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BIG L.-D. LUMBER MILL TO RESUME THIS MONTH

Just When Operations Will Begin Not Given Out by the General Manager

After an absence of six weeks Mr. George L. Gardner returned last Tuesday. Mr. Gardner spent most of his time in Minneapolis in conference with the stockholders and directors of the Lamb-Davis Lumber Co., making plans for the 1915 run of the big plant located here. On his return he came by way of the Southern States and California. He talked with the yellow pine lumber men of the south in New Orleans. He says everywhere there is a feeling of uncertainty in the lumber trade with not much hope of a return of prosperity this year. In some lines of activity, especially in the grain growing sections visited, business is fairly prosperous. Of the grain growing sections of the Mississippi valley this is particularly true.

Present lumber prices will simply not permit the manufacturers to make a profit, and until there is an advance in prices all along the line he looks for dull times in the lumber trade.

The Lamb-Davis Mill, of which he is general manager, will of course run this year, but the exact date when the mill will start has not yet been determined. On account of the slack demand and low prices prevailing no effort will be made to run the mill to its fullest capacity. From unofficial sources we learn that the logging this summer will be done principally on the company's railroad.

Mrs. Gardner accompanied her husband on the trip and in coming thru California they visited the great San Francisco exposition, which he says is a marvel of beauty and wonder.

SCENIC HIGHWAY MAY BECOME STATE HIGHWAY

Lower House Passes Bill and Appropriates \$30,000 for Yearly Upkeep

The lower house of the state legislature on Tuesday passed the bill making of the Scenic Highway a state road putting it under state control and making an appropriation of \$30,000 for the yearly upkeep of the road. This is the road from the Wenatchee valley by way of the old Great Northern switch-back over the Cascades to Seattle and other Puget Sound points. King county, the papers state, will have her portion of the road completed by the first of June, claiming also that it will be one of the best constructed roads in the state. Snohomish county has yet to complete her part of the road, from a point near Skykomish to the summit of the mountains. We have not learned when that portion of the road is to be completed. Chelan county has also to complete some twelve miles as her share of the road.

Work on this, we have understood, is to begin just as soon as the snow along the right of way disappears. The work is said not to be very heavy.

Bjork Building Contract Let

When the bids were opened last Friday for the reconstruction of the Bjork building, it was found that Contractor L. F. Speidel had submitted the lowest bid, his figures being \$7,850. In all there were seven bids submitted, the highest being \$9,917. Mr. Speidel started the work this week and says he will have the building ready for occupancy not later than the first of May.

L. F. Richards has the contract for the plumbing and C. W. Seeley the roof and tin work. The building, which was destroyed by fire on the 30th day of last December, consisted of a full basement, 100x100 feet, four store rooms, all occupied, and the upper floors used as a hotel. The fire loss was one of the heaviest ever sustained by the town, amounting to upwards of \$35,000.

New Registration Law

One bill, the passage of which is causing general satisfaction, is the quadrennial registration act. The measure is a compromise between the demand of those who wanted a decennial registration law passed and those wanting the annual registration continued. One salutary feature of the new law is that it provides registration be kept operative for the quadrennial term by voting at each election, otherwise registration lapses. This places a premium on regular voting, and politicians claim will get out larger votes.

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSES THE MILK ORDINANCE

License Fee For Dairymen Will Be Low But Cows Must Be Inspected—Several New Ordinances Read

At the council meeting Tuesday evening, the "milk ordinance" was read for the second time. What the license should be was the subject of much discussion. All the councilmen believed it should be a small sum, just enough to provide for inspection of the cows and the protection of milk users in case diseased or "doctored" milk should be distributed in the city at some future time. The talk of preservatives in the milk arose again, and acting city Attorney Pearson said it was at his home where milk set out in the sun five days and never soured. Other members of the council stated that they had heard of similar cases.

M. O. Logan who was present announced that a veterinarian was at present inspecting his herd but had not yet made his report. The ordinance governing the sale of milk will probably be passed next Tuesday evening.

Water Commissioner Talbot reported that he had four men at work on the supply pipe of the city's water system and that he expected to have the pipe open in a week or ten days. He says it is still froze solid in some places, but is melting very rapidly.

The bids on the city printing were opened and read and laid over for another week. The Echo's bid was 35 cents per legal square for first insertion and 15 cents for subsequent insertions. The bid of Geo. Sterling was 45 cents per column inch.

The bill of Johnson & DeBlois for \$30 for painting and kalsomining the interior of the city hall was allowed.

An ordinance fixing the meeting nights of the council at twice a month instead of every week was read for the first time.

Ordinances for the issuance of saloon licenses to expire Dec. 31st when the state goes dry and the making of the health officer city physician, were also read.

Opening the Colville Reservation

It would seem that this, of all years, would be the most opportune time for the government to throw open to settlement this last large body of agricultural land. The Indian allotments have all been made and the land classified. Under some old law the land is under the control of the Indian Bureau and the functionaries in charge of that department of the government are for some reason loth to give their consent to the opening of the lands to settlement. In the absence of some sufficient reason why should not this land be put on the market this summer when thousands of people will be attracted to the northwest by the two California expositions. The great army of globe trotters being cut off from Europe will, because there is no other place to go, visit the fairs by the thousands, and along with them will come other thousands, taking advantage of the cheaper rates, to see the great northwest, and also, along with these latter will come a percentage who only want an excuse to stay here. Why not make the big land opening another attraction?

ASSESSOR JOE JOHNSON MUST GIVE UP OFFICE

County Commissioners Determined to Get Rid of Absent Official—May File Criminal Charges

"The way" of the transgressor is hard," and the future for Joe Johnson, Chelan county's assessor who has absented himself from his office for the past two months is anything but bright. The county commissioners are determined to get rid of Johnson, and on top of this and his marital troubles there is every likelihood of criminal charges being brought against him. It is alleged that Johnson went away leaving a number of outstanding checks with no funds in the bank to pay them. There are also ugly rumors relative to irregularities in his method of assessment which may warrant criminal procedure. Even though Johnson should return to the county now, it would not stop the movement to oust him from office. It is hoped that he can be prevailed upon to resign in which event the county would save several hundred dollars. He has written to a number of friends saying that he would return to Wenatchee but it isn't believed that he will.

Attorney General W. V. Tanner has decided that the only way to remove Johnson from office is to hold a recall election a movement for which will start inside of another week.

BIG MILL COMPANY'S RIVER DAM REPAIRED

Many Thousands of Dollars Spent the Past Winter in Making Repairs Gates Closed Yesterday

Under the direction of Mr. W. W. Wilder, general superintendent of the Lamb-Davis mill, several thousand dollars were spent the past winter in making repairs on the company's dam. For two or three months the water has been drawn from the mill pond that access might be had to the work undertaken. For the purpose of stopping leaks the upper side of the dam was lined with cement in which hundreds of sacks were used and many men employed. The dam was otherwise strengthened and the gates repaired. Yesterday the gates were all closed and by the first of next week the pond will be almost full of water.

While no definite announcement has been made as to when the mill will resume operations it is generally understood to be not later than the fifteenth of the present month.

Vote Right Tomorrow

Tomorrow will be Saturday Mar. 6th the date of the school election, and it is the duty of every citizen and especially those interested in good schools to go and vote. So far the only two candidates that have been announced for the two vacancies on the school board are N. Patterson and F. T. Motter. Both men are well known in Leavenworth and are well qualified for positions on the school board. The voters of this city will do well to elect Mr. Patterson and Mr. Motter.

Judge Grimshaw Takes a Wife

Perhaps no greater surprise could have been worked on his many friends than the announcement of his marriage at Oakland Calif., on the first of March. He will be absent from his duties a month and will visit Honolulu before his return. Three of his fellow judges have agreed to attend to his duties in relays until he returns. Judge Steiner of Douglas county, is holding court for him this week. Mrs. Grimshaw's maiden name was Miss Madeline Berger.

The school director election will be held at the high school building tomorrow. The polls will be opened at one o'clock in the afternoon and remain open until 8.

No Trace of Littlefield

Altho a very thorough search was made this week for the body of H. C. Littlefield, who disappeared from a hotel in Seattle two weeks ago, as yet no trace has been found of the body. The friends and relatives believe he suicided by drowning and Seattle friends secured the police fire boat and made a search of the entire harbor. No trace was found. The human body comes to the surface in the waters of the sound in nine or ten days. But Lake Union often never gives up the body, and as his lodgings were equally distant from the Sound and lake the drowning theory may be true even if the body does not come to the surface in the Sound. Ed. Ferguson, who spent several days searching for the body, believes it possible he may have wandered off and was lost.

CHELAN COUNTY TO GET MORE GAME BIRDS

County Game Warden Percy Scheble Will Get Shipment of Hungarian Partridges From Pennsylvania

Percy Scheble, chairman of the Chelan county game commission, has received a telegram from Wm. J. Mackenzie, naturalist, of Yardley, Pa., advising him that 125 pairs of the 200 pairs of Hungarian partridges ordered by the commission had been shipped by express. Last fall the commission placed order for 200 pairs of Hungarian partridges and 72 pairs of Bob White quail, the little birds to be distributed in different parts of Chelan county.

The partridges, according to Scheble are imported from northern Hungary and it is difficult to import them now on account of the war. The partridges secured last year cost \$4.85 a pair; this year the cost is \$6.50

LEAVENWORTH LUMBER CO. WILL START ABOUT APRIL 1ST

Between 50 and 75 Men Will Be Employed and Plans are Being Made To Run All Summer

That the Leavenworth Lumber Co., will resume operations about April 1st, was the report given out this week. From fifty to seventy five men will be employed and it is planned to run continuously all summer and as late in the fall as weather conditions will permit. The greater portion of the summer's cut which will run between three and four million feet will be turned into box lumber. Mr. F. S. Jacobsen, general manager of the Leavenworth Lumber Co., left last Friday on a lumber selling tour thru the eastern states and will be absent several weeks.

Rev. Snowden Goes to Chelan

District Superintendent Brumblay has notified the congregation of the Chelan Methodist church that he will appoint Rev. Snowden, formerly of Leavenworth to fill the vacancy in the pastorate of the Chelan church caused by the resignation of Rev. Monson. Rev. Snowden was seriously injured in an automobile accident about a year ago and is just now able to resume pastoral duties and for that reason is available. Rev. Snowden, it will be remembered was one of the occupants of the Barclay auto when it plunged over the hill last summer. He resigned the pastorate shortly after the accident and since that time has been living at Spokane. From all reports he has had quite a serious time with his leg which was badly injured.

Dr. A. R. McKeown took two of his patients, Mrs. Winslow, wife of engineer J. B. Winslow, and Daniel Lowers, of Quincy, Wash., who came here for treatment, to the Providence hospital last Tuesday, where both underwent operations. The Doctor returned yesterday saying both had gone thru the ordeal successfully and were getting on nicely.

MADE IN AMERICA MOVEMENT STARTED

An Appeal to the Patriotism and Economic Sense of American Women

A three-column feature article by Miss Genevieve Clark in one of the Washington papers was an appeal to American women for earnest support of the "Made in U. S. A." movement. Miss Clark's name headed the article which was accompanied by a full length portrait of herself. She began with a poem of the late Senator John G. Ingalls, of Kansas, entitled "Opportunity," which was the theme all thru her story, but ended in a little different style, as the closing paragraph shows:

"I never try to bamboozle myself, so I am not going to try to hoodwink anybody else. This isn't as easy as rolling off a log, altho I have always thought that rolling off a log was a rather concrete proposition. It is going to take patience and perseverance and some self sacrifice. Let us hope that we will have the courage, and the independence and the strength to shake off our old dependency on Europe. Let us all work together for this much-to-be-desired end. Let us not forget that it is in our power now, and may not be for many a year again, if ever, to make "Made in U. S. A." a synonym of superiority in all branches of manufacture. What if it is a little personal sacrifice at present? Would not it be a monument well worth a little patience and self denial, mutual co-operation and forbearance and endeavor to have the United States of America the mistress of the world of fashion and manufacture?"

The pledge of membership in the national organization reads:

"I pledge myself for the welfare of our country, while the war lasts, to demand and buy everything, whenever possible, 'Made in U. S. A.' and urge my friends to do likewise."

Miss Clark's comment on this follows:

"It is a very simple thing. Most great things are simple. And the results hoped for and expected in this league are very gratifying in contemplation.

"Here are a few of the results to be expected from a hearty co-operation of women:

"First, it is a patriotic service.

"It will help every man and woman who works for a living.

"It will give employment to many out of work.

"It will raise the quality of goods, products and articles of manufacture.

"It will keep the looms of our big mills busy continuously.

"It will bring better times.

"It will teach us self-reliance.

"It will make foreigners respect our goods, products and manufactures because we respect them ourselves.

"It will teach us the wisdom of co-operation for our mutual benefit.

"It will make American merchants, manufacturers and producers proud to sell 'Made in U. S. A.' things.

"And last, but not least, it will keep many a wandering dollar at home.

Alas, the number of prodigal American dollars which helped to make this European war possible."

Basket Ball Game Victory for Cashmere

The game between the two high schools of Leavenworth and Cashmere which was played on the Wenatchee court Wednesday night was an easy victory for Cashmere. This gives them two games out of three. The locals failed to show any of their usual speed and were outclassed at all stages of the game. The final score was Cashmere 35, Leavenworth, 25. Prof. Moore of Wenatchee handled the game in fine shape.

Miss Alba Haney, Washington, Ia., sister of Mrs. A. R. McKeown, arrived here Monday on an extended visit with her sister.

Okanogan Wants Big Horn Protected

Citizens of Okanogan county want a stringent enactment protecting Big Horn mountain sheep still found—but in steadily decreasing numbers—in the mountain fastnesses in the northern part of that county. This is the only section of Washington where this magnificent animal is to be found, and but few spots remain in other parts of the United States where it still survives. In the Okanogan region the Big Horn finds an ideal habitat, and due to the rugged character of the country is staying off annihilation, though their numbers are constantly thinning due to the efficiency of the modern long range magazine rifle.

FISH COMMISSIONER DARWIN MAKES RECORD

Has Turned More Money Into State Treasury Than Any of His Predecessors—Gets Many Convictions

Reports on the work of Fish Commissioner Leslie Darwin show a record of achievement out-distancing that of any predecessor of his, it is claimed, since the fish department was inaugurated. In the first 22 months he was in office Darwin collected \$40,000 more than had ever been collected by the department previously in any 24 months. The first year in office he reduced the cost of production at the state hatcheries from 88½ cents per thousand fry liberated to 54 cents,—a clean cut of 59 per cent over the cost of production of the previous year. In the 22 months in office he has made more arrests, secured more convictions for fishing law violations and turned more money from this source into the state treasury than was done in all the remainder of the time since the department came into existence. Darwin is the first fish commissioner that ever systematically went after illegal trap fishing. In one memorable raid he seized traps fishing in illegal depths of water that contained nearly \$6,000 worth of fish, which money was turned into the state coffers. While heretofore taxpayers have paid approximately 40 per cent of the upkeep of the state fish commissioner's department, since Darwin took hold of the fishery department has not only paid all of its expenses but has turned a small revenue into the treasury. And with it all Darwin's political enemies have been making a fight on him that would keep lots of men busy sixteen hours a day. Some fisherman, some politician, eh?

Purchasing Power of Farm Crops Is Dwindling

The Federal Department of Agriculture has just issued a statement showing the purchasing power of an acre of farm crops in 1913 compared with 1909. While the price per acre of several farm crops is shown to have increased, to some extent within the past five years the gain in price has not kept pace with that of some of the necessities used by the farmer. The report shows that the purchasing power of an acre of wheat in 1909 was 98 pounds of lard while it was only 81 pounds in 1913. In 1909 an acre of wheat would buy 243 yards of calico while in 1913 the purchasing power was only 178 yards. Forty-nine hoes could be purchased with the proceeds of an acre of cotton in 1909 while five years later the buying strength has decreased three hoes. An acre of corn in 1909 would buy 79 pounds of coffee and only 59 pounds in 1913. Twenty seven pairs of overalls could be bought with the receipts from one acre of cotton in 1909 while the purchasing power in 1913 dropped to 24 pairs. An acre of wheat in 1909 would buy two more pairs of brogan shoes than in 1913.

Mrs. G. W. Hoxsey Cut Her Hand

quite badly on Tuesday while opening clams. It was necessary to take several stitches but the cut was not of a serious nature.