

Decline In Demand For Labor Marked During The Past Week; Many Laid Off

PORTLAND.—The decline in seasonal industries of the Pacific Northwest became marked last week and demands for men from nearly all sources except fir logging and lumbering showed decreases, according to the 4L employment letter issued here today. In the Inland Empire, where many sawmill night shifts have been laid off and some plants entirely closed, the decline in employment has been greater than on the coast.

Reports from the various 4L offices were as follows:

PORTLAND.—Labor demand here is holding at about the same level as experienced for the past two weeks. It is noticeable that orders for construction laborers have shown a marked decline. Loggers continue in fair demand, part of which is due to turnover, although several companies have extended operations this month. Labor turnover at sawmills is at a minimum.

ABERDEEN, Wn.—A sixth operation was added last week to those already affected by the strike of Aberdeen sawmill workers when the General Packing Mfg. Co. here closed its plant. No demands had been made by the men at this plant, it is reported, and no reason for closing has been announced by the management. The night crew at Shafter Bros. mill 4 has again joined the strikers after returning to work for a few nights. Fifteen hundred men are now idle in Aberdeen. There has been no change in logging camp operation in the Grays Harbor district.

TACOMA.—Logging in Tacoma and vicinity is now 95 per cent of normal capacity, with most camps well supplied with experienced help except for the Western Fir Lumber Co., which has started a night shift in its planer, there has been no change in lumber manufacturing. Skilled sawmill help is equal to present demand.

SEATTLE.—Labor demands in Seattle last week showed further decreases. Sawmill operations is holding at a high level. The Seattle Mill Co. will resume cutting next week. Logging companies continue to call for men, but part of this demand is due to labor turnover. Shingle mills largely continue to operate with small crews and on a short week. Orders for farm and dairy help are falling off. There is a large number of idle men on the skid road here.

SPOKANE.—At no time since last March have Spokane employment boards been so bare of jobs as they are at the present time. A few more woods operations are requiring some men in preparation for winter logging, but there is little demand for sawmill help other than occasional calls for setters, edgers and tall sawyers. The Doge Park Lumber Co. has shut down its night shift in sawmill, planer and box factory.

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First and foremost—Mr. Flinn, forester, DID get a deer. It happened Sunday when he, Mr. Arnold of the Agency and four other officials of Uncle Sam were out hunting. To prove it all, he keeps the head on his porch, where all may see. Congratulations. We have more respect now for his prowess—in fact we'll bet upon him, should he and Fred Christy go out as competitors.

Jack Miller and wife went to Klamath Saturday. Jack lost his lady in the crush at Woolworth's, which accounted for the late arrival home.

Ed J. Gubernick, forest assistant, left Saturday for Los Angeles to be gone about ten days.

Mr. Jensen and Mr. Rice of Algoma, government scalers, were in camp Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Silvers of Modoc visited friends here Saturday.

Lamm's and Algoma camps have taken their fallers off, which means the camps will close about November 1st.

Miss Ferguson spent the week end at Fort Klamath.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin, our newly-weds, are home again.

Mrs. Fred Christy is visiting her husband and doing the family sewing. Nice to see her back.

Now for Chuck. Did he marry or did he not? Anyway we'll find out when he returns from Bend, where he went last Saturday.

The building over the new planer is going up rapidly, making quite an addition to the mill at Solomon Butte.

Fred Blake of Wasilla, Alaska, is a guest of the Fielders.

Mrs. Flynn and children visited the McCoya at Lamm's camp over the week end.

To end off—They killed a skunk at the cook house, and the surroundings are a trifle odoriferous. The specimen of A. Mephitis weighed 30 pounds.

SPAULDING BUYS OREGON TIMBER

DALLAS, Ore.—One of the largest transfers of Polk county timber in recent years was revealed here Wednesday with the recording of a deed from the Weyerhaeuser Timber company to the Charles K. Spaulding Logging company, transferring 1855.45 acres to the Spaulding interests. The deed bore \$112,500 in internal revenue stamps, indicating a purchase price of \$112,500.

The land transferred is in township 9, range 7 west, in what is known as the Bald mountain country on the Big Luckiamute watershed, in the southwestern part of Polk county. It contains 88,115,000 feet of timber, according to Fred J. Holman, county assessor, and was assessed at \$44,410.

Logging Under Way

The area is now being logged by Spaulding over the Valley & Siletz railway. The sale disposes of approximately one-third of the Weyerhaeuser holdings in Polk county and leaves the balance well consolidated.

The largest mortgage ever placed on record in Polk county was filed for recording Wednesday with County Clerk H. G. Black. It is a trust deed from the Charles K. Spaulding Logging company to the Detroit Trust company of Detroit, Mich., to secure \$1,000,000 of 10-year 6 per cent bonds.

The mortgage covers all of the extensive Spaulding timber holdings in Polk county, the mills of the company at Salem and Newberg, and some timber holdings in Benton county. It bears \$500 in internal revenue stamps.

Refunding Debts

The mortgage satisfies a similar one for \$500,000 issued May 1, 1919, and stipulates that the funds derived are for the purpose of refunding existing debts, paying existing and future carrying charges on timber lands, and for operating and other proper corporate purposes. The bonds are dated October 1, 1925, and run 20 years, with provision for retirement in blocks of \$25,000 or more at the option of the Spaulding company.

The mortgage recites that \$150,000 of the bond issue shall not be certified now, but held by the company until it shall desire to sell the bonds and use the proceeds for purchase of additional timber.

Fire Sweeps Through Coast Logging Camps

BELLINGHAM, Wash.—Fanned by a northwest wind, a fire believed to have been started by hunters, swept the south bay district of Lake Whatcom, on both sides of Lake Samish and up the slopes of Chuckanut mountain, Sunday night, leaving the Skokomish Logging company's camp in South bay district a stretch of blackened ruins and also threatening homes in the Lake Samish area.

The loss at the Skokomish camp was estimated at between \$30,000 and \$40,000. The flames raced through the works so rapidly that some of the loggers lost all their belongings except the clothing they wore. Another fire damaged a donkey engine of the Hogg-Houghton company and early today was threatening green timber of the Hogg-Houghton company on Chuckanut mountain.

The fire swept over an area of several miles and their roar could be heard for two miles last night.

New Camp to Open

TACOMA.—The Howe McGibbon Timber Co., Tacoma, new owners of the properties of the Morgan Lumber Co., Natom, Wn., has commenced development work preparatory to heavy logging a few months hence. Leo Hunger, recently with the Carlberg Mills & Timber Co., is in charge of all operations and is at present directing the railway construction. D. C. Scott, operator of the Slapus Logging Co., of Port Orchard, is one of the principals and it is understood he will install two or more skidders.

Another Mystery Solved

LUMBERLOGUE correspondents fell by the wayside this week. After an exhaustive survey of the situation it has been decided that most of them must write with their trigger fingers and that most of them are suffering with paralysis in the said fingers following opening of the hunting season.

The Pelican Bay camps are more or less isolated and it is believed workers there may have perished in a snowstorm. At any rate, no news has come down from the camp this week and none of the earnest workers from the camp were seen on the streets of Klamath Falls Saturday night.

Someone evidently shot the correspondent at Lamms Mill, although as we go to press this cannot be verified. While admitting he had it coming, we hope that he will have sufficiently recovered next week to do his stuff.

Algoma Camp has also gone into eclipse. Ed Pulley is in Klamath Falls following a successful operation. He gave us material for a nasty dig at Jack Cruikshank and we used it but to date there has been no answer. Maybe Cruikshank didn't read it.

Promise was made by a certain person that doings at the Forest Lumber Company camp would be written up. Envelopes were sent out but to date there has been no response.

In view of the above-recorded stagnation, it therefore becomes plain that if you do anything worth mentioning it will pay you to write in and tell us about it, otherwise it will be overlooked.

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