

BIG LONG-BELL TIMBER DEAL GOES THROUGH

Authentic announcement is made today of the sale of the Western Pacific Land & Timber company holdings in this county, and extending slightly into Jackson county, to the Long-Bell company of Kansas City Mo. The sale involves approximately 40,000 acres, or around 600,000,000 feet, of timber, and makes the Long-Bell company the second largest timber holders in the district embracing Klamath and Lake counties, Oregon, and Modoc county, California. The Weyerhaeuser interests in the same district control 300,000 acres and the latest purchase of the Long-Bell company gives them about 127,000 acres.

Rumors have been flying wildly about in regard to the size of the tract and price involved ever since it became known last fall that the Long-Bell people had taken an option on the Western Pacific holdings. Newspaper offices all along the coast were interested but authentic information was not forthcoming from the offices of the timber interests and as a result there has been much speculation and many garbled reports, some of which placed the area at three times the actual amount involved and the price as high as \$10,000,000.

Although reliable figures are not available from any local source, well-informed lumbermen put the price in the latest deal at anywhere from one million to one million and a half dollars, no estimate exceeding the latter amount.

As to the excessive acreage involved in first reports, the explanation is apparently that various news writers, denied true information, added the acreage already owned by the Long-Bell people in this district to the acreage under option from the Western Pacific and fired a random shot that included the total in one big deal.

As the transaction stands however, it is one of momentous importance for Klamath county and Klamath Falls. The timber involved is considered by lumbermen the best situated block of pine for manufacturing situated anywhere. A large block of it lies north of Odessa and the belt extends from a point north of Aspen lake to the California line on the south and into the Jennie creek country on the west.

For the manufacture of the timber it is believed one mill will be located in the thickest timber portion on the Upper lake and one will be located in or near this city. A mill, according to the Long-Bell ideas is a full-sized plant. In their present operations in the southern pine belt they maintain some of the largest lumber manufacturing plants in the country, and when they start working up the local timber they will doubtless proceed upon the usual scale. The opening of their plants here will mean the addition of several thousand people to local population rolls, and a big jump in pay rolls.

It is generally understood among lumbermen that the Long-Bell company will have run out of timber in the southern states within four years, and there is considerable speculation as to whether they will wait until that supply is exhausted before establishing plants in the local field. The general guess is that local operations will not be under full headway for the next four or five years, but any speculation upon the time period is guesswork only.

A feature that will interest a number of Klamath county people is the grazing privilege on the former holdings of the Western Pacific company, on which bids for the season or for a five-year period are now asked by the Long-Bell company. Written bids are requested and J. F. Kimball has been delegated as local receiver of the bids. This means a new deal on the grazing privilege for Klamath stockmen which will be a matter of general interest.

WEATHER REPORT.

OREGON—Today and Tuesday probably rain; moderate westerly winds.

DESPERATE "BRIEF" ESCAPES CUSTODY.

PORTLAND, Mar. 22.—Frank Cusack, alien, who has been confined to the Good Samaritan hospital here, pending deportation proceedings, escaped during the night. It was announced today, Cusack is said by immigration authorities to be a desperate radical. He was arrested January 2, when the communist labor party headquarters were raided, three of those taken being convicted of criminal syndicalism here last Saturday.

SCHOOL DEBATE FRIDAY NIGHT

The Klamath Falls and Lakeview high schools debating teams will clash in forensic fray at Houston's Opera house Friday evening, March 26. In one of the debates that will decide which team shall represent this district in the state championship finals at Eugene in May.

The question is "Resolved that Congress should create a department of education with powers as defined, and with appropriation as provided in the Smith-Towner bill." Scott McKendree and Elizabeth Grigsby represent the local high school.

This debate was to have been held last Friday evening but was postponed on account of the storm. Friday evening, April 2, the local team will meet the Lakeview debaters at Lakeview.

As traveling expenses make it necessary that a fund should be provided, admission to the opera house Friday evening is fixed at 25 and 35 cents.

It is hoped that the young orators will have the liberal support of the community as training in public speaking is a branch of education which will play a large part in the future development of the community and commonwealth by furnishing able and trained advocates and opponents for the threshing out of public questions in open discussion.

WOODMEN OF WORLD WILL MEET TOMORROW NIGHT.

Ewauna Camp, No. 799, Woodmen of the World, will hold an important meeting tomorrow (Tuesday) evening at 8 o'clock in the west hall of the L. O. O. F. building. The consul commander urges attendance of all members. Among the matters to be acted upon are applications of candidates and the election of delegates to the district convention in May.

DIAMOND STRIKE

JOHANNESBURG, Mar. 22. (By Mail).—A rush of diamond seekers to stake claims is reported from Beyenspoort, in the Pretoria district, where rich deposits are said to have been located.

Two thousand men, including lawyers, civil servants, business men, landowners, artisans and clerks took part and the whole ground was pegged out in a few minutes.

HARMONY CONFERENCE

AUSTIN, Tex., Mar. 22.—An industrial conference to promote more harmonious relations between employer and employe will be held in Houston April 8 and 9. The call was issued by T. C. Jennings, commissioner of labor.

LEGISLATORS IN EXTRA SESSION

OLYMPIA, Wash., Mar. 22.—The Washington Legislature held today in special session to consider the federal suffrage amendment and furnish money for state supported school fund. Mrs. Frances M. Haskell, Republican member of the House of Representatives of Oregon county, planned to introduce the suffrage resolution.

In addition to the suffrage amendment, the federal registration bill, which will be one of the first acts to be considered at the special session of the Washington Legislature which convened here today.

Legislators and other state officials said they believed there will be very little, if any, opposition to the registration. Washington was one of the first states to vote suffrage to women and the last legislature petitioned Congress to speed the question of ratification to the states.

In addition to action on the amendment, the special session of the legislature will also vote funds for the state's educational institutions. Money voted by the last regular session has not been enough on account of rising prices to carry the schools over until the next regular session.

Governor E. F. Day hopes the special session will require only about two days to complete its work. The session probably will occur only two days, it is said, if a flood of bills does not come in. An agreement may be reached to keep out extra bills and to confine the work to necessary business.

BAND CONCERTS TONIGHT AND TOMORROW EVE

The Oregon Agricultural College Band, which will give a concert at Houston's Opera House tonight and tomorrow night in Klamath Falls. It is the first visit to Klamath Falls ever made by a real band and music lovers have started a big run on the tickets on sale at Richardson's.

Owing to the rather full program which will be given each night, the curtain will rise at a quarter of eight. Critics who have seen the list of entertainment to be furnished all say the next two nights will be gala ones for Klamath County.

It speaks well for the American Legion that it is willing to risk so much to bring in such a large number of musicians. There are thirty-six players in the band proper and it is said that every one is a soloist in his own right. Every man in the band was in the army throughout the war and most of them saw service in the front line trenches.

Local society is looking forward to the dance which immediately follows the concert each night. It is said that the special orchestra which is brought with the band fills one with a love and movement never seen here except in boified form.

The band has come to Klamath Falls after concerts in all of Oregon's leading cities. The Portland papers speak of it as the best heard there in recent years. The bill as usually rendered starts with a military march. From the first note the audience is thrilled. Then the wonderful serenades and light opera originating in the hills of Italy are followed by the best of the world's grand opera. Throughout the bill, as encores, are promised some of the latest jazz pieces to whet the appetite of those who will dance after the performance.

TEXAS LANDS IDLE.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Mar. 22.—Thousands of acres of fertile Texas land are not being put under cultivation this year because of the high cost of labor, augmented by the "enormous" wages paid by oil companies in west Texas, according to D. E. Lyday, president of the Texas Farmers' union. Unseasonal rains have lessened this year's acreage, he said.

EIGHT THOUSAND KILLED SO FAR

PARIS, March 22.—Eight thousand persons have been killed since the German revolt started March 13, according to advices received here. Many were killed in Berlin.

STUTTGART, March 22.—Troops from Belsia are officially reported to have arrived in the Ruhr district and fighting with the Spartacus troops there is expected tomorrow.

BERLIN, Mar. 22.—The minister of defense informed the Associated Press correspondent this morning that conditions in the Ruhr district are becoming worse. He said three Westphalia towns had been taken by the communists and the movement was spreading north and east. Two pitched battles have occurred and the information showed that two crack regiments have been forced to fall back before the communists from retreating toward the fortress at Wesel, 22 miles northwest of Essen. There were heavy losses on both sides.

Expanded Summary—Berlin, notwithstanding the return of the Ebert government to control still presents the virtual aspect of an armed camp with the food supply short, sanguinary fighting taking place at intervals in the suburbs and little change in the strike situation.

BERLIN, Mar. 22.—Conditions in Germany are described by the minister of defense today as "extremely serious. You cannot paint the situation throughout Germany too black, one ministry official said.

TREATY MAY BE "BURIED" BY WILSON

WASHINGTON, Mar. 22.—The treaty of Versailles was returned to President Wilson Saturday by the Senate after it had failed of ratification for the fourth time. There was no intimation as to what President Wilson would do with the treaty. White House officials said the usual procedure would be to send it to the State Department for "burial" in the archives there.

BIG LOT OF LIQUOR SEIZED BY OFFICERS.

SEATTLE, Mar. 22.—Seven automobiles loaded with liquor were seized by federal prohibition agents at the dock at Meadowdale, Washington, this morning and seven men, including a Seattle police sergeant, were arrested.

FLEET CORPORATION NO LONGER LANDLORD

CAMDEN, N. J., Mar. 22.—The New York Shipbuilding Corporation has relinquished its interest in Yorkship Village in South Camden, where the Emergency Fleet Corporation constructed about 1,500 homes for workers at the shipyard, according to an announcement made at the office of the yard.

The government, it is said, attempted to sell the village to the corporation, but the price asked was considered too high. The stock held by the shipbuilding firm has been transferred to the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

NOVEL SUICIDE MEANS

NANCHUNG, China, Mar. 22.—Service recently has been seriously interrupted and schedules disorganized on the little 90-mile Nanchung-Kiukiang railroad by the large number of Chinese who have been using trains to commit suicide. In one week eleven Chinese killed themselves in this manner, according to reports.

REGISTER REAPPOINTED

WASHINGTON, Mar. 22.—Victor G. Cozad was renominated today to be register of the federal land office at Burns, Oregon.

BENSON WARNED SIMS AGAINST BRITISH.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 22.—Rear Admiral William S. Benson, at the time chief of naval operations, was the official who told Rear Admiral Sims "not to let the British pull the wool over your eyes, for we would as soon fight them as Germany." Admiral Sims testified today before the Senate committee investigating the Navy's conduct of the war.

Sims said the remark was made just after he had received final instructions from Secretary Daniels preparatory to his departure for England on the eve of the entry of the United States into the war. He added, however, that it was made during conversation. Sims hesitated to give the name of the officer but Chairman Hale insisted.

NURSE BRIDE OF STOCKMAN

Louis C. Wampler, well known young stockman of the Odessa district, and Miss Mary Ellen Dunigan, a popular nurse of this city, were quietly married by the Rev. E. P. Lawrence Saturday evening at 8 o'clock at the Presbyterian manse. They are stopping for a few days at the White Pelican hotel, while Mr. Wampler makes arrangements for moving his stock which have been wintering in the Merrill district back to Odessa.

The bride is a graduate of St. Vincent's hospital at Salem, where her parents reside. She has been attached to the staff of the Blackburn hospital here for the past year and has made many friends during her stay here.

The bridegroom is a well known resident of the county, son of M. H. Wampler of Odessa. He returned from the army last October. Twenty-one months of his period of service were spent overseas.

FARMERS USING ACCOUNT BOOKS

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Mar. 22.—Farmers of Klamath county are using 350 farm accounts put out by the college department of farm management and are now putting their farms on a business basis.

The department of farm management demonstration prepared this book, which has been distributed to more than 10,000 farmers in Oregon this year. The distribution has been accomplished through 20 county agricultural agents and 75 local banks.

The purpose of the department is to assist the farmers in the business organization of their individual farms. Encouraging and instructing groups of farmers in the keeping and summarizing records and accounts and assisting in the interpretation of results so secured will be accomplished. Klamath is one of 10 or 12 counties whose county agricultural agents have secured a total of over 1000 farmers as direct operators, where such instruction and assistance will be given in the program for 1920.

The records and accounts show their value in the following. It gives each man a record and tell him just where he stands at the close of the year. It gives reliable information for correct filing of income tax returns—a great saving of thousands of dollars to the farmers. These records also give information necessary for determining cost of producing various farm products.

CONFIRMS NOMINATION.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 22.—The nomination of Bainbridge Colby to be Secretary of State was confirmed by the Senate late today.

\$50,000 FIRE.

TACOMA, Mar. 22.—Fire of incendiary origin, according to Chief Carlson, destroyed the Grand Stand of the Tacoma Speedway today, causing an estimated loss of \$50,000.

LARK N. EVANS CONVICTED BY JACKSON JURY

MEDFORD, Ore., Mar. 22. (Special to the Herald).—Lark N. Evans, accused of kidnapping and robbing Judd White, jitney driver, at Grants Pass September 13, last, was found guilty by a jury in the circuit court Saturday evening. He was released on \$1000 bail, furnished by his father, to await sentence, which was fixed for tomorrow. The case attracted much interest in this city and county and was one of the hardest fought legal contests in the history of Jackson county.

Evans is well known throughout the state. He is an auto mechanic and was working in a Klamath Falls garage at the time of his arrest by the police there on request of the local authorities.

White identified Evans as the man who hired him to drive him to a lonely place in the hills near Jacksonville, robbed him, then bound him hand and foot, gagged him, and left him lying in a prospect hole.

A note written to a woman, in which he admitted his guilt and urged her to answer no questions, was also a strong link in the chain of evidence. The note had been torn to fine bits but was pieced together by the prosecution and made an exhibit in the case.

The jury had to deal with much strong alibi evidence introduced by the defense.

W. G. White, Chief of Police McLane, Andrew Shade, Harry Cougle and a Mr. Barker, all of Grants Pass, positively identified Evans as the man who, accompanied by a woman, employed White at Grants Pass about 5 p. m. Sept. 13, to drive them out in his auto a short distance from that city, and then when outside the city placed a revolver at White's back and compelled him to drive in a roundabout way to a lonely road near Jacksonville, where they robbed him, left him apparently helpless on the ground, and drove away in his car. Later White worked loose from his bonds and made his way to Jacksonville and gave the alarm.

Evans' arrest followed some time later at Klamath Falls where he and his wife had located and where he was employed in a garage.

On the other hand the witnesses for the defense testified that Evans, who had been an employe in Hines & Snyder company's garage in Medford, was at work in the garage that afternoon and the time sheets and records of the company showed this. Mr. Snyder and Bookkeeper Curry were among the garage witnesses, and Master Mechanic Hooker testified that he had personally seen and talked with Evans in the garage late that afternoon.

This alibi was reinforced by C. P. Kribs of the grocery firm of C. P. Kribs & company, who positively testified that late that afternoon Evans had been in his grocery and made a large purchase of grocery supplies.

GERMANY WANTS COTTON BADLY

BREMEN, Germany, Mar. 1. (By Mail).—President Craemer of the Bremen cotton exchange says he believes the time is not far distant when it will be utterly impossible for Germans to buy commodities abroad with German marks. In a conference with Berlin government officials here he said: "Until recently we have been able to buy American cotton with American dollars that we picked up in nearby neutral countries at the best possible rate of exchange. We must not cease buying cotton so long as the means remain at our disposal, for the German cotton industry is at present operating to the extent of 30 percent of its capacity. Of every two bales of cotton we import, only one must be used to clothe our people; the other must be converted into finished products, the sale of which abroad will provide us with means to pay for both bales."

Fifty thousand miles of navigable water is provided by the R.R. Avanzon and its tributaries.