

RESERVES SOON TO YIELD BIG CUTTING

From Twenty to Forty Per Cent of the Standing Timber Estimated to Be Now Mature.

Careful estimates of the forest service supervisors in Oregon and Washington place the standing live timber of these two states, embraced within national reserves, at 175,000,000,000 feet. This includes the fir and pine districts, where reserves have been created on both sides of the Cascade range. The stumpage value of this timber is placed at \$638,000,000. Various estimates are made of the percentage of timber that is mature and which should be cut at once, some placing the total at 20, and others at even 30 and 40 per cent.

Taking these totals as the basis for estimate, it is quickly seen that the national reserve cutting must soon assume tremendous importance, and yield a great revenue. In the two states, only one-fifth of the total standing timber is said to be on the reserves, but the increase in growth of lumber consumption is rapid, and the time is near when there will be a demand every year for all available mature timber. When true conservation is practiced on the reserves and private holdings, only mature timber will be cut. This policy will force into the market all stumpage within any reasonable distance of transportation, which is classed as ripe for cutting. While the percentage of mature at the beginning of extensive work might be 20 to 40 per cent of the total stand, within a few years it would decrease, until it finally reached the point where the mature stock would be the annual yield that could be cut and yet keep the forests perpetuated.

On whatever theory it is figured out, the returns from national reserves must soon be very large, and all timber operators look forward to this source of supply as one of the great northwest factors in another five to ten years. Then the states, getting 25 per cent of the total reserve sales, will have a substantial income from this source, and the necessity for more complete co-operation with the national work will be more apparent.

AGED WOMAN BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN MURDERED

BENECIA, Cal., Feb. 1.—Murder and not accident is believed today to have caused the death of Mrs. Margaret McGuire, who perished in her home which was destroyed by fire yesterday.

At first it was thought that the 80-year-old widow had caused the fire which completely destroyed her home.

Later developments caused Coroner Klotz to call District Attorney Raines and Sheriff McDonald into consultation. The coroner informed the county officials that he had found circumstances that pointed to foul play. The bones of the woman were found in the charred remains of what appeared to have been a trunk. The bones of the chest and shoulders were close together, while the skull of the aged woman lay near the bones of the feet and legs.

From these facts, Coroner Klotz surmised that Mrs. McGuire had either been killed or made unconscious, had been thrust into a trunk and then cremated in her home. Motive for the supposed murder, however, is lacking at the present time. Mrs. McGuire is not known to have had any money, and although she was not popular in the neighborhood, she had not incurred the enmity of her neighbors to such an extent as to warrant an attack.

CHILD IS BORN ON FRISCO STREET CAR

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 1.—A guessing contest for the name of the baby girl whose advent into the world last night delayed traffic on the Hayes street car line, is under way here today.

The child was born at Fillmore and Hayes streets, but as both these names are more fitting to young gentlemen than to young ladies, it is not likely that the baby will be called either.

The little one was born on a Hayes street car and the arrival of the baby tied up traffic on both Hayes and Fillmore street lines for many minutes.

The mother, Mrs. Annie Barnum, of 65 Clara street, was taken to a nearby hospital, where she and the child were given attention. The mother and baby are doing well.

All kinds of plumbing, heating and metal work by Medford. 249

JOHN L. THINKS FIGHT IS FIXED

Doesn't Believe That Jeff Could Be Dragged Into Ring Unless He Knew Johnson Was to Quit. Is Positive.

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 1.—The flat announcement was made here today by John L. Sullivan that the Jeffries-Johnson fight had been "fixed."

"I don't think Jeffries and Johnson are on the level about the fight," declared the old-time champion.

"Johnson can win if the bout is on the level," added John L., "but in my opinion the whole matter looks mighty bad."

"As a matter of fact, I don't think that Jeffries could be dragged into the ring with Johnson unless it was arranged so that Johnson would lay down."

"That's the way it looks to me. I believe it is a 'fixed' fight."

STRYCHNINE FOUND IN STOMACH OF SWOPE

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 1.—The chemists who examined the stomach of Colonel Thomas Swope, the millionaire philanthropist whose death was surrounded by peculiar circumstances, reported today that he found strychnine in deadly quantities in both stomach and liver. The poison also was found in the internal organs of Swope's nephew, Christian Swope.

BRUSH LAND IS SOLD AT GOOD PRICE

Sixty Acres of Old Culver Estate Sold for \$10,000—Covered With Brush, But Good Soil.

W. R. Coleman, county clerk; Elmer Coleman of Phoenix and James M. Cronmiller, county treasurer, have, after a lifetime spent in the Rogue River valley, become imbued with the spirit of progress now rampant, and have invested in some Bear creek bottom land that will bring them big returns on the investment. The property purchased by them comprises 60 acres of the old Culver place, lying in the Bear creek bottom opposite the town of Phoenix, and which has been uncultivated for several years.

"It's rich land," said W. R. Coleman, "and I know it. In the few years it has been unused the brush has grown so thickly upon it that even a dog can't crawl through it. We expect to remedy that, however, by taking out the brush and putting in a state of cultivation. I am not making any price on the property now, but \$30,000 right now wouldn't appeal to us very much."

SAGE BRUSH IS DOOMED IN KLAMATH

The Klamath Herald of Jan. 14th, says this week the death knell of the sage brush of Klamath county, or at least that part of it that flourishes under the irrigating ditches of the Klamath project, was sounded, and the time is not far distant when not an acre of irrigated land will be afflicted with this pest. W. H. Masten has just closed a contract for the purchase of a 16-foot Combined Host harvester and one 40-horsepower catapillar engine, and it is with this outfit he proposes to change the face of Klamath country during the next few years. When he has demonstrated his method of handling the soil is the correct one, he will doubtless have a number of followers, with the result that the area cultivated will be rapidly increased until all of the irrigated, and a great deal of the unirrigated, farms of the country will be raising crops.

HUBBY READS TOO MUCH; SHE ASKS DIVORCE

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 1.—Accusing her husband, Eugene Field, Jr., son of the poet, with spending his nights reading romantic novels and his days in sleep, Mrs. Eugene Field, Jr., formerly Elinor Brooks, today filed a suit for divorce.

The couple were married five years ago at New Orleans. Field fell in love with Miss Brooks at first sight and they eloped soon afterward. They spent their honeymoon in the African jungles.

Read Judge Lindsey's "Beast and the Preacher" in Everybody's. The Merrivold Shop. 249

YOU CAN PAY YOUR TAXES NOW

The Sheriff Has the Entire Tax Roll and Is Now Ready to Take Your Money.

The taxroll for 1909 has been turned over to the sheriff and he is now prepared to receive your dues to the state, county, school and city.

Last year the roll had been in the hands of the sheriff two weeks before any taxes were paid. This year Sheriff Jones wants to break the records of all years for tax collection, just as Rogue River valley has broken other records by starting the collection sooner and making a greater proportion of collections before the first of April than any other county in the state.

UNIONIST MAJORITY OVER LIBERALS IS 12

LONDON, Feb. 1.—The re-election of J. G. Hancock, Labor candidate for the middle division of Derbyshire, announced today, completes the elections for the new parliament in England. The remaining half dozen constituencies to make returns are Scotch and Irish. The final total in England alone gives the Unionist tariff reformers 239 seats, the Liberals and Laborites combined 227, or a Unionist majority of 12, compared with a Liberal-Laborite majority of 211 received in 1906.

ALL ROADS LEAD TOWARD MEDFORD

The District Attorney's Main Office Is Now Located in Medford, the Center of Progress.

District Attorney Mulkey has established his office in Medford now as permanent headquarters. "The most of the business of my office centers in Medford," said Mr. Mulkey. "Not that there is any more, nor even as much, of that class of business originating in Medford as in other localities, but, to paraphrase, all roads lead to Medford, and in order to centralize the office and to make things more convenient all around, the main office of the district attorney for this district will be at that point toward which all roads lead—Medford."

PRESIDENT'S BROTHER ILL; BETTER TODAY

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 1.—Henry W. Taft, brother of President W. H. Taft, who was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital, suffering from erysipelas, was reported today to be much improved. He passed a restful night and it is expected that he will be able to travel again within a week.

Hel's being attended by his brother-in-law, Dr. W. A. Edwards, who said Taft's condition is "severe, but not serious."

It is probable that Taft will not visit San Francisco and the northwest as he planned because of the delay caused by his illness, but will go directly to New York as soon as he has recovered sufficiently to make the journey.

WANT NEW BRIDGE OVER ROGUE RIVER

Citizens of Gold Hill Agitate Move to Build New Bridge to Span Waters of Rogue.

"As soon as the county wants to build a new bridge across the Rogue at the north end of Main street, I am ready to donate the land on the other side necessary to connect with the county road," said J. C. Godlove, recently, says the Gold Hill News. As his is the only land such a road would cross, it will be seen that there will be no trouble on that count when the present antiquated structure, awkwardly located so that the east approach to it must pass under the railroad bridge, is replaced by a new steel bridge at a more advantageous point.

The Centennial bridge, as its name implies, was built in 1876, many years before the railroad. When the railroad came the east approach to the wagon bridge had to "duck under" the railroad bridge. While the Centennial no doubt represented advanced ideas in bridge construction at that time, it is now obsolete and even unsafe for heavy loads. That it has stood so long testifies to the honesty and ability of its pioneer constructors, but as it stands at present it is inadequate, if not actually unsafe. A threshing machine or anything of like weight cannot be trusted upon it. It is so narrow that teams cannot pass, and a large load of hay or a wide rack can scarcely get through its shed. With a team on the bridge going east, another team going the opposite would get well up on the east approach before seeing that the bridge was occupied. Let a train happen along on the railroad bridge just at this juncture, and a ticklish team might be expected to make trouble. The east approach is covered with several feet of swift current in a time of high water like that of last November.

The sentiment of Gold Hill and vicinity appears to be solidly for a new bridge in another location, and Mr. Godlove's offer of right of way through his land should be a strong argument in favor of the site at the north end of Main street, which, it is urged by those who should know, would furnish a more direct route to the districts served by the present bridge.

Aviator Falls.

CAIRO, Egypt, Feb. 1.—While practicing in an aeroplane, Mortimer Singer, the aviator, fell today and sustained injuries from which it is likely he will die. The airship in which he was flying was completely wrecked in the fall. The aeronaut's legs, arms, two ribs and collar bone were broken.

Lethargy in advertising leads to a condition of "store rust."

GOLD HILL ITEMS.

(From the News) Henry Nutt, Hollie Nutt and James Eads, of Grants Pass, were in town last Saturday on business connected with their mining interests on Galls Creek. The report that samples from their property have returned high assays in tin, gold, platinum and tungsten, the tin running as high as six per cent. They were accompanied by C. L. Nangrum of Grants Pass, who is interested in their property.

Tom Gilchrist returned to his work on the Jessie mine, two miles north of town, yesterday after a few days spent as a guest to mine host Steve Jones.

Clyde McFarren and wife, on their way back to Portland from Los An-

INVENTORY Has Been Completed

We have finished taking stock and in a few days the store will begin to take on new life. Already some of the new goods are coming in, but the thing that should interest our friends most is the fact that we will be eager to show you goods and attend your wants. If we haven't what you wish, we will gladly get it for you. You are always welcome here to look or to buy.

Watch the Windows You Will Never Regret It

Get the window habit and keep it. It will mean so much to you in the course of the next year.

First—You see the new goods as soon they come to the store and thereby save much time.

Second—You learn of our prices and can judge as to the best styles.

Third—You learn of the bargains offered—in short, "it pays to watch the window."

The Hutchason Co. Formerly Baker-Hutchason Co.

stopped off this week for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. V. McFarren. They intend to make their home in Portland.

Glenn Eddings went to Roseburg Wednesday, having been transferred from Grants Pass, after a visit with home folk and will bail the oil into a big S. P. engine running out of that point.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Nye were in from their Riverdale farm Wednesday and took out a new telephone. Riverdale as its name indicates, is situated on the Rogue River—a beautiful location on the left bank, two miles from Gold Hill. Mr. Nye has built a handsome modern residence, and is daily making Riverdale a finer ranch.

A pleasant half day outing was given the editor of the News by John T. Ritter Monday. A drive down Rogue River past Rock Point to Mr. Ritter's ranch in the Footscreek district, where the writer saw a gold mine for the first time. Jolly boys, Claude Ritter and Will Cook, were assaulting a wall of gravel with a hydraulic nozzle, throwing a powerful stream brought by a thousand feet of pipe that was stretched up the hill like some huge sunning serpent. We washed out a pan of dirt and got color, and in an interesting hour got some idea of placer mining.

While it is often impossible to prevent an accident, it is never impossible to be prepared—it is not beyond anyone's purse. Invest 25 cents in a bottle of Chamberlain's Liniment and you are prepared for sprains, bruises and like injuries. Sold by all druggists.

Bids Wanted on Sewer and Water Connections on Summit Avenue.

For laying and connecting 720 feet 6-in. sewer tile, 12 6-inch to 4-inch Ys, 720 feet 1-in. water pipe. Bids opened at noon February 5. For particulars call on B. Klum, office rear Commercial club rooms. 271

Bids Wanted on Concrete Walks and Curbs on Summit Avenue.

1800 feet 5-foot concrete walks, 1650 feet curb walk. Bids opened February 5 at noon. For particulars see B. Klum, rear Commercial club rooms. 271

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We have just received a shipment of high-top shoes for men that will interest careful buyers. Price \$6.50.

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