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Here's All the Dope About the Seven Axe-Men of the Red River

The seven axemen of the Red River, they were called. They fell timber for Paul Bunyan before big Ole invented the Downcutter and the two man saw.



The height, reach, and chest measurement of the Seven axemen are not known. Some claim that they were from the Bay Chaleur country, but others claim that they were all cousins and came from down Machias way.



At the camp on the Big Onion it took 356 cooks and flukes to feed the seven axemen. Each had two helpers. They would take distance and march through the forests swinging their axes, which were tied to long ropes, rapidly about



their heads. One helper stood by with an extra axe, one axe was in use by each axeman, and the other helper would hurry to the river with the hot axe.

What became of the Seven Axemen after they left Paul's camp and went down the tote road for the last time nobody knows, but they are remembered as good fellows around camp. In the evening they would gather in the bunk house and sing "Shanty Boy" and "Bung Your Eye" till the folks down in the settlements on the coast would think a northwester was blowing up.

After the Seven Axemen left, Paul made the first two man saw, which was made from a strip cut from Big Joe's dinner horn. It reached across a quarter section of land. It worked pretty well in level country, but in rolling country it would cut off the tree tops



—Cuts and text courtesy Red River Lumber company, Westwood, Calif.

CAMPBELL-TOWLE CO. RAISES LIVESTOCK

W. C. Mattson Makes Spectacular Plunge in Stock Market on Sprague

Wall street plungers have nothing on W. J. Mattson, manager of the Campbell-Towle Lumber company. Mattson recently entered into contract with a rancher living in the neighborhood of the Campbell-Towle mill to feed a large sow with the slops from the cookhouse, and to divide any increase that might ensue.

Delwin Towle and Edw. W. Koehn declare that this venture into the livestock business was entirely without their knowledge, and that they are withholding their sanction until the results of the venture can be counted. They declare that this is the first venture that the Campbell-Towle has made in the livestock business.

RECKARD STAGES DAILY NOW
Reckard's stages are making the Pelican Bay camps every day now, since the Sun Creek hill is passable.

PELICAN BAY BUYS GOVERNMENT TIMBER

Tract Crused at 2,400,000 Feet is Purchased in Crater National Forest

Pelican Bay Lumber company recently purchased a tract of timber crused at 2,400,000 feet from the Crater Lake National forest. \$1.25 per thousand was the bid for California White pine and Sugar pine, and \$3.50 a thousand for other species.

This tract lies directly back of camp No. 2, and will necessitate but a two mile extension of the main logging line leading up from camp No. 2 to log this new tract.

THE MULES' HOOPS

Charlie Strom, Pelican Bay grader, declares that he used to like a little liquor, but that he does not care for the distilled essence of mule's hoofs which is being sold in the country today. Strom is sure that it is made from mule's hoofs. Otherwise how can the terrible kick be explained.

TIMBER LEAGUE PLANS WILL BE LAID WEDNESDAY

Mill Representatives Will Meet at Pelican City for Final Arrangements

With the prospect of a silver loving cup to be presented to the winner by Lumberlogue, representatives of Klamath and Northern California Lumber companies, will meet Wednesday night at the Pelican Community club to lay definite plans for the formation of a timber league.

Secretary Rhodes of the club has sent letters to the most important lumber companies in this section, inviting them to enter the league, and to send their representatives to the meeting Wednesday evening.

The meeting of last week was merely for the purpose of laying temporary plans, and getting a larger number of mills and camps to come to the meeting Wednesday night. At this meeting eligibility of players, finances, schedules, etc., will be discussed and settled. With the thirty odd lumber companies in Klamath county, most of which operate logging camps as well as sawmills and factories, the Klamath Timber league should be a big thing.

WILD DRIVE STAGED TO SPRAGUE PLANT

Mattson Lays Out New Course for Road Through the Timber

For genuine thrills and hair-raising excitement, the average wild west movie is a tame and humdrum affair compared to a ride to the Campbell-Towle mill on Sprague river with Manager W. C. Mattson, according to Delwin Towle and Edw. W. Koehn, officials of the company, who arrived in Klamath Falls Friday evening and took the wild drive to the mill Saturday.

Towle took the same ride with Mattson last fall, and narrowly escaped with his life by holding his breath and clinging to the car with both hands and feet. Koehn adopted the same tactics, and except that both were black in the face from holding their breath all went well until they rounded a sharp turn in the road on two wheels and saw that they were about to crash into the rear of a car, the top half of which was plainly visible above the surface of a mud puddle. Manager Mattson promptly applied the brakes, but discovered that there were none to apply, so he struck out along the hillside through the tall uncut, and ricocheted back into the road without any major casualties. Mattson declares that a car followed the same course along the hillside the year of the two winters, but Towle and Koehn are decidedly skeptical about this story.

HIGH WIND SCATTERS BOARDS AROUND YARD

Superintendent Cox Forced to Lay Off Yard Crew Thursday Because of Wind

Yard Superintendent A. E. Cox was forced to remove his crew from the Algoma yard Thursday. Thursday's high wind whipped heavy boards from the tops of Algoma's high lumber piles with dangerous regularity, so Superintendent Cox thought it best to take the men from the yard until the wind died down.

WHEELER-OLDSTEAD NARROWLY ESCAPE CARRIAGE SMASHUP

A wreck at Wheeler-Olmstead's mill was narrowly averted last week by the presence of mind of Sawyer Jean Champagne when a key slipped from a pin holding a feed valve on the shotgun, leaving the gun wide open past the saw. Champagne promptly shot the lever in the reverse direction, and succeeded in balancing the rig until the steam could be shut off.

CAMPBELL TOWLE OFFICIALS VISIT SPRAGUE PLANT

Delwin Towle and Edw. W. Koehn in Town from Oshkosh, Wisconsin

Delwin Towle and Edw. W. Koehn, secretary and treasurer respectively of the Campbell-Towle Lumber company arrived in Klamath Falls Friday evening from the sale offices in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, to look over the company's mill and timber holdings on Sprague river. On the way out from Oshkosh they stopped and inspected the Priest River mill of the W. J. Campbell Lumber company, which is the parent corporation of the Campbell-Towle company.

"Overproduction is all that is wrong with the lumber market today. There is so much California white pine and fir being cut, with many mills running two shifts, and new mills starting operating, that the market is distinctly a buyers market," said Towle.

"Business in the east is good. The amount of genuine white pine that can be cut is limited, which prevents overproduction on that item. I look for box lumber to be shipped east in considerable quantity this year, and expect that it will hold its own better than shop this season."

Towle and Koehn expect to leave for the east Wednesday or Thursday.

LOGS RECEIVED BY ALGOMA MILL

Work Progressing Favorably on Dry Kilns, Scrap Mill and Planing Mill

The sawmill of the Algoma Lumber company and the yard crew were laid off Saturday on account of snow which rendered it impossible to move the lumber along the tramway away from the mill.

The first shipment of logs from Algoma camp arrived at the mill Tuesday. Tuesday's shipment totaled thirty cars. Since then shipments have been running between thirty and thirty-five cars, and will continue at that rate during the season.

Work on installing machinery in the new planing mill has commenced, and will be carried forward as rapidly as possible. Excavation for the dry kilns has been completed, and the laying of brick will begin in about a week.

The foundation for the scrap mill has been completed. It is expected that the scrap mill will be ready for operation around the first of July. The work on the scrap mill is in charge of Harry Foreman, construction millwright from Seattle, Washington.

CASPER BOSSES OHIO

"Dutch" Casper is bossing the Ohio since Gus Steffy had his leg broken. Steffy is doing as well as can be expected, but it will be some time before he is able to work again.

RHODES HERO

I'm a hero—yes, I admit it. Even if I did go riding with a bunch of chickens, I saved a hundred lives. Dan Howard wanted to go with me till he found what kind of chickens I was taking for a ride. "In short, a bunch of day old chicks shipped to a resident of Pelican Bay were received at the Klamath Falls post-office late at night. I volunteered to go to town and bring them back to save their lives. I paid good cash money to get them out of the office, and then they cried 'cheap, cheap' all the way at me."

PELICAN SALES MANAGER SPEAKS ON PINE MARKET

P. A. Albertson Returns After Regular Trip to Eastern Cities

Although there has been a decline of from ten to fifteen percent in many lumber items during the past thirty days, bringing the market about ten percent under where it was a year ago, there is no particular cause for alarm among operators, and no signs of a general slump are visible, according to P. A. Albertson, sales manager for the Pelican Bay Lumber company, who returned last week from his regular yearly trip to Kansas City, Omaha, St. Louis, Chicago, New York and other important eastern and middle western cities.

Immediately after the election of Coolidge many eastern wholesalers and manufacturers began buying in the expectation of a boom year, which failed to materialize, and this surplus accounts for the lack of increased activity in the market which the opening of spring building usually brings.

The decline of the past thirty days Mr. Albertson lays to the shipments from this season's cutting of Southern Yellow pine, white pine from the Great Lakes, and boat shipments of Canadian lumber.

City trade as a rule is brisk; but farm trade, particularly in Iowa is very poor, due to the poor crops of last season.

The Florida boom, which many people expected to reach the proportions of the Los Angeles boom, and supply a correspondingly good market for building material will not approach the magnitude of the California boom, because Florida has not the agricultural backing to support the country in the lull between tourist seasons.

"On the whole, demand for lumber is good; but on the other hand production is immense, and the condition of the lumber market for the coming season will be a race between them, concerning which no one can make any definite predictions. All that mill owners can do is to carry on with the expectation of the market staying about where it is," said Mr. Albertson Saturday.

PORTABLE SAWMILL STARTS OPERATION

Welch and Son Commence Logging Timber Northwest of Dairy

Welch and Son are starting logging to supply their portable mill, at present located northwest of Dairy. They plan to log in the neighborhood of one hundred thousand feet before starting the mill.

The Welch mill cuts four thousand feet per day, and requires but four men to operate it.

GOUCHER DOES GOOD SAWING ON CARRIAGE

Goes Right in After Uppers, According to Bedford's Instructions

Blacky Goucher, who sets for Jean Champagne on the Wheeler-Olmstead rig, was taking a turn at sawing when Manager J. M. Bedford walked through the mill. Bedford walked in behind Blackie.

"Whenever you're sawing, Blackie, never forget to go right in for uppers."

"Yes, you bet I will." An hour later Bedford happened to pass through the mill. Slabs from eight to ten inches thick were scattered all over the mill, and bumping down the live rolls.

Bedford ran into the sawing stall. "What are you doing, Blackie?" "Why, you told me to go right in for uppers, and I'm not missing going in."

USE CLOTHESPIN

Gus Lund would like to know how a man can get along without buttons. Jack Nelson advises him to use clothespins.

Here's Another Home-Made Yarn About Our Friend Paul Bunyan

When Paul Bunyan was starting the white pine business in California, Peter Püget hooked up a team of mules and drove down to see him one morning from Seattle. Nobody was in sight, so Peter drove his mules behind the barn and tied them up.

Just then Paul came out of the office, where he had been helping Johnny Inkslinger hook his pen to a new barrel of ink.

"How's all the family and Babe?" cried Peter.

"Wife's fine—and Babe's feeling better—I just moved the barn."

"So I see—but why move it so close to a telephone pole?"

"There's no telephone pole nearer than the main line, five hundred miles from here."

"I've been around quite a bit," said Peter, "and I know a telephone pole when I see it. Why, my mules are tied to it right now."

"I've known you a good many years, Peter, and I didn't think there was enough moon in California to make you see things like that." They argued for more than half an hour about it and finally decided to go and look at the post Peter contended was there. On getting there, they could not see the mules. Paul said that Peter was drunk, and had forgotten to drive the mules over, and had probably tied them to a fir tree upon the sound.

"But I'm not drunk—and there's the post I tied them to."

"But that isn't a post—that's a corn stalk I planted this morning right after breakfast."

They looked up, and discovered the mules dangling high overhead, wagon and all. Peter was nearly well.

LUMBERMEN BICKER OVER BIG CONTRACT

Goucher and Jackson Unable to come to Terms on Invitations Distribution

Besides an announcement in an early issue of Lumberlogue, Blacky Goucher is planning a social innovation for the benefit of the heathens who are not familiar with the pages of the Lumberlogue consisting of distribution of invitations to the housewarming at Harem-on-the-Heights by airplane in those sections in the extreme hinterland of Klamath county where Lumberlogue is not read.

Goucher was closeted in secret conference with Alce Jackson, Lord Mayor of the Pelican dry kilns, in an effort to get him to sign a contract to deliver the invitations with his airplane. No definite terms had been arranged when Lumberlogue went to press.

LAMBERT WANTS LADY COMPANION SUNDAYS

Offers to Secure Competent Chapcarone for Sabbath Excursions

Fred Lambert, of the Wheeler-Olmstead company, would like to find a middle aged lady who does not chew tobacco or use profane language to go boat riding Sundays or any evening. Lambert declares that the old launch isn't much for finish, but that she is sure a speed demon. Furthermore he agrees not to wear calked shoes, and to secure the services of Bill Hürbelt as chaperone.

ANNA CREEK MILL WILL START SOON

Repair Work on Mill Nearly Complete; Lumber Hauled to Chiloquin

The sawmill of the Anna Creek Lumber company will start operations some time this week. A repair crew has been at work on the mill for the past month. Anna Creek mill has a circular rig, and averages between forty and fifty thousand per shift.

The lumber from the mill will be hauled to Chiloquin by Art Wimer. Wimer also does the logging for Anna Creek by contract.

EWAUNA TO INSTALL CARRIAGE BRACKET

To Replace Bracket Which Necessitated Half Day Shutdown

A cast steel crosshead and bracket for the carriage was received by the Ewauna Box company last Thursday. The new crosshead and bracket will be installed as soon as they can be machined up.

Ewauna was forced to shut down half a shift because of the carriage bracket some ten days ago, and the new bracket was ordered to be installed as soon as possible and forestall further trouble.

LAMM COMPANY HAS A NEW HILKE PILER

Second Lumber Company in Klamath County to Install Pilers

The Lamm company has a new Hilke piler, with which it is possible to build lumber piles to any height desired. The Lamm company to install Hilke Pilers in Klamath county is the second lumber concern county. Algoma Lumber company has been using three Hilke pilers for the past two seasons.

SHAW-BERTRAM HOP IS GREAT SUCCESS

Dance Held at Logging Camp is Considered Great Success

According to reports received by Lumberlogue, the dance held recently at the Shaw-Bertram camp was a "skidding" success. Thelma Holt at the piano, and Frank Works violinist, started the evening, but they were reinforced about ten o'clock by the arrival of the Ritchie brothers from Klamath Falls with a saxophone, banjo, and slide trombone.

Quite a number of people were present from other camps, among whom were Jack Villair, superintendent of Ewauna camp.

DAN RECOVERS

Dan the blacksmith, of Pelican Bay camp two, has fully recovered from his vacation. Dan has been wondering what became of his partner, but recently received a letter stating that partner was O. K., and looking forward to next winter.