

TEN PER CENT CUT

SMITH MILL ACTS IN CONFORMITY WITH LUMBER MARKET

Wage Reduction Felt Necessary for Interests of Employes and the Community to Insure Continued Operation.

A notice of a ten per cent reduction in wages in all departments was posted by the C. A. Smith Lumber Manufacturing Company yesterday.

In discussing the matter today Mr. Arno Meehan, general manager of the company here, stated that it was in line with the policy of the committee in charge of the business to place it on a basis that would be self-sustaining.

"We have refrained from making any reduction," Mr. Meehan said, "either in wages or running time when other coast mills were doing both. We hoped that the lumber market and general business conditions would so adjust themselves that we might continue the old schedule but the hope was vain. The lumber market shows so much lethargy that we think it would not be wise to defer this action longer and we feel in doing so at this time, it is as much to the interests of our employes and the business interests of Coos Bay as it is to ourselves. The continued operation of the Smith industries is one of mutual concern and the exigencies of the present situation made imperative the action we have taken. I am pleased to say that the spirit manifested by our employes has been in keeping with this understanding and appreciation of these conditions and I feel certain that its general acceptance by the community will be in the same broad spirit."

Even with this reduction the wages of the Smith employes is equal or higher than many coast mills where there have already been one or more wage reductions and where operating hours have been largely curtailed.

The financial condition of the Smith Co. was never better than at present and the continued operation of all the Coos Bay industries is assured, while the general business conditions are rapidly improving the lumber market is about the last to respond and in adjusting themselves to the situation the present move was found necessary.

Times want ads bring results.

SURF TRICKS AUTOS

LECTURERS EXPERIENCE HARDSHIPS TO REACH BAY.

Rev. McLaren and Companion Walk Through Sands With Five Valises. Machine Caught in Waves

Like the trials and tribulations of the early settlers, somewhat after the fashion of Lewis and Clark in making their way across the mountains from the head waters of the Missouri is the tale told here by Rev. W. S. McLaren, of the Pacific Coast Rescue and Protective Society, and Secretary F. E. A. Smith. Though not more than 24 hours in making the trip from Portland they were several times stranded, carried heavy suit cases over mountain roads, caught boats at unseasonable hours of the night and morning and on the beach trip their machines were twice stuck fast in the sand at the edge of the surf.

Coming via Eugene the men arrived too late in Mapleton to catch the Saturday stage for Gardiner. Instead of waiting over until Sunday noon and having to postpone their addresses here, the travelers started walking from Glenside, carrying five strips, part of which contained their heavy slides and machines. From lake to lake, down the string of three, walking between and from the last one hiked through the darkness almost to Gardiner before being met with a team.

Too late they arrived in Gardiner for supper. The restaurant was closed, so were the stores and most everyone had gone to the Saturday night dance, and after imbibing a milk shake apiece the travelers retired only to find their room opened onto the court where the music was at its height and all night long the dancers shuffled beneath their windows.

Up at four a. m., the lecturers took passage for Marshfield still several square meals behind schedule, tired and cold.

"At Ten Mile Creek," said Rev. McLaren, "we found the tide so high we could not cross. We were delayed there an hour. Seven times in as many miles the breakers caught our car and sunk us in the sand. And finally four miles from the boat landing a heavy wave carried us down the hard beach and for half an hour we worked with the water all about us, wet to the waist, to save the car."

A POLICE DRAMA

BERT JOHNSON COMES ON WITH THIRD APPEARANCE

Judge Butler Bemoans Fate of General Fund When Second Wayward Prisoner Produces "Shiner"

Drama, "John Doe's Busted Romance."

Time, The Present.

Scene, 1st act, Front street. Shades of even tide have fallen, the city is wrapt in slumber. A policeman walks his beat, solitarily. He spies a man on the opposite side with his helm far to port and about to capsize.

Policeman.—What the, what ho, my man. Where away?

Man.—Hollo yer self and see how Ier like it.

Policeman Shoup.—Why, you say-say thing. Follow me.

Takes the man by the arm and leads him reeling away, his cargo having shifted in a daring fashion. The door of the Carter Hotel opens and the two men disappear within. There is a loud noise, a lock clicks and silence again prevails.

Act 2, Police Judge Butler's office. The judge inspects the general fund and looks serious. He brightens up as an officer arrives with ye night hawk in tow.

Judge.—For the love of Mike Johnson, you again. Oh, naughty man, thrice have you visited me in three days less three weeks. 'Tis not well. Explanation yourself.

Johnson.—Mornin' Judge. Me foot slipped. If yer gives me another—Loud noise. Judge thumps his feet on the floor, fist on the table. "Not by a jug full. Its three times and you're out. I'll give you half an hour to get out of town."

Soft music, weepy, and Bert Johnson disappears down the long dark stairway. Quiet reigns again.

Grand Finale. Chief Carter appears and reports, "My lord, here's \$5 for the general fund. Albert King, drunk, pumpled over." They both smile and the curtain descends.

Ahead the first car was in a similar predicament. By united efforts the two were eventually speeding again toward the landing and at 2:30 Sunday afternoon they were both landed in Marshfield from the Empire stage, tired but contented, in that they had reached here for the opening address at 3:30 p. m.

RETAIN TEACHERS

SCHOOL BOARD ASKS ALL TO REMAIN FOR NEW YEAR

Teaching Staff of City Has Been Satisfactory, says Prof. Tiedgen—Several May Leave

Not one change is to be made in the personnel of the Marshfield teaching staff for next year, according to an announcement made today by Prof. F. A. Tiedgen, superintendent of city schools. However this is viewed only from the standpoint of Mr. Tiedgen and the school board. It is said that several of the teachers will be leaving at the end of the present year, some of them advancing to larger institutions.

That the teachers this year have been very satisfactory is pointed out by Prof. Tiedgen in making his recommendation to the board. For several weeks, he states, the teachers have known among themselves that they would be wanted back next year if they cared to come and for this reason, it is not necessary that a formal election be held before the school year draws to a close.

There are on the teaching lists of the city, 26 teachers. Members of school boards declare that teachers of Marshfield are paid on a par with the schools in the larger cities of the state, ranking up well with the salaries of Portland pedagogues. The monthly pay check for the teachers amounts to considerable over \$2,000, according to Judge John Hall, clerk of the board.

A meeting of the board was called for yesterday afternoon but two of the members were unable to be present and A. H. Powers, chairman, was called away on the afternoon train, consequently there will be no formal meeting until early in May.

PRESIDENT WILSON CAN'T COME TO EXPOSITION

Definite Announcement is Made in Washington That Chief Executive Can't Leave

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 13.—President Wilson has definitely decided not to accompany Secretary Daniels through the Panama Canal to San Francisco in July. The question of the President's visiting the Exposition was dependent on the international situation.

GOOD SUGGESTION

MOVEMENT TO BRING AUTO TOURISTS TO COOS BAY

Place Large Signboards at Points Along New Pacific Highway Branches Leading Here

While on a recent trip to Portland, George Goodrum says he was impressed with the fact that the all absorbing topic among the automobile enthusiasts was the new Pacific Highway. This roadway for automobile tourists passes through Medford, Grants Pass, Roseburg, Eugene, and Drain. All north and south tourists take this road. All auto-ists coming from the east make the trip out on a Southern roadway and return on the Northern route or vice versa.

There will be thousands of these tourists the coming summer drawn to the coast by the two Expositions at San Diego and San Francisco. Most of them will make the north and south trip. To get its share of this tourist travel Mr. Goodrum suggests that all the Chambers of Commerce in this section unite in the erection of sign boards at the different points where roads branch off for this section. These boards should contain a map showing the road and distance and brief directions for reaching here. The splendid scenery would soon advertise the drive for all who make it say it is the most interesting and picturesque on the Pacific coast. The cost would not be large and the resultant benefits would be very great.

The suggestion is a very good one and is worthy of the serious consideration of the Chamber of Commerce.

PHONE CALL FAILS TO AROUSE DEAD MOTHER

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SPOKANE, April 13.—The bodies of Mrs. Arthur A. Leonard and her four children were found dead in their home here today. The police reported that Mrs. Leonard poisoned her children and herself. The oldest child was eleven and the youngest five years old. Leonard is a rancher and had tried to get his wife with long distance telephone call. When he could not get a response, he telephoned a neighbor to go to his home. The neighbor went and found the bodies.

SANITARY POLICE

HEALTH OFFICER STRAW FAVORS A CLEAN CITY

Needs Assistant to Help Enforce the Ordinance and Suggests Method To Provide One

Dr. E. E. Straw, city Health Officer, says that it is to the interest of every citizen that Marshfield be made a clean and healthful city. While its health record is excellent there is still much to be desired in the matter of cleanliness and beauty. Dr. Straw says the present ordinances are sufficient but, at present, enforcement is difficult because it is impossible for him to devote his entire time to the work and there is no provision for an assistant. The present condition of city finances is also an obstacle. The suggestion has been made and Dr. Straw favored it of having lines of business requiring inspection charged a small monthly fee and these fees be turned over to an assistant to pay for his time in doing the work.

April has been designated as clean-up month and the present is a good time to start to make Marshfield a spotless town and one of the beauty spots on the Pacific coast.

Everyone should get behind such a worthy movement.

PEACE FLAG FLOATS

STEAMER SAILS FROM NEW YORK WITH PEACE MESSAGE

American Delegates Leave for International Women's Conference at The Hague.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NEW YORK, April 13.—A huge peace flag floated from the masthead of the Holland-American line steamship Noordam today as forty or more delegates from America were sent on board to sail for Rotterdam to attend the international women's conference at The Hague.

The flag was white, with "peace" written in blue letters. Miss Jane Addams lead the delegation. In a speech last night Miss Addams intimated the delegates might never reach The Hague. The ship may be interned in some harbor and never reach Rotterdam, she said. Among the delegates was Miss Grace de Graff, of Portland, Oregon.

BRITISH IN MEXICO

PROTEST AGAINST NEW REGULATIONS

British Foreign Office Says New Act Means Practically Cancellation of Foreign Mines

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, April 13.—The British Foreign Office has instructed the Charge d'Affaires at Mexico City to lodge a protest with the new mining regulations promulgated by the Villa regime. The foreign office took this action in receipt of advice to the effect that the mining regulations amounted virtually to a cancellation of foreign mining interests.

Second Ball at the High School day night, April 17th. Orchestra. Redwood floor. Men \$1.00, Ladies free.

Church Benefit Sales

Tomorrow, Wednesday is The CHRISTIAN CHURCH Benefit Day AT S.S. JENNING North Bend

HERE AT LAST

WE HAVE COME INTO YOUR MIDST TO STAY—TO BE CITIZENS OF COOS COUNTY—TO DO OUR PART IN THE BUILDING OF ITS PROSPERITY AND TO SHARE IN ITS GROWTH.

SPAULD ING'S

5-10-15 CENT STORE

WILL OPEN AT 10 O'CLOCK ON THURSDAY, APRIL 15th

Our Opening Sale Will Last Three Days, THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY

AMONG OTHER INTERESTING BARGAINS WE SHALL PUT ON SALE EACH DAY A SPECIAL ONE-DAY LEADER AS FOLLOWS:

THURSDAY, BEGINNING AT 10 O'CLOCK 14-QUART ENAMEL DISH PANS One to a customer, at 15c

FRIDAY, BEGINNING AT 10 O'CLOCK DECORATED CHINA PLATES, Reg. 25c. 3 to a customer, Each 10c

SATURDAY, BEGINNING AT 10 O'CLOCK A DANDY HOUSE BROOM. One to a customer, at 15c

Notice the special price cards all over the store.

Great reductions in many staple items

White Enamelware, 15c value, At only 10c each

YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS THIS IMPORTANT EVENT. CONSIDER THIS YOUR INVITATION TO COME, EVEN IF YOU DON'T INTEND TO BUY—WE WANT ALL OF MARSHFIELD TO SEE THE NEW 5-10-15c STORE DURING OUR OPENING SALE.

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