

Thompson Yards Sold to Weyer- haeuser Interests

Thompson Yards, Inc. have been sold according to a news story printed in the current issue of the Lumberman. Details of the sale are lacking and just how it will affect the local yard is unknown, but in all probability the local sales manager, Herman Olson, will remain with the new concern.

The story as it appeared in The Lumberman follows:

George P. Thompson resigned as president and general manager of Thompson Yards, Inc., on Monday of this week and his interests in the company have been purchased by his associates in the Weyerhaeuser company. It has been known for some time that such a program was contemplated but the final arrangements were not completed until Monday. Mr. Thompson disposed of all his interests in the concern.

At the same meeting, which was held in the Weyerhaeuser offices in St. Paul, H. H. Irvine, Spokane, Wash.ington, was appointed general manager; F. E. Weyerhaeuser, St. Paul, was president; Dean Glenn, St. Paul, assistant general manager; and C. R. Munser, Muscatine, Iowa, a director to succeed Mr. Thompson.

The changes in the management are to take effect at once. Mr. Thompson expects to go to California for a rest, after which he will return to Minneapolis to look after his business interests.

The organization of Thompson Yards, Inc. was brought about in 1915, when Mr. Thompson, who was then the acting head of the Welles-Thompson Co., formed the new company which bought out the Welles-Thompson Co. Up to the time of his resignation he has remained at the head of the company as president and general manager.

The Welles-Thompson Co., of which Mr. Thompson was the general manager, was an outgrowth of the North Star Lumber Co., of which he had also been the manager for many years. He was associated in these two companies with C. F. Welles, who retired when he sold his interests in the Welles-Thompson Co., to Thompson Yards, Inc. Mr. Welles' death occurred a few months ago.

G. P. Thompson has been an outstanding figure in the retail lumber business of the northwest for the past twenty-five years. He came to Minneapolis from Walnut, Illinois, where he had been working in a retail lumber yard. He secured employment in this mill of the Brainerd Lumber Co. at Brainerd and soon went on the road as salesman. He sold lumber for several years in the Northwest and middle western states. During this time he became interested in one or two retail yards in Minnesota. This was the start of the North Star Lumber Co., which grew to be one of the well known line yard concerns operating out of Minnesota. Its yards were located in Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota.

In 1914 the North Star Lumber Co. became the Welles-Thompson Co. The management of the new company was practically the same as the old but the policies were changed and several features were incorporated in the operating program such as standardized terms, plan services and uniform prices which applied throughout the territory in which the company operated. Within a year after the organization of the Welles-Thompson Co. the concern was purchased by Thompson Yards, Inc. The new company was an association of the Thompson and Weyerhaeuser interests. Mr. Thompson became president and general manager of the company and remained in that capacity until his resignation.

Thompson Yards, Inc., became known nationally within a few years after its organization due to the fact that the concern adopted policies which were then new to the retail lumber trade. It operated nearly two hundred yards in the states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Iowa and Minnesota. During the past year several yards were closed in North Dakota and Minnesota due to adverse crop conditions. At the present time about one hundred and seventy-five yards are operated in addition to the large Twin City yard at Midway.

Details concerning the plans of the new management are not available at this time. H. H. Irvine is a prominent St. Paul lumberman and an associate of the Weyerhaeusers. He is identified with many of the Weyerhaeuser interests. John Kendall, who was elected general manager, is well known in Minneapolis, having been associated with the Laird-Norbert Co. since 1885. He operated a yard at Swatons, Minn., for a dozen years. For several years he has been located in Spokane where he has supervised several strings of retail yards. Mr. Kendall will spend part of his time in Spokane and part of it in Minneapolis.

Dean Glenn, who was appointed as Mr. Kendall's assistant, was with the J. H. Queal Co. for sixteen years before the company sold out to Thompson Yards, Inc. At that time he joined the Thompson forces and has since charge of the Purchasing Department up to the present time. He started in the lumber business with the St. Croix Lumber Co. in a yard at Aberdeen, S. D., and worked his way up through every position until he be-

came assistant to the late Rufus Clark, of J. H. Queal Co. After Mr. Clark's death he took his place and was occupying it at the time the concern sold out to Thompson Yards, Inc. He has a wide acquaintance in the lumber trade and made his home in Minneapolis until four years ago when he moved to St. Paul where he now lives.

It is understood that the country yards will be divided up into several different groups, each one of which will be operated separately by a local general manager. This Twin City yard will be operated independently under the direct management of Mr. Kendall and Mr. Glenn, who will also have general supervision over all the country groups. Full details, however, have not been completed at this time.

WESTERN N. D. GETS NEW KEROSENE PRICE BASIS

Kerosene prices were reduced more in western North Dakota this week, than in other sections, the greatest reduction in parts of this state being occasioned by the freight rate differential as recently demanded by Gov. R. A. Nestor.

The reduction in some parts of North Dakota was as much as 2.2 cents per gallon, compared to reductions of 1.1 cents in Fargo.

The freight rate differential to western North Dakota points was called to the attention of the officials of the Standard Oil company by the governor, the complaint being that the company was basing its price in western North Dakota on a price similar to "Pittsburg plus," of the Utah industry—figuring the freight rate from an arbitrary point and not from the nearest point in Montana.

The new reduction marks the first time that North Dakota has received actual benefit of cheaper shipping points.

NOTICE OF CHATTEL MORT- GAGE SALE

Notice is hereby given that default has been made in the conditions of that certain Mortgage made by A. L. Grigg of Jessie, County of Griggs, and State of North Dakota, Mortgagor, to State Bank of Jessie, County of Griggs and State of North Dakota, Mortgagee, dated the 24th day of October, 1919, to secure the following indebtedness, to-wit: One note dated Oct. 24th 1919, due Oct. 1st, 1920, for \$1,000.00; one note dated October, 24th, 1919, and due on October 1st, 1920, for \$2250.00, and which Mortgage was duly filed in the office of the Register of Deeds of Griggs County, State of North Dakota, on the 28th day of October 1919, and which default is of the following nature, to-wit: Note long past due and no payments made thereon and that there is claimed to be due on said Mortgage at the date of this notice the sum of Thirty-two Hundred Fifty & No-100 Dollars for principal and interest.

And that said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the personal property in such Mortgage and hereinafter described, at public auction, agreeably to the statutes in such case made and provided, at the Hemerlin farm, in Sec. 2, 147, 60, in the County of Griggs, State of North Dakota, at the hour of 2 o'clock P. M., on Thursday the 18th day of October, 1923 That personal property which will be sold to satisfy said Mortgage is described as follows, to-wit:

One bay horse, 13 years old, wt. 1200 named BEL; 1 gray mare 12 yrs wt. 1200 named Gype; 1 gray horse 6 years old wt. 1400, named Prince; one bay horse 4 years old wt. 1400, named Paddy; one black horse 7 years old, wt. 1250, named Charley; one gray gelding 7 years old, wt. 1250 pounds, named Vick; 1 brown mare 8 years old, wt. 1550, named Babe; one bay mare, 7 years old, wt. 1550, named Jennie; one black horse 6 years old wt. 1600, named King; one bay gelding 5 years old, wt. 1600 named Dick; one bay mare 10 years old wt. 1150 named Dak; one bay horse colt, coming 3 years old, star in face, named Mack; one bay horse colt 6 months old, star in face, named Dan. One red cow 4 years old, one red cow 4 years old; both moolies; one black and white cow 8 years old, one roan cow 4 years old, one roan heifer 2 years old, one red heifer, 3 years old, one white heifer 1 year old, one red heifer 1 year old, one black and white heifer 1 year old, one roan heifer, 1 year old, one white heifer calf 8 months old, black heifer calf 8 months old, one red heifer calf 8 months old, three red bull calves 8 months old, one Registered Shortborn bull, six years old, named San Tan. One 7-ft. McCormick binder, one 7-ft. Deering binder, one 3 1/2 Stoughton wagon with 75 bushel box, one 4 1/2 in. Emerson low wheel wagon, one John Deere 14-in. gang plow, one 14-in. John Deere gang, nearly new, one 4-section Boes smoothing harrow, one 3-section spring tooth harrow, one Johnson 8-ft. Disc, one Emerson top buggy nearly new, five double set of work harness.

State Bank of Jessie, Mortgagee
C. P. Dahl, Agent.

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