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ALL MILLS ARE DOWN FOR HOLIDAY SEASON

Business Slack During Winter Will Bring Crucial Test for NRA Program.

(Crew's Lumber Digest.)

The general outlook for the next two weeks promises about as much action as would be expected in a country where the mills are down. A majority of the mills plan to be down entirely during the period between December 22 and January 2. This has long been a rule with many concerns, but the provisions of production regulation have taken a full and complete cut on the last allocation. It is generally accepted that the whole industry will be idle during the holidays.

There is yet a sizeable quantity of the advance buying business to be shipped, mostly for the domestic cargo markets, but many concerns will before the end of this week have cleaned up their order files. Some already have done so and the opening of the new year will find a potential capacity considerably greater than the available business unless something new now in sight shows up to create a demand.

Under the circumstances there is little likelihood of the retailers doing any forward buying in anticipation of spring business. In the first place, with prices fixed under the code it is not possible to place orders for blocks of several cars and get concessions for quantity purchases. The present business in general, while somewhat improved as compared with a year ago, is not such that buyers of lumber anticipate any trouble in supplying their needs at the minimum established by the code. Then there are some buyers who are not yet convinced that the NRA program is going to stand, in which event they would expect and probably see the price structure collapse.

Lumber can be bought, with the exception of small-mail standard stock, just as cheaply in bulk mixed cars as it can in straight lots. This naturally encourages withholding placements until the last minute so that as much of the stock as possible may be taken directly from the car to the job, doing away with the storing and handling costs on all except fill-in items necessary to make weight.

Admitting that the bulk of the retail business in the future will be in mixed cars, whether in the consuming fields and the opening of spring assume a greater importance than ever before. In other words, the retailer is not going to buy until shortly before his customers are ready to take delivery.

On the producing end also the weather can exert either an extremely good or bad influence. Up to date the northwest has enjoyed exceptionally mild weather, but heavy rains have had a minor retarding pull on production but by no means enough to be a factor in the market. When snow and low temperatures come to the firmills it is usually in the latter part of December or early January. It is uncommon to slip through the winter with scarcely a flake of snow and a minimum of very light freezing temperatures which do not interfere with sawmill operation. However, it does not take much ice and snow to tie the mills and camps up and that is yet a possibility during the next six weeks.

Here again enters the word if. If the mills are forced to remain idle through most of January on account of bad weather, it will go a long way toward bridging what is otherwise going to be a severe test of their patience as they divide up the puny flow of business that probably will be in the market. The next six weeks are going to call for a lot of patience as the price provisions of the code undergo the crucial test.

RANGER PIEPER IS OFF LAYNG CREEK JOB

Paul S. Pieper, who has been district ranger at Layng creek station for a number of years, has been transferred to the district forester's office at Roseburg. Present plans are for his return in the spring. Fred Ramsey, who was assistant ranger in the Unalakleet forest, will be stationed at Layng creek during the winter. Elmer Messerly has taken Mr. Pieper's place as superintendent of the Brice creek CCC camp. Mr. Pieper will leave for Roseburg immediately after the first of the year. The family recently established their home in the city.

Masonic Lodge Installs. The following officers have been installed by the Masonic lodge: Arch Walker, W. M.; Earl Stewart, S. W.; William Thum, J. W. T. C. Wheeler, treasurer; F. W. Bressler, secretary; E. R. Lemley, S. D.; J. P. Graham, J. D.; Rose Glass, S. S.; Jess Lansing Jr., S. S.; Jess Lansing Sr., Tyler; H. B. Griggs, trustee for three years.

WHAT BECOMES OF ALL MY BALLS? I LOSE MORE BALLS THAN I CAN GET IN THE CLUB AND I NEVER GET ANY OF THEM BACK. SAY, THE ANGEL GABRIEL, WOULD BE ABLE TO FIND MY BALLS FOR ME?

Lighthouse Lamp Is Christmas Gift

3-C MEMBERS TO GET EDUCATIONAL COURSES

Men to Be Given Opportunity to Make Good Use of Winter Evenings.

A table electric lamp faithfully duplicated a lighthouse in every detail was a unique Christmas gift received by Miss Adeline Adams that she will cherish long and tenderly, partly because of its beauty and intrinsic value, but more because it was the gift and is the handiwork of her father, Charles Adams. The Adams family, now of Eugene, lived here until the Southern Pacific tie plant at which Mr. Adams is superintendent, was moved from here to Eugene.

The lighthouse lamp is slender, graceful and beautifully proportioned. The base and pedestal are of myrtle wood and the tower is of lacust wood from a tree grown in Cottage Grove at the home of Miss Adeline's grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. B. K. Job. The lamp is a reproduction of a lighthouse from the family pantheon, and the dome and trimmings are of brass that had collected about the house. A catwalk extends around the tower at the base and is enclosed within a fence of two rails supported by turned posts and ornamental gate posts. A tiny gate fronts the doorway to the tower, and a turned brass knob set into the door operates the light switch.

The design is faithfully executed, wood and brass are polished to a satin finish and the workmanship is delicately precise. Mr. Adams is known among his friends as a skillful worker in metals, and this delightful bit indicates that he is an artist as well as an artisan.

WILLIAM A. LANDESS WAS COLORFUL PERSON

Well Known Character Had Been Resident Here for 45 Years.

A picturesque character in Oregon, William A. Landess, taken with the death early Thursday last week of William A. Landess, who had lived in Oregon more than 45 years, the last 45 in Cottage Grove country. He had been ill in bed only a day. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon, Rev. M. A. Groves of the Methodist church officiated and interment was in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Mr. Landess was born May 12, 1849, at Quincy, Ill., and had passed his eighty-fourth anniversary. He came to this section at one time with his parents, Henry and Elizabeth Jane Landess, who settled in the Tualatin valley when the place was known as a very wild place in the road, moving shortly to Polk county, where they were among the best known of pioneer families.

In early life the son William took to the eastern Oregon range, where he was known as a hunter and a trapper. He was married in Polk county February 19, 1874, to Laura F. Boone, who survives. The family came here from Oregon and became prominent in the affairs of this section, at one time owning a large part of the land on which the eastern portion of Cottage Grove has been built. While Mr. Landess did not seek public office, he was for many years prominent in the affairs of the community. He was also a pioneer family.

Surviving children are Mrs. Linné Veltie, this city; Felix B. Landess, Winnemucca, Nev.; George J. Landess, this city; Miss Winnie, William and Hattie Landess, all of Portland. He is now the only surviving member of the pioneer family.

HEBRO. Dec. 26.—Mr. and Mrs. John M. Hebrum entertained Christmas day for Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Gilman and family, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Murry and Miss Myrtle Gilman. Mr. and Mrs. Hebrum also entertained with a Christmas dinner for Mrs. Wright and three children from Carleton, and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Garman and children spent Christmas at Harbush with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bressler.

Mr. and Mrs. Ad. Heath entertained with a Christmas dinner for Mrs. Wright and three children from Carleton, and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Garman and children spent Christmas at Harbush with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bressler. Mrs. Nancy McCoy was a Christmas guest of her niece, Mrs. Lois Abene of Cottage Grove. Miss Grace Beattie is spending her Christmas vacation in Brownsville with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Orvil Clarke and children of Klamath Falls spent Christmas vacation with Mr. Clarke's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Clarke, Cedar Creek.

E. J. Edwards came down from McKenzie bridge Saturday and had to return Sunday on business connected with his school. Eunice and Nathan accompanied him. Phillip Hersey arrived Friday from Los Angeles and is visiting at the Mrs. Jessie Gilman home. Mr. and Mrs. John Keibelbeck and family spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Mike Keibelbeck in Cottage Grove.

Information Control Hogs, Corn Soon Complete information on the government corn and hog production control plan will be available soon, according to O. S. Fletcher, county agent. Farmers who keep one or more brood sows and sell hogs or who grow more than ten acres of corn and who would like to receive complete information on the corn-hog plan may obtain it from the county agent.

HEAVY WATER BEING MADE AT UNIVERSITY

Largest Plant in Existence for Purpose in Use for Experiment.

Eugene, Ore.—A complete plant for the manufacture of "heavy water," the largest in operation upon a single original batch of ordinary water in the world, is located at the University of Oregon.

The apparatus for making this most precious of all chemical fluids includes a huge 10,000-gallon capacity tank and a 50 kilowatt direct current generator with an effective amperage of 20,000. Financing the operation was made possible through a grant from the national research council. The entire product will be used for investigations at the University of Oregon and at the bureau of standards in Washington.

The electrolysis method, perfected two years ago by E. W. Washburne, chief chemist of the U. S. bureau of standards, and since used on a small scale at Columbia, Princeton and one or two other laboratories, is employed for the large-scale operation under way here.

Since but one part of pure "heavy water" exists in 5,000 parts of ordinary water, the 10,000 gallons under treatment at Eugene would yield two gallons if it were possible to carry out the process with great exactness. The efficiency of the separation, however, will not permit so complete a recovery, and the precise amount to be expected here is not known with certainty.

A short time ago this "water" was valued at nearly \$100,000 a quart, and late quotations still rate its worth at over \$70,000 for this amount.

"Heavy water" is exactly what its name implies. Discovery of it was followed by the discovery that there are two kinds of hydrogen atoms, instead of the usual long been believed, and that one type of atom was twice as heavy as the other. It is where these heavy hydrogen atoms are in the water structure that the "heavy water" results. Every one knows that water is composed of one atom of oxygen and two of hydrogen. The weight of the oxygen, however, is rated at 16 units to that of the hydrogen. The "heavy water," with the weight of the hydrogen atoms doubled, the ratio becomes 16 to 4, or a total of 20 instead of 18. By way of comparison, a quart of ordinary water weighs 32 fluid ounces, while a quart of "heavy water" would weigh more than 34 fluid ounces.

The interest in heavy water is not only in its own behavior, but in the fact that through it heavy hydrogen itself can be obtained and built into other hydrocarbons, while many of which should show behaviors which are entirely unknown. The medicinal value of heavy water is also yet to be determined. Professor Stafford is well known in the field of chemistry, and a few weeks ago a report on one of his experiments, which proved that actinide is the greatest known source of radioactivity, received national attention.

LANE MAN IS WINNER AT BIG TURKEY SHOW

The championship prize and the largest number of prizes to go to the champion of the Northwest Turkey show, held last week at the fair grounds, went to a Lane county man, Joseph Kupetz of Goshen. The bird that won the championship was adjudged the champion turkey and the champion bronze. Mr. Kupetz won first, second, fourth and eighth places in the bronze class.

The Oakland show is the largest turkey exhibition held in the world. This year there were 307 entries of live birds and 300 entries of dressed birds. North Dakota and Texas were among distant states represented.

Athletic Letters Are Given. Letters in athletics were awarded to the following at a high school assembly Friday: Virgil Horn, Ray Thies, Floyd Thies, Ora Cook, Elmer Mason, Kenneth Shortridge, Robert Dunsberry, Harold Mackin, Joe Sorenson, Vern Thorsen, Dan Kelly, Alfred Allen, Faye Stewart, Thos. Shankle, Paul Sullivan, Clifford Shaw and Claude Miller.

A manager letter was awarded Jack Kelly, the Twin Oaks trophy for the year, to the Horn and the letterman's award to Raymond Thies. Coach Bagley made the presentations.

A mother's milk was carried from San Francisco to Portland, 700 miles, by airplane daily and fed to her baby. The U. S. government is raising water fleas for fish food. Bullfrogs reach table size at the age of 3 1/2 years. A million pounds of Alaska reindeer meat was consumed in the eastern market in 1931.

Inventory blanks. The Sentinel.

THE FEATHERHEADS

By Osborne
You might as well walk around to the car with me. I put in my parking lot that had closed up for the night. YES—JUST AROUND THE CORNER. DID YOU FIND A PLACE NEARBY TO PARK THE CAR? THEN YOU WON'T HAVE TO PAY—WILL YOU?

Tax Turnover Is More Than \$53,000

More than \$53,000 in 1932 and 1931 taxes were turned over to County Treasurer Grace Schinka Wednesday of last week, \$48,574.32 having been collected for 1932 and \$5,000.65 for the year previous.

The 1932 turnover was segregated as follows: State and county, \$21,090.35; cities, \$11,987.47; school districts, \$13,787.72; union high schools, \$481.38; road districts, \$110.84; county high schools, \$817.57; forest fire patrol, \$196.95; gray digger fund, \$1.84.

The 1931 turnover was divided as follows: State and county, \$23,037.84; cities, \$797.67; school districts, \$1,696.57; union high schools, \$127.31; road districts, \$111.80; port of Clatsop, \$4.54; forest fire patrol, \$14.62.

From the time the law providing that taxes may be paid in warrants went into effect last spring up to Wednesday, the amount of county and school warrants used to pay taxes was \$29,968.08. This is an accommodation to the taxpayers and has had the effect of causing a great deal of additional work in the treasurer's office.

A turnover of bad taxes and interest was made Friday. It included \$10,032 for the years 1914 to 1929, \$23,222 interest for 1931 and \$12,661.10 for taxes for the years 1927 to 1930.

100 MEN EMPLOYED ON FEDERAL PROJECTS

Pipe Line Work, School Repairs, Street Work Are Progressing.

About 100 men are being employed in this vicinity on CWA projects, the money for which is furnished by the federal government. Cottage Grove got project No. 1 for the county, this being repairs and replacement work on the water system upon which 50 men are employed. The dam in Prayter creek and the Prayter creek water line have been rebuilt. Protection work has been done on the dam in Prayter creek, this being 14-inch pipe which replaces 12-inch pipe.

Eighteen men are being employed on street work, over the city, this being repair and rebuilding of board walks, cleaning out gutters, patching gravel streets and clearing up the city streets. These men are being employed because of shortage of city funds.

Sixteen men are being employed by the school district making repairs and painting and kalsomining buildings.

City Engineer Corner, in charge of work for the city, has received several men who received cards entitling them to start work. These men have presented their cards during the past week. The reasons were given for not presenting the cards sooner, among them, reasons being sickness and other employment.

A contract is to be let December 28 for improving north Ninth street from Thayer avenue south to connect with the full-width pavement. Sixteen-foot pavement is to be increased to 30 feet and a five-foot gravel shoulder is to be built. This will be for a distance of two-tenths of a mile.

A contract is to be let at the same time for paving a small stretch of highway near the old rock crusher site north of the city, which was built a year ago to eliminate a sharp rocky point at which several lives had been lost.

C. of C. to Eat With CCC Boys

C. of C. members will be entertained by the Brice creek CCC camp next Tuesday noon. The boys of the CCC camp are so appreciative of the hospitality of the city that they wish to show their appreciation by entertaining business men of the city. The invitation to the C. of C. to hold their next Tuesday's luncheon at the camp.

The party from here will leave about 11:30 and will arrive on the return trip at about 2. The annual election of the chamber of commerce has been postponed a week because of the junket to Rutland, where the CCC boys are spending the winter.

Lane Farmers Receive \$13,000 Gift

Farmers of Lane county have already received nearly \$13,000 on next year's crops. At least, it amounts to that, for checks of that amount came as Christmas presents in the wheat allotment program. This amount was distributed to 201 growers, and there are yet four checks to come to other growers.

America has 146 women state legislators. Every man is a volume if you know how to read him—Channing. Light burdens, long borne, grow heavy.

Miniature House Has Every Detail

A miniature of a model house ever constructed here is on exhibition at the Twin Oak Lumber company's store. The work of J. S. Lake, draughtsman, who spent all his spare time during four months in producing the model. The scale and proportions of the building are of Pabco board. It was constructed in exact proportion to a design furnished by the Pabco company. Every detail has been carried out, including eavetroughs, down pipes for rainwater, copper door knobs, electric lights, etc. The floor may be dropped from the entire building to reveal an interior in which every detail has been worked out. Even to closets, built-in bath tub, even to house may be lighted by connection with a 110-volt circuit.

LUMLER AUTHORITY IS SOLD ON LUMBER CODE

Conditions, Bad as They Are, Would Be Worse Except for NRA.

(C. C. CROW in Crew's Lumber Digest.)

Any man who will be fair, lay aside his personal prejudices and broaden his perspective enough to take in the whole lumber industry, will have to admit that the effects of the code up to date have been wonderfully beneficial to everyone to be an absolute necessity.

What would the price of lumber be today if we had not had production regulation? The answer to that question is bad enough if you just go back to where we were before the business was stimulated through the production regulation. The output. Prices were at that time at the lowest level seen in 40 years. They had no relation to the cost of production for mills of any size. The whole industry was racing madly into bankruptcy. What if you had no production regulation? We would very quickly lose all of the ground gained during the last six months of the year.

What about minimum wages? Is there a man so devoid of human kindness who would drop back to the beginning of the year? Is there anyone so dumb that he fails to see in shorter hours and wider distribution of work a necessary to prevent the growth of anarchy amongst the masses?

The code up to date has been highly successful. There is no dissatisfaction over provisions of the minimum price and fair practice. The men who have been employed under the code have seen these rules are working day and night in an effort to shape them to the benefit of the industry. A fair price for their product. The problem is a complex one, by long odds the most difficult yet confronted. It has as many angles as the variance in facilities of the mills of all sizes that it is designed to help. Now is an opportune time to shape the matter out for there is no buying of any consequence nor would there have been any production should develop from the present setup on prices is not fair to everyone, is there any reason why it cannot be ironed out? Grant the matter out for argument that price regulation as originally planned should have to be abandoned entirely, which is not likely, production regulation, the control of wages and hours would still be a safeguard worth more than the cost of the entire program.

Price regulation in some form is absolutely necessary for the benefit of both employer and employee, and given a little time for adjustment, all of the impositions, if any exist, will be removed. In the meantime, the lumber industry should be the last to grow impatient and bing upon this necessary step the responsibility for other longstanding conditions which are hereditary, recurring and are in part the very voids that minimum prices are designed to bridge. During the holidays, when there will be plenty of time for meditation, it wouldn't be a bad plan for every lumberman to take up for present position, compare it with that of a year ago and discover he all might be off. Such an analysis will show that the improvement is largely due to President Roosevelt's NRA program, which simply because as a people would rather remain stuck in a mud hole than to accept unsolicited advice which would get us out.

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All sawmills of this vicinity are down this week as usual during the holidays. It is expected that operations will be resumed Tuesday.

In 1932, 6000 persons were killed and 150,000 injured in England's motor accidents.

MOE'S AUTO JUNKY

USED PARTS FOR SALE