

FUEL PRICES ARE GOING UP AND HIGHER

Wood and Coal Now Selling for More Than Ever Before in City's Career.

SHORT SUPPLY IS REASON

Cordwood Dealers Say They Operate at Loss—Slabwood Men Make Money—Sawyers Increase Prices 5 Cents a Cord.

"Why is fuel high?" This question was asked of six of the prominent wood dealers of the city yesterday. Five replied with the counter-quer, "Is it high?" while the sixth...

No Trust in Evidence. The "man in the street" who seeks cause promptly copies "concrete" and "trust." But this charge does not appear to be verified, its place being taken by the economic law of demand and supply.

Profit Is Small. The cost of cordwood delivered at the dealer's yard appears to be from \$4 to \$4.25. He retails it at from \$4 to \$4.50. In other words a profit of 25 per cent on the selling price is taken.

Slabwood Men Have Monopoly. Thus, in the case of slabwood, the high prices are obviously the result of the slabwood supply emanating from a large mill. These mills, by their contracts, limit the supply to certain dealers who are able to make any price they see fit.

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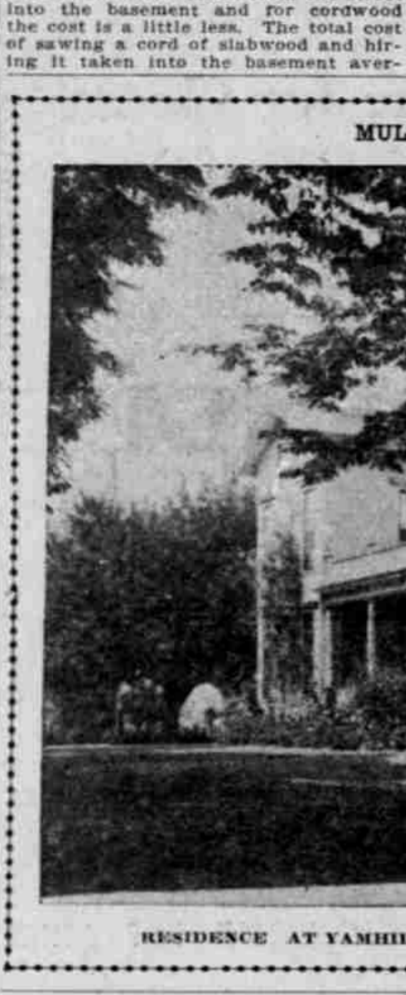
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Barges Reduce Cost. No dealer would tell what was the cost of shipping fuel by river on a barge. It is done by a number of the

dealers, from 50 to 100 cords being brought down at one time. It is thought that shipping by this method the rail cost is halved, while the cost of handling remains the same.

Sawyers Increase Rates. Coal dealers assert their scale is not large and for this reason their price is high. The householder ponders whether to change from wood to coal. He realizes he has to have his grates changed in his furnaces, he reflects that wood is cheaper apparently, it is certainly cleaner, and anyway, he says, "what's the use, if they don't catch me on the wood they will on the coal!"

It costs usually 75 cents to get a cord of slabwood taken from the street into the basement and for cordwood the cost is a little less. The total cost of sawing a cord of slabwood and bringing it taken into the basement averaging



RESIDENCE AT YAMHILL AND LOWNSDALE STREETS TO HOUSE BIG OR GANIZATION.

aces \$1.50 in addition to the first cost of the wood. Nearly all wood sawing machines are equipped with engines, and the owners say that as they pay 5 cents more for a gallon of gasoline they must charge more for sawing.

V. J. DAWSON SEEKING BAIL

Construction Company Secretary Accused of Embezzlement.

Charged with embezzlement of \$400 of the funds of the Willamette Concrete Construction Company, of which he is secretary, Volney J. Dawson, a real estate dealer and promoter, was held at the police station yesterday afternoon while an effort was being made to find the \$500 bond which is a prerequisite to his release.

Dawson was arrested by Patrolman Huppert at his office in the Board of Trade building yesterday afternoon, on a complaint sworn to by F. A. Paulson, president of the company. Paulson told the police that Dawson had just arrived in town after a long absence, and was preparing to flee again, and haste was urged in making the arrest.

It is charged that Dawson, acting as custodian of the funds of the company, withheld them for his own use, and fled from this city to Tacoma six weeks ago. Dawson says that the shortage is on the other side. His story is that Paulson had some contracts for concrete construction and no money to carry them through. The company was incorporated and Dawson says he advanced the money to carry on the work, reimbursing himself as collections came in. He alleges that the company is still in his debt for his advances.

Dawson also charges that in his absence from the city his desk was broken open and his private accounts and correspondence were scrutinized. He says that his arrest at a late hour Saturday afternoon, when offices were closed and ball hard to secure, was a deliberate and malicious act on the part of Paulson.

A Brussels inventor has devised a novel system of construction of concrete chimneys, in which, although the concrete is in blocks, reinforcement is used.

MAILBOATS NEED NOT AWAIT DRAWS

County Court Makes Exceptions in Cases of Lurline and Hassalo.

PASSENGERS ARE FAVORED

Protest of Major McIndoe Against Commissioner's Action Will Be Heard by Next Grand Jury. Delay Not "Unreasonable."

Exception will be made in the cases of the Lurline and Hassalo, the only boats on the river carrying United States mail, in enforcing the traffic

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Mr. McCourt said that he also was aware that the War Department had jurisdiction in regulating the traffic, but he expressed the belief that the department did not intend to deny the people passing over the bridges such accommodations as easily could be granted without inconveniencing the vesselmen. The fact that regulations have already been provided for the Multnomah and Hassalo, was an admission by the department that the rivermen's rights on the water were not supreme and that they must make certain concessions to the overhead passengers.

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Major McIndoe will insist that the cases be vigorously prosecuted. He says the offenses are openly and glaringly in defiance of the Federal authority.

BAND SEASON NEAR END

Only Two Concerts in Parks Remain to Be Played.

The Park Band season is growing shorter, and only a few more concerts remain until the music appropriation will have been spent. Brown's Park Band will give this programme at the City Park bandstand this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock: March, "Old Comrades".....Telke Waltz, "Vienna Breeze".....Strauss Overture, "Obere".....Von Weber (a) Serenade, "Celebrated".....Schubert (b) Spanish Fantasia, "The Dove".....Trader (d) "The Mill in the Forest".....Ellenberg Paraphrase on "Carmen".....Greenwald Scenes from "Carmen".....Brett Soldiers' Chorus from "Faust".....Gottschald Excerpt from "The Bell in the Forest".....March comique, "Saudius Duins".....Keelie Charles L. Brown, Conductor.

has passed up the river before the closed periods went into effect. The Dalles City is one of the five boats represented in the seven complaints filed with District Attorney John F. McCourt by Major McIndoe yesterday morning. The others are the Vulcan, Hustler, Shaver, and Paloma. The Paloma filed three separate complaints.

With the exception of the Dalles City and one case of the Paloma, all of the alleged delays occurred in the mornings, within the periods established by the War Department. Although the War Department's schedule is not yet officially in effect, as it has not been legally "published," as is required by the regulations, it is a question in the minds of some attorneys whether prosecutions can be maintained for offenses said to have been committed in the mornings.

Mr. McCourt received the seven protests and examined them carefully but did not take action. They will receive his diligent investigation, he says. So far as the Federal Court is concerned, the cases have not yet been brought to its attention and cannot be until after the grand jury convenes next October.

The subject is now entirely in the hands of the District Attorney. He has not the power to summon witnesses before him and all the information he will be able to glean before the grand jury convenes will be such as can be obtained through personal inquiries. The grand jury, however, will have the power to summon witnesses and demand documents from any and every source it deems necessary.

Whether true bills ever will be returned depends almost entirely, therefore, upon the judgment of the jury.

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THROUGH AT OPENING

Multnomah Club Men Occupy Temporary Quarters.

\$193,000 IS NOW PLEDGED

Building Committee Will Meet Tomorrow Night for Purpose of Considering Architects' Plans for New Structure.

If any member of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club failed to show up at the new quarters of the club at Fourteenth and Yamhill streets, which were thrown open for the first time yesterday he was either out of the city or prevented from being present by sickness or urgent business.

Nothing formal was provided in the way of an official opening of the new quarters, for this is to be made a gala event some time next week. But the fine enthusiasm displayed by the clubmen at yesterday's informal gathering was an emphatic demonstration of the interest and appreciation of the members of the club, and alterations required can be substituted without inconvenience.

MORE CARS ARE PURPOSE

Initiative Petition Aims at Regulation of Traction Lines.

An initiative petition was filed with City Auditor Harbour yesterday for an ordinance providing for the regulation of streetcar service and for the prevention of overcrowding cars. The petition bears nearly 4500 signatures and it is asked that the ordinance be placed upon the ballot at the next city election, to be held in June. The proposed ordinance provides for a larger number of cars to be used between 6 and 9 o'clock in the morning and 4:30 and 7 o'clock in the evening. The promoters of the new measure further desire that the street railway company be prohibited from permitting any person to board a car when a seat is not available. The petitioners would also abolish the use of straps as useless ornaments in streetcars.

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BOYS KNOW "BLIND PIG"

Conditions Surrounding Work of Hasty Messengers Investigated.

Investigation of conditions surrounding the work of boys employed by the Hasty Messenger Company revealed yesterday from a statement made by Harry Brinkley, a messenger, 14 years old, who was arrested for riding a bicycle on the sidewalk.

MOISAN IS RECOMMENDED

SALEM, OR., Aug. 6.—(Special.)—Representative Hawley has recommended Gustave J. Moisan for the appointment of postmaster at Gervais in Marion County. William J. Clarke, present postmaster, has submitted his resignation, as he is assembly candidate for the office of State Printer.

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