

HALF OF JAPAN FOREST COVERED

An Extensive Reforestation Program is Being Carried on

The abundant rainfall and temperate climate which Japan enjoys is very favorable to the growth of forests, according to Consul General Stewart, Tokyo. As the Japanese archipelago extends from the Kurile Islands in the sub-Arctic zone, to the Loo Choo Islands, with a subtropical climate, the country has the characteristic flora of all of these climates, and consequently the number of species of trees exceeds one thousand. The most extensive, however, are the varieties of the temperate zone, the most valuable species being the sugi, or cryptomeria, pine and hinoki.

The total area of forest land in Japan proper in 1921 was 45,584,107 acres, or 48 per cent of the total area. Of this acreage approximately six per cent are crown forests, 15 per cent national forests, 39 per cent forests belonging to local governments, temples and other public bodies, and 49 per cent private owned forests.

Forests are also classified as protection forests, utilization forests, and forests leased on a percentage basis. Protection forests in 1922 comprised an area of 4,154,488 acres. These forests are maintained for the purpose of feeding springs, for attracting fish, for the sake of public health, for scenery, as landmarks of navigation, as a means of preventing soil denudation, floods, rolling stones, avalanches, as wind-breaks, and for other special purposes.

The principal means adopted of conserving and developing the forest resources of Japan is reforestation. During the eleven years beginning with 1912, the total number of trees planted was 4,780,085,479, covering an area of 5,358,976 acres. Of this number, 357,559,156, covering an area of 259,378 acres, were planted in 1922, the latest year for which statistics are available. The principal varieties planted were cryptomeria, pine and cedar.

There are still about 8,000,000 acres of barren, unforested lands in Japan, of which, according to a program already decided upon, 2,450,000 acres are to be reforested during the course of the next few years. Of this work about two-thirds will be undertaken by the national government and the balance by local governments and public bodies. It is estimated that with this increased area of forests, and with the adoption of a more systematic method of cutting, the yield of timber will be doubled.

The total cut of timber in Japan in 1922 amounted to 449,149,014 cubic feet, valued at \$74,474,018, as compared with 530,885,000 cubic feet, valued at \$97,108,817 during the previous year. About two-thirds of the timber cut comprised cryptomeria and pine. The total value of firewood produced in 1922 was valued at \$45,059,063, as compared with \$49,728,559 during the previous year, and of bamboo cut, \$3,747,679, as compared with \$4,105,840 during 1921.

TAKE TRIP

V. V. Hedgopath, of the office force of the Shaw-Bertram Lumber company, with his small son, will take a three-day auto trip over the Fourth of July. Hedgopath declares that he has no definite destination in mind, but will just start out and drive, stopping wherever he likes.

FROM ASPGROVE

Chill Chastain was in town from Asp Grove Monday, where he has been working for the Modoc Lumber company. Chastain declared that he had left the Modoc company and would now work for the Standard Oil company in Chiloquin.

TO UNION CREEK

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Sha are planning on spending the Fourth of July at Union creek. Mr. Sha is with the office force of the Shaw-Bertram Lumber company.

TO ASHLAND

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Dreher and small son are planning to motor to Ashland and back next Sunday. Mr. Dreher is one of the firm of the Klamath Lumber and Millwork company.

NO VACATION

W. Bertram declares that there will be no vacation for him over the Fourth. Some new flues are to be installed in the boiler at the Shaw-Bertram mill and Bertram intends to stay on the job during the shutdown.

LAMM'S MILL

A collection is being proposed for the purpose of getting Sam Rife a hair cut.

The floor for the new dry shed is now laid and the framework started.

A hog is being placed for the planer. Cockrell and Ogen are in charge of the operations and expect to have it completed in the late fall.

The Duke of Richmond is now manager of the baseball team. The Duke is the guy that made the Charlie Chaplin mustache popular.

Dan Crump was seen smiling Thursday. Something dreadful must have happened.

The baseball nine held their own in the percentage column on the 21st. It rained and they could not play.

Never mind about the hot water boys, the lake is handy.

H. B. Damon Saturday nighted in Klamath Falls stopping at Ye Arcade Tavern.

W. A. Spangler and H. B. Damon spend Sunday in Medford.

Butch Ellis says he saw enough of the Oregonians before he ever enters the state. Sure, Ruth, there are a lot of Oregonians in Idaho. When they get so they can count up to fifty we send them to Idaho to teach school.

Quite a shake-up here Saturday night. Sam Ellis took the family to town in his Ford.

Some of the silk stocking row are getting so high toned they are putting collars on their shade trees. Perhaps they don't approve of bare limbs.

A drummer was in town this week. Mac bought a dozen packages of cigarettes, two pounds of candy, and a package of hair pins. Better not stock up too heavy Mac, prices might drop.

Andy Chidester has purchased a new Buick sedan.

Joe Plucket's family arrived from Arizona last Monday.

Dad Pierson spent an afternoon at the Indian convention last week. Seeing a little winsome brunette who seemed lonesome, Dad tried to interest her with a little flirtation. "How do you get that way?" the dusky maiden said, "my back is lame now from handling old guy's their crutches. G. back to your rocking chair and carpet slippers and dream of the past."

Well, well, well, the boys only got beat 13 to 12 by the Pelicans. Usually it takes three figures to tall their opponents scores.

Willie Adenoid Shannon had dinner at the cook-house Friday.

INSTALL WINDLASS

Wheeler-Olmstead will install a windlass on the log deck during the Fourth to handle refractory logs. Louis Espen is wearing a broad smile, and plans to gain a few pounds on the strength of the new device.

John Brown, millwright helper at the Pelican Bay Mill, declares that kids are sure good at uncovering things and rolling them around.

FOR MEDFORD

Hap Brookfield left yesterday morning for Medford, where he will celebrate the Fourth of July. Hap is also planning a trip to Portland some time this week.

ADDS ACCESSORIES

Jean Champagne declares that he intends to add another balloon accessory to the Hudson during the Fourth. It will have the general If the balloon flask works well, greatly to the speed of the machine. If the balloon flask works well, Champagne declares that he may drive over to the Rogue river valley the Fourth, especially as the Hudson broke by the regular trips to Flier Brookfield.

TO DIAMOND LAKE

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dreher will motor to Diamond Lake for a fishing and camping trip over the Fourth of July. Mr. Dreher is sawyer on the big rig at Pelican Bay mill.

TO ENTER CONTEST

Tex "Mormon" King is planning on entering the bull riding contest at the rodeo. He declares that he is in excellent practice, having ridden carriage for Jean Champagne for the last month, and that all he needs is a pair of spurs, which he expects to borrow.

Hap Brookfield also intended to enter the contest, but he set a short time for the "Mormon" last week, and has lost his appetite for excitement.

FROM ANNA CREEK

Mrs. J. E. Whitman was in town yesterday from the Anna Creek Lumber company's mill above Chiloquin, where she is spending the summer with Mr. Whitman, who is managing the mill.

Menty Montgomery came down from Calamus camp Monday, to be in town when his son, Brady, was operated on. He expects to return to camp today.

Lumberjacks,

Celebrate the Fourth

At the

Klamath Falls RODEO

The Rodeo people have a time prepared
for you that will make you hair
stand on end.

The only way you will get the benefit of
it is to come in

Come early

Stay as long
as you can