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FOREST FIRE PREVENTION

Leading foresters have asserted that the prevention and suppression of forest fires constitutes between 75 and 90 per cent of the present problem of reforestation. Government statistics indicate that forest fires annually burn over approximately 90 million acres of forest lands and cause a damage in the neighborhood of \$30,000,000 a year. These fires annually destroy enormous quantities of merchantable timber and young forest growth. In fact, about one-seventh of all the timber removed from the nation's forests each year is destroyed by forest fire and this vast supply of incessant burning over of cut-over timber serves no useful purpose. The land has created large barren areas which can be restored to timber production only by artificial planting and which, because the frequent fires have destroyed the humus in the soil and robbed it of its fertility, will not be suitable for agriculture until the soil has been properly built up and its fertility restored.

So serious is this fire hazard that owners of forest lands cannot insure their standing timber and this fact has been one serious obstacle to the undertaking of commercial reforestation by private owners. Many students of our forestry problem have held that the fire hazard may largely control the extent to which owners of land can engage in the business of growing trees. If growing forests could be insured at reasonable rates, or if their security from fire could be made comparable to that of other classes of property, a great impetus would be given to the production of timber.

With respect to forest fire prevention and suppression, the public to a certain extent, already has been brought to a recognition of its share of responsibility.

The cities and towns of the country have long recognized that the prevention and suppression of fire was a municipal, or public, function and obligation, and no individual, industry, or group of business men was held responsible for preventing or suppressing fires in his or their own property. This is done by the municipal government, the public.

But only within comparatively recent years has the public recognized its responsibility in the matter of preventing suppressing forest fires, that duty previously having been shifted onto the individual owner of the forest land.

The work now being done by the Stop Forest Fires association of Klamath county along educational lines is to be commended, and it is hoped that the annual loss by fires this summer will be far less than heretofore.

Just now the Pacific Northwest is much interested in practical ways of utilizing the waste of our logging camps and sawmills. Dr. K. F. Vaughn has an interesting article in the April Four L bulletin on the steam distillation of waste wood products.

Dr. Vaughn is a research engineer located at Portland. He designed the Louisiana Fiber Board company's plant, built at Bolalouss, La., in 1912. This was a pioneer operation in utilizing sawmill waste through direct steam distillation process. With a \$25,000 equipment this plant recovered a sufficient amount of turpentine and by-products alone to pay salaries of officers, engineer, taxes and insurance on plant and equipment.

Douglas fir and Ponderosa pine waste products may be so utilized, Dr. Vaughn declared. It is merely a matter of intelligent direction and the necessary capital. In the Louisiana plant the turpentine was sold to a paint manufacturer on contract. Container board products, the chief output, were merchandised at a cost of 5 per cent through a broker. There was no selling problem and no difficulty was encountered in disposing of the products so reclaimed. This fiber board operation has since been taken over by the Great Southern Lumber company—Four L Bulletin.

ALBERT GODDARD NOW MUCH BETTER

Albert Goddard, formerly night oiler at Ewauna sawmill, who has been in the Klamath General hospital for the past two weeks following a major operation left the hospital yesterday. Goddard expected to leave the hospital earlier, but it is rumored that he became enamored of a nurse and violently resisted all efforts to oust him from the hospital.

STIRRING PLEA FOR OUT OF DOORS IS MADE BY CONGRESSMAN HAWES

A beautiful eulogy of the out-of-doors as a factor in the mental, moral and physical life of America, was voiced in the House of Representatives February 2, by the Hon. Harry B. Hawes, of St. Louis, representative of the Eleventh Missouri district.

He took the floor in the interests of House Bill No. 10699, providing for federal protection of the American black bass, and before he had exhausted the time allotted had made one of the most remarkable pleas for conservation of our national resources and protection of our wild life ever heard in the lower federal legislative branch. Excerpts from his talk, aside from arguments for the protection of the bass, were as follows:

"The Boy Scout movement, the Girl Scout movement, the annual campings of scholars and teachers, the return to the big outdoors for health and vigor, is stimulating the imagination and means a stronger, a better, healthier America, both physically and morally.

"When we lose our pep, when good food tastes bad, when friends do not satisfy, when life becomes a bore, when music seems out of tune, when the old dog annoys, when the doctor fails, and the good wife irritates, there is but one remedy for the 'un-down', and it is found in the forests or on the streams in the 'big outdoors.'

"There we go to church and worship God by conversing with the things He made, listening to sermons from rocks and trees, choir music from the birds.

"4 Apostles Fishermen
"If you need a fresh start and want to lose the run-down feeling and get back your pep, go fishing.

"It is a notable fact that of the Twelve Apostles selected by Christ, four were fishermen.

"They were natural philosophers, who made their living in the big, wide open; who knew the stars, the tempest, the sea, the moon, the winds, and the calm.

"They were prepared for a campaign for men, because they had first campaigned with the elements of nature.

"Study of nature had prepared them for a study of men, and their thoughts and teachings were big, like the outdoors, from whence they came.

"Every great man we have had was an outdoor man. Every man with big thoughts is at some time compelled to get away from the little things that cramp and bind, and forced to seek revitalization, new energy, and a broader perspective by contact with nature.

"The city bed and fancy sanitation are luxuries made more attractive by a week on the ground; the camp fire makes the radiator endurable; the flapjack, the bacon and the browned fish bring the 'comeback' after hard work and the hotel menu.

"The city and the town have their call, but they have a sameness and a 'too sameness' to be palatable for

all of the 12 months.
"To rest we must find a change. The same streets, the same roofs, the same faces, the same sights, though of the best, like food of the same kind, pall upon the appetite and tire the brain.

"The Lure of the Wild
"We must find real rest by seeking contrast, by finding the 'big outdoors,' by not living too much and too long indoors.

"The doctor tries his medicine and fails, the friend his companionship and fails; and if they are wise physicians and thoughtful friends they advise a change of scenery, a new environment.

"What is becoming of our 'big outdoors?' Where are the animals, the birds and the fishes whose presence renewed the primitive and stronger natural instincts? They are disappearing; now almost gone.

"Can individuals stay their departure? Can citizens hold these things for our children? Not by individual action. Only the state and nation are strong enough to keep these retreats and asylums for the benefit of both the wild things and for men and women.

"It can be done only by the intelligent action of the legislatures of the states and the congress of the nation.

"This bill promises to give the 'kid' the things that we enjoy and save for them some of our pleasures.

"The four score and ten,' the big thoughts, the big conscience, and the big patriotism came from communion with the 'big outdoors.'

"When we lose the 'big outdoors' we lose part of our national pride, pluck and patriotism.

"When we keep the 'big outdoors,' we keep our best thoughts, our best resolutions, and, above all, our best traditions.

"When we keep our outdoors, we make a real, substantial, dividend-paying investment in national prosperity, in national health, in national conscience, and public welfare.

"The 'big outdoors' saves the strength, saves the nerves, saves the brain, and saves the doctor bill.

"The 'big outdoors' strengthens the conscience, conscience strengthens the religion, religion gave the Ten Commandments amid the Ten Commandments founded laws which make the Christian nation.

"The lakes, rivers, and streams where fish are found are public property, open to the rich and poor alike.

"Fishing is the least expensive of all outdoor sports. It gives the youngest boy his first contact with nature; his first feeling of manly.

"Where a state finds it must conserve its black bass and its power to do so is curtailed; Federal assistance in enforcing state determination can be objected to only by those persons who try to violate the laws of their own states.

"This is not a sportsman's bill. It is for the rich and poor alike. It is to preserve for those who come after the things we have enjoyed."

SAVE THE FORESTS

A tiny camp fire left aglow. The kind you thought was out, you know— May blaze anew a thousand fold. Your fire's not out until it's cold.

"What causes forest fires?" you say. Often the stubs you throw away. Fanned by the idling summer breeze So set your heel upon them, please.

You like to fish? Of course you do. And fishing streams are mighty few. The forest fire's the reason why. For forests burnt mean streams gone dry.

You like the hunting in the fall? Most fellows do—and if they'd all Put out their fires before they go. The game would have a better show.

Get the habit, nothing to it. All the regular fellows do it. Break your match before you drop it. Fire's our bugbear, help us stop it.

Travelers, please, before you go. Douse your fire with H2O. Pour some more if you're in doubt. Camp fires are the best things OUT.

A word to every logging crew. The timber burnt is lost to you; Each forest fire is lost that gets away. Shuts down the work, and docks your pay.

READ FOR WORK

H. C. Leonard and Carl Bellows will dog for the Shasta View Lumber and Box the coming season.

WHO AM I?

I have scattered bread crumbs, tin cans, Sunday supplements and paper plates from the Caves in Southern Oregon to Mount Maker in northern Washington.

I have hacked forest trees and left campfires burning from the California line to the Canadian border.

I have hooked pears from a Medford orchard and walnuts in the Willamette Valley, 'Rome Beauties' from beautiful Hood River and 'Delicious' apples from the broad Yakima Valley.

I have rolled rocks into the sapphire depths of Crater Lake and thrown tin cans into Lake Chelan.

I have seen all, heard all, and in my weak way, have managed to destroy much.

I am the careless and thoughtless American Tourist.

PAUL DYHRMAN IS CRIBBAGE "SHARK"

Paul Dyhrman, general handy man around the Community club, has become quite a cribbage shark. Other members of the club could not understand his proficiency for some time, but they finally discovered that Dyhrman pegged fourteen two as easily as fifteen two. Members take warning.

IN FROM KENO

C. E. Randall, logging contractor from McCullum was in town Monday on business.

Forests thrive if kept alive, but a smouldering spark leaves them dead and dark.

Loggers, Millworkers

Here's

YOUR PAPER

This is put out for the express purpose of giving you the news about yourself and for yourself.

What's in here you have had your share in placing and what is left out is left out because you didn't let us know about it.

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