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Story of Timber

"KLAMATH FALLS—Weyerhaeuser's 'sweetest logging operation.' Timber is thick, accessible." Thus is this city noted on a map of the U. S. timberland in the April number of Fortune, magazine of the wealthy and of big business.

The map appears with a series of three articles devoted specifically to the Weyerhaeuser timber interests—biggest in the industry—and in general to the lumber industry as a whole.

Product of an exhaustive job of information gathering and excellent writing, Fortune's lumber articles unfortunately will not be read by many out here who would be intensely interested in them.

Prominent on the map, where it will be seen by probably every one of Fortune's exclusive clientele, Klamath Falls is not often mentioned in the articles. Much is told of George S. Long, long-time manager of the Weyerhaeuser Timber company on the West Coast who was the driving force in Weyerhaeuser's change of policy in the late 'twenties from a timber holding program to one of logging and sawing. This program, incidentally, saw the opening of the big Klamath operations in 1929, and it was in this city that George S. Long died suddenly while on a pleasure trip.

Fortune's writers have carefully gathered and written the story of the lumber industry from the day when Gifford Pinchot scared the wits out of the country by announcing that in 30 years the nation's forests would be gone. That inspired a fear of shortage that sent lumber prices to their highest peak in 1907.

But when 1932 came along—the year when the last tree was to have been cut—there remained 500,000,000 acres of commercial forest, more than half the area "under cover when the first Puritan swung an ax." Many lumbermen were bankrupt, it was "new deal or disaster," and the upshot was the daring lumber code, with its price fixing clause that has "raised wages 110 per cent, upped prices 50 to 100 per cent . . . and established a conservation policy for which foresters have been crying for years."

Diseases of the lumber industry, says Fortune, are rugged individualism, inside competition, low wages, overproduction, waste, outside competition, inequalities due to freight rates and high taxes. What the code seeks to do to relieve the industry of most of these curses is pretty well known, but because of the importance of timber taxation in this community and its threat to the code, that matter will bear reviewing.

Taxation, says Fortune, is the one hitch to the code program. It is the thing that makes lumbermen shy from the production allotment section of the code—and if that falls down, the code fails. Taxes mount stupendously on standing timber, "and unless some way can be found to reduce the taxation burden on the large timber holders they are likely to duck out from under the allotment restrictions and let the code fall where it may."

The proposed solution is the deferred timber tax. The provisions are: (1) Separate bare land value from timber value; (2) apply property tax to land value only; (3) defer timber tax until income is realized through cutting or sale of timber.

Because counties can't afford to wait for their money, it is proposed that states lend it to the counties and the U. S., which has plenty of money to lend, advance the amount to the states.

"Now," says Fortune, "the tax is levied on the value of the timber regardless of when it will be cut. In 1932, the lumber industry paid \$60,000,000 in state and local taxes out of a gross income of \$154,000,000. No wonder it was broke."

Some People Say

English grammar is most simple. I have spent my life in an effort to get people to be coherent. I am a brother of Shakespeare. Moreover, I am not interested in punctuation.—Gertrude Stein.

I am opposed to any one government attempting to change the customs and culture of another, although I will admit that some South American countries have benefited because of outside influence.—Dr. Frank P. Corrigan, new U. S. minister to El Salvador.

I believe I am the most determined and thorough-going believer in democracy now resident in Washington.—Prof. Rexford G. Tugwell.

Let's not make ourselves bigger jackasses than we really are.—U. S. Senator M. M. Neely of West Virginia.

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WASHINGTON

News Behind the News

The Inside Story From The Capital

By PAUL MALLON
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WASHINGTON, April 4.—The original idea that General Johnson might quit the NRA and lead the new building program came from a higher-up—as a matter of fact, two higher-ups.

One could be accused of having an ax to grind. He is against Johnson and would like to see the general get out and go as far as possible. The other, however, feels kindly toward Johnson and could not have been malicious. Apparently they planted the story as a pointed suggestion. If Johnson took kindly to it, he made no effort to give that impression. His friends do not like the idea.

ROOTS

The matter has been discussed by a few of the inner councilors. A final decision awaits President Roosevelt's return.

The main reason Johnson could not have left the NRA before is that there was no one in the organization who could have taken his place. That situation is being rapidly eliminated by the way of his first assistant, W. Averell Harriman, has taken charge of things within the past two weeks.

The housing job is worthy of his hire, although it will generally appear to be a step-down.

The administration is counting on building up a housing hullabaloo to absorb the slack in industrial employment which is bound to come in 30 days.

LEADERSHIP

No one outside paid much attention to the ascension of William B. Bankhead as chairman of the house rules committee.

Out in the country he is chiefly known as the father of Tallulah.

Here, the insiders realize that his installation in the new job, as a result of the death of Edward W. Pou, may mean the solution of Mr. Roosevelt's congressional leadership problem, at least in part.

Bankhead is a strong man. He is a left-over of the Garner dynasty. In fact he is the man supposed to have been endorsed privately by the Roosevelt crowd for the house leadership in the first place. He was defeated then by a combination of the Rainey and Byrnes forces.

IMPORTANCE

The rules committee job has not amounted to much for the last two years because of the illness of Pou. But it is a job almost as important as the speakership and the floor leadership. A strong man in that job can exercise a veto power over all legislation, because no big bill can be brought before the house until the rules committee has provided for its consideration.

In times past, chairmen of the rules committee have been known to walk around the capital with bills in their pocket, refusing to

SIDE GLANCES—by George Clark



"Now, remember, she didn't help with the housework when she visited us."

do anything, and thus directing the course of legislation. Bankhead will make his conservatism and his friendship for Roosevelt felt in that job.

PROPAGANDA

The committee for the nation now is laughing best, although it may not laugh last.

It is a crowd of inflation enthusiasts, organized for the purpose of propagandizing for monetary inflation. Out of its Wirt flurry, it has received about a million dollars worth of free advertising for its aide.

Up to the time of the Wirt matter, it had been in a viaticus. As a matter of fact, since the dollar was almost wholly stabilized by the administration, it has not been able to obtain any limelight for its views. It has been propagandizing just as much as before, and probably more, but no one was interested. People were thinking of other things.

Lately it sent out Dr. Wirt's views in full under the title "America Must Lose." The free handout contained 10,000 words, but not more than 1,000 of them concerned the charges that the brain trust is fomenting revolution. The rest were arguments for the monetary views of the committee for the nation.

It is an old publicity trick. If no one pays any attention to your arguments, start a fight with people in the limelight and

get the reflected attention given them. Lincoln did that by getting the then famous Senator Douglas into a series of debates. This time, it happened that subterranean antagonism to the brain trusters was ready for a public airing.

The charges were known to be silly but they served the purposes of those who did not like the way the administration was going. They have probably been very effective in restraining the mugwump element.

The day of reckoning will come when the charges must be proved.

NOTES

The same publicity theory did not work as well when that labor department councillor resigned and attacked Miss Perkins, although there is likewise considerable underlying dissatisfaction with the labor secretary among democrats in congress. It is based largely on the fact that Miss Perkins has not treated them all with the consideration they are accustomed to getting from cabinet members.

Money for the naval building program will not be as long coming as you have been led to believe. If you look into the forthcoming public works appropriation bill, you may find it there. At least near-insiders at the naval department have been making preparations along that line.

Editorials on News

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Miss Orres is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orres, who are in the tailoring business at 419 Main street.

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Do you think labor organizers work for the love of labor?—Sherwood Anderson.

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Oregon Jockey club here last year, has not decided whether he will again come to Oregon this year. He has an option on the Gresham track until May 1.

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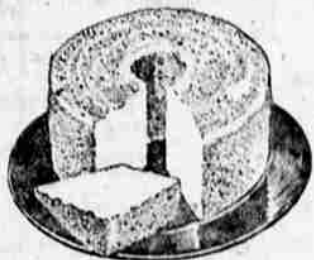
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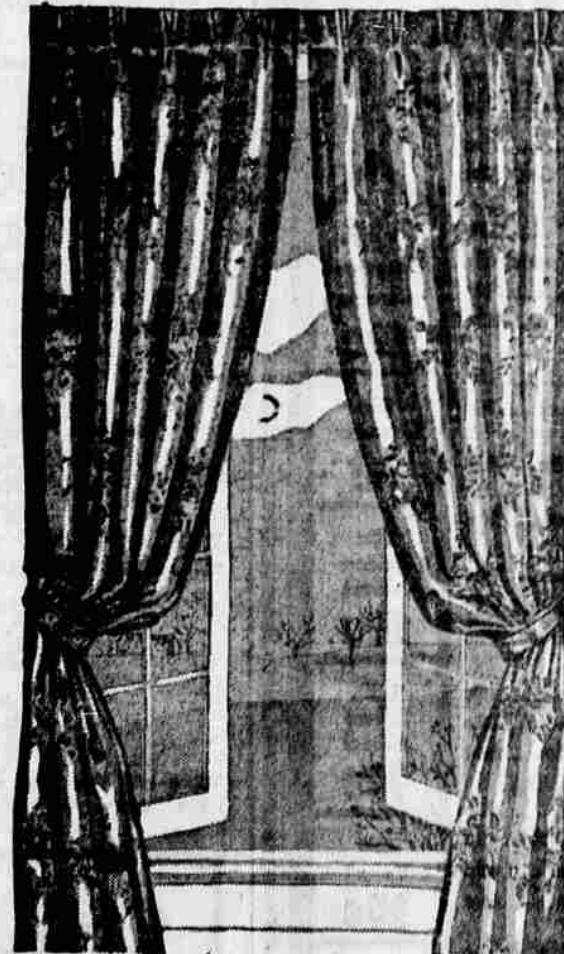
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