado Tribune.

"The first woman governor was Eve," says a humorist, and just look what happened to Adam—Norfolk Ledger Dispatch.

Many a fellow who stands on his dignity is merely shutting off some other fellow's view—Illinois State Journal.

Another thing the Christian world needs rather badly is Christianity—Medford Mail Tribune.

No woman is so color blind that she can't notice a rival turning green with envy—Oregon Statesman.

Crossword puzzles will die also. The only fact that lasts on and on is murder—Fresno Republican.

MEDITERRANEAN IS TO BE BASE OF BRITAIN'S FLEET

LONDON, Feb. 26. — The British Navy will undergo a process of complete reorganization and redistribution within the next few months, according to official plans decided upon by the British Admiralty. By the time these plans have matured it is expected that Britain's "center of naval gravity" will have shifted from the North Sea to the Mediterranean. The Mediterranean and the Eastern seas generally have become increasingly important in the eyes of British naval experts since the termination of the World War, and this new move signifies the importance which the Admiralty itself places upon these waters. Britain's main battle cruise squadrons are already in the Mediterranean, and this nucleus is being steadily reinforced. The old

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er ships of the squadrons are to return to England for refitting and recommissioning, and newer and larger ships are to take their places.

Sweeping changes will be made in the East Indies squadron. All the present ships of the squadron are to be replaced by cruisers of modern design and superior fighting power — all new ships which are in process of completion. This squadron will then consist of a flagship of 10,000 tons, armed with a battery of 7.5 guns and having a cruising speed of over thirty knots, and the sister ships Emerald and Enterprise, of 7,600 tons, armed with seven 6-inch guns. These two last-named are the swiftest cruisers in the British Navy, being engine for a speed of thirty-three knots.

The China station is to be reinforced by the big cruiser Vindictive, a converted aircraft carrier. On her arrival the British naval force in Far Eastern waters will then consist of the Vindictive, two near-10,000-ton ships, armed with 7.5 guns; several smaller, but very fast and powerful, cruisers and a flotilla of submarines.

The semi-official view of these changes is that they are defensive and not aggressive and are destined for protection of Britain's large commerce in these waters. It is pointed out that the annual value of Britain's Indian trade alone is in the neighborhood of \$4,000,000,000 and depends solely on the British fleet for safety in time of emergency.

Naval exports are inclined to believe, however, that with the passing out of Germany as a world naval power and the fact that Britain need no longer feel worried about the balance of naval power in the North Sea this is the logical move to be made and is good naval strategy.

FIND WATER LOG 120 YEARS OLD

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 26. — More than 120 years ago iron pipes were not used for water mains. Then they were made out of wooden logs.

A piece of this pipe—aqueduct they called it in 1799—was discovered when workmen were digging recently where the street is being leveled for the Delaware River Bridge.

According to Philadelphia's history, the City Fathers discussed in 1799 the construction of a water system. It was decided to pipe the water through the streets by means of an aqueduct.

City authorities ordered wooden logs to be hollowed out. After two years, in 1801, a wooden pipe line was running on Chestnut street from Seventh to Front street. If one lived in that vicinity one could purchase small wooden pipes from the city and connect them with the aqueduct, thus getting a supply of water. And \$5 a year for each house was the water tax.

These wooden pipes were simple in construction, according to J. K. Costello, secretary of the Delaware River Bridge Commission, who has this piece of pipe in his office. He said a good sized log was hollowed out so that it tapered. The narrow end

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