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land is still meeting with favor in a mile from Mr. Dupertuis' on 5 the states to the south and especial- the north side of the Chehalis ly in Washington and Oregon. river. The plan is being very generally | Enough data has been obtained adopted and for the guidance of to fully establish these facts conthose who have not yet used it a cerning the char-pit method of circular has been issued by the clearing logged off lands wherever Portland Commercial Club giving soil conditions are favorable. particulars of tests made near Chehalis, Washington, under the First: The economy of the supervision of the Citizens' Club. method, which can be conducted The method will be of interest to without high priced labor and at settlers in our own district who seasons when other farm work is See Us for Prices. have to face the problem of stump- not heavy, or can be done at all clearing:

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### Preparing the Stumps

was removed from the stumps for every tract of logged off land a height of about two feet above presents some different features, a the ground. Enough dry kindling sensible adaptation of the followwood was gathered from the ground ing three approved methods will and down logs to form a ring six accomplish their clearing at miniund down logs to form a ring six mum cost and effort:

LINDSAY'S CARTAGE and mum cost and effort: to eight inches in thickness en- mum cost and effort: irely around stumps where bark had been removed. After kindling was placed, it was closely covered where economy and not time is with clods and thick flakes of clay dug near the stump with a farm shovel, only leaving a small sapce, about a foot wide, for igniting the must be cleared quickly. kindling.

larly prepared and the kindling

### Making the Char-Pit

After the kindling got thoroughly burning, the one foot opening was also covered with earth to drive the fire around the entire ring of kindling like a charcoal pit. When the rising smoke indicated that the kindling around the stump was well lighted, additional dirt was placed closely around the stump to keep all the heat inside the casing of earth.

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