

# MILLMEN SAY PROFITS HAVE NOT INCREASED

## Lumber Manufacturers Give Their Side of Controversy With Railroads and Declare That Eastern Sales Have Often Been Made at Loss.

By Thomas McCusker.

A few days ago the statement was made and printed that the reason the railroads were attempting to advance the eastbound lumber rate was because they wanted a division of the spoils, or, in other words, they believed that the millmen were making too much money, and they wanted some of it, and not because the present rates were not sufficiently remunerative.

It was asserted then that there was a logging combine that controlled not only the price of logs, but the output as well, and whenever the price of logs advanced \$1 per thousand feet, the millmen added \$2 to the price of lumber.

This is denied by the millmen. They say that the legitimate differential between the price of logs and lumber is \$1.50 per thousand feet, based on an established rate, will say, of \$10 for logs, but only the further advance in the price of logs is added to the price of lumber; consequently, so far as the millmen are concerned, they do not realize an additional benefit from the advance in the price of logs and lumber, while the railroads would receive an additional profit should they be successful in their efforts to advance rates of freight.

The millmen state positively, and offer their books as proof, that they have filed foreign orders at loss in order to keep their mills running and give employment to their men.

**Deny There is Combine.**

They say further that there is no combine among the millmen, and that the Retail Lumber Association, which once flourished here, has gone out of existence, and that any one can buy lumber direct from the mills without having to pay tribute to the middlemen. They deny that there is a logging combine, but admit that there is a "gentlemen's agreement" among the loggers to restrict the output and keep up the price. With very few exceptions the loggers own the timber and are men who have already made a great deal of money, consequently are in a position to dictate terms to the millmen. The logger who does not own timber, but who buys on a stumpage basis, finds that the price has advanced from 50 cents a few years ago to as high as \$2.50 per thousand feet now.

One millman, who operates his own logging camps, says that it cost him \$4.50 per thousand to log his timber, in addition to cost of stumpage, and with the price of logs from \$9 to \$11, he says, there is not much in it for the logger who does not own his timber.

Be that as it may, the men who supply the logs at the present time are mostly men of means, and any advance on lumber will not affect them, but will seriously injure the millmen or the manufacturers.

Another thing to be taken into consideration is that the price of labor at the mills has advanced about 45 per cent in the last four years, one millman saying that he has increased his payroll at least 10 per cent within the last year. This, of course, is made necessary by the increased cost of living.

**Lumber Goes Outside.**

It is asserted that from 75 to 90 per cent of the manufactured lumber goes to outside markets, and that the money comes into Portland and is expended in wages, etc., and after the legitimate running expenses are paid, if any surplus is left it is invested in Portland property, so that all the profit flows into the financial currents here at home.

This argument is good and worthy of consideration, and even if it should happen that a little more than a fair profit was made, the fact that the money circulates here for any purpose or another benefits the city in some form; consequently there are no grounds to take sides against the millmen, or even remain indifferent as to the outcome of the fight, for it is a moral certainty that, should the railroads win, the public will have to pay the bill.

Some one has said that the high price of lumber restricts the building industry. Now, this is very questionable. Look back a few years for proof to the contrary. At no time in the history of Portland or any other city during a depression was there any extensive building operation, but on the contrary everyone was afraid to invest, and I remember during the strenuous times following the panic of 1893 every man owning property counseled his friends not to build, as there was no profit in owning a house, and there was no building done. This is true of every flurry in the money market. The difference in the country then and now is so

marked, that there cannot be a financial reverse, unless the men overloaded with money get panicky, or for some reason those who largely control the money market have an object in view in forcing a panic on the country.

**Oregon Is Rich.**

In 1893 Oregon was poor, very poor, and the Portland banks had on deposit about \$18,000,000. Today Oregon is rich, for population and area under cultivation, the richest state in the union, and many times richer than older and more densely populated states, and Portland banks have deposits aggregating at least \$75,000,000. This being true, why should there be any cessation of building operations, and as a matter of fact there is not, the contemplated amount of lumber going into a frame building is about 12 per cent of the total cost. This will make the lumber for a 15,000 house cost \$600, and as the price of common lumber runs from \$13 to \$16 per thousand, it will be safe to assume that the average cost is about \$20, which will show that it will require 20,000 feet of lumber to build a house. Now if the price of lumber was advanced \$2 of even \$3 per thousand, the additional cost of such a house would be only \$40 or \$60, and certainly no one will argue for a moment that this difference will deter any person from building. This refers to local conditions.

**Does Not Apply to East.**

The same logic cannot be applied to the eastern consumer, as he is compelled to pay in addition to the advance in the price of lumber, the cost of transportation in rates. The average weight on rough lumber is 3,200 pounds per 1,000 feet. Consequently an advance of 10 cents per 1,000 feet, referred to, and the eastern consumer is up against an approximate advance of from \$5 to \$9 per thousand. And when this is taken into consideration, that Oregon lumber must compete with southern pine, one can readily see that the millmen of the coast stand a good chance to lose a trade which has taken them years to build up.

The reason for the railroads advancing the rate has been discussed from all sides. The railroads claim that the present rate is not remunerative, as it was made at a time when they were hauling empty cars east and they wanted full loads for their cars. This is not true, and the railroads cannot produce any records to sustain their contention. As I said in former articles, the rate has not been more than two years since Jim Hill informed the interstate commerce commission that if he had loads for his westbound cars he could make a better rate on lumber eastbound, as the eastbound rate carried with it the cost of hauling the empty cars west. Now that the volume of westbound business has greatly increased, the reason given will not stand investigation.

**Champion of Railroads.**

A gentleman in Seattle, a former secretary of the lumber association, and who seems to be now posing as a champion for the railroads, severely rebukes the millmen and tells them that had they refrained from antagonizing the railroads by agitating hostile legislation the lumber rates would not be so high. This confirms what I said about the reason given by the railroads for the advance. It shows that they merely want to retaliate, which is very reprehensible action, and the courts certainly will not abet them. Others say that owing to the shortage of cars, and the fact that laws will be enacted compelling them to furnish equipment, the railroads want to restrict the lumber, yet if they have to bankrupt the millmen, who have all their money invested in the business. Whether the opinion advanced, viz: That the railroads wanted a division of what they think is too much profit for the lumbermen, or any of the other theories advanced are true, the fact is that the same, and places the railroads in a very unenviable light, and justifies the millmen in the action they have taken, and they should have the cooperation of the public in their fight, as success by the railroads means, if not a deathblow, at least a very severe setback to the principal industry of the Pacific coast.

In this connection, it might be well to suggest to the millmen that in consideration of the help of the public at this time, they should join with other people in constructing electric and interurban lines wherever and wherever it is possible, and also assist them in opening every important river on the coast to free navigation, as this is of vital importance to the whole coast, and no one is more interested in it than the lumbermen and their allies.

# MYRTLE TIPTON IS MARRIED TO LEROY

## Romance Commenced When Girl Was in Prison for Horse Stealing.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Walla Walla, Wash., Aug. 23.—A romance that started while the bride was an inmate of the state penitentiary terminated yesterday in the marriage of Myrtle Tipton, the Colfax girl, who served two years for horse stealing, and James Le Roy, who is known in Walla Walla. Since her release from the prison Miss Tipton has been stopping with friends in Walla Walla, and yesterday she and Le Roy secured a license from Auditor McLaw and shortly afterward walked over to the courthouse, where they were married by Judge Brents. A few attaches around the courthouse and newspaper men witnessed the ceremony.

Miss Tipton's case attracted a great deal of attention at the time she was arrested and sentenced to the penitentiary. She stole her father's team and masquerading as a boy, drove down through Columbia county to Walla Walla, where she disposed of the horses. She was trailed by the Whitman county authorities and finally arrested and taken back to Colfax. She was convicted of horse stealing, and sentenced to two years. She was lately pardoned by Governor Mead.

# WANTED HER PLACE BACK AND GOT IT

## Tempest Sweeps Tacoma School Board, and Mrs. Rice, Poetess, Is Also a Principal Again.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 23.—Mrs. Carrie V. Shaw Rice, poetess, school principal and for two terms member of the state board of education, who was dropped from the list of principals of Tacoma schools last June, was reinstated by the board of education yesterday afternoon after one of the warmest sessions the board has ever had. During the wordy war that prevailed Director Charles Drury called Superior Judge M. J. Clifford, who in addition to being a member of the board is a dignified member of the Pierce county bar, a liar. The judge retorted, but later both thought better of their statements and made mutual apologies.

Superintendent A. H. Yoder of the city schools is blamed by the friends of Mrs. Rice for her being dropped. She was given a leave of absence for one year in order to make a trip to the orient for the benefit of her health, with the assurance from Mr. Yoder that she should have her position upon her return. Arriving back she found another principal had been elected to fill her position. Her previous numbering many of the most prominent people of the city, at once took up her fight, and much bitterness and ill feeling has prevailed. She reinstated yesterday by a vote of 3 to 2.

Some of Mrs. Rice's poems and children's stories are included in textbooks in use in the schools.

# OFFER CENTRALIA BETTER PHONES

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Centralia, Wash., Aug. 23.—The last regular council meeting was largely taken up with Messrs. Wagner and Clements of Portland, who seek a franchise for a local telephone system in connection with the Northwestern long-distance system. Mr. Wagner explained the various provisions of the franchise and the vast improvement in service which would be given. He stated that a local corporation would be organized with a local board of directors in control. It is proposed to install an automatic system and give each patron his own line, avoiding the delays and annoyances of party lines. The franchise contains a provision for a free fire alarm system, which will permit the use of each phone to send in alarms.

# STORES ARE CLOSED IN HONOR OF DEAD

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Grants Pass, Or., Aug. 23.—The funeral of Willard Denison, a popular and highly esteemed young business man of Grants Pass, occurred yesterday afternoon from Newman Methodist church, this city, Rev. C. O. Beckman officiating. Out of respect many of the business houses in the city closed their doors during the hours of the funeral and the church was filled with sorrowing acquaintances and friends. Willard Denison was 36 years of age. He has lived here nearly all his life.

# ATTORNEYS GENERAL CALLED TO CONFER

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Olympia, Wash., Aug. 23.—Attorney-General J. A. Wick, called a meeting from Attorney-General Herbert S. Hadley of Missouri inviting him to attend a conference of the attorneys-general of the United States at St. Louis on September 30 and October 1. The purpose of this conference is to discuss a number of important subjects, including public service corporations, maximum rates, legislation on trusts and the conflicts between state and federal courts.

# OPERATOR AT WYETH IS WATCHING COMET

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Wyeth, Or., Aug. 23.—J. L. Whiting, night operator at this place reports that he has seen the comet the last few nights, the first time that he noticed it being last Saturday night. He reports that it can be seen very plainly between 3 and 4 o'clock in the morning above the eastern horizon. Although it is very small it is readily seen without the use of a glass.

# DRAIN PEOPLE WANT NORMAL REOPENED

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Aug. 23.—The attorney-general has received complaints from several citizens of Drain questioning the right of the board of regents to close the normal school and asking his opinion. His answer was that the board was acting entirely within its rights.

# SIBERIAN ARMY IS BEYOND ALL CONTROL

(Journal Special Service.)

St. Petersburg, Aug. 23.—The general commanding reports that the Siberian army is completely beyond control. In an attack on the barricade of the mutineers the loyal troops sustained heavy losses. Eighteen rebels were killed and 25 wounded.

# The Quality Block on Furniture Row

First street is decorated with numerous furniture stores. In fact the furniture buying public looks upon this busy street as the furniture section. It would blind a man's senses to attempt to count the various stores doing business under the head of "Carpets and Furniture." Right in the center of this furniture district and towering head and shoulders above them all is the house of "I. Gevurtz & Sons," the recognized "Quality" establishment of Portland and of the northwest.

## SPECIAL FEATURES FOR SATURDAY'S SELLING

### BEDROOM SPECIALS

For Saturday we have placed the price on numerous standard Bedroom Suites far below the regular. These come in the hardwoods and are very attractive as well as serviceable. Now is a time when bedroom furnishings will be very popular, owing to the increased demand. Our stock is so much larger and more complete than other dealers carry that we can assure a better variety for your selection.

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### Dining Room SPECIALS

Our Dining Room Furniture occupies the entire eastern half block on the second floor. Here are always to be found many articles whose prices are of a particularly inviting character. We claim to sell all furniture for less. We only await the opportunity to prove to you our claim. Tomorrow many pieces of highly desirable Dining Room Furniture will be offered at prices bound to be popular. Visit this large section of the store.

### Saturday Special Women's Skirts

Every Skirt a true representative of new fall style. A special sale to acquaint you with the many excellent features of this modern Women's Department.

\$7.50 Panama Skirts	\$3.95
\$9.50 Panama Skirts	\$5.95
\$12.00 Panama Skirts	\$6.95
\$13.50 Panama Skirts	\$8.95

Blacks and all desirable colors.

### SATURDAY BASEMENT SPECIALS

A set of 6 cups, 6 saucers and 6 plates all for \$1.65. This means Saturday only. The regular price is \$2.50. The china is in very pretty mould. The patterns all attractive in color and design. In fact their likeness could hardly be duplicated anywhere in Portland under \$3.00. Saturday \$1.65

### SATURDAY HINTS TO MEN

Right down on the main floor this Men's Department makes an awful stir, always busy, and yet never too busy to be accommodating. The very best clothes that men can wear. The sort that all men should wear, and at prices within the power of all men to pay. Either for cash—or a little down and \$1.00 a week.

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With all the fruits and grains of the market to choose from it should not be difficult to select a diet for hot weather that should be at the same time nourishing and not over heating. There is little demand for the heavy dishes of the winter; one wants instead the acid of fruits and easily assimilated foods. Here are some hot weather menus:

- #### THREE BREAKFASTS.
- Shredded wheat biscuit Bananas with cream
  - Coffee Poached eggs Tea
  - Grape fruit Sardines on toast
  - Ice cream Coffee Tea
  - Ice melons Scrambled eggs
  - Coffee Toast Tea

- #### THREE LUNCHEONS
- Clam bouillon Cold roast beef
  - Boston brown bread Blackberries
  - Ice tea Milk
  - Asparagus salad Milk biscuit
  - Meat loaf Peaches and cream Cocoa
  - Ice tea
  - String bean salad Corn muffins
  - Potted beef Watermelon on ice
  - Lemonade Cocoa

- #### THREE DINNERS
- Clear soup Olives
  - Cold cauliflower with mayonnaise
  - Lamb chops breaded New potatoes
  - Beef biscuit Cheese
  - Maple mousse Coffee Lady fingers
  - Cream of tomato soup Pickled onions
  - Salmon salad Boiled ribs
  - Cold roast veal Cheese
  - Ice cream Wafers Macaroons
  - Coffee

- #### One Piece Gowns.
- The one piece gowns of embroidered lingerie stuff are more cobwebby and beautiful than ever this year and every woman should have several well made silk slips in her outfit this summer, for the one piece model joined at waist line by inset lace or embroidery is the model par excellence for sheer muslins and transparent materials, and the French lingerie gowns lavishly embroidered and lace-trimmed are naturally costly luxuries, but there are charming one-piece models which are not so expensively and are very effective.

Such a model is attractive in fine embroidered Swiss with colored dots on a white ground. The frock is trimmed with a number of important subjects, including insertion and a gumpie and cuff of valenciennes and is worn over an india silk slip matching the embroidered dots in color. A white Swiss with lilac dots worn over palest lilac silk is especially pretty in this style.

#### First Aid.

A hot-water bag will oftentimes suddenly spring a leak when most needed; the same with the pipe of a syringe. A piece of adhesive plaster placed over the break will stop the leak immediately and will stay in place for quite a while. It can easily be removed, and

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#### An Effective Way.

It was in the great auditorium in the Athens of the south. The Chicago Glee club was giving one of its delightful concerts. Right in front of me was a young gentleman and a young lady who were more interested in each other than they were in the concert. They talked and talked and talked. Finally the young man said, "Did you ever try listening to music with your eyes shut?" and the old lady bent forward, and touching him on the shoulder, said very pleasantly, "Young man, did you ever try listening to music with your mouth shut?" And he did it right there and then.

#### Hints for Mothers.

Camphor ice or sweet cream is good for removing inflammation produced by sunburn.

Hot milk is most refreshing and stimulating in cases of cold or overeating. Its action is quick and grateful. For bumps or bruises apply ice-cold cloths or cotton saturated with lead and opium. In the absence of these remedies bathe with witch-hazel. Hiccups are usually due to wind on the stomach produced by too rapid feeding. If however, they appear between feedings, a simple remedy is to hold baby about the body with one hand and arm, grasp the ankles with the other hand and turn it quickly upside down once or twice; this motion will cause the infant to belch up the wind, which will bring immediate relief. Hives are usually the result of a disordered stomach. They may be relieved by drinking water in which a pinch of bicarbonate of soda (cooking-soda) has been dissolved, and at the same time bathing the blotches with the soda-water. For an infant one year old "a teaspoonful of rhubarb-and-soda mixture may be given and repeated every three hours until the bowels are thoroughly cleansed. For a baby six months old, one half the dose should be given."

#### These New Colors.

The craze for faded flowers and grasses, which is a mania in Paris, leads to some results which are really laughable, though those same faded flowers cleverly handled are capable of delicious color schemes.

A Philadelphia woman just back from Paris displayed the contents of her hat trunk to a group of interested friends the other day.

"Well, what do you think of them?" she asked proudly.

"The ostrich plumes are gorgeous," commented one friend politely.

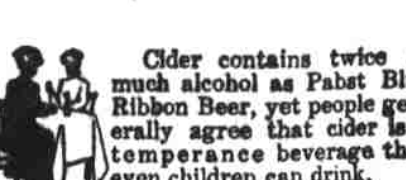
"Don't you like the flower trimmed ones?"

"The friend struggled to twist frankness and courtesy, but the truth burst out as though she had turned her last summer's hats hind side before and gathered together all your old flowers and pinned them on any old way and then left the hats out in the rain and the sun for weeks."

#### Aberdeen Lid Cases Dismissed.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Aberdeen, Wash., Aug. 23.—On account of the closing of the saloons on Sunday all of the pending lid cases have



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