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4 BILLION FEET OF RIPE TIMBER

THIS IS ESTIMATE FOR DESCHUTES FOREST

Biggest Portion of This Lies West of Bend, on East Slope of Cascades—Government Will Sell Timber in Any Quantity Desired.

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According to the latest estimate prepared by the Forest Service, there are over four billion feet board measure of merchantable timber within the Deschutes National Forest, headquarters of which are at Bend. Of this amount at least two and one-half billion feet is Western yellow pine. Approximately two billion feet of this is located so that it is available for sale and exploitation with a comparatively small additional railroad construction.

Most of the Deschutes National Forest timber lies to the west of Bend, on the east slope of the Cascade mountains. The best and largest body is in townships 12 and 16 south, range 9 east, and small adjoining areas. Here there are over a billion and a half feet of Western yellow pine of good quality, and growing in a country the topography of which offers an extremely easy logging proposition. To reach this timber about 25 miles of railroad building is necessary, nearly all through a country where railroad building is easy, and part of the distance through an agricultural section.

Another excellent but smaller body of timber lies along the west fork of the Deschutes river southwest of Bend. This, however, will probably not be logged until the railroad line shall extend south from Bend, which, if it follows the present location, will pass within a few miles of the site. Other smaller bodies of desirable timber occur in other places.

The forest service will sell this timber in almost any quantity desired, cutting only the mature timber and retaining the young growth for a future crop. The prices charged are determined in each case separately, depending upon the location and size of the sale area, its accessibility, grades of lumber produced, market prices that can be secured, and other factors that may affect its value.

Expert Makes Estimate.
In appraising timber for which applications to purchase are received, the forest service details an expert lumberman to estimate the cost of logging, milling and marketing, the grades of lumber and the average selling prices that can be obtained. The minimum stumpage price for which timber will be sold is then fixed, allowing a fair profit to the purchaser. The timber is then advertised for sale and competitive bids are invited. In large sales sufficient time is given between advertising and the date set for opening of bids so that bidders who may be

unfamiliar with the timber are given time to make a field examination of the area. Small sales are advertised for a period of thirty days.

The forest service contracts covering timber sales give the purchaser a definite period of years in which to remove the timber. The purchaser is required to cut at least a certain minimum amount each year, to cut only such timber as is marked for cutting by the forest officer (usually from 75 to 80 per cent of the stand over 12 inches in diameter), to pile all brush and refuse resulting from logging operations, and conform with the other regulations required by the Department of Agriculture. All of these items are considered in determining the cost of logging operations.

A bond is required to insure compliance with the terms of the contract, and payment in advance is required in amounts depending upon the size of the sale, but usually about sufficient to cover an ordinary month's cutting. The timber is sealed and settlement is based on the actual quantity removed. Additional payments are called for from time to time as the value of the timber cut equals the amount of the last payment, so that aside from the logging and milling equipment necessary no great outlay of money is needed.

It is the aim of the forest service so far as is possible consistent with the maintaining of an approximately constant annual supply of timber, to sell the matured timber within the national forest and start a new growth in its place. Prices are fixed as nearly as possible according to the actual value of the timber, and will not necessarily be the same as those paid for privately owned timber in the same region.

More detailed information regarding location, quantity and grades of timber, and the terms under which it will be sold will be furnished upon writing to the forest supervisor at Bend.

MUCH SEWER WORK COMPLETE

By Middle of May About Everything in Business District Will Be Done.

On the municipal sewer, work is about completed in the alley west of Wall street, and in a few days all the pipe will be laid and the trenches filled. The trench is to grade on Ohio street, and pipe will be laid and the filling done probably within a week. In this section several connections are being made for property owners, delaying the work somewhat, but at the expense of those privately benefited.

The alley between Bond and Wall streets is all down to grade, except two short tunnels, one beneath Oregon street; much pipe has been laid and the job will be completed within a few days. The trench through the old ball field is well under way, and the alley east of Bond street is opened up.

In Lytle and Riverside more than a mile of trench is about to grade. This section of the work is being handled by James ("Cinch") Suravalle. A lot more out of town work is also well along toward completion. By the middle of next month practically all the work in the business district will be finished.

DIBBLE FINDS IT LIVELY HERE

"BEST TOWN I EVER SAW," HE SAYS

Visitor Reports That This Route For Freight Is the Best Burns Ever Had—Wants Lake County Action on Road to Harney.

"It's the best town I ever saw." That's what Del Dibble, the hotel man of Burns, said yesterday about Bend. Thirty years ago he was here and bought 100 head of cattle from Sam and Jim Smith, driving them back to the Silver creek country.

"Bend surely has changed some," said Del, after his friends had shown him about town. "It's the liveliest, finest little city I ever saw. It's got enough push and hustle to do anything."

Mr. Dibble autoed over with his brother-in-law, Price Fennick, and was a guest at Hotel Bend. He said the road west of Brookings is in fine shape, but that the section through Lake county is a disgrace. He called attention to the fact that this road has been the means of settling a lot of northern Lake county, and urged that that county be petitioned to improve the 16 miles of the route within its boundaries.

"Bend offers the best route for freight and passengers Burns ever has had," said the Harney county visitor, who added that all the business men of Burns entertain the warmest feelings for Bend, and are highly satisfied with the treatment their freight receives here and in transportation. In comparing the Bend route with that from Vale, Mr. Dibble mentioned, as an example of the disadvantage of the eastern route, that he had six cases of sugar at Vale for eight months, and can't get them.

Bend's sidewalks, water power and sewer construction especially impressed Mr. Dibble.

LUMBER MILLS ARE BUSY

Weekly Exports Are About 14 Cars. Many Men Employed.

With 69 men on the payroll, and its mill working with a full crew and to full capacity, The Benu Company finds itself facing lumber orders from "the East that promise to keep it 'snowed under' almost indefinitely. The same is true of the Miller Lumber Company, which is employing about 35 men and is shipping about five carloads a week.

General Manager Keyes of The Benu Company states that their average weekly shipments, wholesale and retail, is nine cars. Commencing this week, The Benu Company will inaugurate an extra day a week; on four days the mill will operate one and a quarter time, the extra time making up an extra day a week.

TWO BEND BOYS ARE DROWNED

ONE SAVED BY LANDING ON ROCK

William Gorton and Lawrence McClaskey Swept to Death in Deschutes River—Lorell Shultz, Their Companion, Saved.

William Gorton and Lawrence McClaskey, 8 and 6 years old respectively, were drowned in the Deschutes river a little below the old Linster sawmill last Wednesday, the accident occurring about 5:30 o'clock. Lorell Shultz was rescued after he had saved himself by climbing onto a rock in the stream.

The two boys, with several companions, went down to the river after school had let out Wednesday afternoon to look for crawfish. After playing about for a time one of them caught sight of a boat drawn up on the bank a short distance above the site of the old mill, and called to the others to go out on the water. Lorell Shultz, 12 years old, joined them and they got in the boat. It was at a place where the water is swift and before they realized what was happening the current had drawn them out from shore. In a moment they had swept over the falls where the boat was overturned and the lads thrown out. Shultz and Gorton managed to get hold of the capsized boat while the smaller McClaskey boy was carried ahead down river. About 100 yards below the falls a large rock stands out of the water and the little boy, keeping on the surface, got around into the backwater below the rock. The overturned boat, with the others clinging to it, hit the rock just after this and Shultz managed to climb up on it. Here the boat hung up. Gorton lost his hold and went on down the river, vainly trying to swim in to shore, while McClaskey was carried out from the eddy and went under.

Playmates of the three boys who were on the shore and saw the accident called for help and soon a large number of people had collected on the river bank opposite the rock on which the Shultz boy was. It was too late to do anything for his companions; all effort was directed toward getting him ashore. At first a line made of rope and wire was thrown out to the boy but because of its weakness no attempt was made to bring him ashore with it. In a short time others came with more and stronger rope which was floated out to him from above and the boy brought to land. He was hurried to his home and was found to have suffered no ill effects from the shock or exposure.

Under direction of J. H. Wenandy and L. L. Fox, efforts to find the bodies of the two drowned boys have been made every day since the accident, the river being dragged and dy-

namited, but without results. It is believed that if the bodies are to be recovered a diver will have to be employed, and an attempt is now being made to raise funds for this purpose, the families of the two boys being unable to meet the expense alone.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTS NEXT YEAR'S TEACHERS

Three of Present Force Did Not Ask For Positions Again—Principal Shouse Will Remain in Charge.

Twelve teachers have been elected by the Bend school board to next year, meetings for this purpose having been held Monday and Tuesday nights. All the present teachers who applied were re-elected. There will be three new members of the teaching force.

Principal—J. B. Shouse.
High School—Miss Dorothy Schoolcraft and Miss Eunice Cowles.
Eighth grade—Miss Eva Huntington.
Seventh—Miss Katherine Trautner.
Sixth—Miss Byron.
Fifth—Miss Ethel Holmes.
Fourth—Miss Angie Young.
Third—Mrs. J. H. Bittner.
Second—Miss Harriet Dolson.
First—Miss Martha Sidner.
First and second overflow—Mrs. Lucy D. Hicks.

Miss Ethel Borden, Miss Tremaie Huntington and Mrs. Clara Allen did not ask for re-election.

Miss Cowles, the new High School teacher, is a graduate of Northwestern University. Her home is at Scappoose, Ore. Miss Byron, who will take the sixth grade, is from Cottonwood, Idaho. Miss Young is a Bend girl, a graduate of the local High School, and taught here a year ago. She attended the State University this year until Christmas.

Prof. Shouse has been principal of the school the past two years.

SCHOOL BOARD TAKES TRIP

Election on \$45,000 Bond Issue is Scheduled For Saturday, May 10.

Two members of the school board, Clyde McKay and H. J. Overturf, returned last week from a trip through portions of Oregon and Washington, which they took to look up data relative to the proposed construction of a new school building here. According to Mr. McKay, the lessons of the investigation show that a building to meet what he considers the requirements of the local situation cannot be erected for less than \$35,000.

The towns visited were Portland, La Grande, Umatilla, Hillsboro and The Dalles, Oregon, and North Yakima, Spokane, Wenatchee, Leavenworth and Seattle, Washington. The buildings encountered at Spokane and Leavenworth seem to have impressed Mr. McKay most. His idea of a new structure embrace a very modern and complete one, with full ventilation system, inclined ways instead of stairs, etc. The cost of the excursion was \$221.

Notices of the election on the proposed bond issue of \$45,000 have been posted. It will be held on Saturday, May 10, from 1 to 4 p. m. at the bond house. The site going with the bond issue question is the one in Westoria ratified after a tie vote at the meeting April 7.

BOARD BACKS C. O. I. COMPANY

STEARNS SAYS NEW CASH COMING

Irrigation Secretary States \$180,000 Was Spent on Project Last Year. North Canal Work More Important Than Central Oregon.

(Portland Journal)

SALEM, April 19.—Assured by Jesse Stearns, secretary of the Central Oregon Irrigation Co., that the company had bright prospects of securing over \$200,000 for immediate expenditure on the company's project in Crook county, the state desert land board today refused to take action that might harass the company or interfere with the securing of funds for the completion of the project.

E. B. Williams, one of the settlers in the Powell Butte district, urged the board for the second time to take action that would compel the company to enlarge the old Central Oregon canal, so there would be no further delay in getting water to all the purchasers of land in the Powell Butte district. It is estimated the cost of enlarging the canal would be \$25,000, but it was said it would cripple the company if compelled at this time to expend this amount on that particular work when every effort is being made to complete the North Canal and other important parts of the project.

\$180,000 Spent Last Year.

"It is very easy to call upon the board to compel the company to do certain things, but it is not so easy for the company to act when it does not have the money," said Secretary Stearns. "Last year the company spent \$180,000, of which \$140,000 was new cash brought into the project. We have just secured a pledge from these same people to put up \$60,000 more, and we have very good assurance of getting \$100,000 from other sources."

"But I want to remind Mr. Williams and members of the board that if drastic steps are taken against the company now, it would mean the work would stop and you would have another project on your hands to take to the next Legislature the same as you did the Columbia Southern."

"We expect to have money available for continuing the work on the North Canal within 6 days, but to enlarge the Powell Butte canal now would be foolish. There has been no graft in connection with this project, and no one has got out the money invested."

Contentions of Mr. Williams.

Mr. Williams said the board aggravated the situation by approving under a contract made February 5, 1912, the sale of more land in the area in which there already existed a canal shortage. He censured the board for transferring to the company \$25,000 in cash out of the fund

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