

SUBJECT Five Planing Mills Will Cease to Run.

CAUSE: LACK OF ORDERS

Tie-Up Makes Prompt Settlement Impossible.

400 MEN WILL BE THROWN OUT

Orders to Close Work Are Expected in Ten Days—Contractors Employing Nonunion Men Are Able to Buy Lumber.

As a result of the complicated labor conditions, five planing mills will probably shut down within ten days. These mills employ 400 men, who will be thrown out of work.

Within ten days five planing mills, which depend upon the local market, will probably shut down. Though lumber is being sold to contractors who do not employ union men, there is a woeful lack of orders, and as soon as those now on hand are filled these establishments will close.

The original intention of the millowners to close this week, but an examination of the orders on hand showed them that they could run for at least another week. The mills which supply an outside market will probably close at the same time.

"We must all shut down at the same time, or it will do no good," said a member of the Millmen's Association yesterday. The Portland planing mills do not recognize the unions. "I allow no representative of any union to enter my office and tell me what I shall pay my men," said a millman when asked as to the reason for the threatened lockout.

"Matters a great deal, I can tell you; the contractors get lumber from us and build the houses, but if the construction is put back, say a month or so, by a strike of all these men, they are that much longer in getting their money, and so are we. If we let money stand out in unfinished buildings too long, we become involved. That is the reason why we have decided not to sell any more lumber to the local trade, except to men who can guarantee us that they can fill their contracts on schedule time without any strike."

"Then, it is only the contractors employing nonunion men who can buy lumber here?" "Yes, that is true, but not from any intention on our part to shut out any one else. No contractor who employs union men can guarantee us that he will not be troubled with a sympathetic strike, while those contractors who hire nonunion men can give us just such a guarantee."

How Contractors Get Lumber. The contractors employing nonunion men exclusively obtain all the lumber they need by the following method: They appear before a committee of three men representing the sawmills and planing mills of the city and ask them to give their names, contract, length of contract and for whom, aware that they employ no union men and will not sign up with the union before the building upon which the contract is held is completed. Then the committee gives a permit to the mill with which the contractor chooses to deal, and he, on presentation of the permit from the committee, is allowed to buy lumber to the local trade. So he gets no lumber.

ing, and the proprietor is out of the fight for the present. These do mostly stock work, and can sell much material in outside markets. It is not yet a certainty that these mills will close when the others do, but the admission of the planing mill man as given above would seem to indicate that such a step is more than probable.

Chinese Reap a Harvest.

One Steam Laundry Operates but Other Work Goes to Celestials. The end of the laundry famine is not yet in sight. In fact, the outlook is anything but cheerful, and the Laundrymen's Association shows no inclination of receding from its present attitude.

The Chinese "washers" men are happy, and the hotel, restaurant men, the barbers and general public disconsolate. The lowly heathen, however, seems not to have learned some things from his Christian brother, as there has been no increase in the prices charged at the Chinese laundries.

In a series of interviews with the yellow gentlemen who have the clean linen market cornered, in which the reporter asked countless leading questions, a consensus of opinion seems to be that there will be no advance. Meanwhile the laundry contractors for to keep every Chinaman humping himself until the summer solstice.

The general complaint among the people most affected by the suspension of the steam laundries seems to be that the famine in clean things will be of short duration, and that an agreement will be reached by the end of the week. The restaurants were compelled to resort to the use of paper napkins yesterday, and the specter of olefin table cloths is looming up on the caterers' horizon.

On the other hand, the officers of the union state positively that they are not to blame for present conditions. That the contractors are interfering with the work, and that they believe to be just wages and hours, and the managers, rather than accede to the proposed scale, closed their plants. They state that they are ready to go to work at any time and operate the laundries for the rest of the week.

STEP TOWARD ARBITRATION. Building Trades Council Appoints Committee for Conference. Another step toward arbitration has been taken by the Building Trades Council. At the meeting last evening a committee of three was appointed to visit the Associations of Master Painters and Master Builders and ask these associations to appoint like committees.

Stomach Troubles. That serious stomach troubles can be cured by the use of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, which he did, and which he has placed on the market, is a fact which is being proved by the many who are cured by its use. Price 25 cents. For sale by all druggists.

Attempt of Owner to Start Work on Building.

HIS CONTRACTOR OBJECTS

Gordon Locks Union Carpenters in Shapiro's Building—Gordon's Son Fights One of Them and Shapiro Applies for Injunction. An effort to put union men at work in the basement of the new building being constructed by E. A. Shapiro, on Third street, opposite the Baker Hotel, nearly caused a riot yesterday afternoon.

When the new men were put to work yesterday, Contractor Gordon considered, receiving notice in his employ had a right to work on the building and consequently ordered the men to leave the basement. They refused and he passed through the door into the basement into the street, locking the men inside.

Shapiro Appeals to Court. Later in the afternoon an injunction suit was filed in the State Circuit Court by Mr. Shapiro, against Mr. Gordon. Shapiro says he let a contract to Gordon for the erection of a one-story brick building on Third street between Yamhill and Taylor, on February 11, 1903, which, he alleges, Gordon agreed to have completed before April 1, for a certain stipulated sum.

Shapiro Not Allowed to Work. Shapiro further alleges that he obtained a load of lumber and caused it to be unloaded in front of the premises on Third street, and that Gordon declined to permit any of the lumber to be taken inside the building, and fastened and locked the door of the basement. All of these acts, he alleges, Shapiro alleges, are causing him great loss, as he is paying \$15 per day ground rent. He asks the court to issue an order enjoining Gordon from interfering with the persons who desire to work, and restraining him from preventing the lumber from being taken into the building, and to grant such other relief as may be necessary. Gunnarson & Malarkey appear as attorneys for Shapiro.

LABORERS CALLED OFF THEIR JOBS. Business Agent Smith, of the Laborers' Protective Union, says he has the prerogative to the fullest extent yesterday afternoon calling off the men employed upon the upper floors of the Dekum building. Two laborers were working upon the job and receiving wages, Smith says, when he determined to call off every member of his union in the city, no matter whether they are getting union wages or not, until all laborers are receiving the pay for which they ask.

UNION OF EMPLOYERS. Committee Is Inquiring Into Plan of Action. The proposed Association of Employers in Portland is having the committee which is sounding the alarm of the business men of the city. Employers are circumspect about taking up with the proposal. They wish to be assured beyond doubt that such an association is successful in other cities. They wish to avoid going into an organization which would excite labor unions and injure business.

ROUTH FORFEITS HIS BAIL. Police in Search of Saloon Man Who Had no License. Gus Routh, who was recently fined \$100 in the Municipal court on a charge of selling liquor without a license, is being diligently sought by the local police.

MINING NEWS AT GLENDALE. A Southern Oregon Mining Camp That is Attracting Widespread Attention. A leading editorial in the Glendale News, published by Mr. Sloan P. Shutt, announces to the world the remarkable richness of some of the leading gold mines in the immediate vicinity of Glendale.

the bearing the demand to the strike committee. In that event the strike committee shall appoint three members of the association to take charge of the matter. The members of the association who are made, or a settlement. If the terms of settlement agreed upon be not satisfactory to the member involved, they shall proceed, in conjunction with the members of whom the demand is made, to effect a settlement. If the terms of settlement agreed upon be not satisfactory to the member involved, they shall proceed, in conjunction with the members of whom the demand is made, to effect a settlement.

WAGONS IN A MIX-UP. Lumber Team Runs Away and Drags Others Into Its Troubles. Three delivery and one heavy lumber wagon were piled up on Third and Stark streets yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, as the result of a runaway, and miraculously no one was hurt.

Men's Wear. Should you be experiencing any inconvenience at this time in the furnishing line you will find our shirts, collar, cuff and underwear depts. filled with desirable merchandise at lowest prices.

Embroidery. Ladies' Lisle Hose, consisting of an excellent assortment of patterns; regular val- 39c, 50c, for, pair.

Hosiery. Ladies' black Cotton Hose, 3-4 length with extra wide fashioned tops; regular value 50c, special at the low 33c, price of, pair.

Veilings. Mesh Veilings in 1-yd. lengths in gray, black, white, brown and blue, in plain and dotted—Regular 25c, 35c, 18c, 50c, special at 18c.

Embroidery. Lot 1—18-inch Venise All-Overs, regular \$1.50 and \$2.50, \$1.38.

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Embroidery. Lot 2—Polka-dot Bag and imitation Duchesse lace and insertion for ladies' skirts, 1 to 2 1/2 inches, at special price of per yard.

Meier & Frank Company. Refrigerators—The kind that keeps everything cool and makes the ice last. "May Bargain Week" Has Many Tempting Offerings. Lawn Mowers built for durability and easy running—Prices the lowest.

Many Interesting Values Offered This Week for the Economical to Consider.

Special Soap Sale. Wild Flower Toilet Soap, 3 cakes in box .7c per box. Pansy Blossom Toilet Soap, 3 cakes in box .8c per box. English Glycerine Soap .4c per cake.

Cool Spots on Warm Days. Vudor Shades for the porch—Third Floor. This is the beginning of our second year's success with the "Vudor" Shades. Last year so many were disappointed because we could not deliver them.

Great May Sale. Muslin Underw'r. The warm weather of yesterday seemed to bring all those anxious for cool wearing things into this department. The splendid values we are offering this week and the low prices that accompany them makes it doubly important you should not fail to see these bargains.

Crockery Department Bargains. Closing out an excellent line of very desirable crockery—Below are some of the prices—The selling is large and the immense assortment gives all an opportunity to select—Basement.

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WEDDING AND VISITING CARD ENGRAVERS AND STATIONERS. W. G. SMITH & CO. WASHINGTON BUILDING Corner Fourth and Washington Sts.

RENEWS FIRST CHARGE. Holland Contends Southern Pacific Follows Niggardly Policy. PORTLAND, May 4.—(To the Editor),—Last statement by the manager of the northern division of the Southern Pacific, Mr. Koehler, appearing in The Oregonian of this date, he taken to excuse the wreck of last Friday in Cow Creek Canyon, I beg to submit a few words in reply and one or two additional facts that were known to the passengers.



Routh will be brought into court if possible, but if he is not found, Mr. Fitzgerald will ask his bondsmen to forfeit the \$500 bond.

It seems in line with the reputation and usual impervious attitude of the road officials that the statements by the passengers should be so carelessly and superficially treated.

Induced Girl to Run Away. NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., May 4.—(Special.)—William Forrest was arrested here last night on a charge of inducing Mary Stanley, of Aberdeen, Wash., to run away from home with him for the purpose of marrying him secretly. She left Aberdeen four weeks ago to visit her sister in Everett, and as she did not return, her brother came to look for her and eventually landed in New Westminster, where he located Forrest and his sister playing in the Unique Theater. Forrest was arrested and came up before the Magistrate this morning, but was remanded for eight days. The girl, who is only 16 years of age, went home with her brother.

Supreme Court Adjourns. WASHINGTON, May 4.—The Supreme Court of the United States today adjourned until Monday, May 18, when it will meet to announce opinions, hear motions, and not to listen to arguments.