

LONG-BELL CO. EXPECTED TO CLOSE OPTION

Greatest Timber Deal in History Will Revolutionize Operations in Klamath County; Will Saw 300 Million Feet Yearly Here.

Lumber circles from San Francisco to Portland are agog with interest, awaiting definite announcement of the conclusion of the sale of 134,000 acres of timber by the Western Pacific Land & Timber company in this county to the Long-Bell Lumber company of Kansas City, Mo. It is believed that the deal is concluded, as the option held by the Long-Bell company for several months, expired yesterday, but no confirmation of the transaction, without doubt the biggest single timber transfer in the history of United States operations, has been issued by the parties to it.

The Long-Bell company put a force of cruisers to work on the timber last fall and all through the winter, except when weather conditions interfered, the crew worked diligently. The cruise was completed three weeks ago and the chiefs of the party rushed to Portland to report. Ever since rumors of the big deal have been rife in the newspapers, but confirmation has not yet been received from either side.

There is said to be more than 3,000,000,000 feet of merchantable timber in the tract and the price will run well over \$10,000,000, say reports current in timber circles.

The effect on the future of Klamath Falls will be incalculable, for it will mean the establishment in this city within the next year and a half of two giant mills, with two more mills tributary to the city, located somewhere in the timber purchase. There is also to be an office established in this city for administration of the operations, and this office, it is understood, is to be opened within thirty days.

The army of employes necessary to manufacture lumber on the scale followed by the Long-Bell concern, with their families, will mean an increase of several thousand in the population of Klamath Falls as soon as the mills begin operation.

The Long-Bell Lumber company, one of the largest timber-holding companies in the world, has hitherto operated in the Southern pine district, but entered the western field shortly over a year ago with the purchase of the Booth-Kelly holdings in northern Klamath county of 87,000 acres, containing one and one-half billion feet of timber. For several months past the company has been dickering with the Weyerhaeuser interests for a large tract of fir timber in the Cowitz valley, and this sale was concluded this week, according to news from Tacoma. This purchase, said to have been the largest in the history of the lumber industry thus far, included 75,000 acres of fir timber at a price said to have been in the vicinity of \$6,000,000.

The timber involved in the proposed Klamath county purchase is owned by the Western Pacific Land and Timber company, with which J. H. Queal of Minneapolis is connected.

The Long-Bell company is expected to establish mills capable of manufacturing 300,000,000 feet of lumber annually in Klamath county, within eighteen months.

To do this two mills of large capacity would have to be erected in Klamath Falls and at least two more equally large in the timber west of the city. In addition, such a development would call for 100 miles at least, of standard gauge railroad.

Scattered in tracts over the proposed purchase are timber holdings of the Weyerhaeuser and smaller owners. The Ashland Land & Timber company has 700,000,000 feet inside its boundaries and the Hopkins estate about 500,000,000 feet, it is stated. Efforts have long been made to reach an exchange agreement, segregating the different holdings into solid blocks, and it is believed that this will be accomplished in case the deal is

RESALE PRICE FIXING FORBIDDEN SAYS COURT

WASHINGTON, Mar. 1.—The supreme court today reversed the federal court decision, which held the Sherman anti-trust law did not prohibit resale price fixing unless there was an intention of creating a monopoly.

The supreme court also upheld the formation of the United States Steel corporation and other combinations, refusing to dissolve the alleged steel trust and dismissing without prejudice the government's Sherman law suit for dissolution.

PARTY HERE SEEKING CAVALRY RECRUITS

A recruiting party from the 15th Cavalry arrived in Klamath Falls last night and will remain for the next ten days or two weeks. Captain Bullene, who is in charge, says he hopes to pick up some real horsemen around here.

The 15th Cavalry is one of the best known cavalry regiments in the army. It is noted for winning the army fancy riding championships for two years in succession, and also for being General Pershing's regiment at the beginning of his military career, in the days when he was a captain.

GOES EAST TO ATTEND REUNION OF FAMILY

H. D. Dow left yesterday morning for a six weeks' visit to his old home at Marshfield, Wisconsin, where on March 16 a family reunion will be held to celebrate the seventy-sixth birthday of his mother, Mrs. Hettie Dow. On his return he will visit his daughter, Miss Perle Dow, who is in training at the Letterman general hospital, San Francisco, as a Red Cross nurse, and also visit relatives in Oakland and Sacramento.

COURT AUTHORIZES DISTRICT TO PROCEED

An order establishing the boundaries and paving the way for further proceedings in the matter of creating the Patterson irrigation district near Merrill was granted to the petitioners for the district by the county court today, and an election has been called for April 1 at the hall at Merrill to determine the establishment of the district and elect three directors, for the terms of one, two and three years, respectively.

Merrill citizens who were here today in connection with the action before the county court were J. L. Norton, N. H. Hadley, James Lacey, A. J. Deanes and J. G. Patterson.

BOARD WILL SETTLE BILLS WHEN HOSPITAL CLOSES

Settlement of bills owing various firms by the isolation hospital cannot be made until the hospital closes and the hospital board meets to adjust the financial affairs of the institution, said C. C. Low, manager, this morning.

The hospital will probably have served its purpose and discharged its patients in another two weeks, said the manager, and the board will then be in a position to settle all claims. The statement is made by Mr. Low to explain to those who have bills against the hospital that there will be a little delay in making payment, but as soon as the hospital closes and the board gets together all business will be settled at once.

concluded and the Long-Bell company comes into possession of the timber.

It is not doubted in well informed circles that the Long-Bell company will take up its option, but if it should not do so, the report is current that the Oakshoof Land & Timber company stand ready to grasp the relinquished opportunity, making it an assured thing that the timber is to be manufactured and that this city will reap the benefits that must accrue from being the center of so vast an enterprise.

TWO COUPLES ARE MARRIED

Joseph Culbertson, a prosperous young rancher of the Malin district, and Mrs. Maggie Culbertson were married Saturday afternoon, at 4:30 o'clock, at the Methodist parsonage, by the Rev. J. S. Clancy. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yoe of Ashland, and a very popular young lady in Ashland social circles.

The bridegroom is the nephew of Mrs. T. E. Shattuck and a cousin of Mrs. John Coleman of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Coleman were the only witnesses of the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Culbertson will make their home on the ranch near Malin. The bridegroom is the son of James Culbertson of Lake Creek, Oregon, and a man of sterling character. Many friends will congratulate the young people on the eventful step they have taken.

COUSINS-KIRK NUPTIALS

James Cousins, manager of the Hot Springs Hotel, and Miss Myrtle Kirk, were married Saturday evening by the Rev. E. P. Lawrence at the Presbyterian manse. The wedding was a quiet affair. Mr. Cousins has been a resident of the city for the last eight years and the bride has lived here for the past two years. Both have many friends to wish them happiness. They will make their home at the hotel.

SCOTT HEAD OF L. A. AND TEXAS S. P.

W. R. Scott, federal manager of the Pacific system lines of the Southern Pacific, has been elected president of the Southern Pacific lines in Louisiana and Texas. The election which is announced at the company's office here, is effective with return of railroads to private control this morning, March 1.

Scott succeeds W. B. Scott, who has retired. His new jurisdiction covers the territory between El Paso and New Orleans, with a vast mileage radius throughout Texas and Louisiana. His headquarters will be at Houston, Texas.

Prior to federal control, W. R. Scott was vice-president and general manager of the Pacific system lines, becoming federal manager under the railroad administration. He began his railroad career as fireman on the Santa Fe and came to the Southern Pacific as assistant superintendent of the Sacramento division.

Later he was made superintendent of the Salt Lake division and supervised the completion of the famous Lucin cut-off across the Great Salt lake.

He was transferred to the western division with the same title, after which he was promoted to assistant general manager, then vice-president and general manager, and when the roads were taken over during the war became federal manager.

WOOL GROWERS WILL FIGHT PROFITEERS

BOSTON, March 1.—Woolgrowers are organizing to save for themselves and for the wearers of woolen garments millions of dollars now absorbed by middlemen, Milo D. Campbell of Goldwater, Mich., said in an address here tonight.

Mr. Campbell, who is president of the National Wool Producers' federation and chairman of the executive committee of the national board of farm organizations, spoke of the Boston Wool Dealers' association as collecting the greater part of the wool from the 50,000,000 sheep in the country.

"By a more technical camouflage they buy the wool of the farmer or local dealer in the grease, and sell it to the mills as scoured wool," he said. "The wool has not been scoured by them. It goes to the mills as it comes from the sheep."

"I am here to give notice that the woolgrowers of the country have learned by sore experience how to deal directly with the mills without building fortunes each year for those who neither toil or spin."

On the plea that their work called for intelligence, a burglars' club in Leipzig wrote to a local newspaper resenting its members being called "rats."

MAY DEVELOP PAPER INDUSTRY

WASHINGTON, Mar. 1.—The cause for the present paper shortage is largely due to failure to develop the possibilities of the Pacific northwest and southeastern Alaska, according to a letter to Senator Gronna, chairman of the senate committee on agriculture, from David F. Houston, ex-secretary of agriculture.

The letter was written by Mr. Houston in approval of the Poindexter bill authorizing the secretary of agriculture to make a survey of pulp woods on the public domain and to prepare a plan for reforestation of pulpwood.

"In time private industry, if left to its own initiative, will develop pulp and paper manufacture in the Pacific northwest," he says. However, the need is so pressing that it seems necessary for the government to step in and do something to stimulate development. A survey such as the Poindexter bill calls for, he thinks, might point the way for the industry.

"Apparently the crux of the present newsprint crisis," the letter reads, "is a shortage of paper manufacturing facilities. The fundamental trouble, however, lies far deeper; it lies in such factors as the overcentralization of the industry in the northeast and the lake states, now being heavily overcut with little or no provision for continued timber production, and the almost total lack of development in the industry in the west and in southeastern Alaska, where there are large supplies of timber, eminently suitable for newsprint manufacture."

"There has been practically no development in either the Pacific northwest or southeastern Alaska, where our largest remaining timber supplies suitable for newsprint manufacture are located. In these regions we have spruce, hemlock and fir, which have been shown to be as suitable for newsprint as the eastern species. The forests of southeastern Alaska alone could supply one-half of our present newsprint requirements if means could be found for developing the industry."

ASKS FOR LETTERS

Goldie E. Houston, widow of James Vernon Houston, has filed application for letters of administration in her husband's estate, which consists of real and personal property, estimated as worth \$1,000. The next-of-kin are the petitioner and a son, Dean, aged seven years.

SCHOOL OPENED

High and grade schools reopened today after being closed for the past two weeks on account of the influenza epidemic.

BANK CLEARINGS

The clearing house total for the week ending February 28, 1920, was \$354,545.48, showing a decided increase over the corresponding week of 1919, with the total of \$109,275.64.

LOWDEN FOR PRESIDENT MEETING TOMORROW EVE

Republicans of the city are requested to attend a meeting at the city hall tomorrow evening, at 8 o'clock, when a committee to support the candidacy of Governor Frank O. Lowden of Illinois for President will be organized.

George D. Orput of Portland, textile manufacturer and a firm believer that Governor Lowden is in this city in the interests of the Illinois executive. Mr. Orput says that his trip here was attended by good meetings at Ashland, Medford, Roseburg and other towns, where he found strong Lowden sentiment.

SUES TENANT FOR RENTAL

Mrs. Etta Moore has begun suit in Justice Chapman's court against George Brown to collect \$125 which she alleges is unpaid on a lease of rooming house property at 1813 Main street, and \$25 which she claims Brown collected on her account and has withheld from her.

RAILROADS PASS TO FORMER OWNERSHIP

WASHINGTON, Mar. 1.—Two hundred and thirty railroads passed from government to private control this morning without incident. The federal administration staff is disbanded, only one director remaining to clear up claims, contracts, grievances. Union labor leaders met here today to decide the union attitude toward the railroad reorganization bill.

Personal Mention

Harry Galarneau, representing auto accessories, is in the city from his home in Chico on business.

H. H. Van Valkenburg, who with his wife and mother is spending the winter in Los Angeles, is in the city for a few days looking after business matters, when he will return for the balance of the winter.

Attorney Marx is in the city today from Merrill on business connected with the Patterson irrigation district.

Frank Sexton is in the city from Merrill.

Jack Kelleher of Malin has returned from an auto trip to Lakeview.

Mrs. Eldon Dennis, whose husband is a cattle owner and rancher of the Bly section, died Sunday afternoon at her home of the influenza. Interment took place in the cemetery at Bly.

Con O'Keefe, sheep owner, has returned to his camp from a trip to Lakeview.

G. F. H. Setzer, cashier of the St. Paul postoffice returned to his home this morning after a short visit with mother and brothers. Mr. Setzer is emphatic in his appreciation of the Klamath country and intends to return and make it his home.

E. D. Taylor, P. O. Crawford and J. C. Boyle, officials of the California-Oregon Power company, are visitors in the city today on business connected with the company's interests.

LID ON IN NEW ALASKAN FIELD

KETCHIKAN, Alaska, Jan. 25.—(By Mail.)—Hyder, newest of Alaska mining camps, is a "spotless town," and many stamperders who may rush there in the spring are not going to find drinking, dancing and gambling going on wide open, as in the gold camps of the first stampede in '98, long before prohibition came, according to reports received here.

If Hyder's new residents find anything out of the ordinary next spring they may find it in Stewart, a Canadian town not far from Hyder. It is probable, however, that the red-coated constables of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, who kept order at Dawson in the gold days, will be at Stewart next spring to see that things are within the law.

For a very brief period this winter Hyder was "wide open," according to reports. "Whiskey and beer were sold at many bars, girls were dancing, pianos were thumped and roulette, blackjack and faro were being played," wrote one miner from the town.

Then John Ronan, former territorial senator, was appointed United States marshal and he closed everything up. "Bang went the lid and hundreds could not get away from Hyder fast enough," the miner wrote. "Many went to Stewart. There everything seems to be wide open."

Hyder would have had a population of 20,000 in three months if the "lid" had been left off, the miner predicted. But the "lid" was clamped down and the population dwindled.

MEMORIAL FOR ATHLETE

PHILADELPHIA, March 1.—The University of Pennsylvania will erect a new structure to house its athletic offices, which will be known as "The Mike Murphy Memorial," in honor of its late athletic trainer. It will relieve the Athletic association of its financial offices, thus permitting the establishment of an athletic club and training house, with lounging, reading and club rooms for the athletes.

MRS. MITCHELL JOINS HUSBAND IN THE BEYOND

Sorrowing Wife Lives Only Four Days After Husband Is Taken; Orphaned Son Left to Mourn Passing of Both Parents.

With only four days intervening since the death of her husband, Dr. Mitchell, Mrs. George C. Mitchell was summoned last night at 11:30 o'clock to join her loved one in the land beyond the grave. The quick passing of husband and wife within a short space of each other is a blow to many friends in the community, but the sorrow of friends for their own loss and sympathy for the woe of bereaved relatives must nevertheless feel a lightening touch that the two, so dear to each other, are again reunited.

Dr. Mitchell died last Thursday morning of pneumonia. His wife at the time was suffering from the same disease and the shock of his sudden loss was more than her weakened condition could support. She has since failed rapidly and last night the final spark of life flickered out.

Mrs. Mitchell was 34 years old. At the time of her marriage to Dr. Mitchell, June 25, 1911, she was Miss Elsie Pitney, a teacher in the public schools here, having been thus occupied for two or three years. She was a member of the congregation of the Christian church, untiring in her duties, loyal to her friends and devoted to her family. Her sad fate, at the time when her life was assuming most promise, will be universally mourned.

One son, Garrison Mitchell, survives his parents. A sister of Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Fleda Morgan, arrived last night from Junction City, Oregon, and her mother, Mrs. Joseph Pitney, has been notified by wire and arrangements for the funeral are awaiting her decision as to whether or not she will be able to attend.

SYMPATHIZE WITH SINGER IN ILLNESS

Whether Miss Marie Morrissey, who was to have given a recital in conjunction with the Edison phonograph, as a tone test performance at the Houston opera house tonight, will be able to appear later, or whether a substitute singer will appear, depends upon arrangements of the Edison Phonograph company, said George A. Wirtz, local Edison dealer today.

Mr. Wirtz knows nothing further than was indicated in the telegram published by the Herald Saturday, that Miss Morrissey was suddenly stricken with appendicitis and an operation was recommended, necessitating cancellation of her local engagement.

Despite the announcement in The Herald, a few persons are still calling for tickets for the performance. Mr. Wirtz will probably receive announcement by mail of the company's plans, and will then make definite announcement.

The demand for tickets was large and many persons feel disappointed over the cancelled recital, but sympathy for the singer in her sudden illness overshadows all other considerations.

SUES FOR WAGES

William Standridge has started suit in the circuit court against Con Curtin to enforce payment of \$400, of which \$386 is alleged to be due unpaid wages and \$14 for a horse sold defendant.

LOCAL ATTORNEY MADE GOOD OFFICIAL

Councilman W. A. West of Salem has resigned to go to Klamath Falls to engage in law practice with C. F. Stone of the Oregon Fish and Game Commission. West was "regarded as the leader of the progressive minority in the council," says the Salem Journal, and states that "his every action as councilman was free from personal prejudice and dictated by civic pride."