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## FORE-AND-AFT PEDDLERS BAD AT MODOC CAMP

### Swarms of Mosquitoes and Salesmen Pester the Timber Beasts

Desires an over-allotment of mosquitoes, of both the ordinary and fore-and-aft models, the Modoc Pine logging camp has been heavily beset by fore and aft salesmen and peddlers during the past month. The timber beasts didn't object to either for some time, but after two salesmen, one handling clothing, the other life insurance, had to be taken to town in a delirious condition by Superintendent Mullenbax, as a result of trying to sell each other their respective lines for an entire afternoon things began to get serious.

One dapper young lumberjack purchased six suits of mail order clothing last month; another came home from work in the evening and found a man chasing his wife around the house with a carving knife; the outraged husband was about to finish the man with a cant hook handle when he discovered that it was merely a cutlery salesman.

Eb Childers, the straw hat gourdman, struck on a splendid scheme, Childers hid all his money in a hollow stump three miles from camp and drew his pay so far ahead that his orders on the office were never honored. But when he went out to the stump to get his roll for the Fourth, Eb found the roll gone, and two dozen phoney watches in its stead. The courteous salesman had even left a slip saying "Thank you."

Bill McMillan stepped from the porch of the dining room last Saturday evening, causing a pair of quarters to clink in his pockets. A razor salesman, who was just about to close a deal with "Dad" George, heard the clink and started for Bill, brandishing an open razor in his hand. Bill was three miles down the main logging line toward Kirk before the salesman overtook him, and in his relief to find that his life was not in danger purchased his seventh razor for the current month.

One enterprising young automobile salesman has put all the cat-skinners to shame, and as a result of the miraculous demonstrations he has given in the pursuit of stinky lumberjacks through the tall uncut north and east of Kirk will probably sell several machines in that section shortly after the Fourth, taking second mortgages on 1927 pay checks in return.

As a result of this swarm of salesmen, Filer Monty Montgomery has placarded the filing shack with the following notice, in order to have time to get the saws in shape for twelve sets of fallers and incidentally help "Pod" a half day in the woods:

#### NOTICE Agents Beware

The filer is employed by the Modoc Pine company, and his time belongs in most part to it. He eats at the cookhouse, buys his tobacco and overalls at the commissary, moonshine from the sheriff, and oil stock from the mayor of Klamath Falls.

When in need of information he consults the following authorities: Political, any wobbly or wandering dirty-shirt; race suicide or kindred subjects, any member of the Elks' lodge or Barbers' Union; fishing, any resident of the Wood River valley; social matters, either Wm. Bray, Superintendent Mullenbax or Timekeeper Graberman; religious, any Catholic member of the Ku Klux Klan or the sporting section of the San Francisco Chronicle; and upon financial matters, either Joe Nixon or Walkaway Burns. For information on ancient history he consults either of the Klamath Falls duffers.

He is also subject to ivory spams, which are the modern form of the famous Harry Thaw brain storms.

STAY OUT—and avoid a situation which might easily prove dan-

## Brimstone Bill Understood Bull Whacking Thoroughly



The custodian and chaperon of Babe, the Big Blue Ox, was Brimstone Bill. He knew all the tricks of that frisky giant before they happened.

"I know oxen," old bullwhacker used to say. "I've worked 'em and doctored 'em ever since the ox was invented. And Babe, I know that pernicious old reptyle same as if I'd abeen through him with a lantern." Bill compiled "The Skinner's Dictionary," a hand book for teamsters, and most of the terms used in directing draft animals (except mules) originated with him. His early religious training accounts for the fact that the technical language of the teamster contains so many names of places and people spoken of in the Bible.

The buckskin harness used on Babe and Benny when the weather was rainy was made by Brimstone Bill. When this harness got wet it would stretch so much that the oxen could travel clear to the landing and the load would not move from the skidway in the woods. Brimstone would fasten the harness with an anchor Big Ole made for him and when the sun came out and the harness shrank the load would be pulled to the landing while Bill and the oxen were busy at some other job.

The winter of the Blue Snow, the Pacific ocean froze over and Bill kept the oxen busy hauling regular white snow over from China. M. H. Kennan can testify to the truth of this as he worked for Paul on the Big Onion that winter. It must have been about this time that Bill made the first ox yokes out of cranberry wood.

—Cute and text courtesy Red River Lumber Co.



## Heavy Shower Hits Calamus and Shaw Camp

### Two Fires Started by Lightning North of Reservation

Shaw-Bertram camp and Modoc received a drenching between eight thirty and nine thirty Sunday evening from a severe electric storm. When the brief storm was over, water was standing in puddles wherever there was a low place in the ground. Brilliant flashes of lightning accompanied the storm, and it is thought the forest fires which started on Antelope and Sugar Pine mountain were caused by this storm.

## Ewauna Camp To Close For Two Week's Fourth

Ewauna Box company's logging camp at Lambertson will have a two week's vacation during and following of the Fourth. The logging crew has been gaining on the mill for some time past, and the company is taking this opportunity to give the mill a chance to catch up.

This lay-off will enable many of the men to take trips to outside points, and many of them are planning on taking advantage of it.

#### TO WUL-KSE

Earl Silvers, of the Modoc logging camp, attended the fights at Wul-kse Friday evening.

#### OMOHUNDRO IMPROVES

Lacey Omohundro, who fell from a bench in the Pelican boiler room last week and struck his head on the concrete floor, is considerably improved. Omohundro was unconscious for several days after the accident, but he is declared to be nearly normal now by hospital authorities.

#### IN SAN FRANCISCO

Manager J. M. Belford, of the Wheeler-Olmstead Lumber company, left Monday for San Francisco on business. He will return to Klamath Falls Friday.

The company refuses all responsibility for accidents incurred while visitors are teasing the animals.

MODOC PINE COMPANY.

## CALAMUS CAMP NOW SHIPPING 33 CARS DAILY

### Cut to be Increased After the Fourth of July Shutdown

Modoc's logging camp has been shipping an average of thirty-three cars of logs per day during the past month, the bulk of which have gone to the Wheeler-Olmstead and the Big Lakes Box companies.

After the Fourth of July shutdown, the number of sets of fallers will be increased to fourteen, and the shipment of logs will probably rise to an average of thirty six or thirty seven cars, as Bill Buck Pat Montgomery declares that no fallers will be kept who cannot make a daily scale of 12M.

#### VISIT WUL-KSE

Among the Algoma camp people visiting the Indian convention during the week were A. W. Howard, Louis Shabar, J. M. Burgo, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Sutherland, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McKay, and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Kanale.

## John Cox Takes a Nasty Tumble On Sun Creek Grade

### Truck Men Hauling Lumber From Algoma to Dia- mond Lake

John Cox took a nasty tumble from Cox Brother's truck Saturday morning when he and his brother, Charlie, were climbing Sun Creek hill with a load of lumber. Charlie was driving and John climbed out on the front fender of the truck to put some water in the radiator while it was going, and thus save stopping on the grade. The motor was hotter than he thought, and steam and hot water shot from the radiator, burning Cox's arm and causing him to fall from the truck. The burn was not serious, and as the truck was moving slowly up the grade he was not injured by the fall.

Cox brothers have been hauling lumber from the Algoma mill to Diamond Lake for Dr. Warren Hunt's summer home.

## HILL-ON-HIGH WILL BE TUNED UP FOR FOURTH

### Other Famous Machines in Condition for the Celebration

That Klamath Falls will be the scene of many difficult feats in the automobile racing and demonstration line is assured by the recent announcement of Top-loader Jo Truchon, of Ewauna camp, that Hill-on-High, his famous racing Studebaker, will be equipped for the Fourth of July celebration with balloon tires and other balloon accessories, the nature of which Mr. Truchon would not divulge. A fender, with which Mr. Truchon attempted to skid a log will also be repaired.

Reports from Pelican Bay camps indicate that Jimmy Johnston's Buick Bragan is "rarin' to go, and that even the brakes on it are in condition. "Cannon Ball Barker" McCullom is also said to have had Fred Nelson, of the Motor Shop, put monkey glands in the "Red Devil," and that the famous Paige is ready to take part in the celebration.

Pierson and Son, of Lamm's mill, hearing of these preparations have released the emergency on their Star, and are even contemplating installing the carburetor, in order to keep ahead of this keen competition. As soon as the emergency brake was removed, it was necessary to fasten the machine in the garage with four log chains, and it may be necessary to keep the brake on until the Fourth, lest the machine go bounding driverless up the mountain behind the mill.

## SHASTA VIEW MILL NEARLY HAS CRASH

### Small Pipe Sticks in Valve; "Two-Inch" Ole Saves Day

A piece of pipe left in the main feed line from the boiler to the shotgun was responsible for a near carriage runaway at the Shasta View mill Monday. The elbow came loose from the small piece of pipe and worked into one of the valves on the shotgun, leaving the gun wide open on the return.

Sawyer "Two Inch Ole" Hawkins leaned halfway across the carriage as he slammed the lever in the other direction, according to Superintendent Jack Monroe, who was standing behind him when the accident occurred, and held it there until Monroe ran down stairs and shut off the steam. According to Monroe, if Hawkins had hesitated a fraction of a second in opening the other valve, the carriage, with the two doggers and the setter, would have been thrown through the side of the mill and into the pond.

#### EARLY ARRIVALS

Among those who will probably be in the advance guard of the rush for town from the camps are Jimmy Johnston, Red Johnston, Rook McCullom, Heine Smallfield, Lee Lyman and Carl Sietten, of Pelican Bay camps, and Bill McMillan, Eb Childers, Pat Montgomery and Harry Miller of Modoc camp.

#### TO CHILOQUIN

Conductor George Gannon, of the Modoc Pine company, attended the dance at Chilouquin Saturday evening. Gannon declares that there were many Klamath Falls people present.

#### RATES IMPROVING

M. O. Bates, who underwent a minor operation in the Klamath General hospital last week is declared to be doing splendidly. He is an employe of the Pelican Bay Lumber company.

## Tule Lake Was a Hot Place to Log But Paul Did a Good Job

The year of the two summers they had dog days all winter, and then early in the spring the sun never set, but came closer and closer to the earth at the end and beginning of each day.

Along in June the water in all the lakes began to boil. It was easy pickings for Sourdough Sam, the cook, for Paul was logging around the banks of Tule lake that summer and all Sam had to do was to set the dough-gods out in the sun a half hour before meal time and then send the flunkies down to the lake shore to scoop up a bunch of fine ready boiled trout.

Logging was very difficult, for all the pine needles were smouldering and smoking, and every logger had

to have a block of ice to stand on while falling timber. This ice was brought down from Pete Mufraw's ice quarries above the arctic circle by Big Ole and Babe, who would hook onto a glacier just at daylight and have it down just in time to be chopped into blocks for the day's work.

Paul and his crew finished the Tule Lake logging just in time, for the entire country caught fire from the heat just as the last log was hauled over the Skakiyos and dumped into the Pacific ocean. All the slashings and young trees were destroyed completely.

W. C. Dalton can vouch for the truth of this, for there was not a sign of a pine tree in that country when he began ranching there.

## ELECTRIC DOGS WORK WELL IN PELICAN MILL

### Device Has Been Overhauled and Contracts are Strengthened

Pelican Bay's electric dogs, which were reinstalled on the big rig after having been taken off and the wiring and contacts strengthened, are now doing excellent work, and the tapering device, which allows the use of the Rhodes system of sawing is being used to its full extent.

Pelican Bay purchased the right to use this patented system of sawing from Rhodes several years ago, but the carriages have not been equipped to use it until the installation of the electric dogs. The logs are sawn parallel to the bark, and the taper is taken out of the heart of the logs.

The electric dogs will not be installed on the pony rig until heavier electric equipment arrives, which may not be until next year.

#### FISHING TRIP

Mrs. W. P. McMillan, Mrs. P. Montgomery, Mrs. Coverstone, Will McMillan, Eb Childers, and Pat Montgomery took a fishing trip up Williamson river from Calamus camp a week ago Sunday, making a nice catch of fish. Mrs. McMillan and Mrs. Coverstone, who spent the week-end at Calamus camp, returned to Klamath Falls the Monday following the fishing trip.

## LABOR SURPLUS LARGE IN EAST

Labor conditions in the east are no better than in the west, according to C. M. Tuley, local representative of the P. B. Yates Machine company, who recently returned from a trip to the factories at Beloit, Wisconsin. Skilled labor is well employed in all lines, according to Tuley, but there is a large surplus of common labor.

Moulding plants in the Mississippi valley are having a hard time to hold their own with the western product, especially those depending upon lumber shipped from the coast for their raw material. Two carloads of lumber on an average, are required to manufacture a carload of moulding, and there is so much saving in manufacturing the moulding here and avoid the shipping of the waste that the eastern moulding plants are having rather a hard time of it.

While in Chicago Tuley received a letter from his brother-in-law, H. P. Schuck, the inventor of the Dan-shuck spindle. Several improvements have been made in the design of the machine, the demonstrator model of which was in use in the Big Lakes Box factory last spring. Schuck will probably visit Klamath Falls early this fall.

## Shaw-Bertram Has Splendid Drive Record

### Local Company Raises Double its Legion Quota First Day

Shaw-Bertram Lumber company went over the top before it got a decent start in the recent American Legion endowment drive. The quota for the company was set at approximately \$75. One hundred and fifty dollars was raised around the mill, factory, and office the first day, and the night crew in the mill was not asked to contribute. But three or four men of the entire crew refused to contribute, when solicited. Later contributions raised the total to more than \$160.

## Tennant and Algoma Tied

### Pelican Third, Lamms' Mill in Cellar in Timber League

Algoma defeated Tennant 3 to 2 on the Algoma diamond and Pelican Bay defeated Lamm's mill 13 to 12 at Modoc Point last Sunday.

Algoma made three runs in the first inning, but Tennant tightened up and played airtight ball for the remainder of the game. Tennant's new pitcher being in a large degree responsible for their excellent showing. Tennant made one run in the seventh, and one in the eighth, making the score three to two in favor of Algoma. Algoma's battery consisted of Stanlake and McNeilly, pitchers, and Dunn and Stanley, catchers.

The Pelican-Lamm contest was fairly even throughout, with several errors on both sides. Batteries were McCracken and Howard, for Pelican, and Harmon and Chidester for Lamm's mill.

Sunday's game leaves Algoma and Tennant tied for first place, each having lost a game to the other. Pelican in second place, and Lamm's in the cellar.

#### LUNDBERG BETTER

John Lundberg, who was injured in an automobile accident last week, is rapidly improving at the Klamath General hospital.

#### TO GRANTS PASS

Roger Montgomery left Tuesday for Grants Pass, where he will spend several days visiting friends before returning to Modoc camp to finish the season.

J. M. Birdsell and Slim La Chance grader and scaler respectively for the Campbell-Towles Lumber company, were in Klamath Falls over the week-end.

#### FROM CALAMUS

C. J. Guberman, camp clerk and timekeeper, and Pat Montgomery, head bull-buck, were Klamath Falls visitors from the Modoc Pine company's Calamus camp Saturday evening.

## RHODES PATENT OWNER NOW IN KLAMATH FALLS

### Alex. M. Page is Also In- ventor of a Sawyer's Mirror

Alex. M. Page, holder of the patent on the Rhodes System of sawing, has been in Klamath Falls during the past week interesting Klamath mill men in his method of sawing logs.

The Rhodes system consists of sawing logs parallel to the bark rather than to the heart, thus getting the greatest possible amount of long length, straight grained uppers, and in taking the taper from the heart of the log, which is invariably box or common lumber. The key to the system is in removing the taper from the cant. This should be done in two or more cuts, making a short board each time with one end tapering to a feather edge to be removed by the trimmerman. If the mill has a resaw, the process is considerably simplified, for the V shaped board may be resawed, giving one good board and one wedge shaped shim.

The method is calculated to effect a saving of ten per cent in actual footage, but the greatest saving results from the taper being taken from the heart, which is invariably low grade lumber, and the resultant saving of sap, or upper grade lumber. Then, too, the sap lumber will all be the full length of the log, and be far straighter grained than when cut in the old way.

The Pelican Bay Lumber company purchased the patent rights from Tyro Rhodes, the inventor and first owner, but had never used the system until the recent installation of electric dogs. The tapering device on the new dogs permits of the use of the Rhodes system, and Pelican started using this method Monday.

Page is a cousin of Walter Hines Page, former ambassador to Germany, and comes from a family of lumbermen who operated extensively throughout the southern states. Walter Hines Page was the only member of the family who did not follow the lumber industry.

Page is the inventor of a tilting mirror operated by a cord to the sawyer's pit, which enables him to see both ends of the log when it is loaded. A spotlight is attached to the mirror, which throws a bright light on the end of the log. This device is particularly useful where the Rhodes method is used, in order to spot rot or other defects, and remove the taper from the bad part of the log. Page has applied for a patent on the mirror.

A picture of the device may be found on page one hundred and sixty of the June Timberman.

The Rhodes system is now being used by many of the largest lumber manufacturers on the coast, including the Hammond Lumber company, the Booth-Kelly Lumber company, and the Spruce corporation.

## CAR OF SIDING IS SHIPPED BY NEW LUMBER CO.

### Warehouse Being Added to Klamath Lumber and Millwork Plant

The Klamath Lumber and Millwork company shipped its first carload of bevel siding Monday morning, and another car of remanufactured lumber will be shipped before the end of the week. According to Emil Droher, a special effort is being made by the company to keep its siding grades high.

The company is also erecting a 32x54 warehouse in connection with its plant, for the storage of re-manufactured lumber. A crew of eight experienced mill workers is now at work at the plant.