

LUMBER AT SPOKANE IS CUT FIFTH TODAY

Reduction in Prices at Retail Announced.

ALL DEALERS JOIN DROP

Fall Is Caused by Over-Supply in Local Market—Dimension and Common Boards Affected.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 14.—(Special)—A 20 per cent reduction in retail price of lumber will go into effect tomorrow, according to an announcement today by Spokane lumber dealers, nearly all of whom will join in the general cut.

The reduction is occasioned by an oversupply in local lumber and will affect dimension and common boards, flooring and ceiling of local manufacture, coast fir flooring, coast rustic and ceiling, coast finish, cedar shingles and lath.

While the general reduction in the new prices to be quoted tomorrow will be 20 per cent, the percent of reduction from the high point ranges from 28 per cent to 49 per cent, as follows:

Dimension and common boards, 23 per cent; on flooring and ceiling of local manufacture, 28 per cent; on coast fir flooring 49 per cent; on coast rustic and ceiling, 40 per cent; on coast finish, 33 per cent; on cedar shingles, 32 per cent; on lath, 45 per cent.

A slight increase in demand will rapidly deplete stock on hand, which will tend greatly to strengthen the market, declared A. MacCuaig, proprietor of the Exchange Lumber company.

NEW JERSEY PLANTS SHUT

Curtailments Also Announced by Big Manufacturers.

ELIZABETH, N. J., Dec. 14.—Announcements were made today of the shutting down or curtailing of large industrial plants here. The main plant of the Singer Sewing Machine company, employing 5000, announced it would close from December 22 to January 5, because of lack of orders. The Diehl Manufacturing company, beginning December 18, will make a flat wage reduction of 10 per cent in lieu of laying off employees.

At the Moore plant of the Bethlehem Shipbuilding corporation it was stated that several hundred employees had been dismissed in the last four days, officials explaining that no further orders were in sight.

WOOL OVERCOATINGS DROP

Auction Prices Two-Thirds to Three-Fourths Less Than in Fall.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Wool overcoatings were sold at auction here today by the American Woolen company at prices two-thirds to three-

fourths less than they brought at the opening of the fall season. There were 2800 pieces offered and it was estimated that about a third of them were sold. The auctions will continue for three days.

TRUST RULES TOBACCO MART

Purchasing Methods and Lack of Credit Injure Growers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Purchasing methods of large buyers, as well as financial conditions due to unfavorable foreign exchange rates and contraction of domestic credits, are held responsible for low tobacco prices in a special report sent to congress by the federal trade commission. It recommends:

"Establishment by the department of agriculture under the aegis of a federal system of grading leaf tobacco; revival in permanent form of expired provisions (1918) relating to the use of common agencies in the purchase of leaf tobacco; specific prohibition of leaf tobacco purchases through agencies not disclosed to the trade."

It was alleged in the growers' complaints that buyers for big companies would not bid against each other and the commission was directed by congress to investigate for the purpose of determining to what extent, if any, the anti-trust laws and the dissolution decree in the American Tobacco company case handed down by the supreme court in May, 1911, were being violated.

The supreme court, the commission pointed out, held the American Tobacco company and various of its subsidiaries and stockholders to constitute an illegal monopoly and under the dissolution plan worked out by the circuit court, 14 companies were organized to take over the property of the defendants.

These 14 companies were enjoined from merging and from entering into arrangements regarding prices or terms of purchase or sale of tobacco, and from doing business under any other than their own corporate names unless their ownerships were disclosed. For a period of five years they were enjoined from having interlocking directorates and from employing common purchasing or sales agents, but the five-year period expired in November, 1916, and the federal trade commission now urges that its provisions be revived and made permanent.

FRESH EGG PRICES DROP

Cut Ranges From 5 to 12 Cents on New York Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Prices of fresh eggs were reduced by from 5 to 12 cents a dozen in the New York market today, resulting from increased production due to warmer weather throughout the egg-producing areas. Fresh wholesale today at from \$3 to \$3 cents a dozen, an average decrease of 5 cents since Saturday.

Reports here indicated an even greater influx of fresh eggs from the west and southwest during the next few days.

New low records for the year were made again today in the market for raw sugar, 12,000 bags of Porto Rican sugar being sold at 4.83 cents a pound for centrifugal.

Swampers' Wages Cut. SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 14.—Wages of swampers and common laborers in eastern Washington logging camps

A Wonderful Sale Don't Miss It Mathis Suits & Overcoats 40% Off

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MEN'S WEAR
Corbett Bldg., Fifth and Morrison

have been cut 50 cents to \$1 a day. It was announced today by employment agencies handling employment of men for the camps. The going wage is now \$4.

Mixed Hogs Sell at \$9.90.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 14.—Mixed hogs sold at \$9.90 hundredweight at the union stock yards today. This is the lowest the market has been since November, 1916.

STAR TWINKLES NO MORE

Famous San Francisco Publication Forced to Suspend.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—The Star, prominent as a weekly publication here since its founding in 1884, suspended publication with this week's issue, which appeared today. It was edited by James H. Barry, naval officer for the district.

The high cost of print paper was given as the reason for suspension. Every large city has one newspaper which, by universal consent, is the Want-Ad medium of the community. In Portland it's The Oregonian.

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was chief of the oil department until a few days ago, resigned, according to announcement, when investigations indicated he and others had organized development companies to which concessions were granted.

Concessions in future will be granted only to companies or persons who can prove their financial ability to carry on exploration and exploitation, it was announced.

MEXICAN OFFICIALS QUIT

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Two Hundred Million Versus Five Hundred Thousand

Figures presented in an address last Monday before the Members' Forum of the Portland Chamber of Commerce on Manufacturing Development in Portland, compiled from the Statistical Department of the Chamber, showed since January 1, 1918, an investment of Two Hundred Million Dollars of Portland money in outside and foreign enterprises and of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars in new manufacturing enterprises in Portland.

Ninety-nine and three-quarters cents on each dollar invested went out of Portland to build up other communities, and only one-quarter cent stayed in Portland to build up Portland.

A vegetable oil man, recently in Portland, commenting on this situation, said, "If Portland continues placing all its surplus money in outside investments to build up other communities, it need not expect other communities to invest in Portland." He further said, "Portland is sending Mr. Frank Branch Riley east to lecture on the advantages of Portland as an investment and manufacturing center, but when his hearers investigate the local Portland situation they will go elsewhere."

SELL PORTLAND to the world by your enthusiasm and by your belief in Portland, but do not stop there—

BUY PORTLAND with your money—stop sending all your money away to build up other communities.

PORTLAND MUST CHOOSE between now and January 1 between supporting the upbuilding of a vast industry here or letting it go elsewhere. This company is but the entering wedge. Its establishment here means the bringing of allied industries to Portland.

We still need subscriptions of \$25,000.00 to save this industry to Portland. We will not locate here without sufficient local support to assure success, and that amount is \$700,000, fully subscribed before letting contracts for building our plant.

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