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NINE BROTHERS WELL GOES FAR WITHOUT WATER

Down More Than 500 Feet Without Hitting Good Water Vein

TO SAVE EXPENSE

Cost of Using City Water Amounts to Dollar a Day

A well now being drilled for Nine Brothers sawmill at the edge of Klamath Falls is now down more than 500 feet, without a good water supply having been reached.

The well is being drilled by the Enloe Drilling company and as the depth increases the operation is beginning to take on the aspects of an oil field job, according to Enloe.

"And no fooling, we did get a slight showing of shale oil between 400 and 500 feet," Enloe said.

A seemingly good vein at 65 feet struck a few days after it was struck. Drilling is now being carried on in chalk rock, which under the hammering of the drill is turned into fine talcum powder when brought up by the boiler.

Cost of using city water to operate the mill has been averaging around \$1 daily, was declared.

Shasta View Will Install Electric Dogs

T. B. Sumner Here to Supervise Job

Installation of electric dogs on the carriage of the Shasta View Lumber company, sometimes known as Nine Brothers, will begin at once, was announced here yesterday.

T. B. Sumner of the Sumner Iron Works of Seattle, inventor of the device, has been in town for the past week inspecting the installation at the Pelican Bay mill and will personally supervise the Shasta View installation.

Accompanying him is George Darnen, shop foreman for the Sumner Iron Works. Work on the installation was scheduled to begin Tuesday night and it is believed the entire job can be completed within three nights.

"Dutch Mike" Ill At Country Club

"Dutch Mike" well-known Klamath lumber worker, is ill with typhoid fever at the Country Club in Klamath Falls. According to those in attendance, his condition is regarded as very serious.

Gang Saw to Be Installed in Bend Mill

Addition Necessary to House Equipment

BEND, Ore., July 29.—A gang saw will be installed at once in Brooks-Scanlon Lumber company's mill B, according to an announcement by Dr. D. F. Brooks, president of the company, who is in Bend from his headquarters in Minneapolis. An addition to the mill will be necessary in order to install the new equipment and construction of this will be started at once. This will be the first gang saw operated at the local Brooks-Scanlon sawmill and it is expected that it will increase the output to such an extent that 200 more men will be employed.

Paul Showed Promise as a Logger Even While a Young Man; Early Exploits Told

Paul Bunyan as a boy was even something of a marvel in the woods. When a mere youth, he had a contract to merrily square timbers for the British Navy. Paul used to trim all the timber while it was still standing, taking just four cuts to the tree to square it.

Those were in the days before he got his real strength, and he never worked later than noon, usually knocking off when he had trimmed all the trees on a forty. When he had completed his trimming, it was his custom to fasten a grass rope on the end of his axe, and swinging it around his head, cut down a third of an acre of the squared timbers with one swing of the axe.

His practice of squaring the timbers in the woods had to be abandoned, however, due to the protests of the river drivers, who found the edges of the squared logs too hard to stick on to.

Another thing that caused trouble was the fact that the British buyers demanded that there be no timbers marked up with shoe calks.

Paul got around this trouble by taking the calks out of the men's shoes and putting them in the timbers themselves, and having the men wear wooden shoes. This, though a small item, gave indication of the schemes that were to make Paul famous as he grew older.

Paul had a fair sized camp this year, he logged on the Little Gimlet where it empties into the Elk Auger, but it was in no way to be compared to the camp he established the following year on the Big Onion.

The number of men in this camp was never counted correctly and is even now a matter of some doubt. Once Paul had to make a report to the government concerning the number of men he had working for him, but he turned the job over to Johnny Laksinger.

Johnny started but returned to

Paul with the complaint that there were so many men coming and going that a real count was impossible.

"Then count the cattle," says Paul. "There's five men to every yoke. That's what I always figure on, anyway."

Johnny tried this, but gave it up when he found that cattle were coming and going so fast, and so many being killed and replaced with new ones, that the task was hopeless.

Paul solved this trouble too. "Tell you what you do," he said. "Pile up all the yokes and measure them, and figure from that. It won't be exactly right, but it will have to do."

Johnny did this, and found there were exactly 386 cords of the yokes. Figuring 50 many to the cord, and then five men to the yoke, Johnny was able to make a fair estimate to the government, but even this figure is not believed to be exactly reliable.

In view of the fact that Paul worked the three shift system, with one shift working, one shift going to work and one shift on the way back from work, it is not believed that more than one-third of the men were accounted for by Johnny's estimate.

This was the winter Paul installed the 14-acre griddle for the hot cakes. Getting the batter on the griddle properly remained a problem even after Paul had solved the problem of greasing it.

Finally he rigged up an old logging flume and set a stop cock on it and with this arrangement he was able to distribute the batter where he wished.

At first, while his camps were temporary, Paul used a block and tackle to remove the cakes when they were done.

Later, however, when he established permanent camp, he of course installed donkey engines for the job.

"Coffee Dan" Makes Hash of Carriage

Fireman Averts More Smashup by Quick Action

What might have been a serious accident was narrowly averted Monday at Nine Brothers sawmill when the carriage, beyond control smashed into the bumper at the head end, tearing off the bracket holding the piston to the carriage and doing other damage.

Credit for preventing worse damage goes to George Benfield, fireman at the mill, who heard the crash and shut off steam, preventing the carriage from starting on a return journey that would probably have ended in its going through the side of the mill.

The accident happened during the absence of "Two-Inch" Ole Hawkins who did not show up Monday morning due to illness. "Coffee Dan" Walters, proprietor of an eating house in Klamath Falls and last year sawyer at the Ackley mill, was hired in his stead.

Shortly after nine o'clock in the morning "Coffee Dan" Walters evidently lost control. As the carriage smashed into the head bumper the log jumped from the carriage, striking the saw sideways, tearing it from the wheel and bending it so as to ruin it.

Setter Rulio Rouse and Doggers Anderson and Lightfoot were thrown from the carriage by the impact but were not injured.

Under the guidance of Superintendent Jack Monroe repairs were made and the mill ready to begin operations at 4:00 o'clock the same afternoon, believed to be a record for a job of this sort.

Fred Heiniger of Medford, formerly a sawyer for the Owens Oregon company, has been engaged to fill the vacancies caused by the departure of Hawkins and "Coffee Dan."

Jellicose Joynes On Vacation; One Question Answered

Readers of this department will be disappointed this week to learn of the forced departure of Jellicose Juniper Joynes for a vacation of one week. Miss Joynes's sage counsel has brought joy to many, and opened to them the shining vistas of a new life, and it is with regret that we announce she had to leave hurriedly for San Francisco, where it is believed a one week's application of the Keeley cure will see the dear girl herself again. Only one question was received before her departure and that is answered today. Others must await her return.

This letter came in a Wheeler-Olmstead envelope and the only clue to the identity of the sender was the initials, J. C. Ordinarily I pay no attention to such communications, but as the circumstances seem unusual in this case I am breaking the rule. Here goes:

"My Dear Miss Joynes: I am a sawyer, liable at any time to be thrown out of work or crippled by an enraged setter, and a serious problem has arisen in our home. Shall I, or shall I not, teach my wife to drive our car? If she smashes it, there is small chance that I can afford another. Should I take the chance?—J. C."

I cannot understand your question. I saw you and your wife out riding the other night, and she already is a good driver. I thought you two made a very pretty picture, with her pretty blonde head resting on your shoulder and she seemed to have no trouble in driving with one hand.—J. J.

Editor's Note:—Just as we go to press we learn that the wife in question is a pronounced brunette. It is evident that a horrible error has occurred some place but as it was impossible to stop the press we had to let it go. Here's the press.

\$50 Awaits Local Axe Man Who Can Do His Stuff; Big Contest Here Next Sunday

There is \$50 in real United States cash for the embryonic Paul Bunyan among the Klamath lumberjacks who can make a woodsman's axe do its stuff on an 18-inch log next Sunday morning.

All of which serves to introduce Peter McLaren, champion wood chopper of the world, who is in Klamath county this week showing the timber beasts just how an axe should be handled.

McLaren, a native of Australia, which also produced Bob Fitzsimmons and a few other champions, is on a tour of the county representing the Fayette R. Plumb Tool company, manufacturers of the Plumb axe for woodsmen.

He is being chaperoned through the northwest by Charles M. Mockbee of the Thompson-Diggs company of Sacramento, who makes the \$50 cash offer to any woodsman who will chop through a log in shorter time than McLaren.

The log chopping contest has been arranged for 11 o'clock Sunday morning in the vacant lot at the corner of Seventh and Pine streets. The contest is open to everybody, and every woodsman who can beat McLaren's time with the axe will walk away with fifty simoleons.

McLaren left the land of the kangaroo back in 1908. For five years he traveled with the Ringling Brothers circus, performing his feats with the axe. Since then he has traveled two seasons over the Orpheum circuit and one season over the Europe long before the war and struck his wood-chopping staff before the German Kaiser, who is reported to be swinging a mean axe these days.

McLaren is built much on the order of the kangaroo. He's long and thin and wiry. He isn't given much to talking, but when he grips an axe in his powerful hands of his he speaks a mouthful.

In Australia wood chopping contests are much on the order of prize fights in this country. McLaren says

"Dutch Mike" To Work For Johnson

"Mike" Muller, otherwise known as "Dutch Mike", has returned to Klamath Falls after what he described as an enjoyable two months spent in Susanville. Mike, who swings a mean whip, will work as teamster for Cy Johnson on the Klamath Falls-Lakeview highway, on which Johnson has a contract to remove the timber preparatory to road building.

Ole Hawkins In Try To Keep At Work All Night

"Two-Inch" Ole Hawkins, sawyer for Nine Brothers' mill, is the principal character in a drama that took place the other evening at the mill, with Jack Monroe, mill superintendent, in an assisting role.

The excitement occurred at 8:00 o'clock in the evening, when Hawkins appeared at the mill and insisted he was going to work. Monroe, who was working overtime in straightening up a line shaft, couldn't figure what it was all about. Hawkins gave every evidence of sobriety but still insisted it was time to go to work and began wondering why the rest of the crew failed to show up.

It finally developed that he had fallen asleep in his room and when he awakened at 7:30 believed that he had slept all night. The truth was finally forced upon him and he went back home to bed.

Charley Moore On Trip To Montana

Green fields and contented cows, or whatever kind of cattle provided sufficient lure for Charley Moore to leave for Billings, where he will visit with friends. Moore has been going for Pelican Bay. He denies that he will ever stop off in the Missoula country to look at a single stick of timber. He left Monday

he knows some wood choppers who never worked a day in the woods, but make a good living drawing down prize money in these contests.

In a fanning bee with local lumberjacks the other night, the Australian told of one of the champions on a 20-inch log. This fellow had but one lung, and at the end of every contest he would fall over in a faint and remain unconscious for several minutes through utter exhaustion.

"On a good warm day, nobody could beat this fellow," said McLaren, "but if it clouded up a bit, he might faint any time before he had cut through his log. He might lose his championship one month, when the day was cloudy, but the next time he entered and it was warm, he was always certain to win it back."

McLaren and Mockbee left Tuesday for the camps, and will return Saturday afternoon to complete final plans for the big wood chopping contest. While in the woods McLaren will show the lumberjacks many little tricks with the axe, and also wise the camp blacksmith up on a few pointers about keeping the tools in condition. They went first to the Pelican Bay camps, thence on to Kirk and the camps in that section.

But they'll be back in time for the big contest Sunday morning. It starts promptly at 11 o'clock. And any lumberjack who can take McLaren into camp will earn himself \$50—and that's that.

Worker Injured By Steel Fragments

"Speedball" Stoner of the Wheeler-Olmstead forces was forced to undergo an operation the first of the week, for the removal of a piece of steel from one of the fingers of his left hand. The accident occurred when he was helping George Downing, Wheeler-Olmstead blacksmith. The injury is not serious, although doctors had to lay the finger open to the bone in order to remove the fragment. Stoner is back on the job.

Sights Of City Seen By Algomans

Visitors to Klamath Falls during the week end were John Kunz, Jack Cruikshank, Earl Cruikshank, Eddie Neave, Bill Overton and Bill Kunz. Some of them are married, hence no details are available for publication.

Timber Man Here From California

J. U. Miner, owner of timber in this section and well known to local millmen, has returned after an extended stay in Cupertino, California. He may decide to make his home here permanently.

Wheeler-Olmstead Working Overtime

On two nights a week the Wheeler-Olmstead crew is now working overtime, until 7:30, making an 11-hour day on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The crew begins at 5:30, takes a half hour at 11:30 and knocks off at 7:30.

El Dorado Mill Now Operating

POST FLAT, California, July 29.—Owing to increased demand for lumber an dshook the J. W. Landis Company is running its mill and logging camp to full capacity.

ALGOMA BEAR IS NOW A FIXTURE IN PELICAN CAMP

Moves Out and Becomes Chummy with Tie Hackers During Lunch Hour

SHOWS MUCH HUNGER

Timber Men Politely Allow Animal to Take all Food For One Day

The famous Algoma tame bear, missing from the eyes of the world since it balked while putting on a dress rehearsal for Axel Carlson and Claud Banks, has again re-appeared. Its re-appearance is considered strange, in view of the fact that its trainers made no effort to hunt for it after its last performance.

It has now attached itself to Pelican Bay Camp No. 3, a tie-hacker's camp.

Magnus Bush, the Johnson brothers and Jack Smith knocked off work the other day, strolled over to their car in which lunch had been packed in a big basket. As they neared the car they found that the bear had beaten them to it, his body appearing from the back end of the car as they approached.

In his paws he held the lunch and while they watched he ate it.

A move is on foot to force Algoma to take the animal back again.

"Spike" Hayes, loader at Pelican Bay camp No. 2, has left the camp and has gone to Klamath Falls for an indefinite stay. He stated before leaving that matters of serious import would claim his exclusive attention for at least a week. George Bushman is now loading in Hayes' place.

Algoma Will Run Line to Sand Creek

Crews Now at Work on Tracklaying Job

Extension of its logging road to Sand Creek is now under way by the Algoma Lumber company. The line will extend to within about a mile of the creek.

The tracklaying job has been taken on by Art Messner, Claud Banks, Ed Pulley and Axel Carlson, crew on the logger, and about 2500 feet of track is being picked up daily.

Timber areas opened up by the new track will not be logged until next spring, it is believed.

Missourian Is Algoma Hooker

Maynard Paugh, a recent arrival from Missouri, is now hooking at the Algoma Camp, on the Ojo. Before coming here he was employed in woods work in Washington for five months.

Kennedy In Charge Of Johnson's Crew

Bill Kennedy is in charge of the logging crew engaged in clearing off the right-of-way on the Klamath Falls-Lakeview highway, contract for which is held by Cy Johnson. Approximately 15 men are now employed on the job.