PROBLEMS OF THE LUMBER INDUSTRY

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is a serious question, in my mind, if the public interest does not require putting a curb on the destructive forms of competition, especially where the waste of natural resources or stable employment of labor under desirable conditions are involved. And let the curb be applied by the industry itself, through the right of agreement among its members under reasonable and proper safeguards.

In other words, is it not time to substitute for the sweeping condemnation of any and all restraints upon competititon as contrary to public interest, which is now written into the anti-trust laws, a more discriminating discrimination of the kinds of concerted action within an industry which actually promote public interest and national welfare?

Public Umpire Proposed

It should not be difficult to express this principle in law. It would require giving some competent and disinterested umpire authority to determine what forms of industrial cooperation are, or are not, in the interest of the public, considering all phases of public interest or welfare that may be involved. Cooperative efforts to restrain destructive competition and utilize our natural resources sanely, or to promote stable and satisfactory conditions of employment, for example, should be sanctioned if actually found, upon disinterested examination, to be in the interest of the public.

Various ways of embodying this idea in legislation have been suggested. One of them has been to authorize the Federal Trade Commission to review plans proposed by an industry for controlling production or otherwise stabilize its operations by contract between its members, and to approve such plans where found to be sound economically and desirable from the standpoint of public interest. Manufacturers or producers would be protected in making agreements in good faith to carry out a plan approved by the Federal Trade commission. This would enlarge the functions now exercised helpfully by the Federal Trade commission thru Trade Practice Conferences dealing with many phases of trade practice and industrial ethics. It would enable the Commission to go much further in its field of industrial umpire by dealing directly with the more fundamental problems of production and stabilization from which it is now debarred.

Another proposal embodying the same principle has been made in respect to the oil industry. It would authorize the Federal Oil Conservation Board, which has done much constructive work in relation to the conservation of oil and natural gas, to approve plans proposed by the oil industry in logical geographical sections, for controlling production, through agreement between its members, where necessary to conserve these resources from the waste of destructive, competitive production.

In its simplest terms, the plan which I have in mind is one of self-government under a public umpire. Both the initiative and execution of any programs adopted would rest with the industry concerned. Any natural resource industry would be permitted to determine what cooperative action within its ranks is necessary and practicable to keep production in balance with demand, prevent avoidable waste and stabilize employment. It would submit its proposals to a disinterested public agency. That public agency would determine whether the plan as proffered is in the public interest or whether it should be modified in certain respects to be in accord with the public interest. If the plan as approved by the public umpire is deemed workable and beneficial by the industry concerned, it would have authority to put it into effect through its own organization or internal agreements.

Oil Board Helpful

The Federal Oil Conservation Board has performed a very constructive service in studying the problems of oil conservation and making clear to the public the necessity for some form of concerted action to prevent waste of these resources. We are encouraged by the recent announcement of the President that a Timber Conservation Board will shortly be appointed to study, in like fashion, the practical problems of conserving and wisely utilizing the timber resources of the country. Through the medium of these fact-finding and educational agencies, of high public standing, it may be that public opinion will be prepared for a liberalization of the anti-trust laws in order to deal rationally with present-day economic conditions. Hence, I regard it as timely for the business interests of the country, as represented in the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, to develop a workable plan whereby the natural resource industries can meet the public on a common ground of mutual interest and benefit.

American business widely supports the position of the National Chamber of Commerce against the extension of government control over industry, or government regulation of industry, or the further assumption of business functions by the government. But there is a clear distinction between the control of business activities by the government and the principle I have suggested of giving industry greater liberty of action to govern itself. The public will not grant us this liberty without assurance that its own interests will be protected. We must find some practical means of giving the public that assurance. And in my judgment this can best be done by submitting the measures which we believe necessary to some disinterested public agency, demonstrating their benefit to the country, and thereby obtaining public sanction to put them into effect.

Lumbermen Individualistic

The lumbermen of the Northwest have been trained in a school of intense individualism. It is a natural result of the pioneer conditions under which the industry has been developed. But they are rapidly learning the necessity of coperation. They are realizing that many of the complex problems which surround their industry today can be dealt with far more effectively by united action. They are more and more prepared, with the aid of cooperative action, to work out the problems of utilizing the vast forests of the west with the efficiency in manufacture and merchandising demanded of them by modern conditions.

Their industry is not a decadent one. It will go right on fabricating the innumerable things required by civilization out of the timber resources of this region. It will perpetuate these resources through reforestation. It will remain a great employer of labor. It will shoulder the responsibilities of conserving its raw material and making it of the maximum benefit to the people and commerce of the United States. But to do these things effectively, and particularly to restrain th edestructive competition which benefits no one, they need greater freedom of self-government.

LARGE '31 ACREAGE HURTS PRICES
HOGS OFF CENT; EGGS ARE STEADY

Government - Pegging Of Price Aids bit; Corn is Down

CHICAGO, Dec. 20—(AP)—Surprise aspects of the government crop report pointing to large domestic wheat and rye acreage led to record breaking new upsets in grain today. July delivery of wheat and most deliveries of corn collapsed to fresh bottom levels, but old crop deliveries of wheat were upheld by government - sponsored agencies, receipts of all grain at domestic primary centers were considerably larger than a year ago.

Wheat closed unsettled at yesterday's finish to 1 1-8 cents lower. Corn closed 7-8 to 1 5-8 cents down, oats 3-8 to 5-8 cent off.

General Markets

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20—(AP)—Produce exchange, net prices: butter, extras 32; standards 31; prime firsts 30; firsts 28. Eggs: fresh extras 20; fresh medium 16.

Fruits, Vegetables

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20—(AP)—Fruit and vegetables. Fresh fruit—oranges, navels, packed, $3@6.40; jumbo stock, $7.60; grapefruit, Florida, $3.25@4.25; Texas, $4.25@4.75; Arizona, $3.25; limes, 5-doz. carton, $2.50; bananas, 6c lb.

Lemons—California, $5.50@6.75.

Cabbage—local 1@1½c lb.

Cucumbers—hothouse, $1.50@1.95.

Potatoes—Oregon Deschutes, $1.80@1.85; local, $1@1.25; Klamath gems, $1.60@1.75; Yakima, $1@1.50 cental.

Onions—selling price to retailers: Oregon No. 1 grade, 75@90c cental.

Artichokes — California, $1.30@1.60 dozen.

Spinach—local, 75@85c.

Cranberries—eastern $19@19.75 bbl.

Huckleberries—fancy, 12c lb.

Melons—Casabas, 2c lb.

Grapes—Emperor, 6½@7c lb; Malaga, $1.25 crate.

Celery—fancy, 60@75c per dozen.

Peppers—Bell, green, 7@8c lb.

Sweet potatoes—California, 3½@3¾c per lb.; eastern $3 bushel.

Cauliflower—Oregon, 75@$1 crate.

Beans—California, 16@20c lb.

Peas—California, 14@15c.

Garlic—new, 8@10c.

Tomatoes—hothouse, $3@4.50 crate.

Dressed Poultry

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20—(AP)—Poultry lower. Live hens quoted around 3c a pound lower. Buying prices—alive heavy hens over 4½ lbs., 17@18; medium hens 3½ to 4½ lbs., 13@14. Light hens 10c; spring 17@18c; Pekin ducks, 4 lbs., and over 17@18c; turkeys, 29c; geese 14@15c.

Nuts, Hay and Hops

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20—(AP)—Nuts—walnuts, California new No. 1, 27c; Oregon, new 27c; almonds, 14@20c; peanuts, 9½@12½c; pecans, 27@50c; filberts, 16@24c.

Hay—wholesale buying prices, delivered Portland. Eastern Oregon timothy, $22.50@23; do valley, $19@19.50; alfalfa, $18.50@19.00; clover, $16; oat hay, $16; straw, $7@8 ton; selling prices $1 to $2 more.

Hops—firm; 1 cent higher; 1930 crop 16@17c.

Portland Grain

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20—(AP)—Wheat futures:

	Open	High	Low	Close
May	.65	65	'65	65
Dec.	.68	69	68	68

Cash markets: wheat—big Bend bluestem, .73; soft white, western white .66; hard winter, northern spring, western red .63.

Oats: No. 2 38 lb. white 24.50.

Corn: No. 2 E. Y. shipment $0.00.

Millrun: standard 17.50.

Portland Livestock

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20—(AP)—Hogs 50, cattle 10, sheep 15, all direct. Week's totals approximately: hogs 5160, cattle 2425, calves 175, sheep 2090, cars 120.

Hogs: compared week ago, killing classes 50c lower, feeders steady. Bulk light butchers 8.85 to 9.00 with part load each on Monday at 9.15 and 9.25. Strong weights and heavies down to 8.00. Rough packing sows 6.50, smooth 7.00. A few slaughter pigs 8.00 to 8.75. Bulk feeders 9.00 to 9.50.

Cattle: compared week ago, mostly steady with spots in heifer sales strong to a shade higher and steers weak to a shade lower. Good under 1100 pound steers 8.25 to 8.75 with 8.65 top for over 1100 pounds. Medium and lower grades 8.00 down to 6.50. Good heifers in loads 7.25 to 7.50, cows 6.00 to 6.50 with two loads outstanding heifers 7.85 and 7.90. Bulk desirable she-stock 5.25 up. Low cutters and cutters 2.50 to 4.50. Medium to good bulls 4.50 to 5.00, oddhead higher, bulk calves and vealers 10.00 down. A few choice vealers 11.00, offgrades down to 4.50.

Sheep: steady with a week ago. Common to strictly choice lambs 4.00 to 7.00, bulk 6.50 down. Medium to choice yearlings 3.50 to 5.00. Cull to choice ewes 1.00 to 3.00, bulk 1.50 up.

Portland Produce

Poultry—No. 1 turkeys firm at 30c, top price today. Other poultry unchanged.

Salem Markets

Grade B raw 4% milk. delivered in Salem, $2.10 to $2.25 cwt.
Butterfat at farm 28-29c, Salem 30c.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

Price paid to growers by Salem buyers, December 20.

Apples, nancy	.75
Mediums	.50

VEGETABLES

Onions	
U. S. No. 1	.50
U. S. No. 2	.75
Potatoes	
U. S. No. 2	1.25
Squash per pound	.01
Cabbage	.00½
Spinach	.03
Celery, per dz.	.50

Bunched Vegetables

Turnips, per doz. bunches	.35
Beets, per dz. bunches	.30
Carrotts, per dz. bunches	.35
Radishes, per dz. bunches	.35
Green onions, per dz. bunches	.25

FEEDS

Retail Prices, Dec. 20, 1930

Calf meal, 25 lbs.	1.35-1.65
Scratch, ton	35.00 to 41.00
Corn, whole, ton	38.00 to 41.00
Cracked and ground, ton	39.00-42.00
Mill run, ton	23.00
Bran, ton	23.00
Egg mash, cwt.	1.95 to 2.75

EGGS

Buying Prices, Dec. 20, 1930

Extras	.18
Standards	.14
Mediums	.12

POULTRY

Buying Prices, Dec. 20, 1930

Roosters, old	.06
Heavies, hens	.14
Broilers, colored	.13
Med. hens	.09
Light hens	.07
Turkeys, No. 1 toms	.28
Turkeys, No. 1 hens	.26
Turkeys, No. 2s	.20

GRAIN AND HAY

Buying Prices, Dec. 20, 1930

Wheat, western red	.54
Soft white	.57
Barley, ton	21.00 to 23.00
Oats, grey, bu.	.33½
White, bu.	.32
Hay: buying prices—	
Oats and vetch, ton	11.00-12.00
Clover	11.00-12.00
Alfalfa, valley, second cutting	17.50
Eastern Oregon	22.00
Common	15.00

PEPPERMINT

Oil	1.30

HOPS

Top grade	.18

WALNUTS

North Pacific Nut Growers Assn. Prices

Franquettes—	
Fancy	.33

Fresh Fruit, Vegetable Trade Cleans up as Holidays Come

PORTLAND, Dec. 20—(AP)—Prices were quotably unchanged in the wholesale butter and egg markets Butter inquiry was slightly improved. Some egg dealers reported fresh receipts cleaning up rapidly but storage stock sold slowly at buyers' levels.

Country dressed meats were steady excepting hogs which were selling mostly a cent lower although 13 cents was still obtained on top quality.

Fresh fruit and vegetable dealers reported a good clean-up trade based on Christmas demands from retailers. Prices on most all lines were steady. Imperial valley lettuce, plentiful and prime, opened 25 cents lower at $3.25 to $4.00 a crate. Government market news service reported:

Delicious and Spitzenberg apples, wrapped and packed, now comprise the major portion of the packed apple trade. Other varieties are moving slowly, except in the faced and filled packs. Wrapped Jonathans are still in fair supply, but demand is very slow. Romes and Winesaps will not be in demand until January, or later. Export demand, although still moderate, has fallen off from the extreme activity, earlier in the season.

Oregon cauliflower continues to sell at 95c-$1.05 per crate, in carloads, f. o. b. cash track. This represents 35-45c premium over sales of California 'flower. Several large acreages are still unharvested however, most of the fields are practically cleaned, by now.

Large	.27
Standard	.19
Soft shell—	
Fancy	.25
Large	.25
Standard	.19
Mayettes—	
Fancy	.28
Large	.27

(Delivered in 5-pound bags)

Mentz—

Light amber halves	.50
Halves and pieces	.45

PRUNES

30-35	.04
35-40	.03½
40-42	.03¼
42-45	.03¼
45-50	.02½ to .03

MEAT

Buying Prices, Dec. 20, 1930

Lambs, top	.05 to .06
Hogs, 160-200 lbs.	8.50
Hogs, 200 lbs., up	8.00
Steers	5.00 to 6.50
Cows	3.00-4.00
Heifers	5.00-6.00
Dressed veal	.09-.12
Dressed hogs	.11-.13

WOOL

Coarse	.16
Medium	.20

MOHAIR

Old	.20
Kid	.25

CHARIVARI IS FOR 50TH CELEBRANTS

A surprise golden wedding anniversary observance was held for Mr. and Mrs. U. M. Lambert of Independence at the Oak Point schoolhouse Friday evening. First intimation that Mr. and Mrs. Lambert had of the event was the noise and racket accompanying an old-fashioned charivari which 40 relatives and close friends extended them after enticing them to the schoolhouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Lambert were married in Nebraska, December 19, 1880. They came to Oregon 37 years ago, and have spent all the time in Marion and Polk counties, he being engaged in farming during that period.

Nine of the 10 living children were present at the event Friday night, only Mrs. J. A. Blackstone of Bend being absent. Two great grandchildren, several grandchildren and a few close friends attended the occasion.

Children present were: Mrs. J. J. McKibben of Airlie; Roy Lambert, route seven, Salem; Mrs. Curtis Bell, Wren; Mrs. Ray Jones, Gaston; Roger Lambert, Salem, route three; Mrs. John Roth, Salem, route seven; Lowell Lambert, Salem, route four; Esther Lambert of Salem and Martin Lambert at home.

A family of five can be fed for $5.50 weekly, according to an Alabama food council, which lists beef, potatoes and greens on a sample menu.

Radio Programs

Sunday, December 21

KEX—1180 Kc.—Portland

8:00—Organ, NBS.
8:15—Comics.
9:00—Mary, NBS.
10:00—Northwest trio, NBS.
11:00—Four banjos.
11:15—Organ, NBS.
11:30—Oregon Rambler.
12:30—Collegians, NBS.
1:00—Blue Muddlers, NBS.
1:15—Family altar hour.
2:00—Webber's Juvenile orchestra.
2:30—Music a la carte, NBS.
3:00—Song bag.
4:00—Hour on Broadway, NBS.
4:30—Radio Gospel Sunday school.
5:00—Silent.
6:00—Imperial Grand orchestra, NBS.
9:00—Classical concert.
9:30—Els Uhles, violin.
10:00—Lyric trio, NBS.
11:00-12:00—Midnite serenader.

KOIN—940 Kc.—Portland

8:30—DLBS, Come into the garden.
9:00—CBS, Jewish art.
9:30—Morning melodies.
10:00—CBS, Canadian guards' band.
10:30—Paramount theatre organ.
11:00—Sunnyside Congregational church.
12:00—CBS, Philharmonic orchestra.
1:45—Foursquare Gospel lighthouse.
2:30—CBS, French trio.
3:00—Song revue.
3:30—Mother's hour.
4:30—Concert orchestra.
5:00—CBS, World's business.
5:15—Organ.
6:00—CBS, Theatre of the air.
6:30—Silver strains.
7:00—CBS, Poet of the organ.
7:30—Violin recital.
8:00—Christian Science.
9:00—Dreamin' time.
9:30—Concert orchestra.
10:00—DLBC, Val Valento.
11:00-11:30—DLBS, KHJ organ.

KGW—620 Kc.—Portland

8:00—American Legion.
8:30—NBC.
9:45—Oratorio, NBC.
10:00—Benjamin Franklin.
10:30—Neapolitan nights.
11:00—Piano and organ.
12:00—National Youth conference.
1:00—Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, NBC.
2:00—National vespers.
3:00—Catholic hour, NBC.
4:00—Sunday concert, NBC.
4:30—Views of the News.
4:45—Optometric program.
5:00—NBC.
7:30—Jascha Heifetz, violinist, NBC.
8:00—Radio luminaries.
9:45—Book chat.
10:00—Little Symphony hour.
11:00-12:00—Bagdad organ.

KOAC—550 Kc.—Corvallis (Monday)

12:00—Farm program.
12:45—Organ program.
1:30—matinee.
2:00—Music by the masters.
2:30—Homemaker hour.
6:30—Farm program.

VISITORS COME TO RICKEY COMMUNITY

RICKEY, Dec. 20—Dale Magee of Crooked Finger and Rex Nicholson of Scotts Mills were guests at their uncle M. M. Magee, Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Sheridan spent Thursday in Portland.

Mrs. George Hager who has been ill is able to be out again.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Raymond and family spent Saturday in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Brougher attended the homecoming of the Butte lodge I. O. O. F. held at Scotts Mills Saturday night. Mr. Bougher is Grand Chaplin.

Mrs. George Edwards who has been ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clifford Gerner on Fairground Road, is able to be up again. Mrs. Edwards has been in ill health for some time but after the death of her husband was confined to her bed. Mrs. Edwards had intended to spent the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Grace Shearer of Idaho, but was not strong enough to make the trip.

MAKE CHRISTMAS PLANS

FRUITLAND, Dec. 20.—Word has been received from Mrs. Guy Weaver formerly of this community and daughter of Orra Page, that plans are being made for her family to spent Christmas time with their parents. Her husband, Guy Weaver, has been employed with the Southern Pacific at Yaquina, for the past five years. He was a former resident of this community.

Bethel

BETHEL, Dec. 20 —The teacher, Mrs. Weddle and pupils of the Bethel school are presenting their Christmas program Tuesday evening, December 23rd.

A special invitation was extended to the Bethel Community club to hold their December meeting at that time. A delightful time is anticipated.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lunde of Covina, Calif., have been the guests of their niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Lauderback.

Mr. and Mrs. Lunde were former residents of this vicinity. Mrs. Lunde, as Minnie Aschenbrenner grew up in the Bethel district, on the Matton farm. Mr. Lunde was from Fruitland. Mrs. Lauderback and her guests on Monday visited at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Fishwood, and Mrs. Rachel Flesher of Silverton. The latter days of the week the party visited Mrs. Lauderback's sister, Mrs. M. J. Crabtree at McMinnville.

We note a fine improvement on our telephone lines. The work was done by Walter Baker, George Bahnson and Wm. Kunciter.

Mrs. Charles J. Lisle and Mrs. J. R. Carruthers motored to Eugene on Friday to bring Esther Lisle home for the Christmas holidays. Miss Lisle is working for her master's degree in the graduate school of the state university.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Evans and son, Albert of Great Falls, Montana, are to be Christmas holiday guests at the home of their mother, Mrs. Helen Evans.

Simpson Hamrick, Jr., and Paul Hamrick attended the older boys' conference at Albany. They were in an auto accident when Dr. B. Earle Parker's car, in which they were riding, was crowded into the ditch. The car was considerably damaged but fortunately no one was hurt.

Jefferson

JEFFERSON, Dec. 20 — Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wied and Mrs. Laura West of Medford, and Miss Myrtle Myers were Sunday guests of their aunt Mrs. Virginia McKnight at Scio on her seventy-eighth birthday.

Benson Spragg, son of Mrs. Kate Spragg, who has served his four years enlistment in the U. S. Navy, has received his honorable discharge and is engaged in the real estate business at South gate, California.

Lon Davis and Rudolph Lisa, arrived Saturday from Modesto, California, where they are attending school. They are enjoying a three weeks' vacation.

Mrs. Laura West, who has been visiting her sisters in Portland, stopped off in Jefferson, Friday to visit her sisters, Mrs. Fred Wied and Miss Myrtle Myers, before returning to her home at Medford.

TILLIE, THE TOILER — "Modest Mac" — By RUSS WESTOVER

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