LUMBER MARKET IS WEAKENING

Excessive Cost of Building Material Causes Let-Down in Building

A general weakening of lumber market conditions is likely to prove serious to Oregon lumber workers, according to Walter Spaulding of Salem. The Spaulding mills are working steadily, two shifts a day, and the management sees a probability of continuing to run at this rate. The Newberg mill is running one shift, and the two mills make about 50 cars of logs a day from their Grand Ronde camps. The total number of employes runs high into the hundreds of men.

The excessive cost of building labor is given as the cause of the let-down in eastern building. Lumber is now up to about 67 per cent of the peak price during and just after the war when everything was on the boom. But back east, some of the special building trades have demanded prices that neither the public nor the individual can pay. Plasterers up to $20 or $30 a day, and some other specialized departments that are not far behind, have practically destroyed the heretofore riotous building enthusiasm.

It has been reported that in New York $100,000,000 of known building contracts have been annulled, and in Chicago $75,000,000 worth, because of the excessive labor costs. It is believed that the actual total of buildings that have been deferred will run into many times those figures.

The eastern pessimism over the building situation may have a blighting effect on the Oregon lumber industry earlier than anyone expected, though most of the mills still running steadily, in hope of a change.

FRUITS

NEW YORK, June 18.—Evaporated apples: Prime state 9½@10c.

Prunes: Steady; California 9¾@14c; Oregon's 5½@10c.

Apricots: Easy choice 15c; extra choice 17c; fancy 19c.

Peaches: Slow; choice 8¾@10c; extra choice 10¼@10½c; fancy 11@11½c.

WHEAT

LIVERPOOL, June 18.—Close wheat July 9s 3¾d; 3/4d lower; October 9s 5d; 1d lower.

HOPS

NEW YORK, June 18.—Hops, quiet; state 1922, 17@18c; 1921, 11@12c; Pacific coast, 1922, 14@17c; 1921, 12@13c.

SEATTLE MARKETS

SEATTLE, Wash., June 18.—

SALEM MARKETS

GRAIN AND HAY

No. 1 wheat	.98
No. 2 red wheat, locked	.97
Chest hay	$18
Oat hay	$20 @ $21
Clover hay, baled	$20

Prices quoted are wholesale and are prices received by farmers. No retail prices are given, except as noted;

DAIRY, BUTTER, BUTTERFAT

Creamery butter	.45 @ .48
Butterfat, delivered	.42
Milk, per cwt	$2.20
Eggs — selects	.29
Standards	.30 @ .31
Pullets	.27

POULTRY

Heavy hens	18 @ 19
Medium	12 @ 13

PORK, MUTTON AND SHEEP

Hogs, top, 150-225 lbs., cwt	$7.25
Hogs, top, 225-275 lbs., cwt	$6.75
Hogs, top, 275-300 lbs., cwt	$5.75
Light sows, cwt	$4.75-$5.25
Sheep, heavy, cwt	3-4
Top veal, dressed	.18
Top steers	.03 @ .05
Cows	.03 @ .04½
Top lambs	10 @ 11½
Heavy lambs	.08

FRUITS

Red Cross, the distinguishing mark of quality fruit. Quoting crated, per lb. .11¾

"Bonded" Brand Sunkist Valencias—Offering:

216's and larger	$5.50
250's and smaller	$5.00

CALIFORNIA GRAPEFRUIT

"Sunkist" 64's, 80's	$3.75

All Citrus fruits in half-case lots, 10c additional.

QUEEN PINEAPPLES

Per crate	$7.00

APPLES

Astrachans	$3.00
Ex. fancy Winesap	$3.50
Jumbo Spitzenbergs	$1.25

NEW BUNCHED VEGETABLES

All priced by the dozen bunches.

Beets, Turnips, Carrots	.80
Radishes, long or round	.40
Parsley	.65
Local Onions	.70

PACKED VEGETABLES

New California Carrots, per sack	$3.50
New California Turnips per sack	$3.50
New California Beets, per sack	$3.50

All Sack Vegetables 2c per lb. higher when dealed in less than sack lots.

New Vegetables

Asparagus, Oregon grown, very fancy per dozen bunches	$2.00
Head lettuce local, iced crates 3 doz.	$2.50
Local, per dozen	.75
Cauliflower, flat crates	$2.50
New celery, per crate	$11.50
Cucumbers, hothouse, per dozen $1,	$1.50
Green beans, per lb.	.20
Spinach, per box	$1.00

Potatoes

New California whites, in sacks, per lb. 6 cents.	
Yakima, netted gems, per cwt	$1.50
Oregon Whites, per cwt	$1.25

Onions

Oregon yellow Danvers per cwt.	$2.50
Red cwt $5.00, yellow per cwt.	$2.50

New Fruits

Strawberries, home grown now fully supplying the market	$2.00
Peaches, early varieties, per box	$2.25
Apricots, 4-basket crate	$2.00
Cantaloupes-Imperial valley, standard crates	$6.50
Pony crates	$4.00
Flat crates	$2.00
Watermelons, crated, per lb	.05½

City delivery: Barley whole, $37; ground and rolled $39; clipped $43; chop, all grain $46; chick starter $61; coconut meal $42; corn $46; corn cracked and feed meal $48; alfalfa hay $20; D. C. $26; timothy $29; D. C. $32; mixed $28; linseed meal $55; scratch food $50; soy bean $53; wheat $47.

FINANCIAL

Day's total sales 996,400.

Twenty industrials averaged 92.64; net loss 2.

High 1923, 105.33; low 92.64.

Twenty railroads averaged 82.14; net loss 1.34.

High 1923, 90.63; low 80.13.

FLAX FOUR FEET HIGH GOING STILL

Whole Crop Will Probably Average Three Feet High This Year

A. E. Bradley, one of the best flax growers in the Salem district, brought to the Statesman office Saturday two samples from his fields.

One of the samples is of flax already four feet high, and it is getting ready to blossom. It will probably grow three or four inches yet. No finer flax was ever seen in any country. The field from which this sample was taken was sown the 27th of March, and it is a representative sample of most of the early flax now growing. It is a great flax year.

The other sample is of "Saginaw" flax, a new variety the seed of which was furnished by the United States department of agriculture. It is three and a half feet high, and the field from which it was taken was sown on April 20.

Mr. Bradley sowed two bushels of seed to the acre in the first named field. Of the Saginaw variety he sowed a bushel to the acre; but he would not recommend so scant a sowing—for several technical reasons.

Mr. Bradley's place is a mile south of Aumsville.

The penitentiary flax plant people are going to have a job on their hands, to store all the flax being grown—though they have the money to pay for it; even though it looks like a $100,000 crop now.

The Bradley samples are in the Statesman business office window.

GOOD RECORD AT READING IS MADE

Pupils Get Stars in Library Cards for Activity During Past Year

The Salem public library issues cards to the pupils in each grade containing the the names of 10 books. When the pupil has read eight of the 10 books he or she is entitled to a star on his library card.

The library has issued a list of those in the fourth, fifth and sixth grade who have stars on their cards for books read this year.

The list is as follows:

ENGLEWOOD SCHOOL—Willa Fleener, Marjorie McDonough, Ruby Newton, Fred Pointer, Ruth Scott, Willna Shelly.

GARFIELD — Mildred Carson, Isobel George, Kenneth Grimes, Hellen Hertzog, Edith Jenks, Valentine Kelly, Joseph King, Kenneth Morris, William Mosher, Marjory Moir, Esther Price, Mabel Putnam, Helen Ralph, Mildred Roberts, Ruth Roblin, Fern Shelton, Maxine Sun, Forrest Wilcox, Norman Winslow, Evelyn Young.

GRANT—Edgar King.

LINCOLN — Anna Aebersald, Asahel Bush, Kathryn Cook, Maxine Donaldson, Russel Gardner, Donald Goodnough, Cecilia Howard, Wallace Hug, Dorris Kemp, Claude Martin, Frances Martin, Emel Oyen, Frank Pemberton, Rex Rhoten, Virginia Sisson, Pauliam Trindle, Paul Tyler, Delbert Vieske, Maxine Ulrich, Janet Walker, Dorothy White.

YEW PARK—Fritz Anemann, Florence Anderson, Emma Blixseth, Helenita Cameson, Allean Cory, Margaret Crum, Opal Gesner, Velma Hunt, Elmer Lenon, Mary McElroy, Ruth Macy, Doratha Manning, Leadoice Marlels, Granville Perkin, Nadine White, Addeline Wilson, Clarence Woolery.

William Mosher has read all the books on the fourth, fifth and sixth grade best book lists.

DOORS CLOSE

NEW YORK, June 18.—American relief stations in Russia with headquarters at Moscow closed their doors it was announced at administration offices here. These stations distributed 1,200,000 food and clothing packages valued at $12,400,000.

DECIDED FALL IN WHEAT MART

New Crop and Better Weather Have Bearish Effect on Grain Prices

CHICAGO, June 18.—Largely as a result of new crop hedging sales and because of better weather in the harvest district southwest, the wheat market underwent a decided fall in price today. Both the September delivery and December touched a new low price record for the season. Closing quotations were unsettled, 1 3-4 to 3 3-8 cents net lower with July 107 to 107 1-8 and September 106 3-8 to 106 1-2. Corn lost 1-4 @ 3-8 to 1-2 @ 5-8 cents, ats 1-8 to 1-4 to1 and provisions 10 to 15 cents.

With a likelihood that the winter wheat harvest will become general within a few days and with a good sized movement of new wheat apparently at hand, the wheat market was from the subject of increased selling pressure and there was a notable dearth of support from buyers. Lower quotations at Liverpool indicating lack of any vigorous European demand led to further weakness in the market here, notwithstanding continued receipt of crop damgae reports from Kansas and despite announcement of 1,500,000 bushels decreased United States visible supply. Bulls failed als to ge any advantage from reports of dry weather in North Dakota.

Although the wheat market at today's lowest price level showed in some cases 20 cents decline from the season's high point, little power to rally developed. Bears contended that severe crop damage in Kansas was restricted to low lands. It also asserted that dry weather had thus far been without serious effect on spring wheat, and might remain so for two weeks yet.

In the provision market effect of higher quotations on hogs was more than counterbalanced by declines in the value of grain.

Cubs Win Pennant By Defeating Alligators

The Cubs are the indisputable champions of the Junior Twilight league, by virtue of their victory over the Alligators at Oxford park, yesterday. The Alligators started in with two runs, and held the lead through the second inning, then the Cubs tied the score in the third, and in the fourth they piled up four runs to the good. The Alligators could put nothing more across, and the Cubs finished the five inning game with the score 6 to 2. The two teams had come through their respective divisions as class winners, and were expected to play a series of best two out of three for the final championship. But because most of the boys had to go to work in the fruit fields and canneries, they agreed to let the one game decide the championship, the Cubs winning the pennant.

Molalla Legioners Will Stage Two-Day Roundup

With no particulad celebration in the city, it is expected that a great many Salemites will plan on attending the big two-day Round-up to be held under the auspices of the Molalla post, American legion, July 3 and 4.

All the familiar, yet untiring features of the roundup will be staged, including roping, bulldogging, pony races, relay races, wild horse race, squaw races, buck races, war bonnet races and ending with a regular old war-dance.

Cow boys and cow girls will vie in competition for honors in bucking contests, while the cry of "stay with 'em cowboy" will be heard from all sides.

Indians from the Warm Springs resedvation will be present, lending a true flavor of the "old west."

All contests are open for competition. Baseball games will be staged each morning, with a big patriotic program the morning of July 4. Dancing will be in order both afternoon and evening. Music for the occasion will be furnished by the Molalla band, an organization of 30 pieces.

The round-up this year is under the management of Evedett Wilson.

SAVING HIS HIDE

Hiking through the small French town an ignorant chicken, unversed in the appetites of American darkies, crossed the road in front of a colored detachment. With much zeal a soldier broke forth from the ranks and set out in pursuit.

"Halt!" bellowed the officer in charge. Both fowl and negro only accelerated their paces.

"Halt! Halt!" repeated the officer.

The dusky doughboy made one plunge, grasped the chicken by the neck and stuffed it, still struggling inside his shirt.

"Here!" he panted. "Ah'll learn you to halt when de captain says halt, yo' dis'bedient bird."

FAST GROWTH MADE BY GLOVE COMPANY

Chamber of Commerce Issues Bulletin Series on Local Industries

Four years ago, with five employes and a total daily payroll of $12, the Gleason Grove company, 1455 Oak street, was opened for business. Today the factory employs 34 people and has a daily payroll of more than $125, according to the weekly bulletin issued by the Chamber of Commerce, which was distributed at the lunhceon Monday. The article is the first of a series devoted to infant Salem industries.

When the Gleason Glove company first started its market was the Willamette valley, only, but at present it has increased this until it makes shipments to all the leading cities from Seattle to San Francisco, also shipping to Utah, Idaho and Nevada. The business has increased until it is able to keep four salesmen on the road and is booked for orders months in the future.

This firm is the only company on the Oregon coast manufacturing canvas gloves exclusively, with a daily output of more than 2700 pairs of gloves. Twenty-two machines are now in operation instead of the five with which it started.

Salem's possibilities for an industrial city is firmly fixed in the mind of L. W. Gleason, manager of the plant.

Counter Complaint Filed By Mrs. Anna Shaveland

During the month of January, this year, when the nights were quite cold, her husband pushed her out of bed, Anna S. Shaveland declares in an answer and cross-complaint filed against J. E. Shaveland.

The defendant also alleges that she has been treated in a cruel and inhuman manner; that she has been the object of swear words and also been refused money with which to pudchase clothing. Not only is the plaintiff an able-bodied and lazy man, she declares, but he insists that she help contribute to the support of both and does not allow her any of the money he makes.

About two years ago, she further alleges, she purchased property valued at $2000, paying half of the amount. Shaveland procured the deed against her will, but promised to pay the other half. He has not done so, she complains, and she has had to meet the other payments to avoid foreclosure.

Inasmuch as the plaintiff has refused to live with her for the past few months, Mrs. Shaveland declares that she should be the one to receive the decree. She also asks title to all the property.

Harry Gordon Outboxes Tremaine of Cleveland

POLO GROUNDS, New York, June 18.—Harry Gordon, Philadelphia bantamweight, out-boxed Carl Tremaine of Cleveland, in a 10 round contest in the Polo Grounds tonight and received the Judge's decision.

Vast sections of the higher priced seats in the lower grandstand and on the field were unoccupied, but a steady stream of fans filed into the cheaper areas of the upper tier and outlying sections of the lower stands. These were close to the capacity point when the first pair of battlers started milling under a battery of lights that cast a purple glow over the ringside.

Charlie Goodman, Brooklyn featherweight, battled his way to a decision over Mike Bullerino, of the Philippines, in the third preliminary, a six rounder. It was a slugging match all the way. Goodman weighed 121¼ and Ballerino 124½.

Harry Catena, New York flyweight, earned the judge's decision over Joe Donley of Newark, N. J. in the second preliminary, a six round contest.

Presbyterian Women in Session at Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, June 18.—Nearly 1000 delegates and visitors were here today from all parts of the country to attend the annual convention of the Women's General Missionary society of the Presbyterian church. Business sessions will continue until Wednesday and a program of entertainment will round out the week.

Oregon Farmer Drops Dead at Commencement

SEATTLE, Wash., June 18.—W. L. Howell, said to be a wealthy retired farmer of Portland, Ore., and Pomeroy, Wash., dropped dead today at the entrance to Meany hall on the University of Washington's campus, a few minutes before his two daughters who were to graduate today, reached the hall in the commencement procession. Mrs. Howell was with her husband.

Seattle Port Bonds Are Declared to Be Illegal

SEATTLE, Wash., June 18.—Sale by the Port of Seattle of $850,000 bonds to obtain funds for the purchase of the Skinner & Eddy ship yard site here for use as a public terminal was declared illegal by Superior Court Judge Harold B. Gilbert today in a suit brought to test the validity of the issue.

PLENTY OF GAS

"I was driving along a rough country road the other day," said Lloyd George, during an electioneering tour, "and at the foot of a steep hill I saw the signboard, 'Please slacken the reins going up the hill.'

"While reading this it occurred to me that it might be well for people generally to be as kind and considerate in their treatment of their minister as they are of their horses, especially when the load is heavy and the road is steep."

There was a burst of applause from the audience, which appreciated the point of the Premier's illustration, but the inevitable wag was present, and he piped up, "Why not try a flivver, George?"

France Forging Ahead In World-Wide Radio

LONDON, June 19.—The British authorities have been criticized of late for their failure to promote radio communication on a world scale, and with permitting France, Germany and the United States to occupy this field to the exclusion of England.

It is pointed out that France is planning a great station at Pondicherry, India, and that in July she will open a high power station at Buenos Aires. Later in the year two other stations will be ready in South America. These will be in direct communication with the French station at Saint Assise, with Nauen in Germany, and with Long Island, New

From Saint Assisp France by radio will reach India, China and Japan on the east, and North and York.

Thirty-Seven Pupils Not Absent or Tardy

Thirty-seven pupils of the Garfield school were neither absent nor tardy during the year ending June 15. They are:

Dorothy Blaisdell, Esther Price, Myrtle Burke, Vivian Benner, Helen Benner, Delpha Savage, Kenneth Morris, Dorothy Scobee, Ivan Osterman, Cecil Brock, Rose Dickinson, Helen Eby, Lulu Wiederkehr, Eleanor Wright, Stanley Price, Edison Burgess, Helen Ralph, Blanche Reese, Robert Campbell, Melissa Adsitt, Viola Boehmke, Orville Hawk, Gwendolyn Garman, Wesley Heise, Frank Hine, Joseph King, Frank Weber, Junior Conner, Claudio Townsend, Kenneth McLaren, Herbert Townsend, Clara La Valley, Virginia Pugh, Frank Chambers, Vera Steward, Esther Horning.

Communists Awed By Swiss Student Hoax

GENEVA, June 19.—The recent assassination of the Russian diplomat Vorowsky, at Lausanne, had a rather curious aftermath here, not without its humorous aspect.

The day after the murder the communists of Geneva organized a meeting of protest at the Apollo theater. A group of university students had it in mind to break up the meeting by force, when one of their number conceived the idea of playing a practical joke, designed to alleviate the possibility of bloodshed and gain the desired end at the same time.

Just as the communists were about to assemble, the student with the idea telephoned to the theater and asked for the communist leader.

"Chief of police speaking," said the student in a stern nvoice. "I'll give you exactly one hour to finish your meeting. There must be no procession, no communication to the press; otherwise you all go to jail."

An hour later a band of students from a neighboring cafe watched the communists disperse quietly, with no sign of a demonstration.

Postal Clerks May Ask For Increase in Wages

EL PASO, June 19.—Dust stirred by Don Juan Onate on his way to settle Santa Fe more than three centuries ago will be on the heels of delegates here to attend the National Federation of Postoffice Clerks' convention September 3 to 7. Every state in the union will be represented.

Congress may be asked to increase the pay of postoffice clerks if the high cost of living does not go down in the meantime, according to officials of the federation who are here making arrangements for the convention. Other legislation which will come up for endorsement includes:

Credit for one hour for each 45 minutes worked at night.

Double time for Sundays and holidays.

An annual vacation of 30 days.

Although the federation now has seven vice presidents, it is claimed the rapid growth of the organization demands the addition of from four to eight more, and this question will be voted on. Under the present rules the large cities, such as New York and Chicago, are entitled to a maximum of five delegates and as many votes, while a postoffice with half a dozen men may have one delegate and one vote. The larger cities are asking for a different basis of representation.

Ships That Pass at Night Ring Bells Along Shore

VIENNA, June 19.—Austrian inventors have perfected an instrument which automatically and accurately records the passage of any vessel over a given body of water, night or day, to observers who may be located on shore. As an aid in catching smugglers, and a help to coast defence in war time, the invention is regarded as distinctly valuable.

The device consists of a small search light sending a ray no bigger than a pencil across the space to be controlled, and a receiving apparatus at the other end containing a light-sensitive selenium cell. Whenever a passing vessel interrupts the rays of the search light, the selenium cell closes a relay, which starts a bell alarm, or operates a recording device.

The instrument in question was tested recently between two points three and one half miles apart, in the outskirts of Vienna, and the passage of every object, as well as every person, was duly recorded. These tests were made in broad daylight, with a 50 candle power incandescent lamp as the source of light.