

NEW MILL WILL START ON MARCH 5

CONSTRUCTION NEARS
COMPLETION.

TO EMPLOY 75 MEN

Gardner-Wilkinson Lumber Company
Plant Will Cut 75,000 Feet Daily
Lumber to Be Hauled to
Bend for Shipment.

March 5 is the date that has been set for the beginning of operations of the Gardner-Wilkinson Lumber Company's sawmill, situated seven miles northwest of Bend, which is now nearing completion. With ideal weather in which to do construction the logging and building operations have been rushed for the last three months.

The mill will have a capacity of 75,000 feet daily, operating on one shift and will employ about 50 men. The company has a contract in force to supply seven million feet of lumber and it will begin filling this order as soon as it begins cutting. It will probably take until May 1 to complete this order, after which a night shift may be put on, which will mean virtually doubling the capacity of the mill and the addition to 25 men to the pay roll. The main mill building is 140 feet long and 35 feet wide, operates one eight-foot band saw with other auxiliary machinery. As yet it has not been definitely decided on the location of the planer. This feature will be settled as soon as hauling is begun.

Logging Pond Large.

While the construction of the mill has been going on a large crew of men and teams were engaged in logging on the land close to the mill site, and now 1,250,000 feet of logs are decked in the basin for the logging pond just below the mill. When the logging pond basin is filled with water from the Wimer ditch it will cover approximately three acres of land will be held back by a dam of heavy plank construction, 275 feet long at the crest and 30 feet high at the center. The pond ordinarily will hold about 750,000 feet of logs. Theodore Aune has the contract for logging. The dam was constructed by M. J. Danielson.

Mill Site is Ideal.

The Gardner-Wilkinson Lumber Company has selected an ideal location for their mill. Although not on a running stream it has been afforded logging facilities which few inland mills have. The mill, yards and camps are situated on a high level piece of ground above the gulch partly occupied by the logging pond. The logs can be easily conveyed from the pond to the mill with the timber close at hand. Although considered a small mill, it is complete in every detail, with new machinery. Approximately 10 acres have been cleared north of the mill, and the lumber will be piled there for air drying before it is hauled to Bend for shipment.

Road Needs Improvement.

Some of the details relative to shipping the cut to the railroad have not yet been completed. As soon as hauling is begun, 20 four-horse teams will be used to convey lumber to tracks from the planer, the location of which has not been determined. Mr. Wilkinson said yesterday that the company is willing to expend approximately \$2000 for the improvement of the road from the mill to the yards of the Bend Brick & Lumber Co., and will ask the county to assist in the improvement of the road from the brick yard to town. The total cost would approximate \$4000.

At its immediate command the Gardner-Wilkinson Lumber Company has approximately 25 million feet of timber within easy reach of the mill.

The plant will be under the management of Ray Wilkinson, of Bend, junior member of the firm. Mr. Wilkinson has been in the lumber and timber business for the last 20 years. Most of his experience has been in the west, having operated mills in Oregon and California. In 1907 Mr. Wilkinson engaged in extensive cruising work for the Shellin interests and in 1914 took charge of the Griffin mill for the creditors putting it

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The Gardner-Wilkinson Saw Mill, Which Will Employ 75 Men



LOGGING PLANT IN FOREGROUND

COUNTY COURT IS IN SESSION

WIDOWS' PENSIONS ORDERED PAID, AND PROPOSITIONS FOR NEW QUARTERS IS EXPLAINED TO COMMISSIONERS.

Showing even a greater disposition than ever to accomplish a maximum amount of business during their sessions, the members of the county court, meeting in Bend today, started at once on the program outlined at the joint meeting of the Deschutes and Crook county courts held in Prineville this week.

At the morning session an order was made for the payment of widows' pensions, blanks for the county treasurer were ordered, and authorization for the payment of the \$40 balance on the farmers' donation for the Redmond road, was made.

Shortly after noon, the court, accompanied by J. Teuscher, agent for the Boys' and Girls' Aid society, of Portland, visited the Wingham place, to look after the welfare of the children there, and immediately on their return, court again went into session.

C. S. Hudson, representing the Deschutes Investment company, appeared to offer new terms for county headquarters in the addition planned to the First National Bank building. More office rooms were tendered, with the addition of court and jury rooms, a rental of \$200 a month, on a 10 year lease being asked.

S. R. Hogan presented a petition in regard to the Tumalo road.

District Attorney H. H. DeArmond presented a request that either a stenographer be furnished him by the county, or that his office rent be given him.

Forest service forms for application for national aid in road building were received.

LAST LAP OF RACE FOR DODGE NOW ON

Bulletin Candidates Making Final Effort—Votes Now All Placed in Locked Iron Box.

The last lap of The Bulletin contest started yesterday evening, when H. E. Allen, of the Brooks-Seaton Lumber Co., formally locked the iron box, into which all votes from now until the end of the contest, are to be placed. The key will remain in his possession until Monday night, when the box will be opened in the presence of all three judges, the votes canvassed, and the Dodge car and other prizes offered, awarded to the successful candidates.

Tomorrow, in consequence, the exact comparative standing will be known to no one. Until the box is opened the result will be a matter of much conjecture, for the race has no laggards remaining in it. A final spurt toward the finish is already highly in evidence.

The exact time at which the box will be opened, and its contents counted, will be announced tomorrow in these columns.

STREETS REPAIRED

Damage Done by Recent Heavy Thaw Taken Care of.

Under supervision of Chairman C. V. Silvis, of the streets committee, work is being carried on in Kenwood, to repair the damage done in the heavy thaw of a few weeks ago. A number of holes have been washed in the streets in that section, and these are being filled, and the whole leveled.

The fact that the ground was frozen thoroughly before the first snow came, is given as the cause for the washouts.

THE EAST BECOMES FACETIOUS ABOUT WAR WITH GERMANY

Claude Mannheim Receives 'Wires' From Sister in Chicago, Handling the Situation Lightly.

The East has become facetious regarding the war and the impending break with Germany. At least it would appear so according to "telegrams" received this morning by Claude L. Mannheim, from a sister in Chicago. The wires read: "To the Kaiser: I would advise you to keep off the streets, cause if peace comes, it will be through the Allies. PRESIDENT WILSON."

"To the United States: Wanted, five thousand Singer sewing machines to hem in the Germans on the border. KING GEORGE."

To the President: Wanted, five thousand pairs of pajamas, the Russians are ready to retire. THE CZAR."

DISTRICT VALUES TO BE ADVANCED

CHANGE OF SCHOOL UNIT BOUNDARIES BEING WORKED ON BY THE DESCHUTES COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.

Increased valuations for Deschutes county school districts will result as soon as the re-districting now in progress is completed, was the announcement of County Superintendent J. Alton Thompson this afternoon. Thirteen out of the 30 districts in the county will be affected, he says, a large percentage of the changes having been necessitated because of the splitting up of old Crook county.

No less than eight petitions for change of boundaries are now up for consideration, coming from districts 30, 69, 26, 37, 12 and 15. From district 26, three petitions, all at variance, have been sent in.

Before the re-districting can be completed, Mr. Thompson will have to make a special trip to secure exact data on valuations in the old districts, before the final equalization is made.

Preliminary work in the settling of disputed boundaries was attended to this week in Prineville, when the district boundary boards of Deschutes and Crook counties held an informal meeting.

BEND NOSES OUT VICTORY OVER REDMOND

Local Five Defeats Potato Growers' Sons Here Last Night by a Score of 27 to 26.

The Bend high school barely nosed out a victory in basketball last night over the Redmond high school by a score of 27 to 26. The game from beginning to end was the fastest that has been seen on the local floor this season.

The Bend quintet started out with a rush and piled up a favorable lead at the beginning, and when the first period had advanced toward the close the visiting five started to pile up baskets, and the first half ended 15 to 9, in favor of Bend.

In the second half the Redmond team speeded up considerably, and it was a see-saw race from the start, with Redmond playing more aggressive basketball than the Bend team. The second half ended 27 to 26, in favor of Bend.

For the visitors, Johnson was clearly the star, for his team. Although playing center, he made a majority of the baskets, keeping clear

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TO BOOST FIRE INSURANCE RATE

UNDERWRITERS CONTEMPLATE ADVANCE FOR BEND UNLESS EQUIPMENT IS PUT IN AND DEPARTMENT ORGANIZED.

That a substantial advance in fire insurance rates for Bend is being contemplated by the board of underwriters in Portland, was the intelligence received this morning by City Councilman Claude Bennett. The information was given in a letter in answer to a query from Councilman Bennett as to what reductions could be made in rates if the city should purchase standard fire equipment, and employ a volunteer department, with two paid men.

The report of the underwriters was based on an average for Bend taken for the last five years, during which period, it was declared, \$2.56 had been paid out by the companies, for every dollar received in premiums. The percentage of the contemplated advance was not given.

The underwriters stated however, that if the proposed fire system were installed here, with the additional feature of a fire prevention and educative campaign, that there would be no raise in local rates. In place of this, they wrote, there would be a five per cent reduction in the business section of this city.

Mr. Bennett expects that full information in regard to the merits of equipment, and necessary ordinances for a fire system, will be ready in time for a complete report at the meeting of the city council Tuesday night. Plans for a fire hall will be submitted.

AMBASSADOR TO LEAVE SATURDAY

GERARD AND STAFF TO GO BY WAY OF SWITZERLAND ON SPECIAL TRAIN, FURNISHED BY GERMANY.

By Carl W. Ackerman, (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

BERLIN, Feb. 9.—Ambassador Gerard's plans for departure are completed. His staff, American Red Cross officials and consular agents will accompany him. A special train for their use will probably leave Berlin on Saturday, en route to Berne. Simultaneously with his departure, the Spanish minister will begin to represent the United States in the German capital.

NEUTRALS TO TAKE UP U. S. RELIEF WORK

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin.)
ROME, Feb. 9.—The Vatican issued a statement today saying that Holland, Switzerland and Scandinavia have agreed to take over American relief work in Belgium, in the event of war.

BULGARS WARN U. S., TO SUPPORT KAISER

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin.)
AMSTERDAM, Feb. 9.—The Berlin correspondent of the Cologne Gazette said today that Bulgaria has warned the United States, and intends to support Germany in any event.

ANTI-PICKETING BILL IS PASSED

HOUSE IS SCENE OF HEATED DEBATE.

Declared Discrimination Against Labor—Livestock Boards Consolidation Approved, and Bone Dry Law Aided.

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin.)

SALEM, Feb. 9.—The House this afternoon passed the anti-picketing bill by a vote of 33 to 25. Heated debate preceded voting on the measure, Representative Kubli declaring that the measure is fair and reasonable, and designed merely to protect Portland shipbuilding, while others took the stand that it is an unwarranted blow to organized labor.

Sheldon declared that "it prevents strikers from presenting their side of industrial disputes, and asked why a lobby had been maintained to force its passage. He asserted that laborers on strike have a right to picket peacefully.

Amend Teachers' Law. The Senate passed the Orton bill amending the teachers' office tenure law. The new legislation is intended to favor the teachers.

Senator Cusick's bill repealing the law requiring medical examination as a prerequisite to marriage, was repealed.

The bill consolidating the Stallion registration board, and the Livestock Sanitary board, was passed, the measure providing that the new board will handle a portion of the duties previously discharged by the Dairy and Food commission.

As an aid to the bone dry law, a bill was passed extending the boundaries of counties bordering on the ocean, three miles. The intention of the sponsors of the measure, is further to prevent bootlegging from coasting vessels.

GERMANS RESISTING BRITISH OFFENSIVE

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin.)

BERLIN, via Sayville, Feb. 9.—It is admitted that British troops entered the German trenches at Vailencourt, also north of St. Pierre Vast woods. Lively artillery fire is going on between Ancre and the Somme. The British attack at Serre was repulsed.

OREGON MILITIA TO RETURN HOME SOON

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 9.—Western army headquarters announced today that Oregon and Washington militia will probably start homeward tomorrow. They are now awaiting railroad arrangements. The troop trains left Los Angeles today and will arrive in Calexico tonight.

ALLIED LOSSES FOR JANUARY ARE HEAVY

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin.)

BERLIN, Feb. 9.—The Allies lost 55 aeroplanes in January, according to an announcement made here today. The German loss was 34.

640 ACRE HOMESTEAD INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED

The general land office has just issued a 20 page circular (No. 523) giving full instructions to registers and receivers as to how to proceed under the Ferris 640 acre grazing homestead law, approved December 29, 1916. A copy of this circular may be obtained by writing Congress Sinnott.

BRITISH SHIP IS SUNK BY A SUBMARINE

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin.)
LONDON, Feb. 9.—The British ship, Hanna Larson, was submerged, and four injured, it was announced today. The commander was captured, and 19 landed. A submarine shelled the Norwegian vessels Ida, and Hanskinak. Two of the sailors of the Ida were killed.

MILITIA ORDNANCE ORDERED SHIPPED

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin.)
MILWAUKEE, Feb. 9.—It was learned today that all the ordnance belonging to the Wisconsin militia has been ordered shipped to the Brooklyn navy yard.

MOVE IS ON TO PREVENT WAR PLUNGE

MADRID CONFERENCE PROPOSED.

NEGOTIATION SECRET

Reason for Detaining Ambassador Gerard Questioned—W. J. Bryan Would Submit German War Issue to Popular Vote.

By Robert J. Bender, (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9.—A tremendous sub-surface move is on to preserve peace, neutral representatives attempting to arrange a Madrid conference. Pacifists want Germany to promise not to violate neutral rights. The United States is trying to make Austria modify her submarine policy, and to avoid an Austrian break.

Von Bernstorff is expected to agitate for peace as soon as he reaches Berlin. All moves are being conducted secretly, and are wholly informal. Neutrals in addition to the United States, are determined to prevent the extinction of international law. A Madrid conference, it is emphasized, would protect the rights of small nations.

Delay Questioned.

The Department of State today asked Germany why Ambassador Gerard is delayed from returning to America. The action was taken through the Swiss minister. Secretary Lansing is doubtful whether Gerard is being intentionally detained. He said that he had heard nothing officially concerning his departure, and said that he may be voluntarily remaining to clean up official odds and ends of business before leaving for this country.

Appropriation Cut.

The House rules committee refused to report on the resolution providing \$150,000,000 for the immediate completion of warships. The \$1,000,000 appropriation clause in the bill, designed to give the President finances with which to purchase aeroplane patents, was defeated, and an amendment was introduced empowering the chief executive to control private shippings.

General Funston advised the War Department that the movement of border troops has been resumed. Secretary of War Baker said that confusion of orders had probably occasioned a delay.

Negro Not American.

Consul Frost officially reported that George Washington, negro, killed in the torpedoing of the ship Torino, was evidently not an American citizen, but had been born in Canada. The cabinet met again this afternoon. It is understood that President Wilson believes that the only absolute war cause, would be the sinking of an American ship, causing death.

Would Vote on War.

Representative Callaway introduced a resolution in Congress today providing that the President cannot declare war without a referendum vote. Bryan advised the plan. The resolution contended that the voters should determine the German war question. The matter was referred to the committee on foreign relations.

The Inter-state Commerce committee today reported favorably on the bill empowering the President to commandeer the railways in the event of war.

Secretary Lansing received a cable from Ambassador Page in London, stating that von Bernstorff's safe-conduct had been arranged.

DUNKIRK ATTACKED BY AIR FIGHTERS

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin.)
PARIS, Feb. 9.—Aviators of the enemy's forces, bombarded French positions in the Dunkirk region, it was announced today. Four civilians were killed.

SHIPPING DECREASES.

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9.—Lloyd's report showed 15,000 tons of shipping in the last 24 hours. On the previous day it was 23,000.