

CUTS INTO LUMBER Result of Closing Movement in Northwestern Mills.

HUNDREDS OF PLANTS IDLE Great Curtailment in Production of Lumber Likely to Have Stimulating Effect on Prices—Mills Lately Run at Loss.

Over 400 lumber plants in the Northwest are now closed down for repairs and at these mills no lumber will be cut during the remainder of the month. A total of 308 mills, 33 of them in Oregon, 174 in Washington and 10 in Idaho, British Columbia and Montana, will remain idle the entire month.

Table with 2 columns: State, Lumber, ft. Shingles. Includes entries for Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, British Columbia, and Totals.

Stocks Will Be Cut Down.

In other words, there will be approximately 400,000,000 feet of lumber and 600,000,000 shingles taken off the market within the next six weeks.

Effect of the Curtailment.

The result of this curtailment ought to be for the best. There is no profit in selling dimension timbers at from \$3 to \$4, when it is conceded that the cost of manufacture and the expense of sale is in many instances over \$3.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Percentage, and other data. Lists items like Gray's Harbor, Puget Sound, etc.

Prospects for Next Year.

Next year's business will be good in spots. Not much can be expected from North Dakota, where rust last fall caused partial crop failure.

Winter at the Beach.

Richard Nixon, who has returned from a ten weeks' vacation at Long Beach, accompanied by his wife, says the winter is the proper time to visit this favorite seaside resort.

TREATING WITH AN HARLOT. Arbitration With Britain an Offense to American Citizens.

PROTEST SENT WASHINGTON. Captain Declares Immigration Inspector Overstepped His Authority in Blocking Clearance of Vessel Ready to Sail.

PORTLAND, Dec. 23.—(To the Editor.)—What will it profit the United States to become a party to a treaty of arbitration with England?

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FRENCH SHIP HELD. Jules Gomme Detained Because Sailor Is Missing.

WILL LEAD THEM ALL. The World's Fair that will be opened in Portland on June 1 next will surpass any former Exposition held in the West, in the number of its buildings, in the extent of its individual exhibits, in attractiveness of its grounds and in its architectural beauty.

A cutter arrived from the Upper Tuamotu Islands December 10, bringing news that the French schooner Victorie foundered on the reef at Apitaki about 12 o'clock on Monday morning.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Captain C. W. Rich has awarded a contract to Wilson Bros. for the construction of a gasoline launch. The craft will be 50 feet in length with eight feet beam, and will be equipped with a 30-horse power engine.

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TALES OF THE STREET AND TOWN. The Chin and the Tramp—Not Exactly Smoked Salmon—The Cat Came Back—An Unfashionable Trip—Garb Does Not Always Proclaim the Man.

THIS tale is told of an unsympathetic Chinese cook at Dan Moore's Seaside resort. One day that rare bird, a Seaside tramp, wandered up to the door of the kitchen and knocked gently.

TOO FOND OF HIS HOME BUT WAS NOT FOND ENOUGH OF A BATH. Marie Fritz Leaves Husband She Got Through Advertisement—Five Other Knots Severed.

Divorce day in the State Circuit Court resulted in the legal separation of six couples, by Judge Sears.

Arrival of the Arabia. The China liner, Arabia, arrived in at Astoria shortly before noon yesterday, and will reach Montgomery dock No. 1, in this city, early this morning.

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much for him. He had heard how Chinamen had been known to make use of cats, puppy dogs and other small animals. "An inspiration struck Willie. Why not an asphaltic old Tom? The scheme seemed simple and safe; and he set to work at once. "Well, everything went lovely at the start. A wash-tub, inverted on the table, and a lamp-hose and a gas jet formed the apparatus. Old Tom, under the table, was taking gas like a dental patient, when Grandpa 'Hoolligan' butted in, prematurely. He acted promptly, through motives of economy.

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