

Cascade Lumber Co.

North Yakima is to have a combination mill that will employ in the neighborhood of 150 men. It will be known as the Cascade Lumber company and will manufacture lumber, shingles and fruit box material.

The plant will be located on the Springvale dairy farm, which was purchased by the company for \$14,000 and it is estimated that \$75,000 will be required to erect the buildings, fit it with all necessary machinery and put it on a running basis.

The mill will be situated at the foot of the Water and Light company waste ditch from which the power will be derived. The timber to be used will be floated down the Yakima river from the big body of timber the company owns at the headwaters.

In this it is said the company has \$100,000 invested and will have enough to keep the mill in operation a number of years to come. When the logs are brought down the river they will be floated into the big canal and pool built to hold them and there held until ready for use.

The promoters of the scheme are Fred Pennington of Stillwater, Minn.; H.P. Svendsen of Hudson, Minn.; E.K. Hughey of Bellevue, Ia.; and George Rankin of this place.

Besides these men there are a number of lumber men from Minnesota and Wisconsin interested. Plans for the mill are now being prepared by W.A. Wilkinson of Minneapolis.

There will be two band saws with a capacity of 100,000 feet per day. Work on the plant will be started within the next two weeks and will be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible.

The machinery has been ordered and will arrive in a short time. Men will be put to work at once in the woods at cutting

The Cascade Mill and Lumber Co. will have everything in running order by the middle of November, G.S. Rankin, the business manager expects to put between 75 and 80 men at work by that time.

Logging has been going on for a number of days in the districts around Cle Elum and Easton and the excavation for the large mill pond is rapidly progressing. The water right has been taken out and in fact nothing left undone to insure the public one of the best and most substantial lumber, lath, sash and door mills and box factories to be found anywhere in the country-Yakima Herald, July 22, 1902.



The Cascade Lumber company have finished construction work on their dam and enclosed their property with a substantial wire fence.

The company will commence work on their lumber mill as soon as the dimension stuff can be manufactured at their mill at Easton and shipped here--Yakima Herald, September 2, 1902.

On the local hotel register of the Reed House last Tuesday afternoon could be seen a number of names of little more than local interest.

The party was headed by Fred Pennington, president and chief promoter of the Cascade Lumber Co. The others were Chas. Masterson, Pat Harnatt, Oliver Smith and John W. Whitney, all members of the same concern. The headquarters is at North Yakima where a large sawmill and box factory soon will be erected.

Meanwhile Cle Elum is getting its share of the company's patronage. Thousands and thousands of dollars has already been expended in the near proximity of town and it is being tributary to Cle Elum will reap the benefit.

Twenty thousand acres of timber land has already been secured by the company in this vicinity. Hundreds of men will be employed during the coming winter cutting and hauling logs. The timber will be taken down the river to North Yakima.

The Easton sawmill has already been purchased by the company and a large crew of men employed cutting lumber. It is also said that they have secured an option on Wright Bros. mill at Ellensburg and will probably pass into their hands in a short time.

Cle Elum Echo, September 16, 1902.

The mill of the Cascade Lumber company is now ready for action. The machinery has all been placed in the mill and will be given a trial this week.

With the rise of the Yakima river which is expected at any time the first float of logs will be started down the stream and from that time the mill will continue to operate.

Doors, sash and boxes will be manufactured. The mill has a capacity for turning out 50,000 feet of lumber per day and ranks among the best lumber and largest mills in the state of Washington, Yakima Herald, April 15, 1903.



The Cascade Lumber company with headquarters at North Yakima and having mills both at that city and at this point are preparing to do a big business this year.

This business enterprise was inaugurated last year and erected a large saw mill at North Yakima. They also purchased thousands of acres of choice timber lands in the northern portions of this county and they are still buying. Their holdings now include some of the choicest timber lands in the upper end of the county.

A few months ago the company purchased the saw mill at this place and the business is being conducted under the name of the Ellensburg Lumber company.

The company now has in the upper Yakima and Teanaway rivers over 12,000,000 feet of logs ready to float as soon as the water is high enough. This number will be greatly augmented, before the great drive begins.

The mill at Yakima now has a capacity of 1,000,000 feet per month and it is the intention of the company to hereafter have enough logs on hand to keep the mills running continually the year around.

When the fact is taken into consideration that the company is spending large sums of money every month in this county to carry on this enterprise they should receive the hearty patronage and support of the people of this county. While their headquarters are in our sister city, yet their principal pay roll is in this county and we are really as much interested in the big enterprise as the people of Yakima and should feel proud of it--The Ellensburg Localizer, Canby, 19 December, 1903.

The big log drive of the Cascade Lumber company has reached the Yakima canyon and the logs are being received at the mill at the rate of about 1,000 per day.

The mill pond is full of logs and they are now being piled out on the banks. The big drive is said to contain some 14,000,000 feet and the company will have no trouble this year in getting all the logs it can saw. It is now cutting from 50,000 to 60,000 feet of lumber a day and has this year demonstrated that the Yakima river can be successfully driven.

Last year, it will be remembered, the company had considerable trouble with its boom at this place which would not hold the logs but since it was rebuilt there has been no difficulty and the public will be glad to learn that the large investment of the company in this city will prove to be remunerative--The Yakima Herald, June 8, 1904.



The Cascade Lumber company's log drive has been largely delivered in the mill pond and the logs yet in the river are in shape to be easily taken care of.

Owing to these conditions, the company last Saturday laid off nearly all the big gang of loggers, who took advantage of the occasion to come to town and enjoy a season of long-deferred relaxation; and some of them have not yet completed the celebration. They in the main, however, are good natured fellows and the peace officers have not had much trouble with them. The Yakima Herald, June 29, 1904.

At an adjourned meeting of the stockholders of the Cascade Lumber company which met here Monday, the capital stock of the concern was raised from \$200,000 to \$400,000. A meeting for the same purpose had been called for June 14 but it was held postponed.

Another meeting was held at which were present some of the leading stockholders in the concern. They are: H.P. Svendsen, A.E. McCartney and William Carson of Minnesota and the two former gentlemen were elected chairman and secretary respectively of the meeting. A resolution was passed raising the capital stock to the sum mentioned which is made necessary on account of the rapid increasing business of the company. The Yakima Herald, June 20, 1904.

The Cascade Mill company last week purchased from C.A. Bryant a large tract of land in the Selah near the intake of the Selah and Moxee ditch.

The Yakima river flows through this land and a dam will be constructed across the river so as to make a basin to be used as a storage place for logs. Construction work will be commenced at once as the water is now as low as it is likely to be this season--The Yakima Herald, August 31, 1904.



Up to Saturday the drivers working for the Cascade Lumber company had been camped just below the lower bridge where a dozen tents sheltered the men.

Then they moved three or four miles downstream. They began the drive on the first of March and the logs will be delivered at the mill in North Yakima about May 15.

The delay has been due to the low stage of water in the river which virtually caused the tie-up.

The company has spent much time and money in improving the river for driving purposes, deepening it in some places, straightening it in others and putting it in such shape that the drivers say it is a good stream to work in. The drivers, by the way, have attracted considerable attention on our streets with their trousers cut off just below the knees. They are a husky lot of men—Ellensburg Capital, May, 1905.

A dam across the Yakima river seven miles above Yakima has just been completed by the Cascade Lumber company of North Yakima. It cost the company between \$45,000 and \$50,000 and is a fine specimen of mechanical engineering.

The dam is for the purpose of forming an immense mill pond for storing the million feet of logs that are floating down the Yakima river from the forests in Kittitas. The Dam  
Goldendale Sentinel, June, 1905.

In the institution named above will be found one of the substantial concerns of Wapate which has sprung into importance in this vicinity since March 1 of this year.

It is prominently situated on a spur of the NP near the depot and has a commodious office, warehouse and yards.

All the patrons of this concern can rely upon receiving a high character of products. They carry a full line of finishing and common lumber, fruit and berry boxes, shingles, lath lime, cement, posts, bricks etc.

Estimates on specifications will be cheerfully submitted at any time and to deal with them will insure satisfaction and courteous treatment.

The head office of the company is located in North Yakima with branch ~~offices~~ offices and warehouses and yards in this city, Prosser, Mabton, Alfalfa, Kennewick, Richland, Teppenish and Sunnyside.. The Yakima Herald, Oct. 25, 1905.

The resignation of Manager H.M. Grover from the management of the Cascade Lumber company was a surprise that caused general regret in business circles in North Yakima. Mr. Grover is a business man whose ability is recognized far beyond the boundaries of the state and it is largely due to his good judgment and well directed efforts that the Cascade company is today enjoying its exalted position and great prosperity. Any company that secures his services in any capacity will indeed be fortunate--The Yakima Herald, June 20, 1906



The Cascade Lumber company is planning the erection of a three story building to be 185 by 150 feet and lying on their grounds adjoining the present building. The structure will be used for a warehouse and retail department.

Excavations and some stone piers for the foundation have been completed. In addition will make the company one of the largest concerns in this section of Washington. April - 1907-

W.T. Hines, who has been the manager of the Cascade Lumber company's yard at this place has been tendered a similar position in North Yakima at an increased salary. Mr. Hines was undecided for a few days as to whether he would accept the North Yakima offer or remain in Sunnyside but finally concluded to make the change and will leave Tuesday.

Mr. Hines' place here will be temporarily filled by Mr. Mounsey of Richland, until the company can secure services of a competent manager from the east--Sunnyside Sun, July, 1907.

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boxes, wood.

Capacity saw mill 120,000 feet 10 hours.

Up to date planing mill, dry kilns and box factory.

Cascade Lumber Company, telephone 2091. May 27, 1908,



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General Manager Huebner stated to the Herald Thursday that the present pond was too small for the winter run of logs and that in time probably the whole area of the newly acquired tract would be necessary for the business of the company.

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When asked as to the prospective business for this year in the lumber trade Mr. Huebner stated that he was very much encouraged because of the receipt of eastern orders--The Yakima Herald, February 7, 1909.

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The log drive of the Cascade Lumber company has reached the dam at the Selah.

This fact was abundantly apparent to any observer of the city streets Monday when the stream drivers with their long spiked boots were about the city and to some extent under the influence of the poorer beverages of civilization.

The drive is an enormous one and is said to contain 35,000,000 feet of lumber which is probably an exaggeration. However it is so extensive that it fills every place available and then some.

The company has logs in both its ponds and has been stacking them. The pond above the Selah is filled and there are logs for miles. The company has timber enough for months to come and fine timber at that, much of that brought down the river being better than anything that has ever been seen here for years. The drive has been on for some weeks--The Yakima Herald, June 2, 1909.



Damage amounting close to \$10,000 was caused by the breaking of the dam of the Cascade Lumber company Tuesday morning.

The lumber company will suffer the greatest loss probably \$6,000 . Other losers are the Yakima Meat company, W.L. Steinweg, owner of Sumach park and a dozen truck ~~and~~ farmers along the bank of the river below the mill.

The loss was caused by the breaking of the dike near one of the gates in the big mill pond. Some one carelessly closed the gates tight Monday which caused a heavy of water in the dam too great for it to resist and findin a way through a gopher hole the water tore its way through the dike carrying with it thousands of logs. The Yakima Herald, Oct. 27, 1909

Timber and grazing land west and north of Tampico has been sold for ~~\$45,000~~ \$45,484.52 by Daniel G. Goodman to H.P. Svendsen, president of the Cascade Lumber company, the deed having been filed late yesterday.

The land is described as lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 and the south half of the northeast quarter and the south half of the northwest quarter and the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 1-12-15 and other property. The grazing land will be leased out by the lumber company to other persons, the purchase having been made for the sake of timber--  
The Yakima Republic, Feb. 18, 1910.



Logs, logs, logs, 15,000,000 feet of them are rolling pitching tossing, floating, jamming but slowly making their way to North Yakima.

They are bound for the Cascade Lumber company and when they arrive they will constitute the year's first drive of pine and fir timber.

Along with these millions of feet of logs are some 220 fighting men who are battling with the timber every foot of the way. They have plenty to do. They are thousands of places where small or large consignments of the floating cargo go high and dry on the banks or sand bars or pile up in other obstructions. The wake of the drive is strewn with all sorts of debris which needs to be relaunched in the river and sent into the current.

In charge of the crew is A.H. Gow.

Beginning March 1 the crew undertook the work of hauling the winter's cut above Cle Elum into the Teanaway river. From there the logs in relays have been sent down the stream where they will emerge into the Yakima at the Teanaway's junction with it north of Ellensburg.

As a month and a half were allowed for completion of this part of the journey, most of the logs have arrived there at this date.

This first section of the drive is the most difficult. After the logs have succeeded in successfully debouching into the Yakima less than half of the crew is needed to act as chaperones.

By the first of June the logs should be safely anchored at Pomona where they are kept by the Cascade Lumber company until needed here. Piers have been built there, the slips serving as water storage sheds.



Pushing their restless way with the waters of the Yakima river aroused to violence at being struck by the turbulent current of the Naches, many of the logs in the record-breaking drive of the Cascade Lumber company are refusing to be restrained by the boom a short distance above the bridge in the gap, are diving underneath and are being carried on down stream past the intake of the company's flume which leads to the pond.

The great boom which is stretched across the Yakima every spring at the conclusion of the drive is intended to divert the course of the logs into the mouth of the flume which in turn carries them on down to the mill for sawing, but apparently the force of the water from the Naches, a short distance above is too great for many plunge beneath it and float on down the river. The crew of river hogs, working waist deep in the icy water are helpless and there will be nothing for it but to send teams after the logs wherever they may be stranded. . It is said that a considerable loss results from this ~~course~~ every spring.

A. H. Huebner, general manager of the Cascade lumber company is in Ellensburg adjusting the claims of several Kittitas county ranchers for damages to their lands along the river caused by the present log drive of the lumber company which is practically finished.

It is claimed by the land owners that the immense flotilla of logs dug deep holes in the soft earth of the banks in many places and also that the Washington of the water backed up by the logs did considerable damage.

The logs belonging to the company are now at Selah, having been en route in the river about two months. The drive is the largest ever recorded by the company--Yakima Republic, June 24, 1910.

Many of the out of town stockholders of the Cascade Lumber company were in the city Saturday for the annual meeting of the company, at which officers of the company were re-elected and the general affairs discussed.

The following are the men returned to office:

President H.B. Svendsen; vice president William Carson, secretary A.E. Macartney.

The recent big log drive of the company has been finished and the big sticks are resting safely in the pond near the lumber mill - Yakima Republic, July 1, 1910.

The great log drive of the Cascade Lumber company has been going past Ellensburg during the past week and has afforded an unusual sight to those who have taken the pains to go down to the river to see it.

Hundreds availed themselves of this opportunity on Sunday and they sat 21,000,000 feet of logs being handled by a crew of 80 men and four horses. A house boat is part of the equipment for the workmen.

The sight of the lumber jacks hopping from log to log with their peavies in hand was a thrilling one.

High water has been the rule since the drive started and this is most desirable as it is then easy to keep the logs moving but late last week the river dropped rapidly and this resulted in many logs being left high and dry, thus necessitating much extra work. In fact the company estimates that it will pay out on this score \$20,000 more than it would have done had a high stage of water been maintained. ..Ellensburg Capital, June...1912.

Three or four carloads of logs came to North Yakima Monday from Easton for the Cascade Lumber company. This is the inception of the carlot log business which the lumber company will do this summer and which is expected to endure until approximately a thousand carlots have been brought to this city. The Yakima Herald, June 26, 1912



A deal has been made between the Tum-a-Lum Lumber company of Walla Walla and the Cascade Lumber company by which the former take over fifteen retail yards of the latter within the next two weeks.

This includes all the branches and only the mill and factories located here will be operated by the Cascade Lumber company.

The amount involved in the transaction has not and will not be stated until after the taking of invoices. The company here will continue to furnish the greater part of the lumber for the branches as they are nearly all located in the lower valley and naturally come into the territory covered by the Cascade company--The Yakima Herald, March 7, 1913.