

OREGON SEEKING LARGER REVENUE OUT OF FORESTS

McNary Would Tax Federal Revenue Producing Land; Private Owners Burdened.

By Paul W. Harvey, Jr.
Salem, Ore., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Plans to get more revenue out of Oregon's vast timber domain now are being made, and if they are successful, it might mean the salvation of both the taxpayer and the common schools.

There are two ways this might be done. First is Senator McNary's proposal to tax federal revenue-producing lands, and second is the 1939 law which gives the state authority to take over depleted forest lands from counties.

Uncle Sam Owns Much Of the 29,000,000 acres of forest land in Oregon, the federal government owns 58 per cent. The federal land is tax-free, putting the burden on the private land owners.

Much of the federal land produces revenue through the sale of timber. McNary's idea is to have the federal government pay the state taxes on these lands, and there isn't much opposition in Oregon to the proposal.

He wouldn't tax federal lands being used for agricultural purposes, lands in national parks, or in Indian or military reservations.

The second plan, passed by the 1939 legislature, provides that the state may take over cut-over and burned-over forest lands from the counties. The state would develop these lands, and use them either for timber or grazing purposes. The money would be returned to the counties.

Schools Need Coin Common schools in counties which have lost their timber resources through fire or logging are in a bad way, but the two plans may save them.

If the federal government acquires any more forest lands in Oregon, the state would become "virtually a colony with authority vested in Washington, D. C.," Governor Sprague said. He suggests that the state might be able to do a better job taking care of the forests than the federal government can.

Of the total amount of timber lands in Oregon, the government owns 41 per cent in national forests and 17 per cent in the public domain. Private operators hold 39 per cent, counties two per cent and the state and cities less than one per cent each.

The value of all timber resources in the state is about \$500,000,000, while mills, machinery and capital equipment add another \$200,000,000. Yet the assessed valuation of all this property is only \$50,000,000, the figure being so low because such a large amount is tax-exempt.

A week ago this typewriter turned out a piece about the fact that the state land board has \$250,000 it wants to invest in loans to Oregon property owners.

Since then, the mail man has been bringing a dozen letters on each delivery to the board, these letters being from persons who said they read the story and wanted loans. In fact, most of them never had heard of the land board before.

The board said many of them are good loan risks, too.

Governor Sprague agreed with President Roosevelt as to when Thanksgiving day should be observed, but when it comes to giving employees vacations on the Saturdays before Christmas and New Year's day, the governor can't see eye to eye with the president.

The president ordered all federal offices closed on those days. The governor thinks state em-

Finns Mourn Bomb Victim



This picture, telephoned from Amsterdam to London and then radioed to New York was described by the Finnish authorities at Helsinki as a Finnish soldier and his wife mourning at the grave of their only child who was killed in an air bombing raid on Helsinki.

ployees have enough days off already.

Capitol sideliights — It took two workmen four days to decorate the huge Christmas tree in the capitol rotunda. It's sure pretty, too. . . state officials are going to miss the whisky that the state liquor control usually passes out every Christmas. The commission abolished the custom.

FIRST FEDERAL LOAN PAYS \$5000 DIVIDEND

Over \$5,000 will be distributed to saving members of the First Federal Savings and Loan association of Medford in dividends, according to action taken by the board of directors at the December meeting. Substantial additions to the various reserves were also provided for from the current savings.

Bucs Climb Close To Lion Hockeyists

By the Associated Press
With Aubrey Webster and Eddie Oulette pacing the attack the Portland Buckaroos defeated the Pacific Coast Hockey league leading Vancouver Lions 3-1 in Portland last night.

ARIZONA ST. FAVORED IN SUN BOWL FRACAS

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Because of the sun in the Sun bowl—or maybe the altitude—the Bulldogs of Arizona State of Tempe carried slight odds over Catholic university today for their New Year's day clash.

To Grow Corn London (AP)—The hundred-year-old velvety lawns of Bushey park have been plowed as a war-time measure and corn will be sown in the spring. Probably the last time it grew corn was in Napoleon's day.

Saves Three Youngstown, Ohio (AP)—John A. Lynch, 45, dashed through flames three times to rescue three of his children when fire destroyed his home.

STRIDES MADE IN COSMIC RAY STUDY

Chicago (AP)—University of Chicago professors have progressed another step toward solving the riddle of cosmic rays with discovery that mesotrons, heavy components of the rays, disintegrate as they dash toward earth.

What becomes of the mesotron fragments after they disintegrate remains a mystery. Theoretically their energy cannot disappear. Dr. Bruno Rossi, head of the university's expedition to Mt. Evans Colo., said they probably break up into electrons and neutrinos, as unknown.

The expedition conducted tests with carbon and lead "blankets" over their instruments at various altitudes to learn whether the mesotrons died a "natural death" or disintegrated from collision with the atmosphere. The tests convinced them that the natural disintegration theory was correct.

PURDUE BEATS COUGAR CAGE TEAM, 38 TO 26

LaFayette, Ind., Dec. 22.—(AP)—The second half offensive gave the Purdue university quintet a 38-26 victory over the Washington State college basketball team last night. The visitors took an early 7-3 lead but at the half Purdue was leading 15-14. Bern Butte, Washington State guard, was high scorer for the visitors with seven points.

Wild Ponies Interned New Forest, Eng. (AP)—Hundreds of wild ponies which have roamed at will in the New Forest for 800 years have been interned to save their lives during the blackout. Painted white stripes failed to save them from automobiles.

Faints Cleveland, O.—(AP)—Mrs. Catherine Merman, 45, went before the Ohio board of liquor control to plead her side of charges that she had had unlicensed gin in her cafe. The board revoked her license. Mrs. Merman fainted.

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BRITISH PURCHASE OF U.S. LUMBER IS WEST COAST HOPE

Lumber Association Chief Optimistic Over Negotiations for Heavy Buying.

Seattle, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Late developments led Col. W. B. Greeley, secretary-manager of the West Coast Lumbermen's association, to express today the belief that a plan by which Great Britain would make large purchases of American lumber might materialize.

Colonel Greeley said he felt "more assured" that the buying program, contingent upon the purchase by Great Britain of American shipping bottoms, would go through.

"If the government decides that the transfer of U. S. ships to British interests agrees with the neutrality law," he said, "the proposal should go through.

"We hope very much the deal will be consummated," Colonel Greeley said. "Britain needs the lumber badly, especially since its Baltic supply has been cut off and Canadian mills can't keep up with orders.

"West coast lumbermen would be very glad to sell the lumber." The association's leader said the sale had been rumored since last May, when Great Britain began making war preparations.

At Washington official sources disclosed Great Britain had offered to buy between \$15,000,000 and \$30,000,000 worth of lumber in this country if at the same time she can purchase ships in which to transport it.

Between 9,000 and 12,000 elephants are killed annually to supply the work with ivory. Each tusk weighs from 60 to 170 pounds.

Intelligence Won't Help Co-Ed Win Man, Finding

Flagstaff, Ariz.—(AP)—Being intelligent is fine for the co-ed who wants to get good grades but it won't help her get her man, according to tests in popularity conducted by psychology students at Arizona State college here.

Instead, the tests revealed, she should develop herself in the art of entertainment if she expects to make headway in a man's affections.

The tests, conducted in a class of more than 50 students, showed that ability to entertain was the most sought-for trait not only in women but in men as well.

Dr. John J. Harton, head of the psychology department at the college, said the most amazing part of the survey was not that ability in entertainment was found to be the most desirable quality but that intelligence was ranked as the least important trait in the list of eight.

"This test at least," Dr. Harton said, "seems to explode the theory that male college students more and more are coming to prefer intelligent companions in the opposite sex over the glamour girl type."

In rating themselves, the men listed cheerfulness as the most desirable quality, with the entertaining man placed at the foot of the list.

The men students expressed extreme vehemence against deceitfulness in both their own ranks and among women—but the women disclosed no particular admiration or aversion for the deceitful person, man or woman.

As far as men were concerned, a woman's physical appearance was an all-important factor. But the co-eds, on the average, indicated they weren't impressed too much by handsomeness alone. The girls also appeared to have no set ideas on jealousy, stupidity, mercenary-mindedness and unfairness.

"A very important consideration of the results as a whole," Dr. Harton said, "is that most of the traits which popular persons possess can be acquired by anyone who seriously attempts to do so."

Conversely, he pointed out, most of the unpopular traits could be eliminated from the personality makeup of anyone.

West Touchy About Reciprocal Treaty

Washington, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Senator McCarran (D., Nev.) said today that if administration leaders succeed in renewing the reciprocal trade treaty act which expires June 12, "the Democratic party is very likely to lose the west."

Just back from a visit to his Nevada home, McCarran told reporters that he had found strong sentiment in agricultural and mining districts against continuing the trade treaty program.

Hot Dog Stand Is Boon For Airmen

Bedford, Ind., Dec. 22.—(AP)—The proper admixture of enterprise and imagination pays dividends, Arnold Paolini has learned.

Paolini, who has a gasoline station and a hot dog stand south of here on the Dixie highway, decided to expand. He opened a "parking lot" for airplanes in a field just across the road.

Now many Southern Indiana plane owners stop at Paolini's and take on fuel and food.

One-Man Union

St. Joseph, Mo. (AP)—L. L. Jacobs is president, secretary-treasurer, sergeant-at-arms and the entire membership of the local chapter of the Cigar Makers Union of America. He is the only active member of his trade here where 153 men once made cigars.

PERIODS OF REST FOR WORKERS ARE FOUND PRODUCTIVE

Pittsburgh — (AP) — When things don't seem to go right about the middle of the morning and again in the afternoon, it won't do to go around with a chip on your shoulder in the office or factory, wherever you happen to work.

Instead, try to relax, get your mind off your work for a few minutes, because, says Dr. Russell R. Jones, industrial medical officer, chances are you're suffering from "occupational charleyhorse."

The same thing can happen to industrial and office workers as occurs when an athlete is over-worked without supplying his muscles with the proper nutrition, according to Dr. Jones.

"For some reason which scientists haven't been able to determine accurately, most people go into a slump somewhere between 10 and 11:30 a. m.," Dr. Jones said. "They'll repeat during the latter part of the day—usually twice."

Usually, the best remedy is rest or diversion which may subtract from the working day but which usually results in more being accomplished when quitting time rolls around. One Pittsburgh firm has found that it pays to give employees two recess periods a day.

"They were given 15 minutes off on company time in the forenoon and mid-afternoon, with the result productivity was stepped up 12 per cent in the shorter day," Dr. Jones said. "Actually work one-half hour less time, 88 employees with rest periods were able to accomplish as much as 100 did under the former system of banging away without interruption through the day."

Sub Skipper Claims 80,380 Tons Sunk

Berlin, Dec. 22.—(AP)—DNE, the official news agency, announced tonight a German submarine commanded by Lieutenant-Commander Herbert Schultze, which has just returned from its third trip into enemy waters, has sunk a total of 80,380 tons of enemy ships.

Several foreign plants flourished wild on the Outer Banks of North Carolina, the seeds brought there in dirt clinging to ship ballast rock.

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