

THE KLAMATH LUMBERLOGUE

Established March 9, 1925

A weekly paper for the men and women employed in the lumber industry of Klamath County. Issued Every Wednesday.

A. H. Raymond - - - - - Editor

Wednesday, October 21, 1925

REFORESTATION BY FOREST FIRE PREVENTION

"Riots and Rebellion would result immediately should congress propose to tax southern landowners one dollar per acre every Fourth of July for fireworks," says H. H. Wefel, Jr., in the Manufacturers' Record. "We landowners, however, submit to a tax at least as great collected by the Red-Tongued Taxgatherer of the south—the Forest Fire. Had we rebelled against this tax twenty or so years ago the accumulated values in the form of sturdy young forest and thriving industries would be in excess of \$5,000,000,000 today.

"It is high time we rebel. If we do not, twenty years hence will find us not simply as we are today, but facing the consequences in droughts, insects and fungus pests, reduced fertility of soil, eroding lands and insufficiency of industry based upon our own resources."

If forest fires have cost the south \$5,000,000,000, what have they cost the nation? Forest fire prevention and protection measures cannot be adopted too soon.

THE YELLOW PINE INDUSTRY

The yellow pine lumber industry in the intermountain and western states depends for its prosperity upon the middle-western and eastern states. It is one of our country's largest industries, in territory with little farming wealth.

Pine lumber is one of the greatest products of the northwest and has to compete in the eastern and interior markets with other lumber producing sections. Its prosperity depends upon low freight rates.

Low freight rates can only be secured if the railroads are allowed to haul loaded cars westward with a revenue paying load.

Under the veto on competition, prohibiting the railroads from competing with water lines, half the cars hauled west are empty, and the lumber must pay the freight both ways.

Railroads cannot get money except from shippers over their roads and when half the westbound cars are hauled empty the great lumber industry and the consumer in the interior must pay the bill.

"Reforestation is a vital necessity to California," says David Woodhead, president of the Woodhead Lumber Co., Los Angeles, Cal. "It is necessary not only to provide lumber for coming generations, but to prevent erosion of deforested lands. The rapid, not to say wasteful cutting of our forests will soon leave us dependent upon second-growth timber.

"Lumbermen of vision," says Mr. Woodhead, "have already done something toward reforestation. One company has planted a million and a half trees during the past year. Other companies are trying to work out a program by which the timber within reach of their mills will be replaced as fast as cut."

"Second-growth timber is the lumberman's crop in the same sense that wheat or cotton is the farmer's crop; but it takes 40 years or more to mature. Forty years is a long time to wait. Many things may happen between planting time and harvest. Fires may come. Oppressive and foolish laws may be passed. But even should the owner escape these and other disasters, he is visited annually by the tax collector.

"Former Governor Frank O. Lowden of Illinois says, 'Our tax laws are the worst enemy to both conservation of such forests as we have, and of reforestation everywhere.' Donald McDonald, of the Pacific Lumber Co., which is making large plantings, declares, 'Some relief must be had in the matter of taxation in order to encourage further reforestation work, and enable those who have already undertaken this work to successfully carry it on.'

"The answer is obvious to the thoughtful mind. We must adopt the constitutional amendment submitted by the California legislature, which exempts from taxation growing trees until they reach maturity. This amendment is in conformity with the well established California plan of progressive tax exemption to industry.

"The wisdom of encouraging industries and farming by exempting the product from taxation has been proven beyond a doubt. California already exempts from taxation ships, growing crops of farmers, young trees and vines. She exempts improvements and personal property for street pavements, and in irrigation and storm drain districts. And no one ever thinks of going back to the old way.

"Progressive minded men and women believe the time has come to extend the California plan in order to further encourage business, farming and home owning. California needs more capital, more machinery and factories to employ labor and produce goods for the world. She needs also more home-owning and farm-owning citizens.

"This need will be met by the measure put out by the Tax Relief Association, which exempts from taxation \$2000 worth of improvements and all personal property."

Shingle Men Active

BELLINGHAM, Wn.—Operation of the Siemens Lumber Co.'s shingle mill has been resumed after a close down of one week. All the shingle mills in this port are active now, though the market is not as brisk as it was a month ago.

Mrs. Doakes, Mrs. Collar and Mrs. Cross motored in from Algoma camp Friday afternoon in the Doakes Buick. KELSEO, Wash.—The Roark sawmill near Vader has completed cutting its available timber and suspended operations this week.

Operations Begun

REEDSPORT, Ore.—The Umpqua Mill and Timber Co., which had been closed down for several months resumed operations recently and is expected to run all winter.

Fire Hits Mill

WINTHROP, Wash.—The Morgan & Pepper sawmill on Bear creek was destroyed by fire recently. Origin of the fire is unknown.

Rides Wild Donkey

PELL, Wash.—A thrilling 100 foot ride down a steep hill on a runaway donkey engine was experienced recently by Joe Rudolph, engineer at Yeoman's camp No. 2. A cable broke while the engine was being pulled up the incline. Oren Cook, who was struck by the cable, was seriously injured.

Two Fatalities

SALEM, Ore.—A total of 426 accidents, including two fatalities were reported to the state industrial accident commission during the week ending October 1. The fatally injured workmen were George W. Childs, third leader, South Beacua, Oregon, and James Seymour, boom man, Portland.

Timber Sales Big

PORTLAND.—The total timber sold on the national forests of Oregon and Washington during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925, amounted to 704,386,000 feet, according to a report issued by the United States forestry office. It was valued at \$1,339,895.48.

Tract Purchased

PORTLAND.—The Umpqua Mills & Timber company recently organized with a capital of \$1,500,000, has acquired about 350,000,000 feet of standing timber near Tidewater on Smith river in Douglas county, according to an announcement made by J. O. Elrod. The timber formerly was owned by the Coos Bay Lumber company.

The company now has about 1,000,000,000 feet of standing timber which is to be tapped by the extension of a logging railroad into the Smith river district, Elrod said. The capacity of the mill at Reedport is to be increased from 75,000 to 100,000 per day.

Purchase Mill

MORTON, Wn.—E. H. Lester, who recently sold his interest in the Lester & Sher mill in the Highland valley, has joined with D. S. Harris and H. J. Phelps of Montesano in the purchase of the Round Top Lumber Co.'s holdings, formerly owned by Martin Miller and Gus Lindberg of Tacoma. The transaction includes a sawmill with a daily capacity of 30,000 feet and 50,000,000 feet of timber.

PORTLAND.—The interstate commerce commission in Washington, D. C., has set November 5 as the date for the hearing here of the case involving rates on lumber from Burlington, Oregon, to California, Nevada and other Pacific coast territory.

Don't be impolite, but wait for some people to finish what they are saying and you will dip of old age.

Old Paul Bunyan Announces His Intention To Enter Into Politics; Has Capable Campaign Manager

"Well, I don't deny that I'm thinking pretty strongly of it," said Paul Bunyan yesterday, when asked by a Lumberlogue reporter if there was any truth in the persistent rumor that the great logger is considering running for president in the next election.

Paul was whittling a toothpick from the butt cut of a log while watching his doughty river pigs run logs upstream on the Big Onion.

"Yes, I'm thinking pretty strongly of it—what the country needs for president is a good, practical logger. I'm sure I would have no trouble in straightening out the tangle that these cussed politicians have gotten the country into.

"I have no doubt that I shall be elected by an overwhelming majority. I can count on the vote of every man in the lumbering and logging industries, of course, and having secured the services of that past master politician, Linn Nesmith as campaign manager, I feel that I have no cause to worry over the result.

"What the country most needs, of course, is a return to the old values and virtues. Immediately upon my election, I shall banish all people other than lumberjacks (except those who can prove they voted for me) from the country. Those who voted for me, but are not lumberjacks, I shall employ as time-keepers, flunkies, bull cooks, or linen clerks.

"Realizing that logging is the only important industry, with lumbering second, I shall turn all my attention to these two. I shall log all up and down the Pacific coast, and probably locate my main mill on the present site of San Francisco. San Francisco bay is the only body of water on the coast that I know of that would furnish sufficient pond room for a sizeable modern mill, such as I would erect.

"Another thing of great importance to which I would give my immediate attention is the abolition of the railroads. They are the curse of the land; all of the prominent local lumbermen are agreed that the fewer of them we have the better off we are, and I shall immediately destroy all of them, believing that the Blue Ox can far better handle the transportation needs of the country.

"Speaking of the Blue Ox, the possession of that famous animal makes me all the more certain of victory in the coming presidential struggle. What chance has the Democratic Donkey or the Republican Elephant with the Blue Ox? And Babe's getting foxier every day, too. Just now Campaign Manager Nesmith is taking pictures of Babe, to be used when the campaign opens in good earnest.

"Immediately after my election I shall see to it that there is free beer at every gas station throughout the country. The purchase of a gallon of gas will be sufficient for the purchaser to receive a large stein of seven per cent beer.

"Women, as every practical logger knows, are a curse in any camp or mill town, and upon my election I shall immediately banish all the women to the unimportant sections of the United States lying east of the Rock Mountains.

"My headquarters will be San

TENNANT, CALIF.

People of the Tennant district received news of the death of Bernard Luttrell on Sunday, with sincere regret. With his family he made his home in our little city for nearly a year, being employed at the machine shop. It is indeed grief for the wife and three children to lose husband and father. Also for the aged father and mother to part with the youngest son. There are several brothers, one of whom is our grammar school principal.

On account of the accident and death of his brother, J. W. Luttrell has not been in the school this week. Part of the classes were conducted by the high school principal, G. C. Howard.

There are not so many cases of flu at the present writing but among those confined to home are Mrs. O. O. Wingfield and Mrs. G. C. Howard.

Mrs. Roy Hawkins substituted for Mrs. Howard two days this week in the school.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Murphy spent a short time visiting and shopping in Klamath Falls during the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Miller returned on Thursday from their hunting trip to Callahan Springs, during which time Sen. Breed of San Francisco, who was one of the party, killed his deer.

E. R. Pritchett found one day's duty this week consisted of conducting a mentally deranged man to a place of safety in Yreka. Another day he took in charge a Mexican who was taken to Weed where he will spend 90 days for bootlegging.

A very regrettable accident occurred Wednesday evening when four men were injured as they were returning from their day's work in the woods. E. J. McLaughlin and nephew each had a foot injured, two other men had legs broken and another had a shoulder dislocated. They were removed to the hospital in

Weed on Thursday where all are being cared for. Dick and Hill Parker visited at the home of their sister, Mrs. F. M. Pilson this week. Alvin Opperud had the misfortune of getting a finger injured Thursday while on duty. J. A. Perry and family, who for the past three years have made Tennant their home, left Sunday for Sacramento where they expect to locate. Mr. and Mrs. Goddard and small daughter visited with friends Friday and Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. King and children spent the week end in Ashland and Dr. and Mrs. Sandie motored to Yreka.

Milling Around

Society as a whole was very inactive during the past week. The only affair of any importance was an informal tea party given by Dusty Ben Hennes and Earl Bou Wright, honoring that charming and popular member of the younger set, Dan Howard. Others who dropped in during the affair were Glenn Parker and Speed Wortley. The boarding house of the Pelican Bay Lumber company was tastefully decorated by removing the fences from about Harry Monroe's flower garden and the door from Parker's room.

To Hold Meeting

PORTLAND.—The 1925 annual forest management conference of the Western Forestry and Conservation association will be held at Victoria, B. C., on December 9 and 10, according to an announcement made by officials of the organization. On December 7 and 8, preceding the general conference, will be meetings of the publicity and protection committees.

Advertisement for Acme Motor Co. featuring 'FINE Lathe Work and Machine Work' and 'WELDING'. Includes contact information: 400 Sixth, Phone 680.

Klamath County Sawmill, Planing Mill and Manufacturers' Directory

- List of lumber companies in Klamath County: Ackley Bros., Algoma Lumber company, Anne Creek Lumber company, Big Lakes Box company, Bryant Mountain Lumber company, Christy Lumber company, Campbell-Towle Lumber company, Chilouquin Lumber company, Ewauna Box company, Illinois Lumber company, Kitts Lumber company, Kruse Lumber company, Klamath Lumber and Box company, Long Pine Lumber company, Lamm Lumber company, McCullom Lumber company, Nine Lumber company, Pelican Bay Lumber company, Shaw-Bertram Lumber company, Shasta View Lumber and Box company, Sprague River Lumber company, Topsy Lumber Co., Wheeler-Olmstead Lumber company.

- List of planing mills and remanufacturing plants: Big Basin Lumber company, Lakeside Lumber company, Klamath Moulding company, Swan Lake Moulding company, Sixth Street Lumber company, White Pine Moulding company.

OUT OUR WAY



TO BE HANDLED WITH CARE.