

## CAR SHORTAGE LOSS ALREADY IS SERIOUS

Reports of Damage Are Given  
at Hearing and Complaint  
of Distribution Made.

### SWITCHING METHODS HIT

Portland Lumberman Reads Tele-  
gram From California Saying  
Equipment Is Not Scarce on  
Southern Pacific Lines There.

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tion of its cars is not satisfactory to the shippers.

Nearly every witness complained that the Southern Pacific seems to be without a responsible person to whom they can go and get information about the cars that they want. The Southern Pacific representative, according to the lumbermen, are adepts in the gentle art of "passing the buck." It is only when the higher officials of the company are appealed to that adequate car service and information are obtained, declared several of the witnesses.

The shippers were introduced by J. N. Teal, attorney for the Willamette Valley Lumber Manufacturers' Association, and cross-questioned by Ben C. Day, general attorney for the Southern Pacific. The proceedings were conducted with the utmost friendliness on both sides, and frequently took on the nature of sort of a round table discussion rather than a formal inquiry.

Closed Plant Piled High.

C. E. Fisher, manager of the Sheridan Lumber Company, which was forced to close three weeks ago, explained in considerable detail how the car shortage had affected his plant.

At the time this plant closed it was short 33 cars. Since then it has been reducing this shortage gradually, as the Southern Pacific has been supplying it with cars at irregular intervals. The company has been forced to cancel many orders as a result of the shortage. The docks, warehouses, and space adjacent to all the sidings are stocked with lumber.

Of far greater importance than this, said Mr. Fisher, is the loss of considerable good business that was placed with competitors because he could not make deliveries. The plant has not sold 3,000,000 feet on hand, half of which is sold. The balance could be disposed of promptly if he could promise delivery. With reasonable assurance that cars will be provided regularly, the plant will resume operations.

"One of our principal troubles," he continued, "is in finding who is responsible for the distribution of cars. If we go to the agent he refers us to the dispatcher, and the dispatcher refers us to the superintendent or someone else. Then when it comes to a showdown I believe the brakemen have about as much to say as anyone else. Anyway, they seem to spot the cars where and when they please."

Mabel Mill Needs Cars.

T. J. Seufert, of the Coast Range Lumber Company, operating a mill at Mabel, said that his plant has not had cars enough at any time since operations were started in April.

Mr. Seufert read from the statistical reports of the Southern Pacific auditor's office that Mr. Seufert's mill on one recent occasion had kept a number of cars for five days. Mr. Seufert insisted that his records did not corroborate this report.

Lloyd J. Wentworth, manager of the Portland Lumber mill, who is associated with Mr. Seufert in the mill at Mabel read documentary evidence to show that the Southern Pacific's own car reports are unreliable.

"There is a disposition to put us in the hole," he said, "by telling us that we have equipment that we know we haven't got."

Telegram Contradicts Officials.

In denial of the testimony made by Southern Pacific officials on Wednesday to the effect that the car shortage in California is as serious as it is in Oregon, Mr. Wentworth read the following telegram, "hot from the wire," from A. J. H. to the agent for the Portland Lumber Company at San Francisco:

"If the shortage is equally severe here as we are told it is, the shipment from Eureka, Willits Bay points, Oakland and Pittsburg the same lumber as has waited on our sidetrack 60 days for equipment and have shipments made in 48 hours to 72 hours, 85 per cent of which are on Southern Pacific cars."

California Said to Be Favored.

The purport of this telegram was to show that the Southern Pacific is able to make deliveries from the stations named, all of which are in California, in two or three days, while it takes 60 days to make like deliveries from Oregon.

S. B. Cobb, manager of the Standard Box & Lumber Company at Scofield, said that his plant has been suffering severely. The normal demand of the mill is four cars a day. The actual deliveries were 83 cars in June, 36 in July and 54 in August. The plant has been forced to operate on only part time, much to the dissatisfaction of the owners and its employees.

R. A. Cowden, manager of the Silvertown Lumber Company, employing 200 men at Silvertown, declared that his plant will have to close down if car relief is not provided before the end of the month. Such action would be disastrous for Silvertown, as his mill is the principal industry of the town. The shortage has forced him to pile up a surplus of 8,000,000 feet, against a normal surplus of 3,000,000 feet.

J. R. Shaw, of the Hammond Lumber Company, employing 600 men at Mill City, said that his mill is short an aggregate of 193 cars. An accumulated surplus of 18,000,000 feet of lumber has so congested the yards at Mill City that the property was forced to close last night, throwing this large number of men out of employment.

A. C. Dixon, manager of the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company, operating mills at Springfield, Wendling and Coburg, was ready to take the stand when adjournment was ordered last night. The Coburg and Wendling mills are closed. The Springfield mill is operating under difficulties. Mr. Dixon will be the first witness this morning.

### SLAVES FREED 52 YEARS

Proclamation Anniversary to Be  
Celebrated Tonight.

The 52d anniversary of the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation by President Lincoln will be celebrated at the auditorium of the Central Library tonight under the auspices of the Lincoln Memorial Association.

Among the speakers will be Judge Guy C. H. Corliss and Dr. J. M. Merriam, the latter a member of the colored race. An interesting programme has been prepared and the public is invited to attend.

**ATTACHMENT PROCEEDINGS**  
**CLOSED BY THE SHERIFF**  
**TRUSTEES ORDERS**  
**CREDITORS**

# THE LAST SHOT!!!

## Smashing of the 4th St. Department Store

—The failure of this institution brings before the public America's greatest merchandise event just on the threshold of the Fall season.

## A Colossal, Daring Event Overshadowing Every Known Sacrifice!

### Here Are the Facts:

They are concrete and indisputable!

- The creditors closed the store.
- A compromise was effected.
- Trustee was placed in charge.
- All assets ordered sold.
- Stock now thrown on market.
- Stock practically new and clean.
- It is necessary, therefore, that

### EVERYTHING MUST BE SOLD

## LADIES

- 20c Summer Dress Goods 5c
- 10c Outing Flannel at 4c
- 12 1/2c Hope Muslin for 8c
- 38c Bleached Sheeting 27c
- 25c Pillow Tubing for 15c
- 25c Devonshire Cloths 15c
- 15c Lonsdale Muslin at 9c
- \$1.00 Satin Messalines 59c
- 75c Wool Dress Goods 37c
- 75c Bed Sheets, 72x90, 44c
- 20c Pillow Cases for 14c
- 15c Bed Ticking Only 8c
- 75c Table Damask for 44c
- \$1.00 Linen Damask at 68c
- \$1.25 Bed Spreads for 69c
- \$2.50 Double Blankets \$1.33
- \$1 Black Petticoats at 48c
- \$1.00 Muslin Gowns 42c
- 35c Ladies' Lisle Hose 17c
- 15c Ladies' Cotton Hose 6c
- 12 1/2c Children's Hose 6c
- 35c Union Suits Only 18c
- 15c Cotton Vests Go at 7c
- 5c Ribbons, Yard Only 1c
- 20c Ribbons, Yard at 11c
- 25c Ladies' Collars for 12c
- 5c Ladies' Kerchiefs at 1c
- \$1.00 Shirt Waists at 29c
- \$2 Standard Corsets \$1.09

## Doors Open Today 9 A.M.

<b>\$20 LADIES' SUITS AT \$2.48</b>	<b>\$10 LADIES' COATS AT \$4.29</b>	<b>\$15.00 SILK DRESSES \$4.89</b>
<b>\$25 LADIES' SUITS AT \$7.95</b>	<b>\$20 LADIES' COATS AT \$9.69</b>	<b>\$20.00 SILK DRESSES \$9.88</b>
<b>\$40 LADIES' SUITS AT \$12.69</b>	<b>\$35 VELVET COATS AT \$16.39</b>	<b>\$35 PARTY DRESSES \$10.00</b>

- \$10 to \$15 Men's Suits \$5.89**
- \$20 Men's Suits Only \$9.77**
- \$25 Men's Suits at \$13.48**
- \$15 Men's Suits Only \$6.98**

Men's \$3.50 Oxfords at \$1.00	\$4 Men's Work Shoes at \$2.48	\$4.00 Ladies' Dress Shoes \$2.39
Men's \$4.50 Regal Oxfords \$2.90	\$5 Men's Work Shoes at \$3.19	\$5 Ladies' Regal Low Shoes \$2.55
Men's \$6.00 Regal Oxfords \$3.85	\$7.50 Men's Logging Shoes \$4.69	\$5 Ladies' High Shoes at \$2.98
Men's \$3.50 Shoes at pair \$1.79	\$2.50 to \$4.00 Ladies' Sample Shoes 75c	\$1.50 Child's Shoes at \$0.89c
Men's \$4 and \$5 Shoes pair \$2.68	Ladies' \$3 Shoes at pair \$1.69	\$2.50 Misses' Shoes at only \$1.39
Men's \$6.00 and \$6.50 Shoes \$3.90	\$3.50 Ladies' White Shoes 75c	\$2.50 Boys' Shoes at only \$1.39

**\$5.00 NEWEST Velvet Trimmed HATS**  
Sacrificed at **\$2.29**

## SILKS

- DRESS GOODS**
- \$1 Satin Messalines, yd 59c
- 35c Kobi Silks at, yard 22c
- \$2 Black Chiffon \$1.37
- Taffeta, yd. wide \$1.37
- \$1.50 Fine Poplin de Chine, new satin finish, 36 inch, wide, black and color, special, at yard 79c
- 75c Wool Suitings, yard 37c
- \$1 All-Wool Dress Goods, black, colors 59c
- 60c All-Wool Albatross and Nuns' Veilings, light colors, the yard 33c

**CHILDREN'S COATS**  
\$8.50 Children's New Winter Coats, sizes to 10, go at the sacrifice price of \$4.48  
\$12.50 and \$15.00 Children's Coats, sizes to 12, fine quality, go at \$7.89

**SKIRTS**  
\$2.50 Beautiful White Skirts, full flare, fine quality, sport style, 88c  
\$2.50 Dress Skirts, full flare, make, all sizes, at \$1.39  
\$5.00 Wool Serge Skirts, newest models, full flare, go at the sacrifice price of \$2.72  
\$10.00 Black Silk Skirts, late styles, very desirable, go at \$3.89  
\$10.00 to \$15.00 Wool Skirts, beautiful all-wool fabrics, sacrificed at \$5.69

**PETTICOATS**  
\$1.50 High-Grade Black Petticoats, full flare, go at sacrifice price of 82c  
\$2.00 and \$2.50 Highest-Grade Black Petticoats, silk fin. \$1.29  
\$4.00 Silk and Linen Finish Petticoats go at the sacrifice price of \$2.29

**CORSETS**  
\$1.00 Corsets, new style, all sizes, sacrificed at 39c  
\$3.00 Corsets, standard make, best quality, most all sizes, sacrificed at \$1.77

**HOUSE DRESSES**  
50c, 65c and 75c House Bungalow Aprons, made of percale, slaughtered at 35c  
\$1.50 House Dresses, 77c neatly made, very pretty.  
\$2 House Dresses, made in large variety of afternoon \$1.13  
\$1.50 and \$2 Japanese Crepe Kimonos, beautiful in designs, go at 97c

**ART DEPARTMENT**  
Royal Society Package Goods Go at 1-3 Off  
10c Royal Society Crochet Cotton, sacrificed at 6c  
3c Royal Society Embroidery Floss, mercerized, skein 1c

**MEN'S PANTS**  
\$3.00 Men's good Trousers, now go at \$1.69  
\$4.00 high-grade Cassimere or Worsted Trousers at the sacrifice price of \$2.33  
\$5 fine Wool Trousers, extra well made and trimmed, sacrificed at \$2.97

## BUY and Buy All You Can!

—Facts and Figures Do Not Lie!

## YOU SAVE ---

and You Save Without Precedent

It is most extraordinary and opportune for the buying public that in a time like this, when every known commodity is advancing every day, the Fourth-St. Department Store should be compelled to sacrifice and offer for sale all its stock and assets at such a gigantic slaughter as this.

## MEN

- 25c Standard Suspenders 10c
- 50c Heavy Lisle Suspenders 29c
- 10c Cotton Socks Only 3c
- 25c Lisle Socks Go at 14c
- 25c Pad Garters Only 12c
- 25c Summer Underwear 15c
- \$1 Winter Underwear 43c
- \$1.50 Wool Underwear 77c
- \$1.50 Ribbed Union Suits 77c
- \$3.50 Wool Union Suits \$1.89
- 50c Work Shirts Only 30c
- \$1 Sateen Shirts Go at 69c
- \$1 Flannel Shirts for 59c
- \$2 Flannel Shirts at \$1.09
- \$3.50 Flannel Shirts \$1.98
- \$2 Sweater Coats at \$1.29
- \$1.00 Soft Shirts for 46c
- \$1.00 Dress Shirts at 46c
- \$1.50 Dress Shirts Only 69c
- \$1.00 Fine Caps Go at 48c
- Stetson Brown Stiff Hat for 25c
- \$2.50 Soft Hats for \$1.39
- 50c Boys' Hats Go at 19c
- \$1.00 Men's Overalls 60c
- \$1.50 Khaki Pants at 98c
- \$2.00 Good Pants \$1.19

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