

Lodgepole Pine Use For Fiberboard, Possibility

Indications of favorable prospects for use of lodgepole pine in the construction of fiberboard were given by Dr. Phimister A. Proctor, head of the Oregon State college forest products laboratory, in a talk to the Shasta-Cascade subsection of the American Society of Forestry meeting at the Pelican cafe party room last night.

Proctor showed several samples of fiberboard made from both lodgepole and ponderosa pine in experiments which were started through the efforts of the Klamath County chamber of commerce two years ago. Specimens of fiberboard including bark, and without bark, were exhibited. Board made with the bark was found to be stronger, Proctor said. This board is somewhat darker, but has an attractive, marble-like appearance.

Scholarship Award Slated

A chance to receive a \$500 scholarship and choose your college is being offered by the Oregon State Federation of Labor to all Oregon high school students.

The federation is offering two such scholarships to be awarded through competitive examination on the subject of the American industrial system and the part that labor organization plays in that system. The purpose of the awards is to stimulate an objective study of the subject. Students will not be encouraged in a mere quest of propaganda favorable to organized labor, examination rules state.

Examinations will be given on April 16 in each district having students entered.

Full approval of the offer has been given by Rex Putnam, superintendent of public instruction, to the state department of education.

Lake Expects Ski Crowd

Excellent skiing conditions are in prospect at Crater Lake national park this week-end for devotees of the sport. With the new fall Friday adding three inches of powdery snow the depth is now recorded at 61 inches.

Temperature Saturday at 8:30 a.m. was 19 degrees and for the past 24 hours the minimum was 13 degrees and the maximum 41. Bright, clear skies reported Saturday morning are expected to continue Sunday. Roads are sheeted with thin ice early in the morning and late in the evening and motorists are advised to carry chains. The road to the lake from headquarters is open but the rim road is closed for the winter.

Thomas C. Parker, assistant park superintendent, who made a trip into the park Friday, reported seeing a "huge" grey wolf on the road about one mile inside the park. This is rare in this district, Parker said.

Overnight reservations for skiers at headquarters are filled and a large crowd is expected for the day. Government dormitories available for skiers accommodate 30 women and 50 men.

Occultation Of Jupiter To Be Seen In Sky January 16

By J. HUGH PRUETT, Astronomer, Extension Division Oregon Higher Education System

A rare sight awaits early morning star-gazers in our part of the world wherever the skies are clear on January 16. The planet Jupiter, now brilliant in the southeast, will disappear behind the moon and remain hidden for about an hour. Such a phenomenon is known as an occultation.

Whenever Jupiter, or any planet or star, appears to encounter the moon, the only thing it can do is to become hidden. It will never seem to move across the lunar face for all these objects are immensely more distant than our nearby neighbor, the moon. On January 16 the moon will be a mere 250,000 miles from us, while Jupiter will be 540,000,000 miles distant, or over 2000 times farther away. Possible inhabitants on this giant planet who might be looking our way would never suspect that the little starlike object, our moon, was hiding their immense world from earth dwellers.

The time of the occultation will vary with the location of the observer. But it may be stated in general that for those using Pacific standard time the disappearance of Jupiter behind the eastern rim of the moon will occur around 4 a. m.; and its reappearance on the western edge, near 3 a. m.; in the mountain time zone, these will be 5 a. m. and 6 a. m.; in the central time zone, around 6:15 a. m. and 7:30 a. m. In the morning sky, one will be instantly attracted by the ex-

ceedingly brilliant planet Venus somewhat farther east than the moon and Jupiter.

For those who are "allergic" to the early morning air, there are numerous interesting stars in the evening heavens. Let us observe around 8 p. m. Notice first the Big Dipper standing on the end of its handle in the northern sky.

Only slightly east of overhead, yellow Capella is very bright. A little south of this overhead point the tiny dipper of the six small stars of the Pleiades look almost like a flock of little birds. High in the southeast, the fine Orion group is most conspicuous. The three stars in a short line constitute Orion's belt, while the two very bright ones, red Betelgeuse and blue-white Rigel, sparkle in his shoulder and shoe-buckle respectively.

Low in the southeast brilliant Sirius, the Dog star, glitters gloriously. Well up almost due east, untwinkling Saturn is the only visible planet in the early evening sky. Between Saturn and Sirius, we find Procyon in the Little Dog.

Almost due northeast Deneb shines at the head of the Northern Cross, which at present is upright. Considerably north of northwest, brilliant Vega is setting. This fine star will swing eastward beneath the northern horizon during the late evening, and around 2 a. m. will be rising in the northernmost, ready for another 18 hours above our landscape.

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Rent Control Release Proposed

PORTLAND, Jan. 11 (AP)—Representatives of seven veterans' organizations today opposed a plan to remove rent occupancy controls.

Proponents of the plan said it would allow landlords to evict single tenants and move in families, thus easing the housing shortage.

Weekly Potato Letter Some Growers Press D Of A To Dump Surplus Potatoes

From all of the contacts we have been able to make, we have obtained no information leading us to change our "guesstimate" on probably January 1 stocks. We still think they will be between 25 and 35 million bushels—say, 133 million bushels.

That is sticking our neck out, but that is what we think. We did not use any scientific methods—just asked questions, matched up a few figures, and guessed. It is very evident that very large segments of the industry are deeply concerned, really believe stocks are out of sight. That is why they are pressuring DoA to dump, and now, however, since growers protected by loans need not be too much disturbed by total supplies, it may be that the pressure is largely inspired by non-borrowers or borrowers who merely want to get the excess stock out now while it still can be handled without difficulty.

The latest word is that DoA is intending to dispose immediately of deteriorating and low grade stock, regardless of outlets, and that low grades will include marginal No. 1's up to 24 inches (2 inches or six ounces for long types) and above 34 inches (18 ounces for long types). If made effective, there should be no hesitation to pack fancy stuff and confine the waste to the low grades and small sizes. Borrowers could have done it anyway with full protection, but this would give them a place to put the junk right away, without letting it accumulate.

Shipments

Shipments for two weeks ago, not reported in our last issue, amounted to 3079 cars compared with 3608 the preceding week. Not surprising in view of the holidays. All states fell off sharply, with 912 for Idaho, 846 for Maine, 264 for Nebraska, and no other state reaching 200. Last week, the total was 3546. Idaho dropped sharply again to 768, but Maine hopped clear up to 1225. Nebraska turned out 368, Colorado 260, and Oregon 193. We must not forget that the early crop is coming on. Florida has turned out 64 cars in the last three weeks, 31 of them last week. This movement will be light for some time yet, but will increase steadily.

Demand and Markets

Maine reports generally slow demand, market about steady, prices slightly off to 35-40 cents under floor for Mountains, nickel better for Katahdins and Chippewas. Upstate New York, demand moderate, market turning slightly stronger, prices

Scot Miners Trapped In Flaming Pit

WEST CALDER, Scotland, Jan. 11 (AP)—More than 250 miners and firemen frantically sought today to rescue 14 mine workers trapped in a flaming petroleum shale pit.

Police reports that the burning portion of the shaft was sealed off, leaving the 14 men to die in the flames were denied today by an official of Scottish Oils, Limited, which operates the pit.

Standby rescue workers at the pit head, however, went through practice drills with heaps of sandbags, preparing to seal the burning level if necessary to prevent the flames from spreading to the rest of the oil-seeping formation.

Farm Price Report

Those of you who like to keep fully posted on the antics of parity prices should ask to be put on the mailing list for "Agricultural Prices," published monthly by the bureau of agricultural economics, United States department of agriculture, Washington 25, D. C. As of December 15, parity prices of all farm products reached new highs, although the parity ratio remained unchanged because of identical increases in prices received and paid. For potatoes, the parity price was calculated at \$1.58 per bushel, making the current percentage of parity 80 per cent as compared with 78 per cent last month. Remember in this connection that the current percentage of parity is not a test for the success of price support. The late crop is intended to be supported at 90 per cent of parity of July 1, which was \$1.37 per bushel, of which 90 per cent is \$1.23. Therefore, current actual average prices are about 92 per cent of the particular parity price at which the support program is aimed.

Blasts, Towering Smoke, Accompany "Baby Bikini"

LAKE LENORE, Wash., Jan. 11 (AP)—The rock walls of Grand coulee echoed with all the sounds of an artillery barrage yesterday as the war assets administration staged a "baby Bikini" to destroy 10 tons of metallic sodium in the salty waters of Lake Lenore.

Although war assets administration officials had asked the public to stay away because the exact reaction of water on such a large quantity of sodium was unpredictable, no mishaps resulted among those who witnessed the spectacle.

Six huge kettle-like drums were rolled into the lake from a 100-foot cliff. The first gave the best show.

It broke through a foot of ice on the lake and immediately started a heavy and rapid cannonading. Fiery pellets cascaded up from the drum, making it

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Off to one side of the table sat several pieces of the rolling stock of the Shasta Pacific. A long Pullman car, the "Golden Horn" was in the center of the group and surrounding it, a caboose from the Southern railroad, a freight car from the Wa-

appear that the water had caught fire and erupted. Above the bright red cascade, a pure white column of smoke mushroomed into the air for a thousand feet, twice as high as the 500-foot cliffs bordering the lake. The smoke column was visible eight miles away at Soap Lake.

All of the heavy drums broke through the ice but the tops stuck up above the surface and some failed to start exploding immediately. High-powered rifles were fired to open some of the drums to the destroying action of the water.

To make it easier for the bullets to penetrate one drum, Jim Matson, chief of the salvage division of the Spokane regional office of the war assets administration, ventured out on the ice and removed the lid by hand. Spectators expressed concern over the possibility of a sudden explosion as Matson used a plank and protecting rope to get on top of the drum.

Miniature Railroad Club Starts On Construction Work

A small group of men gathered around last night as the first rail was laid for Klamath Falls' newest railroad line, the Shasta Pacific. The scene of the ceremony was the basement of the U. S. National bank building, in the rooms of the Klamath Model Railroad club.

In the center of the basement a huge table has been erected nearly filling the room, part of it was covered with fiberboard upon which the miniature ties and rails were being laid.

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MOSCOW, Jan. 11 (AP)—Field Marshal Lord Montgomery left for home by plane today after a triumphant visit, climaxed by two meetings with Prime Minister Stalin who he said looked fine and apparently was in excellent health.

Garbed in the greatcoat and boots of a Soviet marshal, the chief of the British imperial staff looked warm and comfortable in the bitter below-zero weather as he chatted and shook hands with his hosts and thanked them for their hospitality. He expressed hope of seeing some of the Russians in London in the spring or summer.

The atmosphere of cordial friendship at the airport was enhanced by the appearance of Marshal Alexander M. Vasilievsky, chief of the Soviet general staff, who braved the cold despite his recent illness.

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It is well-known that Montgomery's visit was not purely social and that he definitely talked military collaboration. His most important talk, of course, was his 70-minute interview yesterday with Stalin in the Kremlin. The two men were believed to have discussed Montgomery's recent trip to the United States, the American-British standardization of arms program and the British-American joint chiefs of staff. Ever one to speak frankly, it is believed here Stalin spoke candidly on these subjects. With Montgomery displaying this characteristic of plain speaking, they probably had much to say to one another.

Apparently the conversation had been most friendly, both in the interview and last night at a Kremlin state dinner, with the prime minister as Montgomery's host.

Ambulance Service Sale Reported

Granville Smith, since August owner and operator of the Klamath Ambulance Service, Inc., Saturday announced sale of the ambulance and service to H. C. Fly, 805 Upham.

Smith gave as reason for the disposal of the business his wife's health and said he and Mrs. Smith would leave Klamath Falls soon for a lower altitude. He purchased the ambulance service in late summer from Vern Bloomberg. Fly believes operator as of today, Saturday, but Smith will receive calls this week-end and will locate Fly for patrons. The new owner was moving today into the Oregon apartments.

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