

Flumes

COLUMBIA RIVER LUMBER AND FUEL COMPANY

— DOUBLE FLUME AT GOBLE

February 12, 1892: Mooresville, OR — 3 miles NW of Goble is an immense manufacturing establishment giving employment to 150-200 men. The president of the Columbia River Lumber and Fuel Co. is H. B. Borthwick. They have a millpond and lath factory located on Goble Creek. They run a double flume from the mill to the wharf at Goble which is the shipping point for the company. The large flume moves the lumber; they also have a smaller flume for shingle bolts, barrel staves and cordwood. They have over 12 miles of flume built through the timber.

April 28, 1899: Henry Latourell, of Latourell, Oregon, who built the flume from Mooresville, to Goble in 1889 is repairing the flume for H. B. Borthwick this week.

THE BEAVER CREEK FLUME AND LUMBER COMPANY

— LARGEST FLUME IN OREGON

January 18, 1901: The Beaver Creek Flume and Lumber Company, principle parties: Charles Mayger, C. E. Runyon, and T. J. Cleeton, are building a new 6 mile flume from Quincy to the Meserve mill at Delena. It is the largest flume in Oregon. The flume is 4 feet wide and 3 1/2 feet deep. It is capable of floating a 3 and 1/2 foot log sixty feet in length. Four and a half miles of flume have been completed.

FLIPPIN TO FLUME

April 26, 1901: Lumber from Flippin's mill will be moved to the railway by water, a large flume to be built about 5 miles south from town, on Roaring Creek, a tributary of Conyer's Creek and the Clatskanie river.

WESTERN CEDAR COMPANY

— NEW FLUME AT RAINIER

October 25, 1901: The Western Cedar Co. located at Rainier is doing an extensive business with its immense, large flume from the Fox creek country, which was recently completed, besides a great amount of wood is taken to town by other means of conveyance.

WESTERN OREGON LUMBER COMPANY

— NEW FLUME ON THE CLATSKANIE

March 21, 1902: A "V" shaped flume 4 miles long with 24 " sides and 33" wide is being built by Western Oregon Lumber Co., (C. D. Kingsley, president) from their sawmill on the Clatskanie to the town of Clatskanie, at a 6 % grade.

WATER RUNS UPHILL

— THE WONDERFUL MOECK FLUME

April 11, 1902: George Moeck of Cedar Landing has a flume on his place for getting cedar lumber out of the woods. He says the water runs up hill in his flume for some distance with sufficient velocity to carry the lumber over a hill, down the other side of which it scoots to the Columbia. When asked to explain this wonderful phenomenon he said the flume started way up on the side of the mountain and by the time it reached the bottom had attained sufficient velocity to carry it over the hill. The water is probably charged with some kind of mineral or metal which stiffens it and prevents the stream from doubling up in ascending the hill.

.. or perhaps Mr. Moeck was romancing.

FARR BROTHERS MILL

May 30, 1902: Farr Brothers of Neer City, wood flume and wharf being improved. [did they buy out Borthwick?]

WINNAN BROTHER'S MILL

January 26, 1906: Mill and Dam lost; at Reuben the mill, dam and flume of the Winnan Bro's mill on Jones creek was washed out last Tuesday afternoon, the loss amounting about \$5,000. The mill had just been completed and was expecting a prosperous season.

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