

THE FOOL AND OUR FOREST DOLLARS

By E. T. ALLEN

This piece is dedicated to the careless hunter hoping it may do him some good.

Goodby to the fool with the empty gun; Forgotten his bid for fame. Though he kills his friend, it only counts one.

And that, now-a-days, is tame.

The fool who playfully rocks the boat. Is on the front page no more.

He may rank high with the fools afloat But his glory is gone ashore.

There's the fool with women, the fool with wine,

And the fool who games with strangers.

And the joy-ride fool (he does well in his line

By combining these ancient dangers).

But they're all still down in the primer class.

More novices taking a flyer,

Compared with the prize-taking criminal ass.

The fool in the woods with fire.

A few hearts break for the deeds they've done

In their pitiful amateur way.

But fire slays dozens where they slay one And scourges a state in day.

For the ruined home and the smokeless stack

And the worker unemployed

Know a hundred years shall never bring back

The things that his match destroyed.

WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

New Payrolls, Improvements and Factories and Enterprises that Will Give Labor Employment, and Matters Affecting Industries and Investments.

PORTLAND, OR., August 16. — Superintendent Campbell has returned from Coos Bay and says trains will be running there by May 1st.

Waldo Copper Company shipped the first carload of ore over new railroad to Grants Pass.

Pacific highway is to be paved from Central Point to Tolo.

Last legislature enacted 53 game laws—great industry this legislating.

Holland contracts for 100,000 boxes of Hood River apples, 1916 crop.

Wapato lake has a 100-acre flax crop coming on.

Contract is let for grade of Pacific highway from Tolo to Josephine county line for \$16,659.

Roth Grocery Company, Salem, will erect a \$20,000 brick, two-story.

Portland—Willamette Iron and Steel works employing day and night shifts.

St. Helens—Columbia River cannery running steady on vegetables.

Ashland is to vote on bonds to purchase of C.-O. Power Company plant.

Donald will improve 10,000 feet of streets.

Manufacture of peppermint oil in Linn county under way.

Millersburg will vote on erecting \$2,000 school house August 16.

Albany—Site is selected for \$1,500,000 paper mill plant.

Yamhill county has oiled fifty miles of main highway for \$1500.

Gold Hill—Rogue River Public Service Corporation preparing to resume work on plant here.

Eugene—Contract awarded to Clark & Henery Construction Company for paving of Alder street at \$1.73 cubic yard or \$32.915. The pavement is to be 24 feet wide, 5-inch concrete base, 2-inch gravel bitulithic wearing surface.

The first mile of hard-surfaced

road built in Coos county within 30 days and a \$370,000 bond issue is proposed.

Hood River plans county flower planting campaign.

Halfway—Water bond issue of \$20,000 voted on August 17.

Baker will put streamer lights on its principal streets.

Medford is promised a \$600,000 sugar beet factory in time for the crop of 1916.

Marshfield—The Courtney mill which has been idle for some time has been reconstructed and made ready for cutting lumber. At the present time the owners are negotiating for a contract for 5,000 ready-to-erect houses.

Linn county clover seed industry is yielding 8 bushels to the acre.

The forestry service generously allows people to build summer homes in the forest reserves. It is doubtful if any but people of wealth can afford the luxury.

East Portland is getting a new bank and business men's club buildings.

Woodburn will vote on \$40,000 high school bond issue.

Mossbacks are litigating proposed union high school at Holly.

Corvallis—C. E. Hout erects 2-story brick, 50 by 100 feet.

Forest Notes

Portland, Oregon, Aug. 15. Reports recently received by the Western Forestry & Conservation Association, from all protective agencies in the Northwest, show practically no loss of timber through forest fires up to the present time.

Following the plan of previous seasons each protective agency began, well in advance of dry weather, to get its territory in the best possible shape for successfully combatting any fires which might become started.

Additional lookout points were equipped, telephone lines extended and repaired, new trails constructed, and every effort made to secure the best possible co-operation between the various patrol organizations. These efforts are now bearing fruit in the prompt detection and suppression of all fires which become started.

Although the beginning of August saw conditions much more favorable than those of a year ago, there is still time for the woods to become dry and only the greatest care and vigilance will prevent fires from starting during the next few weeks.

Washington reports some 35 fires during July, all promptly extinguished, and with small loss of timber. The Washington Forest Fire Association has 87 men on duty, and the state, through its own and the Federal Weeks Law appropriation, nearly as many more.

Idaho has experienced a few small fires, none of which have caused loss of timber. Only the normal force of patrolmen is on duty, but every precaution is being taken to see that fires are promptly discovered. The Forest Service has this season constructed several emergency warehouses where fire fighting tools, available for immediate shipment to points needed, are stored.

In spite of present favorable conditions the utmost care is urged by all agencies to prevent damage during the next month. August and early September can be counted upon to be dry and a few hot days are all that is required to produce a serious fire hazard.

Among the Love Birds.

"We tried to keep the railway carriage to ourselves," writes a girl who can appreciate a joke against herself even when on her honeymoon.

"At a certain station the guard opened the door and, in spite of Fred's scowls, lifted a small girl into our compartment, making a lot of apologies. She was a little girl of about seven, and she sat on the edge of the seat and stared about her.

"What is the matter?" asked Fred.

"I don't see the birds," said the small girl plaintively.

"Birds! What birds?" asked Fred.

"When I came from the other train your guard said to my guard, 'Oh, put her in beside the love birds.'"—London Mail.

Travelers' Tales.

A distinguished traveler and war correspondent on a lecture tour in Scotland spoke one night at a little village four miles from a railway station.

The chairman of the occasion, after introducing the lecturer as "the man who's come here to broaden our intellects," said that he felt that a wee bit prayer would not be out of place.

"And, O Lord," he went on, "pit it intae the heart o' this mon tae speak the truth, the hale truth and naething but the truth, and gie us grace tae understand him."

Then, with a glance at the lecturer, the chairman said, "I've been a traveler meself."

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