

WAGES WILL BE REDUCED

Loggers of Columbia River Have Decided to Lessen the Pay of Their Employes.

COMBINATION NOT LIKELY

So Many Advance Orders Have Been Taken That an Agreement at Present Is Utterly Impossible.

From the present indications the logging camp men of the Columbia river region will have to take less pay for their work than they have been receiving in the past.

Such is the opinion expressed in the report submitted and adopted at the meeting of the committee of the loggers which met Thursday at Portland. The committee, which was appointed at the meeting of the loggers held in the first part of July, was to have met on Wednesday last, but no quorum was present, whereupon an adjournment was taken until Thursday. There were three questions left for the consideration and investigation of the committee:

First—Relative to the feasibility of closing the logging camps indefinitely and the possibility of arranging the consolidation of a large majority of the logging interests to that end.

Second—The matter of reducing the wages of the men in the camps.

Third—The adoption of the common scaling system by the loggers of the Columbia river country.

The committee in its report finds that many of the loggers are under contract to furnish logs for a given period, which, together with the condition of the Weyerhaeuser people, who have a large amount of burnt timber on their hands which must be cut, makes the indefinite closing proposition impracticable, for the reason that not enough of the camps can close owing to these circumstances. The committee does not therefore advise indefinite closing, but it does recommend a cut in the wages of the men employed in the camps of from 25 to 75 cents according to the character of the work done.

The committee in making the new schedule deprecates its necessity, and acknowledges that it may work a hardship on the men, but takes the stand that it is better to work on a reduced scale than to have the camps closed indefinitely, which would have to be done if the expenses of operating are not diminished in some manner.

The committee has prepared the following scale of wages which will be submitted to the approval of all of the loggers in the Columbia river country:

Hook tender	.....\$3.00
Railroad engineer	..... 3.00
Head train loader	..... 2.75
Second train loader	..... 2.50
First faller	..... 2.75
Second faller	..... 2.50
Buckers	..... 2.50
Rigging rustler	..... 2.50
Chaser	..... 2.25
Swampers	..... 2.25
Sniper	..... 2.25
Signal boy	..... 1.25
Donkey engineer	..... 2.75
Fireman	..... 2.00
Rollway man	..... 2.50
Section foreman	..... 2.25
Section men and common laborers	..... 1.70
Blacksmith	..... 3.00
Blacksmith helpers	..... 2.25
Boom man	..... 2.50
Head skidder	..... 2.50
Filer	..... 2.75

Copies of the report of the committee have been sent to all the loggers, together with a call for a general meeting to be held on Saturday, July 23, at Portland.

It was decided by the committee to make no suggestion concerning the questions of the common scaler, it be-

ing thought best to wait until a full representation of the logging men was present before bringing the matter up. Five members of the Loggers' Association of Puget Sound will be present at the meeting and will discuss the advantages of organization as has been shown by the experience of the Puget sound association. It is probable that the association, when formed, will decide to reduce the present output of the camps by at least 50 per cent, and adopt other measures tending to overcome the 500,000 foot daily surplus, which is piling up under the present system.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Paul B. Johnston of San Francisco is in the city.

M. O. Potter is registered at the Occident from Portland.

Senator Megier was down from Brookfield yesterday.

J. W. Seaborg came down yesterday from his Bay View cannery.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Smith of Beaverton, Ore., are visiting in the city.

W. N. Meserve of Grays River returned last night from Portland.

Bishop O'Reilly of the diocese of Baker City is visiting in Astoria.

Mrs. John H. Smith and children have gone to Seaside for the summer.

A. W. Lambert of Portland was among last night's arrivals at the Occident.

W. A. Pittinger, a well-known resident of Portland, was in the city yesterday.

Hon. J. Bruce Polworth of Cathlamet, Wahkiakum county, Wash., was in the city yesterday.

Frank Purcell, representing the Harriman, Hall & Marvin Safe Company, is down from Portland.

Nelson Troyer, superintendent of the Portland branch of the American Can Company, is in the city.

R. S. MacEwan, Clatsop county's oldest resident, came over yesterday from the west side. Mr. MacEwan is 90 years of age, but still hale and hearty.

SCHWAB GOOD TO FRIENDS.

Paid Back to Them Almost Two Millions of Dollars.

New York, July 15.—"No man can say he ever lost a dollar through me, either in the Bethlehem Steel matter or any other," said Charles M. Schwab, former president of the United States Steel Corporation, on the eve of his departure for Europe. Schwab sailed on the steamship Kaiser Wilhelm II.

Schwab's statement referred to a story published today that he had paid \$1,910,000 to personal friends who had participated with him in the purchase of the Bethlehem Steel property. These friends, like Schwab, when the Bethlehem property was taken over by the United States Shipbuilding Company, received for the Bethlehem stock shipbuilding securities and Bethlehem bonds. When the shipbuilding company collapsed heavy loss stared them in the face.

"Yes, I did turn over to my friends, as the story says, \$1,910,000 in cash," said Schwab.

He declined to go into details, but did, however, clear up some other reports which have been lately published regarding his operations.

"It is true," said Schwab, "that I have sold all my stock in the American Steel Foundries Company to Charles Miller, president of that company, and George Leighton, its vice president.

"While in Europe I will look into the processes used there for manufacture of armor plate," added Schwab. "I expect to drop in upon the Krupps."

It is believed in Wall street that if Schwab decides that the new armor plate process now being used by the Krupps is better than anything now in use here, he will try to secure the exclusive right for the process in this country, so that it may be used in the Bethlehem steel works, which is the backbone of the reorganized United States Shipbuilding Company. Schwab is very heavily interested in the reorganization.

NEW COMPANY TO BE FORMED

O. R. & N. Has a Plan on Foot Whereby It Will Get all the Harriman Traffic.

TWO LINES TO BE MERGED

Just Possible That Long-looked-for Struggle Between Hill and Harriman Will Reach Climax.

San Francisco, July 15.—It is reported in this city that the San Francisco & Portland Steamship Company and the Portland & Astoria Steamship Company are about to be consolidated. A new corporation will be formed within a short time under the name Portland & San Francisco Steamship Company for the purpose of handling all the business now divided between the two Harriman lines.

The San Francisco & Portland Steamship Company is a part of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company and has been kept up for the purpose of fighting out any competition that might be offered to the O. R. & N.'s railway business to Portland, and to keep up the sea rate between Portland and San Francisco.

Meaning Not Clear.

The above dispatch is not explicit enough to give an accurate idea of what new movement is transpiring in the railroad world, but it is to be presumed the Harriman lines are hereafter to give all of their business to the O. R. & N. Co. The business doubtless means the oriental traffic. It is just possible much significance attaches to the contemplated new organization, and that the long-looked-for struggle between Harriman and Hill is now about to ensue.

JAP FLAG HOISTED.

Raised on Korean Territory in the Harbor of Chemulpo.

New York, July 15.—The Japanese have hoisted their national flag on Rose island in Chemulpo harbor, says a Herald dispatch from Seoul, Korea. The Korean fortifications thereon are still permitted to fly the Korean ensign, but this is dwarfed by the larger emblem of Japan. Native agitation against the granting of a concession covering the stream and vacant land rights continues unabated, although the Japanese minister is still pressing the Korean office to a favorable conclusion, stating that the Koreans lack the finances and executive ability requisite to a proper development of these unemployed resources.

Salvage operations continue on the sunken Russian cruiser Variag. It is hoped to have her on an even keel this month. The work of raising the sunken merchantman Sungari is rapidly proceeding.

PASSENGER TRAIN HELD UP.

Robbers Used Dynamite and Are Said to Have Wounded Fireman.

Houston, Tex., July 15.—(1:30 a. m.)—A report has just been telephoned from Oakwoods that an International & Great Northern passenger train was held up four miles from there. The express car is reported to have been dynamited and the fireman wounded by the robbers.

United States is Friendly.

New York, July 15.—Dr. Guachalla, ex-Bolivian minister at Washington, declares in an interview, cables the Buenos Ayres correspondent of the Herald, that there need be no fear of an aggressive policy by the United States against Latin America. The United States, the doctor declares, is the friend of all the South American republics and anxious to foster their progress.

John A. Rosseter Dead.

New York, July 15.—John A. Rosseter, who since he came to this country in 1867 as an Irish political refugee, had been prominent in Irish and Catholic society, is dead at his home in Newark, N. J. He was one of the charterers of the whaler Catalpa which sailed to Australia in 1887 and picked up eight well known Irish political prisoners who had escaped from Freemantle prison.

Can Not Stop Revolution.

New York, July 15.—No result has attained negotiations undertaken by the directors of the Stock Exchange to put an end to the revolution, says a Herald dispatch from Montevideo, Uruguay. After a two-hour conference between the president and a com-

mittee from the exchange, the brokers declared there was little hope of arriving at a settlement.

BASEBALL SCORES.

Pacific Coast.
At San Francisco—Oakland, 1; San Francisco, 5.

Pacific National.
At Butte—Spokane, 7; Butte, 1.
At Boise—Boise, 0; Salt Lake, 7.

American.
At Boston—Detroit, 3; Boston, 4.
At Washington—St. Louis, 7; Washington, 2.

At New York—Cleveland, 3; New York, 2.

At Philadelphia—Chicago, 1; Philadelphia, 5.

National.
At Chicago—Boston, 4; Chicago, 3.
At St. Louis—Brooklyn, 1; St. Louis, 0.

At Cincinnati—New York, 5; Cincinnati, 2.

At Pittsburg—Philadelphia, 1; Pittsburg, 3.

PEKIN DOESN'T BELIEVE IT.

Thinks That Report of Great Japanese Reverse is Exaggerated.

Pekin, July 15, noon.—The report of the Japanese reverse at Port Arthur is not confirmed here. It is considered in official circles that it is probable heavy fighting has occurred but the immense loss of 25,000 men reported is regarded in all quarters as much exaggerated.

AMERICAN BARK DISMASTED.

Will Scott, Long Overdue From Philadelphia, Sighted Off Coast.

San Pedro, July 15.—The dismasted American bark Will Scott, 352 days out from Philadelphia for San Diego, has been sighted by the schooner W. S. Smith off Santa Barbara island. The Scott left the Falkland islands January 26. She brings a cargo of coal.

For Safety of Passengers.

Chicago, July 15.—The horror of the deaths of the Doremus Sunday school picnicers in the Glenwood train wreck has found ready response at a meeting of the city council. The aldermen unanimously adopted a resolution calling for state legislation to regulate the running of excursion and picnic trains with more regard for the safety of life.

THE MOST POWERFUL DREDGE.

It Bites Out Seven Yards of Solid Stone Every Minute.

The Buffalo Express.

The Susquehanna Iron Company's big plant will be in operation within thirty days. It has been finished, and the great furnaces are ready for the ore. The stupendous task of digging a canal or inland harbor nearly a mile in length from the new outer harbor to the company's plant is now in progress. This is to say, it is to be 23 feet below the mean level of the lake, so that in some places the excavation is to be 40 feet in depth. That is quite a hole to dig in the ground a mile long, but the Buffalo Dredging Company expects to dig it and build solid cement wharves on both sides of its entire length by April 1 next.

It requires great engineering skill and an enormous amount of physical power to accomplish such a task. There are 1400 feet of it through the solid rock. Steam power and compressed air are accomplishing it.

When examinations were made it was found that a strip of rock nearly a mile long, 200 feet wide and 10 feet in thickness had to be cut out. It is not shale rock or slate, but solid living rock. The Buffalo Dredging Company is ripping through that solid ledge of rock with a steam shovel. The dredge used for that purpose is the greatest tool of its kind in the world. It looks like a giant mud dredge, and is built on the same principle as an ordinary horsepower steam engine. Its anchors or spuds are made of giant Oregon fir, 53 feet long and 44 inches through. It has a dipper or dredge with a capacity of seven cubic yards. One man with a dozen levers before him operates the whole machine.

The dredge of the dipper is armed with steel teeth about 15 inches long and 6 inches thick. The man at the levers drops the great dipper, with the massive handle, down 15 feet to the rock bottom. Then he moves another lever, and the big engine down in the hold gets under way. The great steel cable attached to the dipper quivers under the strain. There is a sound of ripping and tearing and grinding as if the earth was being turned inside out, and up comes the dipper, with its enormous maw choked with huge masses of splintered rock.

It has ripped up seven cubic yards, and when it has been swung over to the rock scow its mighty under jaw drops, and it spews out boulders weighing tons. The teeth of that dip-

per bite out seven cubic yards of rock a minute.

AN EXPERT PICKPOCKET.

He Rode in a Brougham and Attended Fashionable Weddings.

The London News.

The old man James Read, whom Detectives Collins and Waters of the L division succeeded on Saturday in sending to six months' hard labor, was reputed to be one of the most expert, and in his heyday, the most successful, pickpockets in London. On the proceeds of his profession he used to drive in a brougham.

Read is in his 70th year. Tall, elegantly dressed always, with venerable white beard and glossy silk hat, he was sometimes mistaken for a peer of the realm. When he spoke the deception was the greater, for his voice was clear and cultivated.

He was once a master tailor in the west end, but for many years he has netted large sums in consequence of his mania for collecting other people's purses. He was an earnest patron of fashionable bazaars, weddings and other ceremonies and functions attended by crowds of wealthy women. As the detectives said, another of his schemes was to follow bishops at confirmation services.

To all these affairs it was his custom to drive up in his brougham. Then, in the rare cases when suspicion fell upon him, he possibly escaped on such strong evidence of respectability as the possession of a private carriage. It is believed that to that end he has always made his own clothes, and they were perfectly provided for his needs. His covert coat could be apparently hanging over his wrist, yet so arranged was it with slits that his hand would be gliding through the center of it all the time in and out of other people's pockets.

The departure of the Continental boats in the holiday season also attracted him. He was a man of considerable education, and so great was his gift of assumed dignity that often, even when caught almost red-handed, he would escape the consequences by the aid of his plausible tongue. It was in a large measure due to him that the backs of outside seats on London omnibuses had to be altered.

An Easily Won Race.

Dr. James M. Anders of Philadelphia, who believes that violent athletic exercises have a harmful effect on the arteries of the young, said the other day:

"I should like to see all the more violent forms of athletics reduced to the moderation that a fat friend of mine advocates.

"My friend is 6 feet tall, and he weighs 290 pounds. One day a slim youth said to him:

"You, I fancy, can't do much in the way of running."

"Oh, I don't know," my friend replied. "Would you like to race me for a dinner?"

"Indeed I would," said the other, and he gave a loud, mocking laugh.

"Well," said my friend, "I carry about 150 pounds more weight than you, and that, in a 100-yard dash, ought to entitle me to five yards handicap."

"I'll give you five yards handicap," said the slim youth.

"And will you let me choose my ground?"

"Gladly."

"The two, with a half-dozen witnesses, started forth at once for the race. My friend led the crowd onward till he came to a very long and narrow

alley. He walked into it for a distance of five yards. Then he halted. He blocked the alley up completely; between the tall brick walls there was just room for his burly shoulders, and no more.

"Take your place five yards behind me," he said to his opponent, "and when I count three start. But you can take your time. I am going to take mine."

Fine Future is Promised.

Now is the time to buy a home in Thurston county while land is cheap. The advance in the price of land in the last six years is comparatively nothing to what it will be in the next six years. The county is marching onward and has all the natural advantages to be desired by those seeking good homes.—Olympia Chronicle.

Every Man to His Liking.

Every man knows his business best and some know it so well that they do not care to impart any of it to the public, but the best men of business make known to the world their business and they are the ones that most generally reap the greatest benefits therefrom.—Toledo Recorder.

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