

# PINE TIMBER IS DISCUSSED

Mill Man Tells of Coming Deschutes Markets.

OGDEN TO BE THE OUTLET

In Middle West Bend Yellow Pine Milled on Deschutes, Will Find Competitionless Market, Due to Short and Cheap Haul.

With two railroads building into the great timber belt that extends from Bend southward, surveys reaching out to both the south and the east, and apparent certainty of big mills being erected just as soon as transportation gets here, easily the most important and interesting economic Deschutes Valley question is, "How will our timber be handled and whither will it be shipped?"

D. L. McKay, the well known representative of the Mueller Lumber Co., one of the heaviest holders in the Bend country, in a recent interview had much of interest to say on these subjects. The east and west line, it is understood, offers the key to the timber situation. By its direct connection with the Ogden markets and those of middle western points the Central Oregon yellow pine will enter a rich field with all the advantages of short freight hauls and lower rates than now obtain from districts whose products now hold the market.

Although no definite statement can be made, it is stated on good authority that already negotiations are in progress to obtain for the Bend country's lumber the same rates to Ogden and other points as those now given to Baker City. This will mean that the Deschutes output will compete on an even basis with the lumber of Idaho. The other competition, it is understood, will be forthcoming only from the pine forests of the far south, Michigan's and Minnesota's stand now being practically a negligible quantity. The southern pine, having a far longer haul, will be at a disadvantage almost impossible to overcome.

The Central Oregon pine belt, says Mr. McKay, will undoubtedly be the greatest field of yellow pine production in the United States. Inasmuch as the pine is far more desirable for many kinds of work than fir—notably for finishing and for small work—the competition of the coast lumber will also not enter into the matter. It is improbable, however, according to experts, that any considerable market will be developed to far eastern points, or that much lumber will be shipped northward from Bend, because of the water transportation advantages held by the coast shippers.

Crook county is credited with over seven billion feet of pine. Practically all of this, it is predicted, will find outlet to the middle west or into California.



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**Saturday's Baseball Dance.**  
Last Saturday night, on the eve of the Prineville game, the ball team were the hosts at a well attended dance in Lara's Hall. The Bend Band supplied the music and everyone turned out for the good time they found waiting them—and to help the local ball players get a good financial start for the season just opening.

**Harks Back to the Olden Time.**  
E. W. Follett, of Olivet, Mich., a regular reader of The Bulletin, writes to say that he was engaged, with James and John Sims, in hunting and trapping on the Deschutes river 42 years ago. For three years they occupied a cabin a short distance above Bend, on the Sisemore ranch. "It was a great game country," writes Mr. Follett, "and I had the best time of my life of 74 years. Not a day has passed since but I have thought of the old Deschutes."

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**Death of the Rev. P. P. Pedersen.**  
Peder P. Pedersen, 65 years old, died at his home about seven miles east of Bend last Wednesday, of general debility. The funeral took place Thursday from the Bend Baptist church, the service being conducted by the Rev. J. A. Mitchell. Burial was in Bend cemetery.  
Mr. Pedersen was born in Norway and came to America in 1883. For 26 years he was pastor of the Norwegian Independent church of Butte, Mont. A few months ago Mr. Pedersen resigned his Butte pastorate and came to Bend in the hope that the change would benefit his health. The Ministerial Association of Butte at that time passed highly commendatory resolutions and expressed deep regret at the severance of the relations that had so long subsisted. Deceased left a widow and son here and a brother and sister in Montana.

**Prineville Herder Killed.**  
Last Saturday evening George Estes of Prineville shot and killed A. P. Randall on the range near the county seat. Randall worked for Allie Jones, whose sheep, it is alleged, were trespassing on the range rented by Estes, despite the latter's repeated warnings that he would protect his rights. But five minutes were required by the coroner's jury to reach a verdict of justifiable killing, exonerating Estes from blame.

**The Weather for March.**  
Observer Minor's weather record for the month of March shows a mean maximum temperature of 59.1 degrees above zero and a mean minimum of 27.5. The warmest weather was 71 degrees on the 12th and the coldest 19 degrees on the 25th. There were six killing frosts—on the 8th, 9th, 24th, 25th, 27th, and 29th. Total precipitation for the month was 1.22 inches.

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