

telling of the death of Jettie Bull - came out in one of our annual proceedings.

Am at this moment writing the first story of Oklahoma as one of the 48 stories to be published simultaneously in January next. The story about one column in length will be sent to each newspaper in Oklahoma. Clifford Pinchot pays the bill.

Oklahoma is fast sweeping away its capital forest stock & consuming annually some 300 million feet more than it produces. The State's peak cut was in 1916 240 million feet, steadily dropping to the 1928 cut of 194 million feet.

The State consumed 525 million feet in 1920. The original forest of 12 million acres has dwindled to 1 1/2 million acres of virgin forest & that is going fast.

Am expressing the unproductive condition of the cut over lands & also damage due to fires. The lumber will consume more than it produces within 8 years & the lumbermen will run out of virgin timber in 20 to 25 years & then the trouble starts as there are no available sources of supply outside the U.S. Canada is as bad off as we are. The farmers will be very hard hit as they cannot afford to pay much higher prices & so cannot pay for substitutes as brick, stone, steel or synthetic wood. Naturally farmers will then migrate by thousands to the cities & add to our labor troubles. Back on this effort -

G sincerely
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