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## COMBINE WILL RAISE SLABWOOD PRICES

WASTE PRODUCT OF MILLS BOUGHT AT FIFTY CENTS AND SOLD FOR FOUR DOLLARS

### CORNER ON SLABWOOD ENABLES COMBINE TO DEMAND HIGH PRICES

**M. C. Banfield, of Banfield-Veysey Co., Who Control Output, Predicts that the Poor Will Suffer Most During the Winter, But Says It Is Human Nature to Sell For All One Can Get.**

An ironclad contract binds the sawmills of Portland to sell slabwood only to certain retail dealers who buy it at 50 cents a cord and sell it to the public at prices ranging from \$2 to \$4, with delivery charges added. In times past any person could go to the mills and buy all the slabwood he needed at a nominal price, but this is ended and the combine now controls the situation. It is openly predicted by members of the combine that even the high prices now prevailing will be exceeded this fall.

It is known there will be a great scarcity of slabwood next winter. Owing to this the price will be high. The poor will suffer the most from the condition during the winter because an effort is being put in a supply in the year and must therefore sell quantities and pay the price. The supply and demand for any commodity governs the price and if you control the business and had wood to sell you would get all you could for it. The expert opinion of M. C. Banfield, who knows whereof he speaks, is that the combine will control the market of the world, bounded on all sides by the power of the combine. The combine is in the grasp of a so-called monopoly. The combine is the combination of the mill owners and the fuel companies and their allied business associates are the mill owners and the retail fuel dealers of the city who set their prices at par whenever Banfield-Veysey lift the hammer. Today Mr. Banfield buys the waste of the mills for 50 cents a cord and sells it for \$2 and \$4 at the mills. He has the supply cornered under his long standing contract and he alone can sell there and buy. He owns practically all the slabs of Portland.

The fuel dilemma of Portland has three prongs—coal, cordwood and slabs, and the greatest of these is the last. With the coal shortage the people have not so immediate a way for the cause is too far removed. It rests with the millowners, the labor troubles and the railroads which assert that they cannot find cars sufficient to supply the demand. The cordwood problem is intricate. It involves the scarcity of a shortage of transportation facilities and resultant shrinkage of supply. But with the slabwood problem it is different. It involves the power of the fuel combination to buy waste material at the mills at practically nothing and to boost the selling price as inclination dictates.

### ABANDON ALASKA COALING STATION

Navy Department Gives Up Establishment of Naval Base for Fear of Japan.

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, July 1.—For many years the navy department has been planning to establish a great coaling station and naval base at Kiska island, the Aleutian chain. It is learned that the project has been abandoned and the decision is laid to the fact of the cost of the station. The cost of the station is estimated at \$10,000,000. The navy department has decided to establish a coaling station at Kiska island, Alaska, which is a natural harbor of Kiska. A coaling station was established at Kiska in 1904. The station was a coaling station for the navy. The station was a coaling station for the navy. The station was a coaling station for the navy.

### The Record of Advertising for the Week Ending June 30th

The record for the week just closed is as follows:

Local, inches.....	6,921	5,931	6,333
Foreign, inches.....	765	736	626
Classified and Real Estate, inches.....	3,070	3,052	1,523
	10,746	9,749	8,482

The Journal again carried more advertising during the week than either of the other Portland papers. The Journal lead by nearly 1,000 inches. The fact that this paper has been at the head of the newspaper procession for weeks is proof that advertisers are getting results. More merchants are using advertising space in The Journal and the regular advertisers are increasing space. Merchants are advertising to increase trade and that of the newcomers of Oregon is getting no small sized army of them is important.

### VAUDEVILLE ACTRESS WHO IS BRIDE OF ARMY OFFICER



MRS. J. L. BENEDICT, FORMERLY GENEVIEVE ARDELIA

### SQUIRES 8 TO 10 FAVORITE TODAY

Out of Town Sports Flocking to See the Great Fight on the Fourth.

(Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, July 1.—With the Squires-Burns fight three days away, interest in the match is mounting to fever pitch. Out of town sports are beginning to arrive and the seat sale is booming. In statements issued today the fighters say they don't expect the battle to go 45 rounds as scheduled. Squires expects to win inside of 15 rounds and Burns inside of 11.

Jeffries who will referee the bout, arrived here this morning. He will visit Squires this afternoon and Burns tomorrow to talk over the articles and conditions of the bout, so that there will be no misunderstanding when the men step into the ring. Squires is in perfect trim. He will do little work during the next three days. He has been training for the encounter for nearly seven weeks and does not carry an ounce of superfluous flesh. Burns will enter the ring at 175 pounds, Squires at 181. The fight will start at 8 o'clock.

### CHILEAN VOLCANO SPOUTS HOT WATER

(Journal Special Service.) Chill, July 1.—Valdivia dispatches announce that Rinihuato volcano has renewed its activity, and is now ejecting columns of boiling water, causing the death of 15 Indian families, and a score of cattle. The eruption has stopped the course of Pampas river with stones formed from the lava. This came broke flooding the surrounding country. Great explosions have been caused by the molten stone striking the water.

### OFFICER SENT TO COVENTRY

Lieutenant Benedict, Who Married Variety Actress, Excluded Socially.

Sent to Coventry because he married a variety actress, Lieutenant J. L. Benedict, Fourteenth Infantry, U. S. A., is excluded from the society of his brother officers at Vancouver barracks. By the terms of strict but unbroken and unwritten social rules at the post, he has been sentenced to exclusion. Lieutenant Benedict's position is the result of his marriage to Miss Genevieve Ardelia, a variety singer. The wedding followed a romance of brief duration. Lieutenant Benedict arrived at the Vancouver post a year ago and found time hanging heavily on his hands. He visited the little theatre where Manager Hager sometimes has a good turn.

He inquired who was the possessor of that voice, and his inquiries resulted in an acquaintance with Miss Ardelia. It was a love story from the start, and though officers from the post visited him and told him that a marriage with the actress would not be tolerated by the rigorous arbiters of social life at the post, he vowed his love and ignored their counsel. He braved opposition of post authorities and married the girl whose voice had enthralled him. As a result he has been sent to Coventry where, officers declare, he must remain as long as he stays at the Vancouver garrison.

### OBSERVATORY RECORDS SEVERE EARTHQUAKE

(Journal Special Service.) Cheltenham, Md., July 1.—The observatory here announces an earthquake shock, beginning at 8:14 o'clock this morning, and lasting for some time. The severest shock occurred from 4:20 to 8:26, the greatest motion being from north to south. The rocking of the earth was more distinct than that caused by the Kingston shock, but greater than that caused by San Francisco's.

### CANOE MYSTERY THOUGHT SOLVED

Remains at St. Helens Believed to Be Those of Missing Harold Long.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Patterson of 445 East Ash street left St. Helens on the steamer Lurline this morning to identify the remains of a young man found floating at the entrance to Willamette slough yesterday morning. The remains are believed to solve the mystery surrounding the disappearance of Harold Long who about two weeks ago left Vancouver, Washington, in a 16-foot canoe for Portland. The canoe was found full of water a couple of days later near Savies island, at the mouth of the Willamette, by the keeper of the light station at that place. Indications pointed to the canoeist having been drowned.

The description given by Dr. Clifford exactly fits that of the missing man, even to the jewelry and trinkets in his pockets. The remains will undoubtedly be brought to Portland for burial. Hedges' Hearing Tomorrow. Boise, Ida., July 1.—The hearing of H. M. Hedges of Caldwell on a charge of assault with intent to kill A. S. Whiteway in this city Sunday, June 22, will be held tomorrow. Whiteway continues to improve. His wounds were at first considered mortal.

### TELL TALE OF GRAFT AND INSULT

Federal Prisoners in Multnomah County Jail Send a Letter to Federal Authorities Bringing Charges Against Jailer Mitchell.

Men Deprived of Liberty Alleged to Be Subjected to Petty Graft and Women Who Visit Them Treated With Insult.

Stories of graft and scandal in the county jail have been laid before Assistant United States Attorney James Cole by federal prisoners awaiting trial in which serious charges are made against Jailer Mitchell. Mr. Cole is investigating the matter with a view of understanding the facts and bringing the jailer to account if they are proven true. Jailer Mitchell declined to make a statement in his own defense this morning when told of the charges made against him. "I do not wish to make any statement at this time, except 'not guilty,'" he said.

So revealing are some of the tales related by the prisoners that they are unfit for print. Insults to women, poker playing and favoritism shown to certain prisoners are related in number. One story told by the federal prisoners is that Mitchell, the Chinese cook, S. A. D. Pater and one or two others indulged in a poker game, in which the large fund was lost \$20. The prisoner stated that this occurred February 26, and that Pater probably lost his money for policy's sake. That Pater is given the money by the jailer is what the man meant by policy. Mitchell has a practice, the prisoners say, of charging the prisoners a percentage commission for every dollar's worth of stuff he buys for them on the outside. They say Mitchell also charges 10 cents for a 5-cent writing tablet and 10 cents for a 6-cent package of envelopes.

### JAPS PLAN BOYCOTT OF AMERICAN GOODS

(Journal Special Service.) Tokio, July 1.—Newspapers here, having correspondents in San Francisco, seem to have taken up the impression is prevailing that the people of San Francisco are influencing correspondents not to serve their papers. Measures of retaliation, such as boycotting American goods, is contemplated by influential political and business circles. The boycott is the outcome of racial hatred. According to the Japanese, the latest description of a violation in San Francisco is a flagrant violation of the treaty rights.

### SCHMITZ HOPES TO BE LET OFF

Mayor Figures That He Can Be Troublesome Enough to Secure Immunity.

(Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, July 1.—While Judge Lanyon is considering the motions aimed at the validity of the grand jury, the graft cases will rest and the prosecution, it is understood, will devote its attention to the question of a new mayor. There seems to be little hope that the meeting of the grand jury will furnish the solution of the difficulty, as it is reported that there is a difference of opinion among the members of the prosecution as to who shall be selected to take the position which is being held by George Lanyon.

Another element of difficulty in the situation is the hostility which Eugene W. Schmitz continues to show to any plan to alter the municipal administration as he has accomplished it. Schmitz is said to entertain the hope that a consistent campaign of legal hindrances placed in the path of a reformed government may win him a concession of immunity on a promise to resign his office and claim to the mayor's chair. It is expected that he thinks the prosecution may be willing to let him slip away some dark night if he can make his presence here sufficiently troublesome.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD SUITS MAYOR LANE

Entire Membership Is Reappointed This Morning in Compliment of Services Rendered During Their Term of Office.

Appointment of Chief of Police and City Engineer Have Not Been Announced—Committees of Council Are Named.

Mayor Harry Lane this morning announced his reappointment of the entire executive board and his appointments to the committees of the council for the ensuing two years. The selections of the committeemen were made after careful consideration and the mayor believes that the city's interests will be well looked after by them. On the ways and means committee A. G. Bushlight is the only one appointed who held the position during the last term. W. I. Cottle, one of the new councilmen, has also been appointed to this committee. Just who will be president of the council is a matter of speculation. A. N. Willis is prominently mentioned for it, as also are H. W. Wallace, A. G. Bushlight, Frank Bennett, E. E. Menefee and Dan Kellaher.

Chief Not Yet Named. The appointment of a chief of police and a city engineer for the ensuing term has been left over by the mayor until later in the week. When asked this morning relative to these two important positions, the mayor said he had not yet given the matter the attention it required, and consequently felt that he could give out no statements as to his selection. In compliance to their valuable services during the past two years, the mayor this morning reappointed the entire executive board with the same committee members. The executive board is composed of the following members: C. A. Cogswell, D. J. Donagh, Max Fitchner, Thomas G. Greene, W. G. McPherson, Richard Wilson, D. A. Pastullo, L. T. Peery and R. L. Sablin. Committees of Council. Following are the council committees named by the mayor: Ways and Means—A. G. Bushlight, W. I. Cottle, D. Kellaher, G. D. Dunne, W. T. Vaughn. Accounts and Current Expenses—E. E. Menefee, John Annand, Frank Bennett. Street Cleaning and Spreading—George Baker, H. A. Belding, George B. Cellars, G. D. Dunne, A. N. Willis. Streets—W. T. Vaughn, G. S. Concanon, I. Cottle, D. Kellaher, A. G. Bushlight, H. W. Wallace, R. A. Driscoll. Sewers and Drainage—A. N. Willis, Frank Bennett, John Annand, George Baker, George B. Cellars, George I. Dunne, M. J. Driscoll. Parks and Public Property—M. J. Driscoll, W. I. Cottle, H. W. Wallace. Health and Police—T. J. Cannon, John Annand, A. N. Willis. Judiciary and Elections—Frank Bennett, W. T. Vaughn, George B. Cellars. Street Lighting—George B. Cellars, George I. Dunne, H. A. Belding, R. E. Menefee, Dan Kellaher, E. E. Menefee, Frank Bennett, John Annand, George Baker, George B. Cellars, George I. Dunne, M. J. Driscoll, W. I. Cottle, H. W. Wallace, A. G. Bushlight, H. W. Wallace, A. G. Bushlight, H. W. Wallace, A. N. Willis, Frank Bennett, W. T. Vaughn.

### STRIKE CRISIS REACHED TODAY

Chicago Operators Want to Go Out to Aid Frisco Strikers.

(Journal Special Service.) Chicago, July 1.—Official dispatches here say that the Chicago operators' union believes that the strike will be reached today. The operators do not expect that they will be able to get the operators' union to go out to aid Frisco strikers.

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