

DEMAND SHOWS NO DECREASE

Demand for lumber is holding up satisfactorily and the market has shown little change during the last fortnight, says the American Lumberman, Chicago. Southern pine mills report that buying so far this month has been slower than in August, and is more scattered; but the volume remains good, approximately on a par with production. The noteworthy development is that most of the current business is coming from the smaller towns and country districts, where building and repair operations are tending upward while those in the larger cities are declining. The outlook is reassuring, but the mills are taking a conservative view of the situation, and are in some instances curtailing their output. The heavy demand of 20 days ago having subsided, prices have also receded somewhat, but are now generally firm with no further material decline in prospect. Manufacturers are not exerting any great pressure for new business, and are often turning away business that is offered at what they regard as too low prices.

Douglas fir manufacturers report that country yards are losing in good volume and are the backbone of the present demand. While city requirements are still sizable, they have shown some recent decline. Some railroad business is being looked, but most of this apparently is being held in abeyance until after the presidential election. The foreign markets are in good shape and promising. Recent investigations in Japan report that no large stocks are being held in that country, and exporters believe that it is ready to buy heavily this fall. It is indeed the expectation that fall selling to Japan will considerably exceed that for the corresponding period of 1923. California is gradually becoming more active. More lumber is being sold in that state than for some time and the outlook is described as much better.

Trade in hardwoods holds up remarkably well. It is reported that automobile interests are on the market on a larger scale than they have been for months, while furniture makers are buying more freely as a result of the encouraging reports returned by their salesmen. Following up the leads furnished by the midsummer shows, demand from flooring, sash and door and interior trim manufacturers holds up on approximately its former high level, while the box and crating case plants furnish a steady outlet for lower grades. Miscellaneous domestic consumers are well represented in the market, and some attractive foreign business is constantly coming through. Hardwood prices are firm, with not much change.

Bear Races Motor Car.
KETCHIKAN, Alaska, (AP)—A local taking passengers to Peninsula Point, near here, recently caught up with a bear running along the road. The driver speeded up, but the bear, refusing to be passed, accelerated his own gait. For a mile the car and the bear raced. Finally the bear, unable to take a curve at high speed, he catapulted down a bank to a beach and disappeared.

Boy Tramp to Study.
ROSEBURG, Ore.—Walter Lawrence, 15-year-old boy from North Dakota, is to have a home on a farm near Roseburg, and the opportunity he desires to complete his education. The young lad has been tramping about the country for almost a year, and carried a letter from the sheriff of his home county stating that his parents would not care for him, and that it would be no use to send him home. Juvenile authorities found a place for him where he will be able to work and attend school.

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Tax Commissioner of State Analyzes Incomes

SALEM, Ore. (Special)—Of the 5200 part-paid individual returns under the operation of the state income tax law, 1791 or 32 per cent, with a total net income of nearly \$10,000,000, paid no state, county or city tax, but did pay \$365,467 income tax, according to a statement issued here by Earl Fisher, state tax commissioner. Six hundred and thirty-one had net incomes of \$5000 or more, 137 had net income of \$10,000 and more than 49 had incomes of \$20,000 or more.

"The total income tax paid on the 600 full-paid corporation returns," said the statement, "was but \$6,641. Of that amount \$12,132 was paid by 216 corporations who had paid but \$3298 state, county and city tax, or less than 4 mills on income tax only. Those 216 corporations pay 40 per cent of the income tax collected from their class of returns.

Corporation Returns Compared.
"One hundred and seventy-four

corporations with a combined net income of but \$576,000 paid \$212,428 state, county and city tax, or more than 36 times the state tax paid by the 216 corporations who had far greater net income. Those 174 heavy taxpayers will save more than \$5000 by reason of the income tax, as their income tax was but \$1292.

"The total income tax due on 520 part-paid corporation returns is \$659,284. Of that amount \$207,529 is paid by 14 corporations with a combined net income of \$7,617,999, who had paid but \$243,719 state, county and city tax, or less than 32 mills on income only. Those 14 corporations who are not yet paying their just portion of tax to the state, will pay almost half of the tax collected from corporations and one-seventh of the entire income tax.

Tax Burden Held Equalized.
"Forty-three corporations who were heavy state taxpayers, having a combined net income of but

\$263,600, paid \$581,899 state, county and city tax, or more than double the state tax paid by the 157 corporations, yet they had only one-eighth the income. The net saving to these 43 corporations will be \$10,205, as they paid but \$7181 income tax. The above shows income taxation equalizes the tax burden.

"The total income tax due on the 5000 part-paid personal returns was \$715,354 of which \$160,992, or more than half will be paid by 2254 individuals who have paid practically no state, county or city tax, in fact, less than 5 mills on income alone. Their net income was \$16,419,000. It would seem that \$16,419,000 of Oregon's total net income was paying less than 1-500th of its state, county and city tax.

Many Incomes Now Taxed.
"Of 36,000 full-paid individual returns filed, 22,500 or 62 per cent, with a combined net income of more than \$42,000,000, paid no state, county or city tax. The total income tax collected on full-paid returns was \$291,586, of which \$148,550, or more than one-half, was paid by individuals who paid no state, county or city tax. Thus it would seem that more than \$42,000,000 of Oregon's total net income had been paying no state, county or city tax."

Turns Back to St. Kilda's Cabin.

LONDON, (AP)—The postman of the island of St. Kilda has just visited Fleetwood where, for the first time, he saw a railroad train, an automobile, a trolley car and a moving picture show. He was amazed at all these wonders, but after a few days was not sorry to return to St. Kilda.

COVE SOCIAL NEWS OF WEEK

COVE. (Special)—The weather is cooler here. The farmers are busy with their summer fallow.

A. L. Becker has moved from the Mrs. Geo. Becker farm to his own farm, formerly known as the Geo. Casper place.

S. E. and R. H. Morris shipped several loads of cattle to Portland last week.

E. T. Rowland and R. J. Baker are rounding up cattle for the Portland market.

S. W. Koser was a business visitor in La Grande recently.

Mrs. J. K. Lantz entertained the Ladies Aid Society at her home on Wednesday afternoon.

George Pamter, State Grange Master, and C. E. Spence, State Market Agent, will meet with Mr. Fannie Grange September 29th.

Mrs. Geo. Becker and son, C. A. Becker, of Corvallis, are visiting at the A. L. Becker home.

Miss Frances Troy of Pleasant Valley, began her school in Shanghai District September 8. She is looking her home with her sister, Mrs. A. L. Becker.

A special school meeting was held in Frosty District September 15.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Johnson will attend the State Fair at Salem next week.

Several farmers are having their dairy cattle tested for tuberculosis. J. B. Talbot and J. M. Gassel

were business visitors in La Grande recently.

Mrs. Nelson Kight and daughter, Nora, and Mr. and Mrs. Nell Kight are preparing for a trip by auto to Lewiston, Idaho.

Howard Gasset and Claude Burford spent the week-end in the mountains on their first deer hunt. They report they saw plenty of them but were unable to get one. Lester Johnson is spending the week-end with his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Johnson.

L. J. Chadwick and son, Virgil, and Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Kight motored to Hot Lake Wednesday to have dinner with their father, Geo. Chadwick.

MAYOR WON'T RUN AGAIN

MEDFORD, Ore.—The present city administration announced it would seek to retain itself in office, by running Councilman Alen-

derfer for mayor in place of May-

or Gaddis, who declined to run again after eight years in office. City Recorder Alford, City Treasurer Webber and all seven of the other councilmen will run for reelection and one other candidate will be chosen in Alenderfer's place.

Earl Fehl, who unsuccessfully has opposed the city administration for years, also has filed as a candidate for mayor and will put a partial opposition ticket in the field.

BLACKSMITH IS BURNED
ROSEBURG, Ore.—Edward Noah, a local blacksmith, was badly burned about the face and arms when he tried to start a fire with gasoline.

He was building a fire in the stove at his shop and the explo-

sion scared his face and hands and burned him severely.

The blacksmith shop was set on fire but the blaze was extinguished before any great damage was done.

Hood Highway Has Snow.
HOOD RIVER, Ore.—New snow gleamed through the clouds that partially canopied Mount Hood and Mount Adams. Motorists up the Mount Hood loop highway yesterday reported the ground white at Hood River meadows.

Frosts prevailed in the higher altitudes of the orchard belt. Growers welcome the colder weather, which will heighten the color of the apples, the main harvest of which will begin in every section soon.

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