

# PLAN PROTECTION OF TIMBER TRACTS

Government Officials and Timber Owners Will Unite on Plan to Keep Forest Fires at a Minimum During the Coming Year in Northwest.

SPokane, Wash., April 12.—Government and state forest officials and timber owners and conservationists in Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and California perfected plans to unite these agencies in a co-operative scheme for systematic forest protection in the five states at the semi-annual meeting of the Western Forest and Conservation Association in Spokane. These officers were elected:

President, Albert L. Flewelling, Spokane, re-elected; secretary, Geo. M. Cornwall, Portland; treasurer, A. W. Laird, Pocatello, Idaho; vice presidents: For Montana, G. W. Millet, Kalispell; for Oregon, A. C. Dixon, Eugene; for California, E. H. Cox, Madera; trustees, J. R. Toole, Idaho; T. J. Humbert, Sandpoint, Idaho; G. S. Long, Tacoma; F. C. Knapp, Portland, and J. H. Queal, McCloud, Cal.

Incorporated in the association are the Oregon Conservation, North Idaho Forestry, Washington Forest Fire, Washington Conservation, Pocatello Timber Protective, Clearwater Timber Protective, Pend Oreille Timber Protective, Coeur d'Alene Timber Protective, Northern Montana Forestry and Oregon Forest Fire associations.

President Flewelling emphasized the impracticability of so-called uniform legislation between states on the subject of fire protection, saying in part:

"You should not lay too much stress on this kind of legislation, as you all know that conditions differ so greatly in different localities that a law for the disposal of brush and rubbish on cut-over lands which would be practical and desirable in Montana would be impractical and undesirable in Oregon, and vice versa. The same is true of the planting and caring for the new growth on cut-over lands. Conditions in Idaho are so different from those in western Washington that what is desirable in one place is undesirable in another."

E. T. Allen, forest for the association, said after outlining the work of permanent organizations:

"I have been working for some time on a hand-book on forest management, dealing with the question from two sides. It is primarily an attempt to answer most of the questions occurring to owners of timber land interested in reforestation. The elementary principles of forestry, applicable to our conditions from Montana to California, will be discussed from a scientific and practical standpoint and the rate of growth and possibilities of a second crop of the several species will be given from the best data available from the government and elsewhere, together with the methods necessary to secure reproduction."

The extension of cooperative patrol was discussed at length. It was brought out that nowhere else in the United States are private timber land owners as progressive in forest fire prevention as in the Pacific coast country. The forest fire association of Washington and Idaho spent nearly \$100,000 for patrol in 1909. Owners in Oregon spent about \$40,000 without formally organizing, but this season it will do much more through the Oregon Forest Fire Association. Montana has also organized and California is following.

These systems are being extended into unprotected districts, and it was announced that arrangements will be made for close co-operation between the association patrols and those maintained by the states and government. The movement carried on by the Western Forestry and Conservation Association for systematic protection on all forest lands, regardless of ownership, is unique in the history of the United States and is being watched with much interest in all parts of the country.

Plans are also considered for uniting the government, states, timber owners and public conservation organizations in their educational propaganda along forestry lines, so that conflicting or impractical measures will not be advocated and that any proposed legislation can receive public confidence. To this end it was voted to give all affiliated associations an equal voice in the affairs of the parent organization, regardless of their financial support, and to have the states and the federal forest service represented by their chief forest officers in the territory embraced.

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## 20 FEET SNOW AT THE ARANT CAMP

Residents of Fort Klamath Return From Crater Lake and Report That Buildings Are in Good Condition.

FORT KLAMATH, April 11—Two residents of this place have returned from a trapping trip within the Crater Lake National park and have forwarded word to Superintendent Arant that all of the buildings in the Arant camp are evidently in good condition although there is twenty feet of snow in the neighborhood of the camp.

The two men report that the snow is melting very fast and that in another four weeks that it will be possible to reach the lake. On the rim of the lake the snow has disappeared but the walls of the crater are heavily covered. The lake appeared to be frozen over some distance from shore but descent was impossible.

Discussion of practical fire prevention methods, including patrol systems, disposal of logging debris and safeguarding logging and railroad engines, occupied much of the time of the association. Representatives of the forest service described a form of contract recently entered into by several prominent railroads traversing the national forests which provides for clearing the rights of way of inflammable material, patrolling the track with speeders and handling possible fires. The use of oil for fuel by loggers and railroads was advocated.

Federal and state officials in attendance included G. M. Homan, state forester, and W. C. Hodge, deputy forester, Sacramento, Cal.; J. R. Welty, state fire warden and forester, and C. H. Cecil, associate forester, Portland; and F. A. Sileoux, associate district forester, Missoula. R. W. Douglas, Seattle, represented the Washington Conservation Association, North Idaho Forestry, North Montana Forestry, Washington Forest Fire, Oregon Forest Fire, Pocatello Timber Protective, Clearwater Timber Protective, Pend Oreille Timber Protective, and Coeur d'Alene Timber Protective Associations.

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## OREGON TRUNK GOES EAST SIDE OF LAKE

Engineers Reach Pelican Bay Where Connection Is Supposed to Be Effected with Pacific & Eastern.

KLAMATH FALLS, April 12—Following out its special scheme of constructing a high speed railroad, the Oregon Trunk railway, it is now asserted, will abandon the idea of constructing the line down the west side of Klamath lake and adopt a route on the east side instead.

The east side of the lake presents more difficult features of construction than the west side, which are increased by the occupancy, already, of a route along the shore by the Southern Pacific's Natron extension. The higher cost and greater difficulty of construction, however, will be offset by the shortening of the proposed route 10 or 12 miles. Engineers and representatives of the railroad who have been in this vicinity as reticent as the officials in Portland concerning the plans and destination of the Oregon Trunk railway, but the statement comes from them that "if the road builds to Klamath Falls it will most likely follow the east shore of the lake."

The engineers who have been working through the Klamath Indian reservation have reached Pelican, near the northern extremity of the lake and on the west side. There the work of surveying southward, it is stated will cease. There are indications however, that preliminary lines are to be run westward through the mountains, with the plan in view of securing a feasible connection with the Pacific & Eastern, the Medford road which is now extending from Eagle Point to Butte Falls. Great Northern equipment has been noticed in the work trains on the Pacific & Eastern, and as it is known to be a policy of the Hill roads never to lend equipment, this fact is taken as a further confirmation of the report that Hill now controls the Pacific & Eastern. The road apparently is to be extended from Butte Falls to the north of Mt. McLaughlin and then down into the Klamath Basin, there connecting with the Oregon Trunk line near Pelican. A large timber belt will be served by the road.

In a word the whole railway map of the west was considered at the meeting of Ripley and Lovett, and the empire of the southwest has been divided between them. If the Gould system attempts to build into this part of the country it will meet with a cold reception and will find as a possible closed to Gould's trade.

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