

PICKERING CO. ADDS HOLDINGS

Tuolumne Factory Added to California Holdings of Company

The W. R. Pickering Lumber Co. has purchased the properties of the West Side Lumber Co., at Tuolumne Calif., including approximately one billion feet of timber, mostly sugar and white pine. The consideration for the deal is in the neighborhood of \$3,500,000. Announcement of the transaction was made by Thomas M. Barham, vice president of the company. W. A. Pickering, who negotiated the purchase, is expected to close in a few days.

The newly acquired property is only a short distance from the operations of the Standard Lumber Co., Standard, Calif., and the Soga Lumber Co., Sonora, acquired some time ago by the Pickering interests. The equipment of the West Side Lumber Co. includes a complete milling outfit, sash and door plant, planing mills and a box factory. With its purchase the company has rounded out one of the finest western pine operations in the country. With other large manufacturers going extensively into fir manufacturing, the Pickering company has stuck closely to western pine, cutting only such fir and other woods as are found mixed with the pine. The West Side company's lands cover some 80,000 acres and the mill capacity is about 60,000,000 feet year. With the other two plants, the company can, if it desires, considerably increase the present output and at the same time make a considerable saving in the cost of operation.

WILL USE FORDSON FOR LOADING LOGS

Loe and Beck in Town Tuesday Rigging New Drums on Fordson

George Loe and George Beck were in town Tuesday from Loe Brothers' logging camp on the Strahorn. Loe, who is logging for the Big Lakes Box company, was having a new drum put on a Fordson tractor with which he will load logs. Beck is a top loader working for Loe Brothers.

VISITS IN TOWN

Ted Lindquist was in town from Wheeler-Olmstead's camp early in the week.

DOWN FROM MODOC

Overland Dutch was in town from Pete Beck's camp on the Modoc's Spring Creek unit, where he is employed as cook.

Billy Egan, Billy Mountain, and Woodrow Wilson Connelly are somewhere north of Chiloquin.

VISITS CAMPBELL-TOWLE MILL

Earl Hamaker, well known Klamath lumberman, made a trip to Campbell-Towle's mill on Sprague river Tuesday. Logging activities are in full swing along the Strahorn, according to Hamaker.

BACK TO CAMP

Bill Sarris, station man for Pelican Bay Lumber company, left for camp in his Dodge last week.

SHAW-BERTRAM HAS ACCOMPLISHED CREW

Summer Crew Loading Logs to the Tane of one Deck in 7 Min.

The camp of the Shaw-Bertram Lumber company is peopled by a very versatile crew. Besides a blacksmith Shaw-Bertram has a violinist, a pianist, an accordion player, an author, several farmers, and a man who was formerly deacon of a church.

The spouses are all doing well, with the exception of the tie-hacker, who declares that if he doesn't get another broad-axe handle within a few days he will get Big Ole himself to make another for him.

Hughes, hoister, and Charlie Messner, top loader on Shaw-Bertram's jammer are hitting it up at the rate of a deck every seven minutes as long as the logs last.

WIMMER IN TOWN

Art Wimer, logging contractor for the Anne Creek Lumber company was in town from Fort Klamath on business Monday. Wimer has the road broken out as far as Anne Creek mill, and fallers are at work in the timber, but snow is still to deep to allow swamping or bunching.

DOWN FROM CAMP

John and Jim Johnston were in town Sunday to attend the wedding of their sister, Miss Jounie Johnston, to Frank Mills. Both returned to their homes on Monday afternoon.

UNEMPLOYMENT LESS SERIOUS ON COAST

Building Activity and Farming take Many Idle Men from Agencies

PORTLAND.—Although the fir lumber industry continues to be greatly curtailed, there are fewer unemployed in west coast centers than there have been at any time since Christmas, according to telegraphic reports from 4L employment service offices in various north western cities received at 4L headquarters here today. Building and construction activity, coupled with the spring demand for farm help, have been chief factors in bringing about the improved conditions, the reports show. Labor turnover is increasing.

Spring cutting at pine mills east of the Cascades is under way despite lack of orders, the reports say and many plants there are operating two shifts. Condensed reports from the 4L offices are as follows:

MARSHFIELD, Ore.—Fir mills on Coos Bay operating five days weekly. Labor turnover has increased this month. Small logging contractors are starting work. Local building is active. All kinds of labor quiet generally employed.

EUGENE, Ore.—Contractors are shipping in equipment for early resumption of grading on Natron cut-off. Most sawmills in this district are operating but five days per week. Labor turnover is increasing.

PORTLAND—Slightly larger labor turnover in camps and mills was noted last week. Local building and construction picking up daily. Many men leaving town for work in dairies and on farms.

RAYMOND, Wash.—Sawmills on Willapa Harbor are operating five days weekly. There is no large surplus of labor here.

ABERDEEN, Wash.—Fifty per cent of Grays Harbor sawmills on five-day week. A night shift has been added at Wilson Bros. mill. Logging is close to normal capacity and there are very few unemployed loggers here. Labor turnover in camps increased last week.

TACOMA — Lumber production at local mills continues to be curtailed. City building is active. There is still a surplus of labor in Tacoma but it is not so great as it was two weeks ago.

SEATTLE—Five local sawmills are working four days a week, three plants are operating five days and four others continue to work six days. Yarding crews have been laid off at two logging camps. Calls for farm help and miners are being received daily. The local unemployment is easier than it has been at any time this year.

BELLINGHAM—All but two logging camps in this district are operating and there are few unemployed loggers. The Bloodel Donovan plant is operating on the short week. The E. K. Wood mill closed Saturday and will remain down for six weeks while electrical equipment is installed.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—Practically all sawmills in this province operating 40 hours per week. Logging is at about 25 per cent of capacity and further curtailment is being considered. Nearly every shingle mill in British Columbia has been closed for an indefinite period.

BEND.—Local sawmills running two shifts. Lumber shipments have been retarded by lack of stock in shipping condition.

GOUCHER ILL

Blacky Goucher, Wheeler-Olmstead settler, was laid up with a tight touch of the flu last Tuesday. Wheeler-Olmstead's extra settler, H. D. Linkville, rode the rig Tuesday. Linkville will set for Shasta View when that plant gets under way.

GIGANTIC SAWMILL MERGER IS PLANNED

75 of The Largest Mills in Oregon And Washington May Combine

MARSHFIELD, Ore., April 13.—Plans for the consolidation of about 75 of the largest sawmills in Oregon, Washington and northern California, was laid before some of the principal owners, it became known here today. Two of the largest operators on Coos Bay have been approached with the proposition.

The whole plan is tentative and is planned as a remedy to eliminate the present slump in the market and safeguard the future. It was announced by those favoring the consolidation. Identity of the interests in the proposed merger was not disclosed here.



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BIG, MAN-EATING GANDER ATTACKS KLAMATH LOGGER

Felix Heftl, for the last two seasons with the Anne Creek Lumber company, has filled every job in the woods for a good many seasons, and never met with serious injury. But when it comes to the feeding of poultry, and especially geese, Felix draws the line.

Near Felix's house there is a large gander confined in a pen with a bunch of chickens. As soon as the snow went off last winter, and the first green grass began to appear, Felix got in the habit of picking green grass each day and feeding the gander. All went well until Wednesday, when Felix leaned a trifle too close to the wire netting, and received a vicious jab in the eye, and another peck on the wrist before he was able to get beyond the reach of the long neck. The incident, though highly laughable, would have been a serious matter if the ganders bill had struck a half inch higher, for the force of the blow would have certainly blinded the eye.

EWAUNA CUTS SMALL LOGS

Ewauna sawmill was handicapped the first of last week by small logs, but Friday and Saturday had some very good timber.

Thompson



Carmel A. Thompson of Cleveland is considered a possible successor to Secretary Weeks, who is expected to resign.

LOGGING SHOW

SEATTLE, Wash., Apr. 13.—A Whitsunt of Portland, secretary of the Pacific Logging congress, has announced plans to stage the first logging machine show in the Pacific northwest in Seattle in October.

SURVEYS NEW TRACKS

W. K. Sutherland, civil engineer for the Algoma Lumber Co., has been in the woods for the past week surveying for some new railroad lines.

GETTING HIGH TONED

Glenn Heartherington, Pelican Bay grader, will smoke nothing but the very longest cigars since he began riding about in a Buick roadster.

BACK TO WORK

C. P. Chaastain, of the office here of the Wheeler-Olmstead Lumber company is back in the office again after spending a week's vacation in California.

FOREMAN FOR ALGOMA

F. E. Svendsen is night foreman in the Algoma mill this season.

ON ALGOMA POND

Wm. Young is on the Algoma log pond as pondman.

NEW COOK

W. P. York is second cook in the Algoma hotel replacing James E. Young who is cooking for the night crew. R. C. Carmody has also taken a place in the hotel.

SHAY AT EWAUNA

G. A. Shay is working in the hole at Ewauna mill. Shay put in the greater part of last season at Ewauna. He returned recently from Hood river, where he spent the winter.

DOES MILLWRIGHTING

Bert Franklin is doing some millwright work for the Algoma Lumber company.

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