

Rate Cuts May Be Aid to Coast Mills

BOSTON, Mass., Oct. 6.—Changes are proposed in the lumber tariffs from points on the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National railroads which will decrease the rates on lumber shipments to points on the Boston & Maine and the Maine Central railroads approximately 3 1/2 cents and 4 cents a hundred weight. These changes are stated in supplements issued August 21 and effective September 23 until December 31. While the lower rates will undoubtedly result in a saving to some of the Canadian mills manufacturing eastern spruce, pine and hemlock and hardwoods, the new rates may not work out to the entire satisfaction of the shippers and local wholesalers in the long run, according to opinions advanced here this week. It can be stated with reasonable certainty that the new and lower rates will actually help the sale of west coast fir in southern New England and New York territory.

Through freight rates to points on the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad have not been touched upon in these tariff revisions in the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National railroads. It has been a custom generally recognized here for many years for the market to be based on Boston rate prices, which are affected by the new tariffs. Therefore this means that the wholesale trade will have to add to their differentials or arbitraries in making prices delivered in New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad territory the amount of the decrease in the Boston rate.

As the competition between eastern softwoods and west coast fir in the territory served by the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad has been for some time and now is very close indeed, the above-stated addition to the base quotations on eastern softwoods will mean an added handicap for the eastern spruce wholesalers and an added margin of about \$1 or \$1.25 which the fir distributors can secure in competition.—L. Bulletin.

FIRE BURNS 12 TRESTLES EVERETT, Wash.—Fire believed to have originated from sparks from an overheated brake shoe on a logging train of the Andron Logging company burned 12 logging bridges, a skidder and a rigged donkey engine. The fire burned over 300 acres of logged-off land.



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Solomon Butte Mill Is Promised School This Year

Duck dinners held the center of the stage here Sunday. The Jack Miller home was among those to assume a "company" appearance with a table decorated with a centerpiece of marigolds and ferns from Portland. Guests were Dave Powers and son, Clarence, and Fred Christie.

Messelle Thomas, student at the Academy at Klamath Falls, was home for the weekend and like most all the rest, eating duck.

Now, if there was ever any one decked out in beads and colors, it is "Chuck" Hastings. The paraphernalia came from the Warm Springs Reservation and certainly shows fine specimens of Indian bead work. When Chuck gets hard up, maybe, we will get a chance to buy them.

Lawrence Daw, wife and baby spent Sunday in Klamath Falls. Mrs. Beggs, mother of Mrs. Jack Miller, returned to her home in Portland Sunday after a three weeks visit in Solomon Butte camp.

Jess Fisher of Insurance fame was calling Sunday at camp and sporting a brand new car.

John Colvin and wife and son Bert left Saturday morning to look up a location for a new home. The Hess family also took their departure.

Albert Christie and Lewis Turner each took a day off lately—just slightly out of kilter.

Early Sunday morning the Wilkins and Johnsons started their motors going in the direction of old Arkansas, where they expect to winter.

The mighty nimrods—we won't name them—hastily left camp Friday when the report was brought in from the woods that a band of about fifteen deer (judging from the tracks) had crossed the road up on the hill. Visions of steak frying in the pan passed through each proud wife's head. Ye mighty hunters found the tracks and followed, and finally sighted horns extending beyond the friendly shelter of a sugar pine. Hang! went a gun, and down fell a horn, but alas and alack! the animals rushed on and to the fallen horns was found to be of the kind that belongs to the genus sheep. A tired trio of hunters came back to bacon and eggs.

Mrs. Fred Christie came up from the Falls Monday to take a look about. Things looked all right, we guess, for Fred accompanied her back Friday.

Charles Lockwood and wife visited in Klamath Falls for a few days.

Eather Wallen enjoyed a birthday dinner Sunday. Constance Fielder is her guest.

BUILDING NEW MILL DRYAD, Wash.—Carl Staeger has started construction of a new sawmill in the Klaber valley that will have a daily capacity of about 15,000 feet. From 12 to 15 men will be employed on an eight-hour shift. Mr. Staeger is moving to Klaber from Dryad, where he has been clerk of the school board for the past 13 years.

Blue Stain Not a Defect, Is Claim

Blue stain, in and of itself, is not a defect, says the blue stain committee of the National Lumber Manufacturers' association. It is not an early stage of decay, but merely an indication of the presence in the sapwood of a fungus which does not materially affect the strength or durability of wood for ordinary commercial purposes. For purposes where lumber is to be covered up or painted, and where the use of sapwood is permissible, there is no reason for discriminating against blue stained lumber.

Blue stain is frequently accepted in rough lumber, lath, scantling and plank and some of the larger sizes of dimension. More could well be used in the manufacture of sash, doors, millwork and other products where the discoloration is to be painted or otherwise hidden from view. By refusing to accept blue stained lumber for such purposes, lumber users are encouraging waste.

The lumber industry is anxious to do everything within its power to encourage a closer utilization of forest products but it is dependent upon the users of lumber for a full measure of cooperation. By recognizing that blue stain affects lumber only in its appearance, and by accepting blue stained lumber for uses where appearance is not important, or when it is important, where it can be painted or stained, architects and builders will be doing their part to reduce one of the important present economic wastes in lumber distribution.

Grade Marking Cost Amounts to Very Small Sum

A number of the mills in the Southern Pine association, which has adopted a plan of grade-marking its lumber, have found that they can mark the lumber at a cost of about 2 1/2 cents per 1000 feet, according to The Lumber Manufacturer and Dealer.

Some of the subscribers mark their stock for domestic shipment back of the planer when the boards have been put on individual trucks according to grade. It is stamped while on the trucks before being stored.

It is estimated that one man, with no other duties, can mark about 150,000 feet per day. The rubber stamps generally used last about three weeks and cost fifty cents each. A rack to carry the stamps costs about \$1.25. It is worn around the grade-marker's waist.

The mark adopted by the Southern Pine Association is composed of a numeral, which designates the mill where the lumber was manufactured, the letters SPA in large type, and the proper grade.

WAKEFIELD VISITS A. W. Wakefield, machinist employed at Pelican Bay Camp No. 2, was a visitor in Klamath Falls during the week.

Golf Winner



Presenting Miss Ada MacKenzie of Toronto, winner of the Canadian women's open golf championship. She defeated Mrs. Alexa Stirling Fraser in the finals. Miss MacKenzie is also holder of several Dominion and provincial titles.

Changes Made in Train Crews on Pelican Bay Runs

Several changes have been made in Pelican Bay crews.

Dick Dale and Eddie Linquist are conductor and brakeman respectively, on the night crew of the 3-spot. Rook McCollum and Johnny Johnston continue as the presiding geniuses in the cab.

On the day crew, Buck is now conductor and "Blackie" brakeman. Fred Cass is throttle puller and Joe Myerscough is fireman.

John Michael O'Tee is now monarch of all he surveys, conductor on the No. 28 used in the Pothole logging operation.

Graham Up and Leaves Pelican Bay Camps Flat

Following a service of two years in the course of which he made earnest but unavailing efforts to improve both the morale and the morals of the Pelican Bay camps, Ed Graham, chambermaid extraordinary, has left for the greener fields of the San Francisco region. Informed that there were no logging camps in the Bay district, Graham is understood to have replied, "What of it—there are lots of hotels."

His passing leaves a void and it comes at a bad time, several of the younger men in camp being just now in need of his stern and rockbound services in keeping their morals untwisted.

COMPANY DISSOLVED TACOMA, Wn.—An order dissolving the Cameron-Hoover Logging Co., of Aberdeen has been issued by Judge George D. Abel in superior court here.

TO THE WAYFAIRER Ye who pass by and would raise your hand against me, harken ere you harm me. I am the heart of your hearth on the cold winter nights; the friendly shade screening you from the summer sun; and my fruits are refreshing draughts quenching your thirst as you journey on. I am the beam that holds your house, the board of your table, the bed on which you lie, and the timber that builds your boat. I am the handle of your hoe, the door of your household, and the wood of your cradle and the shell of your coffin. I am the bread of kindness and the flower of beauty. Ye who pass by listen to my prayer; Harm me not. Sign in the Public Parks of Spain.

New Equipment Is Added By Local Moulding Concern

Equipment at the Klamath Moulding company will shortly be increased by the addition of a 10-inch 5-head—electrically driven moulder and saw. During the past few months the plant has averaged shipments of about 10 cars of moulding. About 17 men will be given employment at the plant all through the winter months, it is estimated. The night shift has been abolished and with the addition of new equipment all who formerly worked nights will be given occupation days.

TIMBE BROUGHT OKANOGAN, Wn.—C. L. Clemans one of the owners of the Chilliwat mill, has bought 160 acres of timber land from the state for \$4088.

Algoma Inventor Says His Device Had Unfair Trial

Art Messner's famous invention, circumstances of which are shrouded in deep mystery, may be taken off the market, according to rumor prevalent in Algoma camp.

According to the rumor it has been tried and found wanting. Jack Cruikshank, the rumor has it, gave it a thorough trial and pronounced it a failure.

Messner, though loath to discuss the proposition, declared that the invention had hardly been given a fair trial, in view of the extremely small size of the material he had to work with in the Cruikshank case.

"Impossible to make something out of nothing," he declared.

Germans Devise New Method for Planting Trees

BERLIN.—A method of tree planting which is claimed to save six years' growth has been developed by the German department of forestry. The roots of the baby tree are spread in the way nature intended instead of up and down, as is usually done. German foresters also say that packing the earth about young trees is wrong, as it robs the roots of breathing space.

CONSERVING CROWN LANDS In an effort to conserve its remaining forests, the province of Quebec, Canada, recently inaugurated a new policy of cutting. Lessors of crown lands will not be permitted to cut more than 80 per cent of the annual growth of the forest. All cutting will be done under direct supervision of the lands department.

Big Apple Crops In Prospect Now

United States and Canada are the two most important surplus apple producing countries, supplying from three-fourths to nine-tenths of the import needs of the deficit producing countries. The prospects for the coming commercial crop in both countries are for crops above the 1924 harvest, although in the United States the total crop is stated to be below that of last year. In both countries the 1924 production was below that of the two years preceding and in Canada commercial production had been falling of since 1920.

MILL REDUCES FORCE BRIGITON, Ore.—The Brighton Mills Co., has cut down its force because a run of small logs has reduced the amount of resawing. The homes of N. J. Shupp and Roy Whittaker, employees of the company, were destroyed recently by fire. Both men were on duty at the time of the fire and little of their property was saved.

EVERGREEN MILL BURNS TACOMA, Wn.—The sawmill of the Evergreen Lumber Co., at Berrydale, six miles west of Auburn, was destroyed by fire recently. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. The blaze is believed to have been of incendiary origin.

ORDERS 12 MOORE KILNS PORTLAND.—An order for 12 new Moore dry kilns, each 104 feet long, has been placed by E. D. Kingsley, president of the West Oregon Lumber Co., Linnton, Ore. The kilns will be of the construction with tile and concrete roofs.

Jewell Lumber and Box company, Pateros, Wash., has gone into a receivership. J. D. Stanhope is the receiver.

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