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"Lumberjack Jim" Slips Over a Fast One and Wins One "Buck"

I first met Paul Bunyan down in Texas. He was making crossings for the Southern Pacific. He had an axe with a eight foot blade that made a tie in four strokes. One day he was making ties and got to going so fast that one stroke overtook another and broke the axe.

Big Ole was sick and could not make him another, so Paul went out on the prairie and put up a double cut circular mill. At first he did not build a camp in the woods, but carried the men out on logging trains. He also had trains to carry their lunches out to them. One train carried bread, one spuds, one gravy, and so on. I got a job braking on the gravel train; but the second month we had a wreck which killed fifty men and scalded five hundred more.

I saw that was dangerous job, so I went gypokin in the cook-house cutting cornbread by the cord; but business got dull and Paul cut down

crew till he didn't need but a thousand cords a day, so he put a boy on the job and paid him by the day. He put me to turning hot cakes with a steam nigger. I worked for him on this job ten years and never missed a day, but one day the valve got stuck on the nigger and we burnt up three car loads of dough before we could get the conveyor stopped. The cook got sore and threw the rolling pin at me, and knocked down three hundred feet of stove pipe.

Paul wanted me to put in up before time to start dinner. I told him I would quit first; so he said, he would get the money to pay me off with from his wife, and for me to come on up to the house and wait. While I was waiting I heard Paul say "Jim quit." His wife said, "Yes, I told you that son of a gun wouldn't stay when you hired him."

Contributed by Lumber Jack Jim, P. O. Box 272.

LUMBERLOGUE AFTER MORE CAMP GOSSIP

Any Time You Have Any News From Woods or Mills Just Write It In

During the past week several people have made inquiries as to whether or not Lumberlogue desires news mailed into the office. We are very glad to get any news bearing upon the lumber industry of Klamath or any part of the district embraced by the California White and Sugar Pine Manufacturer's association whether it pertains to mills, camps, employers or employees.

At present the only regular correspondents of Lumberlogue are located at Pelican Bay camp, McDoe mill, Ewauna logging camp, and McCullum's mill. We are desirous of securing more correspondents, especially in the mills and camps that are difficult of access from Klamath Falls. We would be glad to hear from men or women in other camps who would like to contribute to Lumberlogue. Payment will be made and paper and stamped envelopes are furnished, and the name of the correspondent is placed upon the exchange.

As a rule, the most logical persons for work of this nature are timekeepers, on account of their coming in contact with all the men, and because ordinarily they have a considerable amount of spare time. The preparation of a sizable column of camp news requires but a few minutes time, however, and any man is perfectly eligible. Women make excellent correspondents in the camps, and the work forms a pleasant break in the monotony of camp life.

PARSONS EXPECTS TO GET THRILLS FROM MOTORCYCLE

Life has not enough thrills, says Ben Parson, who twirls a hefty hammer in the blacksmith shop of the Wheeler-Olmstead company. Parson has purchased a motorcycle, with which he hopes to get as many thrills as Ace Jackson will get with his airplane.

"Wheeler-Olmstead is not to be outdone," says Hap Brookfield. "Parson may have an Ace, but we have a despatch rider." Olds are about even on the longevity of the two men.

GOUCHER TO BREAK INTO SOCIAL WHIRL

Harem-on-the-Heights to be Scene of Housewarming Very Soon

"Mormon" Goucher, ratchet setter for Wheeler-Olmstead, has moved into his new home on the hill, which he has christened "Harem-on-the-Heights." "Mormon" fears he will not be able to issue a personal invitation to all his friends for the housewarming, and so takes this opportunity to issue a wholesale invitation to them all. The date of this important social function will be announced in an early issue of Lumberlogue.

THEY EAT FRESH EGGS AT VOGEL'S HOME THESE DAYS

C. P. Vogel, deck scaler for the Big Lakes sawmill, declares that Mills addition is a land flowing with milk and honey, and advises any who have cause to complain of the high cost of living to move there immediately.

Vogel recently moved to Mills addition with his family. He noticed a chicken house on the premises, and wished heartily that it might have been a woodshed or a work shop, since he had no chickens. But chickens belonging to neighbors seem to be fond of the Vogel chicken-house. Vogel began to find eggs in his hen house every day. His little boy now listens for the hens to cackle, and when one does he dashes madly to the chicken house and gets the egg.

Vogel declares that he plans to erect two or three cow stanchions, and place empty pails at the proper distance from the stanchions. If the stanchions work as well as the empty chicken house he expects to build shambles and hang an empty sugar sack and an empty flour sack outside the house each night.

BUT FEW MORE COURSES OPEN

Nine More Timber Workers Can Get Lumber Scholarship This Month

Sixteen lumber correspondence courses were taken last week by mill and camp workers in answer to the free offer of this course through The Lumberlogue. This leaves but nine more courses open this month, so those who want to get in under this free offer during April will do well to list their names immediately. Through arrangement with the National Lumber Manufacturers' association, The Lumberlogue is permitted to offer 25 free correspondence courses in lumber each month to those employed by the lumber industry in this section of the state.

The course is absolutely free and does not obligate you on any particular. Just send your name and address to The Lumberlogue, in care of The Evening Herald, and the course will start.

RARE DOG

Jack Nelson is the proud possessor of the most genuine, pedigreed Siberian meat hound in the state of Oregon. The hound, according to Nelson, is possessed of a very keen sense of smell, but it is understood that the only things the hound has trailed so far have been garbage cans in back alleys. These he never misses, however.

◆◆◆◆◆ CHAMPAGNE FIZZING ◆◆◆◆◆
◆ Jean Champagne, sawyer for Wheeler-Olmstead, is becoming rather fondly of the effects of the warm spring weather of last week. Jean is glad that there is no more danger of cars freezing, and that the Ruckstell is in excellent shape. ◆◆◆◆◆

HEAT SAVING APPARATUS IS MILL FEATURE

Ewauna Box Company Installs new Device in its Plant—Utilizes Steam

A novel heat saving apparatus is being installed by the Ewauna Box company in its sawmill, which, when completed, will allow no waste of steam save that required to blow the whistle.

Steam which has passed through the dry-kiln pipes, instead of being allowed to escape, is returned to a condenser in the boiler room, where it is cooled by water to the condensation point. The hot water from the condenser then passes through a three hundred foot coil in a heater which is heated by the exhaust steam from the shotgun. Later the exhaust steam from the nigger and all the steam kickers in the mill will be piped to the same heater, though at present only the steam from the shotgun is passed through the heater.

Not content to use the steam twice the company plans to catch the steam which now escapes through the top of the heater, and pipe it to a condenser placed in the mill pond to facilitate year round operations.

There is considerable vaporized oil carried away in the exhaust from the shotgun, nigger, and kickers, and the company plans to install an oil separator, which will separate the oil from the steam. While this oil will have lost a great deal of its viscosity, and be more or less dead, it will do admirably for use on chains and on slow moving bearings.

Before freezing weather sets in, a steam pipe will be installed leading from the boiler room to the high tank which furnishes the sprinkler system, to prevent freezing.

Ewauna will be the second mill to have a condenser in the pond. The Lamm Lumber company installed a condenser last fall, and was able to operate even during the extremely cold weather of last winter.

TWO CATERPILLARS ADDED BY PELICAN

Camp One now has Four Caterpillar Tractors; Camp 2 has Horses

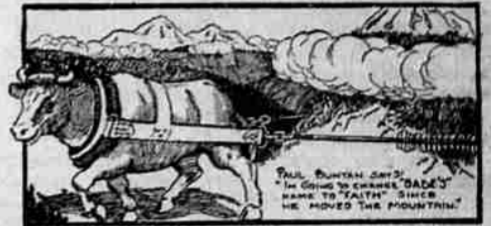
Two new Holt 45 cats were added to the logging equipment of the Pelican Bay Lumber company last week. They will be added to the equipment of camp No. 1, making four cats for that camp. Camp No. 2 is a wheel camp, using nearly one hundred head of horses.

According to J. C. Johnston, the addition of these cats will necessitate enlarging the mythical Pelican Bay dairy farm, and Camp Boss Jack Sampson is making every effort to locate the young Irishman who applied for a job milking some time ago. If Lucy, Paul Bunyan's milk cow, who was half Jersey and half wolf can be found, and the young Irishman located, Pelican Bay will have no trouble in keeping the cats supplied with milk.

Moving "Mountains" and Drinking Rivers Dry Was Easy for "Babe"

Babe, the big blue ox constituted Paul Bunyan's assets and liabilities. History disagrees as to when, where and how Paul first acquired this bovine locomotive but his subsequent record is reliably established. Babe could pull anything that had two ends to it.

and all, and six men with picaroons were kept busy picking the wire out of his teeth. Babe was a great pet and very docile as a general thing but he seemed to have a sense of humor and frequently got into mischief. He would sneak up behind a drive and drink all the



Babe was seven axlehandles wide between the eyes according to some authorities; others equally dependable say forty-two axlehandles and a plug of tobacco. Like other historical contradictions this comes from using different standards. Seven of Paul's axle handles were equal to a little more than forty-two of the ordinary kind.

When cost sheets were figured on Babe, Johnny Inkslinger found that upkeep and overhead were expensive but the charges for operation and depreciation were low and the efficiency was very high. How else could Paul have hauled logs to the landing a whole section (640 acres) at a time? He also used Babe to pull the kinks out of the crooked logging roads and it was on a job of this kind that Babe pulled a chain of three-inch links out into a straight bar.

They could never keep Babe more than one night at a camp for he would eat in one day all the feed one crew could tote to camp in a year. For a snack between meals he would eat fifty bales of hay, wire

water out of the river, leaving the logs high and dry. It was impossible to build an ox-sling big enough to hoist Babe off the ground for shoeing, but after they logged off Dakota there was room for Babe to lie down for this operation.

Once in a while Babe would run away and be gone all day roaming all over the Northwestern country. His tracks were so far apart that it was impossible to follow him and so deep that a man falling into one could only be hauled out with difficulty and a long rope. Once a settler and his wife and baby fell into one of these tracks and the son got out when he was fifty seven years old and reported the accident. These tracks today form the thousand lakes in the "Land of the Sky-Blue Water."



Cuts and text by courtesy of the Red River Lumber Company, Westwood, California.

PELICAN BAY OUTPUT GOOD

All Three Locomotives in Operation With Rod Engine Running

Pelican Bay Lumber company's logging camps, now running a crew of 300 men and shipping thirty-five cars a day to the mill, will be going full force and shipping forty-five cars each day by the middle of the week. Three camps are running, camps one and two loading logs, while camp 3 is a railroad construction camp.

All three locomotives are in operation, number 3, the rod engine is running two shifts, helping to switch in the woods and taking the logs to Kirk. Fred Cass, engineer, "Cockney" Joe Myeracough, fireman and Don Dale, conductor, handle the three spot switching logs in the woods during the daytime. On the night shift, which moves the logs from the camps to Kirk, Red Johnston is engineer, Rook McCullum fireman, and Carl Sletten is conductor.

On number 2, a shay, George Dunlap, the compound kid, is engineer, Louis Alex is fireman, and Mac Macdonald conductor. Number 2 is only working one shift, spotting logs in the woods and switching empties.

Jim Johnston, engineer, A. E. Nelson fireman, and Mickey Delaughter, conductor, have charge of No. 28, also a shay. Twenty-eight is also switching logs and spotting empties in the woods, and works but one shift.

Camp No. 1 run by Jack Sampson has both the Ohio and a Jammer loading logs decked last fall. The decked logs are still frozen, and loading them is slow work. Arthur Myeracough is hoisting, and "Baldy" Jake Casper is top loading on the Ohio. On the Jammer at camp No. 1 Gilbert Wicks is hoister and Billy Breen top loader.

Camp No. 2, run by Bill McManus, is running one jammer on logs cut and bunched this season. King Grey is hoisting at this camp, and Paul Schultz is top loading.

COYOTE HUNT IS DECLARED FAILURE

Last Sunday Bob Kessler and Pinky Crowder started to stage another coyote hunt. Kessler, Harry Monroe, George Glenn, and Val Hargrove went by boat to Buck Island, where they awaited Pinky Crowder, Algoma Jim, and several others who went by motor boat to Algoma before cutting across the lake to the island. But in the center of the lake the motor boat gave up the ghost, and Pinky, Algoma Jim, two or three other men, and the dogs spent three solid hours before the temperamental boat could be lured to budge. Kessler and Monroe, on the island, thought that there must be a pack of coyotes in the lair from the howling that the hounds did.

WEYERHAEUSER PLANT TO RISE

Plans for New Mill at Longview Announced by Company Official

Official announcement has just been made of the intention of the Weyerhaeuser Timber company to erect a large lumber manufacturing unit at Longview, Wash. This information was contained in a letter written by George S. Long of Tacoma, general manager of the Weyerhaeuser Timber company, to R. A. Long, chairman of the board of the Long Bell Lumber company announcing that the former company had decided to purchase a site for a big mill at Longview. The site selected is on the Columbia river on the west side of Columbia Way.

According to Mr. George S. Long the construction of the mill will be pushed ahead "with as much celerity as possible."

No announcement has as yet been made as to the size or character of the mill contemplated. The Weyerhaeuser Timber company owns large bodies of timber tributary to Longview.

The letter referred to above follows: "R. A. Long, Chairman Board of Directors Long-Bell Lumber company Longview, Washington.

"My dear Mr. Long: It is with a sense of pleasure that I am enabled to announce to you that this company has decided to accept the invitation which you have extended to us to acquire a mill site from your company's property at Longview, the object of course being to build suitable mills on this location and to conduct a general lumbering and logging business. Your own experience in building your present mills at Longview is indicative of the time and effort that is required to complete the task, but it will be our plan and intent to not delay in the commencement of this work, and push it forward with as much celerity as is practicable.

"It is perhaps unnecessary to say that we consider Longview as the best possible mill site on the Columbia river, affording as it does the most economical water transportation as well as railway facilities for shipment, that are not excelled by any location in either Washington or Oregon.

"Yours very truly,
"Weyerhaeuser Timber Co.
"George S. Long, Gen. Mgr."

ADD TO PLANING MILL

Pelican Bay is adding a twenty foot strip to the transfer by the planing mill, and moving the inclined track farther out to allow the installation of a temporary transfer truck.

Installation of new machinery in the remodeled planing mill will commence some time this week.

Jack Nelson declares that he intends using the temporary transfer truck for a hurdle for his garlic-snappers when the permanent one is installed.

TIMBERED AREA NEAR FORT KLAMATH



OSTENDER COMPANY CUTS BIG TIMBERS

Welland Canal Order Totals over One Million Board Feet

WELLS, Wash., Apr. 13.—The Ostrander Railway & Timber company sawmill has completed cutting the order for timbers for the Welland canal in eastern Canada, said to be the largest single order for immense timbers ever sawed at one mill. The order comprised 125 timbers, 51 feet in length and ranging from 36 to 47 inches in measurement. The timbers are being used for gates for the Welland canal and each stick had to be absolutely perfect. A representative of the Canadian government who placed the order spent several weeks in British Columbia trying to place the order with a group of mills, but they declared their inability to cut the timbers as specified. He was incredulous when the Ostrander company management offered to cut the entire order, but a visit through the gigantic stand of timber east of Ostrander, where he saw a forest of giants 250 feet in height convinced him. The selection of the trees for the special timbers was made with the greatest care and they were logged with equal care to avoid injury. The mill crew is specially skilled in handling the big timbers. The Welland canal order totaled about 1,900,000 feet and required 32 cars for shipment.

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SHIFTS CHANGE

The night and day shifts in the Pelican Bay mill changed last Sunday evening, when the shift that has been working days started on the night shift. The entire crew changes once each month at Pelican. At most of the mills only the sawyers and graders change.

FROZEN LOGS SLOW UP WORK

Pelican Bay and Big Lakes Run Short Before New Shipments Start

The operation of several mills in the vicinity of Klamath Falls have been hampered during the past two weeks by lack of logs, and by frozen logs. On the whole, the mills connected sawing at a considerable earlier date than they did this season, and several of them, especially Big Lakes and Pelican Bay, sawed up their log supply before regular shipments began arriving from the woods.

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RIG TROUBLE

Ewauna Box company's sawmill shut down the night shift at noon Monday night on account of trouble with the set works. The trouble was repaired in time for the day shift to begin sawing Tuesday morning.