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ENTERPRISE.

It is no longer guesswork regarding Enterprise.

She is coming and coming fast.

Right now houses cannot be rented for the supply is inadequate. Hotel accommodations are limited, and if you intend to stay any length of time in the neighboring county seat we would advise you to wire Mrs. Rogers to hold you a room.

What did it? Why the transformation?

It is easily answered. The George Palmer Lumber company, the Grande Ronde Lumber company and O. W. R. & N. company transformed La Grande with their pay rolls.

Pay rolls are doing the same thing to Enterprise.

Some place in the middle west, we believe it is Kansas City, there lives a man named Duvall Jackson who nibbled at timber in the Wallowa county section for several years, and his friends nibbled. They kept getting more and more invested and it kept looking better and better to them.

Finally the inevitable happened. The timber was getting ripe and Duvall Jackson realized he had to get action for a man lives but once and he doesn't live very long at that. So, to get the money out of the standing timber it was necessary to start the par of the saw mill in the Wallowa canyons. And to do this it was necessary to build a logging railroad out of timber and to do many other things that have been done and done well.

Enterprise people showed they can't. They said to Mr. Jackson "we've been here since Chief Joseph was out of this country for us. We have some coin of the realm laid by, and to show you we believe in our own resources and also believe in your judgment we will invest a bunch of money along with you and take the chance."

The deal was made and work began. That it has proceeded with considerable rapidity is best known when one sees the logging road reaching toward Flora and on that road is running a couple of good locomotives bringing in trainload after trainload of logs to the Enterprise mill.

The mill is described by a man who knows as "the last word in saw mill construction." It is a double mill fitted

with every device that apparently is needed to handle logs and handle them very rapidly. When one stands in the center of the mill high up in the rigging he looks down on two "shot-gun feeds" shooting logs under the saw as fast as steam will do it. Then the boards coming from the saws are carried automatically around over the mill, separated into classes, the edgings and offal is carried off on endless chain carriers, and finally the good lumber is sent up an incline where a man with a bouquet of small buzzsaws cuts it into proper lengths and sends it into the yard to be piled and dried, or into the dry kilns for speedier work.

The day the writer was in Enterprise this mill cut 122,000 feet of lumber. This was not indicated, as they say about horse power of a gasoline engine, but actual. That much lumber was shaped from the Wallowa county forests and placed on the market of the world to reach out after money which Wallowa county and Enterprise would have never seen had it not been for the saw mill.

The effect of this pay roll is apparent on every hand. The town is growing. There are new faces on the streets all the time. People have heard of the "pep" in Enterprise and are flocking in. Some are the Easy-money guys who expect to pick off a little of the velvet and move on, but there is a large percentage who enter Enterprise that can be called good, substantial people looking for a location. For this reason Enterprise is doubling herself in population just about as fast as the rules of the business game will permit. And to the credit of Archie Miller, Dan Boyd, Frank Clarke and a lot more of the "sovereign squats" who went there in an earlier day, they are taking care of all who come. Not bilking them with some scheme to get their money, but they are finding profitable employment and profitable business for the men who are worth while.

The East Oregon Lumber company has come to stay. It has twenty years supply of standing timber and has a mill that it could not move away if it wanted to, and it does not want to. From W. C. Jackson, who is a son of Duvall Jackson, and the man who does the buying for the company, we learned a lot about lumber business. When it was analyzed down to a point where we could grasp it, the situation appears to be very simple. It is this: Manufacturing lumber bears no earmarks of a get-rich-quick game. It is a business with a percentage profit when things work well and a percentage of loss when things do not work well. But keep in mind, it is a business necessarily of long duration to achieve results. Quite naturally it is a business of large proportions for the interest on the investment in timber and mill would stagger a man who has run a country print shop for many years. Nevertheless, while the bet is a big one, if conditions continue as they are now the returns are bound to be large. In Mr. Jackson's very original manner he called the turn when he said, "but the streaks of sunshine in any business are dispelled often by the clouds, and the lumber business is no exception to the rule."



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ness are dispelled often by the clouds, and the lumber business is no exception to the rule."

This remark was made just after he had been informed the logging road had spread in a soft place out in the hills and he had a locomotive and three cars to dig out before any more logs could be delivered.

John H. Pollit is superintendent of the new mill. He hails from down south where the magnolias bloom and where mosquitos and black folks operate in the winter as well as in the summer. He was very frank in telling the writer that he had never heard tell, much less experienced such a winter as we have just had in Eastern Oregon. But, after mentioning several of the worst days, reciting the tabulated statement of the thermometer readings during the winter and offering substantiated statements regarding the snow fall, he said: "And with all that don't you know I like it up here fine and we whipped that mill on the tail and made her work all winter long."

It was not hard to understand the latter statement. To look at John Pollit is but to survey a man with a lot of iron in him and one who knows no such word as failure.

H. LeCarlton, the assistant secretary, was chasing his fingers up and down the columns of an adding machine but he stopped long enough to recall a few reminiscences. He has not lived in Wallowa county long enough yet to get over the scenery. To him nature's work over there is the best of all and he can prove to you without exaggeration that the Alps are nothing but make-believe mountains compared with old Eagle Cap.

At the planer filling the position of superintendent is K. S. Faucette. Accent on the last syllable of that name, please. And he is the busiest man one ever saw, yet he has time to visit with you between orders, for he has all the boys in their proper places and his men work with as much precision as does the Berlin machine that grinds out the wide boards butted on one side or on both, whichever you may elect. Mr. Faucette smooths up what the other fellows have started. He is the finisher. Not only that he keeps tab on all the lumber that goes through. It may be an inch board or it may be a two by four, but it does not get away from Faucette.

Assistant to him is W. R. La Londe, the gentleman from Mexico. He knows Villa well. Probably drank musical with the outlaw around the dinner table, but he does not admit it. He does say however, that Villa, while an outlaw and a man with a price on his head for many years, always treated Americans well in the community where he (Mr. La Londe) was located. Having cruised a great deal of timber in Mexico Mr. La Londe knows the country well and he can give some graphic descriptions of the land south of the Rio Grande.

The capacity of this industrial plant that is putting Enterprise on the map is 125,000 feet daily. About four cars of manufactured lumber are now being shipped from the mill, which is a start for bigger business. The plant, as we have stated, is thoroughly modern. It has its own electric plant with motive power from a steam turbine. It has a large timber supply and the logging road now being used will eventually be ballasted and made into a common carrier to serve the agricultural country around Flora and the north half of Wallowa county.

Is there any reason why Enterprise

should not feel a little "chesty" and begin to take on a brisk life with such an institution as the one described running on full time?

Hot Lunch Service Plan for School Molalla, Or., May 26.—The Molalla Parent-Teachers' association has voted in favor of establishing a hot lunch service in the public schools, to be started at the opening of the fall term of school. At the meeting of the Parent-Teachers' association officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: President, Mrs. J. W. Thomas; Vice-President, Mrs. F. G. Haveman; treasurer, Mrs. George Case; secretary, Mrs. J. L. Tuley.

Molalla I. O. O. F. To Build Home

Molalla, Or., May 26.—It is announced that work will commence on the new I. O. O. F. hall at Molalla in a few days. It will be constructed on the corner now occupied by the postoffice building. The deed for the lot has been secured by the local lodge and the permit granted for moving the postoffice.

Far North Road To Be Built Vancouver, B. C., May 26.—Ar-

rangements having been made by the provincial government for financing the operations, the Pacific Great Eastern railway plans to at once resume construction on its line north of Clinto, the present rail head, 166 miles from Squamish, the Howe Sound terminal. The railway, which was begun three years ago, will run from Vancouver to Fort George and furnish an important north and south link with the transcontinental system of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, opening rich tracts of agricultural, mining and timber lands. Employment will be given to 1300 men, stationmen, carpenters, mechanics and track laborers being required.

Holstein Cows Shipped

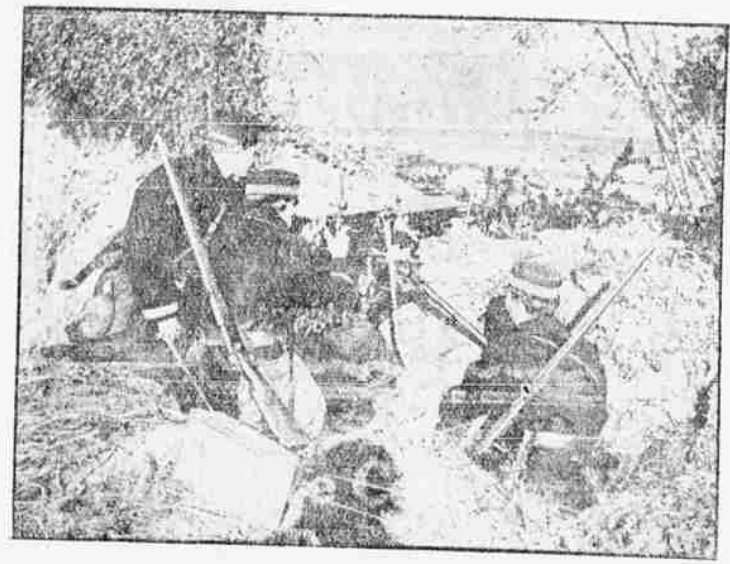
Chehalis, Wash., May 26.—One hundred head of high-grade Holstein cows have recently been purchased in this district by Nick La France, secretary of the Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Commercial club, the animals to be shipped immediately and to be distributed among the dairymen in the Coeur d'Alene country. Mr. La France expects to return within a few weeks to purchase three or four additional carloads of Holstein cattle.

Warrant Issued Grand Mound Citizen Centralia, Wash., May 26.—Following an investigation by Prosecuting Attorney Yantis, of Thurston county, a warrant was issued Wednesday for the arrest of H. H. Balch, a prominent mill owner of Grand Mound, on the charge of aiding girls to escape from the State School for Girls at Grand Mound and also charging him with interfering with the discipline of the school. It is alleged that Mr. Balch assisted Pearl Mann to escape from the school, paying her way to Seattle. Several other residents of Grand Mound are suspected of having had a hand in the affair. The investigation was made upon the complaint of the state board of control that certain Grand Mound people are hostile to the institution, it being their apparent sentiment that the girls are badly treated and that they are doing a humane act in assisting them to get away.

Veteran Is Dead at Home

Roseburg, Or., May 26.—James H. Lewis, aged 86, an Indian war veteran, died yesterday at the Oregon Soldiers' Home. He entered the institution 17 years ago from Linn county. He has one nephew at Cottage Grove.

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