

TIMBER SALES ON O & C GRANT LANDS MAKE RAPID INCREASE

It has been announced by W. H. Horning, chief forester of the Oregon and California Revested Lands administration, that income from the revested Oregon and California railroad grant lands and the reconveyed Coos Bay wagon grant lands has greatly increased during the past year.

The 18 land grant counties in western and southern Oregon received \$510,608 in 1939 as a return in lieu of taxes from these federally owned properties. The volume of timber sold during the fiscal year ending July 1, 1940 was 600,000,000 board feet, which far exceeded that for previous years. This timber was valued at \$1,376,000. It is therefore probable that the counties during the calendar year 1940 will obtain upwards of \$600,000, which will be an increase of \$100,000 over the returns of 1939. This means an expected return to the counties averaging 25 cents for each acre revested or reconveyed land in comparison to a return of 20 cents per acre in 1939.

Jackson County Gains

To many of Oregon's land grant counties this return from the O and C lands represents a large proportion of annual revenues received from all sources. In one county in particular, from 15 to 20 percent of all county funds are derived from timber sales of the Oregon and California Revested Lands. Jackson county received \$83,318.77 as its share of the revenues from the O and C lands in 1939 and will receive substantially more this year.

The lands from which this revenue is secured are being administered by an organization of trained foresters under a plan of management and protection which will insure a continuous supply of timber for the operation of more than 100 sawmills and other industries whose employees are engaged in manufacturing lumber and a great variety of other products.

Timber is being utilized according to a plan which permits the continuous annual cutting of 500,000,000 board feet. Seventy-five percent of all income from the cutting of this volume of timber is distributed by definite percentage schedule among all of the land grant counties regardless of the location of logging areas. With this rate of cutting, the present

stand of mature timber will last for 100 years, at the end of which time the areas where timber is now being cut will again have on them a crop of mature timber ready for cutting. This plan of management makes it certain that there will always be productive forests kept growing on these federal lands.

Avoid Tax Delinquency

Timber lands after they have been logged frequently become tax delinquent because they can produce no more saw logs for a long period of years and consequently are considered valueless. After becoming tax delinquent they no longer help to support the counties but become a burden to the remaining tax payers. The federally owned O and C lands do not share this fate. Each acre of them continues without interruption to yield its annual revenue and will not become tax delinquent.

Recent cut-over areas of O and C timber, even where over-ripe conditions may have required clear-cutting, are accredited with the continuous production of revenue. This is made possible because such areas are promptly restocked with young trees either by planting or otherwise. The growth of this young timber accumulates, while old timber is being used up, and eventually becomes ripe for the axe. This new growth on cut-over areas is counted on to perpetuate the allowable annual cut of 500,000,000 feet of timber, which can be cut regularly as the total yield of the entire acreage. While recent cut-over areas of O and C land may temporarily have no saw timber on them, generally speaking they are actually more productive than areas covered with over-mature saw timber. Young trees of sapling and pole size, while of no immediate market value, produce more actual net growth of wood for future use than do stagnant stands of over-ripe timber. In this respect they might be compared to a crop of grain. During the spring months the farm crop is putting on rapid growth. It commands little value at that time because it is not usable on the farm. Later in the season, growth has ceased but the value which has accumulated because of months of growth is then available.

The plan in effect on the federally owned revested or reconveyed grant lands keeps them economically productive and guarantees to the counties that these lands will continue to produce a large revenue in lieu of taxes.

- Mrs. W. G. Sander, Caroline Sander, Barbara Kay and Mrs. Clark Thomas made a trip to Corvallis during the week.
- Charles Jessel was called to Cheyenne this week by the illness of his brother.
- Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Eberlein of Corvallis visited here Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Gutzlaff.
- Mrs. Virginia Lawrence of Portland is visiting here for a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Wilkinson.
- Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Long of Roseburg are visiting here for a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Spencer.
- Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Barraclough are vacationing on the coast for several days this week.

OREGON FARMERS URGED TO GROW MANY WAR CROPS

Irrigation will help many Oregon farmers to "cash in" on market opportunities afforded by European war conditions, according to a summary of future market prospects given by William A. Schoenfeld, dean and director of agriculture at Oregon State college, during the 11th annual western Oregon irrigation tour held on the experiment station farms.

In some parts of the state and for some products increased acreages of certain crops will be possible, although in others higher production will depend upon increasing the yields of present acreages either by additional moisture or other means, he said.

War conditions have reduced or entirely eliminated the importation of many of the seeds and other specialty crops for which Oregon is ideally adapted. Dean Schoenfeld pointed out. He mentioned specifically the various grass and clover seeds, field pea and vetch seed, both fiber flax and seed flax, sugar beet seed, flower bulbs, hops, filberts, and even less common products such as poppy and mustard seed, pyrethrum, peppermint oil and certain foreign types of cheese.

By stressing the production of these crops in the immediate future, Dean Schoenfeld said, it will be possible for Oregon farmers to compensate somewhat for the lost markets for staple crops caused by this same war. At the same time Oregon farmers will thus be able to supply other farmers of the United States with essential seed no longer obtainable in usual quantities abroad.

"Preparedness involves much more than merely military defenses," he added, "and this is an important step in providing America

Cascade Exhibits Missed by Fire Damage from Fire on Treasure Island Fair

Although in serious danger for more than a half hour the Shasta-Cascade building and exhibits at the Golden Gate International exposition emerged undamaged from the conflagration which destroyed the \$400,000 California state building Saturday morning. The Shasta-Cascade building is directly across a comparative narrow street from the side of the California building in which the fire started. A prevailing wind blowing from the burning structure carried an avalanche of sparks and coals directly onto the roof and into the court of the Shasta-Cascade building.

Members of the building staff promptly ran hose lines from the building fire protection system onto the roof and maintained constant streams of water at all danger points. Later when additional fire apparatus arrived from San Francisco and Oakland more hose lines were run to the building and the roof kept constantly flooded during the danger period. As a result the Shasta-Cascade building suffered no damage and was open as usual when tremendous crowds swarmed the state-counties sector. From Redding, Tom L. Stanley wired the California commission the use of the entire mezzanine floor of the Shasta-Cascade building as temporary quarters for their executive offices.

• Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Brown are visiting at Burbank, Calif. for a few days this week.

with essential agricultural products.

Adaptation of crop systems to make full use of irrigation was explained by a number of specialists in the course of the tour.

Allen Foster Hears Army Call to Arms

Allen K. Foster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Foster, 271 High street, volunteered for the regular army and was enlisted in Portland last week, according to Lieut.-Col. H. D. Bagnall, Oregon recruiting officer. He was tentatively accepted

by Staff Sergeant Willis S. Estep, commander of the recruiting station, and forwarded to Portland for final examinations and actual enlistment.

Foster was enlisted Aug. 21, for the quartermaster corps, Presidio of Monterey, Calif. He was among the 30 men from Oregon enlisted the same day and the 268 enlisted in Portland during the first three weeks of the month.



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