

# Forests Are Potential Source of Wealth for Coming Generation

## LUMBER INDUSTRY LARGE FACTOR IN SOUTHERN OREGON

Medford in Heart Second  
Largest Body Of Reserve  
Timber In U. S. Tributary  
To Water—Many Species.

Located in the heart of the second largest body of reserve timber in the United States, tributary to water, the city of Medford, surrounded by 772,000 acres of virgin forests, fragrant with evergreens, (which also contribute to the continuance of her "million dollar water" supply) looks to lumbering today as an outstanding industry, which is destined to grow as the trees grow down through the years.

In Jackson county, alone government surveys show, the timber stand exceeds nineteen billion feet by more than 600,000. In the counties of Douglas, Curry, Coos, Jackson, Josephine and Klamath one-fourth of Oregon's complete stand of timber is found and in the inland empire, which adds to this list Del Norte and Siskiyou counties of northern California, last year's forestry survey showed a stand of one hundred eighty-three billion, five hundred million feet of standing timber of all species. Forty-three per cent of this amount, E. A. Sherman of the United States forestry service reports, is privately owned, and 57 per cent government owned.

**Huge Industry Looms**  
Considering the fact that five hundred million feet of timber means 500,000 long tons of lumber the possibilities for a gigantic lumber industry in this region become obvious.

In the southern Oregon and northern California belt, one of the largest stands of pine remains. Douglas and white fir and cedar are also found in important holdings. From the Owen-Oregon Lumber company and the Timber Products company of this city, these lumbers travel to all points in the United States and to many foreign markets. The lumber company logs and works up all types of wood. The products company puts out all types of wood products, structural and finish lumber.

The Owen-Oregon Lumber company is now employing in woods, on railroad, and in plant, 300 men. The sawmill, now running on one shift, will start operating on a full 48-hour week next Monday. This company has been fortunate in obtaining a large allotment under the federal code, which is based on past operating experience.

**Mill Has Big Capacity**  
The company, which has been operating in this city since 1924, has an annual capacity of sixty-five million feet. The work in woods, sawmill, and on railroad, being classed as seasonal, can be carried on under the code on a 48-hour basis. Work in shipping, office and planning mill, however, being carried on under a 12 months' basis, must be limited to a 40-hour week.

The sawmill is now cutting 180,000 feet of lumber a day, using both pine and fir. Shipments are steadily going out to all United States points and to many foreign ports. Water shipments can go either by Portland or San Francisco.

The company owns in the Butte Falls area, tributary to its railroad, over one billion feet of timber, covering 400,000 acres of forest land. The government owns in merchantable timber in this same area two and a half billion feet of timber. In addition to these stands, holdings, privately owned by others than the Owen-Oregon company representatives, one billion and a half feet. This brings the total in the Butte Falls basin, known as the west slope of the Cascade, to five billion feet of merchantable timber, all tributary to the Owen-Oregon line.

**Large Stand Pine**  
The Rogue River national forest, divided by the Cascade range, includes the largest stand of sugar pine remaining in Oregon. This variety, forest officials state, is comparable



to the famous white pine much sought for certain types of construction. Because of its smoothness and softness, much of it goes to the United States for naval construction. It is considered so important that the

navy sends a special man to this section to inspect shipments. Sawtimbers in this country, forest reports show, include Douglas fir, composing more than half the total; white fir, ponderosa pine,

Shasta fir, incense cedar, sugar pine and western white pine, in a very small stand.

There are some 108,331 acres of land in Jackson county irrigated by

water flowing from the Rogue River national forest. A conservative estimate values water rights at \$15 per acre of irrigated lands or, in other words, water rights increase the irrigated land value \$15 over lands not having water rights.

Scenes in the Butte Falls region where extensive logging operations are carried on by the Owen-Oregon Lumber company, the logs being hauled to the company's mill at Medford (below) over a standard gauge railroad.

The value of the forests to this region is also reflected in the amount of water furnished for power. Rogue river in the forest, has been developed to produce around 3400 horsepower, with a possible expansion to 10,000 horsepower.

**Uncle Remus An Old Story**  
CHICAGO (UP)—Archaeologists of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago through research have discovered that the Uncle Remus tales of supposed southern origin actually had their beginning in ancient Syria. Various alterations caused them to be handed down to us in their present form.

**Swedish Boy Scouts Celebrate**  
STOCKHOLM (UP)—The Swedish Boy Scout movement this year will observe its 25th anniversary. There are now more than 25,000 Boy Scouts in Sweden, under the leadership of Major Ebbe Lieberath and the royal patronage of Prince Gustaf Adolf, oldest son of the Crown Prince.

**Hen Reached Record**  
SOUTH FREEPORT, Me. (UP)—George Card's hens reached a new high in versatility when, in a single day, one laid an egg that measured 7 by 7 inches in circumference and weighed 5 1/2 ounces, and another laid one that weighed only 1/2 ounce.

**Barn Blown 300 Feet**  
ANDOVER, N. B. (UP)—They have some pretty stiff breezes around Andover sometimes. For instance, during a recent severe rain, wind and electrical storm, a large barn belonging to Neil Bryson was uprooted and blown 300 feet away. Several telephone poles in its way were knocked down.

**Sports Fan In Bed 20 Years**  
WILKES BARRE, Pa. (UP)—Although illness has forced him to remain in bed for the past 20 years, Danny Conwell was recently elected as an honorary member of the North End Athletic association of this city. Despite his handicap, Conwell follows all sports activities with interest.

**Sold Pens After Fine**  
QUINCY, Mass. (UP)—After Louis Blotter, an enterprising pen salesman, had been fined \$25 in court for misconduct, he opened his sample case and sold two fountain pens—one to the probation officer and one to a police lieutenant. The deal netted him 60 cents profit.

**Gleemen Take Part**  
The well known Medford Gleemen, directed by James Stevens, are taking an important part. Sixty voices strong, their songs of the pioneers will be long remembered. The Jackson County Teachers' chorus, under the direction of Harriett Baldwin, are contributing wholeheartedly to the success of the big production, as well as the pioneer dancers directed by E. C. Lane of Ashland.

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## PIONEER PARENTS INSPIRATION FOR JUBILEE PAGEANT

Tribute and Homage Seen  
in Presentation Scheduled  
Wednesday, Thursday and  
Friday at the Fairgrounds

The great spirit of pioneer motherhood and fatherhood will be the object of tribute and homage in the historical pageant "Oyer-Un-Gon" (Land of Plenty) a feature of Oregon's Diamond Jubilee celebration Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings at the fairgrounds. The pageant has a cast in excess of 500 people and will faithfully reproduce events leading up to and including the establishment of Oregon statehood 75 years ago.

The pageant is divided into five episodes. Episode 1, The Indian's Oregon, has two divisions showing the early life of the aborigines before the coming of the white men. Indians are following the simple lives until they are apprised of strange things to happen. Trappers Arrive First.

A generation later reveals that white men have actually arrived—the first white men are trappers.

The coming of the emigrants is faithfully depicted by emigrant trains and cross-sections of life of the emigrants of 75 years ago is interestingly presented—the hardships and the joy of tortuous journeys to a new country.

The birth of government is revealed in a frontier village of 1841 when the Oregon country was jointly occupied by the British and the United States. Considerable action is shown in this episode which also depicts the happenings at Champoeg, May 2, 1859, which tells of plans for the first provisional government when the future of Oregon was decided by one vote.

**Fourth Episode Climax**  
The climax of the production is revealed in the fourth episode, including the many incidents which led to the establishment of statehood February 14, 1859. The fifth episode brings the people of modern Oregon together with the spirit of the pioneers in paying tribute to "Oyer-Un-Gon" (Land of Plenty).

Every effort has been made to present one of the greatest pageants of its kind ever offered. Preparations have been underway for many weeks under the direction of Prof. Angus Bowmer of the Southern Oregon Normal school. He is also the author.

In addition to the 500 people in the cast, over 100 people are in the technical crew. One of the best stringed orchestras ever assembled on the coast has over 50 members, under the direction of Ward Croft, musical director of the Ashland high school. Dance numbers are numerous throughout the pageant, with dancers from all parts of southern Oregon taking part. Miss Ruth Luy has been drilling participants in special numbers for some time.

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