

PROTEST IS RAISED

Against Proposed Advance in the Lumber Rates.

IMPORTANT MEETING HELD

Southwestern Washington Manufacturers Gather and Express Themselves Vigorously—Have Tendency to Restrict Business

CENTRALIA, March 4.—The meeting of the Southwestern Washington Lumber Manufacturers' Association held in this city yesterday afternoon was the largest that has been held for over a year, nearly every member of the association being on hand.

A feature of the meeting was the speech of the president, Harry McCormick, in which he protested against the \$2 raise in price. Mr. McCormick said:

"I attended the meeting of the Oregon association and heard them discuss the necessity for a raise, but they only wanted a raise of \$1 on portions to be raised, and I agreed with them, but I do not think it good business policy to make a general raise of \$2. While I would, as I believe you all would, like to get \$2 more for our lumber, will we by this raise be able to get this benefit? I doubt it.

Question Not Simple.

"There are many things we should consider: raise in labor, stumpage, supplies, etc., but the most serious problem to consider is the effect it will have on our market extension. On the January 1 list we are gradually extending our market east, and many of us are shipping railroad timbers into territory we have never reached before, and I have good reason to believe that this raise will drive many of our far Eastern customers to using concrete and iron, which they claim is as cheap as our lumber at the present price.

"We are not the only ones to consider in this matter. The buyer or consumer of lumber must be able to use it profitably in his business or he will soon be a non-consumer and we lose his trade, without which we cannot do business. We should establish a price that we can maintain, even if we should have a depression or a falling off in demand for a short time, for you all know that when there is the slightest falling off, if we are careful the price of lumber is the first to go, and wages and prices of supplies can never be reduced without an entire suspension of business, or a concerted action of all employers, which is hard to get.

"I do not want to be quoted as a low-wage disciple. I want our employes to do well, and they certainly are doing well now. Several of our employes have started in for themselves, and are on velvet today. Others are looking for opportunities for investment, and are buying timber and good homes, which is good evidence of fair treatment by their employers. But I believe the limit has about been reached, and that the Washington lumber jacks are the best paid

and the best treated class of labor in the United States.

"But to protect this standard of wages we must establish a price list we can maintain at all times, and I don't believe we can do so at \$2 jumps.

"There are several railroads figuring on building to the coast. One of these as far as we can learn, has definitely decided to do so. The others have not yet declared themselves, and it may be that this \$2 rise in lumber will mean no road.

"I for one would rather cut prices if it would secure a railroad or two than to raise \$2 and get it, but lose the new road."

The Southwestern Association finally ratified the advance in the price list made at the joint price list committee meeting held in Tacoma on the 23rd, which has previously been ratified by the other three associations.

W. C. Miles of Globe, president and manager of the Globe Mill, who has recently returned from the East, reported that Pacific Coast lumber was growing in popularity, and that dealers generally were very much interested in securing information regarding its uses. Mr. Miles reported that the Minneapolis exhibit of the coast products was a factor in showing the Eastern buyers and consumers the advantages, especially of Douglas fir, cedar and spruce lumber.

COMING TOWARD ASTORIA.

Preparations for another railroad which will ultimately come into Astoria, are now under way, and last week two crews of surveyors started from Hillsboro, under the direction of chief engineer George Davis, of the Pacific Railway & Navigation Company, to run lines to the coast and northward to Astoria. One party will follow the Nehalem river, commencing at Buxton, twenty miles northwest of Hillsboro and come toward this city. The other party will work West to the coast.

Owing to the dense timber belt to be traversed across the divide, the surveyors will work slowly. Preliminary runs for two or three miles, and then definite location made of the right of way, so that the work can be completed without the necessity of a second trip. The grading has proceeded to a point eight miles from Hillsboro and four miles of steel is in place. Specifications for new rolling stock, to be placed in service when a sufficient amount of track has been laid for regular operation, are being compiled, but the delivery of the cars and equipment will not be ordered for eight or nine months.

IMPORTANT, IF TRUE.

The Attorney-General's office is in receipt of a letter from ex-State Land Commissioner Callvert, in which it is intimated that there is good ground for believing that actual forgery was committed in erasing the words "five years" and substituting therefor the words "thirty years" in naming the terms of the tideland lease at Long Beach, in Pacific county. Mr. Callvert explains that the transaction occurred before his term of office began, but tends his assistance to the Attorney-General in the litigation now begun.—Willapa Harbor Pilot.

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Sermons of Yesterday

Rev. W. S. Gilbert spoke last evening at the Presbyterian church to a large audience on the subject "Christianity's Appeal to Thinking Men," his text being chosen from John 8:46: "If I say truth, why do ye not believe me?" Rev. Gilbert said in part:

"We are interested in the fact that Jesus called plain fishermen and humble folk to be his followers and we are glad he was a friend of the poor and the outcast, but still we are as much interested in the fact that Nicodemus, the great scholar, and the man of public prominence came to him. And Paul the greatest thinker and even Gamaliel the great teacher, was favorable to him, and Dionysius the Areopagite. It is a great encouragement to remember that in all time and never more than now thinking men, great scholars, men of prominence and position have been humble followers of our Master. This fact ought to appeal to thinking men. If it's a matter of witnesses surely there are enough names of undisputed greatness that ought to satisfy every one.

"But Christianity's appeal to thinking men is more especially in the character of direct evidence. The great argument for Christianity is Christ himself. His character, the whole record of his life, in short, the fact of Christ. 'Yes,' says a thinking man, 'we believe in the character of Christ and we admire his teaching and believe in churches and their work but we balk at the miraculous element of Christianity.' But do not all men in fact believe in the miraculous? Take a specific instance. By the accepted Nebular hypothesis the earth was once a rolling molten ball of fire. Can any man think for a moment that without any touch from the outside, without any interference this ball would cool and from it alone could come our consciousness, our life, our conscience, our souls? If there has ever been any miraculous element in the Universe, what would be more natural than that God should for the great special purpose of revealing his love to men manifest himself in just such a life as that of Christ?

"Christ appealed to thinking men upon the basis of the truth of his words: 'If I speak truth, why do ye not believe me?' Where is the falsehood in Christ's words? But if he spoke truth his words ought to appeal to thinking men. He calls us to an open confession of God; he calls us to reverence, worship, prayer; he calls us into active service and a world-wide mission. Where's the wrong? Where has he made mistake? Christianity asks no one to believe what is not true. Truth is her appeal to thinking men. Faith is not accepting something we don't believe. It is accepting what we really do believe.

"The great test of all things is in the fruit. Surely the influence, the results of Christianity commend it to thinking men. Faithful, consistent, practical Christianity is always uplifting and helpful. It guides men in right paths; it comforts men in every time of need; it gives hope where everything

else breaks down; it fosters whatever is good; it is a foe to every evil; it is unselfish; no one pretends to a perfect attainment to its standards but its standards are right.

"After all the evidence of these twenty centuries surely the burden of proof rests with those who yet say by their action or by their word that Christianity is false."

Rev. Gustave E. Rydquist of the First Lutheran church spoke last night to an appreciative audience of interested hearers. He said: "During Lent it is the custom of our church to meditate upon the passions of our Lord at Sunday evening services. The passion history begins with the institution of the Lord's Supper. We will consider this evening with what immediately follows, namely Christ washing his disciples' feet. As a theme we have selected 'Greatness in Service.'"

"Christ stands before us as the highest ideal of greatness. He is great because of the service he rendered humanity. As he took off his mantle which he had worn at the feast of the passover, and put on a more suitable garment, he stooped down to wash his disciples' feet. By this act he symbolized his earthly mission. Before the throne of God the Father he laid aside the robe of his heavenly majesty and put on the garb of a servant, as St. Paul says in his letter to the Philippians: 'Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but made himself of no reputation, and took him upon the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.' The service which he rendered unto man was to die in his stead, to shed his blood for his ransom.

"It is therefore the work of redemption, which makes him so great in the eyes of fallen man. When he was here in the flesh he went about doing good, helping all without money or reward. Ingratitude was often the return of his service, and yet this ingratitude did not stay him in his course. And when he finally gave his life for the eternal welfare of man he rendered the greatest service that could ever be rendered him. And this service makes him infinitely great to those who contemplate him.

"When God created the world he was great in power; when he sought man in paradise after he had willfully fallen into sin and openly defied his creator and promised him restoration through the seed of the woman, then he was great in mercy; but when he sought his only begotten son to save man, to raise him from his fall, to restore him to a greater glory, to a more beautiful paradise than the original Eden, then he is great in love.

There is greatness in all service prompted by love. We refer to such service of our much used and abused word 'charity.' I wish to call your attention to the fact that this word is losing much of its original meaning in our day. Much work goes by the name of charity, which is not charity at all. When a man pays his dues in the fee required for a service it is not charity, but a pure business proposition. Charity is a service rendered in love gratuitously and without respect to person. I am not criticizing the work, but the use of the word 'charity' for such work.

"In washing his disciples' feet Christ gave us an example of that service of



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to a spirit of antagonism to pull down that institution. And they succeeded. It is not necessary for us to go over the whole plot and relate how the hoodlums first started in to control that factory, for it is fresh in the memory of every dairyman in Fairview. Yet it is well to review the past, for the reason that it is the dairymen who have had to pay and pay dearly for pulling down one factory to build up another, simply to satisfy the spleen of those who considered this unsatisfactory and unbusiness-like policy. The Headlight's advice at the time was to let well enough alone, but some of the dairymen, not dreaming that it was against their own financial interests, were innocently drawn into the plot to skin them; the result of which caused a want of confidence and distrust amongst the dairymen instead of cooperation. The underlying motives of the "creamery bosses," as all will now freely admit, was to get control and work at "graft." There is, we are glad to note, a better state of affairs today, because the hoodlums have out hoodlomed themselves, and the dairymen have about come to the conclusion that they have had enough of the "creamery stock bosses" and intend cutting them out in future.—Tillamook Headlight.

WILL LEARN SOMETIME.
Tillamook Dairy Men Have Had Their "Creamery" Lesson.
The dairymen of Tillamook county have had an object lesson the past few years, which some of them will long remember and which should make them more fully alive to the financial end of their business, for the "creamery bosses" have milked the dairy business and have milked the dairymen at the same time for the purpose of working a graft upon the test pullers. Most every dairymen in the county will now agree with us on that point. Not content to let well enough alone, these spring up a spirit of contention amongst those who wanted to control creamery companies and handle their products, so that they could work a nice "graft." This was, to some extent, a detriment to the dairymen, for they had to pay the fiddler for allowing the "creamery bosses" to meddle in their business. Not willing to permit competition to exist between co-operative and individual factories, the "creamery bosses" concocted plans and loaned money to pull down and cripple factories which they could not control, and, strange to relate, some of the dairymen stuck to the "creamery bosses" with as much persistency as flies do to the hinder part of a cow in the summer time. Now what did they get by doing so? Take for instance the Tillamook Dairy Association. For years that was a model industry and the dairymen were doing well and were satisfied that no one was making a rake off. Falling in their effort, the "creamery bosses" resorted to

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