Crannell - Big Lagoon - Modern Logging

Town and Camp Combine Effort On Far-Flung Job

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Hidden in the hills, some two miles inland from Highway 101 and twenty miles north of Eureka, stands the town of Crannell. It receives a beautiful setting, at the upper end of that valley where Little Lagoon runs down from the timbered hills and tunnels on its last lap to the sea. And at any one time is the most active mill and railroad center on the California coast north of Humboldt Bay.

Now, as a link in the Humboldt Lumber company's north coast system, it is a residence town for a population of some 600 and a number of main points from tract to rail. Gone is the big mill that at one time was the center of Crannell's activity—now in later days it was found more practical to place the logs in the company's headquarters mill at Stewarts. Gone is the railroad that, until recently, drenched out of Crannell over the Roadside, and west of Crannell, the railroad that runs to Sanamia remains, and the tracks now bring the logs down from the hills.

History, through Crannell, flows uneventfully out of the past, and the hard years of 1918, when the entire company was at the peak of its production, and Crannell was the business end of the Crannell Lumber company, are now only the memory of a dream. Today, Crannell is as busy as a mill town can be, but the scene is an idyllic one. The life of the Crannell mill is now one of constant operation, and the camp is a thriving business, with every convenience that modern life can afford.

Crannell and background afford a beautiful view from hillside above town.

The Camp

The camp consists of three main sections, each with its own particular character. The first section is the main office, where all the important business is transacted. The second section is the railroad yard, where the logs are loaded and shipped to the mill. The third section is the maintenance yard, where the equipment is kept in repair.

The town itself is a small community of about 600 people, with a post office, school, church, and a few shops. The population is mostly made up of employees of the Crannell Lumber company, with a few families of local residents.

The town is well supplied with water and electricity, and the roads are good. The town is surrounded by timbered hills and valleys, and the air is fresh and invigorating.

The mill

The Crannell Mill is a modern, efficient operation, equipped with the latest machinery and methods. The mill is capable of producing a high quality of lumber, and the product is highly valued by customers.

The railroad

The Crannell Lumber company has its own railroad, which runs from the mill to the seacoast. The railroad is used to transport logs from the mill to the seacoast, and also to transport supplies and equipment to the mill.

In addition to the Crannell Mill and railroad, the Crannell Lumber company also operates a large railroad yard, where the logs are loaded and shipped to the mill. The yard is located on the coast, and is equipped with the latest railroad equipment.

The camp

The Crannell Lumber company has a large camp, which is located at the mouth of the Little Lagoon. The camp is equipped with all the latest camping equipment, and is a fine place for a vacation. The camp is surrounded by beautiful scenery, and is a popular place for fishing and hiking.

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