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RUNAWAY WATER TANK ENDANGERS LIVES OF MANY

Car at Lamm's camp wrecked After Wild Dash for Two Miles

SPEEDER DEMOLISHED

Tank Leaves Track When it Hits Obstruction at Terrific Speed

Lives of many track workmen were endangered Friday noon at Lamm's Camp when a runaway tank car, holding 9000 gallons of water, ran wild down a 2-mile stretch of track and ended its career by demolishing two tie cars and a 20-man speeder before leaving the track.

The car was standing on the main line at the camp with brakes set. A load of empties backed into it, breaking the brake and starting it on its dash down the grade.

Despite the speed which it attained shortly after leaving camp it stayed on the rails at the curves.

On a straightaway two miles from camp it ran into the speeder and the two tie cars, completely wrecking them. The shock caused the tank car to leave the rails.

Workmen nearby heard it coming and got in the clear before the crash.

It was placed back on the track and towed into camp, where it was found the damages were confined to a bent tank, bent ironwork and shattered woodwork. In view of conditions, the damage is said to be surprisingly small.

Boys, How Would You Like to Go to Work Up There?

In British Columbia at the present time a number of operators have adopted the "early shift" during the fire crisis. Men are called at 2:30 a. m., have breakfast and are on the job at 3:30 a. m. Lunch is served at 7:00 and a cold meal at camp at 12:00 noon. A hot supper is provided at the usual supper hour. This arrangement involves an extra meal for the same charge, but is considered a good investment in view of the hardships of working during the low humidity period of the day.

The men in the camps in which the arrangement is effective are apparently well satisfied to work in the cool of the day and in no case has log production suffered.

New Oakland Plant To Furnish Another Output For Klamath White Pine

A new market for Klamath White Pine and one that should do a great deal toward stabilizing demand for timber in this section is seen in the recent completion of the plants of the Chicago Lumber company at Oakland, California.

These plants will have a yearly estimated output of about 50 million feet, and will find their market both in the bay region and in the east.

The Chicago Lumber company was formerly located in the south and was a large-scale operator. Depletion of southern pine forced their move to California, where they would have as a source of supply the pine forests of that state and of the Klamath region.

New Surfacer Installed At Shaw Bertram

Older Machine Is Displaced; Finish This Week

Installation of a new 30-inch double surfacer is being completed this week at the Shaw-Bertram Lumber company. The machine is displacing one of similar type but with less improvements. The new machine has a ball-bearing head and is electrically driven. Its rated capacity is from 175 to 250 feet per minute. It is believed that the new machine will be in operation by the end of the week.

Planer Foreman to Live Simple Life

C. F. Hall, foreman of the Ewauna planing mill, is looking forward to a series of evenings spent far from the racket of a howling planer. He now has under construction a modern house on the highway, about half a mile from Altamont Camp ground. Completion is expected within the next month.

LAMM'S CAMP TO INCREASE CREW IN SHORT TIME

Present Roll of 65 Men to be Raised to Around 100 Mark

TO INCREASE OUTPUT

Camp to be Run at Late as Weather Will Permit With Larger Crew

Announcement that the force at Lamm's camp would shortly be increased to about 100 men and that the camp would operate as late this season as weather would permit was made during the week by Claud Houghton, logging superintendent of the Lamm Lumber company.

The camp is now operating with 6 sets of fallers, two cats and three bunching crews. This will be increased to 10 sets of fallers, 3 cats and four bunching crews.

The output of the camp is now about 100,000 ft. daily. It is the intention to increase this to about 150,000 feet. The mill is now cutting about 120,000 feet daily and has about 2,000,000 feet in the pond.

Hunt Perpetrator of Outrage Which Ruined Many Teeth

Charley Lavigne, cook at Pelican Bay camp, has started on a still hunt for the person or persons unknown who inserted chunks of lead in some of the pork that was delivered to camp. It ruined an even half-dozen of his pet knives. He is joined in the search by Dublin Dan Livingston and others who didn't have many teeth to spare and who did lose what they had when they clamped down on the lead.

FIVE NEW KILNS NOW OPERATING AT EWAUNA MILL

Installation Made by Northwest Blower Company of Seattle

15 ARE IN OPERATION

R. H. Radcliffe to Remain as Operator of New Equipment

Operation of the five new kilns of the Ewauna Lumber company, installed at an approximate cost of \$50,000 began this week.

The kilns were installed by the Northwest Blower Kiln company and they bring up the kiln installations of the Ewauna to 15, ten having been previously built by the Northwest company.

The first of the new kilns was charged last week and all were scheduled to be charged and in full operation by the end of the week.

T. H. Foley, special representative of the Northwest Blower company, superintended the final work on the kilns, which will be in complete charge of R. H. Radcliffe.

Bert Gillis in Bad Way; Report at Lamm's Camp

A report current at Lamm's camp during the week to the effect that Bert Gillis, missing top loader, was the victim of a paralytic stroke was investigated by a committee from the camp. The committee reported on its return to camp that while there may have been some foundation for the report that he was paralyzed, he certainly wasn't a victim of paralysis. During his absence Bill Godfrey is officiating.

Plan To Move Lamm's Camp About 4 Miles

Jump to be Made About Middle of Next Year

Lamm's camp will be moved about 4 miles northwest of its present location early next summer, timber near the present location nearing depletion.

The move will involve about five and one-half miles of main-line railroad to reach the new timber. This does not take into account the spurs which will be constructed.

Two miles of the new main line has already been graded and it is believed that grading of the whole line will be completed before winter.

About 17,000 additional ties will be necessary for completion of the line.

New Planer to Double Output in Ewauna Mill

A new Stetson-Ross planer, with a 10-knife head, ordered for delivery about September 1, will practically double the possible output of the planing mill, was stated during the week by officials of the company. The new planer will be completely motorized and will have a rated capacity of about 400 feet per minute at extreme high speed.

NEW COMPANY FORMED
Charles R. Wayland, of Palo Alto, Cal., and Donald M. Gregory, of Chilton R. Gordon, A. De Martini and Winifred Dorn, of San Francisco, have formed Monterey Bay Redwood Co., with headquarters in San Francisco, to deal in lumber. The corporation is capitalized at \$135,000.

From more than a million acres of cork trees Portugal annually produces more cork than all the rest of the world combined.

Logging Camps to Run Late This Fall; Some To Operate All Winter

Steady Demand Influences Local Operators to Keep Camps Open; Conditions Here Best For Labor Since 1923; Decision Affects Thousands of Men in Woods Tributary to Klamath Falls

Intention of nearly all operators in the Klamath district is to keep their camps going until late in the season, some until snow hinders operations and others through the winter.

This was indicated this week by a majority of the mill men approached on the subject.

Thus, thousands of men employed in the industry in Klamath county will be employed for a longer period than for any time past, with the exception of 1923, the record-breaking year of the industry.

Of especial interest is the announcement of the Forest Lumber company, purchaser of the Modoc Lumber company, that its camp will be operated all winter, if possible. The camp employs about 200 men. The company will also provide employment for about 100 men in constructing its mill, an operation expected to consume about 4 or 5 months. After completion of the mill it will begin operations immediately, running two shifts steadily.

Both the Shaw-Bertram and Ewauna camps, employing a large amount of men, will be run until about the middle of November, officials of both companies indicated during the week.

The Pelican Bay Lumber company is reported to be anticipating running its camps as late as snow conditions allow permit, probably about December 15.

Lamm Lumber company will run until as late as possible and more men will be added to the force shortly.

Other companies, both large and small, will run later than ordinarily, it is understood, with the exception of some which have their log ponds nearly full.

These are in the minority and their closing will not throw great numbers out of work.

Decision of the mills to cut late this year is said to be based on a steady and increasing demand, with no particular price advances worth mentioning.

At the close of operations this year it is estimated that the Pelican Bay Lumber company will have led the field with a cut of about 55 million feet. Algoma and Ewauna are in second place, with prospects that each will cut about 45 million. Shaw Bertram will cut about 30 million, Klamath Lumber and Box about 25 million and Lamm's about the same.

After going to a picnic we all have some idea of how a stuffed olive must feel.

JOE DOBEY SMARTEST MAN EVER IN PAUL'S LOGGING CAMPS; WIFE WAS A BEAR

Reproduced by special arrangement with Esther Shepherd, author of "Paul Bunyan." The complete book may be secured from the McNeill Press, Seattle, Wash. Price \$2.

One of the smartest men ever in Paul Bunyan's camp was Joe Dobby.

Joe came to work and the boys all saw he was green and Johnny Inkslinger, who had been left in charge of the camp one day, thought that he'd have some fun with the lad, so he sent him to town after a cross-haul and told him not to come back until he found it.

Joe headed for town and of course he couldn't find any cross-haul. Johnny didn't see him again, but what with such a big camp and all he figured that he might be taking his meals in any of the 18 cookhouses and never gave the matter another thought.

Just as spring came and the camp was about to break up Joe Dobby showed up in camp again with two lawyers. He claimed wages for all the time he was hunting the cross-haul, living expenses in town and lawyer's fees. Paul had to pay him.

That was the only mistake anyone ever heard of Johnny Inkslinger making and he never made another like it—at least not as long as he worked for Paul.

Because little has been said on the subject, most people think Paul was a bachelor. Paul did have a wife however, and the way he got her was typical.

Passing a waterfall near one of his camps one day he heard a woman screaming. Investigating, he found the woman he afterwards married standing on the bank and out in the river, headed for the falls, was her sister.

Vet Rail Man Honored; Will Give Lecture

Sand Creek Convention To be Notable Meet

Conductor Buck of the mountain division of the Pelican Bay railroad has been notified by the Train Dispatcher's Association of North America that he has been appointed as delegate to the next annual convention of the order to be held in Sand Creek.

He has been asked to read a paper on the subject of "Heavier trains on heavier grades."

Mr. Buck is especially well qualified to handle this subject, having for a long time served as air brake instructor on the Slippery Elm division of the Vinegar valley railroad in Utah.

His many railroad friends on the Pelican Bay railroad are especially enthused over his appointment.

ANNA CREEK WILL SHUT DOWN NEAR FIRST OF MONTH

Company Now Has About Two Million Feet of Lumber in Yards

BEGAN ON MAY SIXTH

Company Fortunately located; Timbered Purchased From Government

With more than two million feet of lumber in the yards, plans of the Anna Creek Lumber company above Fort Klamath are to cease operations for the year about September 1, according to officials of the company.

The mill has been cutting about 50,000 feet daily. Cutting was begun this year on May 6, at which time all lumber in the yard had been sold.

Contract for hauling the lumber cut this season has been let to A. G. Wimer.

This mill is in a fortunate position as regards timber supply. Purchases are made from the forest service. There are several tracts in the vicinity of the mill, too small to warrant another mill coming in and yet sufficient to supply the needs of the Anna Creek Lumber company for many years to come.

GENERAL INCREASE PLANNED

Representatives of 73 railroads operating between Chicago and the Pacific coast and between Canada and Mexico have announced August 14 that they would ask the interstate commerce commission, in session at Chicago during September, for an increase in freight rates of approximately 5 per cent.

Pickering To Locate Big Mill In Klamath Falls Is New Lumber Circle Rumor

That a double-band mill to be built by the W. A. Pickering interests of Louisiana will be constructed in Klamath Falls, rather than near the site of present operations at McDoel, is the rumor now flitting about in local lumber circles.

Pickering, one of the largest individual timber operators in America, holds in excess of one billion feet of timber, most of it lying below the California line and all of it in position to be served by the extension of either the Northern Lines or the Southern Pacific below the Tule Lake section.

It is known that action on his part awaits definite word on the part of railway officials. Klamath Falls will be chosen rather than McDoel, it is said, because construction of either extension will extend southward from Klamath Falls, not connecting directly with McDoel.

Pickering is rumored to already have approved plans for a double-band mill. It is pointed out that he has apparently so far made little effort to secure a mill site here, as far as is known.

BRAY PLANT RUNS SIX YEARS WITH FEW SHUTDOWNS

Operation Continuous Except for Repairs Made in Winter

65 MEN ARE EMPLOYED

Capacity of Plant 20 Million to Ship 18 Million This Year

What is believed to be a record for continuous operation in this section is that of the Crater Lake Box company at Bray, which has operated without a shut down except for repairs, ever since 1919, when the property was acquired by its present owners.

The mill furnishes employment for about 50 men in the mill and about 15 in the yards the year round.

Equipment consists of 4 cut-offs, 2 scrap machines, 3 twin bands, 1 hand rip and other incidental machinery.

The capacity of the plant is set at a maximum of 20 million feet yearly and it is estimated that shipment this year will reach 18 millions.

Those familiar with its operation state that this uninterrupted run has been made possible by the policy of the company which has been to place rigid inspection on all products of the plant.

Ewauna Will Jump Camp In Early Summer

Announcement Is Made by Company Official

Announcement that the Ewauna camp would be shifted early next summer to a point about four or five miles east of its present location was made during the week by J. F. Daggett, timber near the present camp has been nearly logged off and by the middle of next year the situation will make a move imperative, Daggett said.

Pine Beetle Is Damaging Timber Near Deschutes

Western pine beetle infestation in the Metolius district of the Deschutes national forest has resulted in a considerable loss of timber, it was found by Fred B. Ames, assistant district forester in charge of timber sales, who returned to Bend from the north end of the forest today. Ames was accompanied on his trip to the Metolius district by H. L. Plumb, supervisor of the Deschutes forest.