

# THE LUMBER INDUSTRY

## The Outlook Brightens, According to Mr. Wastell.

### NEWS OF THE LOCAL FIELD.

Work on the New Sawmill at Disston Inaugurated.—Brown Company Is Handicapped for Logs.—General Lumbering News.

In presenting the December bulletin Secretary A. B. Wastell, of the Oregon & Washington Lumber Manufacturers' Association, wishes its members and all lumbermen, wholesale and retail, a merry Christmas and a happy New Year with a confidence that his wishes will be fulfilled, not only on account of the generally favorable impressions that prevail, but also by reason of the encouraging reports in the outlook sent in from different sources, which furnish definite warrant for reasonable optimism. He goes still further, and extends good wishes to customers, with special thought to the railroads, which use approximately 40 per cent of the output of the fir mills, and to the farmer, as all other interests share in his continued prosperity and success.

Following this introductory, Mr. Wastell makes suggestions with special reference to market conditions. The local business within the state, which has been a big item during the past year, promises well for the future. It is anticipated that next year will witness a consumption in the Willamette Valley even heavier than during the past season, with an upward trend in prices. Many mills will confine themselves to local business and decline to quote on deliveries for outside markets, removing a feature of competition that will be generally beneficial. A resumption of the tide of immigration that characterized the past year is practically assured, as publicity and development leagues are going to continue their splendid advertising campaign of Oregon's wonderful resources. Frequent inquiries are being received for railroad material and judging by estimated requirement it is confidently believed that ties will strengthen in price materially.

Mr. Wastell says mills are encouraging prospective railroad building in the state, as well as by the requirement of communities for additional homes. Practically all car-building concerns have material for 60 to 120 days' operations, but indications point to a continuation of car-building throughout the year. California promises a good market during 1910, while Utah's demand for mixed cars is strong. Eastern Oregon is somewhat slack, but an improved condition is in almost immediate prospect. There are favorable indications reported from throughout the middle west. He urges that constant associated efforts of the mills through the medium of a bureau with suitable exhibits, centrally located, should be made to introduce fir throughout this great consuming territory where its merits are only known in spots.

Denial of the report that a lumber and shingle trust has been organized on the Pacific coast is made in a telegram which has just been sent by Victor H. Beckman, secretary of the Pacific Coast Lumber Manufacturers' association, to Edward Hines of Chicago, president of the National Lumber Manufacturers' association. The dispatch is as follows: "All dispatches about formation of lumber and shingle trust on the Pacific coast are absolute falsehoods and evidently the work of free lumber advocates. Whoever is responsible for these reports should be asked to make an emphatic denial. The published reports of a trust having been formed is an injustice to the lumber trade."

New Orleans lumber and timber operators have closed a deal for 280 acres of Clackamas county timber lands, paying \$300,000 for the property. Buyers employed by the buyers reported 200,000,000 feet of fine standing timber on the tract and the sale was made on a basis of \$1.50 per thousand. This is the largest sale of Oregon timber lands since the Slaterry deal, involving \$500,000, made last summer, and one of the most important transactions of the kind during the year. It is understood that the buyers are negotiating for adjoining timber lands containing 300,000,000 feet, which they will probably secure in a short time.

The Eugene Lumber company is shipping logs from up the Mohawk to Eugene by rail. At the millpond an automatic dump is used. The mill is being overhauled.

D. S. Livesay & Sons will move their sawmill from Gervais to Woodburn in the near future. A site has been purchased, and the machinery will be added.

It is rumored that the Southern Pacific will put in two saw mills on the Oregon extension.

After remaining idle for about two years, it is reported that the Southern Pacific's three saw mills at Marcola

will resume operations soon after January. The company has a force of men at the mills and in the woods.

The mill of the Brown Lumber Company of this city has not been running full line during the past week, but the temporary difficulty in getting logs is compensated for by the fact that time is given to make a year-end clean-up. The planing mill is running day and night, with plenty of orders ahead.

The Star Lumber Company this week began the work of framing its proposed new sawmill at Disston. J. J. Craig went to Disston on Monday to carry on the work, which will occupy about two months.

#### WANTS OUR LIFE HISTORY

Michigander Makes Minute Inquiries Regarding This City and Locality

The Sentinel is in receipt of the following communication from a Michigan man, which is self-explanatory:

The Sentinel, Cottage Grove, Oregon.—If you have any literature at hand, please send to my address. I saw a copy of The Sentinel here the other day and after reading it would like to know more of your country. Cottage Grove must be a large town, judging from your paper. I have had a longing to locate permanently in the west, and figure on leaving here in the spring on a tour of inspection, and would appreciate some advice before going. I am sufficiently possessed of this world's goods to carry out any undertaking projected by me, and believing that a new country brings quicker returns on investments than the older ones I have about concluded to try it out. If not asking too much give me the deposits of your banks, population, valuation, average tax, miles of paved streets, miles of sewers, property values per front foot, educational facilities, principal industries, character of soil, rates of interest, distance to larger town, number of railroads, and state whether city administration is in favor of public improvements, and if the people foster industries.

Upon receipt of your letter you will hear from me again. Yours truly, J. E. Anderson.

#### THE COAST FORK GRANGE.

Officers for Ensuing Year Are Elected at All-Day Session.

The Coast Fork Grange met in annual session at London last Saturday at 10 o'clock and spent the entire day in transacting business and in social intercourse. Dinner was served in the hall. The following officers were elected: C. H. Winecoff, master; D. Doolittle, overseer; E. R. Thorndberg, lecturer; C. L. Bergstrom, steward; Elmer Doolittle, asst. steward; D. R. Harris, chaplain; A. H. Nowell, secretary; J. G. Powell, treasurer; John Massey, gate keeper; Mrs. Emma Doolittle, pomona; Mrs. Phoebe Young, flora; Mrs. C. M. Winecoff, ceris; Mrs. Nancy Ward, lady assistant.

On New Year's day another all-day session will be held. In the afternoon the officers will be publicly installed by Mr. C. L. Powell. A good program has been arranged for the occasion, and the general public is cordially invited.

#### Many Trees to Be Planted.

In addition to the 625 acres of apples and other fruits being set out by the A. C. Bohrenstedt company at Creswell, a number of individual citizens there are planting and will plant during the season over 300 acres of fruit. Creswell is in the midst of one of the finest fruit growing tracts in the state, and is located nine miles north of Cottage Grove. The best apples in Lane county are already grown there. When this new acreage begins to bear, the output at Creswell will be something big. Among those who will plant orchards in the spring are the following: V. G. Grousbeck, E. L. Barnett, G. E. Everson, H. Holterman, T. A. Schafer, E. J. Moore, Prof. Barnes, C. F. Moore, Peter Hillesland, W. A. Reynolds, Fred Wright, Dr. Thompson, B. F. Martin, Sherman Morss.

#### Mooney Honors Albany.

Albany had the honor this morning of having a brief visit from Bud Mooney, of Cottage Grove, one of the champion rifle shots of the United States National Guard. Mooney was one of the members of the Oregon team at camp Perry, Ohio, last August. Mr. Mooney is a member of the Cottage Grove militia and was in town with a friend, Mr. Wicks, who had to stop for a short time on business with Senator F. J. Miller of the Albany Iron Works. Mr. Wicks is a sawmillman and is having some machinery repaired by the local shop. The two gentlemen went to Newport this noon on a two or three days' business trip.—Albany Herald.

#### Child Dies of Exposure.

The lifeless body of 5-year-old Gladys Allen, daughter of M. D. Allen and wife, residing at Franklin, northwest of Eugene, was found beside a creek a short distance from the house, the child having wandered away from home. The child had fallen in the creek, and died of exposure.

#### The Siuslaw Jetty.

Work will soon begin on the \$100,000 improvement to the Siuslaw river, the amount having been raised by popular subscription among residents of the section to be benefited. It is expected that the work will occupy two years.

# STANDS HALF CENTURY

## Landmark of Civilization's Move Into Oregon.

### RESIDENCE OF O. P. ADAMS

Some Interesting Reminiscences and Adventures of One of State's Pioneer Settlers.—Search for Gold Proves a Losing Game.

One of the significant features bearing upon pioneer days is portrayed by the quaint old building of O. P. Adams, which is situated in the southwest corner of the city limits of Cottage Grove. This building was erected in 1856, when nearly all of the citizens of this community aided in its construction.

The custom in the early days was that in the building of a house or barn all the men in a radius of 15 to 25 miles would hitch up their teams and help raise the building. After the frame work was completed a feast was spread and a jolly time would ensue. Such was the experience of Mr. Adams. He has made this house his home for 53 years. Land that changed hands 53 years ago for a paltry sum has increased in value until it is worth in the neighborhood of \$200 per acre, and still he clings to the old home. When this building was completed it was the finest structure in Oregon south of Eugene.

During his sojourn here he has met with a number of interesting adventures. During the Rogue River Indian war he was commissioned as head packer, supplies being conveyed to the soldiers on duty from Pleasant Hill, packed on horses and mules to Southern Oregon. How he escaped from falling into the hands of savage Indians is a question unexplainable, as the Indians went in droves from the Calapooia Mountains to Phenix, in Jackson county, Oregon.

In the year of 1860, hearing the sensational reports of the fabulous richness of the Blue Bucket diggings, where gold could be picked up by the bucketful, about 50 men organized themselves, taking horses, provisions, guns and ammunition sufficient to ward off the intrusion of the Indians if they should be attacked. When they had reached the plains of Eastern Oregon, the Indians perceived that this company was well armed and an attack upon them would be futile; they however changed their tactics, which caused consternation in the realm of the white man's camp. When they were reposing in slumber, with the exception of a guard left on duty, the Indians approached the band of horses from the opposite direction riding swiftly among them and giving their war whoop frightened them and caused the greater number of them to stampede. This left the gold seekers in bewilderment, forced to burn a large portion of their provisions, destroy their ammunition and return home. They took a due westerly course crossing the Cascades and reached home after traveling 17 days on foot. The search for the Blue Bucket diggings was thereafter abandoned, as it was learned that the following winter high winds and drifting sand had covered all trace of gold. Where this spot is located is a mystery, whether in Eastern Oregon, Idaho, or Montana may never be learned, but the general supposition is that it is in Eastern Oregon.

Mr. Adams is 81 years of age, hale and hearty. He has six daughters, all of whom are married. They are as follows: Mrs. Lydia Van Buren, Mrs. Theodosia Cathcart, Mrs. Helen Viles, Mrs. Mary Hawley, Mrs. Lucy Armstrong and Mrs. Hattie McFarland.

Case of Blood Poisoning. Mrs. W. D. Heath, who resides in the Row river valley, came to Cottage Grove on Friday last to receive treatment for blood poisoning. Mrs. Heath accidentally pricked her finger with a pin, and two days afterward blood-poisoning set in. She is recovering.

Card of Thanks. We wish to extend our sincere thanks to friends and the W. O. W. for their kind assistance in the burial of our son and brother, Charles D. Hull.

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