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Local Demand Remains Active but Rail Business Is Poor.

FOREIGN BUYERS AGAIN IN FIELD

Mills in Vicinity of Portland Manage to Continue Operations but Hope for Improvement in Conditions at Early Date.

The demand for lumber, locally, continues brisk although for the past several weeks a large number of building projects have been completed. The general condition of the market, taking into consideration the poor rail business, has been such that those having desirable vacant property have felt induced by low lumber prices to make improvements. Thereafter there has not been much of a letup in the building activity.

Foreign business is taking a new spurt, several million feet having been disposed of during the past few days for shipment in the near future. Orders are being filled by mills having water transportation facilities, but the business reflects the entire situation and tends to keep the mills in operation.

Reports from various parts of the Pacific northwest indicate that all lines of industry are in better shape than lumber and it is therefore believed that a settlement of the freight controversy by the interstate commission will have a tendency to improve matters. Under existing conditions yards in the east, in California and Utah, are buying out from hand to mouth.

The demand for shingles remains fairly brisk and prices are showing an ordinary trade. Millwork is in good demand.

BREEDER'S SALE

Portland Becoming a Distributing Center for Livestock.
The great annual breeders' sale of fine horses and pure bred cattle will be held in Portland April 28, 29 and 30 and May 1. This is the sixth sale in the series. From a small beginning this sale has grown to be the market of the year, where buyer and seller meet. Portland's sale has now the rank in its field as the greatest winter in New York, the blue ribbon sale at Cleveland, the down state sale at Boston and the coming pack sale at Chicago. Portland as a distributing center for livestock has come to the front. There is no better horse market in the west and the coming packing plants have stimulated interest in pure-bred stock of all kinds.

This year, under the hammer, Colonel R. L. Harriman, the great blue grass auctioneer, assisted by William Higgins, bottom sale a horse man in this line, will come to Portland especially for this occasion and do the vocal work. The horses will appear during the first three days of the sale at the Lewis & Clark fair grounds and that beautiful place will be the scene of constant activity during the sale. The show feature will be a continuous performance from nine in the morning till sunset. There will be horses of all kinds, the satin skinned show horse, the ready-for-use driver, the saddle and 20 registered stallions and 50 registered brood mares, standard bred and Morgan. There never was better quality offered in the west. Palo Alto, in its palmy days, could not show the average royal breeding of the sale list. Then there are racers all ready for the ball. No less a name than Kalko Knack, a two-minute Hal pacer and many others of that ilk are in the entry list. The Badley's consignment is already on the grounds. The Broker lot, from North Yakima, has arrived, and the great Brook's consignment, 100 strong, are here. In previous years, buyers have come to this sale from British Columbia and every western state and it is thought that this season the attendance will be better than ever. As these sales are an important factor in the development work of this state and tend to the great end of making Portland the distributing center of the west, it is expected that Portland people will show their interest by their presence at the Lewis & Clark fair grounds Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and take a look Friday at the great Shortland and Hereford offering at the Union stockyards.

WILL TURN CLATSOP CLAY INTO WEALTH

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Astoria, Or., April 25.—Satisfied with the demonstrations resulting from the exhaustive experiments made by Lew Ogan with the clays to be found in this region, the Astoria capitalists have organized the Astoria Clay Products company, with a capital stock of \$15,000. For the purpose of manufacturing all kinds of brick, terra cotta, pottery, drain tile and other clay products. Temporary directors were selected so that the company can proceed with the preliminary work of laying out the ground plans for the plant. The directors appointed are Lew Ogan, Norris Staples, Dr. W. S. Logan and C. R. Higgins. Officers of the company will be named from the directorate. All the machinery necessary for operation will be ordered at once and as soon as it arrives will be installed and the manufacture of building brick commenced.

Why Not?
If women must wash toilet hats to keep up with the modes, why don't they do the limit and have them trimmed with tans?
—From The Chicago News.

MILLMAN OBJECTS TO LUMBER RATE

Can't Stand \$1 Per Thousand for Seven-Mile Haul—Other Complaints.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Salmon, Or., April 25.—A complaint has been received by the railroad commission relative to lumber rates charged by the Oregon & Southern railroad. Elmer Doolittle, who is managing a lumber mill on the line of the Oregon & Southern seven miles from Cottage Grove, complains that the rates are so high that they prevent him from running his mill at a profit.

It is alleged that the railroad company charges \$1 per 1,000 feet of lumber from the mill to the mill to Cottage Grove, a distance of seven miles. The rate for ties is but 75 cents per 1,000 feet and the difference in the rates makes a profit by making a less charge.

Another complaint was received yesterday from Latham station on the main line of the Southern Pacific one mile below Cottage Grove. The citizens of Latham want that place established as a regular stopping place for trains, or at least as a flag station.

HONORABLE GREAT SPEAKER TO JAPS

"Uncle Joe" Perplexes Journalists by Addressing Them as "Boys."

Washington, April 24.—The 45 Japanese making a tour around the world, who arrived in Washington recently, devoted their time to sightseeing. The opening of the senate was witnessed by the visitors, who represent the financial, scientific and business interests of Japan. When on the house side they were received by Speaker Cannon.

Referring to the circumstance that there were some newspaper men in the party, the speaker selected a Japanese, who he addressed as "boy." The speaker then turned to the Japanese and said: "I mean, the speaker persisted, 'do you newspaper men write things that way at once that haven't happened, one way at all, so that the whole business will be a lie for you to read the next day? Well, me.' The speaker wrinkled his forehead, then a sudden lighting of the countenance of the spokesman for the visitors, who had been given permission to correct for the honorable great gentleman, Japan newspaper men studied news, then wrote, 'me' under the speaker's name, and each reflecting his own expression of polite concern.

"Fardon to me," the speaker said, "I politely inform you that you are not boys—in Japan."

NEW WHARF AT ASTORIA

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Astoria, Or., April 25.—The Astoria Electric company has let a contract to Birch & Jacobsen to construct a wharf at the front of its power plant, 160x160 feet. Work will commence early next week.

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RESPONSIBILITY OF CONTRACTORS

Court Gives Jury Rigid Instructions in Manslaughter Case.

The following paragraphs appear in the charge of the court in the case of a Philadelphia contractor and foreman recently tried for manslaughter, says the Cement Age, the prosecution growing out of the death of two workmen who lost their lives through the collapse of a reinforced concrete building the defendants were erecting in that city.

"If these men did not know enough to be in the concrete business, they should not have been in it. It is the responsibility of the contractor to see that the men he employs are qualified to do the work. If they are not, it is his duty to see that they are trained and supervised properly. The fact that the men were inexperienced does not excuse the contractor. He is responsible for the safety of his workmen and the public. The court instructed the jury that the contractor is liable for the negligence of his employees, and that the jury should find the contractor guilty of manslaughter if they find that the contractor was negligent in the selection and supervision of his workmen.

ODD FELLOWS CHANGE PLAN OF BUILDING

Orient Lodge's New Structure Radical Departure From Usual Style.

Plans for the new Orient Lodge Temple No. 17, I. O. O. F., to be erected at the southeast corner of East Sixth and Alder streets, have been completed by Architect Berndt. They show a radical departure from the architectural style usually employed in buildings of this class. The structure will cover a 50x100-foot lot, and is to be three stories high with a full concrete basement. Its walls are to be of reinforced concrete, and will be given an unusual thickness so that other stories may be added, if found desirable. The two upper stories are to be used for lodge purposes and the lower floor will be arranged for storerooms.

NEW DWELLINGS PLANNED

Francis I. McKenna, who many years ago acquired one of the highest residential lots on Portland heights, has commissioned architects Goodrich & Goodrich to prepare the plans for a handsome modern house to be built on the property. The house will be a two-story structure, 44 by 52 feet, two stories high, and will cost between \$6,000 and \$8,000.

REALTY DEALS AVERAGE \$50,000

Continued Activity in Transfers Shows Portland's Prosperous Condition.

An average of \$50,000 a day is the record of building permits issued during the week ending last night. This fact probably does not impress the average lay mind as of much consequence, but to those who have observed from day to day the volume of new building in Portland, and who have seen the building permits increase from \$10,000 a day in January to \$50,000 a day in April, while the new construction in other Pacific coast cities is scarcely holding its own, it is a satisfactory indication of the city's prosperity. The largest single item was for a two-story frame parlor-house for St. Andrew's parish, to be erected on Alder Street, between Alberta and Wygant streets, and to cost \$10,000. Among the other items was a two-story frame apartment house, C. Cameron to be built on Hancock street, between East Twenty-third and East Twenty-fourth streets, probably cost \$4,500.

MAKE STAKES OF CONCRETE

Still Further Uses Found for Wonderful Building Material.

Concrete stakes for marking lot corners is the latest addition to the interminable number of uses that is being found for cement. Heretofore every new application of concrete has been of primary interest to the building world, but at last a use for this valuable agent has been discovered which directly concerns the real estate owner and broker. One of the most troublesome things connected with laying out a new town-site or addition, has up till now, been to find some kind of a stake that would last a reasonable length of time. Fine and oak stakes have been found to be of too temporary a nature for this purpose, while even the solid stakes of iron, or the galvanized or common pipe soon succumb to the corrosive forces to which they are subjected. The stone corner is probably the next best, for if of good composition it lasts for many years. But they are not always handy or easy to obtain, are hard to shape, and lack, as do the other markers, a practical means of identifying the man who is responsible for their setting. The concrete monument offers a marker which can be easily constructed to suit the individual ideas of different men, and if properly made, it is good for ages. It is well as being more difficult to pile than in stone. The cost of markers of the type described is said to be 30 cents.

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