



Finley Hays was well known for his ability to tell a good story. His unique perspective was gained by growing up in a logging family, and after starting Loggers World, talking to loggers all over the country. Finley went on to his Heavenly Reward in 2008 but we have almost 40 years of his writing and storytelling to enjoy. Finley's Rigging Shack remains one of the most popular features of Loggers World and we think that is appropriate for the man that put so much of his life into his vision of a "Loggers Magazine".

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### SPREADING THE WORD

They say a recession is when my neighbor is out of work. A depression is when I am out of work.

That sounds reasonable because when I hurt things are serious. When you hurt they aren't nearly as serious.

It seems as though we have a lot of learning to do in this country. It has been said that the conditions as they are now is the result of 50 years of decreasing responsibility for the individual and increasing responsibility for the government.

Which proves, I guess, that the government is not able to solve our problems. These economic problems must be solved person by person, company by company. The government has been growing stronger and larger and wasting more and more talent, money and energy.

I'm not an economist but there are some things that are so simple it doesn't take a big brain to figure them out. For instance we have a government that owes about 600 Billion dollars. That government has the only printing press allowed to print money. Knowing these two things it doesn't take a mental giant to figure out why we might be having inflation does it?

I know that if I were heavily in debt and I had the official money printing machine I'd print up some money and pay our debts --or at least print up some money and pay up the interest on my

It probably is a mistake to allow the outfit with the biggest debt to have the printing press.

There are many factors that have to do with a slow down and a shutting down of vital industry.

It doesn't take much slow down, many shut downs, to get the rail sitting gloom chasers all stirred up. The guessing game comes alive with a vengence and although it is guessing it is given more respect than that because the guessers are self labeled experts.

Then when enough of these gloom chasers publicly spread around their negative poisons the situation gets worse and farther from better.

If enough people tell you things are getting bad (that so and so laid off 37 mechanics) enough times it is going to come into your brain as truth and go into your emotions as truth. Probably if enough people believe it to be true then it may become true.

I have seen many of these slow downs, recessions and mini-depressions, come along. I have always seen things get better and the Positive Thinkers and people who look upward and outward come out of these things a little better than they went into them.

I always remember the old saying, "The depression of 1958 didn't bother me. I went broke the year before it hit."

What that tells me is that some people go broke in good times and some people get rich in tough times. It is too easy for us to get panicked into negative thinking and then start to retrench in our thinking and in our actions until we can say, 'by golly they are right, there is a recession'.

There is an old story about a happening in the major depression of the thirties. This fellow had built himself a roadside stand and started making and selling



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hot dogs. He added to his wares and increased his services and raised his kids and sent his son to college. The son studied Economics and along came the depression.

Now the stupid old man didn't pay any attention to the depression but he went along working hard and work-

ing smart and adding on and increasing his services and making adjustments as he went along. His son graduated and came home to help his Dad, the business was big enough so that Dad needed help.

The boy expert knew there was a depression going on so he convinced his father they should lay off some help, cut back on ordering supplies, cut out the advertising, and to re-trench and quit taking chances. The old man knew the kid had more educated smarts than he did so he listened to his son and did what he told him.

Pretty soon the business dropped off and by golly the Son was right. There was a depres-

In business they tell you that the way to make money is to find a need and fill it. That is true, an oversimplified truth.

The thing about business or anything else is that nothing is the same today as it was yesterday or it is going to be tomorrow. The needs change, the services shift and the methods need upgrading. During some years one type of business is going well and the very next year another type of business is taking home the gold.

Not too many years ago there

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ON THE FRONT: Don Meng is at the controls of his Tigercat LS855D Feller Buncher while tethered to the Doosan DX350 equipped with tethering package by Summitt Attachments & Machinery. Meng Logging employee. Thanks, Drew!

This drone photo is by Drew Hansen, a See "On The Line" starting on Page 4

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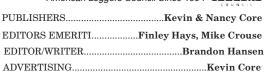
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### Don Meng has always been interested in new technology, so he got into tethering

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For Loggers World

Don Meng initially got into logging because he was very interested in the heavy machinery. It was this curiosity that has allowed him to continue to adapt his company to the market. Since his originaal article in the June 1998 edition of Loggers World, he's become one of the first loggers in Oregon getting into tethering.

"I think what really interests me is the technology and the great thing about logging is the technology is always improving and changing," Meng said. "There's always something new and that's what interested me about this tethering: putting machines where you probably shouldn't be putting them."

Located in Molalla, Oregon, Meng has been in the timber industry since 1981 when he bought a 1973 Mack truck and

### MENG LOGGING -MOLALLA, OREGON

- Don Meng has been in the logging industry since 1981
- Began driving a 1973 Mack Log Truck
- Meng Logging consists of two sides a shovel side and a tethering side.
- The company has six employees
- Operating out of Molalla, Oregon, Meng Logging works for Weyerhaeuser and Point Blakely.

began hauling logs. Now he has a company with two sides - a shovel logging side and a tethering side - that stays pretty busy for Port Blakely and Weyerhaeuser yearround.

### **STARTING OUT IN A LOG TRUCK**

Meng was born and raised outside of Portland in Happy Valley, Oregon. Meng's father was the superintendent of a construction company and eventually began his own company. Being exposed to heavy equipment at an early age got Meng interested in industrial "toys."

Out of high school, Meng worked putting in water mains and sewers until 1981 when he moved to Molalla and began looking at logging as a line of work. He first jumped into the log trucking business in 1981, buying a 1973 Mack truck for \$13,000.

He began hauling mostly firewood and selling it since the market at that time was in a downturn. When it began to upswing he hauled more logs to mills and even got his brother Dennis Meng to haul with him for a year.

### **GETTING INTO LOGGING**

In 1985, Meng was running a self loader and then bought a 1980 Prentice 410B loader for \$42,500. With more work than he could manage and the jobs were getting bigger so Meng began logging.

He bought another truck, a 1976 Peterbilt and hired a second driver. Then eventually in 1987 he bought a third truck. Around this time, he met his future wife Laurie and she now holds down all the bookkeeping for the company.

In 1988 Meng moved into logging full-time, buying a TD12 crawler and then landed a big job that allowed him to rent a John Deere 792 shovel logger. Later that year, Meng purchased a John Deere 640 line machine and

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the company got really busy really quick.

### **CHANGING THE COMPANY**

With a lot of pots on the stove, Meng simplified in 1989 and downsized his company size from eight to three employees. He traded his old TD12 for a new John Deere 650G grapple skidder.

At the time, Meng had been working largely on small private jobs and the local Publisher Paper company grounds were bought out by Port Blakely in 1990.

Blakely was interested in thinning so that is what Meng adjusted his company for. In 1992, Meng bought a Yutani 140 and a Timbco shear head and mounted a CTR delimber head on top of an old log trailer.

Looking to improve production, in 1995 Meng got a Keto 150 processing head that was specialized to deal with the tight demands of thinning landings.

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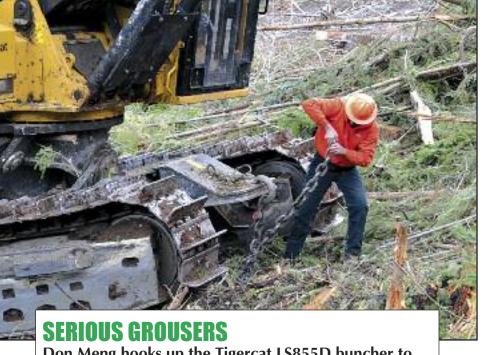


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The tethered Tigercat LS855D on the job. You can get a feel for how steep this ground is if you look at the angle of the tracks.





Don Meng hooks up the Tigercat LS855D buncher to the anchor unit on the Summit Tethering package. With track grousers like that you are going to find any traction that is out there!





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### Meng

(Continued from Page 7) four people, worked for Port Blakely and was keeping pretty busy.

### **MENG LOGGING TODAY**

Meng considers himself lucky as both Weyerhaeuser and Port Blakely lands are close by to Molalla. Both are tree farms but some jobs can present some tricky working conditions with steep ground around the Molalla River drainage.

Meng Logging has one shovel

logging side with four machines. The loader is a Doosan 300 operated by Jason Green. The processor is a Doosan 350 with a Logmax 10000 operated by Drew Hansen, the shovel is a 380 Doosan operated by Don Dingus. Doing the cutting is a Komatsu 445 with a 22-inch Quadco hot saw that can also be converted to a bar saw depending on tree size. It's operated by Jack Peterkin.

During the first few years Peterkin worked for Meng Logging, he was diagnosed with cancer, and the company at the time did

not offer health insurance. Still Meng Logging did all they could do to help him, paying wages for about a year while he did treatment, and recouped. Peterkin was a young man who had just married, and both Laurie and Don both knew his grandpa, so they tried to offer support in any way they could.

On the tethering side, Meng operates his Tigercat LS855D with a Doosan 350 and a Summit tethering system. On the jobsite as well is a 290 Kobelco with a Waratah 624 head and a 225

Doosan loader. On the loader is Stan Fosmark who has been with Meng the longest - 25 years.

TETHERING

Meng made the big shift to tethering when Weyerhaeuser approached him and said if he could Meng made the big shift to tether log, they would keep him busy. So Meng made the move and it has paid off. When Port Blakely had a lull in logs needing cut, Meng did some jobs for Weyerhaeuser and they eventually wanted to give him more work. While originally doing thinning, now Meng does a lot of clear cutting.

Tethering lets us get into a lot of areas you can't get a yarder and helps us work in terrain that is steep and rocky," Meng said.

At first, he said he was cautious at the thought of tethering, thinking having a machine dangling over a cliff was not an ideal situation. After seeing how some other loggers were doing it, Meng got into a tethering machine himself and while he said sometimes there are some spooky moments he's gotten much more used to things.

"I like tethering, you have to keep an eye on ground conditions and that can be tricky but you can get a lot of corner pieces that shovels cannot get," Meng

Tethering also keeps boots off the ground and keeps them in a cab. This means companies can be much safer in this line of work.

Meng got into Doosans after doing a lot of business with Feenaughty Machinery.

"My Kobelco's were getting old and they wanted me to take a look at the Doosans," Meng said. "I thought the machines were built well and wired well. They're good machinery and have a good warranty."

His Doosan 300 has been with him the longest and after 9,000 hours of work they haven't had to do any major maintenance to it.

The Port Blakely land is usually at a lower elevation so the shovel side can handle that terrain better.

### TRUCKING

Meng gets his dispatching done through Weyerhaeuser and is no longer an owner of his



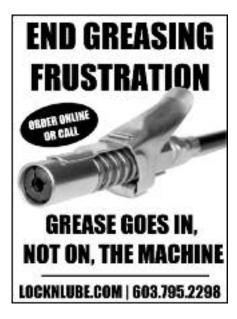
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### Meng

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own log trucks. He now calls Weyerhaeuser and tells them how many trucks he needs.

He still owns three trucks - a lowboy and two dump trucks, however.

### **MAINTENANCE**

While Meng has a shop he said the company does most of its maintenance out in the brush. Operators are responsible for maintaining the machine with the minor things.

"Every now and then we'll have a dealer mechanic come out but it's pretty rare since the machines are newer," Meng said. "It's nice to have new equipment because its usually the downtime, not the breakdown repair costs, that get you when machines have issues."

### **FAMILY LIFE**

His wife Laurie keeps everything running in the office, and his daughter ran loader for a while before having a child. With another granddaughter on the way, Meng said that he and Laurie get to spend a lot of time with the grandkid.

He also owns a couple of boats and enjoys boating in Central, Oregon. He also enjoys hiking, camping and does some chainsaw carving. Laurie and Don enjoy trail riding on their horses and horse camping.

The Mengs also raise exotic animals. They had a North American black bear for almost 12

years. Don was always bringing something home for Laurie to feed and they've had coyote cubs, baby ducks, bunnies, squirrels and more.

### **ALWAYS CHANGING**

A year and a half into his tethering projects, Meng is liking the line of work and has stayed busy with Port Blakely and Weyerhaeuser. While having newer machines means monthly payments are a reality, work is steady and Meng can do it.

"There's always a new aspect to deal with and it's a good challenge from year to year to decide what you want to do," Meng said.

Now he just has to find out what will come next in the logging industry.











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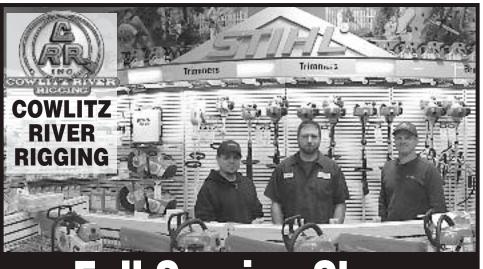
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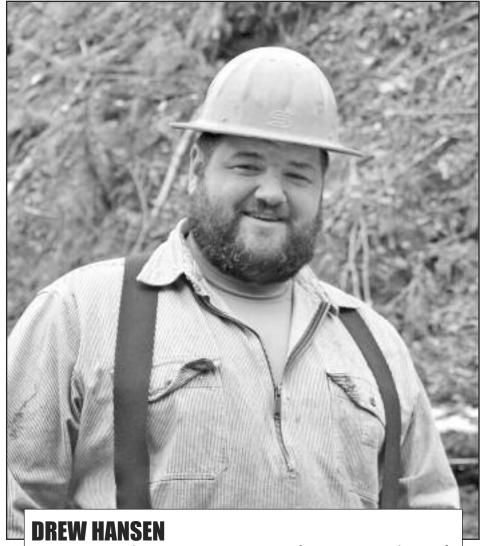
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Drew Hansen is a processor operator for Meng Logging and also a drone pilot. A special thanks to Drew for the drone photos and video for this story.

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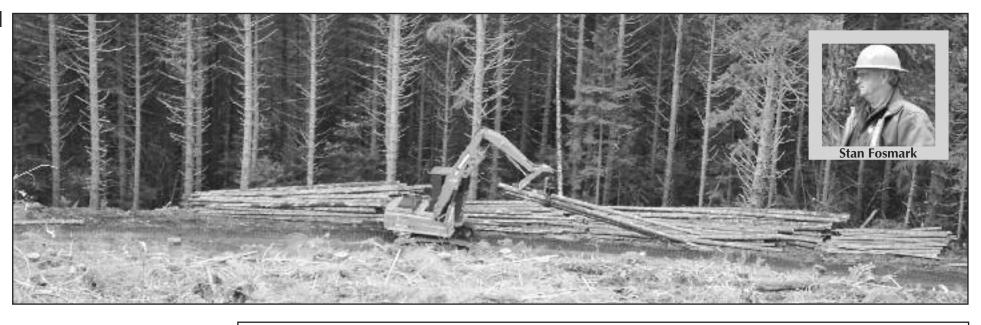
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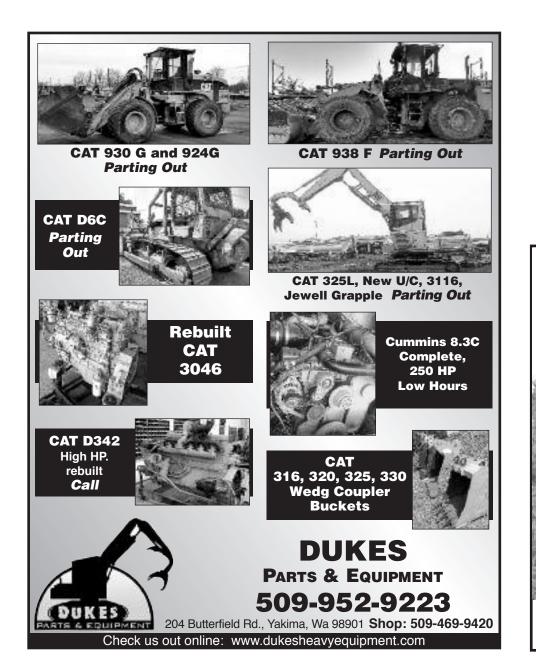
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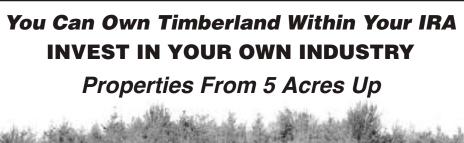
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## Millennials Seek Stability, **Financial Security**

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I have had numerous conversations over this past year, involving the lack of young people going into the logging business. Everyone seems to have their own opinions about why the problem exists and persists.

I recently talked with a mill representative about this problem. He suggested that the solution is education. He said that "we need to reach out to, not only students, but also teachers. Since they are the ones that advise the studnts".

My reply was "oh, you mean like we have been doing for the last 25 years?" I went on to explain that we have been doing that with very limited success. He was convinced that "education is the answer to the problem". And didn't really want to hear any more about it.

It is my contention that the problem is much more complicated than that. I have a logger friend who has three sons that are involved in the business. From the outside, his company looks like the perfect example of a logging company with an effective transition plan. However, this logger confided to me that one of his sons had recently

asked him if he thought there was "a future in logging"? He said that the best answer he could tell his son was "I don't know".

When you think about it, that's a very damning statement. But, in a nut shell, it describes where we are at. If we can't, as loggers ourselves, say with confidence that there is, not only a future, but a bright future, then we are in serious trou-

I had to get a new phone a few months ago and the young guy that was helping me, started asking questions about my logging company. It was obvious that he knew a little about logging. He asked, "How much he could expect to get paid, if he decided to go logging?" I explained what the average starting wage was, for someone with no experience. He immediately responded with "double that and I'd think about it". I must admit, I was a little shocked by that statement. However, he was just stating what was on his mind. His job at the phone store didn't pay much less than a beginning logging job, however, it was a lot easier. I felt a little embarrassed to explain that the profit margins are so low in logging, which we can hardly afford to pay the going rate.

Then there was the young guy, with his family, that I met in a restaurant. As we were waiting to be seated, we started up a conversation. When he learned that I had a logging operation, he told me that he had logged for a while. He told me that he liked logging, but continued to explain that he could hardly pay his bills, much less get ahead. He explained that he works for a construction company now and makes the kind of money he needs. His last word to me were "logging is way too hard of work for way too little money".

When I talked to a forestry professor, at Oregon State University, he explained to me that "beginning wages in the logging business have traditionally been three times the minimum wage". Unfortunately, things have gotten really out of whack over the last 25 years. Now the minimum wage is only slightly below the starting wages for loggers.

I keep hearing about how millennials think completely differently than we did when we were young and that it will take a new approach to get them interested in logging. I don't think they are really that different at all. I think there are a lot more opportunities for them than there were for us, when we were young. But I think they really want the same basic things that we wanted. They want to feel like they are appreciated and that there is a future in what they are doing. They want to be able to make enough money to be able to buy a house and raise a family. And even be able to buy some of the finer things in life.

In my opinion, until we can provide those things for young people, anything else we do to try to recruit them into our industry, will fall flat on its face.

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## Federal Government Denies Due Process in Sham Marriage Cases

by William Perry Pendley

Recently, declaring, "One person denied due process is too many," Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos restored due process rights for those accused of sexual assault at institutions of higher learning. Unfortunately, an even more pernicious violation of due process is being waged, not by colleges and universities, but by the federal government with its full weight, power, and authority and by which citizens are labeled sex offenders, robbed of their reputations, and chained to a life of indentured servitude.

In 1996, Congress passed the Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act, which requires the sponsor of an "intending immigrant"—in most cases the citizen seeking to marry the immigrant—to complete an "Affidavit of Support" (Form I-864). The citizen avers the immigrant will have adequate means of financial support, is not "likely to become a public charge," and pledges to "[p]rovide ... any support necessary to maintain him or her at an income that is at least 125 percent of the Fed-

eral Poverty Guidelines for his or her household size...' A "NOTE" warns, "Divorce does not terminate your obligations under Form I-864." Moreover, the document "create[s] a contract between you and the U.S. Government[,]" which "consider[s] your income and assets [available to support] the intending immigrant." Not just the federal government has financial recourse; the immigrant "may sue you for this support," and "a Federal, state, local, or private agency [that provides means-tested public benefits to the immigrant] may sue you for the amount that the agency believes you owe." Finally, there is liability for "the costs of collection, including attorney fees."

What could go wrong? Usually nothing. The citizen files a "Petition for Alien Relative" (I-130), which begins the process by which the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) finds that a bona-fide marriage exists and that the alien is legally admissible. After an interview with the couple, the alien becomes a conditional permanent resident (receives a

"green card") and, two years later, after documentation of the authenticity of the marital relationship, becomes a permanent resident. Of course, scoundrels exist, including those who engage in sham marriages not only to enter the United States but also to dragoon an unfortunate citizen into providing income for a lifetime. Unfortunately, as so often happens, federal law provides them more than adequate opportunity to engage in their mischief.

In 2013, President Obama signed the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act, which continued a provision, first enacted in 1994, for alleged victims of domestic abuse to self-report (Form I-360), with "any credible evidence," of the abuse. Customarily, the "any credible evidence" accepted by USCIS is a temporary restraining order (TRO), which is granted by a court ex parte, that is, without the alleged perpetrator present, relying solely on the victim's affidavit. Based on that TRO—the citizen is neither consulted nor notified—the USCIS's Vermont Service Center issues a "Prima Facie Determination Notice" finding that the alien is a victim and the citizen is an abuser, and thereupon authorizes the alien to abandon the marriage and issues the alien the sought-after green card. According to experts, in 98% of the cases, weeks later when the citizen appears in court to challenge the TRO, the alien is a no show and the TRO is vacated or the case is dismissed. It is over. What is not over is the citizen's obligation to support the spouse, former spouse, or remarried former spouse for life.

A cottage industry of forprofit and taxpayer funded lawyers aids in this circumvention of immigration laws and schools others in it. Worse yet, the Deep State within USCIS hosts webinars on this nefarious process. Meanwhile, left in their wake are citizens who are labeled domestic abusers—including the "extreme cruelty" of not signing immigration documents—are regarded in that dreadful light by law enforcement and the public, suffer damaged reputations, and are on the hook financially forever. All without due process of law.

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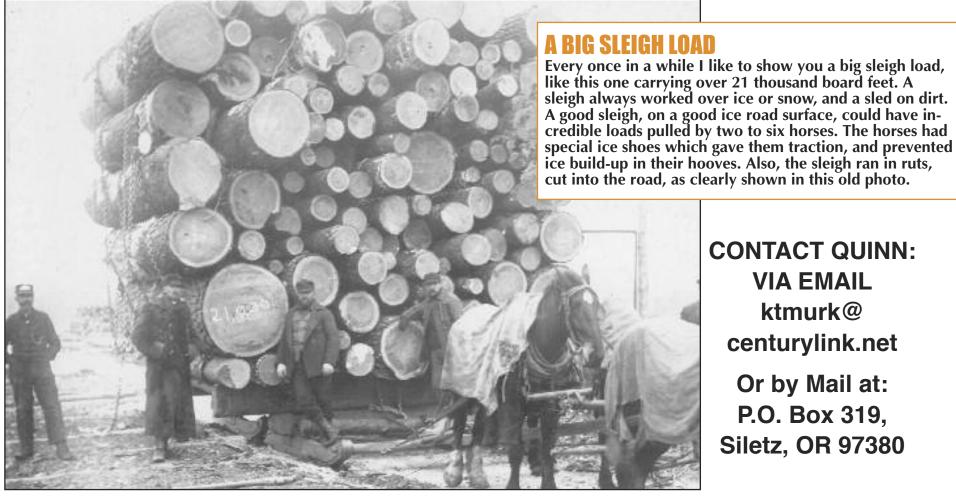


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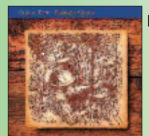


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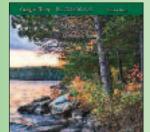
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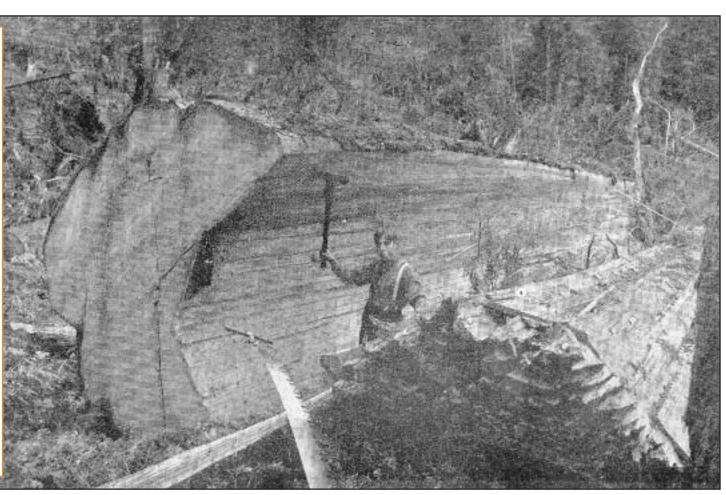
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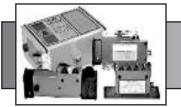
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was a need for buggy whips. (I wonder why they were called buggy whips. They were used to whip the horse not the buggy.) Today probably it would be hard to keep a buggy whip factory going and growing. Not too long ago the neighborhood grocery store was on the way out. Then along came some small markets and opened early and stayed open late at night and the small neighborhood grocery store is making a come back. Maybe now is the time to corner the buggy whip market. Things change and times change and needs change. So do people ---.

A slow down is not always a bad thing but it is always a fearsome thing. All problems that are in our past seem simple and non complicated. That is because they are solved or ignored and are in the past. It is those problems in the future which look gloomsome and gruesome and unconquerable. When they are in the past we shall have a better angle to judge them.

The gloomchasers may be right and there are tougher times ahead. That isn't going to bother me much because I've made it through tough times before and have stayed happy doing it. None of the tough times were ever as bad as they were predicted to be.

Am sure this is true of the present and future. When we get thru them we are going to be able to agree on one thing.
"They weren't so bad!"

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Galatians 2:20

"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."