

CEMENT MAN TELLS OF SQUEEZE-OUT

W. R. Lebo, Aberdeen, Witness Against "Combine."

BUSINESS TAKEN AWAY

Fred, Mubs, California Manager, Gives Two Stories About Why Prices Are Fixed.

How a cement dealer was squeezed out by the alleged combine of cement plants on the Pacific coast was the story contributed to the federal court yesterday by W. R. Lebo of Aberdeen in the suit against H. P. Butchart and Clark M. Moore of the Oregon Portland Cement company.

Also in the course of the trial yesterday some inkling as to how the price of cement in this country was fixed. Mr. Mubs, general manager of the Standard and Santa Cruz cement companies of California, corporations whose combined capital is \$11,000,000.

When Mr. Mubs was on the stand, Attorney Minor for the defense, asked him on what basis the price of cement is fixed. Mr. Mubs replied on the freight rate, plus a reasonable profit.

Under cross examination by Barnett Goldstein, attorney for the plaintiff, States attorney, Mr. Mubs admitted that his plant, 70 miles from San Francisco, charged \$2.30 f.o.b. docks, San Francisco, whereas the price of this cement f.o.b. Portland, 700 miles from the plant, was \$2.30.

Goldstein's Puts Question. After this admission, Mr. Goldstein inquired whether the freight rate really had anything to do with fixing the price, inasmuch as the Mubs company was selling in Portland for the same price as it did at a few miles from the mill.

Mr. Lebo testified that prior to January 1, 1915, he was the agent for the three Washington cement companies at Aberdeen; that in 1914 when the California product was being sold in Washington, all prices were the same.

Next Mr. Lebo went to W. H. George, of the Cowell Lime & Cement company, a California concern, saw him personally, and wanted cement for sale in Washington.

Mr. Lebo complained that his business was being ruined, and that he had an offer to go to Chile and thought he might take it. The cement people then offered to supply him with cement in Chile at a price which was \$1.25 less than the price of cement in Washington.

When the Oregon cement plant at Oswego was in prospect, Mr. Lebo said he thought he saw a ray of hope. He met C. T. W. Hollister, salesman for the Oregon company, who quoted him cement at \$2.50, which was the same price as the Washington companies.

Geologists Hunt for Oil. UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Oct. 27.—(Special).—Dr. E. L. Packard, professor of geology in the university, and Richard Nelson, of Eugene, who was graduated with honors in geology last June, spent the week-end in Eugene after nearly four months on a survey of possible oil-bearing formations in Washington and Oregon.

Hermiston Overseas Man Dies. PENDLETON, Or., Oct. 27.—(Special).—Carey Woods, young Hermiston man, died here this morning after a week's illness.

Mrs. Lamont Visits Hood River. HOOD RIVER, Or., Oct. 27.—(Special).—Mrs. Elizabeth Lamont of Portland, inspector of the state department of Oregon Women's Relief Corps, was here yesterday on an official visit to the local corps.

Carrot Weighs 56 Ounces. HOOD RIVER, Or., Oct. 27.—(Special).—Charles Ehrek, Odell orchardist, has exhibited record large carrots here. Some measure 1 1/2 inches in diameter, weigh 56 ounces.

NEWS

ONE of the important and interesting events on today's calendar is the tea to be given at the Museum of Art this afternoon. Tea will be served at 4:30 o'clock by Mrs. William Lebo, Mrs. H. W. Corbett, Mrs. L. E. Hoffman and Miss Henrietta Fallin, assisted by Mrs. Lawrence Wheeler, Mrs. Ferdinand Smith, Mrs. Charles Miller and the Misses Dorothy Gilbert and Cornelia Cook.

Anyone interested in the pictures is invited to the tea. The art lovers of Portland desire that one of the paintings be purchased for the permanent collection of the museum. The opportunity is offered to those who wish to contribute any sum from the smallest upward, with a vote in the choice of the painting to be kept.

Miss Sarah Patrick is in town again after spending three months in Spokane and Moscow. Mr. and Mrs. Sewell Clark of Philadelphia have returned from their wedding trip and are making their home at Cedron, the Philadelphia home of C. M. Clark. Mrs. Clark will be remembered as Miss Aquilas Turren of Seattle, who has visited in Portland many times as the guest of Mrs. Cyrus Dolph.

Captain David Loring is now in Constantinople, where he is serving with the Arabian expedition as a member of the staff of General Harbord. Captain Loring is the son of Dr. and Mrs. David Loring of Portland, who have received most interesting letters from their son all during the war.

Mrs. Ralph Fenton returned to Portland last Friday after being away nearly two years, most of which time she was in France doing war work. About six weeks ago she landed in New York and underwent a serious operation. Mrs. Fenton's many friends are giving her a warm welcome. Dr. and Mrs. Fenton have resided apartment at the Malloy hotel for the winter.

Mrs. Emma B. Carrill is expecting her son, Major Phillip Carrill, with his wife and child to visit in New York next week and has just left Washington, D. C., where he went to get his discharge from the army, and to spend the winter in Europe at the end of November, where he probably will make their home for some time.

Mrs. Philip Blumauer and Mrs. W. L. Swank are planning to entertain Mrs. Ervin G. Leshy, Mrs. E. E. Kingsley and Mrs. T. Rowe will be at the auditorium of Meier & Frank to receive donations on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. H. J. Kelly will be in charge of the Japanese booth, assisted by Mrs. Harry Sickness, among the young women dressed as Japanese maids who will sell the candy. Mrs. Misses Gloria Christie, Gertrude Doyles, Margaret Clark, Roma Kingsley, Anna Ward, Adaline Zueher, Vera Ducas, Ellen Rowe, Velma Ducas, Wesley Bressler.

Dr. and Mrs. Fred Forman Hoss announce the birth of a son last Friday. A little one will be named for his father.

Of much interest to Portland is the wedding in Lewistown, Pa., on October 4, when Miss Marianne Witherspoon Woods and Dr. James Francis Bell Jr. were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Woods. Dr. Bell is the son of Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Bell of this city, and was an interne in the hospital here when the war caused him to enter the navy, where he served as a lieutenant in the medical corps. Dr. and Mrs. Bell will be in Portland before long on their way to Bremerton, where Dr. Bell will join his ship.

News comes from Buffalo, N. Y., of the marriage in that city of Miss Bessie Y. Zueher, 184 Superior street, and Carl G. Ostrom of Portland, on October 23.

Last night Charles Holbrook gave a dinner-dance in honor of Miss Ruth Teal and her fiancé, Carlton Walter Getts, of Buffalo, N. Y., at their wedding party. The dinner was served at the University club at a beautifully appointed table, after which Mr. Holbrook took his guests to the Oregon grill to dance and have supper.

The party included Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Squires, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Green, Miss Genevieve Thompson, Miss Rhoda Rubell, Miss Katherine Hart, Miss Sara McCall, Miss Teal and Miss Catherine Collins of Seattle, Prescott Cookingham, Merle Campbell, Major George Powell and Carlton Getts.

Mrs. J. A. McPerson and daughter Alta have gone south for the winter for the benefit of Miss McPerson's health.

The Renton club will give its next dance tomorrow night as a Halloween party. Mrs. W. M. Harder, Mrs. L. G. Gales, Mrs. Walter Willis and Mrs. B. E. Roy are in charge.

Women's Activities. THE United States is in more danger than ever before and will continue in greater danger until the crisis, and that crisis will be this winter. This was the prediction of Cassius B. Peck, president of the Portland Post of the American Legion who was the principal speaker at the luncheon given yesterday by the Portland Women's Research club in the Benson hotel crystal room.

Under the energetic leadership of Mrs. J. P. Lynch, the Multnomah County Council of Parent-Teacher associations is looking forward to a busy year. The meeting held on Saturday at Russellville much business was transacted. Resolutions were adopted favoring supervision of schools for the rural schools, and an increased appropriation of funds to maintain a county club leader.

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The monthly meeting of the board of the Council of Jewish Women will meet Wednesday at 1:30 o'clock in Central Library. The council will hold its general meeting November 5 when Mrs. Henrietta Metzger will present an artistic program which will include historical characters depicted in tableaux and plays.

An event of note tonight will be the meeting of the Advertising Women's club at the Benson hotel. Dinner will be served at 6:15 o'clock. Judge and Mrs. Anne Mulharen, Elizabeth and Divorce. Mrs. Fred Olson will sing, accompanied by Nettie Foy. Luncheon will be presented by Mrs. Beatrice Eichenlaub.



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There will be a meeting of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae on Saturday, November 1. Members are asked to watch the papers for notices of the time and place.

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Members of Summer Women's Relief Corps, No. 21, are requested to attend the funeral services of their sister, Octavia Riser, to be held today at the chapel of Breese and Snook, East Third, fifth and Belmont streets, at 1 A. O'clock.

The housewives' council will hold a meeting today in room 11, Central Library, to discuss the bread situation. A number of Portland bakers will be present at this meeting to give their side of the question.

The Catholic Women's League will hold its regular meeting in the Biers building, 237 1/2 Washington street, today at 2:30. Each member is urged to be present and bring a friend. Tea will be served at the close of the meeting. Mrs. Nell Sullivan and Mrs. Joseph E. Forstner will be joint hostesses for the afternoon.

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The women of the Russellville circle deserve credit for the program and the luncheon and the decorations. A vote of thanks was also tendered Gillette for the quantities of beautiful dainties they had contributed.

The next meeting will be held on the second Saturday in December with the Troutdale circle. St. Vincent's alumnae association held its annual banquet at St. Vincent's on Friday.

Vernon Parent-Teacher circle will hold a committee program Friday night. The Alberta band will play. A Halloween frolic will be held tonight at the Y. W. C. A. with all sorts of entertaining features planned for girls from industrial plants who are invited to be guests. The party is free.

Mrs. M. L. T. Hidden will preside at a meeting of the Progressive Women's league at the Portland hotel this afternoon. An interesting program is in store.

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