

Mississippi Logging Company

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To D. Lamont

Weyerhaeuser's company, the Mississippi Logging Co., has capital of 25 to 30 millions of dollars - will be able to buy all the timberland on Pacific Coast and probably also in Montana, which would give the Railway large amounts of money for early redemption of its Land Grant bonds and at same time relieve the Company from very heavy expense in watching the timber against trespasses & fire. "The Co's lands, being alternate sections, are exposed to fire from every squatter on Gov't. lands and these squatter activities are increasing every year, partly because of mineral exploration in Cascade Mts. and west of it."

range of mts. in Montana and cause fire losses of millions of feet  y year.

North Dakota rate case is causing anxiety for the Northern Pacific. Will "be able to head off the present suit ... but every time the question is tried the state Atty.Gen. is being educated until finally the Courts will take notice of the capital per mile in fixing what are legal rates."

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