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TIMBER SALVAGE

That the salvation of the lumber industry lies in utilization of what are today known as waste products is a recognized fact.

The catch to putting this fact into operation has been in the past the high cost of conversion which has made salvage operations uneconomical.

Ashland is one of the cities in the Pacific Northwest which today has a large lumber payroll. Lumbering is presently providing the majority of industrial workers in this area with jobs. The question is "what will happen tomorrow," Tomorrow will be upon us before we are ready for it if lumber operators and timber owners continue to cut, slash, and destroy without thought of the future.

Today, while there are favorable markets for timber by-products, is the time to develop those markets. Utilization of wood waste products is a problem which should keep every timber operator, woodsman, and mill owner awake nights.

Until the day comes when waste forest products are being utilized by every mill in this area we'd recommend that long term cutting be established and that prelogging, clean logging, and relogging be standard operating procedure for every logging contractor.

Just out this week is Bulletin No. 1, of the Oregon Forest Products laboratory at Oregon state college. The bulletin, which was written by Elmer E. Matson, forester with the United States Department of Agriculture forest and range experiment station in Portland, and John B. Grantham, associate professor of wood products at the college, is devoted to describing the latest and most economical methods of carrying on the operations of prelogging, clean logging, and relogging.

With present logging methods the surface of usable timber has been scratched but there remains 27% of net board foot volume of standing timber which is left to rot or burn. Per acre this salvagable material runs to about 10,000 board feet of sawlog type material plus 10 cords of small stuff.

Low cost production can make or break a logging outfit. The smart operator, the one who is looking ahead, will find some way to use salvagable material, for tomorrow, this 27% of waste can mean the difference between profit and loss.

HOMECOMING

We know a pleasant little college town in the Siskiyou mountains of Southern Oregon. The college which is located at the Eastern approach to the city is called Southern Oregon college.

Last year Southern Oregon college's football team played an entire season, unbeaten, untied; this year they have one game under their belts, final score 25 to 0, in favor of Southern Oregon college. The game was played with Eastern Oregon College of Education last Friday night, in Medford, not in Ashland.

This week the Red Raiders of SOC will play in Prineville, and next week in Klamath Falls.

So the season goes, until finally, at the last of the season, Chico state meets SOC in Ashland, the home town of the Raiders.

College authorities admit two reasons for the multitude of games away from Ashland. The first one: "that by playing away from home in other Southern Oregon towns Southern Oregon college is proving to be really a representative Southern Oregon school," holds as much water as a colander.

The second one: "that other Southern Oregon communities turn out better, make the turnstiles click faster, and pay-off better" is important. It's too bad in a college town of 7000 inhabitants a large enough crowd won't turn out for the home town football team's home games to make the games pay off; especially when that team is one of the nation's outstanding football clubs.

That's one for the books.

There is no fault to be found anywhere. It's just a sad situation. Southern Oregon college, which used to be Southern Oregon college of education, doesn't have a strong alumni association. Reason: most former students of SOC only spent two years at Southern Oregon and then transferred their allegiance to some larger school. Only of late has the college had an opportunity to begin building up a loyal alumni group with the awarding of four year diplomas.

Once the alumni get rolling, get the old college feeling and have the strong desire to return to Ashland, home of Southern Oregon, the local stadiums will be filled, and there'll be no empty seats in the future Pear Bowl.

The sooner SOC alumni begin the Homecoming tradition the sooner the local stadiums will begin to fill with strong supporters of the Red Raiders.

Letters to the Editor

Chemawa, Oregon
 Sept. 29, 1947

Dear Sir:

Referring to the Sept. 11th. issue of the News-Review and your editorial entitled "Transportation", I am following the suggestion of one of your readers who sent me a copy urging that I "take pen in hand and tell you off" by inviting you to come out from under your moss-grown vizor and face the light.

By way of introduction I am one of the Southern Pacific Company's loyal representatives, and during the years that I served as agent at Chemawa station I never once squinted under a green shade nor sold tickets through a hole in the wall, but on the contrary my passengers enjoyed cushioned seats in a cheery waiting room, looked through curtained windows, past doorways bordered with flowers and over my shoulder to verify rates.

During that time the "Foggy River" became a favorite train, with its schedule best suited to our needs and through the courtesy and kindness of its crew. On one occasion a timid elderly passenger reminded me on her return that conductor A. L. Downs had carried her luggage and escorted her to her connecting train.

Another time a news item captioned "S. P. service does not end at car steps" tells of a disabled veteran traveling from Grants

Pass to a Portland hospital, being guarded tenderly through the night by conductor W. I. Hood and brakeman Wm. Griffis, and upon his arrival when no one appeared to meet him was carried in conductor Hood's car to the Veteran's hospital door. These and hundreds of other similar experiences convince me that you really do need your carping head examined. For apparently you have been asleep at the switch. The name of your little village signifies as much—Ashland—the land of the dead—for according to Webster's "Encyclopedia Britannica" ASH means the remains of a human body when cremated—hence a corpse. But you could become resurrected. Remember the magical mirror of the smiling visage? Why not try it out on your local agent? Make your personality so radiant that he will need the green shade to protect his eyes, and be so glad to accommodate you.

His "Rogue River" carries a standard Pullman wherein you can rest and relax and straighten out a few kinks that are bothering you—like this one—"A hog can ride across the country without changing cars, but you can't". Why, I have signed dozens of Bills of Lading covering car loads of emigrant's movables, livestock, etc.—including hogs—with notation on way-bill reading, "Man in charge to ride free," there is no law in the land to prevent you from occupying a berth along side the porker if you so desire.

Finally, as an agent, I think I know your direction, your train, and the fare you should pay, also that when you reach your terminus you will find that the harp has too many strings, or that the atmosphere is not air-conditioned to your liking.

Yours truly,
 Ella E. Swink

Our Error: all this time we've been buying tickets in order to travel, when we should have bought hogs and shipped them in order to ride on the bill of lading.

Monuments and markers. See Burns Memorials. On the Plaza

New "College" Label Pleases Students

"Southern Oregon College," spelled out in gold-colored letters above the main entrance of the administration building is reported by returning students as a pleasant change from the old sign that labeled SOC as a Normal School. SOC-ites tell us they considered the old sign a slight to the prestige of the college and that they feel the new lettering is a definite lift to school spirit.

The new lettering is set in cement over the pre-college name of the school.

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