

SLASH BURNING DISCUSSED BY F. A. ELLIOT

State Forester Gives Points For Disposal of Limbs From Logged Land

The disposal of slashings from logging operations continues to be one of the most serious problems confronting the State Board of Forestry. Indications the early part of the season were that conditions would be favorable for slash disposal, and an aggressive campaign was started. However, owing to continued dry weather, the work was temporarily abandoned and later resumed only during short periods throughout the summer when conditions were favorable. Owing to the unsatisfactory weather it was impossible to do as much of this work as was desired. However, as a result of this activity, 23,956 acres were burned before and after the closed season. During the closed season 18,650 acres were burned under 1271 permits.

There is no unanimity of opinion as to the best time of the year to burn, not as to the extent of preparation necessary to make for safety. However, it is a well-known fact that operators prefer to take a chance rather than spend money in making a slashing reasonably safe. Many of the most disastrous fires of the season were due to this lack of preparation on the part of operators before burning or where slashings were, for various reasons, left on the ground and caught fire during the dry season.

The neglect of operators to take the necessary precautions before burning slashings is general throughout the state, and bad fires do break out, resulting in opposition to the law and condemnation of the department in attempting to enforce it.

Climatic conditions entirely govern successful slash disposal and advantage must be taken of every opportunity in getting the debris cleaned up each year. Due to loss from hangover fires from spring slash burning, operators have been quick to condemn the practice, not taking into consideration where they were at fault.

Spring slash burning can be done and done successfully, weather conditions permitting, if the proper precautions are taken prior to setting the fire. These should include:

(1) Felling of snags at least along the exterior boundaries of the area to be burned. One of the most fertile sources of fires is from snags, not only during the burning but afterward. Fire in the top of snags has been known to persist for weeks, and even months, and during the first high wind sparks will be blown a long distance. During periods of fire hazard this becomes a distinct menace and one that could be overcome by felling snags.

(2) Construction of fire trails. The purpose of these is obvious. They can be used as a base from which to start burning and also serve to confine the fire to the area which is to be burned.

(3) Placing sufficient men on the work to properly do the burning and see that it is confined to the designated area. The usual custom among operators when burning is to be done is to turn a few men loose to promiscuously scatter fire over the area.

(4) Starting fires in the proper place. Direction of the wind, topography and fire trails should be taken into consideration in starting the fires.

(5) One of the most important factors to be taken into consideration is weather conditions. Through the weather bureau or the district warden it can be determined what weather conditions will be for the next day or so. Furthermore, a sling psychrometer should be a part of every camp's equipment, and then no mistake can be made in regard to relative humidity. Burning should be done only when the humidity is rising.

(6) Lastly, every effort should be made following the burning to extinguish fires along the boundaries of the area burned where there is the least danger of them spreading.

Damages resulting from the past summer from fires escaping through improper slash burning have reached a high figure. This loss is far in excess of any necessary cost in the proper burning of slash. Other losses have been due to the failure of operators to dispose of their slash. One method of reducing fire losses and fire hazard is the proper burning of all slashings wherever they are a menace to any surrounding property.

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ual takes up the matter of slash disposal in considerable detail in all the different regions of the Northwest, giving advice as to preparatory work and the actual burning.

Since the law requires the burning of slashings, and the practice of good forestry demands that it be burned before germination of the seed takes place in order to insure a new stand in a reasonable length of time, an effort should be made to conform as closely as possible to silvicultural requirements when taking up methods and time of slash disposal.

Milling Around

ONE DOWN

One day as I was sitting on a street car going to Robinsdale a young lady entered the car with a baby in her arms and gave the conductor a dollar bill.

Conductor—"Madam, have you anything smaller?"

Lady—"Why, no; I have only been married a year."

"Marriage is a wonderful institution."

"Yes, indeed; no family should be without it."

First cannibal, running into camp—"Is I late fo' dinner?"

Second cannibal—"You is; everybody's eaten."

HIS STRONG POINT

"Is your husband much of a provider, Malindy?"

"He ain't nothing else, ma'am. He's gwine get some new furniture providin' he gets the money; he's gwine get the money providin' he goes to work; he's gwine to work providin' de job suits him; I never see such a providin' man in all mah days."

OLAF HAS TAKING WAYS

On leaving his room in the West hotel, Minneapolis, Olaf read this card on the door: "Stop Have you left anything?" And then he went back and took the soap and towels.

IGNOBLE DEED

Harry—"I just adore the way your room-mate dresses."

Mary—"Oh! Has she been leaving her shades up again?"

A reckless girl pawned her jewelry, her dresses, her lingerie—and then she came to herself.

Steamboat Captain (who has just fallen overboard), Don't stand there like a dumbbell! Give a yell, can't you?

New Deckhand—Certainly, sir. Captain! Rah! Rah! Rah! Rah! Captain.

ACCORDING TO HOYLE

"Well!" muttered father as the nurse brought in the newly-arrived twins, "Here's where a pair makes a full house."

"Why you looking so sad, old man?"

"Oh, we had an accident up at our house."

"Yes?"

"Yep. You see, I was goin' to kill my wife, and the cook got in the way and I shot her."

Helen of Troy was the first woman on record to go to Paris to complete her education.

WASTED EFFORT

A Scotchman was found dead in front of a one-cent punching machine. The coroner found that death had been caused by over-exertion.

Investigation disclosed a sign reading: "Your penny returned if you hit hard enough."

OH!

Connie was happy. She lay half reclining against the big soft pillows on her bed. She was dressed only in her scanty blue pajamas which were really very transparent. The outline of her well-rounded figure could easily be seen in the dim warm light. A faint scent of sweet perfume prevailed in the room. Connie gazed longingly with her big, soft, blue eyes to a corner of the room where a deep masculine voice was saying with emotion, "Ah, dear, sweet, girl, you see I have come to you. With your shy, winning ways you have lured me here. Come to my arms. I love you."

Connie rose slowly from the bed as if drawn by some power, and approached the voice timidly. Her charming red lips were slightly parted and her eyes shone with a warm glow. As she drew nearer, her breath seemed to come in short gasps.

The masculine voice continued, "We are finally all alone, dear, and love—"

Connie reached the source of the voice and with arms extended she reached and shut off the switch on

the radio set, saying with a sigh, "Oh, dear, but these radio plays are becoming so mushy."

She: I think you must be a wonderful basketball player.

He: What makes you think so?

My foot work?

She: No, the way you dribble your food.

"He says he loves me and he has known me only for two days."

"That's why."

A New Brand

"What brand's the Butt?" said Bill to his friend with the end of a cigar in his mouth.

"That's a Baseball Special."

"Gwan, there ain't no such rope."

"Sure there is—it was a grounder and I picked it up."

The following is not without subtlety. A man came home to the wife of his bosom in the wee hours and proceeded to disrobe. "Frank," said his wife, "you haven't got on your underwear. You were wearing them when you left this morning. I'm perfectly sure."

Her spouse glanced down for a moment, puzzled. "Good God," he said, "I've been robbed."

"Dirty-Shirt" Dan came riding down the main street of Cactus in a cloud of dust. He was riding a panther with a cactus saddle, a wild cat was under his left arm, and he was beating the panther with a rattlesnake. He dismounted with a flourish in front of July and August's, swaggered in, and bellowed in a loud voice, "Gimme me favorite drink: lye, sulphuric acid, a couple o' shots o' arsenic and some nitroglycerine."

He downed his drink with a gulp.

"Where do you come from?" quavered the barkeep.

"Aw," said "Dirty-Shirt," "I come from up on the hills. The tough guys run me out."

A WOMAN OF PARTS

Manager: Miss Hilda Hay will now give her famous shimmy dance.

Diner: Ah, a joint concert.

ALGOMA ITEMS

Marvin Eaton, who drives a tractor for the Algoma Lumber company is in the Klamath Valley hospital suffering from burns and bruises received when he unthinkingly cranked the tractor while it was yet in gear. The tractor caught Eaton and pushed him against a radiator in the garage, where he was imprisoned three or four minutes. A passer-by heard him call and went to his rescue. His back was badly burned and his body bruised about the hips so that his legs were paralyzed. He is improving and no permanent injuries are expected.

Oley Dollarhide, sawyer at the Algoma mill reports that his son, Albert, who has been seriously ill, is much improved, though it will be some time before he is able to be around again. Albert is a junior in the Klamath Falls high school.

The little son of F. E. Swenson is quite ill with tonsillitis.

Mrs. Eaton has returned to her home at Mathewson, after a visit of two weeks spent with her daughter, Mrs. R. Neuhata.

Mrs. B. George, of Kirby, Oregon, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jno. Hoffman.

Bennett and Edward, small sons of B. J. Loftsgaard, are recovering from an attack of the flu.

George Uhrine, who has been sick the past two weeks, is again able to be at work.

W. Engle is at the Klamath Valley hospital receiving treatment.

Fred Stuart, the master mechanic, made a trip to the woods camp Sunday to make some repairs on the locomotive.

The work of laying the bricks for the dry kiln was started this week. W. D. Miller has completed the concrete work.

Dick Bessie spent a couple of days in the Klamath Valley hospital last week.

Friday was the last day of school and a picnic was held at Wulikee for the children. A delicious lunch was served, and the remainder of the day spent in boat riding and games.

Mrs. M. White of Klamath Falls left Friday morning to visit her mother and sisters. Mrs. White formerly lived in Algoma.

Mrs. J. A. Martin and children of Klamath Falls were guests at the school picnic. Mrs. Martin was formerly a resident of Algoma.

The ball game Sunday on the Algoma diamond between Lamm's mill and Algoma ended in a victory for Algoma, the score being 27 to 7.

BRIBERY!

Lumberlogue unearthed some toothsome scandal about Superintendent Bill Horbelt, of the Wheeler-Olmstead mill, last week, but Horbelt bought us off. The men are trying to make up a purse sufficiently large to have the news published next week.

CARRIAGE SMASH IS SUFFERED BY BIG LAKES MILL

Pin Drops From Carriage Bracket, Releasing Piston

The pin dropping out of the bracket on the carriage caused a break down at the Big Lakes saw-mill last Thursday morning. The pin dropped just as the carriage was even with the saw on the return trip after a cut had been completed. The released piston shot through the wall of the mill for a distance of two feet and stopped. The mill lost Thursday and Friday in repairing the damage to the bumper and shotgun.

The accident is similar to the one experienced by the Ewauna Box company two years ago, except that in that case the piston was shot from the gun with such force that it was thrown clear through the wall of the mill and into Lake Ewauna.

CLOSE CALL

August Shellhorn narrowly missed serious injury last week when his fingers caught in the rear rollers of the small planer at the Ewauna box company's planing mill. His hand caught, however, at the outside of the rollers, and was released when it passed through. Shellhorn grasped a broken piece of board to keep it from going through the planer, but the rollers caught his fingers. If his hand had caught six inches further over on the rollers, he would have been horribly injured and perhaps killed.

Say, You Lumberjacks

Are you coming to town to celebrate the "Fourth"

If you are you will need some new clothes and all that go with them, and what I want to say is, "Come in and pass the time of day and see if we can't fix you out in a real up-to-the-minute suit of

Hart, Schaffner & Marx Clothes

and then when you get a pair of Florsheim shoes and a Dobbs hat you'll be fixed to celebrate the 4th, 5th, 6th, and clear up to the Christmas holidays and still be so darned well dressed that people will stop and watch you every time you are on the street.

BE SURE TO DROP IN WHEN YOU ARE IN TOWN

K. Sugarman

"I ain't mad at nobody"

EWAUNA PEOPLE HAD HARD LUCK SATURDAY

The expression "never again" is frequently used by citizens of Klamath Falls and even other towns on Sunday morning. But it is seldom heard from the lips of such staid and upright gentlemen as Sawyer Jo Rosser and Superintendent Bill Sandham of the Ewauna Box company. However, these were the words both used last Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Sandham and Mr. and Mrs. Rosser attended the tent show Saturday evening. When they came out, they discovered that some the motometer from Sandham's Willys-Knight. The Sandham's went home then, feeling that the evening was spoiled. Mr. and Mrs. Rosser decided to go out to the barge, however. But on the way to the barge Mr. Rosser forgot to dim his lights, was halted by the speed cop, and told to appear in court.

BUDDING AUTHORS

Pete Neilson and Glenn Ora Parker are composing a book. The exact nature of the book they are keeping secret, however. Parker declares that it has to do with one of the oldest of professions and Neilson states that the book will be for the enjoyment of the select few. The work will be privately printed in a very expensive binding.

EXPECT GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Noel Turner, of Pelican City, are expecting a visit the latter part of the week from Mrs. Turner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Lawrence, of Silverton, Oregon.

TO YREKA

Glenn O. Parker and Ernest Nitschelm drove to Yreka Sunday to attend the ball game. Nitschelm was wearing a straw hat, which had been presented to him the evening before by Parker.

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