

IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY

Lumber Refuse Favored for Reducing Ores.

SAWDUST BRIQUETS GOOD

West Coast Association Receives Report of Committee on Proposed New System.

Efforts of Herbert Hoover, secretary of commerce, toward standardization of lumber sizes and equalization of lumber grades as between producing regions were endorsed yesterday by the West Coast Lumbermen's association, which met at the Portland hotel. The association recommended to individual mills that they give consideration to Mr. Hoover's suggestions that lumber carry association grade marks for the protection of the buying public.

A committee to carry out this course of action was appointed, consisting of A. C. Dixon, Eugene, Or.; W. B. Mack of Hoquiam, Wash.; K. H. Koehler and Howard Jayne, Portland, and was authorized to meet at Portland, D. C., to attend conference during the week of May 22 between lumber manufacturers, lumber distributors, iron and steel mills, architects and builders, the conference to be held under the auspices of the department of commerce.

Final Action Later. Final action on standardization by the association will be considered by the industry after the special committee has returned from the Washington conference.

The lumbermen's meeting was addressed by Ralph Budd, president of the Great Northern railway; Walker D. Hines, ex-director-general of railroads, and W. P. Kitchin, vice-president of the Great Northern.

Mr. Budd said lumber rates should be lowered at the earliest practical time, and regretted that the condition of the railroads precluded the possibility of immediate action.

Mr. Hines said the lumbermen's association had returned from the Washington conference, expressing the lumbermen's appreciation of the co-operation of the railroads during the period of governmental control as well as during the especially trying times immediately following the return to private ownership.

Mr. Kitchin congratulated the West Coast Lumbermen's association for its fairness and assistance to the carriers in the lumber carload minimum case recently decided by the interstate commerce commission, expressing the hope that there would be continued co-operation between the Pacific northwest lumber shippers and the transcontinental carriers.

He especially urged the industry to continue the heavy car loads of Pacific northwest lumber, which have been established during the past few years, in order to avoid future car shortage.

The possibility of developing an iron and steel industry in the Pacific northwest by producing a blast furnace fuel from the production of sawdust obtained from sawmill waste was reported by an association committee consisting of Ernest Dodge of Tacoma, W. B. Mack of Hoquiam and P. H. Jackson of Clear Lake, Wash.

Some months ago Dumbleton & Lauenberger, Tacoma engineers, reported to the West Coast Lumbermen's association laboratory progress in converting mill waste to carbon, it being alleged that the availability of producing carbon briquets from sawmill waste which would allow the fuel to be produced in anthracite coal, and for blast-furnace use would probably improve the efficiency of Connellville coke.

During the discussion, it was brought out that the reason an iron and steel industry had never been established to work available ore deposits in the Pacific coast was that no fuel had ever been developed in the west coast region that would withstand the blast furnace weight of a blast furnace more than 15 feet in height, whereas a blast furnace of economical operation would have to be 130 feet in height.

Mills Join Association. The association appointed a committee to investigate the problem, and that committee yesterday reported to the association stockholders that the project was worthy of their most careful consideration and paid a very high tribute to the engineers working on the project.

Six new mills joined the association yesterday. Resolutions were adopted in memory of J. H. Hanley and E. A. Christensen, two men prominent in the development of the west coast lumber industry, who were drowned near San Francisco last week. The meeting was very largely attended by manufacturers of lumber from Oregon, Washington and British Columbia.

The board of trustees of the association confirmed the proposal made some time ago to have a lumber traffic department from Seattle to Portland. This transfer of the activities of the end of the association to Portland will occur within the next 30 days.

Will Fight for \$250,000. Widow of Fred R. Brown Seeks to Gain Control of Estate.

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 12.—(Special.)—Suits to determine whether the \$250,000 estate of the late Fred R. Brown was community property, and therefore goes to the widow, and whether it was separate property, and as such could be bequeathed by Mr. Brown as he saw fit, was taken up in superior court here yesterday.

Mr. Brown cut his widow off in his will with \$10,000, bequeathing the remainder of the estate to other relatives. Mrs. Brown is suing to have the property and declared community property.

Mr. Brown and his wife separated several years before his death, but were not divorced. Brown lived in South Bend for some years before he died.

Need for Relief Passes. BEND, Or., May 12.—(Special.)—New assurance of the returning prosperity was given today in the monthly report of the home relief section of the Bend Red Cross chapter, which showed that no new applications for civilian relief had been received in more than 30 days.

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Moving Picture News

TODAY'S FILM FEATURES.

Liberty—Raymond Hatton, "His Back Against the Wall." Columbia—Valentino, Swanson, "Beyond the Rocks." Rivoli—Tully Marshall, Ed Horton, "Too Much Business." People's—Orphans of the Storm.

Majestic—Gouverneur Morris, "Yellow Men and Gold." Hippodrome—A Stage Door Romance.

Circle—Hoot Gibson, "The Bear Cat."

POPULAR demand has necessitated a change in plans at the Peoples theater. When announcement was made that "The Prodigal Judge" would be shown next week, there was a young deluge of requests that "Orphans of the Storm" be continued. This was not only to accommodate those that had not seen the big production, but was voiced by many who, while watching the production, had their intention of viewing it again.

If the wave of popularity of this picture continues it will quickly enter the record-breaking class. "The Four Horsemen" had a run of four weeks at the Peoples, but it was not continuous. "Orphans of the Storm" has been running for a full capacity house.

This sterling production has smashed records whenever shown, and there is no reason why Portland should be an exception. Griffith, with a long string of emphatic successes to his credit, went over the top in his last picture, "The Sign of the Cross," with a bang when he made "Orphans of the Storm."

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Plants Merely Run at Decreased Capacity But Not Abandoned.

BY RICHARD SPILLANE. (Copyright by The Public Ledger.) PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 12.—(Special.)—"It makes me tired to hear men scraping our ships, ships as those over there," said James A. Farrell, president of the United States Steel corporation, as he pointed to the shipbuilding yards at the foot of the city.

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