

# PRESERVATION OF WOOD STUDIED

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE SEEKS TO ELIMINATE EVIL

## SOME TREATING PLANTS ESTABLISHED

Railroads and Lumber Companies Are Using Creosote and Other Methods to Stop Decay

PORTLAND, March 13.—Decayed timbers in bridges and trestles are a growing cause of concern to commercial interest and wood users in the northwest. In many instances the rapid rotting is without visible cause. Encouraged by the government forest service the agricultural colleges of Oregon and Washington have installed equipment to experiment with wood preservatives. Several private concerns are doing the same.

The Oregon Agricultural college is experimenting with farm timbers, fence posts, hop poles and the like. Commercial concerns are experimenting with preservative treatment of bridge and trestle timbers, mine timbers, telephone and telegraph poles, piling and other forms of structural timbers used locally or in regions which consume the timber products of the northwest. J. B. Knapp, head of the experiment work of the forest service, told yesterday how the necessity for finding some effective preservative to save the wood has energized the manufactures of the northwest.

"One firm at Creosote, Wash., operates the largest wood preserving plant in the world," said Mr. Knapp. "This plant is having success in using creosote, a coal tar product, in the preservation of Douglas fir and other species. A company recently incorporated at Spokane will put in a treating plant for preserving poles, posts, railway timbers, ties, paving blocks and other woods with carbolineum, another preservative produced from coal tar.

"The railroads operating in the west generally conduct their own treating plants or purchase treated material from commercial concerns. The Southern Pacific has a plant at Lanthan, Or., for treating ties and other railroad timbers. The O. W. R. & N. Co., has a plant at Wyeth, Or., for treating these timbers. Both of these plants use zinc chloride, a salt solution, to a very large degree.

"A treating plant has recently been established at Des Moines, Wash., where wood creosote, a product obtained in the distillation of Douglas fir wood, is used as a preservative for increasing the life of timber.

"The preservative treatment of timber used in situations where it is liable to decay is one of the great steps in promoting the proper utilization of wood and is an important asset in bringing about a perpetuation of our timber supply. Wood properly treated will last from two to five times as long as untreated wood."

## MAN GOT DRUNK AND FELL WOMAN SUES 2 LIQUOR MEN

\$54,000 Damages Asked in Unique Suit Filed in Spokane Supreme Court

SPOKANE, March 10.—Fifty-four thousand dollars, damages is asked by Mrs. Milla Elmslie in an action filed in the Spokane county superior court on behalf of herself and eight minor children against "Jimmy" Durkin, a saloonkeeper, and B. Schade Brewing company, both of Spokane, who, it is alleged, are responsible for the death of her husband. The complaint declares the defendants sold and supplied intoxicating liquors to William Elmslie "with the knowledge it was to be drunk under circumstances sufficient to lead them to believe such beer and whiskey would result in intoxication." Elmslie, a workman fell from the third story of a local beef packing plant under construction on November 4, 1916, and sustained a broken back and other injuries which resulted in his death soon afterwards. Durkin, who is a joint defendant, figured in the news several years ago, when he permitted a Baptist preacher to decorate the front windows of his saloon with wax figures and text matter showing the evil of the liquor traffic.

## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS HOLD BASKETBALL MEETING

Baseball enthusiasm ran high Friday afternoon at the high school, when prospects for a school team were discussed, and captain, manager and coach were chosen. Professor Hawley was chosen as coach, Claire Arnold manager and Ord Arnold captain. There is abundance of diamond material at the high school this year,

many new faces coming up in addition to the old standbys, and the institution expects to be represented this year by one of the fastest aggregations that ever supported the school's colors. Just as soon as the weather permits practice will begin.

## MISSOURI JUDGE RULES ISLAND IS IN ILLINOIS

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo., March 10.—Judge Ranney of the common pleas court has ruled that an island in the Mississippi river, near St. Genevieve, is Illinois soil and the tax collector of Missouri county has no jurisdiction. The suit was brought by John R. Boas of St. Louis to restrain the officials of Ste. Genevieve county, Mo., from claiming jurisdiction because of the shifting of the river at that point.

## PORTRAIT OF CULLOM IS TURNED TO WALL

OREGON, Ill., March 11.—Mount Morris college, which always has honored United States Senator Shelby Cullom as one of its most distinguished students, has turned his picture to the wall and taken his name from the roll of those who have reflected honor on the school as a result of his vote to allow William Lorimer to retain his seat in the United States senate.

## RESOLUTIONS PRAISE WEST

COPY HAS BEEN SENT TO THE EXECUTIVE

Oregon Forest Fire Members Express Their Appreciation of Governor's Aid

SALEM, March 13.—Resolutions commending Governor West for his activity in the half of the forest fire protection measure that was enacted by the twenty-sixth legislative assembly, which were adopted by the Oregon Forest Fire association, have been sent to the governor. They are as follows:

Whereas, the Oregon Forest Fire association, an organization representing a large amount of standing timber in the state, and working in the interest of fire prevention and protection, to the end that a valuable resource may contribute to the upbuilding of Oregon and prolonged prosperity, is heartily in sympathy with the action of the legislature in passing house bill 50, and

Whereas, we realize that His Excellency, Governor Oswald West, freely exerted his great influence to promote the passage of the bill, now be it

Resolved, That this association extend a vote of appreciation to Governor Oswald West for his interest in and support of the forest fire measure and pledge him our support and help in carrying out its provisions, so that settlers, miners, stockmen and timber owners may be free from danger of forest fires, and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor West.

## THE COMPONENTS OF A SWEAR WORD IS THE BIG QUESTION

"What is Cuss Word?" Question Which Pesters Some Eastern Sages

NEW YORK, March 10.—The aldermen law committee attempted Saturday night to decide just what is a "cuss word". The occasion was a public hearing on a proposed ordinance to prevent the use of profanity on the stage. The committee was not signally successful in its efforts to solve the problem, the speakers appearing for the ordinance differing widely as to what should be classed as profanity.

"One speaker said 'hell' and 'damn' could only be considered profanity when they are used with a certain emphasis and another said both these words and 'darn' and 'devil' should be regarded as profane language when uttered on a stage.

The chief advocate of the measure outside of Alderman Mulhearn, was A. S. Colborne, president of the Anti-Profanity League.

## DUKE AND DUCHESS PLAN LONG VISIT IN CALIFORNIA

SAN FRANCISCO, March 13.—The duke and duchess of Manchester have engaged apartments at the Fairmount and will make San Francisco their headquarters for a prolonged visit to points of interest in California. This will be the first visit of the duke to California. The duchess was Helof Zimmerman, daughter of Eugene Zimmerman, a Cincinnati millionaire. The party will come to the coast by special car and will visit Santa Barbara, the Yosemite, Lake Tahoe and other places.

## GENSUS COMMITTEE HAS BEEN NAMED WILL ISSUE EDUCATIONAL BULLETINS

THEY'LL ESTABLISH A LODGE OR KNOW WHY

Plans for Organizations Discussed at Last Night's Meeting of the Antlers Club

United Press Service.

Steps were taken at last Thursday night's meeting of the Antlers club for the organization of an Elks Lodge, and the enthusiasm displayed by the lodgemen in their talks showed plainly that they intend to have one of the best lodges in the state for Klamath Falls.

The matter of taking a special census was discussed, and it was decided that a census be taken some time in May. W. T. Shive, E. B. Henry, Howard F. Shepherd, Bert Withrow and Judge Charles Graves were named a committee of five to take charge of arrangements for the census. The plan is to lay the city off into fifty districts, and assign an Elk to enumerate all of the residents in a certain district. In this manner the census can be completed in a day or so, and will go before the council at its next meeting and get the sanction of that body for the special census.

"Klamath Falls is most certainly entitled to a lodge," said E. B. Hall. "If the population is large enough, and we certainly believe it is. There are over a hundred Elks in this city, and members of the order in Lake and Crook counties have declared their intentions of becoming affiliated with the Klamath Falls Lodge if it is organized. While it will take us some little time to secure a charter, it is our intention to be organized in time to go from here on the main line to the Grand Lodge in Portland in 1912 with a rattling big bunch of 'Bills.'"

George Ferguson, who founded the Antlers club in this city, was the guest of honor at the club meeting. In a well received speech he encouraged his hearers in their steps toward forming a lodge here, and he promised his hearty support. Other members also made talks, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

## POLICE DOG IS THERE WHEN IT COMES TO ARRESTING

Cannie Aide to Everett Police Will Get Medal for Performing Arrest

EVERETT, March 13.—Engravers are making a gold police badge for "Tony," the police station dog, who recently captured a prisoner unaided by his two-footed masters. Charles Blahbaun was arrested for drunkenness and while a patrolman was taking him to the station box, Blahbaun broke away and ran. Tony, the police dog, was called by the patrolman's whistle and gave chase, bringing down his man several blocks away. Tony has captured two chicken thieves within the past month.

## LOS ANGELES SLAUGHTER SHOT TWICE DURING ROW

"Bill" Tozer's Right Arm and Right Shoulder Punctured by Man Named Isreal

LOS ANGELES, March 13.—"Bill" Tozer, the star twirler of the Los Angeles Coast League team, was shot twice and seriously wounded at Marietta Springs this morning.

According to reports, Tozer and two other men appeared at Riverside seeking a warrant for a man named Isreal. They said Tozer and Isreal quarreled and that Isreal shot Tozer in the right shoulder and right forearm. His wounds are not considered serious.

## SALEM EXCEEDS OTHER CAPITALS IN ITS GROWTH

SALEM, March 13.—This city shows the largest increase in population of any capital in the United States for the 10-year period covered by the recent Federal census, and is among the 20 leading cities of the country in increase, according to a topographic map in the hands of former Mayor Rodgers. Salem comes first with an increase of 231.9 per cent, with Los Angeles coming next, among the 20 cities, showing a gain of 211.5. Mr. Rodgers says that at the same rate of increase Salem will have 35,000 population in another 10 years. A part of the increase is due to the extension of the city boundaries some six years ago.

## TAFT AT AUGUSTA

AUGUSTA, Ga., March 11.—President Taft is settled in temporary headquarters here today. He has received dispatches from the Mexican frontier by private telegraph.

## MORE VIGILANCE IS TO BE EXERCISED IN THE FUTURE

New Equipment for Laboratory, and More Bacteriologists Have Been Secured

PORTLAND, March 11.—Oregon's state board of health expects to enlarge its work during the coming year for the protection of the public health. More vigilance in dealing with contagious diseases, more care in safeguarding food supplies and guarding against the pollution of streams are among the plans of the board. Larger appropriations for the work make this possible.

It is proposed to issue bulletins from time to time of an educational character. They will include practical treatment on the danger from houseflies, the proper care of milk, use of preventatives to ward off disease and the means that should be employed in eradicating consumption.

New regulations regarding quarantine, protection of water supplies, etc., will be outlined by the board wherever such matters are not covered by the state laws. More research work will be done in the laboratory. During the past year diseases of obscure origin have been reported and the causes of such disorders will be inquired into closely as more assistance is now available. Dr. Calvin S. White, state health officer, and Prof. Emile Pernot, bacteriologist, will be asked to give their entire time to the work. An assistant in the laboratory will be provided and new equipment added.

## Sterilized Slate Pencils

PORTLAND, March 11.—Sterilization of slate pencils used in the city schools is one of the latest sanitary measures ordered at the suggestion of City Health Officer Wheeler. The pencils will be thrown into a carbolic acid solution at night and rinsed in in water in the morning. School children will put the pencils in their mouths and it is believed scarlet fever, diphtheria, tonsillitis, etc., are often spread in the schools in this way.

## BILL HAYWARD ROUNDS UP SIDE-LINE ATHLETES

All Students at State University Are Put Through Athletic Training

EUGENE, March 13.—Students of the University of Oregon who have been accustomed to sit on the side lines and "root" for the various teams representing the college have been pulled off the bleachers, and are being put through a course of athletic training themselves. So many athletic teams are now at work each day that the campus no longer supplies enough room for the exercise of the students. Physical Director Hayward is negotiating with the owner of a tract of land near the campus in the hope of renting it for his classes and athletic teams.

## HEAVY PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

IS MOST COMPLETE OF KIND ON THE STATUTES

Governor West Has Signed Measure, Which Goes Into Effect on August First

SALEM, March 9.—When Governor West signed substitute house bill No. 32, which completely changes the status of automobile registration he made Oregon one of the first Western states to adopt uniform highway legislation. In fact, there are but few Eastern states that have as complete and intelligent a set of road laws as this state.

The new automobile law, as many call it, or the "Oregon motor law," as it is known, is said to be the most complete law governing traffic in force in the United States. The committee from the Portland Automobile club, headed by W. C. Bristol and assisted by a committee of dealers, which drew up the law, had made an exhaustive study of Eastern laws and changed them to suit the needs of this Oregon country, and it is the unanimous verdict of the automobile owners of the city that they have been successful.

One of the most radical changes makes it necessary for every vehicle, including automobiles, carriages and bicycles, to carry a lighted lamp on the front, visible at least 100 feet in advance of the vehicle, and showing a red light to the rear. This provision is expected to do away with many of the accidents on the highways at night in which teams and horses and

carriages have been run down by automobiles

There is a heavy penalty attached to the violation of this and every other section of the law. Fines of \$25 for first offense, \$50 and imprisonment, if necessary, for a second offense, and still more for any other offense make it incumbent upon the owners of all vehicles to obey the law.

The second radical change is in the law governing speed. While the law is changed and the rate of speed permitted increased through the clause calling for a reasonable speed at all times, it is possible to arrest a man driving eight miles an hour if he has been driving his car at a rate which is unreasonable in view of the traffic on the streets which surround him. However, it is allowable to drive at a speed of twenty-five miles an hour on any street or highway in the state not clearly marked otherwise.

In its treatment of the driving on mountain roads and street crossings, and its regulations regarding all intersections, the law has made a great change. It goes into effect August 1, 1911.

## "Gypsy" Smith Called

SEATTLE, March 13.—A cable message has been sent to "Gypsy" Smith, the English evangelist, by the ministers of the city, asking him to come to Seattle and conduct a series of oldtime revival meetings. It is planned to have Smith here next fall, with later engagements in Tacoma and Portland.

## Pope Warns Alfonso

ROME, March 13.—According to a newspaper, the pope has sent to King Alfonso through the Papal Nuncio at Madrid a letter reminding his majesty of his duties and prerogatives as a Catholic sovereign. It is said the pope warns Alfonso that a quarrel with the Holy See may be fatal to the monarchy.

## Train Held For Wages

Atlantic, Va., March 13.—Forty laborers, who took possession of a train on the Atlantic Northern Wednesday afternoon, are still holding it near Villsca. They claim they will not permit the train to move until they are paid wages due them since January.

## TRACK LAID 35 MILES NORTH

WORK ON CUT-OFF IS FORGING AHEAD RAPIDLY

Local Party Visited Camp and Looked Over the New Steel Bridge

With the Erickson & Petterson construction crew at Auburn, the heavy steel bridge, 160 feet in length completed across Sprague river, near that river's conjunction with Williamson River, and rails laid a short way across the bridge, a distance of thirty-five miles from Klamath Falls, work on the Klamath Falls-Natron cut-off is proceeding rapidly from this end, while reports from Natron are to the same effect. There is a large force at work in the construction camp, and more men are arriving almost daily, so much headway will be made during the coming summer.

On Sunday a party consisting of Construction Engineer H. P. Hoey, Engineer James Church, E. W. Gowan, George Gowan, E. W. Gowan Jr., R. E. Hunsaker, C. H. Underwood, M. K. Temple, Dr. R. R. Hamilton and W. T. Shive journeyed on the work train out to the Sprague River camp to look over the construction work there and to view the new steel bridge.

## AMERICAN-BORN BOYS WORST IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, March 13.—There were 299 fewer bad boys and girls in New York City during the last year than in the previous 12 months, according to the annual report of the Children's Court. The decrease in the number of juvenile delinquents is from 11,494 to 9,491, and includes a falling off in all varieties of juvenile crime. Only two per cent of all the transgressors were girls. American born boys were more troublesome than the children of any other nationality. There were 792 American born children arrested, a great many of them were of foreign parentage, however. Italian children came next with 694 offenders, Russian next with 647, and Germans next with 37.

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