

Lumber News

BY F. H. ROSENBERG.

In the report received by F. H. Rosenberg, secretary of the Western Oregon Lumber Manufacture Association, issued by the Department of Agriculture and covering the month of September, the following are the average prices obtaining for lumber in this section of the state. No. 1, O. G. flooring, \$29.75; No. 2, O. G. flooring, \$26.75; No. 2, flat grain flooring, \$18.50; No. 2, and better finish, \$24.50; timber 12x12 to 16x16, \$15.00; dimension sized, \$9.75; timbers to 12x12, \$10.00. It is, however, noted that since the issuance of this report lumber in the eastern market has taken on quite a firmer tone and inquiries are coming in much more freely.

The American Lumberman of October 16, commenting on the lumber conditions in the west, states as follows: "The fir mills have shipped out so much stock in the last sixty days that they are not in the best of shape to take care of all classes of orders. Inquiries are satisfactory in number and car and cargo mills are getting enough business to keep their order files in a healthy condition. The eastern demand has improved perceptibly, and the coastwise trade as quite active. California is calling for considerable lumber and the ability of the cargo mills to market their output is one of the strong features of the situation. Foreign business is fair, but could stand improvement. Some large railroad orders have been placed lately aggregating about 10,000,000 feet, mostly for construction purposes. The western pine situation continues well in the control of produce and both prices and shipments are satisfactory."

At a meeting of the Oregon Conservation Association, at Portland, a resolution urging the congressional delegation of this state to ask for a larger appropriation for the work of the bureau of entomology of the Department of Agriculture was passed. In speaking of timber resources, F. C. Knapp stated that Oregon contained one-sixth of the standing timber in the United States, it being estimated that within the state's borders there are from 300,000,000 to 400,000,000,000 feet of timber, with a total valuation of \$600,000,000. In spite of this the appropriation of the state for fire protection, he said, is not sufficient to pay the postage of the circulars and other matter sent out cautioning against the spread of destructive fires. A. B. Wastell stated that through the efforts of the association the state now has 1,000 fire wardens. The deputy fire rangers throughout the state, he explained, with but few exceptions, give their services free of charge. He thought the next legislature should take steps towards getting money appropriated for this cause.

The markets in California for lumber show quite an increased demand, as is evidenced by the fact that freight rates have advanced. This should be a help to the millmen in this section, and there is no doubt that inquiries from California points are better, not only as regards prices, but there seems to be a demand for the better grades. There is a well-grounded truth in the reports that about \$12,000,000 worth of rolling stock and equipment has lately been placed in Chicago for service on the Western railroads. There is no doubt but a part of this will be placed with the western mills.

While the car shortage problem is again up during the moving of the crops from Eastern Oregon and Washington, it does not obtain to the extent that was anticipated. The railroads have evidently profited by former experiences and taken this serious matter in hand.

The Booth-Kelly Lumber company now occupies new offices at Eugene, said to be the most handsome in the valley.

A Tour of the Field.

A representative of The Timberman, published at Portland, recently visited Cottage Grove and the timber country tributary thereto along the Oregon & Southeastern, and following are notes gleaned by him during that visit:

Brown Lumber Co., Cottage Grove, is operating its plant on a nice line of orders. This plant is being very ably managed by L. S. Hill, one of the capable sawmill men of the Willamette Valley, with F. H. Rosenberg in charge of the bookkeeping department. The company is operating one camp on Row River, and secures the remainder of its log supply from independent loggers. Manager Lon Hill indulges in one particular luxury, that of driving one of the fanciest steppers in that section. Lon is not only a good lumberman but he is an expert horseman.

The Disston Lumber Co. will resume operations about the first of February. Some minor improvements will be made to the plant, which is equipped with a Berlin resaw and 6x15 Hoyt planer. Manager Harry Crites has accepted a contract and is cutting wood for the railroad during the slack time

with him in the lumber business. A drag saw is being used for this purpose.

A. L. Woodard, Cottage Grove, has not been operating his sawmill steadily during the summer, but expects to resume operations soon. A new planing shed, 8x15, Hoyt planer and engine for driving the planing mill have been added to the plant. The planing mill is in operation.

The Wildwood Lumber Co. has installed a planer shed, 30x60, and a new No. 10 Berlin sizer. The plant had been shut down since the first of July, but will resume about the 15th of October. J. J. Kreiger is manager.

The Star Lumber Co. has been operating most of the time. The company has purchased a tract of timber and secured a site near Disston, to where its plant will be removed this fall. An additional boiler and engine will be installed and the capacity of the plant increased.

Taylor & Son, Star, resumed operations about three months ago. Manager Taylor has some samples of freakish grain fir, which he calls "catface," the result of a blemish on the tree when young. Mr. Taylor will have the material finished at a Portland factory and use when veneered for door panels.

The Row River Lumber Co., Star, whose plant is also located at Vaughn Spur, has been operating about five months, cutting about 40,000 feet per day. This plant consists of the frame and equipment of the mill formerly owned and operated by J. H. Chambers at Alca. Building operations are going forward all the time at this mill, and when completed will be one of the best plants in the Row River country. The company is contemplating installing a tram and cable system for doing its logging. Albert Stocks is manager of the company and W. T. Hankins secretary.

The Cerro Gordo Lumber Co.'s plant is located about two miles from this point, the product being flumed to the railroad. The plant has not been operated for some time on account of scarcity of water. Elmer Doolittle is manager of this company.

The J. H. Chambers Lumber Co., Dorena, is operating its planing mill and kilns at Dorena. The sawmill is located about two miles from the railroad, the lumber being flumed down. The plant has a capacity of 40,000 feet per day, but has not been in operation for about three months, on account of shortage in water supply. Manager Fred Russell has a splendid body of timber and a model plant.

James Lands is operating a camp at Dorena, the output being consumed by the Brown Lumber Co., Cottage Grove. McKibben Bros.' sawmill is located at McKibben Spur, about two miles from Cottage Grove. Their present plant is located on the exact site of the one destroyed by fire about a year ago. All their clears are consumed by the Cottage Grove Manufacturing Co. in its planing mill and woodworking plant at Cottage Grove.

THE GRIM REAPER.

Death Claims Mrs. Myrtle Comer and Mr. J. K. Palmer.

Mrs. Myrtle Comer, wife of J. Mark Comer, died at the Portland Sanitarium on Wednesday, and the body will be brought to Cottage Grove this afternoon for burial. Consumption of the kidneys was the cause of her death. The deceased with her husband came to Cottage Grove last April from St. Paul, Minn., for a visit to relatives, and was conveyed to the Portland institution about three months later. She leaves an adopted daughter five years of age, and an infant son aged six weeks. Her death is deeply mourned by all who knew her, among whom she was a favorite. The bereaved husband and relatives have the sympathy of many friends.

J. K. Palmer.

The funeral of the late J. K. Palmer, who departed this life Wednesday morning after a long illness caused by dropsy, took place from the family residence this forenoon, the Rev. Elkins conducting the service. The deceased was a native of Kentucky, having been born at Madisonville in 1845. He came to Oregon six years ago, and has resided here the greater portion of that time. A widow, two sons and four daughters survive him, and to them the sympathy of the community goes out in their affliction.

Misjudges Our Size.

The following appreciated letter comes from a friend in Michigan: "I want to compliment you on the handsome appearance of The Sentinel. You surely do not mean that Cottage Grove has a population of only 3,000 and yet can support a newspaper like the one I have received. Send it to me regularly. I take it from reading your editorials that you have the "greatest country on earth," and it is worth \$1.50 a year to know more about it. I have had in mind for some time going west, and I may conclude to pay your town a visit. Again, permit me to congratulate you upon the neat appearance of your blatter."

Debating activity is aroused at the High school. Quite a large number of students have signified their intention of trying for places on the various teams.

CRESWELL HAS BOOST

Prominent Promoters Address Large Gathering.

CITIZENS FORM ORGANIZATION

The Advantages and Possibilities of Our Neighboring Town to be Presented to the Outside World.—Cash for Publicity Subscribed.

On Saturday afternoon there assembled in Creswell the staunch business men and enthusiastic citizens of that place, who were looking forward to the date, when Tom Richardson—Oregon's Booster—was to address the residents. The Creswell band was ready when the afternoon train pulled in and at once struck up one of the late popular airs, to which the visitors responded with hearty cheers. The band then took up the march from the depot to the W. O. W. hall, in which the honored guest was to speak. The meeting was called to order by Dr. L. D. Scarborough, president of the Creswell Commercial club. Mr. Thompson, president of the Eugene Commercial club, occupied a seat of honor, and was the first speaker introduced. He gave valuable information along the line of promotion work as followed out by Eugene and other successful communities. He urged communities to put forth every effort to obtain a "checker-board factory," the checker-board to be made up of checks of ten acres each and on each check a family, this to take the place of the great acreages now owned, but not carefully or profitably tilled, by some of the present residents of Lane county.

After President Thompson had finished, Dr. Scarborough introduced our esteemed friend "Eugene Hartog." He impressed upon the mind of his audience the necessity of carrying on a successful promotion campaign and that it was highly important that the citizens of Creswell and vicinity do everything in their power to bring success to the A. C. Bornstedt people, who have recently become interested in a large orchard tract at Creswell. The success of Creswell depends much upon the success of this company. They want families to purchase the orchard tracts which are being prepared for the market and make homes thereon. It is the small farm that yields the largest profit on a small investment, and it is essential that people who are practical orchardists be given the proper inducements to locate upon land which has been tried and found adapted to the culture of certain fruits.

After Mr. Hartog had finished it was then the pleasure of the president to introduce Mr. Tom Richardson, who was royally greeted. He gave the people of Creswell plans upon which so many districts in Oregon have builded their booster campaigns. It is accredited that Mr. Richardson is the best friend Oregon has in the capacity of Secretary-Manager of the Portland Commercial club. He has never tired of his desire to give to the world the wonderful possibilities offered by this Oregon country.

After his address a list was opened for subscriptions at \$10 per month. Several men present responded with the required sum, and others then followed with smaller subscriptions, making a total of more than \$500 for the coming year's work within twenty minutes. A special soliciting committee was then appointed by the president, whose duty it is to call upon those who were not present to subscribe to the Booster fund for the coming year.

Several business men from Eugene were in attendance. Manager Hartog and Mr. Thompson, president of the Eugene Commercial club were the guests of honor from Eugene. Prof. E. K. Barnes, Manager F. G. Conley and Clarence Boyd represented Cottage Grove.

Seeks a Home Here.

Joseph Bircher and family of Elgin, Minnesota, arrived here on Wednesday, and will look over the country hoping to be able to find a suitable location upon which to establish his home. Mr. Bircher has had considerable correspondence with Manager Conley of the Commercial club. He desires to purchase about forty acres of land, convenient to school, market and transportation. He prefers to follow the bee and poultry culture for the present, so that in a few years he can have a commercial orchard. He will chose a location where the soil is adapted to apple raising.

Main Street Posted.

The unkindest cut of all, as our lamented friend Shakespeare would have said, was the warning placed conspicuously at the corner of Main and Fourth streets following the rains of Wednesday. For the good name of Cottage Grove The Sentinel dislikes to disclose its wording, but as a purveyor of news it feels in duty bound to give it to the world.

NOTICE.

No Fishing Allowed Here.

This unsightly condition of our main business thoroughfare, however, will

disappear with the incoming of the spring months, when a substantial pavement will be constructed. Landlord Westbrook should be patient, and even though it becomes necessary to ferry his guests across the street he should give the powers that be a chance.

Asks for Injunction.

The Booth-Kelly Lumber Company has asked for a permanent injunction against the city of Eugene in the construction of its power plant on the McKenzie river. The complaint cites that the way in which the canal is being constructed will so reduce the flow of water in the McKenzie river for a distance of seven miles that it will make logging impossible, and will do irreparable damage to the plaintiffs.

Suffers Broken Leg.

While watching football practice on the High school campus yesterday at noon, Solomon Coffman, a son of J. B. Coffman, was run into by one of the players, suffering quite severe injuries. His right leg was fractured in two places below the knee. His home is on Fourth street.

Portland and Return Only \$5.90.

The Southern Pacific Co. is now selling round trip tickets to Portland from Cottage Grove for \$5.90 good Saturday on No. 16 at 1:50 a. m. train, returning Monday evening on No. 13 leaving Portland at 7:30 p. m., giving all day Saturday, Sunday and Monday in Portland. The same arrangements apply from Portland giving Portland people a chance to visit valley points at greatly reduced rates.

Southern Pacific Railway Time-Table

NORTH BOUND.	
No. 16	1:48 a. m.
No. 18	4:50 p. m.
No. 14	4:43 a. m.
No. 20	11:32 a. m.
SOUTH BOUND.	
No. 15	1:26 a. m.
No. 17	10:15 p. m.
No. 13	6:30 a. m.
No. 19	2:57 p. m.

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