

MILLS WANT FULL ORDERS

Lumber Trust Is Making Much Money.

High Prices Drive Consumers to Make Purchases in Washington.

Portland needs many more sawmills. This seems to be the only solution of a problem which is exasperating every builder, contractor and lumber user in the city, and which has driven many consumers to purchase lumber in the State of Washington.

Immediately after the strike of last Spring had been settled the local mills entered a combination known as the City Retail Lumber Company. This association opened an office in the Concord Building, and all orders must be taken at this office from which they are distributed among the various mills in accordance with the signed agreement.

About the first act of the Lumber Trust, as the combine is known among architects and consumers, was to raise the price of lumber to a figure which promised to rapidly recoup all the losses sustained during the last strike, and to lay up surplus profits for the next one. The unprecedented demand for the product of the mills made this move easy, and the combine is solid and comprehensive, there is little prospect of relief.

CAN BUY CHEAPER ELSEWHERE. Some large purchasers in the city have, however, dodged the exorbitant tariff of the trust by buying their lumber from small mills in Washington, and say that they can pay railroad charges on all their shipments and still save considerable money.

But the Portland mills say they do not care. They are fairly swamped with orders and the saws cannot cut timber fast enough to prevent the constant accumulation of requests, the word is used advisedly, for all forms of construction lumber.

SAY THEY NEED THE MONEY. The lumber trust officials can see no reason for reducing the price when they get more orders than they can fill, with no questions asked except as to time of delivery. "The moneyed men in Portland will not build in dull times," said one mill man today. "They hug their money. Now when times are good, the financiers see a sure thing in building houses. Let them pay the price. It is to do them good and we need the money."

San Francisco is adding her quota to the confounding of the local consumer, and the sustaining of the high prices. A buyer from the Golden Gate left a heavy order with the local mills last week. "We are willing to pay \$25 per thousand," said this buyer. "If we can get the lumber quickly, and we will not inspect it too closely either."

Meanwhile the sash and door men are sending to Washington for their lumber while the small purchasers are paying the big price and vainly endeavoring to look pleasant.

SEAMAN WAS BADLY BEATEN

German Sailor Robbed and Injured by North End Thugs.

At 2:30 a. m. yesterday a man was found on Burnside street in an unconscious condition. He was taken to the police station in the patrol wagon, where it was found that he had been badly beaten, which consisted of cuts about the head, were dressed by Dr. Slocum. The man later stated that his name was Herman Hart, and that he was a sailor on a German ship. That he was assaulted, beaten and robbed while on his way to the ship. He was taken to the vessel in the patrol wagon and is resting comfortably.

WANTS HER BROTHER.

J. F. Henderson of Alameda, Ill., has written City Treasurer Werlein asking for information regarding W. B. Hurst, whom Henderson says was a resident and property owner in Portland in 1893. Hurst has a sister living in Alameda who is now more than 80 years old, is feeble and needs the assistance of her brother. For this reason the letter to City Treasurer Werlein was written.

TO WORLD'S FAIR CITY.

O. R. & N. Inaugurates New Service to Southern Points. Commencing Wednesday, November 26, a new weekly tourist sleeping car service from Portland will be inaugurated by the O. R. & N. on train No. 6 (8:50 p. m.) to St. Louis, via Denver and Kansas City.

A new tourist car service will also be inaugurated Wednesday, November 26, by the O. R. & N., via Denver, Kansas City and St. Louis, first car leaving Portland on No. 6 (8:50 p. m.), Monday, November 24. For particulars inquire of O. R. & N. ticket office, Third and Washington streets.

CITY BRIEFS

If city subscribers fail to secure their paper they will suffer a favor if they will call on Main 500 and enter their complaints.

WEATHER FORECAST. A disturbance of considerable energy is central over Arizona. It has caused moderately heavy rains in the southern portion of that territory and also in Southern California and heavy snow in Utah. Fair weather prevails in the North Pacific States, with temperatures generally below the freezing point.

Sharp frosts occurred this morning in Western Oregon and Western Washington. The indications are for occasional rain in Western Oregon and Western Washington, Friday, with fair and continued cool weather elsewhere in this district.

Oregon: Tonight, fair; Friday, fair east, occasional rain west portion; variable winds, mostly southerly. Washington: Tonight, fair; Friday, fair east, occasional rain west portion; southerly winds. Idaho: Tonight and Friday, fair.

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Game Warden Quimby was out among the commission men yesterday gathering information as to the number of pheasants in their possession.

Mayor Williams will speak on the subject "Abraham Lincoln" this evening at the Bishop Scott Academy. The lecture will be given in the chapel and will start promptly at 8 o'clock. All friends and patrons of the school are invited.

Several local traffic agents will leave this evening for Tacoma to attend a meeting of District No. 1, Pacific Coast Association of Traffic Agents, of which A. H. Johnston of Seattle is chairman, and Harry Ballou of Seattle is secretary.

It is reported that Grandma Munn's eating house at Meacham has been destroyed by fire. This eating house was one of the historic points of interest in Oregon. Grandma Munn is in the East at present and the word is probably being informed of her loss.

Portland Club, Fifth and Alder. Finest lunch in city. Portland Club, Fifth and Alder.

PERSONALS.

W. H. Eccles, the Viento timberman, is at the Perkins. F. B. Waite, a cattleman of Roseburg, is at the Perkins.

L. Gilbert, rancher of Hood River, is at the Imperial. N. F. Gregg, a rancher of Ballston, is registered at the Perkins.

Charles H. Green, a San Francisco wool buyer, is at the Imperial. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Smith of Watsburg are registered at the Portland.

E. K. Stanley, a merchant of Ketchikan, Alaska, is at the Portland. H. Y. Van Dusen of Astoria, the state fish commissioner, is at the Imperial.

Daniel C. Millet and wife are registered at the Imperial from Chehalis. C. W. Weatherwax, a wealthy timber man of Aberdeen, is at the Portland.

W. J. D'Arcy, manager of the Capital News, of Boise, is at the Imperial at the Perkins yesterday from Hood River. Registrar E. W. Bartlett, of the La Grande land office, is at the Imperial.

UNION PACIFIC ANNUAL REPORT

Will Show Its Holdings in Northern Pacific.

Earnings Expected to Be Far in Excess of Last Year--O. S. L. Increase.

The annual report of the Union Pacific, which was due last week, shows a considerable increase in gross and net earnings. It is understood that about a 1-2 per cent. will be shown upon the common stock, as compared with 8 1/2 per cent. during the previous fiscal year.

This 1-2 per cent. will be in addition to the interest, amounting to something like \$2,000,000, on the bonds issued for the purchase of the capital stock of the Southern Pacific.

INCREASES FROM SHORT LINE. The largest part of the increase in earnings of the Union Pacific was derived from the Western lines of the system. The Oregon Short Line has been showing large earnings, and the greater portion of the increased earnings shown by the Union Pacific proper was derived from the long distance traffic received from the Oregon Short Line.

The most interesting part of the report of the Union Pacific will be the information which it will give regarding its holdings of the capital stock of the Southern Pacific and the Northern Securities Company. Several important changes are known to have been made in the amount of its holdings of the stock of these two companies during the last year.

At the date of its last report, the Union Pacific owned \$75,000,000 par value of the capital stock of the Southern Pacific. Since then it is understood that an additional \$15,000,000 was purchased in the open market at a price averaging \$85 a share.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STOCK. The total amount of the Southern Pacific stock owned by the Union Pacific would thus be \$90,000,000, or a trifle less than a majority of the outstanding shares.

The Union Pacific, at the date of its last report, also owned \$78,108,000 par value of Northern Pacific stock. Since that time Northern Pacific stock has been exchanged at the ratio of 115 for Northern Securities stock.

It is believed that the Union Pacific received cash for a part of its holdings of Northern Pacific and Northern Securities stock for the remainder of the year. No official announcement has been made on this point, and it will not be definitely known until the annual report is issued.

PIPE TRAFFIC HIS DOWNFALL

Mullen Handles Smoking Utensils That Were Stolen.

A number of days ago E. E. Whiting, a salesman for smoking goods, opened up a display in a room at the Sherbrook Building. He had for sale a quantity of the finest quality with silver and gold trimmings. While away for a short time some one broke into the room and helped himself to the choicest of the stock. The matter was reported to the police.

The man who had stolen the goods did not believe in keeping dead stock on his hands, and started out to do business. He sold some pipes at far less than cost, and any old bum whom he met could own a fancy meerschaum for a few cents. This wholesale traffic led to the arrest of a man who gave his name as W. A. Mullen by Detective Welner.

The man claims to have at one time been in the employ of the City & Suburban Railway Company. He was identified yesterday by a number of persons who had purchased pipes from him. The preliminary hearing is on this afternoon.

SOME VALUABLE IMPROVEMENTS

To Be Gained From Passage of New Ordinance.

A batch of ordinances were passed yesterday by the city council that Auditor Devin says has never been equaled in the history of Portland, so far as the great amount of improvement involved in them is concerned. The Title Guarantee & Trust Company secured rights to improve the whole of the Holiday Park Addition, which consists of 40 acres, also, ordinances for the same company were granted which will accomplish the improvement of 20 acres at Sunnyside. The scheme of the company is to grade, park, sewer and otherwise improve the tracts so that valuable residence property will result.

GROCER TRUST WITH US NOW

Rumor That Combine Has Been Made.

To Fix Uniform Price Under Which Retailers Must Not Sell.

A recent dispatch from Salem announced briefly that the National Grocery Company had been incorporated with a capital stock of \$300,000. The incorporators were given as W. C. Bristol, E. E. Hall and J. G. Wilson.

The announcement immediately revived a story that has been current among local jobbers for some weeks, to the effect that the retail grocers of Portland, and possibly Oregon, were to be brought beneath the sway of a combine that would dictate the prices under which no retailer would be allowed to sell.

In confirmation of this rumor regarding the purposes of the new company, it is pointed out that the incorporators are not men versed in any branch of the grocery business, but are all three lawyers connected with the firm of Cotton, Teal & Minor, who appear as attorneys for the new corporation.

While the nominal initiators of the National Grocery Company will make no statement of the company's intentions, the story which is passing on the street among those interested is substantially as follows:

GROCERS MEET IN EAST. That some weeks ago a meeting of large wholesale grocers was held in the East at which plans were laid for the formation of a national trust, and that a second meeting was held later in Chicago where a local combination is now being organized.

The story says that it is the intention of the projectors to form a company along the lines of the National Grocery Company in every state in the Union; but while the companies will legally be distinct from one another, they will act in harmony with the parent corporation to secure a uniform selling price on all manufactured articles sold in grocery stores.

If this rumor should have aught of truth in it local jobbers say that the idea was originated as a measure of protection to the small retailer in the East who has in many cases been forced out of business by the fierce competition of the big department stores, who cut the prices on nearly everything they sell.

IS THIS THE TOBACCO TRUST?

Another rumor regarding the new grocery company gains less credence than the one outlined above. In the Journal some weeks ago of the opening of retail stores by the tobacco trust, the rumor will not down that the mighty trust is now organizing a grocery combine in its efforts to force its goods on the public.

It is said that the newly organized company will do a retail as well as a wholesale business. People who ought to know, say that headquarters for the trust have already been established in Portland by buying up two of the largest groceries in the city.

CITY FATHERS SQUABBLE ON OIL

Merrill Stood Against the District.

Mr. Sharkey's Quick Flop--How the Ordinance Was Finally Passed.

Quite a squabble occurred at the meeting of the city council late yesterday afternoon when the oil district proposition came up for consideration. The creation of the district as proposed by Councilman Fiegel includes Block 11, East Portland, and is bounded by East Water street, East Madison avenue, Union avenue and East Taylor street.

Councilman Merrill was champion for the opposition, and made a vigorous fight, although it amounted to nothing in the end. When the matter was announced by Auditor Devin, Mr. Merrill jumped to his feet and said: "I wish to go on record by opposing the creation of an oil district for any one company to the exclusion of others that may wish to sell oil. I would like it understood, however, that I am not antagonistic to the Standard Oil Company, and that is not my incentive for making the stand I am taking. I believe that those citizens who object to such establishments should first be considered, furthermore, I am in favor of competition."

SHARKEY WAS NEXT. When Merrill had concluded, Councilman Sharkey gained the floor and said he wished to know why a committee of the whole of the council had passed favorably on the action, and that only four of the eight who were present had voted.

Mayor Williams replied that it had not been a committee of the whole that had acted on the subject, but only individual councilmen, as a committee of the whole could not be summoned except by the action of the council in regular session.

Mr. Sharkey replied to the mayor that so long as his constituents believed that the council had acted on the matter, and as he thought that the measure was a menace to rightful competition he disapproved it in his capacity.

President Zimmerman made his characteristic little talk in which he supported the passage of the ordinance, and that was about all of it.

MERRILL STOOD ALONE.

As the motion was before the board for final passage the mayor ordered the roll call, and here it was where the remarkable feature of the whole proceedings happened. Sharkey voted for the ordinance, and alone Merrill said "nay." It seemed surprising to everybody present, not excepting the councilmen, that Sharkey should go and play croquet, remember, the stand he did, prior to the acceptance of the measure by his fellow councilmen.

After it was all over and the Portland Heights cement pavement proposition was before the council, Councilman Sharkey interrupted and said he wished to change his vote on the oil district matter, as his constituents on the East Side might think he had not fought their battle properly.

About this time an interested spectator at the council meeting said "Sharkey should go and play croquet, remember, and not engage in a game where stamina was needed."

And so the ordinance passed and the East Side has an oil district that will stay with them.

GAINS IN EARNINGS

Gross Increase for October Is 4.3 Per Cent.--Total Income.

Dun's report and comment on railroads for the month of October are as follows: "Gross earnings of all railroads in the United States reporting for October are \$50,438,924, a gain of 4.3 per cent. over last year, and 14.2 per cent. over 1900. Central and western lines show a gain, while in the Southwest earnings show only a small increase compared with last year. With trunk lines is included New York Central, which reports a loss in earnings compared with last year due to road traffic. Earnings of United States roads reporting for the month to date are given below, compared with last year:

Table with 4 columns: Sections, Gross, Increase, Per Cent. Rows include Trunk, Central, Grangers, Southern, Southwestern, Pacific, U. S. Roads, Canadian, Mexican, and Total.

IDAHO LAND WITHDRAWN.

LEWISTON, Nov. 20.—At the land office here notification has been received of the temporary withdrawal from settlement of more than 2,000,000 acres of Idaho land. This will be added to the Bitter Root reserve as a protection to the watershed of the Salmon and will include the Thunder Mountain mining country.

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THE PIONEERS WON THE PALMS

An Old Fashioned Turkey Shoot Up the River. USED GUNS OF ANCIENT MAKE Upper Columbia River Is Rolling in Prosperity.

Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Baker, of Philadelphia, the renowned blind gospel singers, arrived in Portland today and will sing in the First Baptist Church this evening and Sunday morning. They will remain here as long as "the work calls for," says Mr. Baker.

The couple will go to San Francisco from here, and then to Southern California and Arizona. Mr. and Mrs. Baker spent two years and a half in England singing the gospel and are now making a tour of the United States. Mr. Baker has been singing for the past 40 years, 15 of which he sang on the stage.

\$400 AN ACRE FOR HOPS.

A prominent hop grower reports having sold \$18,000 worth of hops out of a patch of 45 acres in Polk County, averaging about \$400 per acre, and netting about \$275 on each acre. This is a good showing and no doubt many growers have grown rich from this year's crops.

COUNTY PROSPEROUS.

Mr. Smith says that all the towns up the Columbia River are enjoying a season of unprecedented prosperity. The sawmills and logging camps are doing a great business. The recent rains were of a great benefit, as the streams are sufficiently swollen as to make it easy for logs to be driven down to the points where the mills are situated. Continuing, Mr. Smith said: "Hood River is experiencing a healthy growth. A large number of real estate transfers are being made there each week. In that neighborhood many new mills are being erected, and the country has been more rapidly developed during the past year than in any other period of five times that length. Next season's business between Portland and Upper Columbia points will be troubled, consequently, the new enterprise, which have been established. Many Eastern people are going in there continuously, acquiring farm lands, paying for them willingly at the rate of \$40 per acre.

"The productivity of that section of the country is hardly realized by the residents of Portland. A man, whom I visited at Stanley's Point, was harvesting his potato crop. It was yielding at the rate of 200 bushels per acre, and he had enough potatoes piled up there to feed an army for six months."

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