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## Paul Had His Troubles With Grub Too; Records Throw Light On Gunderson

Considering the size of Paul's camps, it isn't at all strange that the eating problem was a never-ending one. With such a crew it was sometimes more than the camp steward could do to see that the cooks never ran short. Even now the best of them have trouble, in smaller camps, as Dowling of the Pelican Bay can testify after having to drive 200 miles for spuds one day when the peddler failed to show up in camp.

And the same thing happened once in Paul's camp and he being rather quick-tempered made a vow that it wouldn't happen next year. So the following spring he picked out a nice warm spot on the side of a hill and made a bet with the boys that he would have potatoes by the Fourth of July. He planted the potatoes and forgot all about them until a few days before the Fourth, when he made up his mind to go and look at them to see how they were coming.

So he went up on the hillside a little way and made a little hole by the side of one of the vines, digging carefully—a good thing he was careful—and 37 bushels of potatoes ran out of the hole before he could get it plugged again. After that the boys always had spuds, because Hunyan always saw to it that they were planted.

Some of Paul's crew, though not as famous as Paul himself, yet had

characteristics that make them stand out above the common herd.

Big Ole, for instance. It is generally known that he was a real man, but few are familiar with the fact that he was so tall he had to stoop to hear it thunder.

Shot Gunderson was another logger of note although he spent a lot of his time hunting.

One summer Shot Gunderson caught a bear and broke it to saddle, figuring it would be useful in the fall hunting other bears.

In the fall he went out hunting bears with some of the other men from camp riding this saddle bear—Molar is what he had named him—and the boys ran into more bear than they had figured on. In the excitement Shot Gunderson dropped his gun and had to jump off Molar to get it.

When he got back on he noticed that Molar seemed more savage than usual and it was all of five minutes before he could get him turned around and headed like he wanted him. Shot killed several bear after that and started back home and it wasn't until he got there that he discovered he had mounted one of the wild bear by mistake. Shot was good-natured, though, and just used to laugh when the boys kidded him about it. Some say that Molar, when he was feeling good, acted just like the bear Axel Carlson tried to tame up at Algoma but this is wrong, for Molar never ran over anyone.

## HORN CONFIRMS RUMOR CAMP TO RUN ALL WINTER

### Operation to Continue if Weather Will Permit, Official Says

#### AFFECTS 200 WORKMEN

### Company Can Use Ten Million Feet of Logs Before Mill Starts

Rumors that it was the intention of the Forest Lumber company to operate its woods camp all winter were confirmed this week by E. T. Horn, in charge of company operations here.

The camp (formerly the Modoc Camp) is located east and north of Chilcoquin about 22 miles. It employs about 200 men. Its trade is divided between Klamath Falls and Chilcoquin.

The company, seeking an outlet for its logs and wishing to keep its organization intact after the fire which destroyed its mill, made arrangements to dispose of part of its logs to the Big Lakes Lumber company in Klamath Falls and to the Wheeler-Olmstead company near Pelican City.

The contract with the Wheeler-Olmstead company is now completed. There yet remains about 3,000,000 feet to be delivered to the Big Lakes company. When this contract is completed, the company will begin putting its output into its own pond at Asprevo, in preparation for beginning operations with its own mill, construction of which has begun.

There are now in the neighborhood of three million feet in the company pond and it is estimated that it will hold about seven million additional feet.

Thus, with ten million feet of logs to be furnished, it is possible that the camp can be kept operating all winter, if weather conditions permit. Winter logging has not proven a success in other sections of Klamath county, due to the fact that the winters are not cold enough to freeze the ground thoroughly and thus provide firm footing for the caterpillars. However, it is pointed out that the Modoc camp is situated in a cold belt in which there is ordinarily little snowfall and this may make the project possible.

## Wheeler-Olmstead Battleship Gets New Steel Prow

George Downing, blacksmith and general utility man at the Wheeler-Olmstead mill, has this week turned his attention to ship building. He is engaged in constructing a new steel prow for the Wheeler-Olmstead log launch.

## No-Smoking Rule Causes Idaho Fuss

### Edict of New Board Meets With Disfavor

BOISE, Ida.—A considerable uproar has been started in Idaho over the ruling of the recently created Idaho board of forestry that smoking in and around logging camps and logging operations will be absolutely prohibited during certain seasons of the year. The board has been criticized for this ruling on the grounds that it will tend to keep men out of the woods or else will encourage the surreptitious use of tobacco and cigarettes around the camps. Critics of the board's action point out that a better plan would have been to permit smoking in smoking rooms and other safe places.

These days, most women's notions of embarking on the sea of matrimony is that it's an excursion trip.

## Dorris Firm Gets Output Of K. C. Mill

### Box Factory Purchases About 6 Million Feet

The entire season's output of the K. & C. Lumber company near Dorris is stated to have been sold to the Associated Lumber and Box company at Dorris. The cut this year will amount to between five and six million feet. Intentions are to operate the mill about 40 or 45 days longer. The K. & C. Lumber company is owned by C. H. Kesterson, father of I. E. Kesterson of the Topsy Lumber company. It is managed by Henry Croissant and Chester Tompkins.

## Regular Park Is Newest Wrinkle at Algoma Mill

And now, along with its other improvements Algoma has an official city park. Decision to convert the space in front of the company store into a park came recently to Matt Egan, plant superintendent, and as a result, Tuesday of this week saw the park complete, all but grass, and that will come. The park occupies about one acre and is fenced with steel fencing and equipped with an underground watering system utilizing about 120 sprinklers. Water was turned into the system for the first time Monday. The plot has been sown to grass and it is expected that within three weeks the appearance of the entire mill yard will undergo a change for the better, when the grass comes up.

## Shaw-Bertram To Move Camp In 2 Months

### New Location to be 3 Miles From Present Site

Announcement was made this week by J. R. Shaw of the Shaw-Bertram Lumber company that within 60 days the camp of the company would be moved three miles from its present location to a site near Solomon Butte.

The company will also discontinue running its logs into Kirk and will connect with the Southern Pacific at a point about three miles above that point.

The tracks now in use will be taken up. A crew is at present engaged in laying track to the new connecting point. It is expected that this work will be completed before the camp is moved.

## Logging Record Believed Made by Washington Outfit

Recently one of the best known logging companies in the Northwest announced that it planned a change in working hours during the dry season in the hope that the change would result in fewer fires. The plan was to start work about four o'clock in the morning and stop about one o'clock in the afternoon. Such hours would enable the men to work during the cool of the day and would mean that the camps would be idle during the hot afternoons when the fires ordinarily start and get beyond control. Fire rarely starts early in the morning.

## Pelican Cat Man Drives New Auto

Helnie Smallfield, cat doctor at the Pelican Bay camp, is now dodging the trees in a new Essex, purchased on a recent sightseeing trip to Klamath Falls.

Window panes last longer if kept away from baseball grounds, and light bulbs if kept in the dark.

## TOPSY LUMBER COMPANY PLANS CHANGE IN SITE

### Six-Mile Jump Across Country is Move Intended This Fall

#### YARDS NEARLY FULL

### Mill Has Been Averaging Around 68,000 Feet Per Shift

With practically all timber logged off near the present site, of the Topsy Lumber company, plans are under way to acquire a new site approximately six miles east from the present one. Plans now under way also contemplate the erection of a new mill with a greater capacity.

Drillers are now at work endeavoring to secure a water supply at the new camp site, adequate to supply all needs.

The Topsy Lumber company, owned and operated by the Kestersons, has now approximately five million feet of lumber in the yards and so far this season has shipped but very little.

The mill has this season been averaging about 68,000 feet per day, an increase of about 4,000 feet over last year's record.

## Smokers Found at Fault in Causing Two Forest Fires

Smouldering cigarettes and burning pipe beels have both again been legally proved guilty of causing forest fires, reports the U. S. Forest Service.

Recently two fires were started on the Chelan National forest in Washington. One was along the road between Brewster and Carlton. It was caused by throwing lighted cigarettes from a car. The guilty party was apprehended with sufficient evidence for conviction in Justice Geissler's court at Brewster. In addition to the fire and court costs imposed by state law, the party was assessed \$14.00, the cost of extinguishing the fire.

The other fire was caused by a shepherd on Buttermilk Creek, who went into a willow thicket to cut a pole. While running around in the thicket he knocked his pipe from his mouth, spilling the burning tobacco. The fireman on Lookout Mountain reported a fire between the forks of Buttermilk. When the Forest Service trail crew arrived, one and one-fourth hours later, they found and 8-acre fire. The shepherd admitted having been the cause of it. The judge did the rest.

## Joe Smoky Still Has Money Left; Now Hunts Berries

Joe Smoky, veteran who left the railway service at Modoc Camp after serving a long five months as fireman, was seen during the week at Pelican Bay camp, headed for the Huckleberry Patch. He denied rumors that he was hunting a job firing a battleship and for the benefit of his friends in Modoc Camp advised Lumberlogue that he still had some of his \$400 left.

## Welch Now Working in Pelican Camp

Jim Welch, for years waiter at the Club Cafe in Klamath Falls and known to hundreds of Klamath county residents, is now working in the cookhouse of the Pelican Bay Lumber company at Camp No. 2.

Every now and then a man tries to repeal the laws of nature and the laws of nature repeal him.

## New Device For Handling Flat-Piled Lumber Said To Promise Big Kiln Savings

Operation of a device for unloading flat-piled kiln-dried lumber from the carriages mechanically, an invention of Matt Egan, superintendent of the Algoma Lumber company, is being awaited with interest by mill operators of this district.

Success of the experiment will mean a great saving in the handling of kiln-dried lumber, operators state.

The device, known as an unstacker, is intended for use in unloading lumber which is loaded flat for kiln drying. There is at present a device on the market known as the Evans stacker and unstacker, which provides for the handling of lumber which is laid on its side for drying. The Evans device is quite expensive, however. The great majority of medium sized mills favor the flat method of piling and that at any rate prevents the use of the Evans patent.

Three men are ordinarily required for unloading lumber from kiln cars, two to handle the lumber itself and one to handle the stickers. Success of the device invented by Egan will do away with two men. Only the stickerman will be required and he can also attend to the operation of the unloader.

The machine, now under construction, consists of an electric hoist and a revolving overhead chain, with lugs. The action of the two is such that as each tier is stripped from the top of the load the hoist automatically raises the load to the correct level for the next lug to take hold.

In addition to the saving that it will make, one big feature of the device is its small expense. With the exception of the motor and a few gears, all parts needed can be supplied by the ordinary mill blacksmith shop, it is declared.

## OPERATORS FIND MUCH TIMBER IS NOW PAST PRIME

### Dry Rot Attacking Trees now Cut in Many Sections Near Here

#### VALUE DEPRECIATES

### Delay of Few Years Would Reduce Value of Many Timber Tracts

Illustrative of the fact that logging has been too long delayed in some parts of Klamath county is the fact that in a recent shipment of logs from the Pelican Bay camp, fully one out of 10 was found to be a victim of dry rot. In many instances the rot extends from the butt upwards for as much as 20 feet. This results in a distinct loss as the cut has to be tapered to eliminate this worthless strip. The condition is due to the fact that the timber is over-ripe, a striking rebuttal of the claims of those who assert that the timber should be left untouched for future generations. In some instances, delay of a few years more would mean a depreciation in value of all the timber in some tracts.

## Another Mill May Change To Electric Dogs

### Installation Is Considered at Shaw Bertram

Installation of electric dogs next season at the Shaw-Bertram mill is a possibility, officials of that concern admitted this week.

Due to the fact that there yet remains but a small portion of running time this year, the change if made, will not be considered until after the fall shutdown, it was said.

Electric dogs have been installed at the Pelican Bay lumber company and are said to be giving good service, resulting in saving a greater number of cleats than was the cause with the old-style dog, which marred the face of the board.

The electric dog grips at the upper and lower edges of the board alone.

## Lamm Completes New Drying Shed

Work on a new drying shed, to contain finished dry lumber, has been practically completed at the Lamm Lumber company plant at Modoc Point. The shed is 113x180 and contains an inclosed loading dock and other features.

ON VACATION  
Fred Lambert, pond man for the Wheeler-Olmstead, is on a three-weeks vacation, visiting friends in California.

## Pelican Bay To Run Late Is Prospect

### Camp One to be Moved In Two Weeks or Less

Prospect at the present time is that with weather conditions permitting, both Pelican Bay camps will be run until about December 15.

Camp Number one will finish in about two weeks with timber on the rim of Crater Lake and will then be moved back to the old location, down on the flat. There, with better logging, this camp will be able to produce about 20 cars daily, which will cut the output of camp No. 2 to around 12 cars. An effort is made to keep the output of both camps to about 32 cars daily.

Ordinarily the Pelican Bay Lumber company goes into the winter with about seven million feet of logs in the pond. At the present time there is about half a million feet in the pond.

## Wanted: Address of High Power Medicine Mixer

Anyone knowing the address of the manufacturer of Gin-Sin, sold during the week on the streets of Klamath Falls, will confer a favor if he will forward said address to Lumberlogue. The information is wanted for a certain mill foreman very close to the Wheeler-Olmstead plant. Outside of the fact that his name is Horbelt, no more can be divulged. Seems he took on two bottles of the product, during which time he felt fine. Then came the hangover—and the medicine man had departed, leaving no Gin-Sin and no address.

## Formal Notice to Traffic Cops

Traffic Officers Knowles and Foster are hereby warned that M. J. Bedford, manager of the Wheeler-Olmstead mill, has this week turned in his old bus and as soon as it is nicely broken in will begin burning up the highway in a new Hudson. Those who have driven with him say that this warning is not in the least ill-advised.

## Welter Mill May Move To Grants Pass

### Owner Declared to be Contemplating Move

That the mill and equipment of the Welter Lumber company, now lying idle near Dorris, may be moved to the Grant's Pass area this fall and put in operation there next spring is a rumor in local circles. The company cut out its holdings in the Dorris area last season. The owner, Charles Welter, is declared to have secured an option on a good-sized body of timber in the Grants Pass section, sufficient to last several years.

## Weyerhaeuser Is Winner in Suit on Timber Taxes

The Supreme court of the State of Washington has upheld the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company in its case against Pierce County. In 1923 the Pierce County officials mailed notices to the Weyerhaeuser Timber company announcing an increase on timberland valuations. The company protested stating that the notice was not adequate and that the company had not sufficient opportunity to protest. The supreme court held that inasmuch as the Weyerhaeuser Timber company's offices were in the same city as the Pierce county officials, the proper procedure would have been for the officials to have made personal service on the Weyerhaeuser Timber company notifying the latter of the proposed increase in valuations. The supreme court at Olympia has upheld this decision.

MARTIN HURT  
Bill Martin, buncher at Pelican Bay, has left for San Francisco for an operation, necessitated by an injury he received some time ago at the camp.

FRAZIER LEAVES  
Ed Frazier, for a long time machinist helper at Pelican Bay, has left for the Tule Lake region where he has a wheat hauling contract.

BODEY LEAVES  
Jess Bodey, wheel driver at Pelican Bay, has drawn his dough and departed for the southland.

## NO "WHOOPIES" AT LOCAL MILL

Vigorous denial that the Topsy Lumber company plant was having trouble with either whooping cough or typhoid, as rumored, was made Sunday by officials of the company. According to these, there has not been one single case of whooping cough and only one case in which a man was suspected of having typhoid. The man in question was taken to a Klamath Falls hospital and his only indication of typhoid is declared to have been a very high fever.

## Shasta View Mill Will Not Install New Electric Dogs

Decision not to install electric dogs this season on its carriage has been made by the Shasta View mill. The present carriage is inadequately braced to carry the extra weight and it was decided not to shut down at this time for the installation, a proceeding which would have been necessary because a new carriage would have to have been made.

## Censorship Ban Causes Grief to Pelican Bathers

Even in the woods, where men are men and women are darned scarce, the hand of censorship reaches to cast a withering blight on whatever people do to pass the time away. For he it known that the boys at the Pelican Bay camp conceived the idea of a bathing beach. They didn't have any beach to begin with, nor even now, but they did make a swimming hole by damming up the waters of Bear Creek. All was well. Comes then one "Doc" Graham, advising all and sundry that all those who bathed must at least wear a shirt. No one knows how he got the job of censor and therefore no one knows how he is to be demoted, or deflated. Hence—the boys are wearing shirts and it cramps their style.