

### 250 Million Feet Douglas Timber in Big Mill Project

PORTLAND.—Acquisition of approximately 250,000,000 feet of standing timber from the Coos Bay Lumber company, adjacent to tidal-water on Smith river, Douglas county, Oregon, by J. O. Elrod of Portland and L. R. Wells of Minneapolis, Minn., was announced today as part of the project of the newly organized Umpqua Mills and Timber company with a capital of \$10,500,000.

The new company in which the Coos Bay Lumber company has a substantial interest, will increase the capacity of its sawmills at Reedsport from 75,000 to 100,000 daily.

According to Elrod, his company now has fully one billion feet of high quality timber, mostly Douglas fir, which will be logged by extension of a logging railway from Smith river northerly on Noel's creek.

#### Cause Plenty

A stout woman wedged into a crowded street car haviging difficulty getting into her tightly buttoned jacket pocket to extract her fare.

"Madam," said the man next to her, during the fruitless struggles, "Let me pay your fare."

She protested rather indignantly, "My only reason for wishing to do so," he said, "is that you've buttoned in suspenders three times trying to get into your pocket."—N. O. T. and L. News.

#### He Wasn't Surprised

"Very, very sad, sir," said the doctor. "I greatly regret to tell you your wife's mind is completely gone."

"Well, I'm not surprised, Doc," returned the husband. "She's been giving me a piece of it every day for the last fifteen years."

### Work On Coast Still Holds Up; Falling Off Noted In Some Parts; Men Hold Jobs

PORTLAND.—Nearly all employment centers on the west coast last week reported a noticeable decrease in the volume of labor turnover, according to the 4L employment letter issued here today. Fir logging and lumbering continue very active, the letter said, but there has been a slight let-up in building and construction industries which will be further reduced with the first heavy rains. This work has been held up remarkably well this year.

The lessening of industrial activity in the Inland Empire districts where sawmill and planer crews are being reduced, is daily becoming more marked, the letter stated. Reports from the various 4L offices were as follows:

PORTLAND.—A falling off in the volume of orders for loggers was noted last week. Labor turnover in all lines of industry is lighter than it has been for many weeks past and jobs are easier to fill. There has been no let-up in building activity within the city. A few farm jobs are still being offered. There are more men than jobs in Portland.

ABERDEEN, Wash. — Thirteen hundred men are still on a strike at four Aberdeen sawmills which have been closed for over two weeks. Shafer Bros. mill 4, which was only partially affected by the strike is again operating with full night and day crews. It is reported that this company met, in part at least, the requests of its employees for an increased wage. Logging in Gray's Harbor district is close to 100 per cent of normal capacity. Camp labor turnover is light. There are practically no experienced loggers seeking work.

TACOMA.—There have been more men applying for jobs during the past week than has been the case for several months. Construction work has decreased. Most sawmills

and logging camps in this district are operating.

Seattle.—Employment boards in this city last week presented a fair volume of jobs, with calls for loggers still leading the demand for help. A number of orders for experienced shingle weavers also were posted. The China Timber Co., Maple Falls, has been taken over by Irving & Kohouts, it is reported, and the camps will be opened Oct. 12. Sawmill labor turnover continues light.

EVERETT.—No shortage of labor in this district. Shingle mills are curtailing output and operating on a short week. Night shift at Mill C, Weyerhaeuser Timber Co., has been taken off and put on at Mill B. A night crew will be put on at the Clough mill at Stanwood, it is reported. Logging camps are busy.

BELLINGHAM.—Employment in this district showed a slight increase last week when logging was resumed at the Wierka Bros. camp. Operations at the St. Paul & Tacoma camps are being enlarged. All sawmills and fruit canneries are busy. About 200 persons will be given employment Oct. 20 at the Utah-Idaho Sugar Company's plant here.

SPOKANE.—More men than jobs has held true in this city for the past two weeks. Sawmills are laying off men almost daily. The Diamond Match mill at Cusick has closed for the season. It is reported, and several small mills and planers are preparing for an early shutdown. Woods operations are normally active for this time of year. The Dalkeena Lumber Co. will soon open another camp at its Priest River operation. There are plenty of experienced woodsmen to fill all orders.

### Decline Seen In Market Of Western Pine

#### Softwood Demand Lessened, Is Chicago Report

Demand for softwoods is experiencing a rather marked seasonal recession and business is not measuring up to expectations, says the American Lumberman, Chicago. Total bookings of 364 of the principal mills for the week to September 12 were 85 per cent and shipments 94 per cent of the actual cut, which was 4 per cent above normal. Building holds up well, but the city yards are buying conservatively because of the strong position of the market. The continued call for mixed cars, however, indicates that their stocks are low and that they are not making any significant addition to their holdings. Inquiry from the Middle West where trade was light during the dry weather, has increased since the recent heavy rains and improved demand from the country yards is expected to develop before the end of September.

The Southern pine mills are booking a good volume of business in the East and South, although the railroad embargo has been a deterrent factor in the Florida trade. Orders for the week were less than 1 per cent below production, but shipments ran 7 per cent above it, so that stocks have suffered further depletion. Prices are firm, with uppers showing a tendency to advance. Export trade to the Middle West has contracted considerably because the rail mills have been unable to handle the continued call for mixed cars with stocks in their present depleted condition. Orders for the week were 85 per cent, and shipments 93 per cent of the total cut. California demand is good, but the Atlantic coast trade is light. Uppers are firm and commons are well held.

Day Lumber company, Big Lake, Wash., has gone into the hands of a receiver.

### ORDERS STILL BELOW CUTTING

SEATTLE.—One hundred and one mills reporting to West Coast Lumbermen's Association for the week ending October 3, manufactured 98,181,014 feet of lumber; sold 93,397,824 feet; and shipped 99,503,186 feet.

New business was 5 per cent below production. Shipments were 8 1/2 per cent above new business.

Forty per cent of all new business taken during the week was for future water delivery. This amounted to 37,682,633 feet, of which 24,656,154 feet was for domestic cargo delivery; and 12,026,479 feet export. New business by rail amounted to 1,629 cars.

Thirty-eight per cent of the lumber shipments moved by water. This amounted to 37,492,995 feet, of which 28,232,372 feet moved coastwise and intercoastal; and 9,260,623 feet export. Rail shipments totaled 1,839 cars.

Local auto and team deliveries totaled 6,545,191 feet.

Unfilled domestic cargo orders totaled 111,628,623 feet. Unfilled export orders 94,911,757 feet. Unfilled rail trade orders 3,702 cars.

In the first forty weeks of the year, production reported to West Coast Lumbermen's Association has been 3,996,357,357 feet, new business 4,130,499 feet, and shipments 4,174,767,636 feet.—West Coast Lumbermen's Association.

#### Out of the Final Contest

The old gentleman was a trifle bewildered at the elaborate wedding.

"Are you the groom?" he asked a melancholy looking man.

"No sir," the young man replied.

"I was eliminated in the preliminary try-outs."—Quebec (Canada) Daily Telegraph.

### Gang Mill In Operation At Big Bend Mill

#### Will Increase Production 75,000 Per Shift

BEND.—With machinery already in motion in the new gang saw department at Brooks-Scanlon mill B, three shift operation in this mill was discontinued this morning in order that a reorganization of crews might be made to operate the gang mill.

The machinery is all in place for the new operation, which will be conducted in an addition built at the north end of the mill, and the last of the wiring was being done today.

The gang mill will increase the production in 16 hours at mill B by 150,000 board feet, or about equal to the production in three shifts without the gang; and although some of the third shift employees may be idle for a few days and may have to take up new duties when they do return to work, it is expected that the number of employees will not be materially reduced.

#### May Get New Gang

The gang saw installed is a small Diamond machine which was formerly used at the Brooks-Scanlon mill at Eureka, Montana. Its cutting area is 16 by 40 inches, and will take cuts only up to 14 inches. Cuts may not be run through one above the other, unless their combined thickness is 14 inches or less.

The mill has been built, however, to operate a larger gang saw, both as to auxiliary machinery and power and if the small mill proves the desirability of the gang saw method of manufacture, a larger one will be installed. Cuts for the gang will be transferred from the band mill on the west side of mill B, on an extension of the live rollers past the slasher and to the extreme north end of the new addition.

From there they will run back toward the south through the gang saw and edger, to a trimmer near the present one and parallel to it.

#### Out on the Farm

The freshman was spending Saturday afternoon on the farm owned by his sweetie's papa and the scenery filled him with romance. They were walking through the pasture when he noted a cow and a calf rubbing noses. He stopped and smiled.

"Such a loving sight," he said to the girl, "makes me want to do the same thing."

"Go ahead," the girl said, "it's pa's cow and he won't care."—The Trail.

#### Her Delicate Conscience

Maid—"The new neighbors would like to cut their grass, mum, and they want to know if you will lend them our lawnmower."

Mistress (highly shocked)—"Cut their grass on the Sabbath? Certainly not. Tell them we haven't one."—London Opinion.

#### Not Always to Blame

Getting wrong numbers over the telephone is not always the fault of the operator. Faulty enunciation is more often to blame. This incident illustrates one of the difficulties operators have to overcome in answering calls:

An Englishman speaks over the telephone:

"Yes, this is Mr. Arrison. What, you cannot hear? This is Mr. Arrison. Haitch, hay, two bars, a hi, a hess, a ho and a hen. Arrison."—Telephone Review.

The Whitney Company, Garibaldi, will probably resume logging operations about the first of the year. W. B. Doyle is logging superintendent.

### High Climber Sues Company For \$50,000

#### Suit Alleges Total Disability Incurred In Fall

MARSHFIELD.—Notice was received in North Bend this morning that Fred Brandon of Powers, high climber, who was injured at the South Slough logging camp of the Stout Lumber company July 7, has filed suit in Portland against the company for \$50,000.

Brandon fell 75 feet from a pole while working at the camp, and though his bones were broken, claims that he is totally disabled and incapacitated from work.

Chief F. R. Jackson, this morning served notice of the suit on R. F. Bouras, manager of the Stout company.

#### His Misfortune

A large map was spread upon the wall, and the teacher was instructing the class in geography. "Horace," she said to a small pupil, "when you stand in Europe facing the north, you have on your right hand the great continent of Asia. What have you on your left hand?"

"A wart," replied Horace, "but I can't help it, teacher."—International Railway Journal.

#### Close Relations

Two chance acquaintances from Ireland were talking together.

"An' so yer name is Riley?" said one. "Are yer anny relation to Tim Riley?"

"Very distantly," said the other. "O! was me mother's first child, an' Tim was the tenth."—The High Line.

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