



## VALSETZ MILL LOCATION IDEAL

### Milling and Logging Operations Are Keyed to High Pitch

With resources in standing timber which will not be exhausted for decades and decades, the Cobbs-Mitchell company has hewed out of the forest primeval, almost at the very head of the south branch of the Siletz river and in the southwestern corner of Polk county, a model sawmill city—Valsetz. Five hundred twenty-five men are working there, taking the giants of the forest and their little brothers as well and shaping them into various forms for civilization's demands.

Just a few miles on the coast side of the divide and in a little basin which nature had provided and which man has utilized to the very best advantage is this thriving industry. The topography is rough, rugged and in keeping with the home of the big fir. By throwing a dam across a deep, narrow canyon, a mill pond of 600 acres has been formed, and bordering on one side is a modern milling plant—equipped with the most approved machinery and electrically driven.

In this plant is turned out daily from 300,000 to 325,000 feet of lumber, operating on two shifts of eight hours each. Jap squares are forming a large part of the output at the present time. These are timbers from 18 to 24 inches square and as long as can be conveniently handled on a flat car. These squares are for export to Japan and are of the clear stuff.

To build a railroad 41 miles, with a part of the trail where a goat would refuse to take a chance; construct a milling plant with a capacity of a third of a million feet per day; equip and install a logging outfit which is adequate to keep the mill going, and build a little city—has been a man's job—and has required considerable small change at least.

Permanency is the outstanding consideration of the Cobbs-Mitchell company. It is in striking evidence in the mill construction, in its equipment, in the little city which has been founded.

Valsetz has its business district, its residence districts, laid out systematically; a water system; electric lights, sewer.

The buildings are attractive, substantially built, painted and modern in design. There's a complete department store, postoffice, a ball room, a doctor and a dentist's office, and offices for various branches of the industry in a large three-story wooden structure. There's a billiard hall and cigar store, about a dozen attractive little bungalows and a large number of two compartment bunkhouses for the men, and mess halls.

It is apparent upon every hand that the welfare of employees has been a consideration of no small magnitude. The time-dishonored bunkhouse of the woods has been replaced with attractive little buildings, 12x40 feet, divided into two sleeping apartments with a "parlor" in the center. Single beds with springs and mattress and good blankets are provided—two men to a house—and these little homes are cared for just as carefully as in a hotel. They have hot and cold water and there is a stove in the reception room.

The mill is what is classed as a big timber plant, and handles logs up to 80 or more feet in length. It is equipped with a mammoth band saw and resaws. The carriage is electrically set, and the balance of the equipment is provided to handle the outfit with the elimination of as much labor as possible, electricity being deemed cheaper and better than man power wherever it is possible to utilize it. Every machine has its own individual motor, and it only takes a portion of the sawdust to create an abundance of electrical energy for all purposes.

The manufacturing end is confined to a planing mill, flooring, siding and lath. This part of the plant is being operated three shifts—two of eight hours and the other seven hours.

Due to unfavorable weather, logging operations are just getting in full swing, and until some additional

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## NEWS EVENTS AT OREGON NORMAL

Miss Mary Baker of the University of Nebraska, field secretary for the student volunteer movement, spoke at the chapel hour on Tuesday morning. She discussed in a most interesting way some of the rewards, as well as the hardships of the teaching work in foreign lands.

Miss Ida Smith left Tuesday morning for Newport, where she will teach in the Lincoln county institute the remainder of the week.

The concert given Monday evening by the "Orpheus Four" was greatly praised by all who heard it. This was the last number on the Normal Lyceum course for the year and was fully up to the high standard set by preceding numbers.

Clean-up day at the Normal last week was a real success, as the great improvement in the appearance of the campus proves. Work on the tennis courts was especially timely, as the pleasant weather this week has made tennis the most popular activity at the Normal.

On Wednesday at the chapel hour, the children from the training school were invited to join the Normal students to see the motion picture depicting the life of Julius Caesar. This film is another secured from the loan department maintained by the University of Oregon.

"The Norm" is scheduled to be ready for sale on May 15, or thereabouts. Some minor mistakes in engraving and resulting unavoidable delays make it impossible to sell it May day as was originally planned.

Professor J. B. Horner of O. A. C. spoke at chapel hour on Thursday taking as his subject "Oregon Writers". He discussed in some detail several Oregon authors who are more or less widely known outside of their own state.

Mr. Beattie gave a talk before the Social Hour club of Monmouth last Wednesday on the county unit plan.

The members of the Normal Glee club are practicing industriously on the oratorio "Creation" in which they are to take part at the Salem music festival the last of May.

The Normal school is fortunate this week in being able to offer "The Little Minister" as its moving picture to be given Friday evening in the chapel.

## MANY ATTEND FUNERAL LATE H. C. CONSTANCE

The funeral of the late H. C. Constance was held from the Presbyterian church last Saturday afternoon, with Funeral Director Keeney in charge, and interment was made in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

Mr. Constance was a member of a New Richmond, Wis., lodge of Odd Fellows, and the services were under the auspices of the local lodge. The pall bearers were: Guy Walker, W. H. Craven, Joe Hubbard, Ed. Rex, Wilbur E. Craven and H. W. Birkholz.

## HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS DEFEAT PUBLIC SCHOOL

In a hotly contested game, the high school second team defeated the public school by a score of 16 to 15. The lineup: High school—Ray, c; Weddle, Seaman, Kelley, p; Jones, 1st; Meyers, s. s.; Kelley, 3rd; Smith, 2nd; Wunder, Yung, Clark, field; Irvine, substitute.

Public school—Calbreath, c; Cox, p; Loretz, 1st; Radmacker, 2nd; Grant, 3rd; Cook, s. s.; Girard, Burch, Weddle, Pengra, field.

Seaman was on the mound for two innings, Weddle, five and Kelley, two. In the preceding contest, the public school won by a score of 16 to 8.

## ARM IS BROKEN WHILE CRANKING TRUCK ON RANCH

Wiley Grant had his right arm fractured, Monday, at the George Werline hop ranch, while endeavoring to crank a truck. Mr. Werline is operating his ranch under the state industrial accident plan, and Mr. Grant will receive recompense from the state during his enforced vacation.

## CHARTER IS ISSUED TO NEW GRAND RONDE BANK

A charter was issued Tuesday by the state banking department to the Bank of Grand Ronde, Yamhill county. The capitalization is \$16,000. The president is Clarence Butt and the cashier H. W. Ticknor.

## CLUB HONORS LOCAL PIONEERS

### Nearly Two Score, Some of Them Forty-fivers, Are Entertained

One of the most successful social functions of the season was "Pioneers' Day," given by the Woman's club at the home of Mr. K. C. Eldridge on Wednesday, the spacious rooms attractively decorated with flowers, being thronged with guests. After a few pleasant words of welcome by Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Landers sang in her charming canner, "Out Where the West Begins." President Landers of the State Normal school spoke for a few moments on, "The Spirit of the Pioneer," paying beautiful tribute to these men and women who, by their sturdy determination and endurance of many hardships have blazed the way and made it possible for us to enjoy, as we now do, the wonderland of Oregon. The program closed with a vocal selection, "Maytime," by Mrs. Landers. Then followed a social hour, during which many a story of the early days was told and enjoyed. "Father" Butler of Monmouth related a most graphic story of a trip made when a boy to Oregon City. The distance was covered on foot, driving the oxen yoked to the wagon, and the driver must walk owing to the fact that the excessively high box on the wagon made it impossible for the small boy to see over the top. On this trip our friend, yielding to the persuasions of his mother, wore his "Sunday" suit, which while pleasing to the eye, was not made to stand the rough usage of the trip to Oregon City. On reaching his destination the suit was in such a complete state of disintegration as to preclude any possibility of appearing on the streets in daylight. The wagon box at least afforded protection from the prying eyes of the public and here our small boy stayed until someone realizing his plight, brought clothes from the store, and using the friendly wagon box for a dressing room the youngster soon sallied forth arrayed if not "like Solomon in all his glory," at least in garments clean and whole.

Old time experiences were talked over, old time friends long since passed on, recalled, and as they talked the years rolled back and they were boys and girls once more, and one recalled the poem of Oliver Wendell Holmes, "The Boys."

Has there any old fellow got mixed with the boys?  
If there has, take him out, without making a noise!  
Hang the Almanac's cheat and the Catalogue's spite!  
Old Time is a liar! We're twenty tonight!

"Gray temples at twenty?"—Yes; white, if we please;  
Where the snow-flakes fall thickest there's nothing can freeze!  
Was it snowing I spoke of? Excuse the mistake!

Look close,—you will see not a sign of a flake;  
We want some new garlands for those we have shed,—  
And these are white roses in place of the red!

You hear that boy laughing?—You think he's all fun,—  
But the angles laugh, too, at the good he has done;  
The children laugh loud as they troop

at his call,  
And the poor man that knows him laughs loudest of all!

Then here's to our boyhood, its gold and its gray!  
The stars of its Winter, the dew of its May!  
And when we have done with our life-lasting toys,  
Dear Father, take care of thy children, the Boys!

Light refreshments were served during the afternoon by Mrs. Eldridge assisted by Mrs. Henkle, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Girard. Mrs. C. A. McLaughlin used her sedan car in assembling the guests and taking them to their homes.

Those in attendance with an Oregon residence of 30 years or more were:

Mrs. Martha Richardson	1845
T. Jeff Fryer	1845
Mrs. Hanna Richardson	1843
Orville Butler	1849
Mrs. Nancy Whiteaker	1852
I. L. Hedges	1851
Mrs. Sarah Irvine	1852
Miss Maggie Butler	1853
Mrs. Mary Stine	1862
Mrs. Sarah Nelson	1867
George W. Henkle	1867
J. S. Bohannon	1868
Mrs. Ellen Robertson	1872
E. Hirschberg	1872
Mrs. Josephine McDevitt	1876
Mrs. Mary Fluke	1879
Mrs. Belle Henkle	1880
Mrs. J. S. Bohannon	1880
Mrs. Porterfield	1881
Mrs. U. G. Heffley	1890
Mrs. Fannie Hill	1890
Mrs. Maggie Hanna	1890
Mrs. L. E. Baldwin	1891
Mrs. Belle Rodgers	1892

Native Oregonians present were: Miss Cassie Stump, Miss Serepta Richardson, Miss J. R. Taylor, Mary Lee Butler, Mrs. D. P. MacCarthy, Mrs. Josephine Hays, Mrs. Mella Girard, Mrs. Clara Williams, Mrs. R. H. Simpson, Mrs. Lettie Huntley.

## TWO ARE OPERATED UPON HERE FOR APPENDICITIS

Oscar Moore, a well-known resident of the Hopville section, was operated upon at the Independence hospital Wednesday night for appendicitis by Dr. George C. Knott, assisted by Dr. Bowersox of Monmouth. Reports from the hospital last night indicated that Mr. Moore is getting along nicely.

Mrs. P. Parsigian of Orville underwent a like operation at the hospital last Sunday by Drs. Knott and Bowersox.

## HORST CAR TAKEN FROM COMMERCIAL STREET, SALEM

A Ford runabout, belonging to the E. Clemens Horst company, while parked on Commercial street in Salem on Thursday night of last week was stolen. Harry Ord missed the car less than 30 minutes after it had disappeared, but thought a prank was being played upon him by friends who were trying to persuade him to remain longer in the capital city.

The car, new this year, was insured against theft. Police were notified, but have been unable to get any trace of the machine.

## BIG SHORTHORN GOES TO THE SLAUGHTER HOUSE

A thoroughbred shorthorn bull weighing 2142 pounds was bought by Gus Miller of the city meat market from J. A. Reynolds, a well-known south of town farmer, yesterday. It is four years old and was purchased by Mr. Reynolds from the J. O. Wilson herd, Corvallis, when a calf.

## One Touch of Nature



## HAPPENINGS IN THE ELKINS COUNTRY

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Price visited friends in Kings Valley Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Hewitt of Greenwood were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Roy Pitzer and family.

Mrs. A. E. Tetherow went to Eugene Sunday to spend some days visiting her sister, Mrs. Ralph Laraway.

S. H. Cook was a business visitor in Independence Saturday.

Mrs. D. M. Hewitt of Monmouth attended Sunday school here and spent the day visiting Mrs. A. Z. Tedrow.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Marks were among the shoppers Saturday at the sale of Eddy & Carbury.

Miss Florence Enschede spent the weekend with her mother in Forest Grove.

Orville Schrider and Elmer Olden motored to Salem Thursday.

Mrs. Uda Burke and Mrs. R. O. Dodson attended the funeral of a friend in Salem Monday.

The 100th anniversary of Grant's birth was celebrated at the school Thursday afternoon by a program given by some members of the school and some of the older people.

Mrs. C. E. Tedrow and Mrs. G. B. Jones went to Ellendale Wednesday to assist the ladies of that community in making dress forms.

The Maximum S. S. class motored to Dallas Sunday morning and attended S. S. at the Christian church. About 20 attended from here and they reported an attendance of 190.

A son was born Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hannum.

Mrs. A. F. Courter of Falls City is spending a few days at the home of Mrs. A. E. Tetherow.

At a meeting of the Polk County Farmers' Union April 19 at Liberty Bell, plans were made for the annual picnic to be held at Elkins about the first of June. Also plans were made for a field day at O. A. C., probably June 17. This is to be a day set aside at the college for Polk county farmers and their families. Definite announcement will be made later.

## INDEPENDENCE HIGH DEFEATS MONMOUTH

On the evening of Monday, April 23rd, the local high school baseball team won its first game of ball, easily defeating the Monmouth boys. In the first inning the visiting team made four runs but this did not dishearten the locals. They naturally had to even up matters by making 14 runs. The Monmouth brigade was just naturally out of luck. A bunch of local business men were out to the game and rooted for the boys and this pleased the boys very much. They gave the boys a few pointers on the game which helped them immensely. The batteries for the teams were: Monmouth—Egleson, c; Chapin, p; Independence—Underhill, c; Baker, p; Eldridge, c.

Lineup—Independence—Craven, 1st; Eldridge, s. s. c.; Burright, 3rd; Underhill, c; Baker, p; Stapleton, 2nd; Bullis, l. f.; Bennett, c. f.; Smiley, r. f.; Reuf, sub.

Monmouth—Partridge, s. s.; Egleson, c. p.; Dodson, 2nd; Stump, l. f.; Chapin, p. c.; Harmon, c. f.; Gooding, 1st; Smith, 3rd; Wilson, r. f.

## LIGHTS DEFECTIVE, SAYS CONSTABLE; JUDGE SAYS NAY

Charged with having defective lights, G. C. Skinner was required to make a \$5 deposit to a West Salem constable Wednesday as a guarantee of his appearance before Justice Jacobs Thursday morning. Accompanied by his family and Charles G. Irvine and family, he was returning from Salem when he was given the high sign by the constable. When asked to show his driver's license Mr. Skinner had to confess that he did not have it with him. With Mr. Irvine as a witness, Mr. Skinner put in an appearance before the judge at the specified time, contended that his lights were complying with the law and that inasmuch as he had a driver's license the fact that he did not have it with him did not cause an infringement of the law. He was upheld by the judge and his deposit money was returned to him.

The "Y" which is being constructed by the Valley & Siletz a little distance to the south of the station here will be completed inside of a few days. It is to be used for turning the new gasoline passenger car, which is about ready for service.

## Many From Here Visit Valsetz

Keen Interest Is Manifested In Cobbs-Mitchell Lumbering Operations

"Brother Josiah" and his family—120 strong—invaded Valsetz last Sunday and were received with open arms by the people of that thriving little city. "Brother Josiah" pleased the folks up there as well as he did here, and the performance with its orchestral and other musical numbers was very successfully carried out, yet an outstanding feature of the day was the cordiality of the Valsetz folks and the opportunity which was afforded to the visitors to get a glimpse of this model little sawmill city.

Leaving Independence at 9 o'clock in the morning on a special train in charge of Conductor W. E. Bullis and with Superintendent Watson also aboard, the run was made to Valsetz without incident. It was the first time that many of the invaders had had an opportunity to go over the road, and the run from Hoskins over the divide was full of interest.

Arriving at Valsetz at about 11 o'clock, Major La Londe, as spokesman, announced that the day's program included breakfast at the company dining hall at that time, followed by a visit to the scene of the logging operations. And after the return the presentation of "Brother Josiah" starting at 2 o'clock, dinner at 5 o'clock, concluding with a visit to the mill, which would be in operation at that time.

Feeding hungry people has become such a fixed habit at this mess hall that the onslaught of more than a hundred did not cause even a ripple. Major La Londe, acting as host, explained that meal hours come in such quick succession there that it was a bit difficult to keep meals from lapsing. He stated that owing to its being necessary to operate the planing mill three shifts and the sawmill two, 18 distinct meals are served every 24 hours. That is, the practice is to serve breakfast to a man just before he goes to work whether this be in the morning at 6:15 or around midnight if he happens to be on the "graveyard" shift.

A locomotive was coupled to a string of flats, upon which benches had been placed, and with Supt. Powell as director a run was made to the scene of the logging operations some distance to the north of camp one. The road makes many twists and turns, but the "Shays" are made for just such service and the visitors soon found themselves where "donkeys" are masters of the situation. Deeply interesting are the operations. Donkeys are used to load the logs on cars, they are used to snake the logs to the bumpers, and where the ground is rough a high line is used and the donkey continues its functioning in getting the logs or trees across or down steep canyons.

Returning to Valsetz and in a lumber shipping shed which had been prepared for the purpose, "Brother Josiah" provided enjoyable entertainment from 2 until 4 o'clock, the cast and orchestra being the same as when presented here a few weeks ago. The performance was given as a benefit to the Valsetz Baseball association. Teams are to be organized at Valsetz and camp one with the purpose of taking the stars of the two aggregations for outside games.

As a prelude to the play, Major La Londe gave a hearty welcome to the assemblage and expressed appreciation to the members of the troop for providing the performance. D. E. Fletcher responded gracefully.

The orchestra gave several selections; Mrs. C. W. Irvine and Mrs. M. J. Butler gave pleasing solos during the act intermissions, and "Brother Josiah" and the other members of the cast carried out their parts in a particularly pleasing manner.

At 5 o'clock lunch was served in the mess hall, and a visit was then made to the mill, accompanied by mill officials who explained the intricacies of the many machines which comprise the plant. It was an interesting, fascinating sight, from the time the logs are lifted from the mill race until the lumber is hauled to the

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