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## STOCKS ARE LOW IN CALIFORNIA

Portland Lumbermen Look for Business From South Soon.

## ORDERS SCARCE FOR TIME BEING

Demand for Lumber in East Not Expected to Increase Until Advance Rate Question Has Been Disposed of for Good.

Lumber manufacturers in the city and along the Columbia river are looking to California and foreign markets to assist in keeping their yards from becoming blockaded. Inquiries from them are more encouraging than some weeks ago, but no great amount of business is expected until the advance rate question has been definitely settled. In the meantime only such orders that necessarily have to be filled are being received.

California has been a very poor market for several months, but lumber dealers returning from there declare that stocks have been thinned down to such an extent that some business might be looked for from that quarter soon, and Portland and Columbia river mills have always done a goodly share of the business when any has offered. A number of yards have been practically cleaned up, so it is said, and they will have to stock up in early spring if any building projects at all are started.

The local demand for lumber is fair, although this is out of season. Quotations have not changed since last week, and lumbermen say it is not likely they will be although there appears to be a tendency among prospective builders to hold off for still lower figures. There is said to be a strong probability of prices crawling up a notch or two, however, toward the spring, should outside markets show a sudden change for the better. Mills are still being quoted from \$7 to \$10, which precludes the possibility of much of a further shaving in lumber quotations.

There is said to be considerable lumber going into the inland empire, where money is coming in quite freely now for the enormous wheat crops that are being moved rapidly to tidewater. Cars are easily obtainable and this has aided the mills considerably of late. Country mills are cutting ties for the railroads. Shingles have been reduced in about the same ratio as lumber, and no mills report being unable to fill orders. The large plant of the University Lumber & Shingle company will probably start up on the first of next month, cutting \$10,000 daily. It depends entirely upon the condition of the market at that time, however. If no better than today, the mill will probably be allowed to remain idle still another month.

The Clark & Wilson Lumber company's plant at Linton has closed down for a general overhauling. It will remain idle for about a month.

## \$2,000,000 COST OF 7 STRUCTURES

Business Blocks in Heart of City Nearly All Ready for Occupancy.

## HOUSE BUILDING UNUSUALLY HEAVY

Contractors Say More Residence Erection Than Last Year.

There are now under construction in Portland seven magnificent business blocks, all of which will be ready for occupancy within the next few weeks, and of which the total cost is near the \$2,000,000 mark. The largest and most imposing of these is the Corbett building at Fifth and Morrison streets, which will cost when completed close to \$600,000. This huge structure will probably be turned over to the owner some time in the month of February.

The eight-story building at Fifth and Ankeny streets, which also belongs to the Corbett estate, is practically out of the hands of the contractors and is now the home of Neustadter Bros. It is one of the handsomest structures in the wholesale district and was built at a cost of \$150,000.

At the southwest corner of Eleventh and Stark streets the Holbrook-Lambson hotel is about ready for the interior decorators. The estimated cost of this structure is \$150,000. It is to be fitted up and occupied as a modern, up-to-date family hotel.

Dr. Cornelius' seven-story hotel building at West Park and Alder streets, which was put up at a cost of \$125,000, is to be turned over to the owner February 1.

Across Park street from the Cornelius building stands the nearly completed Medical-Dental office building belonging to Baldwin & Downing. This is to be one of the best-equipped office buildings in Portland and will be ready for the waiting tenants about March 1.

On Ella street, north of Washington, is another building designed as a family hotel which was begun here in the early part of last year.

The Board of Trade and the Commercial club buildings are not so near completion as those named above, but the expectation is that both will be converted into hotels.

The owners of the Board of Trade building will probably go change the plans as to convert it into a hotel.

A greater part of the Commercial club structure will be occupied by the Portland Commercial club. About \$2,000,000 is the estimated cost of these buildings. They represent the greater part of the unfinished heavy construction for the city which has begun here in the early part of last year.

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Inquiry among contractors who make a specialty of residence, develops the fact that there is a larger amount of dwelling house construction in progress in Portland than in former midwinter seasons. Even last winter, when its height, the residence building was not so great as it is now. The whole volume of construction was, however, some larger last winter than it is at this time, due to the fact that half a dozen large business blocks that were under way then have since been completed.

The unusually heavy building operations in progress in the residence districts is due to two causes. First, operations on many buildings were suspended early in November on account of the banks limiting the amount of cash withdrawn by depositors. Scores of house builders discharged their workmen pending the passing of the financial flurry. With the resumption of business by the banks, December 15, hundreds of idle workmen were put to work to finish up these buildings.

In the second place, a large number of people, who purchased building sites in the late summer and early fall, with the intention of building at once, failed to get their houses under way before the bank flurry came on. Now that the banks are again operating under normal conditions, these belated home builders who suffered an enforced suspension of their plans have hastened to get their building projects under way.

Another thing to be considered in explaining the unusual activity in residence building, is the remarkably fine weather which has obtained so far this winter. Carpenters, bricklayers, plasterers, in fact all classes of building mechanics have been able to go right on with their work. While it has rained more than usual the weather has been at no time cold enough to interfere with the work.

Probably more than anything else that has influenced the building of residences, is the desire to hasten the possession of hundreds of Portlanders to own a home.

## HITS MAN OVER HEAD FOR QUITTING JOB

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Salem, Or., Jan. 4.—The criminal case that interests the "north end" of Marion county is that of the state vs. George Case, a prominent resident of Bogueville, for assault with a dangerous weapon.

Case is a son of an old pioneer and the alleged crime consists of having struck one David Miller over the head with an iron rod in threshing time, last fall. Miller was one of the crew and quit the job which so angered Case that he struck him. It is alleged, without any further provocation. He will be represented by able counsel and the case will be bitterly contested.

## SALEM CARPENTERS INSTALL OFFICERS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Salem, Or., Jan. 4.—The Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, who have a strong lodge in this city, held their annual installation of officers this evening at Labor Union hall. W. H. Pettit and A. W. Dennis are delegates to the Astoria convention.

Famous Russian Coming.  
(United Press Lined Wire.)  
Liverpool, Jan. 4.—Among the notables sailing for New York on the Carmania today is Professor Paul M. Milukoff, leader of the Constitutional Democrats in the Russian duma. While in America Professor Milukoff will speak on political matters and endeavor to interest the American public in the fight for governmental reform in Russia.

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## GRANTS PASS HAVING MID-WINTER REVIVALS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Grants Pass, Or., Jan. 4.—The usual mid-winter revival meetings have begun in this city, the meetings being conducted by the several churches. The revivals of the past, the churches are this year holding separate meetings. Prominent evangelists and singers are here assisting in the work.

W. W. Jones is conducting the Baptist meetings, Charles W. McConnell has charge of the meetings at the Christian church and Charles Nickel is assisting at the Methodist church. Miss Clara Belle Watson of Tacoma, a talented singer, is soloist at the Methodist church, and also has charge of the choir and chorus. Rev. Hughes is conducting the meetings at the Presbyterian church.



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