

LOYAL LEGION IS OPTIMISTIC

Better Future for Lumber Industry Predicted at Annual Conventions

COLEMAN MAKES REPORT

Industry Gradually Beating Back Toward Condition Of Normalcy

Courageous facing of present difficulties arising from the depressed conditions in the lumber industry, and optimistic determination in regard to the future have characterized the utterances of both employe and employe delegates to the third annual district convention of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen which took place in the first half of August in the lumber producing

centers of the northwest, ranging from Eugene, Or., to Sandpoint, Ida. All of the 12 4-L districts have now met except districts 4, 7 and 8, covering the Puget Sound region, which have postponed their convention until September 10 because of authentic reports of a number of sound logging camps now closed being slated to resume operations September 1. All conventions have been presided over by 4-L President Norman F. Coleman, assisted by Executive Secretary W. C. Ruegnitz, both of Portland. President Coleman's reports have dealt with market conditions and trend with the status of the organization. He has outlined the state of depression which still prevails in the lumber industry, but has shown that there are distinct signs that recovery has already started although it promises to be slow, and will probably reach no level of comfort for employe or operator until next year. Some Withdrawals Reported Severe wage competition from other localities has compelled some 4-L operators to withdraw said Mr. Coleman, and the shutting down of plants, throwing men out of work has reduced the 4-L membership to some extent, but many of the plants that were able to run have increased their 4-L membership, a number being now 100 per cent. He added that there is a stronger feeling of confidence and understanding now

among 4-L members than has even prevailed in the past. Lumber Gain Promised Comments upon the current demand for lumber made by the employe delegates at the conventions agreed that lumber is holding its own with the future promising steady gain. For example, at the Portland convention A. B. Hammond, of San Francisco, head of the big Hammond districts in California, Astoria, and Mill City, Or., and Montana said that the outlook at the present time is Los Angeles and southern California, where building is active, causing a consumption of lumber equal to the total quantity now being exported from the Pacific coast. Hope Expressed At the Raymond convention, Ralph H. Burnside, president of the Willapa Lumber company and an ex-president of the West Coast Lumbermen's association, spoke hopefully of the future, giving as his reasons for doing so the prospects of favorable railroad rate adjustment to the middle west, the increasing opening up of the Atlantic coast market to coast lumber made possible by the Panama canal, and most important of all, the inevitable settlement of European problems in the not distant future which will restore much of that important trade to this country. Both speakers counseled the utmost caution and prudence on the part of both employe and employer, in view of the ungodly uncertainty of the immediate future. Americanization Favored At the Hoquiam meeting, ringing resolutions were passed call-

BLIND SCHOOL TO OPEN SOON

New Year Will Start With 54 Students, Says Superintendent Howard

FACULTY MEMBERS STAY

Modern System of Reading Is Taught at State Institution

Instead of the blind reading by embossed or raised letters, as the average individual believes, that system was abandoned long ago, according to J. W. Howard, superintendent of the Oregon State School for the Blind. Those in the state institution read by an entirely different system, known as the revised Braille, in which small dots, differently arranged indicate the letters of the alphabet. Dot Means Much For instance, one dot indicates the letter A. Two dots in one column and one dot in another, stand for the letter B, while a different arrangement of the three dots mean the letter C. In all, six dots are used, arranged in two parallel columns, and by this system, books for the blind are printed, and are read much faster than the old system of years ago when embossed letters were used in printing books for the blind. Mr. Howard, who has been superintendent of the school for the past two years, says that the institution will probably have 54 students this year, compared with 47 last year. This increase, he attributes to the fine work being done in many sections by county nurses, and also to the fact that many who have blind children now have a better understanding of the advantages of attending the state school. Books in Two Sizes Books for the blind are printed in two sizes, 9x12 inches for the primary grade, and 12x12 1-2 inches for all others. Those for the higher grades have an abbreviated system in which the dots

are arranged to mean words or phrases. Mr. Howard says that during the summer a number of improvements have been made in the building and grounds, one being the installation of a large sign at the entrance, which is also well lighted at night. All wood work of the interior has been varnished and all floors tiled and varnished in the main building. A new roof has been put on the annex and the grounds containing seven acres put in good condition for the opening of school next month. One New Teacher With the exception of one teacher, the faculty for this coming school year will be the same as last year. The new teacher is Mrs. A. W. Kelley, formerly of Vancouver, Wash. blind school. She will have charge of primary work. Other teachers for the institution are as follows: Miss Sarah Potter, formerly of Lexington, O. She will have charge of advanced work and will begin her third year. Miss Alta Lux, formerly of Topeka, Kans., will teach in the intermediate grade, and also industrial work including typewriting. She will begin her second year. Miss Rose Hirsch, formerly of Minneapolis, will have charge of all music. She will begin her third year. Piano Tuning Pays William F. Holbrook, who has been with the school for four years, will have charge of industrial work, piano tuning and broom making. "Where a man has the musical sense, we find that the most remunerative occupation for the blind is in piano tuning," Mr. Howard said. "After that, broom making pays fairly well and also caning chairs and making hammocks. For the women who are blind, hammock making is an occupation, and also caning chairs and making rugs." Some Partially See One-third of the pupils at the blind school have a slight sense of seeing, Mr. Howard said, but they are not permitted to attempt to use their eyes in learning to read. Mr. Howard, who has been superintendent of the school for the past two years was formerly principal of the Michigan school for the blind for six years.

New Homes Completed In and Near Keizer

Progress of a high order is being shown by the farmers in the neighborhood of the Keizer school, northwest of Salem, and in adjacent communities. Frank Holoden has just completed, and is about ready to move into, a fine modern home of six rooms and full basement, with all modern conveniences. In a neighboring district, east of Clear Lake church, Mrs. Oscar Bair has completed a fine new home. The farmers in that vicinity are still hoping that the Portland Railway, Light & Power company will, in the near future put electric lights into that territory. All the farmers want them and several houses are wired for the lights. PRATUM PERSONALS PRATUM, Or., Aug. 27.—Members of the Methodist church with their pastor, Rev. S. S. Baumgartner, were working

hard yesterday taking down the old horse shed which has served for many years but has to give way for a modern automobile shed with graveled approach. The church will also be painted and the whole property beautified for the approaching conference which will be held the first part of October. Last night 53 members and friends of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday school met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Eisenbach for a farewell party. A very enjoyable evening was spent. At a late

hour lunch was served followed by a watermelon feed. Mr. Eisenbach and his family will leave for California in the near future. If a young woman changes her name by marriage between the time she registers and election day she does not lose her vote. That has been decided. They need not worry longer, but can go ahead with their weddings. Bless their dear hearts. —The Statesman Classified Ad.



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