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CAN STAND NO MORE

PAPER MILLS CANNOT AFFORD TO INCREASE WAGES.

Nearly All Eastern Mills Are On Two-Shift Basis and the Pay of Men in all Cases is Considerably Less Than Scale Here.

Whether or not a demand is made upon the Willamette Pulp & Paper Company and the Crown Paper Company by their employees, who are members of the federal labor union, for an increase in wages and shorter hours, it is extremely improbable that the mills will accede to any such demands.

The companies state they cannot afford the raise on account of the sharp competition of eastern mills, where the average wage of a paper mill employee is \$1.37½ a day, compared with \$1.75 here. In no part of the Oregon City paper mills is a wage less than \$1.75 paid, while in the east some of the laborers are paid as low as \$1.25. The officers of the company deny that eastern mills are on a three shift basis.

A few of them may be, but their all of the pulp mills are two-shift mills. In some instances where the experiment was tried of putting the mills on a three-shift basis, the men themselves became dissatisfied because the wages were less and asked to go back to two shifts.

The impression that the wages were increased a year ago on account of the organization of federal labor union is said to be erroneous and the companies call it an unfortunate circumstance as it has evidently misled many of the men to believe that the union was accountable for the increase. As a matter of fact, so says the company, the increase was contemplated several months before the formation of the union and the fact that it was made effective four days after organization is merely a coincidence. The sole reason for the raise of wages was the increased cost of living. An officer of the Willamette Pulp & Paper Company says:

"The largest item in the cost of producing paper is labor. In fact it is considerably larger than all the other expenses of operating. Within the past ten days the eastern paper trust has reduced the price of paper delivered on the Pacific Coast one-half cent a pound, simply because the extremely low cost of labor in the east is more than offset by the freight rates which the trust is able, by means best known to itself, to obtain. We are not in the newspaper trust, although overtures have been made to us to go into it. There are many other reasons why it is impossible for us to grant a wage increase or to divide the work of the mills into three shifts of eight hours."

Assistant Secretary M. Rosenbaum, of the Crown Paper Company, regarding the proposed demand, says:

"I was not aware that our men were dissatisfied. We raised the wages voluntarily last year and we are paying all now that our business will justify. The price of wood for paper pulp has advanced 60 per cent within the past few years and the price of paper has declined 10 per cent. I would be happy to concede higher wages if our business would stand it, but at present it cannot. If the wages demanded are so high that we cannot pay them our only course would be to shut down the mills."

"The paper mills of the Pacific Coast do not belong to any combine and each company is acting independently of the other. We have to meet the paper mills of the east, who have a 75 cent rate to the coast on their product, while they can obtain pulp much cheaper than we can. We only manufacture wrapping paper and our field is limited to the coast. We do not ship east or to foreign countries."

Frank F. Baker was committed to the insane asylum Thursday afternoon by County Judge Ryan and taken to Salem Thursday night by Deputy Sheriff S. J. Burford and Fred A. Polk. Baker has been a fireman in the Willamette Paper mill for two years past. He is 30 years of age and his insanity resulted from typhoid fever, which he contracted last December.

LUMBER COMPANY INCORPORATED.

Controls 800 Acres of Fine Timber at Boring Junction.

O. A. Palmer, A. J. Linton and Ralph R. Duniway Friday incorporated the Boring Junction Lumber Company, with a capital stock of \$25,000, divided into 2500 shares. The principal place of business of the company is at Boring, a station of the line of the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company. The property of the company consists of a mill and the site on which it stands, about four acres. The mill was constructed by O. A. Palmer, who owns about 800 acres of timber, containing a large amount of fine yellow fir. The mill now has two engines but the plant will be increased. Among the objects of the company are to carry on a general sawmill, lumber and logging business, buy, sell and lease lands and personal property, run boarding houses, hotels and feed stables, blacksmith shop; to borrow and loan money, with and without mortgage securities; to build and operate railroads, tramways, flumes and chutes and to build wagon roads.

Boring has never had a postoffice but one is soon to be established there. Tony Foster has been appointed postmaster and as soon as his bond is filed and approved, the paraphernalia of the office will be sent out. The people of Boring formerly received their mail at Powell's Valley, four miles away, but that office has been abolished and the address of the Boring people is now Gresham, Ore., Rural Free Delivery, No. 5.

The Oregon City Planing Mill Company was incorporated Friday with F. S. Baker, Margaret Baker and J. L. Barry as incorporators. The capital stock is \$2500, divided into 250 shares at \$10 per share. The principal place of business is Oregon City and the objects of the corporation are to engage in lumbering, logging and general contracting and building business; to acquire, operate and sell water rights and franchises; to buy and sell sawmills, planing mills and lumber yards; to manufacture, deal in and sell building material of every description; to raft, drive, tow and boom logs and other timber products for itself and others and for that purpose to clear out and improve rivers in Oregon and elsewhere. The principal stockholder of the company, F. S. Baker, has been in the planing mill and contracting business in this city for several years past.

Shout Breaks a Glass.

Every one knows that windows will rattle when a loud noise is made in a room, but very few persons know that a glass can be broken by shouting into it.

Any ordinary glass which has a clear tone will do for this trick, and the exact nature of its tone can readily be ascertained by passing a moistened finger around its rim. This point being settled, the performer should hold the glass in front of his mouth and shout into it in a tone about an octave higher than that of the glass. The result will be that the glass will break immediately, and for the reason that it will not have strength enough to resist the force exerted against it by the waves of air.

The thinner the glass is the more easily it will be broken.

The Heat of Lava.

The lava streams from the eruption of Vesuvius in 1858 were so hot twelve years later that steam issued from their cracks and crevices. Those that flowed from Etna in 1787 were found to be steaming hot just below the crust as late as 1840. The volcano Jorullo, in Mexico, poured forth in 1759 lava that eighty-seven years later gave off columns of steaming vapor. In 1780 it was found that a stick thrust into the crevices instantly ignited, although no discomfort was experienced in walking on the hardened crust.

Thorough Work.

Mrs. Youngwife—A friend has sent me a basket of quinces, and I don't know how to use them.

Mrs. Oldwife—Nothing is simpler. Pare and core them, make preserves of the best pieces, marmalade of the others, and jelly of the cores and peelings.

Mrs. Youngwife—Well, I declare! And what shall I make of the basket they came in?—New York Weekly.

Hypocrites.

"I despise a hypocrite," says Boggs. "So do I," says Cloggs. "Now, take Knoggs, for example. He's the biggest hypocrite on earth. I despise that man."

"But you appear to be his best friend." "Oh, yes; I try to appear friendly toward him. It pays better in the end."

Impediments.

Swiggs—Somehow I have failed to meet with any success in my undertakings.

Briggs—That's easily accounted for. Swiggs—Well, what's the answer? Briggs—Too many bars in your way.

FINE FARM LAND

PRODUCTIVE COUNTRY ABOUT THE NEW TOWN OF BORING.

Lumber Industry Attracting Attention of Capital—Free Delivery Routes Established and Roads Are in Good Condition.

BORING, March 20.—(Special.)—Boring, the new town about which so much is being written of late, is situated twenty miles southeast of from Portland on the O. W. P. & Ry. Co.'s Portland-Springwater line.

This section of Clackamas County has been noted for a number of years for its large yields of grain and potatoes and prosperous farmers in general. The farm that produces the most bushels of grain and potatoes in Clackamas County is located here, being that of Vetch & Sons. The farm contains four hundred acres, about one hundred and sixty being in cultivation. In addition to the above mentioned crops, enough hay is grown for sixty-five milk cows and a number of young cattle. On the farm is also located what is known as the Damascus Creamery which converts the cream into butter. Besides making their own cream into butter, Vetch & Sons are buying the cream from the surrounding country; their butter being always of the highest quality. It commands the top market price at all times.

There are also several other comparatively large farms besides a number of smaller ones near Boring.

Of late the lumber industry has attracted the attention of capital. O. A. Palmer has a large sawmill at the place where the station of the new railroad will be built. This sawmill is on the north fork of Deep Creek. On the south fork of Deep Creek L. C. Klingler is putting in what will be the largest sawmill in the county. Other parties are looking for mill sites or buying the timber with a view to sending the logs to market on the railroad.

Up to within a short time people looked on the timber as if it were a curse but now the thing has changed, timber is worth money for both lumber and cordwood.

As to the quality of the soil it is safe to say that there is no section of Oregon that produces better hay, grain, potatoes and fruit with the exception of peaches and some varieties of grapes.

The roads are in a fair condition, this is shown by the fact that Uncle Sam has established rural free delivery which serves most of the people.

This is not a place where a man can make a fortune in a day, week, or month but if a man is not afraid to pitch in and work there are as good opportunities here as anywhere, land is still comparatively cheap and there is room for a great many families. If you, reader, are looking for a place to locate we want you to consider Boring as a possible place for a home. We have the following inducements to offer: Cheap land, good roads, proximity to a railroad, rural free delivery, good schools, plenty of good water at a very reasonable depth, a healthy locality, no malaria or kindred diseases here, productive soil, and if you desire to work out plenty of chances to do so. If those are not inducements enough for you at least give this section a call, then, God bless you, go where you can find more of them.

The firm of Johnson & Lamb has dissolved partnership, J. C. Sawyer purchasing the interest of Mr. Johnson, who has gone to Portland to work at the carpenter's trade. The new firm will be known as Lamb & Sawyer.

The ladies of the Baptist Church will hold a sale of useful articles in the Sunday School room of the church April 17. Dinner, ice cream and cake will be served from 6 to 8 P. M.

A basket social and old-fashioned spelling school was held in the Parkplace schoolhouse last Friday night. The affair netted \$27, which will go toward lighting and seats in the assembly room.

The Mother's Club, of Parkplace, will meet next Friday afternoon in the assembly room of the schoolhouse and will be addressed by Mrs. W. A. White, of this city.

Court Robin Hood, Foresters of America, has elected John A. Moore delegate and M. P. Chapman alternate to attend the Grand Court of Foresters, which will be held in Astoria May 12.

Bestie & Beatie, dentists, Weinhard building, rooms 16, 17 and 18.

SPRING AT LIBERAL.

Farmers Are Busy Putting In Their Crops.

LIBERAL, March 20.—(Special.)—Spring has come and with it the farmers are busy putting in their crops.

Mrs. Newberry, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Bingham, returned to Portland yesterday.

Olis Morris is working for P. M. Graves sowing grain.

W. A. Woodsid called on his daughter, Mrs. E. Dodge, and took his grandson home with him for a few days visit yesterday.

Mr. Dodge and brother now have a shingle mill on the Delinger place, where they are cutting mostly white fir shingles, something new for Oregon, where cedar always has been so plentiful.

Pierce Wright is head engineer in Dodge's mill and he now greets you with a smile whenever you meet him.

Al Reynolds has purchased a \$150 horse from O. G. Morris. Mr. Reynolds has had the misfortune to lose two of his best horses this winter, and we wish him better luck in the future.

Mr. Leerie Wiles and Miss Lydia Simmonds were married Wednesday morning at the home of the bride's parents. After a bountiful dinner they left for Gervais to visit relatives of the bride.

Oak Grove school began Monday with Miss Stella Sumner, of Sunny-side, as teacher.

F. C. Klingler is confined to his bed with an abscess on his knee.

Ira Morris is working in the shingle mill on the Vaughn place belonging to Graves and Dodge. They cut an average of 20 to 25 thousand per day.

Mrs. Ott and daughter are visiting Mrs. Ott's mother in Sellwood.

Mr. Kummer has sold his farm and is preparing to move to LaGrande.

Mrs. Dodge, of Oregon City, was visiting her sons Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Skein's father and sister, of Gervais, visited her a few days this week.

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ILLEGAL FISHING

EXCITING EXPERIENCES OF TWO WATER BAILIFFS.

Chased Fishermen Four Miles But the Violators Finally Got Away—One Boat Overhauled and Several Nets Seized.

Late Saturday night Water Bailiffs W. W. Smith and O. F. Jones had an experience on the Willamette river in a chase for violators of the close salmon season. Going down the Willamette they captured four set nets. Spying a boat with three men in it, they gave chase and overhauled the boat. Two of the men ran the boat ashore and fled to the brush and the third was captured, but was released and allowed to take his boat and net. All three of the men are known and their cases will come before Deputy District Attorney Campbell. Seven salmon were seized and sold to a local fish dealer. Later at night the bailiffs sighted another boat with two men in it and pulled away after it. For four miles up and down and across the river the bailiffs pulled and at one time were within ten feet of their intended prey, but the fishermen were in a light boat and when the bailiffs would gain on them down stream, the pursued would put about and up the river they would go. Finally one of the bailiffs gave out and the men got away.

There have been many violations of the fish law during the past weeks and the bailiffs are determined that illegal fishing must be stopped. Fishing has been carried on in the Clackamas river and some of the fishermen are known to the bailiffs, who will exhaust every effort to catch the offenders.

Violations of the law are becoming so flagrant that the water bailiffs are going to adopt measures that will insure the prevention of fishing for salmon out of season. Ten days ago they came upon a trap gun on the bank of the Clackamas river. They tripped a string and the gun was fired point

blank at them from the brush. They examined the weapon, which proved to be in the nature of a small cannon. A large galvanized gas pipe had been fastened between two blocks of wood and filled with powder and the discharge frightened them out of several years' growth.

Action to Recover Possession.

On Saturday Inez Grimm filed an action in the Circuit Court against Clark Green to recover the possession to 100 acres of land in T. 7, S. R. 3 E. The land was sold to the county for the taxes for 1897, and certificate was assigned by the county to Green and he is now in possession of the premises. In this case the same questions are involved as in the case of Jones vs. Hargreaves recently decided by Judge McBride in favor of the plaintiff, and holding that the tax deed was void. G. B. Dimick and G. L. Story appear as attorneys for plaintiff.

Suit to Cancel Tax-Deed.

A suit was commenced in the Circuit Court on Monday by N. R. Graham against P. H. Marlay and Jessie K. Marlay to cancel a tax deed to about 55 acres of land located on Elliot Prairie. The plaintiff demands judgment against the defendants for a decree compelling them to set up their answer the nature of their pretended claim; that the same be canceled and held for naught; that plaintiff recover from the defendants his costs and disbursements of the suit. G. B. Dimick and G. L. Story are attorneys for plaintiffs.

C. F. Vonderahne has brought suit against L. R. Janney, Charles Janney and James Thorne to recover a sum of money due on a promissory note. Judgment is asked for \$300 principal, \$40 attorney's fee, and 10 per cent interest on the principal from July 20, 1892.

Mayor G. B. Dimick visited his old home near Hubbard yesterday, returning last evening.

"An Evening in Ireland" at Willamette Hall, Friday, March 27. Refreshments served. Lots of fun. Proceeds for the Eastham School Library. Everybody invited.

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