

TIMBER OWNERS BEING DECEIVED

Timber Companies Accused of Misquoting New Fire Patrol Law

F. A. Elliott, State Forester, has issued this statement: It has been brought to the attention of the State Forester that some unscrupulous timber brokers are misrepresenting the provisions of the compulsory patrol law which was enacted by the recent Legislative Assembly and becomes effective June 2. Owners of timber claims have been told that under this law it will be necessary for them to keep a patrolman on their claims all summer at their own expense, and this has been urged as a reason for sacrificial sales. Statements of this kind are made purely for the purpose of stimulating the sale of timber lands, thus increasing the business and incidentally the commissions of timber brokers.

The law provides that every timberland owner in the state, not residing within one and one-half miles of his property, shall furnish a sufficient patrol therefor during the dry season, and that in case he fails to do so the State Forester shall provide the same at a cost not to exceed 5 cents per acre per annum. Any amount so paid by the state shall be a lien upon the land and shall be collected with the next taxes. It is obvious that the maximum expense to the owner of a quarter section of timberland cannot exceed \$5 a year, an amount that should scare no owner into disposing of his timber claims at a sacrifice.

One of the best ways for timberland owners to comply with the law is to join county fire patrol associations that have been organized in most of the timbered counties of the state. It is expected that every timbered county will have such an organization before the fire season arrives. The experience of these associations, some of which have been in existence for four years, proves that adequate patrol can be secured at a cost of from 1 1/2 cents to 3 1/2 cents an acre, and if all of the timberland owners join, the average cost will be materially decreased. Protection from fire at a cost of \$3 to \$4 per quarter section should be welcomed by all timberland owners, and it is hoped that no one will be induced to

Broom Corn Industry

The Oregon Manufacturer: Although small and little known to date, the Richardson Broom factory of Adams, Umatilla county promises to develop into a large industry, opening a new field for the small tract farmer of Eastern Oregon. Last season being the first attempt at cultivation of broom corn in Eastern Oregon, the yield was not as great as it will be this year. However, 1 1/2 acres produced 1 1/2 tons of broom material, from which 100 dozen brooms, as good as ever were shipped in from the East, were made for a ready market. Three acres are to be sowed this year, which with suitable weather should yield net from \$100 to \$150 per acre. Prof. A. A. Assbahr, director of agriculture at the Pendleton High school, plans to plant several experimental patches of the seed this spring, with a view to furnishing data to the Eastern Oregon farmer, in hopes of increasing the production of broom corn in that territory.

State Fair

The State Fair will begin at Salem September 29 and will have to clash with the Walla Walla Fair, as there is no other date suitable. The recent session of the Legislature authorized the expenditure of \$60,000 for an exhibition building, and it is planned to make this year's fair the greatest ever. The money will not be available for 90 days and at that time preparations will be made for the building of the necessary structure. Most of the money will be spent on the new pavilion.

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sell holdings through misrepresentations made by unreliable timber brokers for the selfish purpose of increasing commissions.

SUGGESTIONS ON CONDUCTING WORK

Correspondent Thinks Demonstrations Should Pay Way

"The new Dean of the College of Agriculture asks our Legislature for an appropriation more than double that granted to his predecessor.

"The taxes to support his proposition will be largely paid by the farmers.

"The plea urged for the grant is the ensuing benefit. In what will this consist?"

"The reply is 'demonstration work.'

"This implies that our farmers are only half farmers, that we do not know our business. It implies further that Dean Hunt and his staff of University professors do know the business, and are competent, and sometimes willing, to descend to teach us: to 'demonstrate' to us just how we ought to farm.

"For one, I am aching to see this demonstration carried out on a basis of economic possibility. I want to see one of these gentlemen take hold of 500 acres, say in Southern Monterey, where the rainfall is light as a rule, and demonstrate by dry farming methods, seed selection, complete fertilization, and every other orthodox way known to the University, including the aid of the department of economics in marketing, just how to double the crop without doubling, or more than doubling, the expense.

"I want the farm accounts exactly kept, the professor's family expenses and salary paid out of the proceeds, and every detail of expenditures and receipts published in full.

"Should there be a handsome profit in view we shall then have proof positive that the faculty of the University know how to farm; otherwise not. Because, unless the year's operations show a fair profit, it is impossible for a farmer to continue in business. The one indispensable requirement in farming is to show a profit at the year's end.

"Edward Berwick, Berkeley, California.

Editor Lake County Examiner:

Dear Sir: I enclose the above article taken from the Sacramento Bee relative to the expenditure of the peo-

ple's money for the purpose of carrying on demonstration work at the Agricultural College, which I believe hits the nail on the head, and is just as applicable to our own state as to California.

Our agricultural colleges certainly should be conducted in such a way as to teach the people to follow the pursuit of agriculture profitably, and they will never teach it that way as long as it is necessary each year to furnish additional funds to carry on the work.

The reality these institutions are established for the purpose of demonstrating the proper methods of agriculture but when the results of their operations made it necessary to call for an appropriation to meet the expenses, there is certainly something wrong, for they are beyond the realms of usefulness so far as the ordinary farmer is concerned, for he must follow such lines of action in his agricultural operations as will result in an income sufficient to pay at least the running expenses and supply his family with the necessities of life, and all the agricultural colleges in the land could not make a successful farmer out of him if they taught him to do less than that.

When the Agricultural College can take the land and the seed and the necessary tools and produce crops and stock on a paying basis, it will be unnecessary to make appropriations from the State's funds to keep it going, and it will then have solved the great problem that is confronting the masses today, and be in a position to teach the individuals the science of self support directly from the land.

It seems to me that when an agricultural expert is unable to conduct his demonstrations from year to year without calling for additional funds each year, he has proved himself entirely incompetent to fill the position he occupies.

This is not intended as a personal reflection upon the work of any one in particular, but simply as an expression of my belief as to the principle that should govern the conduct of such institutions, and I believe they will never accomplish the good they should, until they are placed upon that basis.

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BIG EMIGRATION FOR NORTHWEST

Expected Many Swedes Will Come Here This Year

"There will be an extraordinarily heavy movement of emigrants out of Sweden, Denmark and Norway into Oregon and the Pacific Northwest within the next year or two," according to P. A. Paulson, representative of the Scandinavian-American and Russian-American Steamship Lines says the Portland Telegram. He has been making a thorough canvass of the situation in the three countries, compiling the data gathered by agents who have been working up business in those countries for several months past.

"I think I may safely predict the greatest movement in history from that portion of Northern Europe," he continued. "Thousands of farmers, both young men and those with good-sized families are more eager than ever to leave the old country and seek their fortunes in the new and promising territory out here. Their eyes have been turned away from the East and Middle Western States because of the good work their fellow-countrymen have been doing in writing back to the fatherland telling of the abundant opportunities out here. I need not emphasize the fact that the Scandinavian race is the thriftiest, most industrious and law-abiding class and invariably make the best class of citizens. They are always producing factors in any community.

"I find only one deterrent factor in the entire situation as regards the rapid and extensive colonization of this territory and that is the excessive values placed on agricultural lands. The Swedes and Norwegians have been accustomed to buying farms in Minnesota, the Dakotas and other Middle Western sections for about \$50 an acre, and out here the prices run as high as \$200 and over for raw land. This fact is holding a great mass of desirable foreigners from settling in this part of the country."

In spite of this drawback, Paulson is confident that the Northwest will attract many thousands of immigrants in the next few years.

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