

BOUND TO IMPROVE, REVIVAL CERTAIN, SAYS C. S. KEITH

Revival of the lumber industry and consequent new prosperity for the Northwest is practically assured for the season of 1922, in the opinion of Charles S. Keith, president of the Central Coal & Coke Company of Kansas City.

Keith recently purchased the controlling interest of stock in the vast Eccles timber tract in Columbia, Clatsop, Tillamook and Washington counties, and is actively planning a development program for his timber district because of the promise of good business.

The optimistic statement of this new figure in the lumber industry of the Northwest was made at a recent meeting of members of the West Coast Lumbermen's association. Keith's statement is now being discussed by all lumber operators.

YARDS ARE SHORT

"Retail lumber yards of the United States are short 4,500,000,000 feet of lumber, compared with their normal stock," said Keith. "This would average a shortage in each retail yard throughout the country of 150,000 feet."

"Replenishment of the stock of these retail lumbermen to a normal total would absorb about 70 per cent of the mill holdings in the United States."

"Retail yards have not been buying for three reasons:

"First—They could not collect their accounts;
"Second—The banks could not extend them credit;
"Third—Prices have been falling.
"Now, however, conversion of the wheat crop into money is relieving collection of accounts and extension of credit conditions. I think it is a fact that now lumber is staple. Prices are not receding. I think retail yards are going to replenish their stocks within the next five or seven months.
FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT
"We are at the turn in the lumber industry."

"We rarely get an order today that is not followed within 24 hours by a wire urging us to ship immediately. This simply confirms conditions of yards as reported by salesmen of various companies. I think we will soon see a better volume of lumber business at better prices; and that 1922 will be a prosperous year for the lumber industry."

Keith is considered by other lumbermen to be one of the best analysts, insofar as the lumber industry is concerned, in this country.

Old Time Giants to Play Game for Matty

New York, Sept. 7.—(I. N. S.)—Members of the old-time Giants will play a game of limited innings and the Giants and Braves will hook up in an exhibition on September 30 in a testimonial game for Christy Mathewson, who is still fighting for his life against tuberculosis at Saranac Lake, N. Y. Such players as McGraw, Dahler, Rusie, Gilbert, Bowman, Donlin and Bresnahan are being counted on for the Veterans' lineup.

ALLEGED SALE OF POSTOFFICE JOBS TOPIC OF INQUIRY

Washington, Sept. 7.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—Senator McKellar of Tennessee is asking for an investigation of the alleged sale of appointments for rural carriers and other small postoffice appointments in that state by the Republican state machine.

He read letters showing that a friend of the national committeeman, John W. Overall, wrote letters saying that he had suggested to Overall that it "would be nice for his friends for him to be in Washington looking after us fellows he had indorsed and was going to indorse, and I suggest we should chip in and pay his expenses," adding that "it will be good money spent, and if you feel able to kick in, say \$10, do so."

Theruppon Dudley J. Shivers, chairman of a county committee, who received a letter like this, "kicked in," and along with the contribution asked Overall about the appointment of a rural carrier for the Cheap Hill (Tenn.) postoffice. Overall replied with thanks and said, according to the letter read by McKellar, that whenever the Cheap Hill appointment was referred to him he would appoint "any one of the eligibles that you may desire."

It should be explained that Tennessee has several congressional districts represented by Republicans and several others by Democrats. Under the new postoffice "examination rules," the Republican congressmen make the selections within their districts, but in the Democratic districts the national committeeman is the "referee." That is where Overall comes in, Cheap Hill, it appears, being in a Democratic congressional district.

REFORM IS ATTACKED

"This sort of thing is made possible by the 'reform' in the civil service examination for postoffice appointments inaugurated by Postmaster General Hays. Under Wilson the appointment of the man highest in the examination was required, unless some glaring reason for rejection appeared that was not disclosed by the examination. Under the new administration the congressmen or national committeeman makes a political choice, as an invariable rule, among the three highest eligibles."

Another peculiar thing developed out of the Tennessee revelations. The Republican national committee has been sending out letters appealing for contributions to make up the deficit in the national campaign funds. Some of these letters went into Tennessee, and one C. B. Quinn, an applicant for the Memphis postoffice, helped in the collection.

DONATION RETURNED

An express messenger named Bond Harmon, who wanted to be prohibition enforcement officer, gave \$10 for the party's good, but this was later returned by Quinn. McKellar read a letter from Quinn to Harmon saying: "I am returning the \$10 you gave me for the deficit I collected for the national committee and which you so kindly gave me. I cannot support you, for reasons best known to us both."

The inference drawn by McKellar was that federal offices are being made the

subject of barter, in one case the national committeeman accepting \$10 for helping out on his expenses in Washington, and promising in the same letter to make the appointment desired, while in the other case \$10 collected for the campaign "deficit" was returned, with the explanation that an office could not be delivered.

Oregon's Tungsten All Near Joseph; Manganese Scarce

Washington, Sept. 7.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—Descriptive bulletins have been issued by the geological survey dealing with tungsten deposits in the United States and manganese in the Pacific Northwest, Montana and Idaho. The only tungsten deposit known in Oregon, it is stated, is in rugged country 18 miles south of Joseph, and was discovered by Esper S. Larsen of the geological survey.

No large marketable bodies of manganese have been found in Oregon, it is said, but in the event of war the state may be the source of considerable high grade concentrate. The total production so far has been less than 1000 tons, half of which came from Pleasant valley, Baker county, in 1917, and most of the remainder from the Lake Creek district in Jackson county in 1918.

COMPANY SUES EMPLOYEE

A. C. Petri, who was employed by the Henry D. Davis Lumber company to handle the company's lumber in Chicago, damaged the company to the extent of \$10,000 by not properly performing his work, it is alleged in a complaint filed in circuit court.



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