

# MILLS ADOPT FIVE-DAY WEEK

PORTLAND, Ore. (Special) — Stating in Everett, Wash., last week, and since spreading to lumber centers from Oregon to British Columbia, more than one hundred large fir sawmills have now reduced cutting programs to five days a week, according to reports from 41 employment service files in various northwestern cities received at 41 headquarters here today. Approximately 22,000 employees are affected by the shortened week.

Due to bad weather conditions generally, both rail and cargo shipments have been held up and stocks of fir lumber have rapidly been accumulating at west coast mills. It is also known that extreme cold weather in the east and middle west has temporarily slowed up or stopped entirely there. Under these conditions mill operators say that they were but inviting a period of overproduction if they continued at the present full week capacity and, acting individually, they have adopted the short week in an effort to stem production until the movement of fir lumber can be resumed. Present curtailment in the various districts is reported to 41 headquarters as follows:

- Coos Bay—One mill down; others plan curtailment to five-day week.
- Willamette Valley (Oregon)—Four large mills on five-day week; one mill down entirely.
- Tillamook Line (Oregon)—Four mills on five-day week.
- Columbia River—Six major operations on five-day week.
- Willapa Harbor—All mills in Raymond and South Bend start five-day program this week.
- Grays Harbor—Eighty per cent of production here at five-day capacity.
- Tacoma—Ninety per cent of mills in city and district on five-day week.
- Seattle—All large fir mills cutting five days only.
- Everett—This is second week at five-day capacity for all sawmills in this district.
- Bellingham—Ninety per cent of operations on five-day program.
- Vancouver, B. C.—All fir mills and shingle mills reduced operations to five-day week.

## California Flights Plague Of Incompetent Hobblers

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Bobbed hair is responsible for at least one man's death, according to the state labor department, through the establishment of so-called hair-hobbling schools. So many of these schools are operating in California and charging high fees for incompetent instruction that legislation will be sought to put them out of business. Dr. Elsie Campbell, who has taught at an elementary course in practical hair-cutting, said the department officials.

## Pneumonia Usually Starts From Colds

Physicians warn against neglecting coughs and colds and tell of the serious lung conditions that may result. Leading physicians now prescribe BALSAMEA for all bronchial affections. BALSAMEA is a pure vegetable preparation made from a newly discovered plant. Dr. Benj. F. Crabtree, Anderson, Mo., writes: "I use it exclusively for my practice and my family. It is quick, sure and safe in its action like nothing else."

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### VIRGIN BEAUTY

Editor Observer:—Since part of Oregon has at last been recognized by motion picture people as a desirable place to film some of their pictures I have no doubt that the practice will continue and increase greatly in course of time. Our number of correspondents is to be congratulated on this achievement.

Where, indeed, could finer and more varied scenery be found than in Union and Wallowa counties? From frostless valleys to mountain peaks covered with eternal snow and ice runs the scale of climate.

Limpid, murmuring springs and brooks, roaring waterfalls, surging streams, placid, crystal lakes, some cold as ice and some boiling hot, vast stretches of noble virgin forest, impenetrable jungles of brush and young forest growth, sagebrush hills, deep, dark, yawning chasms and canyons, towering cliffs and beetling crags, caverns and caves, pointed pinnacles of rock, broad, level, fertile valleys, glistening snow-covered peaks, beauty spots of various kinds too numerous to mention; all these and many more have been bestowed upon us by a generous Nature in great profusion and mostly within easy reach.

To all these natural attractions man has gradually added cities, towns and villages, lumber and mining camps, gracefully winding railroads, highways and trails, well built bridges, great sawmills and other industrial plants, splendid farms with beautiful orchards and fields of waving golden grain, large herds of horses, cattle and sheep that roam the hills and mountains during much of the year.

Even these are not all we have in the way of material for moving pictures. Among our population are every type and nationality, every profession, trade, occupation and social status—except the professional beggar. There may even be some as yet undiscovered movie stars of the first magnitude among us. Even "our waiter's" white-faced calves might be useful as "pinch hitters" at times.

However, to be serious again, I think it is well that our chamber of commerce has succeeded in attracting the movie peoples attention to the advantages of this section. Much good and much renown may come of it. Even though some of the pictures will be credited to Alaska or other sections of our country it will be a great satisfaction to know that we can duplicate other regions so easily. In due time the public may demand a "truth in pictures" law and then we will receive full credit for the scenery.

Let us hope too that our chamber of commerce will be able to induce the movie people to look up suitable locations in our county. I could vouch for the Mt. Emily region being well suited for the purpose. I doubt that there is a better one anywhere, especially for winter scenes. I have numerous photographs in back of my sweeping assertion. Its proximity to La Grande and the comparative ease with which it can be reached would no doubt be greatly in its favor. Nothing short of Fairyland could equal some of the winter scenes I have beheld up there. Unfortunately these occurred at times when I had no means to take pictures of them but I have pictures of some that are far above the average elsewhere.

I have been told that I am too sentimental and too much of an idealist. Be that as it may, I never could understand how any healthy, normal person can resist the urge and the desire to climb to the top of Mt. Emily and enjoy the wonderful panoramas at least once. A great many have done so and few there were who did not almost go into ecstasy over the sight they beheld. Mt. Emily is such a conspicuous landmark, dominating all else and so advantageously and invitingly placed at the very edge of the valley that it almost seems to beckon to us and say, "come on, there is always room at the top!" Colossal monument to one of our earliest pioneer women it would be a fit subject to become celebrated in legend, song and story.

With commendable vision the men at the head of our largest industrial concern selected it as a part of their firm's name. As a symbol of lofty and lasting prominence combined with a tribute to a noble woman no better could have been chosen.

Mt. Emily could (at least in a measure) be to La Grande what Mt. Hood is to Portland. It and the view from its summit are unique and in a class by themselves. It is a hard matter to describe this view. A hint of a small portion of it was attempted by myself in July 1914, when I was lookout man up there and also acted as special correspondent to the Observer at times. I printed the following lines that were published in your issue of July 9th, 1924.

A poet stood on Mt. Emily's height  
Looking down at our beautiful valley;  
He beheld a very inspiring sight,  
In his heart his emotions held  
rally.  
Outward quiet hid an inward riot  
Of feeling extremely hard to describe,  
Again and again he would rack his brain  
For some appropriate nomenclature.  
Then at last he spoke, as though he'd awoke,  
(After the fashion of those of his tribe):  
"It's all quite simple, thou art a dimple,  
In the sweetly smiling face of Nature."  
—J. H. Blumenthal

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HE HAS BEEN VOTED one of the twenty-five greatest preachers in the United States, Dr. G. Campbell Morgan, Athens, Ga.



MAKES ONE LONG for June and vacation time, this beautiful spot out in Montana. This particular place is known as Stipp Falls. It is in the Glacier National Park.



SMILING, WELL, she's just come out from a conference with the Great White Father, President Coolidge, at the White House. Princess Buffalo Bear is her name, and she is touring the country in a move for a national Indian Memorial Day.



PROSPECTS FOR a good business year are unusually bright, says Secretary of the Treasury Mellon. He looks pleased.



HERE ARE TWO BOBS with but a single thought. Left to right, Eudora Ortega, Emily Noel and Phyllis Meenen, all of San Francisco.

## Income Tax Facts

No. 22.  
Admission taxes are deductible from gross income in determining net income, but the taxpayer must show that account has been kept of the amount paid during the year. Mere guesswork will not be accepted. Under the revenue act of 1924, the tax applies only to admissions in excess of 50 cents, while under the preceding act it applied to admissions of 25 cents or more.

Taxes are deductible as such only by the persons upon whom they are imposed. Thus the excise taxes imposed upon sales by the manufacturer of automobile truck or wagon chassis, cameras, firearms, etc., are not deductible by the individual purchaser, even though such taxes are actually billed to him as separate items. Automobile license fees are ordinarily regarded as taxes, and the amount thereof may be deducted. Custom duties paid by a person on articles which he imports for his own use are deductible.

License fees levied by the state or city upon certain businesses are deductible as taxes. The levy may be based upon gross income of the business, during a certain period, or upon the nature of the business, each different kind having a different rate, or the location of the business, or it may be a flat rate applying in the same manner to each and every license business.

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Lineman Falls from Pole.  
MARSHFIELD, Ore. — C. B. Greenough, lineman for the Mountain States Power company, came in contact with a high-power line at Bunker Hill and fell from the pole a distance of eight feet. He is being treated at Mercy hospital, North Bend, and is said to have a chance for recovery.

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Portia's father—a merchant—was used to the ideas of guess, luck and accident. So much so, indeed, that it seemed natural to him to entrust the choice of his daughter's husband to three closed caskets and a lucky guess!

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