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**HELP THE LUMBER INDUSTRY—USE WOOD**

Lumbering, the principal industry of the Pacific Northwest, is being dealt a serious blow by the inroads being made on it by the paper carton which is rapidly replacing the wood box. Ten years ago there were 49 paper cartons used to each 100 wooden boxes. Now there are 135 paper cartons used to each 100 boxes or an increase of 135 per cent.

During the last 10 years lumber used in wooden boxes has dropped from 6,061,000,000 board feet to 4,066,000,000 or a decrease of 35 per cent. The chief argument in favor of paper cartons are that they are lighter and save freight rates. On the face of it this seems sound but when it is considered that the increase of damage claims of freight shipments for the same 10 year period has mounted from \$50,763,000 to \$125,925,000, the falacy of using paper cartons instead of strong wooden boxes is evident.

Lumbering has been in the slump for some time and if we do not do something here on the Pacific coast to make it better nobody else will.

The lumbering payroll of the Pacific Northwest amounts to \$400,000,000 annually. While wood boxes are made mostly from pine any falling off in the amount of lumber used affects the market of the whole industry and especially Douglas fir.

Paper cartons are also made from wood but it is the wood of the young growing hemlock and spruce that should not be cut when it is while lumber is usually made from the ripe tree and wood box lumber is a bi-product in the manufacture of high-grade lumber. One is an economic loss while the other is the harvesting of a crop already ripe and a better utilization of wood.

Lane county people should promote the use of lumber where ever possible. Lane county merchants should demand that their goods received from wholesalers are shipped in wooden boxes.

**MORE AND BETTER DAIRY FEEDS**

The efforts of County Agent O. S. Fletcher to promote the growing of alfalfa and Ladino clover, to produce more and better dairy feeds, if successful will ultimately result in increasing the dairy industry in the county. More of the ration of the dairy cow should be grown on the farm to make dairying profitable. Alfalfa for forage and Ladino clover for summer pasture, where they can be grown, will go a long way toward solving the feed problem. The average yield of alfalfa is nearly twice the present average yield of hay per acre in Lane county according to the farm census.

**MEXICANS MOVING**

If the present flow of Mexicans into the United States continues the Mexican problem should ultimately solve itself. We will have all the Mexicans in the United States where we can rule them in our own way. There are three million Mexicans now living in the southern part of the United States and Mexicans are leaving old Mexico at the rate of 5,000 a day, according to statistics of their government.

Evidently the peons do not care for the Calles policy of helping the peon the way they are running away from it.

The Mexican middle class does not like Calles policy.

The Catholic church does not like him. American capital, which is responsible for three fourths of the industrial development in Mexico, does not like him. If the trend of affairs keep up he will have Mexico all to himself in a few years. But evidently he does not believe in his own regime as it is charged a great part of his money is in United States banks.

**NOT A MAN'S WORLD**

According to life insurance statistics 106 boys are born for every 100 girls. Death takes a heavier toll among males, however, so that we actually have 104 males to every 100 females. Comparative records show that the number of males to a hundred females in the living population in some of the countries of the world range as follows: Great Britain 93.5; Norway, 94; Sweden, 95.3; Spain, 95.3; Germany, 96.9; European Russia, 97.2; France, 97.9; Ireland, 98.3; Italy, 99; Poland, 100.5; Greenland, 101.5; Japan, 102; India, 104.1; Bulgaria, 104.5; Serbia, 106; Siberia, 106; Caucasus, 111; Korea, 113; Asiatic Russia, 117.5 and China, 125.

A bill has been introduced in the house of representatives by Representative John McSwain, of South Carolina, to promote reforestation of lands not suitable for agriculture. More and more attention to reforestation will be given in the future. It is not unlikely that in the next ten years we will see young trees planted in most of the cut over areas in Lane county, and other parts of Oregon. People are beginning to realize that if timber is going to last for ever it must be grown and cultivated like other crops.

A contemporary says "Kisses like legs are now so common they have lost their kick. Even the movies have been compelled to lengthen their duration, so much has the game been overplayed." He must have just returned from France where men greet men with a smack on both sides.

Henry Ford has bought a million and a half acres of rubber trees in Brazil. We take it from that he intends to make several Model A's to use up this much rubber in tires.

Miss Helen Wills, worlds champion tennis player, says she does not smoke, drink or dance the Charleston. What a blow to some girls.

**SPRINGFIELD BOY GETS FORESTRY POSITION**

Curtis Price of Springfield, senior in forestry at O. A. C., has accepted a position as assistant district ranger in the United States forest service in Idaho and will report for duty at Spencer by May 15.

"Price stood second on the civil service ranger eligible list in Washington and Oregon, and is regarded as one of the outstanding men in this year's class," said George W. Peavy, dean of forestry.

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