

OPPORTUNITIES FOR BUILDING

Now is the Time When Lumber and Materials are Lower in Price than for Years.

Ignorance on the part of an individual, community, state or nation may not be excused when every facility and every opportunity exists for its removal.

Just now the building trade of the United States is unsatisfactory because of the general indifference or neglect of the business educational factors. The time to build is when material and labor can be secured on most advantageous terms. That time is now, says the American Lumberman.

Ignorance of the present unusual opportunities, and the failure to take advantage of conditions which may not again present themselves for years, are inexcusable.

This ignorance is due to carelessness, negligence or oversight on the part of commercial educators, as stated. It should be charged up to the shortcomings of lumbermen, dealers in hardware, real estate men, bankers, commercial organizations and industrial associations.

Time to Build is Now.

The time to build. This country is suffering, if at all, with suppressed enthusiasm. The warehouses are full; stocks of lumber, building hardware, lime, cement and all other classes of building material are more than sufficient to supply the present demand. Nominally some manufacturers of building materials have not lowered their prices, but in every line, owing to the slack demand, dealers are willing to make concessions to secure business. This is true of the glass makers, lumbermen, hardware dealers, brick and stone men and of producers of almost every article that enters into the construction, and even reconstruction, of dwellings, warehouses and office buildings.

It is true in every line of industry in the United States and each particular department of trade is waiting for something to start.

Now is the time to start it.

Labor and Material Cheapest.

Material and labor can be secured on more advantageous terms now than at any other time within the last five years, and probably more cheaply than will be possible at any time after 1908. Mills and factories are being operated under reduced schedule. Some of them are closed down entirely. The workmen who manned these institutions are idle; some of them are walking the streets looking for employment. They are able and anxious to work and under present conditions will give greater and better service in exchange for less money now than they have been accustomed to give in the past.

Lumber is now being offered at prices which appear ridiculously low when compared with market values last year. Where the manufacturer or dealer refuses to make heavy concessions in prices some one else will do so steps in and takes the trade.

This year a great deal of lumber has been sold at prices that did not yield sufficient to cover the actual cost of producing the stock. This, of course, has not been the case generally, but the lumber trade, so far this year, has been conducted on about the same basis as the business of the man who trades a dollar for 100 cents.

Yellow pine, hemlock, northern pine, spruce and hard woods in all sections of the country are now being offered at prices ranging from \$2 to \$10 below last year's schedules. Shingles, red cedars from the west, are bringing \$1.20 to \$1.30 a thousand below last year's level.

Prices of mill work are on approximately the same footing. Other kinds of building material also are being offered at bargain prices.

Soon the railroads and other heavy consumers must come into the market, and the instant they do prices are going to advance 10 to 25 per cent, and the individual who delayed building in the hope of securing even better terms is going to be left.

KLAMATH COWGIRL QUEEN IN TROUBLE

Six indictments and one not true bill were returned by the federal grand jury at Portland last week in the United States circuit court. Among those charged with various offenses is Mrs. Nellie E. Ragan, former assistant postmistress at Royston, Klamath county, who has been indicted on four counts of rifling the mails. Owing to the fact that warrants have not been served the names of the other persons indicted have been temporarily withheld, but it is known that a true bill has been returned against another prominent resident of eastern Oregon in connection with the Umatilla Indian reservation land frauds.

Mrs. Ragan, better known in the Klamath country by the sobriquet of "Cowgirl Queen," is accused of having violated section 5467 of the revised statutes dealing with the looting of the United States mails. The first count in the indictment recites that on November 18, 1907, while in charge of the postoffice at Royston, she embezzled a packet directed to Ada Erb, Bly, Or., containing a postcard sofa pillow, January 20, 1908, it is alleged that Mrs. Ragan annexed a corset addressed to Mrs. J. C. Edall, Bly, Or., and on March 1 converted to her own use a package addressed to Maggie Leonard, Bly, Or., containing one petticoat, four pairs of hose, two union suits.

SPORTING NOTES

Grants Pass beat Roseburg on the home grounds in hollow fashion. Good reason: Perrill, the southpaw wonder, was its pitcher.

The Beavers have won 29 of the 25 games played on the home lot, and have taken 25 of the 35 games.

The syndicate which is arranging for the visit to Australia of "Tommy" Burns, the heavyweight pugilist, has deposited \$10,000 to bind the match between Burns and Lang, the Australian boxer. The fight is to take place at Sydney in August. The syndicate also has the option of arranging two additional fights at \$7500 each.

The Oakland team of the California State league has about set a new world's record. It has lost 23 games and not won any this season.

The Portland and Oakland teams passed through Medford Monday en route to California. The Beavers will spend several weeks there trying to get to the top of the Pacific Coast league. They are only a few points behind Los Angeles, the leaders.

Battling Nelson comes in for a nice toasting from Unholz for breaking into print and saying that the Beer laid down to Gans. Unholz says that Gans is lots whiter than the Battler, and offers to fight the Dane for nothing after Gans gets through with him.

MAN FROM MARS LEARNS HOW WE RUN RAILROADS

"How do you manage your railroads in this country?" inquired the Man from Mars. "In those countries of what you called the Old World, which I visited, they are owned and managed by the government."

"In as much as I have never been abroad," replied the politician, "I must, of course, conclude that their methods are purely theoretical. We, in this country, pride ourselves on being practical."

"May I ask you to explain?" said the Man from Mars.

"Certainly," replied the politician. "Our practice proceeds on the theory that the government is too poor and too inefficient to own and manage our railroads. Accordingly the work is turned over to private individuals."

"And are the individuals trustworthy?"

"By no means," said the politician.

"We have to appoint railroad commissions to watch them."

"The commissions, then, are to be depended upon?"

"Not at all. They are watched by the legislatures."

"And the legislatures?"

"They in turn are watched by the magazines."

"Oh, I see, the magazines are the final arbiters. That is very interesting."

"No, you are mistaken. The magazines are watched by the people."

"Of course. It finally gets back to the people. They act upon the information provided by the magazines. Surely the people do not need watching."

"Wrong again. That's where we come in," said the politician, proudly sticking his thumbs in the armpits of his waistcoat. "We have to watch the people to keep them from watching us."

"And how does it all work?" inquired the Man from Mars.

"We are living very easy, thank you," answered the politician. — Success Magazine.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE

Wentonka Tribe, No. 39, Improved Order Red Men, Hunting Grounds of Medford, Oregon, June 10, 1908.

Whereas, The Great Spirit has seen fit to call from among us Chr. Borek, the beloved father of Brother E. C. Borek, and

Whereas, Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to our brother in his great bereavement, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Wentonka Tribe, No. 39, Improved Order Red Men, not being in possession of adequate means of expressing the individual sympathy of its members for our sorrowing brother in his great affliction, adopt this method of extending to him as a body the profound sorrow and heartfelt sympathy of his brothers in this his hour of sadness; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of the Tribe and that a copy of the same be transmitted to our bereaved brother.

J. W. FITZGERALD,
O. M. SELSBY,
L. L. JACOBS,
Committee.

Nash Hotel Arrivals.

E. M. Brown, Omaha; W. Henderson, San Francisco; O. Mitchell, Blue Lodge; B. Williamson, Portland; S. N. Farwell, city; W. F. Fruser, W. Stone, San Francisco; L. Cavanaugh, Seattle; Julius Seigel, San Francisco; H. A. Covell, Portland; J. F. McDonald, San Francisco; V. M. Ballinger, Marian; Paul Macleynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Herrell, Mr. and Mrs. Mayo, Harper county.

NOTICE TO WATER CONSUMERS.

For the purpose of testing the new water mains that have recently been laid, the water will be shut off all the mains in the city from 8:00 o'clock a. m. to 8:00 o'clock p. m. on Monday, June 15, and from 8:00 o'clock a. m. to 12:00 m. on Tuesday, June 16. You are, therefore, notified to prepare for the same, for the city will not be responsible for any accidents that may arise from the same.

BENJ. M. COLLINS,
City Recorder.

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Three miles south of Medford and 2 1/2 miles west of Phoenix, is now cut up in small tracts to suit the purchaser. One-fourth cash, balance in three payments. This is a rare opportunity for men of small means. Listed with all the agents.

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Whereas, The Great Spirit which controls the affairs and destinies of mankind has seen fit to remove from among us our Brother Silas McKee, and it is the sentiment of the Tribe that our feelings of sorrow and regret should be in some way expressed; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the death of Brother McKee Wentonka Tribe feels that it has sustained an irreparable loss and that in the passage of this resolution the Tribe is only giving such expression of its feelings as the inadequacy of language will permit; and be it further

Resolved, That the most heartfelt sympathy of the Tribe be and is extended to the bereaved family of our late brother, and that a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to them in token of our sympathy.

Submitted in F. F. and C.
J. W. FITZGERALD,
O. M. SELSBY,
L. L. JACOBS,
Committee.

Bargains for Sale.

See us for bargains. We have farms for sale, well improved; good orchards; rich soil; \$20 to \$60 per acre. Peary & Pirtle, Brownsville Land & Investment Co., Brownsville, Oregon.

Coal for Sale.

We are now prepared to furnish hand picked coal at the mine, five miles east of town, in any amount desired.

Apples Bring Sleep.

The apple is such a common fruit, says a medical writer, that very few persons are familiar with its remarkable hygienic medicinal properties. Everybody ought to know that the very best thing they can do is to eat apples just before retiring for the night. For some uninitiated in the mysteries of fruit are liable to throw up their hands in horror at the visions of dyspepsia which such a suggestion may summon up, but no harm can come even to a delicate system by the eating of the ripe and juicy apple before going to bed. The apple is excellent brain food, because it has more phosphoric acid in easily digested shape than any other fruit. It excites the action of the liver, promotes sound and healthy sleep and thoroughly disinfests the mouth. This is not all. The apple prevents indigestion and throat diseases.

TWENTY-FIVE MINERS SENT TO BLUE LEDGE

Twenty-five more workers have been sent for from the Blue Ledge, making 40 men that will be worked this summer, one shift at the mine and the balance on the diamond drill which is now at work on the south side of the Stebbins. Mr. Langren of the mine spent Monday in Medford.

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CITY TREASURER'S NOTICE.

Office of City Treasurer, Medford, Oregon, June 9th, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that there are funds in the city treasury for the redemption of all outstanding warrants issued against the light and water fund, protested prior to December 31st, 1907. Interest on the same to cease after the above date.

L. L. JACOBS,
City Treasurer.

Harry Culbertson, general contractor and builder, cement work a specialty, Medford, Or.

Buy Tickets by Wire.

"Something which is of considerable interest to the public generally and which is perhaps not generally known is the system of prepaid orders now in effect between stations of the Southern Pacific company and all points in the United States. By means of this system tickets may be purchased at Medford from any place in the United States and mailed or telegraphed direct to the party wishing to come here. Sleeper accommodations and small amounts of cash in connection with these tickets may also be furnished at the same time."

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