

TIMBER SALES SHOW INCREASE OVER 1916

Forestry's Receipts Make Slight Gain Over Preceding Year.

FUTURE IS BRIGHT

Prospects Are for Record Breaking Season During Coming Fiscal Period

The receipts from timber sales from the national forests of district No. 1 of the forest service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, will be only slightly in excess of the receipts for the preceding fiscal year, according to the semi-annual report of the department of agriculture of this district, which has just been completed. The delayed coming of weather favorable for logging operations, which has prevented early logging work, has had a considerable effect on the timber sales in the district. According to estimates made in the report, the receipts from timber sales for the fiscal year of 1918, which will end on June 30 of that year, will be \$90,000 in excess of the receipts for the present year.

Cut Made in 1917.

The report gives the total estimated cut for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, as 188,000,000 feet, valued at \$444,000. The estimated cut for the coming fiscal year of 1918, is given as 260,000,000 feet, an increase of not quite 40 per cent. A timber cut of 308,000,000 feet in the district during the fiscal year of 1919 is predicted. The cost of timber sales administration during the fiscal year of 1917 amounted to \$62,000, an average of about 35 cents per 1,000 feet of timber cut. The stumpage prices received varied from 50 cents to \$6 per 1,000 feet, averaging about \$2.50.

In the reforestation work done by the department last fall a total of 2,200 acres was planted. An intensive planting survey of a total of 34,660 acres was made in district No. 1 during the past season, at an average cost of seven and a half cents per acre. Twenty-six thousand acres were covered by an extensive planting survey, at an average cost of one cent an acre.

Many Plants Ready.

The report from the Savenac nursery at Haugan, which furnishes all the plants used in reforestation work in the district, shows that there are 1,264,000 plants ready to ship at the nursery, while there are 2,000,000 plants ready for transplanting. It is estimated that the nursery production for the fiscal year of 1918 will be about 3,000,000 plants, and for the succeeding year 4,000,000 plants, which is the authorized capacity of the nursery. Among the most important improvements installed during the present year are a machine sand spreader, which spreads sand over the seeds after they are planted in the beds with a saving of 50 per cent in labor, a root pruner, and a tree lifter. The forest service is planning to make a number of improvements at the nursery during the year, the project including the realignment of buildings, the establishing of an arboretum and the installing of a sewer system.

COMPLETION OF ROAD ASSURED TO HARBET

"Northern Pacific officials in St. Paul assured me that reports of a complete stop to all railroad work in Montana are not true, so far as they concern the Flathead branch," said James L. Harbert of Polson, who stopped in Missoula last night on his way home from a two weeks' trip through the middle west. "Work is proceeding briskly from both ends of the branch, and I am officially informed that construction will continue unless a labor shortage arises. The road will probably be in operation by September 1."

Mr. Harbert is enthusiastic over the Flathead's prospects. This year is going to bring great prosperity to Polson, he says.

"You can't rent a house there now, and hotel accommodations aren't easily secured," he said. "Polson is growing so fast that you can almost watch it come along. Now that the lake is open building has begun and will continue."

Farmers on the Flathead, Mr. Harbert says, may be depended upon to do their utmost to increase the food production this summer.

"Easterners are beginning to realize Montana's power, now that food is in demand," he said. "St. Paul jobbers are greatly interested in this territory. That is not to be wondered at, for this state is going to produce tremendous amounts of food. I don't think a single man should be taken from Montana for the army. Every man in the state who can be spared should be put on the land."

Mr. Harbert was greatly pleased with conditions in the middle west. He visited St. Paul, Duluth, Chicago and other cities.

"Everywhere patriotism is evident," he said. "I found no one who is not behind the president and the middle westerners are for conscription to a man."

When a young widow begins taking dancing lessons it is a sign that she is going to grasp another opportunity.

NORTHERN PACIFIC MAY TAKE OFF ONE TRAIN

Local officials of the Northern Pacific yesterday refused to confirm a report that the Northern Pacific will take off at once one of its passenger trains between St. Paul and the coast. It is known, however, that such a move is being contemplated, and will probably be made in the near future, if the war continues. It is said that the trip recently made by George T. Slade, first vice president of the Northern Pacific road, who is in charge of the operating department of the road, was in direct connection with this matter and other features brought on by the war situation. Mr. Slade returned to St. Paul yesterday.

The through trains now running between the coast and St. Paul, the eastern terminal of the Northern Pacific, are Nos. 2 and 4, eastbound, and Nos. 1 and 3, westbound. Nos. 41 and 42 run through to Kansas City via the Burlington. It is thought that one of the former trains will probably be the one affected by the proposed order.

PLAN ORGANIZATION CENTRAL COUNCIL

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information to all farmers in the county: The organization of a farm exchange which in one year negotiated recorded trades aggregating \$250,000.

Active co-operation with the county agricultural agent.

Development of a carefully handled free magazine exchange for farmers.

"Continued service," said Mr. Blodgett, "is the answer. We have given of ourselves to the farmers in the Judith Basin. We have not been contented with words; we have given time and money to them. We have so impressed them by proving our earnestness with facts that we have broken down that barrier which always is to be found between urban and rural populations. The result is that we have made Fergus county one great big neighborhood, have made the city of Lewistown a prosperous place and a mighty fine place to live in, and have made the Lewistown Chamber of Commerce a real power."

Charles Müllemer, manager of the Palace hotel and a chef of 25 years' experience, won close attention and warm applause with a short discussion of economy in food. Not limitation of use, said Mr. Müllemer, but elimination of waste is the sort of food economy needed in this country.

For example Mr. Müllemer made one or two suggestions concerning the preservation of vegetables and the use of left-overs. He volunteered to make available for Missoula housewives all that he has learned about food economy in a quarter-century of practical experience.

Officers of the chamber of commerce said last night that some way of presenting Mr. Müllemer's valuable information to Missoula women would surely be found.

Following these speeches came short general discussions of relief, food speculation and a Decoration day observance. Upon motion by Professor William Aber of the State University the meeting authorized President Stone to appoint a central relief committee to take charge of the collection of all relief funds. Otto Benson was the author of resolutions unanimously passed, calling upon congress to put a stop to food speculation and placing the chamber of commerce back of an appropriate observance of Decoration day.

President Stone, at the close of the meeting, announced the personal committee to direct "Buy-at-Home" campaign. On the committee are Walter Manson, local manager of the Stone-Ordean-Wells company; Lester L. Jones, publisher of The Missoulian, and William N. Dixon of the firm of Dixon & Hoon.

GERMAN PLAY PRESENTED.

"Die Gesellschaft," a farce, was presented by members of the German club of the high school at the high school auditorium last night. Miss Lucie Jamieson, as the star, and Leonard Hoogbruin as the leading man, appeared to advantage, while the other members of the cast, Lillian Jacobson, Neva Rutledge, Mary Showell and Josie Geis, handled their parts well. The play was staged under the direction of Miss Dyer of the high school faculty, and was for the benefit of a relief fund for the allies of the United States. A fair crowd witnessed the play, which was preceded by a piano solo by Dorothy Dickey, and vocal music by the Showell sisters.

Government's Call for Aid Met With Hearty Response

Banks Unwilling to Give Exact Amount of Subscriptions Made—Several Large Applications Made and Others Pending.

Missoula pocketbooks were opened wide at Uncle Sam's call yesterday. The announcement, made through The Missoulian yesterday morning, that subscriptions would be received by local banks for federal 3 1/2 per cent bonds of the \$2,000,000,000 issue authorized Thursday, brought immediate and generous response.

Local bankers were unwilling to say last night exactly how much had been subscribed, but they indicated that Missoula's contribution on the first day was in the neighborhood of \$100,000. One of the city's four banks, while not making known the sum of its subscriptions, announced that one purchase of \$15,000, another \$10,000 and a third of \$5,000 worth of bonds had been handed over its counters during the day.

From Country at Large.

Washington, May 4.—Subscriptions to the Liberty Loan poured into the treasury department today at the rate of nearly \$20,000,000 an hour. The greatest outpouring of national wealth in the history of the world was overshadowed by the first day's response to the offering of the loan.

The sheaf of telegrams from every section of the country grew larger as the day progressed despite the undivided exertions of a staff of clerks ascertaining and classifying the offers of subscriptions. Five hundred telegrams, less than 2 per cent of the total number of banks, from which replies are expected, had been classified by states and tabulated when the office closed at 4 p. m. These 500 responses carried offers of subscriptions to the amount of \$138,674,000.

The greatest flood of responses came between 4 and 6 p. m., after the offices had closed. It was estimated that 500

more banks were heard from within the two hours.

The \$138,674,000 of subscriptions tabulated tonight representing less than 2 per cent of the banks alone, indicates that the \$2,000,000,000 offer will be oversubscribed at least 100 per cent. With all other agencies of subscription, such as department stores, express companies, newspaper and patriotic societies yet to be organized and to exercise their efforts in obtaining subscriptions, the over subscription may be much larger. Should the ratio of the first responses be maintained in replies from the other banks, the banks and their customers alone would offer subscriptions totalling approximately \$7,000,000,000.

One subscription of \$20,000,000 was received from a bank in New York, another was for \$5,000,000. The smallest subscription was \$5,000. New York led the list of states with subscriptions aggregating approximately \$72,000,000, more than half the total amount.

Among amounts subscribed by the first banks to respond, grouped by states, were:

Iowa, \$710,000; Minnesota, \$160,000; Montana, \$25,000; Nevada, \$25,000; North Dakota, \$170,000; South Dakota, \$75,000; Wisconsin, \$510,000; Wyoming, \$175,000.

PATRIOTIC TEA IS SUCCESSFUL.

The patriotic tea given at Craig hall yesterday afternoon by the ladies of the faculty of the University of Montana and leaders of the patriotic organizations in the city, proved not only a social, but also a financial success. The net proceeds of the function amounted to \$67. This money will find honored place in the treasury of the Missoula Red Cross society, of the University Red Cross society and of the Woman's Patriotic league.

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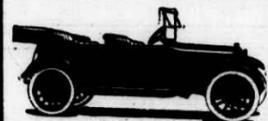
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