

PRICE IS TO GO UP

Manufacturers Predict Early Advance In Lumber.

MANY REASONS ARE GIVEN

Mill-Owners Contend That Business Should Now Be Placed on Paying Basis, and State Advance of \$1 Per Thousand Likely.

The price of lumber is almost sure to go up after the first of the year. It has been at the bottom notch for two months, and the anticipation of increased trade has about convinced the local millowners that it will soon be time to place the production of lumber on a paying basis.

There are all sorts of odd and conflicting reasons for the present inactivity of the lumber market and the poor prices asked. And the purpose to increase the price is tried in these.

Prices fell two months ago on account of overproduction. The foreign trade was not sufficient to keep the mills going full capacity, the freight rate into the Northwest and Iowa markets was prohibitive, and the local sale let down.

It is believed the people will begin to build in a hurry as soon as they find the price of lumber satisfactory. If lumber goes up to \$8.00 a thousand, as it is very likely to do, as that was the price before the fall, building activity will begin to start up.

There is a psychological condition behind this, and not only building contractors, but millowners also, realize this. There is, besides, the renewed activity of the new year. That makes the first of the year an appropriate time for the advance in prices.

The higher grades of lumber will not be affected a great deal by the change, for they are only about 20 per cent of the production. But the price of common rough lumber varies directly with the demand and supply and the cost of log.

Lumbermen believe also that the price of logs will be raised shortly. They are assured that their export trade will increase, and they expect to clear out their yards of the rough lumber surplus. The supply, they say, will be less, and the price will be made higher by them in accordance.

W. C. Francis, manager of the Portland Retail Lumber Company, said yesterday when asked of the prospective rise in the price of lumber, that he has no assurance that the price will be raised, but that he knows that the conditions are such that they will justify it. I would not be surprised if it were the decision of the lumber dealers to demand more for their product than now some time in the near future.

I do not know how much of a rise it will be, but it was \$2.00 a thousand for lumber last summer and \$1.25 a year ago.

The local trade is not troubling the lumber manufacturers here to a great extent, but they are cutting under the \$15.00 freight rate into Nebraska and Iowa, a field which they consider is their legitimate market. At present they cannot do anything there against the Southern manufacturers, otherwise they would have an outlook for a year of prosperity.

CHARGES AGAINST MATRON.

Attorney Vaughn Alleges She Mistreated Ruth Osborne.

Police Matron Simmons may be arrested today, charged with assault and battery, and charges may be preferred against her for alleged mistreatment of Ruth Osborne, a prisoner, according to the statement of Attorney W. T. Vaughn.

The Osborne man, who alleges that he was mistreated by Matron Simmons, but later denies it. Sergeant Glover also denies it. He was present when Miss Osborne was brought from the river Monday night, where she had attempted to commit suicide, and says she was treated at least as well as her conduct and abusive language toward Mrs. Simmons warranted.

At the Central Station Mrs. Simmons is regarded as a good matron, and considering the rough women she frequently has to handle, is regarded as very gentle. Ruth Osborne's registration is not good in police circles. She shot John Thim in the Pleasant House, while drunk, and was but recently released from the charge. He failed to appear against her. She was intoxicated when she tried to jump into the river Monday night.

Mrs. Simmons has been matron nearly two years. This is the first time complaint has been lodged with Chief Hunt against her. She is a widow, her husband, Captain of Detective Sam Simmons, having died three months ago.

BENEFIT OCCURS TONIGHT.

Thalian Girls to Aid Boys' and Girls' Aid Society.

The benefit for the Boys' & Girls' Aid Society, which will be given at Arion Hall tonight by the Thalian Girls, a prominent High School organization, promises to be one of the greatest successes in amateur theatricals seen in Portland in some time.

"Offerings to Folly" is the title of the pretty little comedy which has been prepared. In addition to the cast of the play specialties will be offered by Thomas Debuson, the boy soprano, who has so often delighted Portland music-lovers with his rare voice, and by the clever Nordstrom brothers, whose singing and dancing will outshine anything shown at the vaudeville houses.

The performance begins promptly at 8 o'clock and the Thalias hope that the public will liberally patronize so worthy a benefit as one for the Boys' & Girls' Aid Society. Two years ago the same organization performed the same service for the Children's Home, netting a substantial sum for that institution. Tickets for tonight's entertainment can be obtained at the Red Cross Pharmacy, Second and Oak, or Woodard, Clarke & Co's, at 25 cents each.

CARRIES CHECK THIRTY YEARS

Rev. N. S. Holcroft, Baptist Minister, Makes a Curious Find.

While rummaging through his papers yesterday Rev. N. S. Holcroft, a Baptist minister, found a check of \$1 drawn on a Chicago bank by the American Insurance Company just 30 years ago. A great many things have happened since that check was drawn. Rev. Mr. Holcroft has carried it about in his ministerial wanderings all over the country. He has sent the check to Chicago to see if the bank will cash it.

LEASE SOLD TO J. G. GANSL.

R. E. Rich has sold the fixtures and lease of the B. B. Rich Curio Store to J. G. Gansl, of Grand Forks, B. D., and he will take possession of store at 123 Sixth street, as soon as Mr. Rich can dispose of stock.

WANTED 50 YOUNG LADIES—16 YEARS OF AGE FOR STOCKEERS, WRAPPERS, ETC.—APPLY TO THE SUPERINTENDENT, 8 TO 12 A. M. TODAY AND TOMORROW

"Toyland" Children's Delight The Meier & Frank Store's Matchless Display

There'll be no disappointments for the children if you buy your Toys, Dolls, Games, Etc., here—Merchandise and Assortments far superior in every way to any Holiday showing on the Coast—Useful and Practical Toys, Instructive Toys, Mechanical, Steam and Electric Toys, Water Toys—The Largest and Best Doll Department—Dolls of every size and nationality—Doll Wardrobe Department the most complete in the land—Dolls' Apparel of every description—Wheel Goods, Automobiles, Hand Cars, Wagons, Velocipedes, Doll Cabs and Carriages Toys purchased this week will be stored free and delivered whenever you say—The genuine Santa Claus is here daily to greet the little folks



These Special Values on Sale Today and Tomorrow

- Combination Blackboard and Desk; folds flat with very small space; when set up measures 51 inches high; board 15 x 18 inches; value extraordinary at... 89c
'Parchesi,' the game everyone plays, only one to a customer at the wonderfully low price of... 55c
Table Croquet—a good Winter game, put up in a wood box, mallets and balls, oil finish and of hard wood, 75c value, on sale for... 53c
Square red-painted Magic Lantern, complete with slides; sold everywhere at \$1.00; our special sale price... 64c
Solid Steel Cart, everything of steel except the bottom board, 2 double-spoke wheels, 9-inch, size of body 7x14 inch; 65c value... 47c
Great display of Christmas-tree ornaments.

The Meier & Frank Store's Great Friday Surprise Sales

Three grand offerings are included in today's 789th Friday Surprise Sale—\$5.50 to \$9.00 Waists for \$3.95, \$3.00 Waist Patterns 98c, \$5.00 Burnt Leather Pillow Tops \$2.95—Any one of the three makes a sensible and pleasing Holiday Gift—Window display gives you the best idea of what really splendid bargains they are—Come down early as possible

\$5.50 to \$9.00 Waists \$3.95

Great Special Holiday Offering of Women's Taffeta Silk, Crepe de Chine, Peau de Cygne Silk Waists; French Flannel, Voile and Albatross Waists—All this season's very best styles. In silks you'll find black, blue, brown, green, navy, also figured silks—Fancy and tailored effects—The Wool Waists are all exceptionally desirable styles in strictly tailored effects. All sizes and big variety to select from—\$5.50 to \$9.00 values—Your choice today at... \$3.95



\$3 Waist Patterns 98c

250 White Embroidered Persian Lawn and India Linon Shirt Waist Patterns—Beautiful styles with fancy fronts, collar and cuffs—Sufficient material in every length to make any size waist—A splendid article for a Christmas gift—Values up to \$3.00 a pattern at the low price of 98c See Window Display—Fifth Street

\$5 Pillow Tops \$2.95 Ea.

200 Handsome Burnt Leather Pillow Tops at a wonderfully low price—Large size, long leather fringe—Best colors and designs—Green, brown, red, tan—Ballet girls, Indian heads, steins, floral designs, Gibson girl, etc.—Every one of them genuine \$5 value—Your choice today at the phenomenally low price of \$2.95 See Fifth-Street Window Display

35c Oranges for 25c Dozen

A carload of new crop California Navel Oranges—The grade being sold all over town at 35c a dozen you can buy here at the special low 25c Dozen price of

A similar saving on Christmas Groceries purchased here.

- Fancy Clover Honey, comb... 15c
2 pkgs. Jell-O, for... 25c
10-lb. sk. yellow or white Cornmeal... 25c
Rice, Popcorn... 25c
New Crop California Walnuts, lb... 15c
New Crop Almonds, 2 lbs... 35c
10-lb. sack Cream Rolled Oats... 40c
10-lb. sack Graham Flour... 25c
2-lb. pkg. Soda Crackers... 20c
Nabisco Wafers, all flavors... 25c
Pestino Wafers, all flavors... 25c
Cheese Sandwiches, pkg... 20c
2 cans Idaho Potatoes... 15c
2-lb. cans solid pack Tomatoes... 10c
New Walnuts, lb... 15c
2 cans Duchess Peaches... 25c
1 lb. cleaned Currants... 10c
1-lb. boxes Muscatel Raisins... 25c
5-lb. pkg. Domino Sugar... 55c
1-lb. jars Long's Jams, 3 for... 50c
1-lb. Van Camp's Plum Pudding... 45c
Phone Exchange 4

Children's Garments Low Priced

Sweeping reductions on our entire stock of Children's Ready-to-Wear Apparel—The best styles and materials in big variety—The grandest values we have ever offered.



Children's Ladies' Cloth Coats, box style with circular cape collar, braid trimmed; blue, red, castor, 3 to 5-year sizes— \$3.75 Coats... \$2.45
\$4.50 Coats... \$2.65
\$5.50 Coats... \$3.85
\$6.50 Coats... \$4.25
'Peter Thompson' Coats for Misses and Children of all ages at special low prices.
All our Dresses are marked at clearance prices.
Children's Eiderdown Bath Robes, blue, pink and red, 2 to 14 years, \$2.25 to \$2.75
Children's Eiderdown Kimonos in pink, blue and red Crepe Eiderdown, sizes 2 to 14 years, \$3 to \$3.50 values... \$2.69
Children's high-class Novelty garments in all this season's most beautiful styles. Garments suitable for holiday gifts; for children 2 to 8 years. All are marked at greatly reduced prices.
Children's Furs and Fur Sets at special prices.

A Traveling Bag, Suit Case Makes a Sensible Xmas Gift

Traveling Bags and Suit Cases—A large Holiday Stock of all the best styles and leathers—The largest display in the City—Third Floor

16-in. full stock Leather Club Bag, leather lined, leather-covered frame; regular \$3.65 value, on sale \$2.57 for... \$2.57
15-inch genuine Alligator Club Bag, brass trimmings, leather lined, regular \$5.50 value, on sale for... \$4.23
24-inch full Cowhide Suit Case, sewed edge, heavy leather corners with large brass knobs, ring handle, heavy \$6.97 look, \$9 case for... \$6.97
High-class Traveling Bags, fitted complete with sterling silver, French gray or ebony toilet sets and toilet requisites of every description; prices range from \$18.00 to \$100.00.
Leather Toilet Cases in immense variety of styles.
34-inch heavy duck-covered Trunk, waterproof, hardwood strips fastened with steel clamps; excelsior lock, set-up trays, hat box, etc., \$9.00 value... \$6.78
Steamer Trunks, Wardrobe Trunks, Hat Trunks, etc.



Fancy Stationery, Celluloid Boxes, Austrian Court Boxes, Etc. 1/3 Off

Christmas bargains on the Second Floor, near Millinery section, two large tables full of fancy box Stationery—Celluloid Handkerchief Boxes, Glove Boxes, Toilet Sets, Manicuring Sets, Shaving Sets, Austrian Court Boxes, Cigar Boxes, etc.—Take your pick from the entire lot at 1-3 off

Leather Goods for Christmas

The largest Holiday display of Leather Goods we have ever made. Useful Gifts for men, women and children—An immense variety of articles to choose from, and every one marked at a reasonable price

- Men's Wallets and Bill Books, in seal, walrus, alligator and morocco, black, brown and tan—50c to \$10.00.
Women's and Men's Card Cases, in brown, tan and black, walrus, seal and alligator—50c up to \$2.00.
Combination Pocketbook and Card Case, all colors, styles and leathers—25c to \$10.00.
Collar and Cuff Boxes—50c to \$6.00.
Cigar Cases—50c up to \$2.00 each.
Music Boxes—\$1.00 to \$5.00 each.
Leather Dressing Cases in an immense variety of new styles, all grades, all leathers—\$1.00 to \$5.00.
Shaving Sets—25c to \$15.00 each.
Complete Dressing Cases, with accessories, mirror, comb, brush, toothbrush, soap box, powder, bottle, nail file, etc., all leathers—\$5.00 up to \$25.00.
Traveling Sets in great variety. Traveling Bags, Suit Cases.

Hits From "The Billionaire"

There's a Little Street in Heaven That They Call Broadway. "Glorious," "Lindy Lee," "Land of Romance," "Your Own," "Downy Eyes," "Miss Dinah," "She Reads the New York Papers Every Day." 18c per copy
Miss Mae Larkin, a member of The Billionaire Company, will play the above selections in our Music Department, 10:30 to 12 A. M. today.

Women's Shoes at \$2.12 Pair

We offer 1000 pairs of Women's Fine Shoes—patent colt, lace and Blucher styles—vici kid, lace and Blucher styles—heavy or light soles—best style toe—every pair guaranteed equal to the best \$2.50 shoes on the market—all sizes and widths—grandest shoe value in town at... \$2.12

HOLIDAY SALE OF SLIPPERS

- Men's fancy leather Slippers—splendid styles—all sizes, Regular \$1.15 value on sale for... \$1.39
Men's fancy leather Slippers, Regular \$1.25 values, pair... 92c
Men's fancy leather Slippers, velvet Slippers, pair... 62c
Women's low felt Slippers—wine, blue and black, Reg... \$1.29
Men's low felt Slippers—black, red, brown, wine, gray... \$1.25 values, pair... 98c
Men's and Boys' Slippers in immense variety—all the newest and best styles—all leathers, pair—50c to... \$3.00

\$18.50 Tourist Coats \$12.45

\$22.50, \$24 Tourist Coats \$14.85
Two great special lots of Women's Covert Tourist Coats—Belt back, half lined or full silk lined; notch collar—This season's very best models; all sizes—The \$18.00 and \$18.50 models reduced to \$12.45
The \$22.50 and \$24.00 models are reduced to \$14.85
Sale continues today and tomorrow



Cravenettes \$9.90 Ea.

Women's Cravenette Raincoats in Oxfords and olives—Belt all around Button and Soutache braid trimmed All sizes—Extraordinary value; today at this low \$9.90 price

HOLIDAY FUR SALE

Great special Holiday Sale of Fur Skirts and Coats—many grades, all the best skins, fur bargains you can't equal in the city.

Great Holiday Bargains in Every Department of the Establishment

40c Hosiery 25c
Women's fancy embroidered Hosiery, eight different styles; best 40c value, all sizes, pair... 25c
Great holiday sale of fancy silk and black silk Hosiery.

Silk Petticoats
All our best styles are greatly reduced in price.
\$14.00 Silk Petticoats... \$10.50
\$16.50 Silk Petticoats... \$12.50
\$15.00 Silk Petticoats... \$11.50
\$24.00 Silk Petticoats... \$18.50

Cut Glass Specials
Cut-Glass Bowls, 8-inch size, very pretty cut, regular \$5.00 value, for... \$3.00
8-inch Cut-Glass Bowls, handsome cut, regular \$4.00 value, on sale for... \$2.50
\$2.00 Cut-Glass Spoon Tray... \$2.49

\$3.50 Fans \$2.57 Ea.
25 beautiful lace and spangled Fans, plain or decorated; regular \$3.00 and \$3.50 value, are being offered for... \$2.57

Carving Sets
Handsome Carving Set in case, with handles; regular \$1.00 value, on sale for... \$1.12
Silver stand fruit dishes, regular \$3.75 value, on sale for... \$3.12

Holiday Sale of Rugs
All kinds, grades and sizes, 54 floor.
18x36 Axminstera, \$1.25 val., ea... \$1.88
22x36 Axminstera, \$2.75 val., ea... \$3.88
26x72 Axminstera, \$6.50 val., ea... \$9.00
30x39 All-Wool Smyrnas, \$2 value, each... \$1.65
30x39 All-Wool Smyrnas, \$4 value, each... \$2.17
27x54 Utopia Rugs, \$4.50 val., ea... \$5.47
22x34 Royal Wiltons, \$4.75 val., ea... \$5.65
26x52 Royal Wiltons, \$8.50 val., ea... \$10.20
Bakal Oriental, 30x39 in., \$6.29 value, each... \$5.19
27x54 Nubia Rugs, \$2 val., ea... \$1.67
Entire stock of Oriental Rugs at 1/4 off regular prices.

Stationery Bargains
Fancy boxes of holiday Stationery, values extraordinary at:
50c boxes for, each... 35c
60c boxes for, each... 45c
8c boxes for, each... 7c
\$1.00 boxes for, each... 80c
\$1.25 boxes for, each... 95c
\$1.75 boxes for, each... \$1.19

\$8.50 Table Sets \$6.40
Handicrafted Satin Damask Table Sets, cloth 23 1/2 yards, one dozen napkins to match, regular \$8.50 value, on sale for... \$6.40
\$10.50 Table Sets for... \$8.15
\$12.50 Table Sets for... \$8.90

Chefing Dishes
\$10.00 Nickel Chafing Dishes, fancy cover, best burner, special at... \$8.12
Nickel 5 o'clock Tea, wrought-iron stand, regular \$2.50 value, for... \$1.98

Handkerchiefs
These Specials—Second Floor. Women's unaltered hand-embroidered and hemstitched sheer linen Handkerchiefs, regular 25c values at, each... 15c
Women's demilaundered hemstitched and embroidered all-linen Handkerchiefs, best 25c values, each... 15c
Women's hemstitched and embroidered or scalloped edge Handkerchiefs, 50 styles to select from, great value, each... 12c
Women's Swiss Handkerchiefs, embroidered, scalloped or hemstitched edge; also lace trimmed, 200 styles to select from; regular 35c values for... 25c

Basement Bargains
\$1.75-4 Fern Dishes... \$1.19
\$2.25 plated Cake Basket... \$1.63
4-guest plated Tea Set... \$1.49
\$2.50 plated Pickle Castor... \$1.95
\$2.75-8 Beer Steins... \$2.25
\$3.00 plated Syrup Pitcher... \$2.29

Black Silks
21-in. \$1.25 Peau de Soie... 98c
22-in. \$1.50 Peau de Soie... \$1.27
22-in. \$1.50 Peau de Soie... \$1.27
22-in. \$2.00 Peau de Soie... \$1.63
20-in. Black Taffeta... 98c
24-in. Black Taffeta... 50c
27-in. Black Taffeta... 57c

Xmas Necessities
Holly seals for tying up Xmas parcels, box... 10c
Gummed labels for addressing Xmas packages, book... 10c
Paper Napkins and Tablecloths, holly pattern.

Ribbons 3c a Yard
300 yards of all-silk satin and tawny Ribbons, odd shades. Nos. 5 and 7 widths only, marvelous value, yard... 3c
All-silk double-faced satin Ribbons, 2c to 6c val., yard... 12c

\$1.75 Gilt Mirrors \$1.39
25 handsome standing Gilt Mirrors, regular \$1.75 value, on sale for... \$1.39
Sterling Silver Baby Comb and Brush Sets, great values at \$1.25, \$2.50, \$2.50, set.

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