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BIG OWNERS OF TIMBER.

THAT 1,694 timber owners hold in fee 105,600,000 acres, over one-twentieth of the land area of the United States from Canada to Mexico, is revealed in the maps just published by the commissioner of corporations at Washington, the first ever made of extensive forest holdings.

They show that the areas of concentrated ownership contain 755,000,000 feet of lumber, one-third of all privately owned in the country. The few enormous holdings combined are four-fifths the size of France and more than two and one-half times the area of the New England states. Their concentration in a few hands is due, Commissioner Davies says, to "lavish land grants" and "loose, ill-enforced land laws."

At a time when the policy of the inhabitants was to destroy natural resources, not to conserve them, the speculators who got the timber and were the only conservers. They foresaw the vast increase in value of this land of which Commissioner Davies speaks so eloquently. Timber would have been more scarce and dearer than it is had they not stepped in and prevented the land from being cut and burned over for the purposes of grazing and tillage.

The land grants were lavish and the laws could have been better enforced. Much can still be done to recover grants of disputed title and to require proper forestry even of privately owned timber. As it stands it does not represent a loss to the community. Enlightened selfishness may yet harmonize with the public interest in its conservation.

The Oregonian management should watch Cartoonist Reynolds. By showing that Woodrow Wilson is filling the American workmen's dinner pail with cheaper food stuffs, even though it be beef from Argentine, eggs from China, butter from New Zealand and mutton from Australia, Mr. Reynolds, assisted by the Oregonian, is opening the eyes of the workmen to a real fact. It is further evident that this is being done without any injury to the farmer, for prices are higher than ever before for most food stuffs, not because the farmer or grower gets the additional price, but because the fellows that corner the market put the screws on and levy an unholy toll on the masses. If the importation of foreign food stuffs will serve to drive away these harpies, we should have more rather than less of it.

Secretary of Agriculture Houston has issued dozens of pamphlets on keeping house, raising babies, washing dishes with the minimum of labor and also of soap, how to eat fruit without a knife, several ways to cook eggs and all that kind of information, about as useful and practical as that given the old farmers by the young college experts. He also tells hubby how to assassinate weeds, rake up the back yard, raise a small garden and make himself generally useful about the house. These pamphlets are especially intended for the newly wedded folks and are designed to give them a start in the direction the secretary thinks they should go. He might spring the instructions on Secretary McAdoo.

One of the best things in the boosting line that could be done for Salem would be to clean up and trim up the city. There are so many vacant lots and street parkings covered with a rank growth of weeds and grass that the impression given the visitor is one of lack of civic pride. Even if scarcity of water or the expense of irrigation is too great for some property owners and prevents the keeping of lawns green, they might at least be mowed occasionally and be kept trim and neat. If there is not a city ordinance making it compulsory to mow the grass and weeds, there should be one and it should be rigidly enforced.

Congressman J. B. Thompson has broken the record in congress by telling the exact truth about his desire for a lay-off from his arduous duties of holding down his seat in the legislative halls. He says frankly in a letter addressed to the speaker of the house that he would like to

be excused so he can go home and prosecute his campaign for the democratic nomination for congress. He should be permitted to go just by way of example and encouragement.

The California Railroad commission has begun an examination into the matter of the diversion of something more than a million dollars of the United Railway's funds into the Solano Irrigated Farms project, one of Pat Calhoun's properties. It is thought the investigation will disclose as bad a state of affairs as the New Haven, differing only in the amount of the plunder.

The attorney general of California has given out an opinion that where a church building is permitted to be used for lectures or any other purpose other than religious worship, it takes it out of the exempt class and makes it liable for taxes the same as any other property. This whether admission to such lectures or other entertainments is charged or not.

The worst feature of the wild-life-in-the-woods fake is that the man who plays Adam is to be permitted to write and send his stuff to the newspapers during his thirty days in the woods. If it was the open season for fools in southern Oregon, what a relief to the reading public it would be.

As a sort of calamity anti-howl here is a statement from an Indianapolis paper: "One hundred and fifty automobiles are sold every day in Indiana, according to the records in the office of the secretary of state."

***** Times says: "The mail that left Portland on Tuesday evening at 7 p. m. arrived in Fort Rock Wednesday afternoon at 4 p. m. This is coming through in 21 hours, quite a difference from three to five days as it was a few years ago." *****

***** Remember to have The Capital Journal to follow you during your vacation. *****

***** A fire swept over quite a large section of the country near The Dalles Saturday. The damage was not large though there were at one time more than 400 men called out and fighting the flames. The timber in that section is scrubby and of little value. *****

THE ROUND-UP

***** Eugene Register: The people of Goodpasture island are building a cable suspension foot bridge across the stream. The bridge will be 400 feet long and 25 feet above the water at low water. It will cost \$250. The posts on each bank are 25 feet long, 10 inches in diameter at the small end and set seven feet in cement. *****

***** The Portland letter carriers and mail clerks had a joint picnic at Booneville Sunday. *****

***** Kane county claims to have more rural schools, more standardized schools, and more rural teachers than any other county in the state. *****

***** Gervais had a celebration Saturday that would have been creditable to a city many times its size. Among other things was a flying machine and a fire flight twice over the little city. *****

***** The yellow beetle, it is reported, is doing much damage to the elm trees throughout the valley, especially about Ashland. A bunching of the leaves is one of the indications that the busy little pests are at work. *****

***** Hermiston is planning for an additional reservoir to supply water for its irrigable lands. It will have a capacity equal to a body of water covering 10,000 acres one foot deep. *****

***** The annual aquatic carnival at Port Orford will be held August 5, 7 and 8. It is a great event in which that whole part of the coast takes part, and a big picnic dinner is served. *****

***** Not only excessive speed but also excessive and unnecessary popping and chugging are under the ban at The Dalles, and Chief of Police Kurtz announces that all friends may as well prepare for rigid compliance. *****

***** Eagle Valley is trying to give its greatest Harvest Home festival next fall, and the Baker Herald testifies that "what Eagle Valley tries to do, it does, so we may be assured of a great event." *****

***** The Owl heartily indorses the decision of the Beaverton school board to get a higher priced man to superintend the destinies of the school children of this vicinity, and pay \$1000 per year. *****

***** Noting progress, the Fort Rock *****

***** from the rill tastes better than a pint of gill of grapejuice bought on tick; and when I've chewed my victuals down, I'm the sereneest and in town, with conscience smooth and slick, Oh, better far for any man, a can of soup, a pail of bran, a nickel's worth of tripe, than are the viands rich and rare, which cause a gent to tear his hair when monthly bills are ripe. 'Twere better far to gnaw a bone that a cherry pie, and have the merchants look askance, and tell you that your name is Pence, when you drop in to buy. The worst old scheme invented yet is that of going into debt; it keeps the people broke; within my means I always keep, and while the others wail and weep, I sit in peace and smoke. *****

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Ideal Statesman Is the Man Who Would Lead People Away From Extremes

By Former President WILLIAM H. TAFT

THE MAN IS ENTITLED TO BE CALLED A STATESMAN WHO, HAVING AUTHORITY, DEALS PRACTICALLY WITH PROBLEMS OF GOVERNMENT SO AS TO MAKE THE GOVERNMENT BEST SERVE ITS LEGITIMATE FUNCTION OF ENCOURAGING AND PERMITTING THE FREEST AND MOST EFFECTIVE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS BY THE COMMUNITY GOVERNED AND BY ITS MEMBERS.

That the machine and boss rule which were the handmaids of threatened plutocracy and corrupt political control are now anathema in the minds of the people and that growing out of this crusade and as part of it is a spirit of brotherly love and greater interest of all for one no one can fail to appreciate and approve and rejoice in. But ACCOMPANYING THESE GREAT CHANGES FOR GOOD HAVE COME EXCESSES, and those who were advocates and doubtless essential to the accomplishment of this reform in the public have lost their statesmanlike qualities and are now encouraging the extremes to which a people aroused under such danger are prone to go.

THE IDEAL OF STATESMANSHIP TODAY IS THAT OF THE MAN WHO RECOGNIZES THE REFORM AND REJOICES IN IT, BUT WHO IS ABLE BY CLEAR THOUGHT AND INTELLIGENCE OF THE PEOPLE TO REACH THEM IN A POLITICAL WAY AND LEAD THEM AWAY FROM THE EXTREMES WHICH WOULD SACRIFICE THE INESTIMABLE BOON WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM OUR WASHINGTON, HAMILTON, JEFFERSON, MADISON AND LINCOLN.

Late Yesterday

Washington.—Rear Admiral Ramsey, retired, a member of the Schley court of inquiry, died, aged 80.

New York.—Becky Edelson, an I. W. W. sentenced to three months in prison for inciting riot, declared a hunger strike.

Panama.—Four hundred pounds of dynamite exploded prematurely at Cucaracha slide, killing five workmen and injuring 18.

Portsmouth, Eng.—Lieutenant L. C. Horden, army aviator, was killed and his mechanician badly injured by their biplane's fall.

Falmouth, Eng.—Sir Thomas Lipton's Shamrock IV and its convoy, the Erin, were driven into Falmouth harbor by a storm.

Albany, N. Y.—The New York Central's stockholders voted 1,518,406 to 775 in approval of a merger with the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern.

Chicago.—The seventh annual congress of American Esperantists opened.

St. Louis.—Federal Judge Adams authorized Receiver Peacor of the Wabash to issue \$16,000,000 in receiver's certificates.

San Francisco.—Mrs. Alfred George Thompson, wife of a Los Angeles business man, sued for divorce charging cruelty and failure to provide.

Los Angeles.—William C. Ralston arrived to begin his gubernatorial campaign tour of Southern California.

Ventura, Cal.—Francis J. Heney spoke in the interest of his candidacy for the progressive senatorial nomination.

Los Angeles.—L. J. Evans was found guilty of the second degree murder of Earl Muddell at the Savelle soldiers home. Both were civil war veterans.

TALKS ON THRIFT.

There is but one practical solution of the high cost of living, and that is to raise your own produce. The home garden in a great measure will do it and do it effectively. It will stop the paying of money to the "vegetable man" and the grower—a big saving. And those who are so situated that they can raise their own poultry and eggs, milk and butter, and a pig or two for winter's meat, with a change now and then from pork to poultry, may be said to be directly on the line of independence, with every cause of the high cost of living completely blocked.

—D. D. Lynch, St. Paul.

The recent extension of the parcel post system, making provision for the direct delivery of farm produce from the producer to the consumer, is a long step in the right direction toward reducing the high cost of living, as it will tend to eliminate the great army of middlemen, now between the producer and consumer, each of whom must have his "bit" added to the final cost before it reaches the consumer.

But this alone will not reduce the high cost of living, for it is not at all likely that the farmer will continue to sell his produce at the present price, when he finds the middleman removed, but will proportionately raise the price. So the delivery direct from the producer to consumer eventually will prove of greatest benefit to the farmer.

Perhaps it is only a matter of time when every man of family who depends upon his daily wage will be forced to press into producing service a portion of his back yard, even though he may have but a single lot, as a plot for a home garden, to reduce the present cost of living.

And right now is the time to consider this matter if you are going to do anything in the home gardening line this year, raising vegetables to lower your individual cost of living and to enable you to have a larger margin of savings in the bank.

The seed companies will furnish you with catalogs and at the hardware store you can get the few necessary tools. Then go to work. You will learn by experience, and your health and your appetite will improve while you turn barrenness into beauty and your back-yard desert into an oasis of productivity.

And here is a hint which you will find valuable if you really want to save money by means of your home garden—plant and cultivate not only those things which you can eat right out of your garden during the summer, but also some vegetables that you can store away or preserve for winter use, such as potatoes, tomatoes, beets, carrots, beans and parsnips.

Hire as little help as possible. Let most of the work be done by yourself and your family, if you want to make your garden pay.

And as you watch things grow under your care, consider likewise how your bank account will grow with your constant attention and the compound interest which the bank pays on deposits.

FRUIT CANNING TIME.

Gather all the folks together From baby up to dad! Never mind it if the mother Makes you just a little mad! The hat apron tightler, Willie, 'Cause you're going to stain that suit!

Yes, I know you're feeling silly, But we've got to can this fruit.

There's the baby eating cherries! Make her stop it, someone, quick! Well, you know she ate those berries And they made her awful sick! Take the little seeds out, honey; That's the way; just see how cute! Stop, you boys, this isn't funny; She shall help us can this fruit.

Say, you'll have to hurry, father, If you're keeping up with Fred! Yes, of course it's all a bother When the other one's ahead! Just you wait till time for eating! Then I bet this sauce'll suit! You'll be glad we had this meeting, When we canned a lot of fruit!

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