

WEYERHAEUSER CUTS PRICES OF LUMBER

Step to Stabilize Abnormal Market Announced.

BUILDING CURB FEARED

"Price Has Advanced Until Companies Are Ashamed to Take Money," Declares Manager.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 24.—As a measure looking toward stabilization of the lumber market, price reductions which it was declared would amount to 10 to 30 per cent under present prices, were announced here today by L. S. Case, manager of the Weyerhaeuser Sales company, distributing agency for 11 lumber mills controlled by the Weyerhaeuser interests. The reduced prices, it was declared, would remain effective at least until June 1. An announcement of the reduction of prices to the January level, effective immediately, was made when the demand for lumber exceeds the supply; car shortage and other transportation difficulties have restricted deliveries; price advances have been frequent and irregular, and buyers have bidden against each other until the demoralized condition of the lumber market threatens to discourage all construction.

Speculation Is Opposed.
Lumber prices are now \$5 to \$25 per thousand above the January prices and further advances are in prospect, it is declared. The output of the company's mills, which will be run on full capacity, will be turned to the retail and industrial consumer, with the elimination of the speculator to the fullest extent possible, it is stated.

J. P. McGoldrick of the McGoldrick Lumber company expressed great surprise this afternoon when informed of the action of the Weyerhaeuser interests in reducing wholesale lumber prices from 10 to 30 per cent. He said that he did not anticipate any reduction in the price of lumber marketed by his firm.

Prices Rise Too High, Is View.
"I don't know what their prices are or what their intention is in making this cut," he said. "I know our prices and what it is costing us to produce lumber. The demand is heavy, the supply is short, and the cost of production is greater than ever."

The Weyerhaeuser group, one of the largest lumber operating concerns in the United States, has widespread interests in the inland Empire, including Spokane, on the coast and in Minnesota. Six of the biggest lumber plants in the inland Empire are members of the Weyerhaeuser group, including the Potlatch Lumber company, Potlatch, Idaho; the Humbird Lumber company of Sandpoint, Idaho; the Edward Tuttle Lumber company of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; the Dover Lumber company of Dover, Idaho; the Bonner's Ferry Lumber company of Bonner's Ferry, Idaho, and the Boise-Layette Lumber company of Boise, Idaho.

Mr. Case stated that the price of lumber has advanced to such a high mark because of speculation that the companies are ashamed to take the money.

"I worked for many years to raise the price of lumber and now we feel that the advance has gone too far," said Mr. Case. "Speculation in lumber is the reason for this and we can reduce the prices and still make a reasonable profit."

"Auction Market" Rules.
"The situation is due largely to the fact that uncertainty as to deliveries, owing to car and transportation conditions coupled with the present abnormal demand for lumber, has led buyers to bid against each other, lumber available for early delivery commanding a high premium."

"This has resulted in what is termed an 'auction market,' which is always irregular and uncertain and most demoralizing to buyers and consumers, with its constant threat of price advances not to be measured or foreseen."

"The interests comprising the so-called Weyerhaeuser group have come to recognize that this condition of the lumber market is injurious to the public and to industry generally."

Advances Deferred Till June 1.
"They feel that the level of lumber prices reached early in January is sufficiently high to compensate the industry; that further advances will be unduly burdensome to the public and are not warranted by existing conditions, and that the market has come to a halt. Lumber is selling freely today at prices ranging from \$5 to \$25 per thousand above the early January prices."

"They realize that the combined output of their mills is not great enough to have a decisive influence on the market, but feeling that some one must take the first step, they have committed themselves to a policy which, if adopted by the lumber industry generally, will largely ameliorate the situation."

"This group of mills, therefore, announces that for the time being, and at least until June 1, which covers the whole period of spring buying, they will make no advance in prices."

GIRL'S ESSAY IS BEST

Nine-Year-Old Thelma Kem Wins Award in Army Contest.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—The paper by a 9-year-old girl, Thelma Kem, was adjudged the winner of highest honors in the essay contest in the Cottage Grove schools upon the subject, "What Are the Benefits of Enlistment in the United States Army?" which was a part of the state and national essay contest upon that subject.

There were six local prizes, three for the high school and three for the grades, and these were awarded as follows:
High school—First, Clyde Leonard; second, Marion Lowry; third, Opal Emerson.
Grades—First, Thelma Kem; second, Donald Metcalf; third, Dona McCargan.

It is an interesting coincidence that upon a subject of this kind the winner of the second prize in the grades is a son of Major H. K. Metcalf, who has had 11 years of military experience and who was one of the judges, but did not know that his son was one of the winners until the names of the winners were given out by Superintendent Heattie. The other judges were Mrs. J. T. Smith and Albert Smith.

WASTE PAPER DRIVE SET

Red Cross Names March 13 as Day for City Collections.

The Red Cross waste paper drive has been set for Saturday, March 13.

when the fire department, the Boy Scouts and other agencies will cooperate with the Red Cross in gathering up the bundles of waste paper which Portland residents are asked to leave upon their porches.

BOURBON BACKS HOOVER

WASHINGTON DEMOCRAT WILL START NON-PARTISAN BOOM.

Idea Gained Following Trip in California—Prestige Is Held Sufficient for Success.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—Democratic politicians did not have time to get back from the trains, whether they had gone to see the out-of-town committeemen and politicians in ordinary on their way home, when word began to find its way about that Herman W. Ross, vice-president and general manager of the Thorold-Trenholm company, and democrat of long standing, had come back to town after a trip through California, imbued with the idea of launching a non-partisan movement for the nomination of Herbert C. Hoover for president.

A meeting will be held Wednesday afternoon between Ross and a number of local democrats for launching the Hoover boom. Ross's ideas regarding the food administrator as a presidential nominee are fixed in no uncertain way on his mind, and it is generally believed that he has sufficient prestige to successfully start things going here for Hoover.

DAYLIGHT SAVING WANTED

Efforts Made in Spokane for Local Arrangement of Plan.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—An effort will be made to inaugurate the daylight saving plan in Spokane this year by means of local arrangements.

A committee is to be appointed by the chamber of commerce which will deal with this question, having as its chairman, T. P. Brewer. As soon as this committee is named the daylight saving problem will be taken up. Other cities are already planning to observe the light economy plan which was authorized by congress during the war, but which was repealed as a law by the present law.

"As soon as the railroads are returned to private ownership I hope to confer with them relative to having their change of time from mountain to Pacific made at Spokane instead of further east," said Mr. Brewer.

LENROOT BOOM STARTED

WISCONSIN SENATOR URGED FOR REPUBLICAN CHOICE.

Campaign May Put New Aspect on Situation in North Dakota With Rival for Johnson.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 24.—A boom for Senator Irvin L. Lenroot of Wisconsin as a candidate for the republican presidential nomination was launched tonight at a dinner given in the Wisconsin senator's honor at the New Willard hotel.

The Lenroot boom will be studied for its effect in several of the states from Wisconsin west, where it has been taken for granted that the contest would be fought out between Wood, Lowden, Hiram Johnson and Poindexter. All of these candidates, it is seen at a moment's glance, are likely to be at a disadvantage if Lenroot is swung in against them.

He is a native of that section of the country and of Swedish extraction. Every Scandinavian in Minnesota and the Dakotas as well as in Wisconsin has heard of Lenroot. The situation in North Dakota is the most curious in the progress of the republican pre-convention campaign. It looks now as though Hiram Johnson will be the only republican candidate put forward in the primaries next month unless Lenroot enters.

ROCKPILE COSTS LEARNED

Expense of Operating Rockpile at Kelly Butte One Month \$1106.74.

It will cost the city of Portland \$1106.74 for one month's operation of the rockpile at Kelly Butte quarry, according to a bill submitted by the county commissioners yesterday for approval by County Auditor Martin. The understanding between city and county officials in permitting the city to use the quarry was that the municipality would assume this cost of operation.

Supplies during the month of January totaled \$262.74, gas and telephone \$9.50 and labor \$831.50, a total of \$1106.74, it is figured.

The county commissioners yesterday authorized advertisement for bids for 12,000 square feet of roofing and 42,693 board measure feet for the erection of a machinery shed at Kelly Butte.

CHAMBER BACKS SPOKANE

Portland Joins Request to Protect Magnesite Industry.

The Portland Chamber of Commerce yesterday telegraphed to Senator Chamberlain requesting that the fullest possible support be given the movement urged by the Spokane chamber for legislation to protect producers of magnesite. This product is one of the mineral resources of the Spokane district, but prior to the war large quantities of the material for use in American industries was imported from Austria.

Now that development of the American supply has been started, it is not deemed fair that the bars should be thrown down to give advantage to foreign producers to the detriment of home industry.

Paper Mills Suspend Operations.

HOLYOKE, Mass., Feb. 24.—Owing to low water in the Connecticut river suspension of operations was ordered for 18 hours, beginning tonight, by 25 paper mills that depend upon water power. The coal and pulp situation is still reported acute here.



What stylish men will wear this spring

There's one thing pretty certain; careful buying is going to be the style this spring. Men who want to make their money go farthest are going to get good, all-wool quality; such clothes save because they last several seasons.

When it comes to the lines of the clothes you will find lower openings shown in coats and vests; lapels are lower and have square notches. The coats are longer.

The general tendency is toward the plain, single-breasted sacks; one, two and three buttons; with no fancy features. The coats will depend on designing skill for the style; that takes real art and real tailoring.

One-, two- and three-button double-breasted suits which have been so popular this last season will continue to be favored by many men; these models for spring show the new style notes.

In our clothes you'll not only find the best style, but you'll get the fine tailoring and all-wool quality that saves for you because it lasts. If you aren't satisfied—money back.

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