



Glimpse of a portion of the Timber Products Company's staff, taken last year. Since this photo was taken the number of men employed has not been materially reduced. Many men connected with the extensive logging and trucking operations of the Timber Products Company are not included in this group photograph of the company's Medford organization.

## HOME INDUSTRY EXPANDS INTO MAJOR PLANT

Launched in 1918, Business in Few Years Expands to Complete Plant

Fruit raising has been a principal industry of the Rogue River valley since early in the present century, but until the year 1918 practically all of the boxes used in the packing and shipping of Jackson county fruit were shipped in from outside districts, many coming from California and quite a large quantity being shipped in from the Klamath basin by a circuitous route, being hauled as far south as the base of Mount Shasta.

Jackson county, then as now, contained a large stand of pine timber of excellent quality for the manufacture of quality fruit boxes, and many citizens were willing and anxious for the opportunity of converting it into a finished product. In the spring of 1918 the Tomlin Box company was organized and a small amount of box making machinery was installed in the building on North Fir street, which now is occupied by the poultry division of Swift and company, which was then known as the Korenick building.

Lumber was purchased from many small sawmills then located or soon after built in various sections of the valley. Local fruit packers were extremely loyal to this new industry and it was not long before Jackson county products were being carried to market in containers manufactured by lo-

cal labor from local raw materials. A box factory located close to the packing plants, closely in touch with local problems, sympathetic and well acquainted with southern Oregon's changing conditions, was of distinct advantage, and delayed deliveries and shook shortages, which before that time had been quite common, were practically eliminated.

For several years the operation of the factory was limited to the manufacture of boxes for local consumption only and the factory remained idle many months of the year. To lengthen, if possible, the operating season, an effort was made to procure business outside the immediate valley and boxes soon were being manufactured for shipment to fruit districts in California and northern Oregon. As the variety of containers manufactured broadened the operating season of the small plant was materially lengthened and the plant soon was furnishing box shooks for many different commodities in many different seasons and giving needed employment to local residents during many months of the year.

It soon was evident that the original quarters were too small for this growing industry and a small tract of land was purchased adjacent to the Southern Pacific tracks at the end of North Central avenue. The first unit of the present box factory was built and additional machinery installed. By this time the requirements of the box factory were such that additional raw material was needed and in 1921 a small sawmill was built to convert Jackson county logs into lumber for the box factory. Additional land was purchased adjoining the factory site and a modern seasoning yard was laid out for the proper handling of the products of the new mill and necessary plan-

ing mill machinery was installed for the milling of the upper grade lumber produced by the sawmill for shipment to eastern markets.

This sawmill operated steadily during the cutting season until it was destroyed by fire in the fall of 1926, the box lumber produced being consumed in the growing box factory unit and the other grades of lumber being shipped to almost all of the eastern industrial centers. During this time in addition to the lumber produced in the sawmill, considerable lumber was being purchased from other southern Oregon sawmills and additional units were added to the box factory and new machinery was installed until the box factory became one of the principal operations of its kind on the Pacific coast.

Immediately after the sawmill fire, construction of a new mill was started and the mill was completed in time for the 1927 cutting season. The new sawmill, which was built on the original site, is modern in every particular and is equipped with the latest and most up-to-date sawmill machinery. This mill has operated every year since that time, setting up an enviable record in efficiency, capacity and the quality and manufacture of the lumber produced.

The original plant site has grown from a few acres until it now covers an area of almost 30 acres, and markets have been expanded until the products of the mill and factory are shipped to most of the states of the union and several foreign countries. From an original seasonal operation of a few months the operating season has been expanded until year around employment is given many men and the sawmill, box factory, yard and woods operation represents one of the largest payrolls in this part of the state. Many industrial boxes and vegetable crates are shipped

into almost all of the principal producing sections of the country.

In 1929 the name, Timber Products company, was adopted as more indicative of the varied business of the company which manufactures, in addition to boxes and crates of almost every description, pine factory lumber and selects, cut stock of various kinds, pine and fir finish lumber and dimension, timbers, plank, lath and almost all items manufactured by western milling operations.

To further the use of local products and in an endeavor to furnish as much employment as possible

into the many items for which it is well suited for shipment to the many points where it is consumed, thereby creating much local employment at a time when it is sorely needed.

It would be hard indeed to find a more truly local industry than the Timber Products company. Locally owned and operated, it is engaged in logging, transporting, cutting and remanufacturing southern Oregon pine, cedar and fir timber

● A party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. George Demmer and Miss Babe Demmer of Jacksonville Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Demmer of Jacksonville and Peter Denhoff of Medford drove to Medford Saturday and spent the day and evening. They went to a show and later attended the dance at Paradise hall, where they spent a most enjoyable evening.

## A Cordial Invitation . . .

**W**E cordially invite the people of Southern Oregon to inspect our new **RETAIL LUMBER** and **BUILDING MATERIAL YARD** which has just been completed. The construction of this new addition to our properties expresses our confidence in the early recovery of business prosperity and the future of this city and valley.

## Timber Products Company

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All Southern Oregon Will Be Interested in This

# ANNOUNCEMENT

Now Open for Your Convenience

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Offering the Most Complete Stocks and the Last Word in Service

### Large Assorted Lumber Stock

The most complete stock of pine, fir and cedar lumber in Southern Oregon is now available for your inspection including the finest of select pine finish, in both clear and knotty types, fir lumber in all standard sizes and patterns, and logs available for special cutting on quick notice if required. Our stocks include cedar shiplap, flooring and dimension lumber, particularly adapted to poultry house and rabbitry construction. Our stock is large for your convenience, made up of quality merchandise and manufactured in Jackson county.

### Complete Stock of Quality Building Materials

For your further convenience in building or remodeling, we will offer a diversified stock of standard brand building materials, including the following:

LATH	DOORS
PLASTER	WINDOWS
CEMENT	SASH
LIME	PLASTERBOARD
ROOFING	OAK FLOORING
METAL LATH	PLYLOCK
BRICK	MOULDINGS
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### Super Perfect White Cedar Shingles

OUR STOCK will feature the white cedar shingles as manufactured by the Depoe Bay Cedar Shingles Co. from the best shingle timber available in this state.

We have personally inspected the product of every shingle mill in Oregon and part of Washington and assure you that the Depoe Bay SUPER PERFECTS are superior in every respect to any other shingle available in these districts. It is good business for you to inspect these shingles before buying.

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