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Rumor Shevlin-Hixon Is Now Dealing For Soper-Wheeler Timber

Nearly 30,000 Acres Involved; Tract Owned Jointly by J. P. Soper and J. E. Wheeler; Shevlin-Hixon Company Now Owns Second Largest Amount of Standing Pine in Klamath County

That the Shevlin-Hixon Lumber company, following close on the announcement of its purchase of the Gilchrist holdings in the northern part of the county, is now centering its efforts on acquiring other timber in the same district, with the purpose of dominating the entire northern district, is the rumor in local lumber circles today.

The Gilchrist purchase involved 65,000 acres of land, on which are approximately 1,300,000,000 feet of timber and a purchase price of about \$5,000,000.

Efforts of the company are now said to be centering on the purchase of the Soper-Wheeler tracts and the J. P. Soper tracts, with a combined area of nearly 30,000 acres. The Soper-Wheeler tract is owned jointly by J. P. Soper and J. E. Wheeler.

Previously in the year, in February, Shevlin-Hixon interests also purchased 45,000 acres of timber in Klamath and Deschutes counties from Gilchrist. This transaction is said to have involved about 900,000,000 feet.

Consumption of this latest deal would bring the Shevlin-Hixon holdings in Klamath county nearly up to a par with Weyerhaeuser holdings here. The Weyerhaeuser holdings are now the largest in the county.

With the purchase announced last week, Shevlin-Hixon holdings became larger than the Long-Bell holdings in this section and the deal on which the company is now reported to be working will add appreciably even to the previous large total.

Up to a year ago the Shevlin-Hixon company was without representation in Klamath county.

Its entrance into this field was marked by the purchase from the government of the huge North Marsh Unit on the Klamath Reservation, a deal involving approximately 600,000,000 feet.

Other deals followed in rapid succession, the company spending liberally to acquire the timber it desired.

With the growth of its holdings the question regarding the possible location of a mill site had become one of the great interests to this section.

Inasmuch as all of its timber in the northern part of Klamath county or across the line in Deschutes county, it is regarded as probable in many quarters that a railroad from Bend will be run in and all the timber handled in the mills of the company at Bend.

When the mill of the Modoc Pine company burned at Aspgrove, near Chiloquin, it was believed that the Shevlin-Hixon company would bid for the site and construct a mill there.

Most significant, however, is the previous announcement of the company that Klamath Falls had been chosen as the site for the mill to be built and that beginning of actual construction awaited only action of the interstate commerce commission in allowing the Northern line to construct their road to this point.

Officials of the company have recently stated that little definite action will be taken by them until the matter is settled. The hearing is now set for October and immediately a decision is reached it is believed company plans will be definitely and finally announced.

Construction of this mill would add greatly to the immediate growth of Klamath Falls, as built according to the usual Shevlin-Hixon standards it might be expected to employ at least 200 men.

BIRDSELL LEAVES

J. E. Birdsell left Sunday for the Campbell-Towle Lumber company camp on Sprague river. He has been employed by the Pelican Bay Lumber company in Pelican City.

SADDLEMOUNTAIN MILL NOT SOLD, OREM DECLARES

Squelches Rumor of deal for Local Mill on Sprague River Site

MILL IS NOT COMPLETE

Construction halted by Bank Failure; Owns 6,000,000 Feet of Timber

Repeated rumors about Klamath Falls during the week that the Saddle Mountain Lumber company had been sold were denied here yesterday by Roy L. Orem, one of the local men in charge of the liquidation of the First State and Savings bank, owners of the property.

Orem admitted that tentative offers had been made for purchase of the property but denied that anything definite had been done.

One man, said to represent people interested in purchase of the property, was in Klamath Falls Saturday making tentative arrangements for men to work in the mill, claiming that a purchase had already been made.

The Saddle Mountain Lumber company is located on Sprague river near the Campbell-Towle Lumber company.

Failure of the First State and Savings bank caused a suspension of work before all machinery had been installed in the plant. It has a band mill and other equipment and, it is estimated, would have had an output of about 70,000 feet daily.

The mill site occupies about 160 acres on Sprague river, with a fine mill pond.

The company owns a little more than six million feet of timber, all of it adjacent to Sprague river, and so situated that it can all be floated down the river to the mill site.

Lumber Men To Inspect Local Mill

Campbell-Towle Company Executives Coming

W. J. Campbell and Delwin Towle, president and secretary respectively of the Campbell-Towle Lumber company, will visit the company's Sprague river mill during the last of this month, from the company headquarters in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, according to W. C. Mattson, manager of the company. The two lumbermen will also visit the W. J. Campbell Lumber company's lumbering operations at Priest River, Idaho, while in the west.

Campbell and Towle are also president and secretary respectively of the W. J. Campbell Lumber company, one of the largest distributors of lumber in the United States, which is the parent corporation of the Campbell-Towle Lumber company. Both men were here last winter when the Sprague river mill was taken over from Edgerton and Adams, and Towle made another visit here last spring, in company with Edw. W. Koehn, treasurer of the company.

ESTIMATED PRODUCTION OF LUMBER AND BOXES IN KLAMATH FALLS, ORE DISTRICT FOR 1925

Lumber	Feet
Christy Lumber Co., Kirkford	3,000,000
Sprague River Lumber Co., Braymill	7,000,000
Chiloquin Lumber Co., Chiloquin	16,000,000
Lamm Lumber Co., Modoc Point	35,000,000
Algoma Lumber Co., Algoma	40,000,000
Wheeler-Olmstead Lumber Co., Klamath Falls	20,000,000
Pelican Bay Lbr. Co. Klamath Falls	65,000,000
Klamath Lbr. & Box Co. Klamath Falls	25,000,000
Ewauna Box Co., Klamath Falls	55,000,000
Big Lakes Box Co., Klamath Falls	25,000,000
Shaw-Bertram Lbr. Co., Klamath Falls	30,000,000
Kruse Lumber Co., Klamath Falls	2,000,000
Geo. W. McCallum Lumber Co., Keno	4,000,000
Long Pine Lumber Co., Bonanza	3,000,000
Campbell-Towle Lbr. Co., Sprague	5,000,000
Kitts Lumber Co., Bonanza	2,000,000
Shasta View Lumber Co., Klamath Falls	7,000,000
Total	344,000,000

Boxes	Feet
Algoma Lumber Co., Algoma	15,000,000
Sprague River Lbr. Co. Klamath Falls	3,000,000
Pelican Bay Lbr. Co. Klamath Falls	20,000,000
Klamath Lbr. & Box Co. Klamath Falls	18,000,000
Ewauna Box Co., Klamath Falls	28,000,000
Big Lakes Box Co., Klamath Falls	22,000,000
Shaw-Bertram Lbr. Co. Klamath Falls	10,000,000
Crater Lake Box Co., Bray, Cal	15,000,000
Associated Box Co., Dorris, Cal	15,000,000
Total Boxes, feet	146,000,000

Invention Of The Buckskin Harness Big Aid To Paul In Logging Off Minnesota

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

In Paul's camps the job of top-loading was more than an art. The top-loader had equipment much different than that used today, but his proficiency was about the same.

Even the logging sleds were loaded ten and twelve logs high. Even with the help of Babe it is doubtful if the loads could have been handled without the aid of the buckskin harness that was invented about that time.

This was invented just before Paul began his Minnesota logging operations.

Everyone knows how buckskin harness stretches when it gets wet and how it shrinks to almost nothing when it gets dry and warm in the sun. This was the principle utilized by the buckskin harness and the discovery is believed to have been an accident, in this manner:

One of the bull-cooks found that all of the wood in camp had been used up and that he would have

to go a long way into the woods to get more.

The cook threatened him with disaster unless he brought back dry wood and it was a long way to a patch of it. It was raining pitchforks. The ox, the bull cook used, had a buckskin harness, a new one.

When he finally found a patch of dry timber he loaded the sled to capacity and started back. He found a good road and went back in a hurry without looking to see how his load was. When he got to camp he found out that the buckskin harness had stretched and that the load was no where in sight—only a thong of buckskin stretched back into the woods.

Then the dinnerhorn blew and he went in to eat, leaving the ox standing. While he was eating the sun came out and when the bull cook got back he found that the shrinking buckskin had not only drawn the load out of the woods but had pulled it on top of the ox and killed him.

Paul heard of it and took out a patent on the idea and after that the buckskin harness was always used in his camp for the long hauls.

Woman Hurt When Tree Is Felled on Tent in Woods

LAKEVIEW.—Mrs. Les Duncan, wife of Les Duncan, who is employed at the Minton & Ford sawmill in Crooked Creek, miraculously escaped death last Thursday when loggers felled a large pine onto the tent in which she was sitting. Every article of furniture in the tent, except a chair in which she was sitting was broken to bits, legs of a bed and a table were driven entirely into the ground and the chair on which she was sitting a moment before was shattered. Mrs. Duncan escaped with lacerated scalp and bruise.

The tree measured 12 inches at the top, which crashed into the tent hidden in a thicket where the new falling crew failed to see it.

The logger beckoned to his foreman, "Take, I wish you'd ride into town and get the correct time." "But I ain't got no watch, boss." "A watch, a watch," the logger roared. "Why the hell a watch? Write it down on a piece of paper, you fool."

Woods Worker Is Crushed By Rolling Log

Muscles Torn But No Bones Broken In Accident

Pete Corone, employe of the Pelican Bay Lumber Co. was badly hurt Monday forenoon at one of the company camps when he was struck by a rolling log. Though he was severely hurt no bones were broken. His injuries consist of torn muscles and ligaments and are said to be serious. He is at the Klamath General hospital in Klamath Falls.

CHILDERS VISITS.—Eh Childers, of the gyppo firm of McMillan and Childers, was in town from the Forest Lumber company's logging camp Saturday and Sunday. Bill McMillan, the other member of the firm, spent the week end with according to Childers.

Forest Lumber Company Mill To Be Completed By Middle of November

Work Rushed by Crew of 75 Men; Framework Up and Work Begun on Flooring; Sufficient Material New on Ground to Insure No Delays; Company Will Erect Burner Across Williamson River

That the mill of the Forest Lumber company at Aspgrove will be ready to begin operations not later than November 15, was the expressed belief of officers of the company yesterday, when interviewed at the mill.

Extra men have been added to the construction crew, the force now numbering 75.

Concrete piers have been placed, work has commenced on the flooring and much of the framework is now in place.

More material arrived yesterday and there is now sufficient on the ground to warrant belief that there will be no delays on this account.

In order to speed up work as much as possible the entire crew worked labor day.

News that the company intends to rush work with all possible speed will be welcomed in the neighboring town of Chiloquin.

With completion of the mill two shifts will be employed all winter and this will do much to insure prosperity in that section of the county during the coming months.

It is now the plan of the company to construct its burner across Williamson river.

Workmen began yesterday tearing down a number of old frame structures to make way for the burner, on which construction will begin at once. It is more is seen as an evidence that the company means to take every precaution to see that there is no recurrence of the disastrous fire that destroyed the plant when it was the property of the Modoc Pine company.

BET HIS HEAD ACHED.—The recent party staged at Huckleberry Mountain proved that Ed Pulley's capacity was not as represented, much to the sorrow of some of his feminine admirers. He was so advised and later escorted to his trundle bed in Nursery No. 4 at Algoma camp.

SHIP 4 CARS DAILY.—Mill is now Cutting 47,000 Feet Daily with 4,000,000 in Yards.—The company is now cutting about 47,000 feet daily, and at present is shipping from three to four cars per day. There is now about 4,000,000 feet in the yards.

That the Campbell-Towle mill and camp on Sprague river will operate as late this season as weather conditions will permit was the declaration Tuesday of W. C. Mattson, local manager of the company.

Local Box Shook Plants Hard Hit By Inroads Of Paper Box Manufacturers

That the condition of the local box shook industry is so menaced by the makers of paper boxes as to make it a matter for national comment in lumber circles is revealed in an article written by C. C. Crow, noted lumber authority, appearing in the Portland Oregonian.

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In reviewing the lumber situation up and down the coast, Crow says: "The pine mills in the Klamath Falls, eastern Oregon and inland Empire districts are approaching the close of their manufacturing season with good stocks and a steadily improving market which promises a healthy demand for everything with the possible exception of box shooks. A much larger percentage of the lumber ordinarily used in the manufacture of boxes is being put into structural grades, but the inroads which paper shipping cases have been making into the wood box business is hurting the box manufacturers badly. A recent investigation showed that throughout the Pacific northwest where the general prosperity is dependent to a large extent upon the lumber industry, much of the merchandise coming into the camps and stores serving lumbering communities was in paper boxes manufactured east of the Mississippi.

As a result of this movement is now on foot to induce the retailers and wholesalers distributors of food stuffs throughout Oregon and Washington to insist that the manufacturers from whom they buy use nothing but wooden boxes in their

ness to the industry which is providing the two states with their greatest payrolls. The recent rains have eliminated the danger of serious forest fires for the balance of this year and the logging camps are getting under way again.

Production is up to a high level but the demand warrants it and the prospects at present are for a good fall business which should carry through well into the winter.

Another Good Man Goes Wrong; Will Combat Laundries.—H. V. McGee, formerly cutoff man for the Klamath Lumber and Box Co., has gone from the cutoff game to the washoff industry. In other words he has renounced the lumber industry and from now on will be a salesman for the Maytag washing machine outfit. He will work under the direction of K. P. Ollis of Klamath Falls, local representative of the company.