

CAR FAMINE DUE TO RUSH OF BUSINESS

Western Oregon's Unexpected Wave of Prosperity Gives Plethora of Orders.

INCREASE IS 20 PER CENT

Southern Pacific Swamped by Demand From Shippers and Little Immediate Relief Is in Sight. Lumber Shipments Large.

Despite the best efforts of Southern Pacific officials to obtain equipment to handle the immense volume of traffic originating on their lines in Oregon the car shortage at some points in the Willamette Valley continues and little immediate relief is in sight.

The shortage is due directly to increasing business. A few other factors contribute to the situation, but it is apparent that if Western Oregon had not been hit a few months ago by a wave of unexpected prosperity the railroad would be amply able to handle its traffic.

Records just compiled by the Southern Pacific traffic department show that for the month of September the number of freight cars loaded at points on the Portland division—between Portland and Ashland—increased nearly 20 per cent over September, 1914.

New Business in General. The total number of cars handled in September, 1914, was 6169, compared to 7313 cars in 1915.

Figures for October are not yet available, but the Southern Pacific people estimate that a similar increase was experienced in that month. The new business is apparent at all points on the line.

The statistics of the railroad do not include the tonnage on the subsidiary lines that were consolidated with the Southern Pacific a few months ago, such as the Corvallis & Eastern, the Portland, Eugene & Eastern, the Salem, Falls City & Western, the Tillamook line and others. The records show that a proportionate increase has been maintained on all these roads.

Lumber Trade Picking Up. Most of this improvement is due to the lumber industry. An aggregate of 760 more cars were loaded with lumber in September, 1915, than in September, 1914. The increase in fuel wood was 290 cars, of which 23 cars of hay 23 cars, of general merchandise 221 cars, of perishable freight 72 cars, of livestock 17 cars and of wheat 41 cars.

The situation in Oregon is an indication only of what is taking place on other parts of the Southern Pacific system. The total increase on the system for the month of September was 2389 cars. It is apparent, therefore, that Oregon, with its increase of 1144 cars, produced approximately 40 per cent of all the company's new business.

Traffic officials of the Southern Pacific in Portland are making every effort to provide cars for the shippers. They have met the situation partially by arranging with the O. W. R. & N. Co. to handle their car business through Portland. For this movement the O. W. R. & N. Co. will furnish the cars, but the Southern Pacific is compelled to short-haul itself.

Car Shortage General. The main cry for cars comes from the shippers handling California business, for which the Southern Pacific is required to use its own cars. Eastern roads and middle Western roads handling grain traffic hold a large number of Southern Pacific cars and are not in haste about giving them up. They are willing to pay the premium charges on them for the privilege of using them. Many of the middle Western roads themselves are reporting car shortages.

It is said that some shippers in the valley are taking advantage of the car situation by "passing the buck" for failure to deliver lumber orders on time to the railroad.

Investigation yesterday revealed that one firm has an order for a large number of ties and other material for a middle Western railroad and has informed its customer that its inability to deliver is the failure to secure cars when, in fact, this mill had cars offered to it twice but did not have its shipment ready.

Southern Pacific cars now are beginning to arrive in Oregon and California from the Eastern lines, and it is expected that their early use will aid materially in relieving the situation.

TOTS GIVE FOLK DANCES

SCHOOL CHILDREN TODAY TO HAVE PROGRAMME AT LIBRARY. Remarkable Handwork of All Kinds Found in Junior Exhibition, Including Laces and Toys.

VALUATION IS \$15,275,347

Yamhill Assessment Figures Do Not Include Public Utilities.

MINNIVILLE, Or., Nov. 2.—(Special).—A summary of the tax assess-

ment of Yamhill County follows: Acres of tillable land, 131,458.40; value, \$6,451,900. Acres of non-tillable land, 286,594.40; value, \$1,127,749. Improvements on deeded or patented lands, value, \$1,179,405. Town and city lots, value, \$1,023,913. Improvements on town and city lots, value, \$1,447,810. Stationary engines and manufacturing machinery, value, \$140,250. Merchandise and stock in trade, value, \$553,450. Farming implements, wagons, carriages, automobiles, etc., value, \$231,380. Money, notes and accounts, value, \$96,043. Shares of stock, number, 6983; value, \$350,480. Cattle, number, 12,113; value, \$282,320. Horses, number, 7113; value, \$1,111,718. Swine, number, 11,776; value, \$37,750. Sheep, number, 12,690; value, \$74,000. Total, \$15,275,347. The above does not include public utilities.

NEWPORT OBEYS BLUE LAW

Prosecuting Attorney Issues Notice of Intent to Enforce Statute.

NEWPORT, Or., Nov. 2.—(Special).—The business men of Lincoln County

JUNCTION CITY HIGH SCHOOL ELECTS PAPER'S STAFF.



Carleton McFadden, Editor-in-Chief.

JUNCTION CITY, Or., Nov. 2.—(Special).—The annual election of the staff for the eighth annual publication of the high school, known as the Junco-Ed, has been held. Carleton McFadden, editor-in-chief, holds his position from last year.

Other officers are: Margaret Bailey, assistant editor; Samuel Scheidt, business manager; Harold Harpole, assistant business manager; Helen Flint, literary editor; Mary Simmon, social department; Ethel Akerson, locals; Madge Hickman, student body organization and debate; Stanley Thompson, athletic; Blanch Hansen, assistant athletic; Holly Berry, subscription agent; Cora Wilde, assistant.

FALLS CITY LEVY 18 MILLS

Decrease in Taxes Proposed and Old Debts to Be Paid.

DALLAS, Or., Nov. 2.—(Special).—The City Council of Falls City adopted a tentative budget for next year last night. The budget will necessitate a tax levy of 18 mills, or 3 mills less than last year. Last year Falls City had one of the highest levies in the state.

No street improvement will be undertaken by Falls City the coming year, and an attempt will be made to clear up all outstanding indebtedness incident to the construction of a water-works system and the making of street improvements. With this indication pointing to the early reopening of the large sawmill at Falls City a business revival is expected there.

Dallas Holds Market Day.

DALLAS, Or., Nov. 2.—(Special).—Dallas held its first monthly market day Saturday. The sales were under the direction of E. E. Davis, a local merchant. It proved a success. The Dallas Commercial Club will now get behind the matter and make it an occasion a regular monthly event. In order to do away with the expense it is likely that the sales will be held in the large pavilion on the county fair grounds, and two local men have offered their services free as auctioneers. The next sale will be held the last Saturday in this month.

Chehalis Woman Is Dead.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Nov. 2.—(Special).—Mrs. A. R. Bechard, wife of one of Chehalis' leading business men, died last night at the family home on Market street after a lingering illness. The body will be sent to the old family home in Wisconsin for interment. Mrs. Bechard was born in Germany April 15, 1845.

Weather Hurts Chamber Canvass.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 2.—(Special).—The committee soliciting members for the new Vancouver Chamber of Commerce had bad weather today and got only 20 new names. Yesterday 92 were brought in, making the total 112. The campaign as originally planned will end tomorrow.

Liquor Violator Fined.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 2.—(Special).—George Wortman, who pleaded guilty to maintaining a place where liquor was sold, on Washington street near Second, today paid a fine and costs amounting to \$161.

WIVES AND MOTHERS

Have you ever stopped to realize how much the health of your family depends upon you? For instance, is it a great factor in health, and you are responsible for it, then again when any member of your family gets into a run-down condition, when the children are delicate, cross and ailing, when somebody takes cold and develops a cough, they look to you for help. Do you know that our local

druggists, "The Owl Drug Co.," have a non-secret constitutional remedy known as Vinol which they guarantee for just such conditions? Many families in this vicinity have used it so reliable they are never without it.

PROTESTS ARE FILED

Willamette Valley Clubs in Favor of Present Rates.

MEDFORD GOES ON RECORD

Freight Tariff Giving Portland Mills Advantage Declared Unfair and Appeal Made for Loyalty to State Industries.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 2.—(Special).—Swelling the chorus of protest from commercial clubs of the Willamette Valley against the demands of "certain Portland lumbermen" that the Interstate Commerce Commission grant Portland mills a 17 1/2 per cent rate to California the same as valley mills, are resolutions adopted by the Medford Commercial Club, copies of which were received today by the Oregon Public Service Commission.

The Medford club's resolutions appeal to the "public mind of Portland" that it be not swayed by the contentions of a "few selfish interests," and declare that prosperity of the valley means more prosperity for Portland.

The resolutions read as follows: Whereas, the Interstate Commerce Commission has granted a rate of 17 1/2 cents a hundred pounds on lumber from points south of Portland to points on the main line of the Southern Pacific Company in California as far south as San Francisco Bay, and that this rate was granted that the mills of Western Oregon might, in measure, compete with the Portland mills, and the mills of other California points in the trade, which shipped to this territory by water; and

Whereas, certain Portland lumbermen, with the idea still in mind of keeping Western Oregon mills at a disadvantage in rates, have filed two complaints with the Interstate Commerce Commission—one that they be given a 17 1/2-cent rate to California; the other asking that they be granted a 2 1/2-cent preferential rate over the mills of Western Oregon into Utah territory; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we herewith enter a most vigorous protest against such demands by certain Portland lumbermen, and also express our disapproval of articles on this subject appearing daily in the Portland Evening Telegram, which we believe are absolutely unfair.

The lumber business of Western Oregon is one of its most important industries. We know that the people of this section are dependent to a large extent on the condition of this great industry, and that in the past the lumber industry of Western Oregon has been made to suffer greatly because of its heavy handicap in rates, which has kept it from fairly competing with the Portland mills in the markets of California, Eastern Oregon, Idaho, Utah and Nevada.

We ask that the public mind of Portland be not swayed by the contentions of a few selfish interests, but that they will grant Western Oregon her just rights. Prosperity of this section means more prosperity to Portland.

LANE ASSESSOR REPORTS

Value of Taxable Property in County Shown on Rolls.

EUGENE, Or., Nov. 2.—(Special).—The summary of this year's assessment roll of Lane County is as follows: Acres of all lands (O. & C. R. R. lands 28,712 acres; value, \$1,518,718; value, \$18,277,613; value per unit, \$11,713. Acres of taxable lands, 129,510; value, \$4,510,110; value per unit, \$34,830. Acres of non-tillable land (O. & C. R. R. lands, 217,248 acres; value, \$4,872,455; 68,762 acres; value, \$2,810,410; value per unit, \$41,117. Acres of non-tillable land (O. & C. R. R. lands, 1,045 acres; value, \$44,400; 708,474 acres; value, \$4,721,945; unit value, \$6,952. Improvements on deeded or patented lands, \$1,036,435; town and city lots, \$1,012,063. Farming implements, wagons, carriages, etc., \$22,423. Money, \$98,820. Notes and accounts, \$18,885. Shares of stock, 78951; value, \$537,060; unit value, \$7,183. Hotel and office furniture, etc., \$74,275. Horses and mules, \$6841; value, \$475,719; unit value, \$69,513. Cattle, 18,777; value, \$520,220; unit value, \$27,237. Sheep and goats, 25,025; value, \$53,700; unit value, \$2,150. Swine, 4872; value, \$38,710.

MRS. B. F. MORGAN IS DEAD

Children Returning From School Find Mother on Floor Dead.

ROSEBURG, Or., Nov. 2.—(Special).—Stricken with illness at noon today, Mrs. B. F. Morgan, wife of a prominent local Southern Pacific engineer, died here tonight. Mrs. Morgan was found lying on the floor when her children returned from school, and all efforts to revive her proved in vain.

Mr. Morgan, who was out on the road at the time, arrived here tonight. Mrs. Morgan had been strong and healthy. She is survived by her husband and two children.

PARK WEST PARK, NEAR WASHINGTON.

NATIONAL THEATRE and Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The World's Greatest Dramatic Actress—Wonderful Play. Premiere of Them All.

Miss Ethel Barrymore in The Final Judgment. By George Scarborough, author of "The Lure" and other Broadway successes.

Five Gripping, Startling, Dramatic Acts Also Two Reels of Splendid Comedy and Joe Roberts, Banjoist.

Without an Equal—No place in Portland, no place in all America, is the offering of real, unqualified merit in entertainment equal to that which the National extends. We have the Metro, the "Big Four"—both FEATURES—and NOW add a BLENDED PROGRAMME. See for yourself.

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This announcement will no doubt come as a thunderbolt from the sky to the multitude of tastily tailored dressers of Portland. In our many years of business in this city we have established an enviable reputation on our artistically designed and tailored garments which we have always sold at \$30 to \$50. But anticipating an exceptionally good season for the Coast this Fall, our New York buyer made an exceptionally large purchase of the very newest shades and designs in foreign and domestic suitings. Now, to be plain, we must unload this and keep our tailors busy, so for a few days only we will give the public an opportunity to select from several hundred of our finest patterns while they last.

A Suit or Overcoat for Only

\$22.00

Come early and make your selection from the choices while they last. Always a pleasure to show you.

HUFFMAN & GRANT TAILORS AT BROADWAY AND ALDER

STOCK SUIT IS HALTED SIX OTHER ACTIONS AGAINST BANK SETTLED OUT OF COURT. Unofficial Announcement Made That 60 Cents on Dollar Deposited in Gresham Will Be Repaid.

The courtroom dissection of the defunct Co-operative Supply House Corporation before Circuit Judge McGinn ended suddenly yesterday and it was announced that the suit of O. W. Boring had been settled out of court, six other suits brought by farmers, who alleged they had been persuaded by false representations to buy stock in the corporation, were settled on the same basis.

It was stated unofficially, but on good authority, that the farmers will receive 60 cents on the dollar for the money they paid into the Bank of Gresham for stock in the corporation. The Boring trial was the fourth of seven suits before the Circuit Court involving the same set of facts. One jury had awarded P. O. Erickson \$1000 for money which he paid for stock; another had allowed C. J. Uris \$1040, and a third jury had declared that Ned Nelson was not entitled to anything. Three others are pending—those of C. D. Welch, H. G. Mullenhoff and C. H. Johansen. All of these, even that of Nelson, who received an adverse verdict, will be settled on the basis of 60 cents on the dollar, it was said.

The suits were brought against the Bank of Gresham, its directors, John G. Slater, O. A. Eastman and J. M. Short, and against George J. Hodder, an officer of the bankrupt Co-operative Supply House Corporation.

SANDY LEVY IS 5 MILLS Meeting to Decide on Road Tax Called for November 11. SANDY, Or., Nov. 2.—(Special).—The Council passed the ordinance fixing the special city tax levy at 5 mills at the meeting last night, according to the recommendation of Recorder Beckwith. This, with other sources of income, will yield a total of \$950 for the ensuing year for all city purposes.

A special meeting has been called for November 11 to levy a special road tax to take care of the county road running through Sandy, but more especially to improve the Revenue road down the hill to the Sandy bridge, for which \$850 is wanted.

Officer Accused of Manslaughter. SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 2.—The Prosecuting Attorney's office today filed an information charging John T. Egan, a policeman, with manslaughter. Egan

drove an automobile which struck and killed Andrew Johnson, an aged laborer, Egan responsible for the death of er, October 22. Egan was intoxicated when arrested, the booking officer said. At the coroner's inquest, which held Egan responsible for the death of Johnson, evidence was given that Egan had been drinking.

SHINOLA advertisement with images of shoe polish and a hand applying it. Text includes 'SHINOLA BLACK--TAN--WHITE Convenient Quick Easy Any Old Cloth Polishing SHINOLA' and 'Shinola Home Set Is More Convenient'.