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CALIFORNIA NOT PLACE TO LOG, WORKER STATES

Prune Pickers Run Mills, Work 9 Hours or More Local Man Says

CAMPS ARE HAYWIRE

Cites Instance Where it Took 3 Cooks to Get More Stovepipe

"Lay off California logging, at least in the smaller camps in the Feather River canyon."

This is the heartfelt advice of Barney Logan, former local gypo, who is back in town looking for a job or jobs after an extended siege of it down below, a siege which resulted in his returning with a bad stomach and a dislike of any and all logging operations below the Oregon line.

The big camps are an exception, however, Barney states.

"Outfits like the Weed Lumber company and outfits near to the Oregon line do things right, but when you get more than 200 miles south of the line your trouble begins," Barney declared.

"All work is by the day. If the logging is close to camp, they work 19 hours. If it's a long way out, so that it takes you half an hour to get there, they work you 9 hours." "Many of the men in the woods are fresh from a contract picking prunes or something like that. The highest paid men in the camps are the hook-tenders and they get about \$3 a day.

"Food is mostly bad because the cooks haven't anything to work with. I worked in one fairly large camp and they had 3 cooks in one month. They had a stovepipe that just reached to the top of the cook shack and an old Lang range with the lining burned out. When 3 cooks quit, the company finally held a meeting of the board of directors and authorized the purchase of three lengths of stovepipe and a new stove lining.

"It's a great life. And of course the mills aren't making much money because men won't stay in the camps long enough to learn how to do their work properly."

Barney intends to go gyping here.

See Pirates of Penzance, Sept. 3-4.

Booze Fines May Lead To Boycott Here

Move on Foot in Woods To Trade in Weed

Widespread indignation among local timber workers over excessive fines administered in Klamath Falls on liquor charges has resulted in the beginning of a definite movement among woods workers to boycott this city and to spend their money in West, California.

Evidence of this movement is seen in the posting of signs in the vicinity of a cross road above Chiloquin, where one road goes to the Ewauna camp and the other to Lamm's camp. This sign, crudely lettered on a piece of cardboard and hooked on a jagged tree limb, read as follows:

MEN!
DON'T BE SUCKERS!
DON'T SPEND YOUR MONEY IN KLAMATH FALLS, WHERE THEY SELL YOU BOOZE AND THEN FINE YOU \$100 OR MORE FOR HAVING IT ON YOUR BREATH!
SAVE YOUR MONEY AND GO TO WEED WITH THE REST OF THE BOYS. THEY TREAT YOU WHITE DOWN THERE!

This sign was torn down or blown down after it had been in place but a short time but is believed to correctly represent the sentiment of men in the woods here who feel that an injustice has been done.

Many men, working for long terms in the woods, claim that they usually get one or two drinks in Klamath Falls when they come in and that in most instances it is reasonably easy to get.

They argue that many of those arrested, noting the ease with which liquor may be procured, think that the practice is condoned by the authorities and that when they wander out on the street with a bottle are arrested and fined from \$100 upwards.

These fines, they declare, are too stiff in proportion to the offense.

Most of the men have cars, many of them make in excess of \$10 daily and the majority have been in the habit of spending their winters in Klamath Falls.

GO PICNICKING

Mr. A. W. Howard, wife and Ford spent Sunday afternoon picnicking at Sun Creek.

WALKERS HERE; SEEK G. N. LINE TO CALIFORNIA

Prominent Timbermen Confer in Klamath Falls With Ralph Budd

TRIP IS SIGNIFICANT

Believed Indication That Mill at Westwood Wants New Outlet

Willis J. Walker and Fletcher Walker, two of the biggest timber operators on the coast, returned to Westwood, Calif., yesterday morning after a visit in Klamath Falls which is regarded as having great significance by those in close touch with the lumber business.

It is known that the two Walkers conferred with Ralph Budd, president of the Great Northern Railroad, while the latter was here last Saturday, and from authentic reports comes the word that the Walkers urged construction of the Great Northern into northern California to tap the immense stands of timber representing the Walker stand.

The Walker brothers are the sons of T. B. Walker, one of the largest timber owners on the coast and the owner of as much timber in northern California as Weyerhaeuser owns in Klamath and Lake counties.

Statements of Louis W. Hill, chairman of the board of directors of the Great Northern railroad, indicate beyond question that timber operators in northern California have asked the Northern lines to build south into California and tap the great pine timbered stand in that section.

Other large operators in northern California include the Pickering interests, the Long Bell plant at Weed and the Shevlin-Hixon Lumber company at McCloud.

The Red River Lumber company of which Walker brothers are the active heads, is located on the terminus of a Southern Pacific spur line. It is known that the officials of the lumber concern realize that the extension of the Northern lines south into Westwood would place them in closer touch with a consuming center in the northern middle west and east.

That the two Walker brothers made the trip to Klamath Falls for the express purpose is the belief freely expressed here. They remained over in this city for several days conferring with local lumbermen.

Hundreds Fight Fire Caused By Snake Bite



Because a rattlesnake bit a camper, great areas of forests are burning in Big Tujunga Canyon, east of Pasadena, California. For a while the fire threatened Pasadena, Sunland and La Crescenta. It started when a camper, bitten by a rattler, rushed off for treatment without extinguishing his camp fire. Hundreds of men, fighting the fire, have had to give up because of burns or prostration from fumes. These first and exclusive pictures show the canyon afire and a hardy fire-fighter bringing an exhausted companion out of the "line of action."

Wind Blows In Klamath Woods Camp Is Shut Down

Whenever Klamath Falls has a very windy day, it spells no pay for someone in the Forest Lumber company camp, 40 miles away.

For when the wind blows logs unloaded at the Big Lakes pond in Klamath Falls pile up on shore and make it impossible to complete the unloading.

Which means that the Southern Pacific can't haul the empty cars back to Kirk. Which means that the logging train crew can't take them back to camp. Which means that the loading crews at the camp are out of a job, for they can't load logs on thin air.

It may all seem far-fetched but it happened twice during the past month:

Lumberlogue Again Forced Into Apology

We apologize. We've done it so often since becoming editor of the Lumberlogue that it's one of the easiest things we do. Last week we published an article about two boys up at Lamm's mill—and now look. Their letter explains it all.—Editor.

Medoc Point, Oregon, August 31, 1925.

Editor, Lumberlogue, Klamath Falls, Oregon,

Dear Sir:

Last week you published an item in your paper stating that Smithy and I had a bad spill in our auto, spilling a full plug. Now I want a prompt correction and an apology. The facts are these: Smithy and I did have a pint which he was carrying and while I was trying to navigate a bad piece of road Smithy bit off the neck of the bottle. I do not want the impression to go abroad that I am a wasteful, careless person.

Very respectfully,

O. A. Dade.

Hand Badly Hurt in Mill Accident

MYRTLE POINT.—James Powers of Remote, received a badly cut hand this morning when a rolling log forced his hand into a saw at the Morrison Logging camp. He was treated at the R. H. Mast hospital.

Stoner Loses 3 Fingers In Mill Accident

Millwright Hurt When Machinery Starts

Lloyd Stoner, millwright at the Wheeler-Olmstead mill, is confined to his home in Klamath Falls, the result of a mill accident during the week which resulted in his losing three fingers on his left hand.

The accident happened in the morning when the mill started running.

According to those present, Stoner was making an adjustment on the trimmer and in some manner his hand came in contact with the saw. Following the accident he was taken to a Klamath Falls hospital and there the three fingers were amputated.

Why Run Big Mills, Asks Local Owner

Bray Mill Operates at Full Capacity

That he has one of the most economical operations in the northwest is the contention of Willam Bray, owner of the Sprague River Lumber company.

As proof of this contention Bray during the week called attention to his mill, which he states cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000.

During the past few years this mill has operated almost without a shutdown. The average cut is 40,000 feet daily. Every piece of machinery in the mill is operated at its rated maximum, delivering all it can stand.

In view of the fact that mills which cost three and four times as much are capable of delivering only twice the cut, Bray feels that for true economy of operation the small mill leads.

"GRASSHOPPER" MILLS BLAMED FOR LOW PRICES

Southern Forests Swarming With Small Portable Outfits

INVESTMENT IS SMALL

With Little Capital Tied up, Owners Demoralize Market

Last year at a convention of representatives of the Simonds Saw company in the east, one of the big surprises of the year was the report of a salesman for the company making territory in which nearly all of the timber land had all been cut over.

This salesman had made steadily increasing sales all year—sales that amounted to more even than his previous volume when all the big mills were in operation.

This, according to L. F. Wray, local representative of the Simonds company, was found to be caused by the influx of countless numbers of small portable mills, following in the wake of the larger mills and cutting small tracts of timber which the larger mills could not economically handle.

Because these small mills came after the departure of the larger operators they were able to buy timber at their own price, for they were the only market available to the isolated timber owner.

The result has been a production of low priced second grade lumber in such volume as to exceed that of the larger mills when they were operating.

This, according to Wray, has a direct bearing on the price of lumber in Klamath county. When it was announced this year that many of the larger southern operators had ceased running, it was believed that this would have a stimulating effect on local prices.

This has not been the case. Prices have remained down and the reason is the thousands of small portables now swarming over southern hills, Wray declares.

ORDERS EXERCISED
Mrs. Bill Kunz has ordered from Ed Pulley and Axel Carlson, Inc., of Algoma Camp, two exercisers of the type invented by Art Messner. One for Bill and one for the great Dane Snoose-Hound.

Klamath County Residents May Be Soon Asked To Aid Move To Hit Paper Boxes

Aid of Klamath county residents will be asked within the next few weeks in a campaign to help protect one of the most important industries of this region—the manufacture of box shoo. This is the plan now being tentatively considered by local lumber men and it is expected that a course of action will be mapped out shortly whereby the community can be brought to a realization of the danger now existing that one of Klamath country's biggest industries will be driven out of existence.

Lumber Shortage Forces Shutdown of Alturas Plant

The Alturas Box factory was forced to shut down last Thursday night on account of shortage of lumber. Operations will commence again Monday by which time it is hoped there will be a liberal supply of lumber on hand from the various saw mills. While the box market is rather dull at the present time, the factory officials are confident that conditions will be better in the near future. The entire lumber market so far this season has been rather slow and many large Pacific Coast mills have been compelled to curtail their output.

BRISBANE, Australia.—Railroad service throughout Queensland is paralyzed by a general strike.

Carriage At Shasta View Jimmed Again

Experiment With Shotgun Feed Disastrous

Whang!

And another experiment with the lever that controls the shotgun feed ended disastrously at the Shasta View mill.

The crash happened just before work was begun last Friday morning. At 20 minutes to 8, some employes on the upper floor of the mill decided to do a little experimenting with the carriage and touched the lever faintly, apparently forgetting that all that goes up comes down and that a carriage moves somewhat swiftly when it gets started.

When the smoke of battle cleared away the carriage had torn down the rear bumper and was shy the usual assortment of brackets.

Another Firm Picks Site In Klamath Area

Moon Lumber Company to Leave California

With a new mill now in course of construction, machinery and equipment for the Moon Lumber company mill is now being assembled at the mill site on the Green Springs road, between Ashland and Klamath Falls.

The company formerly operated at Hill, California.

Although the company has not been operating for several months, the logging camp has been supplying material to the Fruit Growers Supply company at Hill. The logging camp will also be moved to a timber tract on the Green Springs.

Law of Cause and Effect Gets in Action on Carlson
Alex Carlson, debonair oil shoveler on the Algoma fast log train, is having a lot of trouble. Cause—red-headed school marm. Result—guilty conscience.