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ELLIOTT URGES WAR AGAINST PINE BEETLE

(From the 1920 report of F. A. Elliott, state forester)

Oregon is the banner state of the Union in timber resources. Nature has endowed us, the people of this state, with a great heritage of trees now ripe for market. But the very magnitude and extent of these same possessions have also imposed on us tremendous responsibilities, for Nature has a tricky way of destroying in a day that which she has slowly wrought during centuries. Most of us now realize the necessity and obligation of preventing the spread of forest fires which in the past have converted great tracts of timber into worthless wastes. The proof that we do know is embraced in our excellent forestry code which, though it needs some revision and more drastic penalties, represents the constructive effort of a great people to protect their community property.

Destruction Increases

If fires were the only menace to our forests there would be no occasion for this chapter, but unfortunately in Eastern Oregon in our great bodies of pine timber, tree-killing beetles are annually reducing the stands at an alarming rate. In that connection two very significant factors appear:

(1) The people of this state generally are not aware of the real situation, hence our code makes no special provisions for combating the beetle, and (2) this destruction is distributed over almost the entire pine area and is rapidly increasing year by year.

Chamberlain's Report

The following is taken from the report of W. J. Chamberlain, Forest Entomologist, Oregon Agricultural College, who spent several months in an investigation of the pine beetle situation in Klamath county during the past summer:

"There have always been present in the yellow pine forests, insects which feed upon the various parts of the trees. The most destructive pest in western pine stands is the western pine bark beetle (Dendroctonus brevicornis) a tiny, dark-brown beetle which bores through the bark of the tree and excavates long, winding galleries in the cambium. In these galleries the beetles deposit small, white eggs, which hatch into tiny worms. The worms feed upon the cambium and inner bark, excavating their own galleries into the bark in search of food. Each worm later transforms into a beetle, which digs its way out of the tree and joins others of its kind to attack and kill other trees.

"The effect of these hundreds of insect galleries is to girdle thus cutting off its supply of food and water and causing death.

Breed in Slashings

"Normally these insects prefer weakened, dying or recently felled trees and in the original virgin forests they attacked windfalls and trees injured by fire, lightning, snow, frost, etc. After the advent of the white man, conditions were somewhat changed and the insects found ideal breeding grounds in the trees girdled by the settler in clearing the land, in the trees cut in clearing rights of way for railroads, wagon roads, trails, light and power lines and in the immense amount of slash, tops, stumps, broken and cull logs and damaged trees which resulted from logging operations. The debris resulting from these operations was allowed to remain on the forest floor, with the result that the insects attacked it and with the added food supply multiplied rapidly. In time the insects were too numerous to be accommodated by the amount of refuse in the forest and they were forced to attack healthy timber. In cases where only a few pair of beetles attack a healthy tree, the attack usually fails, the tree protecting itself by the flow of sap in the mines, drowning the insects. Where the attack is launched by thousands of individual insects, the tree is unable to overcome them and the attack is successful from sheer force of numbers.

Comes in Cycles

"When the beetles become abundant and kill large numbers of trees,

Grants Pass Legion Seeking to Revive The Boxing Game

Red Campbell, the sorrel-topped lad who won a decision over Bobby Wagner, of this city, at Chiloquin, last Thanksgiving day, after a battle in which it was hard to determine which one was punished the most, is scheduled to go up against the pugacious Puggy Morton, in Grants Pass, Friday, February 4. The boys are billed to go eight rounds, but either boy is so well equipped with sleep producers, that the battle is liable to terminate before the eighth round is reached.

Portland Jimmy Duffy, who almost annihilated Kid Brown of this city at a smoker given here in November, will go on with Johnny Carlson, labeled the lightweight pride of Southern Oregon, for eight rounds.

Kid Sargent of Ashland will try conclusions with Chet Brown of Medford, the same night.

This card will be given under the supervision of the American Legion of Grants Pass, which is making an effort to put the boxing game back into the good graces of the public in that city, and this program appears to be one which will help the Legion accomplish its object.

the infestation is known as an epidemic. These epidemic infestations usually run in cycles. Starting from the normal infestation (where less than one-tenth of one per cent of the timber is attacked) they increase in severity from year to year for a matter of four to six years, then gradually decrease to normal again.

Instances have been reported where as much as ten per cent of a given tract of timber has been destroyed in a period of four years, resulting in an irreparable loss to the owner and to the community.

Control is Possible

It has been thoroughly demonstrated by the Klamath-Lake Counties Forest Fire Association, that these depredations can be controlled and this association has since 1911 been doing control work on a limited area, but the method used—that of cutting, peeling and burning the bark of infested trees—is a slow and expensive operation and what is most needed now is to find a simpler and more effective method.

The title to our pine lands is held by individuals, co-partnerships, corporations, the state and the federal government, and the acreage vested runs from the little tract of forty acres to the great bodies under federal control. These ownerships are more or less intermingled. The beetle is gregarious and observes no boundary lines. The owner willing to exterminate this pest in his timber should be protected by law from his neighbor who is indifferent or unwilling.

U. S. Most Culpable

The federal government by virtue of administration of its national forests, Indian reservations, public lands and O. & C. lands is the largest owner and the most culpable. It has knowledge of the situation but very little money appropriated for work. It is losing millions of feet annually through neglect.

The present method of fighting the beetle is crude and expensive. Practically no improvement has been devised since the first control work was started. Private owners cannot afford to conduct experiments. This is purely a state and government function.

It would seem then that our duty is (1) to require all owners of beetle infested timber to control the same under the direction of the State Forester with a suitable appropriation for this purpose, and (2) that the Forestry Department of O. A. C. be provided with sufficient funds to make a study of better methods of control work, and (3) that congress should be urged to make a special appropriation for the Forest Service to be expended in immediate actual control work.

BILLS ASKS \$25,000 TO STUDY PINE BEETLE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Senator McNary has introduced a bill appropriating \$25,000 to permit the department of agriculture to study and exterminate the pine beetle. This pest was shown to have worked great havoc in western pine forests in the last few years.

EXPLANATION OF WORK OF COUNTY HEALTH NURSE

A public health nurse is a graduate, registered nurse who has had special training and experience in social case work and is prepared to apply her training to community needs.

The county public health nurse combines the work of all the special branches of public health nursing into one. Instead of having, as in the case in many cities, visiting nurses to go into the homes where there is illness and give hourly care; infant welfare nurses who will give mothers special instructions and advice about their babies and children under school age; school nurses to look after the health and welfare of the school child; tuberculosis nurses to teach the tuberculosis patient how to care for himself and prevent the spread of his disease to his family and neighbors, the county nurse will do all of these things as well as many others.

She may be called at the chamber of commerce by any one desiring to seek her assistance for himself, a member of his family, or a neighbor. The nurse's services are free to all who need her, but any one who can do so and wishes may pay for her services. This money will be turned in to the general fund and used by the nurse for general expenses.

If a physician desires the nurse's services for one of his patients, she will be glad to answer the call as her field of work is county wide. It will be impossible for the nurse to go into a home and remain there until the patient is better, but she will gladly instruct some member of the family to care for the sick one between her visits.

Miss Lydia Fricke has begun her work in the Klamath Falls schools and is sending word to the mothers before commencing to examine the children of each grade, to enable the mothers to attend the examination and consult with her if they wish. She will divide her time among the various sections of the county, giving a week to each section.

Miss Fricke will hold office hours every Saturday from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. in the Chamber of Commerce rooms and will be very glad to talk with any one who wishes to consult her.

RELIEF SHOWS ON TOMORROW

Local theatres are banking strongly upon the children and adults of the city to help them reap a generous financial harvest for the Eastern and Central European baby relief fund at the shows to be given here tomorrow. Eight reels of interesting movies will be shown in each theatre, and at the Mondale, at which the show will begin at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the Melody Maids will also perform, gratis. The show at the Star will begin at 10 o'clock in the morning.

The admission will be 10 cents for children, and 25 cents for adults, but if any person wants to give more for this very good cause, it will be accepted gladly, and the entire proceeds will be sent to the committee in San Francisco.

Local schools, like the other schools all over the west, will be dismissed in order to permit pupils to attend these shows.

Important Meeting For Episcopalians

Following the lecture by Archdeacon Watters at the Odd Fellows hall tonight, there will be a meeting of Episcopalians to consider arrangements for holding Episcopal services here regularly. This meeting will be important to all members of the Episcopal faith and all are urged to attend.

Archdeacon Watters lecture will last from 7:30 to 8:30. The business meeting will start at 8:45.

BILL WOULD RAISE PAY OF CO. OFFICIALS

A bill has been introduced in the state senate by Senator Upton for an increase in salaries for Klamath county officials. Representatives Burdick and Overturf are collaborating in the passage of the measure.

The largest individual increase is for the assessor, whose pay if the bill passes would be raised from \$1500 to \$3000 a year.

It is proposed to raise the salary of the county school superintendent from \$1500 to \$2400.

The county judge would get an increase of \$500 yearly, making his annual stipend \$2000.

Instead of the five dollars for each day that they are employed in the transaction of county business, as at present, the commissioners would draw an annual salary of \$1500.

The salaries of the sheriff, clerk and treasurer remain at \$3000, \$2,000 and \$1500 a year, respectively.

In a separate bill it is proposed to increase the per diem of all county surveyors of the state from \$5 to \$10, and pay of their assistants in the field from \$2.50 to \$5 a day.

NO RAISE FOR CIRCUIT JUDGES

(By Associated Press) SALEM, Feb. 2.—The bill proposing to increase the salaries of circuit judges from \$4,000 to \$5,000 a year was amended today to eliminate the increase, but a provision was inserted for payment of expenses of judges when on duty outside their home counties and within their districts.

The joint committee on county and state offices today referred to the ways and means committee, without recommendation, all salary increase bills affecting state officers.

Boy Scout Council Selects Officers

At a meeting held in the chamber of commerce rooms yesterday afternoon, M. S. West was chosen president of the boy scout organization. W. O. Smith was chosen first vice-president; C. H. Daggott as second vice president; A. C. Yaden as secretary; and J. C. Thompson as treasurer. Robert Goets principal of the high school was made scout commissioner.

The local boy scout council has applied to the national headquarters for a charter, and the organization of troops will begin within a short time.

Seeks Information Of Missing Man

The First National bank has received a letter from Mrs. Perry F. Nicholson, of Deputy, Indiana, which contains a request for information regarding George Phillips, who is known to have been in this city in 1912. According to registration records, George Phillips lived on the highlands above the river not far from here, and was 44 years of age at the time he registered. Inquiry here has developed nothing definite regarding him. The First National bank will reply to Mrs. Nicholson's letter as soon as it learns anything about Mr. Phillips.

ONLY ONE FIRE IN CITY DURING JANUARY.

With the close of January, Fire Chief Delaney shows a record for the month of only one fire, this one occurring at the city heating plant about two weeks ago. The total damage was estimated at \$1,000.

LOS ANGELES ABDUCTORS GET STIFF SENTENCES.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 2.—Arthur W. and Floyd Carr, confessed kidnapers of Mrs. Gladys Withereil, were today sentenced to indeterminate terms of from ten years to life imprisonment in San Quentin.

Medford Opposes Japanese Schemes For Colonization

(By Associated Press) MEDFORD, Feb. 2.—Plans to re-settle the settlement in the Rogue River valley of Japanese from California were laid at a meeting of representative citizens called by the American Legion here last night.

Resolutions were adopted urging the legislature to enact an anti-alien land law.

DIES SUDDENLY FROM APOPLEXY

Mrs. Charles Humphrey, a well known resident of the city collapsed suddenly this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at her home at 42 Pine street and died without regaining consciousness. Medical aid was immediately summoned but the skill of the physician was unavailing. Apoplexy was the cause of death.

Mrs. Humphrey had been in apparently good health except that the removal of some teeth two or three days ago had caused her some pain.

She is survived by her husband, who is employed by the Ewauna Box company. A sister, Mrs. John E. Davis lives at Dunsmuir, Cal., and there are a number of relatives in North and South Dakota and other parts of the east. The bereaved husband is a brother of George Humphrey, former sheriff.

The decedent was about 41 years old. She left no children.

Barbers Victors In Bowling Contest

Swansen's Barbers took two out of three games from the Rex Cafes in the Elks' bowling tournament last night. Lorenz for the barbers making high three-game total with a score of 526. Sheets, of the cafe men, made a score of 201, which was high for the evening.

The two-man tournament will begin within a few days, and Manager Mike Lavenick would like to have all those who are going to enter it to see him at once.

Last night's scores:

Rex Cafes—			
Noel	155	194	117—466
Wiley	149	157	150—456
Wilson	151	160	143—454
Sheets	201	130	181—512
Ambrose	185	150	157—492
	851	791	748
Swansen Barbers—			
Perillard	190	158	170—518
Anderson	163	132	128—423
Lorenz	167	177	182—526
Ackley	156	159	183—498
Swansen	112	174	108—394
	788	800	771

Auto Owners Will Perfect Organization

Automobile owners were filing in to the chamber of commerce rooms this afternoon, long before the time set for the calling of the meeting at which the permanent organization of the Klamath county automobile association will be effected. At a meeting held last week, a committee presented an outline of the work which it considered should be taken up by the association, and it is expected that most of these suggestions will be adopted. The election of officers will also take place this afternoon, and a diligent search is being made among the available timber for a progressive, level-headed man to head the organization. Optimism is evident, and it is a foregone conclusion that any action taken this afternoon will be attended by harmony and common sense.

LIBERTY MARKET CLOSED.

The Liberty Market, located at Third and Main streets, has been closed up pending the settlement of attachment proceedings brought by the Klamath Packing company. C. F. W. Werner, the proprietor, expects to have the difficulty readjusted within a few days, and will then re-open for business.

WEATHER REPORT

OREGON—Thursday rain in west; rain or snow in east.

PHONE REPORT PUTS BLAME ON WAR CONDITIONS

Telephones and the local telephone service was the subject under discussion at the chamber of commerce luncheon in the Rex cafe this noon, R. C. Groesbeck, chairman of the investigating committee, supplementing the reading of the report with a few explanatory remarks. J. E. Enders and J. R. Kelley are the other members of the committee.

The patient telephone user, rather than the petulant telephone user, was considered in the report, said Mr. Groesbeck, as the latter was not worth considering in a matter of the importance of the one under investigation. Constructive criticism and not abusive criticism, was the nature of the report.

The substance of the committee's findings is that the sometimes inadequate service here is due to a lack of adequate equipment. Orders for additional equipment have been placed by Manager E. T. Ludden, the report stated, but no time for delivery of the orders had been stated. However, back orders, due to recovery from war-time conditions, would be filled more readily from now on.

The Western Electric company, which supplies most of the telephone equipment in the west was, during the war, restricted to deliveries of only 10 per cent of their output during the war for other than war-time purposes. This caused an immense shortage for regular commercial uses. Six thousand new phones were installed on the Pacific coast last year, an amount out of proportion with the ordinary demand. Many things needed in telephone installations were extremely hard to secure. The local office, the report stated, has made requisition for more switchboard facilities, and other accessories, 20 months ago, and up-to-date only 65 per cent of the order has arrived. Two more operators will be employed as soon as the switchboards can be installed.

During the last six months no telephones have been received here to offset the order for 190 telephones. Within the last 11 months 227 telephones have been installed here, Klamath Falls, in that respect, showing an increase of 22.88 per cent, second only to Santa Cruz, which showed a gain of 30.777 per cent.

A wage scale set by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, over which local conditions exert no influence, is also responsible for frequent poor service. Only \$12 per week is paid to beginners by the company, and after five years' service, operators receive \$17. Consequently it is impossible to keep operators, other lines of work giving them better wages. Nine out of 14 employees quit the local office within a couple of weeks a short time ago, and as it takes at least 30 days for an operator to become even passably competent, this low wage scale, according to the report, is a handicap second only to the lack of equipment.

The committee suggested patience with the local exchange until more equipment can be secured.

In a few words, Manager Ludden stated that wages had advanced from \$2.75 per day for linemen in 1914, to \$6.75 at this time. Other costs have also mounted he said. The residence rates, however, are the same as they were in 1910, while business phones, representing only 25 per cent of the total, bring only a slightly increased revenue.

An increase in rates is the only remedy, said Mr. Ludden.

DEMPSEY—WILLARD BOUT IS OFF SAYS CHAMPION

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 2.—The 15 round bout between Jack Dempsey and Jess Willard, former champion, scheduled for March 17 at New York, has been cancelled according to announcement made here today by Dempsey.

GASOLINE REDUCED.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—The Standard Oil company today announced a reduction of one cent a gallon on gasoline and kerosene.