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Matthew 7:12.

Lumber Effects All

Complete picture of the Northwest lumber industry, its competitive situation throughout the world, and its importance to the welfare of the great northwest is graphically given in a pamphlet issued by the West Coast Lumbermen's association and reprinted in the Oregon Voter.

It is information that should be known to all northwest citizens interested in the welfare and progress of an industry so important in the lives of every man, woman and child in this section. Too little is known about this great industry at our doorsteps. Those connected with the management of this industry have been poor publicists. Story of the industry has never been carried to the public as it should be. It is time that it should and the mill people should see to it that this graphic story is carried into every "nick and corner" of the northwest through the newspapers. Space limits us to a few quotations.

"Tables and graphs picture how production fell from ten billion to three billion feet from 1929 to 1930. Sawmills' capacity dropped from 200 per cent to 150 and the number of mills operating dropped from 700 to 300. Used capacity dropped from 72 per cent in 1929 to 50 per cent in 1933.

"Actual number of homes built in 1933 and 1934 in this country dropped to about 5 per cent of the number of family units which were constructed each year in the period of 1925 to 1928. All construction, including commercial factories, public works, etc., decreased from \$6,380,000 in 1926 to \$1,255,000 in 1933.

"In 1929 Southern Pine mills cut 116 billion and West Coast plants 103 billion board feet. Between them was cut more than two-thirds of the lumber made and consumed in this country. Southern pine on a ten-hour day. Bureau of Census of the United States government reported the average mill prices received in 1929 as Douglas fir \$20.05; Southern yellow pine \$25.66. The Western mills had to absorb much higher freight rates and this is the reason Southern pine manufacturers could get more for their lumber in competition.

"West Coast mills during January, February, March and April were well ahead of the mills in the Southern pine region in total orders taken. Then in the first week of May came the West Coast strike. Buyers of lumber in the Mississippi Valley, in the Great Lakes states and on the Atlantic Coast, where the most of the people in this country live, turned to the South for their lumber supplies. Southern pine mills sold approximately \$350,000,000 worth of lumber in April, and in May more than \$600,000,000 feet.

"In 1934 in the West Coast lumber industry got 22 per cent of the national lumber dollar and paid 31 per cent of the national lumber wage; and out of every lumber dollar taken in by the West Coast industry, almost 50 cents went out in wages.

"While total lumber exported from Washington, Oregon and British Columbia, decreased from 1928 to 1934 more than 400,000,000 board feet, the exports from British Columbia in 1934 were more than 400,000,000 feet greater than in 1928. As a matter of fact, British Columbia mills had the best export year in their history in 1934. In the same year Oregon and Washington mills had one of their poorest export years."

From this it is clearly seen that when the lumber industry is injured all in the northwest are injured. All is not rosy in the lumber industry and it behooves all of us to awaken to the situation.

Laudable Objective

Interpretive writers at Washington say that the tax plan of President Roosevelt is to encourage decentralization of business and make for smaller units. Many have held for years that one of the greatest difficulties in this nation has been the tendency toward large business groups that wield untold power and force the smaller units to the wall. The small business unit has been the backbone of this country throughout its history and we hope it will continue to be so. Many will agree that decentralization is a laudable American objective.

Our Yesterdays

Fifteen Years Ago

Argus, July 1, 1920—Greatest list of attractions ever arranged for Fourth of July celebration here. Contracts let for fireworks display costing \$1000.

Ernest C. Brown, now working for the Delta, was a pharmacist in Hillsboro drug store years before he became a brick building in the city. He says, "When I worked at the old Eagleton Drug store, where the Hillsboro National stands, there was but one brick in the town, and that was Uncle Henry Wehrung's milk and fruit house."

Hanna-Matthews mill north of town sold to Merrick & Vaughn.

Hillsboro club erects big sign at east entrance of city across highway.

Auto dealers get another carload of gasoline. Streets of Hillsboro were crowded once more while the gasoline was being distributed.

Neal C. Jamison resigns as county agent to accept another position.

Miss Carrie Bechen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bechen of near Orenco, and Howard Payne Braman of Wisconsin married June 27.

Thirty Years Ago

Argus, July 6, 1905—Bonds sold for construction of Tillamook railroad and contract let to Atlas Contract & Supply company of San Francisco.

County Veterans association elect following officers at Cornelius encampment: C. C. Haines, Captain; R. Crandall, Hillsboro, senior vice-president; R. W. McNutt, Cornelius, junior vice-president; S. W. Howell, Woodstock, treasurer; Frank A. Haines, Hillsboro, chaplain; H. G. Fitch, Cornelius, secretary; R. W. McNutt, color custodian. Mrs. E. O. Crandall, Hillsboro, heads ladies' auxiliary.

Between 5000 and 6000 attend Fourth of July celebration at Cornelius.

W. E. McCourt buys P. B. Southworth resort, one of best stands in city.

County's public schools turn out 171 eighth grade graduates.

B. T. Flint of near Schools died July 2.

Four surveying crews are now at work on the proposed railway out of Hillsboro and the line will be located as far as Banks by the last of the week.

A Great Fourth

It was a great Fourth of July celebration for Hillsboro and Washington county. Congratulations are due the Hillsboro firemen for the successful operation of this traditional Hillsboro event and from the remarks heard in many quarters during the celebration and after, they are truly deserved.

Much credit and appreciation are also due to the many individuals and organizations in the community who co-operated so well in putting on the various events on the program. All fell to with an alacrity that is indicative of a fine community spirit that augurs well for the future of Hillsboro and all Washington county.

The spirit of co-operation was clearly shown in all cases and was probably recognized the most in the parade, which was not conceived until late in the work of celebration planning, but which met with response that reflected the desire of all to work in harmony with the firemen in carrying on the celebration.

One of the outstanding features was the patriotic pageant put on under the direction of Mrs. H. H. Stannard. This carried a splendid lesson of patriotism that could be disseminated to advantage to all corners of the nation.

May "Happy Days" continue to be happy days and homecoming in Hillsboro and Washington county in the way it was exemplified here last week by true community harmony and co-operation.

With the historical background of Hillsboro and Washington county and the proper display of the Toziers historical collection here this old pioneer town could be made a shrine for all interested in the early history of this country. If the Toziers were to be given charge of such work here they would do a mighty fine job of it as they did for years at Champoeg until ousted by politicians. Their most interesting collection gathered over many years and by painstaking and devoted service to their beloved state will make a valued addition to the community. Both Mr. Toziers and Mrs. Edith Tozier Weatherred are desirous of having the collection here and it should be highly prized and cherished.

Mr. Ida Thomas of Detroit, Mich., is a house guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hagie.

Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Dresser spent the Fourth and the weekend at Rockaway.

Mr. and Mrs. William Nelson of Sheridan were guests Sunday of Mrs. Dora Nelson.

Miss Myrtle Walker of College Place, Wash., was a guest of her parents from July 3 to Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Moore spent part of last week at Seaside and other coast points.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Wesson of Portland visited Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Edwards Sunday.

Mrs. R. W. Oversby left Sunday for a visit with relatives and friends at Berkeley and Oakland, Cal.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Person and Barbara Ann attended the rodeo at Molalla on the Fourth.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Welch were guests last week of relatives in Nehalem.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Anderson were vacationists at Rockaway over the Fourth.

Reginald Reynolds, Jack Beck, Bertie Loumox and Norman DeFrees spent the Fourth at Rockaway.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Phelps and son Vernon left Monday for a few days' vacation at Netarts.

Virginia Moretz celebrated her ninth birthday Friday.

What Other Editors Say

None Could Please You

It is a thousand to one that you are not altogether pleased with President Roosevelt's DO THINGS which you do not approve. HE REFUSES to do things which you think should be done. It will always be so. No president will ever suit you!

If you yourself were president—and it is just as well that you never will be—you would get into one mess after another and end up by admitting yourself to be the most egotistic ass that ever sat in an executive chair.

Lambast the president if you will—it is a part of his job to take it—but consider prayerfully BEFORE YOU ATTEMPT TO REPLACE HIM with another. After all, the frying pan is less to be feared than the fire.

You like to joke in a tolerant, superior way, about the ALPHABET SOUP the president has concocted. You laugh at his simplicity is supposing that there MIGHT BE USEFUL TALENT in our universities! You kick because he substitutes NEW THINGS for the OLD THINGS THAT DID NOT WORK.

But even a critic like yourself will have trouble getting around the stubborn fact that TIMES ARE GETTING BETTER. Even the "oppressed rich" are making more money than they did two years ago. Every one is doing better, and 25-cent wheat is now dollar-wheat, 10-cent corn is now 85-cent corn, 4-cent cotton is now 12-cent cotton and 3-cent hogs are now 9-cent hogs.

You will have to admit that THE BANKS HAVE STOPPED FOLDING UP LIKE CAMPS AND CHAIRS and that deposits are not only safe, but are guaranteed.

You can't find fault with the idea of GATHERING UP MILLIONS OF YOUNG MEN out of boxcars, pool-rooms, out of alleys and off the streets and placing them in clean conservation camps in which they earn money to send to mother, sister and brother and from which they experience THE MANLY FEELING that comes from doing a man's part.

You can't deny that it took nerve to announce to the "cornered wealth" of the nation that NO CITIZEN WOULD BE ALLOWED TO STARVE, no matter what cost. It also took nerve to PRINT THE NAMES of high public officials who availed themselves of J. Pierpont Morgan's offer and bought stock at \$17 below the price on the exchange.

YOU CAN'T CONDEMN THE PRESIDENT for exposing the graft, the war steals, the rotten government contracts and the exploitation schemes that have made certain types of business infamous. Neither can you condemn him for requiring the high and mighty TO OBEY THE LAW as well as the average citizen.

Of course, his program of saving mortgaged farms and homes, the construction of public works and the unprecedented relief payments, has built up a tremendous debt. You probably don't approve of that, but WHY SHOULD YOU WORRY? You'll never pay it; you are as flatly broke as most of the rest of us.

Perhaps they will take it out of your future wages. Well, if they do, THEY WILL AT LEAST HAVE TO GIVE YOU A JOB. And who knows perhaps the president can point a way to get the money from those who have it. No, you can't deny that times are getting better, but YOU DO DENY THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT. Perhaps you are right. Have it your own way.

—Vernon C. Thompson, Oregonian

—John C. Jackson, Oregonian

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