

# Latest News Covering Willamette Valley Points

## Future of Lumber Industry in Polk County Is Assured

Monmouth, Or., Sept. 9.—With the largest lumber mills and logging camps in south Polk county in operation, an era of activity which seems certain to continue steadily for many years has begun. The largest concerns have purchased supplies to last 50 years, have constructed logging railroads and equipped small-sized cities in preparation for a long period of active operation.

The present inactive period in the Pacific coast lumber industry is held to be only temporary, and while the period of readjustment is under way no time is lost in preparations for efficient manufacture. Lumbermen in south Polk county assert that a readjustment of rail rates is most urgently needed and are confident that ultimately reductions will be made so as to enable the manufacturer of Douglas fir to compete with the products put out by the southern pine mills.

**Valsetz Mill in Operation.**  
One of the largest and best equipped lumber mills in the state is in operation at Valsetz, in the heart of the Siletz basin. The plant is owned by the Cobbs & Mitchell company. Operations were begun in October, 1920. The average daily cut is 160,000 feet.

Approximately 150 men are employed in the mill and about 200 in logging operations. Wages paid range from the minimum of \$3.20 a day for common laborer to as high as \$10.40 for sawyers. The eight-hour day is in effect at the mill and in the logging camp.

The company's logging camp has an average cut of 5,000,000 feet a month, and supplies both the mill at Valsetz and the mill of the Falls City Lumber & Logging company at Falls City.

**Timber for 50 Years.**  
Officials of the Cobbs & Mitchell company stated that sufficient timber is owned to supply both mills, at a maximum running capacity, for a period of 50 years. Logging equipment consists of 13 donkey engines.

The mill at Valsetz, which is in the heart of one of the world's largest bodies of Douglas fir timber, is reached by the Valley & Siletz Railroad company, a subsidiary corporation. The line consists of 39 miles of standard gauge track.

Every effort has been made to provide the best of living accommodations for employes. Bank-houses 10x40 feet are divided into three rooms, with three men to a room.

The company employs modern lodging sanitation. House beds, with white linens, are used. A chambermaid service is employed. There is running water, in every house, and all are electrically lighted. There is a large recreation hall and a general merchandise store at Valsetz, which has sprung up actively since operations in the lumber and logging industry began last fall.

**Faith in Future Shows.**  
The Cobbs & Mitchell company's plant, railroad and timber, are pointed to by leading lumbermen in the Willamette valley as evidence of large operators' faith in the future of the industry on the Pacific coast.

Another large operator which has constructed a modern plant in south Polk county is the Foster Lumber company of Nebraska. The concern has erected a plant at Ritner, and has begun active logging and lumber operations. The company owns a large body of Douglas fir timber in south Polk county, and plans to ship the lumber to Nebraska for distribution through its retail yards.

With steady operations now being carried on, the city of Monmouth, situated in open country 20 miles southwest of Salem, and which is primarily a farming and livestock country, at times has the appearance of a logging town. Trainloads of the finest Siletz Douglas fir logs pass through Monmouth on their way to the mill at Falls City. The logs are routed over the Southern Pacific line by way of Dallas.

In addition to the large concerns there are many smaller mills ranging from 15,000 to 30,000 feet daily capacity, which add a considerable quantity to the total

lumber production of south Polk county.

At present orders from Japan are attracting attention in the lumber industry. This week a shipment of Jap squares passed through Monmouth destined for cargo shipment to Japan. The squares are in strong demand for the building of homes in Japan and especially in Tokio.

During the past eight months considerable quantities of railroad ties have been shipped by the smaller mills of south Polk county. A further business in the line is expected, though prices to the mills are somewhat lower than the first of this year.

## Say, Folks, Sells-Floto's Coming With "Poodles" And Chicago Features



Only a few days now—and a breakfast—until the big top and all the little tops of the Sells-Floto circus, "second largest show on earth," will loom against the skyline at Salem, for the trains of the big troupe roll into the city for afternoon and night performances and a forenoon street parade at dawn on Wednesday, September 21st.

And this year Sells-Floto is coming with its famed Chicago Coliseum performance intact—with "Poodles Hanneford," the great riding clown, his family and nearly four hundred stars of the sawdust and the spangles, including the wire dancing Berta Beeson, the lovely wire artist, Victoria, the flying Codonas and Nelsons, the Ottawagas Japanese Ju-Jitsu thunderbolts, the Hamido Madri Arabs, Ben Sweeney, Minnie Fisher, the Steiners, the Hobsons, the Hodgins, the Barlows

## Methodists Plan Big Fall Rally

Plans have been completed by officials of the First Methodist church for an "every member canvass" to be made on Sunday, September 18, to raise the budget of \$10,000 for the coming year, the \$7000 missionary budget already having been cared for.

The rally will begin with a big dinner in the basement of the church at 6:30 on Wednesday, September 15, and at which the election of a lay delegate will be held to attend the annual conference at Forest Grove.

## Fuel Alcohol Made at 8 Cents a Gallon

Honolulu, Sept. 9.—Due to the lack of wood fuel available for use in stoves in its employes' houses, combined with the low market price offered for molasses, the Maui Agricultural company, one of the largest Hawaiian sugar

companies, is making extensive experiments in the production of fuel alcohol from molasses, and officials of the company report that the experiments are successful.

Making use of the new type of still, it is found that about 55 gallons of alcohol can be produced from a ton of molasses. At an estimated price of \$4 per ton for molasses, the cost of fuel alcohol is brought down to less than eight cents per gallon.

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## Unitarian Laymen Meet; Bar Clergy

Narragansett Pier, R. I., Sept. 9.—For the first time in the history of any denomination Unitarian laymen will hold a conference here on September 16, 17 and 18 at which no clergyman will be present. The meeting will bring chapter presidents from all sections of the United States, Canada and Mexico.

The conference is the first ever held in the history of the Unitarian church, and if successful will be made an annual event.

Among the subjects which will be discussed are disarmament and industrial relations. Announcement will be made of the fact that one-half of the \$5,000,000 fund for the Unitarian church extension has already been raised.

## Price of Booze Is Cut by Competition

Akron, Ohio, Sept. 9.—Competition for business between Akron

bootleggers is becoming so keen that a marked drop in the price of alcoholic drinks is reported here by Lieutenant Frank E. McGuire, in charge of enforcement of the state prohibition law. He blames the condition upon low fines and lenient sentences imposed, by judges, saying Akron judges put maximum fines at \$100.

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## D. W. Hewett & Son

Auction sale of 72 head of stock and farm machinery 7 miles north of Salem on the west side of river, 1 mile north of Lincoln store, Friday, Sept. 16th, at 10 a. m. D. W. Hewett & Son, owner.

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5:00 p. m.	6:15 p. m.

**SALEM-INDEPENDENCE MONMOUTH STAGE**

Leav. Salem O. R. depot—7:00 a. m. 11:00 a. m. 5:00 p. m.

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