

LUMBER ACTIVITY IS DUE TO BEGIN SOON

Demand for Yard Stocks Is
Increasing Gradually.

MILL MEN OPTIMISTIC

Requirements in Railroad Car
Building Give Added Impetus
to West Coast Industry.

Prospects for an increased lumber development throughout Oregon and Washington were not as promising during the past week as they were the first week of the month. This can be explained in a measure by the fact that due to congestion in the ports of Japan the demand for squares has ceased temporarily.

While new orders for Jap squares are not being made, the lumbermen are not greatly alarmed as they have all the business of this kind that is necessary to keep their plants running for the next 60 days.

Bad weather in southern California has had the effect of causing business from that section to fall off. Because of this, however, no great concern is felt as the prospects are that there will be an increased demand from California yards and other heavy purchasers.

Yard Stock Demand Increases.
For months lumbermen have been hoping for the time when the demands for select and common lumber would be strong from the eastern states. This time seems to be near.

One thing that will cause lumber prices to hold firm and possibly grow stronger is the demand coming from the railroads. Car building has started in earnest. Railroads have permitted their yards to wear out and are being replaced by new ones. This is a business revival and an increased demand for cars, due to a lowering of freight rates, makes it necessary for the companies to increase numbers of their cars.

Ordering To Start Soon.
This is not the natural time for the placing of large orders for lumber of any kind. Within two weeks the usual period for the receipt of orders will start. While awaiting this period the lumbermen are marking time. The mills are fearful of quoting prices and the prospective purchasers are holding off, due to the uncertainty of the future.

Optimistic lumbermen are of the opinion that within a very few weeks orders will start coming in from the country where conditions have been the worst. The agricultural sections of the country where the farmers have been without money according to these optimists, are going to be forced to place orders before spring, as they cannot wait until the more conservative lumbermen are not counting on the agricultural districts of the central west have much strength to the demands for lumber.

California Demand Counted On.
The immediate future of the lumber industry of the northwest is dependent upon the performance of a strong demand from California, a revival of orders for Jap squares, the requirements that will come from the railroads in their campaign of car building, and the orders that must come from the yards of the East and central states.

In his weekly report of lumber conditions throughout Oregon and Washington C. C. Crow, of Crow's Pacific Coast Lumber Index, points out that cargo mills are operating up to 81 per cent of their possible combined output. He has listed 101 cargo mills that have a possible combined output of 15,000,000 feet daily. Eighty-seven of these mills are running and are cutting 14,500,000 feet daily. Closed down, there are 14 mills that could cut a daily output of 1,415,000.

Shingle Mills in Operation.
The prices on shingles are such, according to Mr. Crow's report, that it is impossible for the manufacturer to break even, but in spite of this condition the mills are cutting 74 per cent of their capacity. The report has listed 126 shingle mills. Of this number 114 are in operation and are cutting 29,700,000 shingles daily. Mills closed number 12, and these could cut more than 7,000,000 shingles daily. The shingle mills are not going out after orders but are laying in large stocks with the hope that the market will soon revive and bring better prices.

Crow's report lists 218 mills in Oregon and Washington each having a daily eight-hour capacity of 50,000 feet or more. Of this number 197, or 76 per cent are in operation and cutting 23,354,000 feet, or 83 per cent of the possible combined output of all mills listed.

Southern Pine Unsettled.
Mills cutting under 50,000 feet daily are numbered at 145. Of this number 83 are in operation and are cutting 1,787,000 feet daily. The larger mills in Washington are operating on a much more extensive scale than those of Oregon, but in the case of the small mills Oregon is making the greatest daily production.

The same conditions faced by the lumbermen of the northwest are now being experienced by the mills of the southern pine districts. There are more or less at a standstill. Market conditions are unsettled and the sections that normally give large orders have not opened up with their demands.

Obituary.

Mrs. Anna McCoy.
ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—Mrs. Anna McCoy, aged 73 years, who for the last 25 years had been a resident of Roseburg, died at her home here yesterday. She is survived by two children, Miss Clara McCoy of Roseburg, and Albert McCoy of Bremerton, Wash. Funeral services were held here today and the body sent to Portland to be cremated.

Miss Orace Hawley.
McMINNVILLE, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—The funeral of Miss Orace Hawley will be held Tuesday at 2 o'clock at the funeral parlors in McMinnville. Miss Hawley died in Boston, Mass., January 5. The interment will be in the Riverside cemetery in Portland. Miss Hawley is the daughter of Mrs. A. C. McKinnon of this city. She is also survived by a sister, Lephia.

Her father, who has been dead many years, was Horace G. Hawley, a brother of C. L. Hawley, state dairy and food commissioner.

Mrs. F. M. Kizer.

HARRISBURG, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—The death of Mrs. F. M. Kizer occurred at her country home near here December 31, following a long illness of paralysis from which she did not regain consciousness.

Mrs. Kizer was born March 3, 1836, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wigie, who crossed the plains from Illinois in 1852, and land, and Mrs. Kizer came a year later from Iowa. They were married by Luther White on July 4, 1859, on the farm where her death occurred and where they had resided continuously.

Mr. and Mrs. Kizer were the parents of 11 children, seven of whom survive as follows: Francis and Charles Kizer of this place, H. L. Kizer and Mrs. Nellie Taylor of Albany, O. P. Kizer of Springfield, Mrs. James Watson of Airline, Or., and Mrs. Ida Bardwell of Wapato, Wash.

Elizabeth J. Earhart.

MIDDLETON, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—Funeral services for Elizabeth J. Earhart will be held tomorrow at 12:30 o'clock from the family residence, Mrs. Earhart was the wife of S. J. Earhart and the mother of Mrs. William Fehrenbacher of Portland, and Mrs. William M. Rife of Tillamook, Or.

Mrs. Cordelia C. Lyon.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—The funeral of Mrs. Cordelia C. Lyon, who died Friday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edith L. Blackman, in this city, was held this afternoon at the Fortmiller chapel. Rev. B. F. Wellman, pastor of the first Baptist church of Albany, conducted the services.

Mrs. Ann Morgan.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—Mrs. Ann Morgan, Oregon pioneer of 1852 and resident of Linn county continuously for three score years and ten, died at her home in this city Friday evening at the age of 71 years. Mrs. Morgan was born in Iowa and came across the plains with her parents when she was one year old.

TIMBER DEAL SCOUTED

PURCHASE OF HAMMOND INTERESTS DENIED.

President of Long-Bell Lumber Company Says He Knows Nothing of Rumored Sale.

If the Long-Bell Lumber company has purchased the Hammond timber and milling interests, as has been reported here for several weeks, the rumors are without foundation. The knowledge of R. A. Long, president of the former concern, who arrived in Portland yesterday morning for the purpose of making an examination of his holdings in the northwest and in California.

"I certainly would know it if my company had purchased the Hammond Lumber company," said Mr. Long. "I am not responsible for the rumors that have been noised about. The one object of the Long-Bell Lumber company in purchasing the extensive Hammond holdings would be to gain possession of the retail yards in California, according to well-informed lumbermen."

"When we get ready to start operations on a large scale we will get into the California market and compete with other concerns," said Mr. Long. "There is a possibility of getting business there without purchasing it."

Accompanying Mr. Long are F. J. Rannier, vice-president of the Long-Bell company, W. E. Ryder, representative of the company on the coast, and several engineers and lumber experts.

The party will go to Kelso, Wash., where an investigation of conditions of the Long-Bell properties there will be made. The company owns more than 20,000 acres of fine timber lands in the Kelso country and already is clearing land for the erection of a large mill.

LAND WILL BE DRAINED

DISTRICT EAST OF ALBANY TO BE ORGANIZED.

2300 Acres of Wet Soil to Be Prepared for Profitable Cultivation; Petitions Signed.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Jan. 15.—(Special.)—Petitions for organization of drainage district No. 4, a new project comprising 2300 acres of wet land just east of Albany in Linn county have just been completed under the direction of W. L. Powers, head of the department of soils at the experiment station. A majority of the land owners affected signed the petitions thus assuring the continuance of the project.

Farmers of Dayton, in Yamhill county, were assisted this month in laying out one and one-half miles of open ditch and placing in two miles of drain tile which will drain 250 acres.

Interest in drainage in the Willamette valley is greater at present than ever before, due largely, it is said, to the profits being received from drainage projects now in successful operation. The department of soils is co-operating in every way possible with each community that desires aid in draining a drainage project or in completing work already started. During farmers' week this year all drainage and soil meetings were well attended by men interested in the fundamentals of these subjects.

Worker May Stay in France.
JEFFERSON, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—Judge Howell of this city recently heard from his son, Errol, who is stationed at Soissons in France. Mr. Howell Jr., and his wife may not come home as soon as he expected because he said he hoped to sign another contract. Mr. Howell has been in France for about a year, returning the bodies of American soldier boys to this country.

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WATT SHIPP, SALEM, DEAD

AGENT FOR POWDER COMPANY
SUCCUMBS IN HOSPITAL.

Funeral of Man Formerly Bicycle Rider Expected to Be in Charge of Elks.

Following an operation for stomach trouble, Watt Shipp, a prominent resident of Salem for 30 years, and one of the best known men in Marion county, died at St. Vincent's hospital yesterday afternoon. The body will be sent to Salem for burial, probably under the direction of the Elks lodge.

Mr. Shipp was about 45 years of age and unmarried. When a young man he engaged in the bicycle business, and later established the first general sporting goods store in Salem. This was disposed of a few years ago when he became the Salem agent for the Dupont Powder company.

In his younger days he was a trick bicycle rider of considerable prominence and participated in many cycle events and contests.

He was a member of the Elks' lodge, Salem Chapter and other civic and fraternal organizations of his home city. He is survived by his father, Charles Shipp, and his niece, Miss Lillian Haines, both of whom reside in Salem. Miss Haines was in Portland at the time of her uncle's death. Mr. Shipp was born in Canada.

Mr. Shipp had suffered from a stomach ailment for several years and had undergone two operations. He had been in this city for nearly three weeks when he died.

Mr. Shipp's father, who is more than 70 years of age, was said to be almost prostrated with grief when he learned of his son's death last night.

BLOW IS DEALT PORTERS

DUSTING IN CAR IS HELD JURIOUS TO PASSENGERS.

Oregon State Board of Health Commends Practice of Whisking Off Clothes as Menace.

If recommendations of the Oregon state board of health are put into execution by the public service commission, all forward-looking Pullman-car porters will be put to the test of their resourcefulness as to how to overcome the handicap of having to take "dust patrons" to a rear or front platform for the purpose of flicking them off with the broom before reaching a city—and doing it fast enough to get the usual number of quarters daily.

According to a resolution just adopted by the board of health and referred to the public service commission, the brushing of patrons in the time-honored Pullman-car manner should be banished to the realm of the things that were, for the members declare, it is unsanitary and a menace to the health of passengers from the standpoint of health, of course; nothing is said as to tips for payment being a drag on the weary travelers' pockets and therefore and because of it, a menace.

The health board declares the lining up of "as many of the passengers as the porters can get" and the "sweeping up of them in the aisles" and "brushing them with a whisk broom" such a way as to fill the atmosphere with dust, as in many instances this dust is not only offensive but injurious to fellow passengers.

And then the board proceeds to call upon the public service commission to issue an order, if found within its power, requiring said porters to take passengers to a rear or front platform for the dusting process and thereby save the other passengers from the offensive dust and disease carrier.

SHOE PROBE NOT FEARED

RETAILER, JOBBER, MAKER, IN CLEAR, SAYS MR. BOOTH.

Buying Public Held Responsible for High Prices of Some Lines and Kinds of Shoes.

That neither the retail shoe dealer nor the manufacturer or jobber has anything to fear from any investigation of present shoe prices was the declaration yesterday of W. J. Booth, first vice-president of the Weyenberg Shoe Manufacturing company of Milwaukee, Wis., and J. L. Zingelmann, secretary-treasurer of the Oregon Retail Dealers' association, the two men representing the two leading branches of the business catering to the shoe-buying public.

Mr. Booth expressed fear that the

headlines or a previous interview might be misconstrued as placing the blame for shoe prices on the retailer, whereas he affirmed that the retailer is doing all that he can do to modify the market, and will continue to do so.

The buying public, with its demand for changing and variegated styles of shoes is in reality responsible for the present high prices of some of the higher grades of shoes, according to the contention of these two men. This is due to the fact that it requires probably three times as much time for a high-priced workman to turn out some of the types of shoes demanded by the present styles as it does to produce an ordinary shoe. In addition the rapid changes in women's styles, particularly in pumps, renders a high price on such shoes a necessity because of the fact that such shoes are so quickly out of fashion, according to Mr. Booth's view. The dealer and manufacturers must, consequently, exercise extreme caution for fear they will be left with a lot of antedated style pumps on their hands, due to some sudden change in the type demanded by the modish woman.

Both Mr. Booth and Mr. Zingelmann were emphatic in declaring that the manufacturer and retailer had been doing everything possible to reduce the prices of shoes. And they declared they had been as successful as could be expected in a time of business transition, when the majority of shoe dealers had been operating at a loss. They estimated that 90 per cent of the shoe dealers of the country had lost money on their business during the past four years, in spite of the fact that for a time shoes were at an unusually high price.

Shoes have dropped from 25 to 45 per cent, depending upon the type of shoe, from the prices of 1920, Mr. Booth and Mr. Zingelmann estimated. The drop, they said, had been less in the case of the higher-grade shoes, due to the higher cost of labor for production.

PRISON SHOW IS TODAY

"Melody Minstrels" Proceeds to Go to Improvement Fund.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—"The Melody Minstrels" will hold the boards at the Oregon state penitentiary, five nights, starting tomorrow. The first performance will be for inmates of the prison and officials of the state institutions. The succeeding four nights will be given over to entertaining the public.

Included in the cast are Charles Rowland, Interlocutor; with Fred White, Victor Arago, George Barton, James Lee, Joe Gonia, Dan Goodman, George Moore, Fred Williams, Tom Cullen, "Wildcat" Knight, "Eight-Ball" Ray, George Baer, Winter Willis, Carl Tracy, Sidney Allison, Doc White, "Coal-Tar" Rose and "Bones" Kemp. All of these men have appeared in previous entertainments given at the prison.

The receipts will be turned over to the prison improvement fund.

JURY TO BE HALF WOMEN

New Law to Increase Cost of Trials in Marion by \$4000.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—Fifty per cent of the jurors to be selected for service during the March term of the Marion county circuit court will be women, according to an announcement made here today. Drawing of the jury panel will start Wednesday.

Under the so-called woman's jury law enacted at the 1921 session of the legislature, it is not incumbent upon women to serve even though their names are included in the panel. To escape jury service, however, women must file with the county clerk formal rejection of the so-called honor

Store Is Held Up.

The confectionery and cigar store

of Miles Starr, 520 Washington street,

was held up last night by two robbers who took about \$5 in silver from the till and left several greenbacks. One of them called Starr to the door separating his lunchroom from the candy shop and ordered him into the lunch room while the other rifled the till. The shop was deserted except for the proprietor and the robbers.

Jefferson Banquet Planned.

JEFFERSON, Or., Jan. 15.—(Spe-

cial.)—A fathers' and sons' banquet is

planned for Jefferson January 25. Mr.

Roberts, T. M. C. A. worker from New

York, will address the meeting. County

Secretary Rudd has arranged with a

local committee, consisting of J. T. Jones, J. G. Fontaine, Edward

Smith, Frank Weddle, S. R. Tandy, Charles Klumpe, G. C. Mason and

Mayor Allen, to handle the banquet.

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