

ALONG NEW LINE

A. H. Powers Hastening Completion of Road South of Myrtle Point

Dr. Geo. E. Dix has returned from an inspection tour of the camps and emergency hospital on the new Smith-Powers line south of Myrtle Point, and says he found things in fine shape. Rapid progress has been made in the finishing work and the completion of construction is now in sight. A. H. Powers is devoting his personal attention to the work and Dr. Dix says that he is doing the work of ten men.

Just how soon the new headquarters of the company at Wagner can be completed and affairs directed from that center is not certain. The Smith-Powers Company will have a headquarters office there and Mr. Powers plans to spend much of his personal time at that point. In addition to this, there will be supply stores of the company and quite a little center will develop there.

Every precaution is being taken against slides troubling the railroad but this is difficult owing to the peculiar formation, the ledge of rocks sloping so that the hillsides slide easily during wet weather.

There are quite a number of ranches along the line, the South Fork being really the pioneer settlement of Coos County. There are some fine ranches even beyond the end of the new road. In addition to the railroad, they have a fine country road built. There is an excellent gravel deposit in the river and most of the road has been graded, about fifteen miles of the twenty miles of highway from Myrtle Point being in condition for auto travel even now. There is a stretch that will be graded within a year or so and a new piece of road where the highway is being straightened out to be put in condition and when they are, the South Fork will have some of the best country highway in Oregon.

Many Seeking Work.
Parties from Myrtle Point report that there have been an unusual influx of men there during the last month or six weeks seeking work. There are many more idle men there than there are on the Bay side, possibly because the construction and new camps attract loggers who have been thrown out of work by the general closing down of camps elsewhere.

While the Smith-Powers Company has given many of them work and clearing up along the right-of-way and similar work that ordinarily would not have been done until next spring, is being prosecuted now, still all of them cannot be taken care of.

As an indication of the number of idle men who are seeking jobs there a "clerk" in one of the new camps stated that during the last month over 500 wanderers had taken meals at that camp.

The company extends credit for meals to all workmen who are simply out of a job and passing through but of course they will not board idle men indefinitely. Sometimes the men pay them and sometimes they do not, but many who are "staked to a meal" when they are up against it, show their appreciation later when they can.

A BALLOT ON PRESIDENTIAL TIMBER

The Lawyer and Banker, a legal and financial journal of New Orleans, La., recently sent out 9000 letters seeking the choice of leading lawyers and bankers throughout the country, for the presidency two years hence. The letters were evenly divided between parties. More than 60 per cent of replies were received from letters sent out, as follows:

REPUBLICAN FOR PRESIDENT.	
Justice Hughes of New York	1584
James R. Mann of Illinois	816
Governor-elect Whitman of New York	510
M. T. Herrick of Ohio	309
Senator Borah of Idaho	197
Hiram W. Johnson of California	59
Theodore Roosevelt of Oyster Bay	11
For vice president Senator Borah of Idaho was a 10-to-1 shot over all other names.	
DEMOCRAT FOR PRESIDENT.	
Franklin K. Lane of California	1119
Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey	703
Champ Clark of Missouri	700
George Underwood of Alabama	345
Oscar Gray of Delaware	124
Choice for vice president was largely favorable to Senator Lewis of Illinois, with the present incumbent second.	

DANCE THE OLD YEAR OUT AND THE NEW YEAR IN AT EAGLES HALL, DECEMBER 31, MARTIN'S ORCHESTRA, DANCING UNTIL 1 O'CLOCK.

Times Want Ads for results.

TRADE CONDITIONS

Former General Manager of C. A. Smith Co. Now With Dollar Co. in New York

Although the lumber market has been very bad and while there has been no recent improvement in it, the prospects are for a decided improvement, according to J. V. Smeaton, formerly general manager of the C. A. Smith Company, but now with the Robert Dollar Company in New York. In a recent letter from New York to The Timberman, of Portland, his letter being one in a symposium on business conditions. Mr. Smeaton writes:

"General business conditions are undoubtedly improving somewhat, but this does not include conditions in the lumber business. I regret to state that the lumber trade is in as bad straits as it is possible to get it. In all my experience during the hard times of 1893 and 1898 there was nothing like it at present in the entire Eastern territory. We are making some sales in Pacific Coast lumber and with anything like normal conditions we will eventually market a large amount of these products in this market."

"BUY A BUNCH OF SHINGLES."

The following item appeared in the New York Sun in a Washington dispatch.

"The 'buy a bale of cotton' movement, started in Washington by sympathetic southern Democrats to assist in carrying the cotton crop during the war period, has its counterpart in the 'buy a thousand feet of lumber' or 'buy a bunch of shingles' suggested to President Wilson by the secretary-treasurer of the Kelso (Wash.) Commercial Club.

"A letter written by J. L. Sparling, secretary-treasurer of the club, to President Wilson and made public here today, sounded a discordant note in the prosperity chorus that has been going up from administration sources recently. Mr. Sparling's letter reads:

"We have followed with interest the movement to 'buy a bale of cotton' to help the growers of cotton remove their crop. Now, out here on the Pacific coast, our conditions are in very bad shape, our mills and lumber camps are closed or running with very small crews and, with our workmen out of employment, business is poor.

"To better these conditions we would like to have you, as President, start a movement to buy a thousand feet of lumber or a bunch of cedar shingles. This would help to improve conditions in this section if the people will take hold as they have in the cotton movement."

A movement is now on foot in Kelso to give the slogan of "buy a bunch of shingles" a good start in order that it may be taken up in other parts of the Northwest. It is believed here that if the movement can be properly started it will result in much good to the lumber and shingle market.

NOTED ATHLETE IS PROFESSIONAL

New York Paper Claims That Platt Adams Has Received Money for His Prizes

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The New York Evening Mail publishes today two affidavits which charge Platt Adams, champion amateur athlete and all-round jumper, has pledged and received money for some of his prizes won at amateur meets. Under the rules of the Amateur Athletic Union this, if true, would change the status of Adams to that of a professional.

SEND RELATIVES TO WOUNDED

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The British Red Cross has extended its activity to the financing of trips to the front for relatives of men lying seriously wounded in field of advance base hospitals. For the present, the privilege is restricted to one relative for each patient, and the seriousness of the patient's case must be properly certified by the Army Medical Corps.

Gore, Pa., P. A. Morgan had occasion recently to use a liver medicine and says of Foley Cathartic Tablets: "They thoroughly cleansed my system and I felt like a new man—light and free. They are best medicine I have ever taken for constipation. They keep the stomach sweet, liver active, Tablets are stimulating in action, and neither gripe nor sicken. They are wholesome and thoroughly cleansing, and keep the liver active. Stout people like them. For sale by the Owl Pharmacy."

LUMBER MARKET OUTLOOK IS GOOD

European Trade Expected to Pick up and General Improvement is Anticipated

The following review of lumber conditions in the Northwest from a Seattle lumberman will be of interest here:

During the past month many inquiries have been received, both for rail and cargo business. Not many sales have been made, but judging from the number of estimates requested, there should be considerable business soon after the holiday season. The general report is that stocks are low and with new markets on the Atlantic and in Great Britain lumbermen believe that their product will soon be taken at prices that will permit some profit.

Where tonnage available at reasonable rates, much lumber would now be booked for delivery to Great Britain and Atlantic coast ports. The absence of suitable steamer space is the one noticeable feature of the situation and exporters are clamoring for a chance to ship their product. Inquiries have been particularly numerous from England, Europe and the eastern part of the United States, but there has been small opportunity to ship. In the coastwise trade, the vessels now operating are carrying cargoes of the owners and the outside shipper is unable to get space. Likewise, little lumber is moving to the United Kingdom because other cargo is crowding it out. So great has been the demand for tonnage to carry wheat and flour to the belligerent nations that freights have been forced up to around 40— for both steam and sail. It is estimated that about 50 per cent of the Pacific Northwest's surplus of foodstuffs has already been forwarded and it is likely to be at least two months before carriers will be seeking lumber cargoes.

So urgent has been the demand for vessels to carry lumber that tempting offers have been made to owners to place small vessels in the trade for the Atlantic coast or the United Kingdom. Thus far these efforts have been unsuccessful and consequently the independent broker or shipper cannot do business, freights being practically prohibitive to the United Kingdom while the Atlantic vessels are not available.

Following a recent reduction of 5 to 20 shillings on lumber to the United Kingdom, Dodwell & Co., agents for the Blue Funnel line, have announced an advance, effective January 1, when the rate will be 90— to Liverpool and 95— to Glasgow. This increase is due to heavy offerings of more attractive cargo and is justified by conditions, state the agents. However, the Blue Funnel line will soon inaugurate a new service between Liverpool and Puget Sound, via the Panama Canal, which is expected to offer a quick route to the British market at reasonable rates.

That there will be a large market in Great Britain for Pacific lumber is the opinion current among local lumbermen, basing their predictions on the closing of the Baltic and the curtailment of the normal lumber output of Scandinavia, Germany, Russia and Austria. Consequently, they state, the immediate future of the export market will depend on the possibility of obtaining tonnage at reasonable rates to handle the shipments.

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(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

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Dated this 3rd day of December, 1914.
JOHN W. CATCHING,
Administrator of the Estate of George W. Catching, Deceased.
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