

# LOCAL DEMAND BRISK AS EVER

## Lumber Dealers Will Be Happy When Rail Business Resumes.

### MARKET DEPENDS ON RATE CASE

#### Opinion Prevails Among Manufacturers and Brokers That Prices Will Stiffen Immediately Upon Decision by Interstate Commission.

Local demand for lumber was hardly ever better than at present, yet prices continue low because of poor rail business. All the mills in the city are now running, some in a small way, however. Such is the case especially where dependence is largely placed upon rail shipments.

Lumber manufacturers would have a hard road to travel but for the remarkable building activity in the city and suburbs and a fairly strong foreign demand. During the present month Portland will export in the neighborhood of 20,000,000 feet which will relieve the situation materially. Columbia river mills are doing fairly well, but in those located directly on the river, but a large number of mills up country are still idle with good prospects of remaining so until rail business shows a marked improvement.

It is generally understood among manufacturers that the market will be a change toward stiffer prices as soon as the interstate commerce commission renders its decision in the eastern rate case, no matter whether it is rendered in favor of the higher rate or for a restoration of the old, because it will furnish a basis upon which business might be transacted. The market now stands the uncertainty is proving the greatest detriment to business.

Shish and other manufacturers report a good local demand for mill work, so much so that they do not mind much the lack of heavy outside orders. Prices are being held, however, as a result of sharp competition in the local field.

Shingles are weak, the market being much in the same condition as the lumber market.

# CONFERENCE OF EVANGELICALS

## Dallas College Finances and Church Union, Problems Pending.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Dallas, Or., April 4.—The ministers and lay members of the Oregon conference of the United Evangelical church are in annual session here. Bishop H. B. Hartler, D. D. of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, is presiding. Nearly all the ministers of the church in Oregon are present with their lay delegations.

The missionary society, at a meeting Thursday afternoon, elected over \$400 for the foreign work in Hunan, China. The collections of home missionary society are reported to be in excess of last year's.

Rev. G. L. Lovell of Florence, Oregon, was elected delegate and Rev. H. L. Pratt alternate to the board of missions, which will meet at Philadelphia in August.

The annual sermon before the missionary society was preached by Bishop Hartler.

At the opening of the conference session, Rev. H. A. Deck of Salem and Rev. A. A. Winter of Portland were elected secretaries. After the presiding elders submitted their reports the various committees were appointed, and these have been at work in earnest.

A very enjoyable event was the reception of the fraternal delegate from the Evangelical association, Rev. A. A. Goode of Monmouth. His address and the hearty greetings he brought were warmly received. Bishop Hartler responded in a very touching and happy manner.

Rev. S. E. Launer of Independence preached the annual temperance sermon. Besides the appointing of pastors to the fields for the coming year, which is always a matter of great interest, there are many questions of importance to be dealt with. Among these are the matter of a financial agent for Dallas college and questions leading toward organic union with the Evangelical association.

**Second Day's Proceedings.**  
On the second day of the conference, Rev. E. B. Young of Dallas led the devotional service.

Rev. Otto F. Goettel of Le Mars, Iowa, was granted license to preach and was received into the Oregon conference. Bishop Hartler presented greetings from the Kansas, Northwestern and Illinois conferences.

Six charges and an appropriation of \$1,800 were transferred from the jurisdiction of the Northwestern conference to the Oregon conference.

The next annual session will be held at Portland First church, April 1-5, 1931.

Rev. M. J. Ballantyne was reelected presiding elder for four years and stationed on Portland district. Presiding Elder E. L. Pratt was stationed on the Dallas district.

Chester P. Gates of St. Johns and Charles A. Burreis of Sodusville were voted elders' orders.

The Evangelical association is to have a representative on the executive committee of the board of trustees of Dallas college and a member of the visiting committee.

It was decided that the camp meeting and Bible conference of the United Evangelical church be held with the meetings of the Evangelical association on their grounds.

After the reports of standing committees the church extension society held a meeting.

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