

ALL FORESTS CLOSED UNTIL RAINS COME

Emergency Fire Situation Given as Reason for Closing Order.

On account of the emergency fire situation, all national forest lands in the state will be closed to public use and travel effective September 10, except for travel along regularly used roads and camping at prepared, regularly established camp grounds along such roads, or travel to established resorts along such roads. In short, all travel over and camping along trail and away from roads is prohibited.

Forest fire conditions in Oregon are critical throughout the state. The U. S. Weather Bureau can see no rain in prospect for next week. Some of the largest and most disastrous forest fires in the Northwest have occurred during the month of September, notably the Coast fires in Oregon, and the Yacolt and Lewis River fires in 1902 in Washington. The heavy smoke pall hanging over much of the state makes it almost impossible for fire lookouts to detect fires until they have become large.

This order does not interfere with actual settlers going to and from their homes, nor with permitted logging or other operations on the national forests.

The closure will be lifted as soon as general rains occur.

Any persons now camping within the areas to be closed will be requested to come out to established camps along regularly traveled roads. No camp fire permits will be issued on any national forests in Oregon except for established camp grounds along roads and all camp fire permits now in force for other areas are hereby canceled.

Fourteen national forests are involved in this closing order, embracing 13,216,000 acres (in Oregon) of government land.

District Forester C. M. Granger in issuing this closing order made it plain that this is the first time in the history of the national forests of Oregon that such a sweeping closure has been considered necessary, but that the forest fire emergency now existing requires unusual action. This has also been recognized for the entire State by Governor Patterson in his proclamation of September 6 deferring the opening of the hunting season.

Mr. Granger also made it clear that the Forest Service greatly regrets any interference this may cause with the plans of those intending to visit the forests, but that the fire emergency now existing is far too great to warrant the delay of any action which may prevent a forest catastrophe.

Extra fire guards are being put on each Oregon national forest and closure signs will be posted at the earliest possible date at all entrances to the national forests.

The active cooperation is solicited of all sportsmen and all sportsmen's and outdoor organizations, as well as all business men and recreationists," Mr. Granger said. "Ore-



Not a Pocket Flask

This is the famous "bottle tree" of Queensland, Australia, which is visited by thousands of sightseers annually.

gon without its wonderful forests would offer no recreational opportunities whatever, and we believe that every citizen of the state will realize the very unusual conditions and actively help in this forest fire prevention effort."

National forests involved are: Mount Hood, Cascade, Santiam, Siuslaw, Umpqua, Crater, Siskiyou, Fremont, Malheur, Deschutes, Umatilla, Ochoco, Whitman and Walla-walla in Oregon, and the Columbia Forest in Washington, as well as the Wenaha Division of the Umatilla in southeast Washington.

O. S. C. Memorial Union Awaits Finishing Work

Oregon State Agricultural College, Corvallis, Sept. 12.—Actual construction work is practically completed on the Oregon State Agricultural College Memorial Union building and contracts have been let for interior furnishings and decorations. At present the main concourse, main lounge, men student lounge and women student lounge are the only sections being furnished. Lorenzo Mansfield, well-known interior decorator from Portland, has charge of the installation of the furnishings.

The Edwards Furniture company of Portland won the contract for furniture on competitive bid basis and through this firm the majority of the furniture is being obtained from the nationally recognized Kitzinger company of Buffalo, N. Y. The draperies are being specially made up by the Edwards firm in its own shop. Mohawk-Saxony rugs are being woven in the Mohawk mills in the east so will be delayed a bit after the other furnishings have arrived. Offices and concourse will be laid with Armstrong linoleum. Some of the lighting fixtures which are being furnished by the F. C. Baker company of Portland, recognized as outstanding designers in this part of the country, have arrived. Much of the kitchen equipment has been installed preparatory to feeding the 344 men who will be housed in the men's dormitory.

FARM POINTERS.

The practice of selling wheat on a dockage free basis is gaining in favor in Oregon and other states as being the only fair system, say grain specialists of the experiment station. Under this system the farmer who produces clean wheat receives more for his grain than the one who takes less care in growing or threshing the crop. Some small mills and elevators are reported to be testing samples for grade before dockage is removed, which practice gives an incorrect test weight.

Powdery mildew of grapes causes a fine grayish coating over leaves and stems that may not be noticed easily but it can cause severe loss due to attack on the young grape clusters. Grape skins turn dark and corky, remain small and often split open. It is the chief fungus disease of grapes in Oregon.

Experienced growers find little difficulty in handling the powdery mildew by lightly dusting the vines with dusting sulphur or flowers of sulphur every two weeks beginning when the shoots are starting from the buds and before they are even six inches long. Fruit setting is reported to be improved if a sulphuring is given in the blooming period.

Experiments conducted at the Oregon station indicate that better stands with less winter injury are obtained when seeding of vetch and oats are made with a drill rather than broadcasting and harrowing. Experienced farmers differ as to the best amounts of seed to use, but if the hay is to be used for horses they recommend a light seeding of vetch and more oats. The opposite is recommended when the forage is for cattle or sheep.

New Movie "Find"



Miss Elsie Herman, Philadelphia beauty prize winner, in a contest staged by Universal Pictures at Atlantic City, looms as a new star in the movie firmament.

Miss Elaine Sigbee is employed at present in the office of Attorney C. L. Swick, taking the place of Mrs. Carl Cason who is on vacation. Miss Sigbee recently returned home from Portland where she has been employed during the past year and more as stenographer for a leading firm in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert French were visitors in the city on Saturday from their home in the vicinity of Gurdane.

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WHITE WHEAT MOVING EAST; BUTTER REACHES FIFTY CENTS; BETTER EXPORT DEMAND FOR FRUIT EXPECTED SOON

Corvallis, Ore., Sept. 10.—Bread Grain. Country buyers took some white wheat at interior points for eastward shipment last week, paying premiums over the Portland export price. Pacific coast wheat market were firm with demand more active. Some business was done in red wheat with Europe and some white wheat went by water to Atlantic ports and by rail to Minneapolis. No. 2 soft red winter was firm in St. Louis at \$1.46-\$1.48 a bushel. Some transactions in white wheat at country points in the Pacific northwest were reported at \$1.10-\$1.205. Stocks of wheat in export countries on September 1 were about equal to last year at the same time, larger stocks in the northern hemisphere being about offset by smaller stocks in the southern hemisphere. The Canadian carry-over was less than 6,000,000 bushels over last year which gives small excuse for the bearish reports which have been broadcast about that situation. No official report is yet available on the 1928 Canadian crop but there has been some frost damage and crop news generally scarcely confirms the extremely bearish stories which have been circulated regarding heavy increased production in that country as compared to last year. The world-wide wheat market situation showed no particular trend last week. Prices of hard red winter remained low and export movement was sluggish, but premiums for protein were advanced on mill demand. Exports for the season to date total only 15,000,000 bushels against 33,000,000 for the same period last year. The Russian crop will be about the same as last year according to a preliminary estimate, which may mean less wheat for export from that country because of increasing domestic needs there.

Feed, grains, hay, pastures.—The general tone of the cash feed grain markets was a little firmer, if anything, last week. The general trend of hay markets was firmer. Alfalfa moved in the largest volume for the season, but demand for good alfalfa was active from dairy districts in the north-central and south-central states and from alfalfa meal mills. Pastures continued generally fair in the east and dry in the west. Most feeds were weak because of fair pastures and prospective large supplies of feed grain.

Seeds—Clover seed continued firm

and about steady with red quoted 30 cents plus and alsike 31 cents plus for prime seed October futures.

Dairy products—Butter advanced; 92 score brought 50 cents in San Francisco. Low storage stocks and only moderate production make the current butter situation very firm, especially in the west. Importations to date have been lighter than usual, but European markets have been sustained for some time by low production there and in the southern hemisphere because of unfavorable climatic conditions. Should these conditions be reversed, importations may become heavier. New Zealand continued to offer butter for October, November and December shipment at 36.5-37c c. i. f. New York. Cheese stocks tend to accumulate and prices have not advanced as much as usual at this season of the year. Condensed and evaporated milk is in firm position at this time and dry milk is fair.

Livestock.—The trend of prices was generally upward last week on all kinds of fat and feeder livestock, because of somewhat limited supplies on the whole in relation to demand.

Wool.—The general tone of the domestic wool markets was a little better last week. An increased demand offset by larger supplies during the next 12 months is indicated by the mid-summer outlook report of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Increased business activity in Europe and increasing industrialization of the Orient are factors increasing demand for wool. Increasing competition from other textiles, on the other hand, tends to offset these factors. There is renewed interest in goat and mohair production in Oregon as evidenced by better demand for goats. Only about 561,000 goats are raised in the western United States out of the world supply of about 200,000,000.

Fruit and vegetables.—Recent information indicates smaller crops of apples and pears in European countries than expected early in the season. Drought has also cut down prospective yield of prunes. The walnut crop is also less promising. It is expected that the demand for United States apples, pears and prunes will be good in Europe. Onion prices are quite firm in view of smaller domestic production. The Spanish crop is also not so good.



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