

ments total 5,000,000 feet.  
St. Helens weekly lumber ship-  
ment 2,000,000 feet of lumber.

Reedport to have new lighting  
system January 1.

Roseburg ships 350 carloads brood-  
call to eastern markets.

Deschutes county lumber output  
207,000,000 feet in 1922, compared  
with 167,000,000 feet in 1921.

St. Helens leads Japanese steamer  
with 2,000,000 feet of lumber.

Junction City cannery to be en-  
larged.

Southern Pacific company to add  
\$50,000 in buildings at Brooklyn  
shops.

Polk county budget reduced about  
\$10,000.

## TWO PROBLEMS IN FORESTRY

(By U. S. Forest Service)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—Every year makes the forest problem of the United States more clear, says Colonel William B. Greeley, in the annual report of the forest service, United States department of agriculture, issued today.

The problem, continues Colonel Greeley's statement, has two main features. The first feature is the rising cost of timber products, which is due primarily to heavier transportation charges from more and more distant sources of supply. The cut of lumber is decreasing in all the Eastern states; in practically every state west of the great plains it is increasing. The large sawmills of the country are in full migration westward to the last great virgin timber supply of the Pacific coast. During the past 20 years the pineries of the South have been the mainstay of the densely populated Central and Eastern states for the soft wood lumber used in building, in general construction and in many manufactures. Their cut is dwindling. Every year scores of sawmills are dismantled.

The rapid increase in lumber shipments through the Panama canal foreshadows the time in the near future, when the principal source of soft wood lumber for the entire nation will have shifted to the west coast and the average freight cost paid by the home builder or manufacturer will have advanced to a new and higher level.

When the coniferous virgin timber of the far west is exhausted in its turn, if the principal source of supply shifts to Siberia or South America the transportation conditions which control the present lumber market will become different only in degree. Further, as the sources of supply become more restricted and more distant from the principal centers of consumption, opportunities for competition are lessened; and temporary shortages due to bad seasons, labor troubles or congestion of transportation facilities are more probable and more severe.

Thus the conditions of the trade become more favorable to monopolistic control, to violent market fluctuations, and to high prices. And we are dealing with a basic raw material, as widely used and as necessary to national existence as coal.

The second feature of our forest problem is the unproductive condition of immense areas of land which are not adapted to agriculture.

The amount of unproductive land left in the wake of sawmills or abandoned by the farmer has assumed enormous proportions. Our merchantable timber is being cut at the rate of 4,000,000 or 5,000,000 acres annually, and enormous areas of logged-off land have accumulated which are not fit for cultivation, but on which little or no new timber is being grown. The extent to which these millions of acres of idle land have been swelled by the ebbing tide of cultivation in many states is not generally realized. In 18 of the Eastern and East Central states the improved farm land shrank at the rate of 500,000 acres a year.

There can be no question as to the steady shrinkage in the cultivated area of a considerable number of the oldest and most populous states and the consequent lapse of large areas of land into partial or complete idleness. What to do with unused and unproductive land is one of the most fundamental economic and social problems of the United States.

Including burned and cut over areas and abandoned fields which once grew timber, one-third of the soil of the Union is forest land. And three-fourths of it lies in the Mississippi Valley and eastward to the Atlantic coast, in the very states having the densest population and the largest consumption of timber products. Over 40 per cent of New York and Pennsylvania is forest land. Seventy-five per cent of Maine and New Hampshire is forest land. From 45 to 70 per cent of the area of each of the South Atlantic and Gulf states is forest land.

The use of these vast areas of non-tillable land for growing successive crops of timber would kill two birds with one stone. It would insure ultimately a supply of forest products adequate for all national requirements; and it would go far toward maintaining a virile rural population and stable rural communities in the region of inferior soil and limited agriculture.

## Mother of 16 Freed by Judge



Mrs. Dora Margowsky of New York City, who is 29 years old and the mother of 16 children, was discharged when hauled into court for alleged violation of the education law. The mother proved her ability to rear and educate her family. Here she is shown teaching her youngest child, Morris, to write.



SEATTLE, Dec. 23.—A program of active cooperation of Washington, Oregon and Idaho state colleges with the United States veterans' bureau in furnishing disabled veterans training in agriculture on their own land projects with expert instruction was announced today by L. C. Joseph, Seattle, district manager of the veterans' bureau. Instruction units are being formed where 15 farm trainees can be found within a radius of 20 miles, it was said.

Mr. Joseph announced that three college instructors have been assigned to instruct veterans taking project training in the state of Washington, two in the state of Oregon and instructors will be furnished ex-service farmers in Idaho as soon as the demand warrants.

"This plan of having college experts visit various land projects which are being developed by disabled world war veterans was initiated recently in this district and is being copied in other parts of the United States," said Mr. Joseph.

"The agricultural expert paid by the state college visits the veteran in his particular district at least once

a week for a period of two or three hours, each instructor having from 20 to 25 land students. It means that the disabled veteran learning the business of farming is going to receive instruction on the latest methods of scientific and intensive farming without leaving his project."

Announcement was made that there are more than 200 project trainees in the Pacific Northwest district and a total of approximately 600 training in agriculture of some kind.

In an effort to have all compensation claims of hospitalized war veterans in the Pacific Northwest adjudicated before Jan. 1, a campaign has been started by the United States veterans' bureau to make a survey of all service men in hospitals and push the claims of those who are able to connect their disabilities with war service. Mr. Joseph also announced four federal officials were assigned to the task in this district.

There are now 356 ex-service people in hospitals of this district, he stated, an increase of about 10 in the last 10 days.

## By Our Country Editors

### WORDEN

C. J. McCollum and family attended Siskiyou County Grange Saturday last at Dorris, California.

The California Oregon Power company has removed the switch from Ady to the Owens farm, near Worden.

George Pool, of the T. A. Grubb logging camp is home for a few days' recreation.

H. F. Chapman and R. H. Jones attended to business matters in Dorris Saturday morning.

C. N. Gordon of Kirk came in to spend the holidays with relatives.

Miss Marian Kelley, who has been visiting in Worden, returned on Saturday morning to her home in Grants Pass.

R. W. Nelson and Miss Helen Caldwell of the Keno district were Worden visitors Christmas morning.

R. G. Patch has leased the farm holdings of R. N. Warnock at Worden, taking possession in the early spring.

The Worden Library club will hold its semi-monthly dance January 7. These gatherings have promoted a community interest, adding to social welfare.

Charlie Snowgoose, one of Keno's genial old-timers, substituted for D. R. Dotson on the Keno-Worden star route the last of the week.

Mrs. I. M. McAllister and daughter, Erma, left Saturday morning for Grants Pass, where they will spend the school vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Chapman of Topsy, Calif., are spending the holidays with their father, H. F. Chapman, of Worden.

The Christmas program of the Worden school was an enjoyable affair. The house was comfortably filled, and good cheer reigned. Much credit is due Miss McAllister on training, decorations and for the

tasty tree. Dialogues, declamations and songs proved due diligence on part of pupils and teacher. Saint Nicholas was represented by Henry Gordon, whose pack of good things was first passed to the kiddies, then to the grown-ups, all relishing his generosity. Christmas, 1922, will be long remembered.

### ALGOMA

George Ketslever returned Monday from Klamath Falls where he was visiting for a few weeks.

P. Peterstiner went to Klamath Falls Thursday to purchase supplies.

J. E. Elliott passed through here with his cattle Thursday. He intends to feed them the rest of the winter on his ranch on the Merrill road.

August Kruger went to Klamath Falls Monday to purchase supplies.

George and John Hagelstian sold some cattle to the Klamath Packing company. They delivered them Monday.

Wm. Uhrman and Paul Herzoy went to Klamath Falls Wednesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Mosters returned Saturday from Chiloquin, where they were visiting with Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Davison.

Portland—\$175,000 eight-story specialty shop building to be erected on site of old J. K. Gill building.

Forest Grove—Pacific university to get \$100,000 conservatory of music.

Huntington—Biggest cement deposit in west being developed here.

Ashland—S. P. Co. spending \$35,000 on new tracks here.

Prineville—Burned sawmill at Grizzly being rebuilt.

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