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MORE STORAGE SPACE PLANNED BY MILL HERE

Wheeler-Olmstead to Add Two New Alleys to Present Yard System

MILE OF TRACKAGE

New Alleys to Adjoin Those Already Established on Company Land

Plans for the construction of two new lumber alleys, with storage for from 1,000,000 to 1,500,000 feet of lumber, were announced Tuesday by J. M. Bedford, manager of the Wheeler-Olmstead mill.

Nearly a mile of additional trackage will be required for the new alleys, in the estimation of Superintendent Horbelt of the mill.

The alleys will run parallel to those already established, between the present alleys and the mill, each with a length of approximately 800 feet.

Jean Champagne has been sawing lumber at the rate of about 70,000 feet daily and despite a good volume of shipments the yards have been filling rapidly.

The Wheeler-Olmstead company is fortunate in that between the present yards and the mill there is yet available storage space for millions of feet of lumber without crowding, or without the necessity of expanding their yard beyond the property they now own.

Macdoel Logging Road Is Central Figure In Action

Legal Tangle Over Affairs of Pepper-Cotton Lumber Company Starts

Eight miles of logging railroad constructed in 1920 between Macdoel and the logging operation of the Peppers-Cotton Lumber company, holds the center of the stage in the bankruptcy of the lumber company and three suits that have been pending since the company ended its operations in the summer of 1921. While the suits have been pending since the fall of 1921, legal fencing have kept them from trial until this week, when the first of the series began before Superior Judge C. J. Luttrell here.

The first suit to come to trial is that of Willett & Burr, the firm of contractors who built the road, and this will be followed by two similar actions. Approximately 20 parties are named in the suits as defendants, including ranchers across whose property the right-of-way ran.

Legal Tangle Great
Between labor liens filed by workmen on the road, the bankruptcy proceedings and the suits in the local court, the situation is one of the most intricate legal tangles that ever went to trial in Siskiyou county.

Robert H. Countryman of San Francisco is counsel for the contractors, while R. S. Taylor and George A. Tebbe of Yreka and W. S. Dwinell of Minneapolis are counsel for the defendants. It is thought that more than two weeks will be taken up in the trials of the three suits.

Houghton Soon Out Of Hospital

Claude Houghton, superintendent of the Lamm Lumber company camp at Kirk, will be released from the Klamath General Hospital in about ten days, was believed today. Nearly four weeks ago Houghton was taken to the hospital with an infected arm and for a time as the infection spread it was feared that he might lose it. It is not known how long it will be before he will be able to resume his duties at the camp.

Shot Gunderson Pulled a Boner When He Logged Crater Lake Rim

One of the greatest mistakes ever made by Paul's famous foreman, shot Gunderson, was when he logged the timber off the inside of Crater Lake rim. Gunderson put in the whole of one day logging the rim, for Paul had the bulk of the crew at work logging Langell and Horsely valleys.

Just before sundown, when the crew started to drop the last few trees, just below where the lodge stands now, shot came to, and realized that there was no outlet to the lake. Here was a dilemma. The first foreman spent a whole hour in thought, and then he went across to Langell Valley for Paul to come and help him. Paul came hurrying across country, wondering what the trouble might be.

When he got to the rim, he gave one look, and started back across country. He hurried all he could, but it was nearly dark when he got back with a bucket in one hand.

The bottom of the bucket contained a little of Sturdough Sam's sturdough. Waving the men back with one hand, Paul stepped down into the crater, and walked along the west side a few steps to find a spot in the water not covered with logs. Then he poured in the dough. The lake instantly began to seeth and rise—Paul had to step quickly up on Glacier Peak to keep from getting his feet wet. In a few seconds the seething mass poured over the rim, logs and all, and coursed down the mountain side, past the present engineer's camp, washing out Anna Creek canyon, through the Wood River Valley, and into Klamath Lake.

This is vouched for by the fact that Anna Creek canyon is still there, and everyone who visited Crater Lake last season saw Paul's footprints below Glacier Peak, where he stood when he poured in the sturdough.

Wheeler-Olmstead May Build Re-Manufacturing Plant and Planing Mill Late This Year

That the Wheeler-Olmstead company plans this fall to abandon its present practice of selling its output as rough and box lumber and that the company will this fall build its own planing mill and re-manufacturing plant, to begin operation this winter or next spring, is a persistent rumor in local lumber circles.

J. M. Bedford, manager of the company, refused to comment on the rumor. He stated that the plan might be considered but that nothing had been definitely decided as yet.

Should the company build the planing mill and re-manufacturing plant, it will mark another Klamath departure from the list of mills which originally sold their entire output as rough and box lumber.

With keener competition in the box shooke game, it has been felt inevitable that more and more will local mills concentrate their efforts on producing finished lumber in the higher grades and disposing of their low-grade lumber in the form of box shooke, making the latter purely a by-product.

Reunion Held at Nine Bros. Sawmill Here

Men Who Worked Together 14 Years Ago Meet Again

Fourteen years ago four men were working for the Weed Lumber company at Weed, California. Some had good jobs and others had jobs not so good, but all looked forward to the day when they would have a better one.

These men were Marlon Nine, Jack Monroe, Curly Roome and H. L. Clevinger. Then, in the bygone days, they were working as millwright, machinist, setter and operator of the car strip machine, respectively.

Now with 14 years passed, these same men are all together again at the same mill—the Shasta View Lumber and Box company. Only now positions are somewhat changed. Marlon Nine is an owner and president of the mill, Jack Monroe is superintendent, Curly Roome is a setter and Clevinger is now running the edger.

Complete Frame On Planing Mill

Framework has been practically completed on the new box factory and re-manufacturing plant of the Bray Lumber company at Chillicothe. This plant, when completed, will be one of the best in the county. An indication of what may be expected in local mill building in future this section is seen in the fact that the mill is so arranged that the production of box shooke will be purely a side issue and a method of utilizing by-products only.

Johnston Averts Horrible Wreck Above Kirkford

Engineer's Prompt Action Saves Thousands and Four Lives

Pelican Bay Camp 2, July 15.—A serious wreck, involving the loss of thousands of dollars and four lives was averted last night by the prompt action of Engineer John Johnston. The logger had topped the hill, and started to gather speed on the incline toward Kirk. In a minute the train would have been out of control. Johnston noticed instantly however, that the train was going down hill, promptly applied the air, and the day was saved.

The Pelican Bay Lumber company owes Number 3, a train of logs, and the train crew owe their lives to the prompt action of Johnston.

Pelican Bay Club Membership 250 Despite The Heat

Despite hot weather withdrawals, due to fishing and other outside attractions, membership of the Pelican Bay Community club is now more than 250, according to figures compiled by Walter Henry, club manager.

No athletic activities are contemplated at the club until this fall, Henry stated.

The billiard room, reading room and ice cream parlor are open every day.

Plans are already under way for the formation of another basketball team next season, but nothing definite will be done until the coming of cooler weather.

PELICAN CAMP NUMBER ONE IS MOVED 4 MILES

New Site Only Three Miles From Rim of Crater Lake

During the Fourth of July shutdown and the first days of last week Pelican Bay Lumber company's logging crew moved the greater part of Camp 1 from its old site to a point within one mile of the boundary of the Crater Lake Park boundary, and to within two miles of the rim. The camp will be kept there for about two months, when it will be moved back to its old site.

The end of the steel in that direction had been six miles from the old camp site, which was too great for efficient logging. The new site is about four miles from the old location, but nearly twice that much steel was laid to get to it, on account of the high elevation. New Camp 1 is the highest logging camp in the county, having an elevation of 7000 feet, as compared to 5000 feet for Old Camp 1, and 4800 for camp two. Some difficult engineering was required to overcome the two thousand foot rise, and still keep within the practical logging grade percentages of four and one to five per cent.

Pelican Bay Lumber company now has four logging camps. The new camp 1, the remnant of old Camp 1, Camp 2, and Camp 3, the railroad camp. Camp 1 is a horse camp, and camp 2 a cut camp.

Millman Takes Bride While on Portland Visit

Earl Holland and Miss Letha Smith Wed Quietly

Superintendent Earl Holland of the Campbell-Towle mill, and Miss Letha Smith, popular young lady of Klamath Falls, were quietly married in Portland recently. Miss Smith left here a month ago in company with Mr. Holland's mother, and stayed in Portland until Mr. Holland went up during the Fourth of July shutdown.

The marriage comes as no surprise to the many friends of the couple here, although Mr. Holland left for Portland without announcing his intentions. Both are well known among lumbermen here. Holland having been formerly night foreman and head millwright for the Ewauna Box company and Miss Smith having made her home here for some time. They will make their home at the mill on Sprague River.

Wheeler-Olmstead Plans To Install Sprinkler System

Installation will begin on a modern sprinkler system at the Wheeler-Olmstead mill within the next ten days. The system which will result in about a 50 per cent cut in insurance charges, will have 800 automatic sprinkler heads, placed so as to protect every portion of the mill. Water supply for the system will be furnished by a new 50,000 gallon tank. The system will be similar to that now in operation at the Ewauna, where a few days ago an incipient blaze met an inglorious finish when it ran afoul of one of the sprinkler heads.

J. Alexander Buys Insurance Agency

J. L. Alexander, formerly time-keeper for the Pelican Bay Lumber company at Camp 1, has purchased the Mutual Benefit Health and Accident association agency for this district formerly operated by George K. Rosenquist and has been appointed district agent for the company.

Alexander, before coming here, kept time for the Red River Lumber company at Westwood, California. He has decided to quit being a timber beast, however, and try his hand at the insurance business.

Love Tips for Lumberjacks, by Jellicose Juniper Joynes

Dear Miss Joynes:—
Are women more faithful at a distance? I am a long way from a young lady in whom I am greatly interested, and wonder if the chances of her being faithful would be better if I were nearer.
Anxiously,
Dublin Dan Livingstone.

Dear Dan:—
Distance is the deciding factor in all faithfulness, and proximity in all infidelity. The greater the distance between all men and the lady in question, the more faithful she will be.
J. J. J.

Dear Miss Joynes:—
I have been looking for a letter for some time. Do you think it will ever arrive? Please give me your best advice as what to do if it does not.
"Cannon Baker" Rook McCollom.

I don't think so. As to the second, just keep on firing Number 3. And for the love of Mike, don't offer the camp clerk any more five dollar bills. He's too clever with a pen and might write a few for you.
J. J. J.

Dear Miss Joynes:—
Do a few gray hairs in a man's head make any difference to a young girl if he is still a "good" man?
Jo Nixon.

Dear Jo:—
If a man's sprightly enough to do the Kallispell, it don't matter if every hair on his head is white.
J. J. J.

Dear Miss Joynes:—
I have a good disposition and curly black hair. I know my disposition is good enough for any girl, but would you advise me to have the color of my hair changed? I am particularly interested in blond women.
Joe Turkey,
Pelican Bay Camp No. 2.

Dear Jo:—
Curly black hair is one of the very best shades. But if it is convenient, I would add a little shot of bluing to it. All the he-vamps that we read about in True Confessions have blue black hair.
J. J. J.
P. S.—I would also advise having the hair slightly silvered at the temples.
J.

New Lake Open to Local Men Who Like Fish

Campbell Lake Open to Anglers Today, Is Word

Campbell Lake, jewel of the Upper Chouanawau watershed, thirty miles northwest of Lakeview, will be opened to fishing July 15 to August 15 this year, according to an order of the State Game Commission dated May 11. The lake, lying high on the Deadhorse rim, was stocked with trout provided by the Game Commission from the state trout hatcheries three years ago by sportsmen and forest service officials cooperating. These fry have since grown to good size.

Opening of the lake was urged by the Lake County Fish and Game Protective association on the grounds that the fish had grown to such numbers that food in the lake was insufficient and it was for this reason that an open season was allowed.

Campbell lake is easily accessible by automobile and its shores present one of the most beautiful outing grounds to be found in Lake county. In addition to the fine fishing which will no doubt be found here, the surrounding country offers some of the best deer hunting in the county and the lake will no doubt be a mecca for sportsmen and their camping parties during the open season just announced.

From Lakeview the lake is reached by way of the forest service road through Thomas creek ranger station to Dairy creek. A mile beyond Dairy creek the left branch of the road is taken toward Ingram station. At this point the lake road leaves the main forest road and for a distance of three miles to the lake is quite steep and somewhat sandy, but can be easily made by most cars in lower gears, even though heavily loaded.

Costly Errors Lose Game for Pelican Nine

Tennant Victor in Contest—Score 7 to 6

A combination of unlucky errors early in the game resulted in Pelican Bay losing to Tennant by a 7-6 score Sunday.

The infielders who made the errors say they were justified. In the 62-mile drive to Tennant most of them became accustomed to dodging rocks as they drove along the road, and when the game started and the first ground balls came their way the same instinct prevailed, with the result that they dodged. Before they could get their minds reversed, the game was lost.

Holiday, hurling for Tennant, pitched a good game throughout.

Carl Engel pitched for Pelican Bay the first four innings, being replaced in the fifth by McCracklin. The lineup follows: Engel, p.; McCracklin, p and 1b.; Howard, c.; Tilton, 1b and 2b.; Engel, 2b.; Wortley 2b.; Blacky Goucher, ss.; Norman Smith, cf.; Taylor 1f.; Bean rf.

Next Sunday Lamm's mill will play Tennant at Tennant and Algoma will play Pelican Bay.

The Tennant team now leads the league. Due to the manner in which games have been switched about, league scorers are having trouble in figuring out what its all about.

It was because of the uneven number of games played that no other teams played last Sunday, an effort being made to straighten out the schedule.

Electric Dog Inventor Will Visit Klamath

T. J. Sumner, part inventor and manufacturer of the Sumner electric dog, is expected to arrive in Klamath Falls next week. Sumner, while here, will examine the working of the electric dogs recently installed on the big rig at Pelican Bay.

BLOWPIPE MAN HERE

C. Reese, head of the Reese Blowpipe manufacturing company of San Francisco, is spending some time here looking after business interests. The company maintains a branch office here.

FROM PELICAN CAMP

J. C. Johnson, logging superintendent for the Pelican Bay Lumber company, was in town on business Saturday.

WINNARD LEAVES; HAS POSITION AS PAYROLL PADDER

Takes Position with Swain Company in Northern California

LEAVES SUDDENLY

More Than One Reason Believed Responsible for Move

Howard Winnard, editor of the Lumberlogue since its beginning here early this spring, left Sunday morning for Oroville, where he will be timekeeper and commissary clerk for the Swain Lumber company. He will function at the company camp, 40 miles from Oroville, in the Feather River canyon.

His many friends among the lumber men of this district will regret to see him leave, as under his guidance the Lumberlogue has developed into the best lumber newspaper on the coast, excepting only the trade magazines.

His place will be taken by A. H. Raymond, for the past year on the advertising staff of the Herald—News-Item.

Now for the real lowdown. Howard was a good boy, and all that, and just before he left he did pay the dollar he borrowed six months ago, but we feel in taking up his duties that we are entitled to start with a clean slate and that the public should know the facts.

And these are the facts: Howard was in serious trouble, with no less a percentage than the U. S. government. Unknown to his many friends in the woods, to whom he seemed perfectly normal, for the past six months he had been the victim of an insidious mental disease—he thought he could write.

Night after night he spent at the office, hanging out story after story on his trusty typewriter. During the month of June alone he sent out to various magazines something like 97 thrillers, all guaranteed to sell. Believing with all the enthusiasm of all young writers that they would sell, he neglected to send postage.

The inevitable happened. They came back, and all with postage collect. The day before he left Winnard was presented with a bill for \$237.46, all due on manuscripts returned that day. Laboring under the impression that he would go to jail if he bill were not paid, Howard made up his mind to leave overnight.

There were at least two other reasons for his sudden action, but they are minor items.

One was the rumor that Shotgun Kate was seeking his scalp as the result of an item he printed about her and the other was the fact that a man wearing an aviator's helmet and brandishing a cleaver was seen rather frequently sitting silently by the door of the Herald office night after night, a proceeding which necessitated Howard's leaving by a rear window for more than two weeks.—Editor.

Billie Maguire, Now Trainmaster For Pelican Bay

Graduate of "Lark" Brings Efficiency to Logging Woods

Billy Maguire, formerly of the "Lark," is now trainmaster for the Pelican Bay Lumber company. Trainmaster Maguire has a specially designed lantern, worthy of one who desires to put the Pelican logging trains on a par with the famous "Lark," the name of which is engraved on the light, and it is a pleasing sight, and an example of the efficiency of our younger, specially trained men. To young Maguire briskly hunting for his lantern with a match.