
M. L. ERICKSON, supervisor in charge, Crater National 1. forest, has completed his arrangements to carefully
guard the forest from any great loss this season by fire, and will endeavor to keep his record up to its standard of
last year, when the Crater forest suffered a smaller loss in this regard than any in the nurthwest. But in order to do this he must have the support of all who enjoy the
camping priveges in the forest, for the camp fire is the chief cause of forest fires-fires which in a year destroyed
on an average $\$ 40,000,000$ worth of timber in the United on an
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Along this line the Oregon Journal receutly published some startling truths when it said:
One of the most splendid of all the resources of Oregon is the forests. The five states of Idaho, Montana, Wash-
ington, Oregon and California contain half the merchantable timber of the United States, and in the group Oregon
is a leading state as to forests. The presence of Oregon forests is heightened by the fact that the climatic and soil
conditions are the best in the world for timber growth. conditions are the best in the world for timber growth.
This enables the state to excel other states in the timber industry, and it is an incentive to Oregon to husband her
forests because of the enormous advantage it will give her in the creation of wealth and the enrichment of population.
The lumber production of the five states is one-fifth that of the entire country and is increasing. It already brings in $\$ 125,000,000$ a year, chiefly in the wages for
labor, and this great sum goes into circulation among the people. It is an incomparable asset for the production of
wealth and one that is of the utmost importance to husband and conserve.
The subject is one for reflection on account of the near approach of the season for forest fires. It is estimated $\$ 40,000,000$. It is literally $\$ 40,000,000$ a year in money conHunters throw away a half consumed match, travelers
leave smoldering embers in their campfires and settlers permit fires lighted in slashings to get beyond control. It is as destructive and costly a waste as would be a torch
deliberately applied to a $\$ 40,000,000$ city. The black smoke deliberately appied to a forests is as ugly in contemplation as
rolling up from the fore though it were the smoke from burning bank bills. It is
a waste than can be almost wholly prevented with average a waste than can be almost wholly prevented with average
care of those who frequent the forests. There is not one of them who would think of throwing a burning match on
the carpet or among the hangings of a home. But such a mateh thrown in the dry rubbish of the timber is the destruction of many homes

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