

### CAR SHORTAGE LESS

Condition Is Passing, Southern Pacific Report Says.

### STEADY GAINS ARE SHOWN

Actual Unfilled Orders in Oregon on April 4 Given as 417, Instead of 861, as Stated by Service Commission.

Car shortage in the acute form that has prevailed during the last six months soon will be a thing of the past, says J. H. Dyer, assistant general manager of the Southern Pacific.

Mr. Dyer yesterday prepared a report on the exact car situation on the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon as reflected by the figures of his office. This report contradicts in many particulars, the compilations presented a few weeks ago by the Oregon Public Service Commission and the statement made by the commission that in the period between March 1 and March 23 only 351 cars were furnished for lumber loading.

"During the period mentioned," says Mr. Dyer's report, "we received, loaded and empty at Ashland 3091 cars, and delivered southbound, at the same point 2691 cars, an excess northward of 310 cars.

Net Gain 244 Cars.

"Through the Portland gateway there were delivered northbound to connecting lines, 1379 cars, and received southbound 1313 cars, or an excess delivery northward of 169 cars, making a net gain on the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon of 244 cars.

"On March 1 car orders totaled 1384; on March 23 1425; on April 4, 1294. There were loaded during the period from March 1 to 23 a total of 19,154 cars of all kinds of commodities, of which about 1300 were loaded with lumber. The latter figure is estimated for the reason that complete figures for the period are not at hand, but they include the 951 cars cited as furnished."

Mr. Dyer further contends that the Southern Pacific has filled all its orders for the month of March, to 96 per cent of the capacity of the mills. This figure, he says, has not changed much since April 1.

Shortage Statement Denied.

He also denies emphatically that the Southern Pacific was short 861 cars on April 4, as indicated by the commission's report.

"Our records of that day," he says, "show that there were 823 empty box cars, refrigerator, stock and gondola cars on hand, also 201 cars of the same description awaiting delivery, to which may be added 148 loaded and empty cars received at Ashland in transit northbound, making a total of 877 cars. There were orders on file for 1294 cars, making an approximate shortage of 417 instead of 861. In addition to the 877 commercial cars there were 425 cars assigned to wood and logging service.

"I desire to add that there has been a substantial co-operation by many shippers in the matter of loading cars to their full capacity, thereby increasing the efficiency of the available equipment. In matter of double loading alone there have been approximately 1000 cars saved during the past six months."

Mr. Dyer is absent from Portland on a tour of the lines under his jurisdiction, and sent his report by telegraph to his office.

**GOOD THINGS IN THE MARKET**

WHAT between eagerly reading important war news, watching for parades and following with friendly eyes the khaki uniforms that go about the streets, interest in the markets appears to be at a low ebb this week.

And yet, when one makes a systematic circuit of the stores and stalls it is to find that the Spring tide is steadily rising regardless of the fact that Old Glory is once more floating out in an atmosphere surcharged with martial spirit.

In the fruit market Los Angeles is sending up an increasing supply of ripe strawberries which are coming down in price, 15, 17 1/2 and 20 cents a basket.

Some fine shapely Winter pears are being forwarded from Florida, 25, 30 and 50 cents a dozen.

Cranberries, 15 cents a quart.

Florida grapefruit, very large, 15, 16, 17 1/2 and 20 cents each.

California, 5 cents each, six for a quarter.

Oranges, heavy and juicy, 50 to 55 cents a dozen; smaller, 15 and 25 cents.

Bananas, 35 and 30 cents a dozen.

Lemons, 12 1/2, 15 and 25 cents a dozen.

A consignment of red-cheeked pippins from Mosler attracts attention this week. They retail at \$2.75 a box, but every apple is a perfect one.

April is considered the closing month for last season's stock, and apples are now becoming scarce. Next month the advance guard of the new crop may be looked for. Several varieties of smaller sizes at 10, 15, 20 and 25 cents a dozen can be found.

Rhubarb, 5 cents a pound and four pounds for a quarter.

Among vegetables, the newcomer is evidently eggplant, from Florida, 30 cents a pound.

Hothouse cucumbers, 25 cents; other stock, 10 cents each.

Celery hearts, 25 cents a bunch.

Asparagus, green, 15 cents; white, 10 cents a pound.

Artichokes, two and three for 25 cents.

California green peas are coming abundantly and consequently going down in price, 10, 12 1/2 and 15 cents a pound now being asked.

Button mushrooms, 86 cents a pound.

Cauliflower, 10, 15 and 20 cents a head. Some of the large ones are very handsome.

Spinach, local, 12 1/2 cents a pound.

Lettuce heads, 5 and 10 cents each.

New Florida potatoes, two pounds, 25 cents; California, 15 cents a pound; in small lots, 5 cents a pound; 100-pound sacks, \$4.75.

Tomatoes from Mexico, 35 cents; other stock, 10 cents a pound.

Green pepper, from Cuba, 75 cents a pound. The recent insurrection in the "Pearl of the Antilles" is given as the reason for the high prices of her products. The farming population failed to stick to their knitting.

Dried onions, 15 cents; onion sets, 30 cents a pound.

Mint and watercress, 5 cents a bunch.

Cabbage, 10 cents; cabbage greens, 5 cents a pound.

Leaf lettuce, three for 10 cents.

All the soup vegetables are on hand in abundance.

In the fish market chinook salmon and salmon trout are both 25 cents a pound.

Some salmon is also to be had at 22 1/2 cents a pound.

California sends up shad and sanddabs, 15 cents a pound.

Halibut, 20 cents a pound.

Black cod, sea perch and soles, 15 cents a pound.

Columbia River smelt is still 5 cents a pound, but showing signs of scarcity.

Shrimp meat, 50 and 60 cents a pound.

Crabs, 20 to 40 cents each.

Prawns, 30 cents; mussels, 10 cents; hard-shell clams, 5 cents a pound.

Razor clams and Eastern oysters, 30 cents a dozen; both in the scarce list.

In the meat market boiling beef is now 12 1/2 to 14 cents a pound.

Steak, 20 cents; porterhouse, 25 cents a pound.

Veal chops, 20 cents; pork chops, 25 cents a pound.

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**Don't buy more than you need now—Don't put in a big stock only to waste it or have it spoil on your hands**

Stop buying as though you never expected to eat again. The farmers of Oregon are our first line of defense. Thousands of idle acres of the richest ground in the world are being put into cultivation to care for our people.

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The more goods you buy that you have no immediate use for the higher will be the prices when those are gone. The more you put away the more you will waste.

Get busy—and let's all use a little common sense. Those who haven't a back yard for a garden can borrow one. If you don't know where you can get one we will give you the name of an organization that will find a vacant lot for you.

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**SEWER REQUEST IS DENIED**

Plea Made by Laurelhurst Residents Turned Down by Council.

Requests from some of the Laurelhurst residents that the city provide means of carrying sewerage from that section by connecting up a chain of sewers with a trunk sewer, were rejected by the City Council yesterday. It was held that the district should provide its own sewer outlet.

Sewerage for several years past has been disposed of in a large cesspool which cannot be used longer. The Laurelhurst people said the city was bound under the conditions to provide an outlet for the sewerage from the chain of sewers draining into the cesspool.

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