

MILLS ARE HIT HARD

Pacific Coast Lumbermen Have Slight Prospects of Marketing Product at Eastern Points—Southern Plants Glut Market.

Advices from the lumber markets of the east and south picture a sorry prospect for the lumber mills of the Pacific northwest. It is said that irrespective of their railroad rate troubles, the lumber mill men have little chance to continue doing business at a profit in the face of a glutted eastern market. Reliable reports are to the effect that the mills of the Southern Pine association have at the present time 12,000,000 feet of side cut stuff on hand, which is enough lumber to supply the middle west for two years' of trade equal to that of 1907.

Small mill owners in Oregon are being advised to shut down immediately for an indefinite period. There are a large number of these mills, not counted in the list of the Pacific Coast Lumber Manufacturing association. They have been cutting heavy timbers for railroad work and other large construction, and these timbers leave on the millmen's hands quantities of side cut lumber, such as 1x4, 1x6, 1x12, 2x4, 2x6 and a few other sizes. These materials are piled up in their yards and there is no demand for them.

Wills E. Potter, whose firm is one of the largest dealers in railroad timbers and heavy materials, has been canvassing the eastern and southern field to learn the exact situation as to the lumber trade and other industrial conditions. He said:

Must Draw on Coast.
"The Pacific northwest ships by necessity to the east and middle west uppers and clear, and large timbers for railroad and other heavy construction. From no other part of the country can these materials be secured. This means that there is a large by-product of smaller stuff.

When a large timber is sawed out of the middle of the log there is a great quantity of ordinary lumber material left. Now the Southern Pine Lumber association reports 12,000,000 feet of side cut stuff on hand, which is sufficient to supply the middle west and southern trade for two years' of business should continue as it was last year, which is not within the range of probabilities.

"This material is selling at southern mills at \$5 to \$10 per 1,000 feet, according to sizes, thereby shutting entirely the consumption of these grades from the Pacific coast. The Nevada mines are closed on account of the action of the railroads and smelters in stopping consumption of lumber. The smelters are shut down pending the decision of a suit against the American Smelter company, in the high supreme court, on the smoke and fuel nuisance question.

"Conditions in the Texas field do not warrant opening up the trade there. Hides and horses are selling at half price, wages are down to \$1.25 and \$1.50 per day, and many men are idle. Railroads are taking off crews and running accommodation trains only once a week instead of daily as heretofore. There is no sale for railroad timbers and ties.

No Prospect of Outlet.
"These facts cut out any possibility, even at present freight rates, of disposing of Oregon and Washington mill output in the eastern markets at a profit over the price of logs and cost of production.

"The demand at San Francisco and bay points has been reduced to such a point that not to a single mill of the coastwise carriers are running between the sound, Gray's Harbor, Portland and San Francisco and Chicago have dropped from \$14 last year to \$3.50 and \$4 at the present time. The materials that are being shipped are being priced at less than 100,000 feet of logs in the Columbia river are costing them \$7 to \$8.50, with towage charges added in most cases to these prices.

Mr. Potter said every little mill in Oregon that has been cutting ties and railroad timbers has from 100,000 to 1,000,000 feet of side cut lumber piled up in the yard, and many are compelled to sacrifice these stocks to raise money for current expenses.

It is said that southern mills are in a condition fully as bad, and that unless the lumber market picks up within the next 30 or 60 days there will be a number of heavy failures in the south.

EVANS TO RESCUE SAILOR JEFFS, MAROON ON ISLAND



The only picture in existence of Frederick Jeffs, the sailor who has been marooned on one of the Gallapagos islands off the coast of Ecuador for six years, was secured by the Hearst-Journal service from his sister who lives in Ohio. Jeffs is the man whom Admiral Evans will rescue, the admiral having been given orders by the navy department to send a boat ashore for Jeffs, the modern Robinson Crusoe. The cut shows Jeffs and alongside a sketch of the location of the islands. Lower down is a photograph of a scene in the islands, a beautiful tropical paradise where white men seldom set foot.

HAD BAD CHECK IN EVERY POCKET

Bogus Paper Distributor Even Wore Suit of Checks
A man who for 24 hours had been indulging in a bogus check orgy was arrested last evening in front of the Colonial hotel, Tenth and Morrison streets, as he sat in an automobile he had hired for the evening.

At the police station the man gave the name of George M. Blackman. When searched his pockets proved to be a veritable mine of bogus checks, drawn for all sorts of sums on various banks in various cities. Big check books and little check books; blank checks and other checks; indorsed and undorsed checks; white checks and colored checks—in fact, checks to suit the fancy and lull the suspicions of all sorts and conditions of people were produced in the wondering gaze of the detectives as one pocket after another was made to disgorge its contents.

Finds Many Dupes.
Blackman began his operations Friday afternoon by banking hours, taking thoughtful advantage of the fact that yesterday was a legal holiday and that any checks passed by him could not be presented at the banks until after 10 o'clock Monday morning.

Just how much of the bogus paper he had succeeded in putting out before he was arrested is not known, but reports of half a dozen or more of the worthless checks already being received at police headquarters.

Friday evening Blackman hired an automobile and at once proceeded to cut a wide swath through the resorts in and out of the city. He paid for his entertainment in checks drawn on the spot, and as he was well dressed, rode in an automobile and had the air of one born to the purple, no one hesitated to accept his orders on his bankers and to give him the change in good hard cash.

Along toward morning, when he grew tired of treading the primrose path, he wroted out the check for \$27 to pay for the automobile and retired to his apartments at the Colonial. The night's work had been a good one and he must snatch a few hours sleep in order to be fit for the proper prosecution of his task during the daylight hours of yesterday.

Bogus Artist Tracked.
How he fared during the day is not wholly known, though it is certain he was not idle. In the meantime the automobile man had become suspicious and when Blackman telephoned him to come to the Colonial with his machine, prepared to make another night of it, he informed the police. Detectives rode in an automobile and had the chauffeur, who was fixing an imaginary break in the machinery.

From partial admissions made to the detectives it appears that Blackman has pursued his calling in Spokane, Seattle, Tacoma, Centralia and other towns in the northwest. The full measure of his operations in this city will not be known for some days, but the police detective express the opinion that the amount of money represented by the checks passed by him here will reach into the hundreds of dollars.

Colonel R. P. Scott, a millionaire inventor who is making a contest for the Republican nomination in congress in the sixteenth Ohio district, announces that he is advertising himself extensively preliminary to becoming a candidate for the seat of Joseph E. Foraker in the United States senate.

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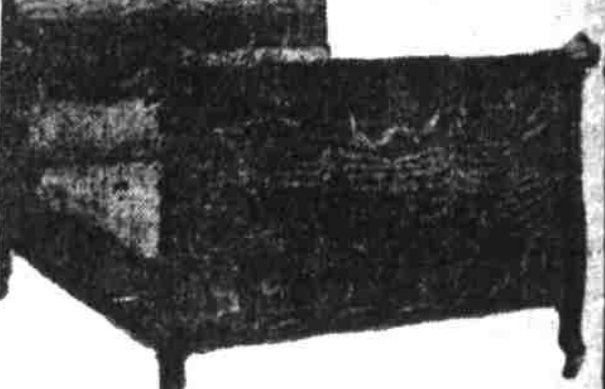


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COAST OPPOSED TO JAPANESE

Professor Benj. Ide Wheeler Says West Wants None of Them.
(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)
Chicago, Feb. 22.—Though Governor Hughes was the chief speaker of the day before 450 members of the Union League club, Benjamin Ide Wheeler took to himself a good share of the limelight at the banquet. The president of the University of California came out of the west with a message, and he delivered it with authority and understanding.

"We have held that salvage of the nation as a barrier against the orient," he said, speaking of Chinese and Japanese immigration, "and we hold it in the interest of humanity for the white race." President Wheeler declared the orientals, especially the Japanese, must be kept out of the coast strip.

"We know what we want," he said "and we are almost unanimous in our views. If you think we do not understand the question of oriental immigration come out and live with us and you will learn we do. If you think the nation does not understand the race question and what it wants we will mix of races, go and live there."

President Wheeler emphasized that the nation must make friends with China. "That is a great nation," he said, "just awakening. But as for Japan, he did not say it definitely, but he let it be understood that the Pacific coast has no use whatever for Japan and doesn't care two straws whether it is a fight or a fight. And he added with significance that instead of the back yard of the nation, the coast strip is now becoming the front yard—the one to be guarded at all hazards.

NEW LANDS AND NEW RAIL LINE

Two Rivers Project and the Hanford-Kennewick Road Rapidly Materializing.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Kennewick, Wash., Feb. 22.—From sources which are claimed to be authentic by local business men, reports are current to the effect that the proposed electric line between Hanford and Kennewick will be under construction within 10 days and completed by April 22.

For months the Hanford Irrigation company has been planning to build into Kennewick from its property on the Two Rivers project, and according to reports that Kennewick and Hanco was made known until yesterday, when Superintendent Burns, who was en route to Kennewick aboard the steamer Mountain Gem, remarked to Superintendent Haynes of the Cascade Construction company that the construction work was being planned and that he would forfeit a bond if it could not be completed within 60 days.

All possible speed is being made on the Two Rivers project, and according to a recent statement from Receiver Will Parry, water will be turned on the land within 40 days. Mr. Parry also remarked that Kennewick and Hanco would be supplied with water and power within two years, or before the date set by the Hanford people for reaching this city.

MODERN FAGIN AT CHICAGO

Two Youthful Pickpockets Caught Snatching Purses From Women.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Chicago, Feb. 22.—Benjamin and Felix Grocki, aged respectively 9 and 12 years, arrested while picking pockets in a down town crowd, tonight confessed they had robbed a number of persons to steal an Italian who trains boys to obey.

The infantile prisoners told their captors the "modern Fagin" was a junk shop in the Ghetto of this west side, where he instructs pupils how to pick pockets, rob sidewalk displays and snatch purses from women.

The boys said they had stolen daily from crowds in front of a State street store, where cub boys are displayed in a window. While women shoppers watched the cubs theurchins slipped through the crowds and stole purses from muffs and coat pockets. After spending part of their booty visiting Nickeldons and buying candy and soda water, the boys took the money to the "Fagin," who rewarded them with comfortable beds and meals.

The man, who was by a confederate and fled before the police arrived at his den.

500 TEACHERS TO SEE SCHOOLS OF EUROPE

Expedition of American Instructors to Return the Visit by Mosely Travelers.

New York, Feb. 22.—An expedition of American public school teachers, 500 strong, will start next autumn for a visit to England, Ireland, Scotland and the continent of Europe for an inspection of the schools and methods of teaching in the European countries.

Announcement that arrangements for the trip already have been completed with the federation in the present movement. He will make all arrangements for the reception of the teachers in Europe.

The inspection will be confined to schools of elementary and secondary grade, to manual training, industrial and trade schools, and to institutions for the training of teachers. Teachers will be selected from those engaged in similar work in the United States.

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CHICAGO PARTY WANTS SALOONS

United Societies Collect Vast Sum to Fight Growing Wave of Prohibition.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Chicago, Feb. 22.—Leopold Neumann, secretary of the United societies, which obtained nearly 200,000 signatures to a petition for Sunday saloons, announced tonight the intention of the society to cooperate with the persons organizing the liquor forces to fight prohibition through the entire country. Neumann says he has the backing of \$100,000,000 representing the investment of Chicago liquor dealers, and says unlimited funds will be forthcoming. He approves the plan of the new "whiskey party" to advertise the vast amounts of money paid by distillers and brewers to the government to derive potent arguments that can be made for noninterference with the sales of saloon men.

Publicity bureaus, national headquarters, national committee and state organizations are a few of the departments suggested by the society. The liquor men here fear the growing prohibition sentiment may reach Chicago and shut up saloons not only on Sundays but on week days. They say the government would not have enough money to support the army and navy without the revenue derived from makers and dealers in alcohol.

BRIDE OF CAUCASUS.

Escorted to Her Wedding With Much Music and Merry-making.
Henry Nevinson, in Harper's Magazine.

The sound of low music is heard along the valley. Here comes the bridal procession itself, a crowd on foot bearing her company. In front walks a merryman cooling out a long wooden skewer in either hand. On one skewer is a loaf of bread transfixed; on the other fragments of cooked meat, cooling in the autumn air. At his side trots a friend with dripping winkskin under his arm—a bagpipe full of mirth.

One foot of the bride is united, only held together by finger and thumb. For every passerby upon the road must drink and each must take his bit of bread and meat from the skewers, that having enjoyed the kindly fruits of the earth, he may wish the bride fertility and go upon his way in pleasant mood. Behind the hospitable food and drink comes music, most lavish of the arts, pouring itself out, as the birds sing, to all who are near enough to hear. Usually fairs, for they are frankly attached to the ring, and form a large article of commerce in all Georgian towns. Over rings and girls and all, the characteristic white gauze veil, trimmed with lace along the edge for the happy, but short of all beauty for widows or for the mother whose baby is dead. So the bride comes, and at her side sits the next prettiest girl of the village, to keep her in countenance and divide the gaze of inconsiderate or too admiring males.

While the ancient ceremony is celebrated inside the church, the music continues, and boys keep up a dancing at the door. Then the procession is reformed, the bridegroom mounts the cart himself beside the bride, the simple house of wood and stone is reached and he carries her over the threshold into the scene of her new life. There she will winnow and dry the maize,

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RID COTTON OF PESTS.

Good Work Accomplished by an Oklahoman's Turkey Drover.
From the North Worth Record

N. C. McElhane, a farmer who lives near this place, has apparently solved the problem of riding his cotton fields of the dreaded boll weevil, and the too, by the simplest and at the same time most profitable process. Mr. McElhane's plan is to keep a drove of turkeys in his cotton field. The bigger the cotton field the bigger the drove of turkeys and the bigger the profits.

"In 1905 I raised 15 turkeys that spent their time on a four-acre tract of land near the house which had been planted to cotton," said Mr. McElhane. "This piece of ground that year made 400 pounds of cotton to the acre more than it had ever made before. Believing that I had planted to cotton, I decided to try them again. In 1906 I raised 75 turkeys and they ran in 12 acres of a field of 29 acres that I had planted to cotton. This was a bad year for boll worms. The 15 acres where the turkeys stayed made a bale to the acre, or a third more than the remainder of the same field, where the turkeys were not allowed to run, showing that the boll worms and other insects had cut down the crop one-third on the land where the turkeys had not run. In the 12 acres where they spent the season I did not see a single sign of boll worms during the season. This was proof enough for me."

"Any man can regulate the drove of turkeys according to the size of his cotton field, but the bigger the drove of turkeys he has the more profit there will be. The black turkey is the best for the farm. They are hardier and better rustlers, while the white ones, fully grown weigh 25 pounds, and if shipped at the right time bring from \$2 to \$3 on the market."

Mr. McElhane states that not only are the boll worms eaten by the turkeys but the fields are kept clean from all other insects, and any practical farmer realizes the tremendous value of such a condition.

CLUBWOMEN PROTEST.
Don't Like Failure of Law Affecting Women Wage Earners.
From the New York Sun.
The clubwomen of Colorado are up in arms. For years there has been a law in Colorado prohibiting women from working in factories and shops more than eight hours a day, or more than 45 hours a week. Recently this law has been declared unconstitutional.

The women of Colorado are reported to have stirred up over it than anything that has happened since they lashed a cartoon showing the supreme court handing this decision to a school-teacher's daughter, while behind her holding her hand looms up a tall, resolute-looking woman, labelled "Woman's club," saying to the court: "This un-American act of yours has done more for the woman wage earner than all the organization and legislation that could have done in years." Another paper reports a clubwoman as saying of the judges who handed down the decision: "Oh, Judge Brandeis, well, you know he always had a spine like jelly—jelly that wouldn't jell."

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