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The Lumber Code

There has been much complaint about the lumber code agreed upon by the NRA and lumbermen, which not only regulates hours and wages but limits production by prorating it to avoid the demoralizing surplus piled up under the old hit or miss system of cutthroat competition. Strong protests have been filed because in certain cases, mills have been ordered to curtail production by decrease in hours worked.

It is declared the code should be more flexible to permit exceptions in certain instances. Yet if it was, the lumber industry would soon be back in the dumps and facing ruin as during the past few years. Planned production and marketing control along fair, impartial and arbitrary lines only can spell salvation for the industry.

There has been a dangerous overproduction of lumber the past two months at the rate of 150 percent for new business. This occasioned the mandate for reduction of hours for September, with no exceptions. Special concessions would undermine the code. Compliance should not cause any unemployment as it reduces hours from 40 to 30 a week. Those shipping from inventories can operate the 40 hour maximum in all departments except the sawmill, so as to reduce inventories.

The capacity for production of the coast lumber industry is far greater than consumption, hence the code aim to distribute what business there is as equitably as possible among producers. Where one mill may have a surplus of orders there are scores of others without any at all.

There are 700 Douglas fir sawmills in Oregon and Washington with a yearly capacity of 15 billion board feet. Under the code every one of these mills is entitled to operate and to receive an allocation of production if it so desires. Three hundred and thirty-six mills have asked for production quotas in September. In order to maintain a reasonable balance between supply and demand and get the lumber industry of the country out of its demoralization the national lumber code authority has authorized the Douglas fir division to produce 450 million board feet of lumber in September.

Only by full cooperation under the code can the lumber industry reestablish itself as a permanent source of payrolls and prosperity.

On Relief Work

Multnomah county officials estimate that \$17,704,000 will be needed for relief work during the next 15 months, most of it in Portland, and hence want to impose that much additional taxation on the already over-taxed people of Oregon. Raymond Wilcox, who has been at the head of state relief work the past two years places the amount needed at \$8,000,000.

Both of these estimates are far too high, and far in excess of what has been spent heretofore. Conditions are improving, there are more people working, factories are reopening, lumber mills operating and the destitution not nearly as great as a year ago. The campaigns of the NRA, PWA, and AAA are having their cumulative effects.

Huge relief funds are unnecessary and encourage idleness and loafing. There has been work for everyone in Marion county the past few weeks, but many of the professional unemployed refuse to work, lest they lose their dole. Many were given seed loans and garden plots last spring but were too lazy to plant gardens. Others wouldn't take their products to the county's traveling cannery, figuring the county would supply them canned goods free without the exertion of picking.

If the legislature is summoned in special session to provide relief funds, legislation should be enacted placing relief work with the individual counties, authorizing the counties to issue bonds or receive prorata the proceeds of additional taxation as contributed. Each county would therefore solve its own unemployment problems and not be called upon to finance Portland's jobless. Relief work should not degenerate into a racket to distribute and waste tax revenues.

Correcting a Mistake

Maryland, Minnesota and Colorado are the latest states to join the wet parade by overwhelming majorities, making 29 states to vote for repeal of prohibition and none yet to vote for its retention. Only seven states are needed to supply the three-quarters of the union required for repeal—and there are ten states to vote before November 8, with the prospects that all of the 39 will be on record for repeal. The repeal amendment will be ratified formally on December 6—the date of the 36th convention.

On September 19, Idaho and New Mexico will vote on repeal. On October 3, Virginia votes, and October 10, Florida. On November 7, six more, Kentucky, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Utah. It doesn't make much difference whether those states like Kansas, Oklahoma and Georgia, where dry legislatures have prevented a vote, ballot or not, for repeal will be an actuality before they get around to it.

The heavy vote for repudiation shows how thoroughly prohibition has been discredited after a long period of trial. It also proves that when the majority is insistent enough, despite the cumbersome process involved, it can speedily correct mistakes in the fundamental law.

Court Rules Man's Pockets Inviolable

Montreal AP.—Even though wives may not think so, the Canadian law considers a man's pockets inviolable, according to a decision rendered by the Superior Court here.

The court made the ruling when the lawyer for a wife demanding an increase in alimony, contended that the husband was able to pay and asked that he turn out his pockets to show how much money he had. The husband refused and was upheld by the court.

THRESHING OVER

Union Hill—Threshing operations were finished for the year Tuesday when Andrew Lorenz completed his run at the Roy King farm. The Victor Point company finished the season's work at the W. A. Heister farm Saturday.

Court Can't Dictate Who'll Wear Sox

Ogden, Utah (AP)—The question of who shall wear the family socks is outside the jurisdiction of a judge.

Thus ruled Judge E. E. Pratt, after granting a divorce to Mrs. Laura Beckman.

The divorced husband explained to the judge that he wished to return to the Beckman residence to get several pairs of socks. Mrs. Beckman immediately explained that the socks, which she said were badly worn, were in the possession of their 12-year-old son.

The court said it had no jurisdiction over family socks.

Sublimity—The Muses Threese and Irene Starr of Salem spent the week end at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. West Starr of Sublimity.

STAGE SUCCESS RECENTLY MADE TALKING MOVIE

Young married couples who find themselves smothered by in-laws will have sympathy for the characters played by Helen Hayes and Robert Montgomery in "Another Language," which opens Thursday at the Elsinore theatre for a three day engagement. In the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer feature, filmed from the famous Rose Franken stage hit, the "heavy" is the husband's mother whose devotion to his interests become a selfish rivalry against the young wife's love. Louise Closser Hale plays the "mother" role.

The husband's family, middle-class and clannish, resents the bride's interest in art and "high-toned" ideals. The results are much the same as to be found in the complications of many families.

E. H. Griffith, who directed the film, describes the sensational success of the play as being due to its accurate portrayal of characters familiar to average American families. Every family album, he says, contains such portraits.

Included in the cast of the film are John Beal, Henry Travers, Margaret Hamilton, Willard Robertson, Irene Catell, Minor Watson, Hal Dawson and Mabel Turner. Most of the action takes place in the family flat, while other scenes are placed aboard ship, in an art school and in the newlywed's apartment.



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Washington, Sept. 13.—The biggest inner question about the NRA for some days now has been whether General Johnson can get some sleep.

The super-human job he is doing has begun to tell even on his armor-plate physique.

In a restaurant the other day a messenger handed him a letter from the coal operators. Inferentially it criticized Johnson and his coal code. He declined to accept it. One word led to another and soon the letter was full of blue words.

Anyway the incident was scored generally as a blow-up by Johnson.

Rumors—That was meat for the Washington gossips. Immediately all tongues started wagging about Johnson resigning.

If there is anything Washington likes, it is a resignation rumor. An official need only stub his little toe to start the snipers shooting at him.

In Johnson's case they were more eager than usual. He has marched rather roughly at times through Washington. His path is strewn with soreheads.

These aggrieved headaches at once circulated the palpably false story that Mr. Roosevelt was investigating the restaurant incident.

Facts—The truth is Johnson is the NRA and the NRA is Johnson. No other public official has worked half as hard as he has for the past five months. Essentially he is an organizer, not an executive.

The organization feature of the NRA is nearing an end. What it will need soon is an executive with a mind for detail. When that time comes Johnson will step out and resume his status of a human being instead of a high speed dynamo. That has been understood all along.

Until the president decides he can be spared, Johnson will have to continue wearing his nerves down to a frazzle because no one else can do the job.

Meanwhile he can blow up all over the city of Washington and will make little difference to his boss.

New Thinking—Those who think out the NRA planning have a new private theory.

General Johnson's first hope of putting six million back to work by Labor day has long since been discarded. What they are hoping for now is getting four million on their jobs before the cold weather sets in.

The big boys believe that will be enough to assure ultimate success. They figure three or four million are out of work even in times of plenty. Consideration of them will have to wait. The immediate problem is the first eight million.

If four million are toiling when the snow flies, the increased purchasing power thus created would

automatically draw the second four million back on the job during the ensuing six months or so.

Under that line of reasoning the promised land is not as far away as the charts indicate.

Employment—Nobody knows how many have gone back to work so far. Johnson is hoping to get an estimate by collecting certificates of compliance from all the blue eagles.

Current available figures are worthless. They do not include, for instance, the number re-employed by beer. No consideration has been given the thousands of little beer shops which have sprung up. Also new manufacturing plants are not usually counted until they have been in operation several months.

Furthermore the O.C.C. boys are listed among the unemployed.

Naivete—Interior Secretary Ickes has one assistant who believes in making the boss work.

A department employee called on the assistant a few days ago and sought to take up a public works matter with him.

"I'm too busy," the assistant growled. "You'll have to take that up with Ickes."

The communists used to have no shoulder on which to weep in Washington. They have one now. It's Louis Howe's. He makes himself always available to hear their tales of woe.

A Washington detective tried to cross-question several well known Reds a few days ago.

"We don't want to talk to you," they said. "We are going to see Howe."

They got in.

Notes—The name of the assistant treasury secretary was boldly misspelled on the White House calling list recently. It's ACHESON not Atchison.

Howe is also credited with the appointment of two former leaders of the bonus army to the department of justice. What they do is not generally known in the department, but they are on the payroll. That is probably more important to them than what they do.

The progressives around town are very much displeased at the activities of the Ickes assistant, who makes the boss work. They cannot understand how a liberal like Ickes would retain a Hoover appointee and are preparing to take the matter up with him.

SEED LOANS TO BE AVAILABLE SOON

Ira Hyde, regional representative for the agricultural loan corporation who was in Salem today, stated he had received no further word from the sectional offices in Minneapolis save that loans will be made to farmers this year and he expects loans soon.

While, he states, no definite word has come as to whether loans will be made for oats and vetch and berries, it is the general belief they will be as has been done in the past. This is about the only section where loans are asked for other purposes than on wheat, because of the importance of the oats and vetch here spring loans have been made and it is thought probable they will again be made for fall seeding. The same is believed to be true for work on berries. If such loans are made the cost per acre will be considerably higher because of the higher price for seed.

RETURN FROM ARIZONA

Jefferson—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boyes and two children who have been living at Chemawaw for some time have returned to Jefferson from a trip to Arizona. They intended to make their home in Arizona but disliked the intense heat so returned to the Willamette valley. Boyes has a position in a meat market in Eugene where they will make their home. Mrs. Boyes and children are visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary Powell, in Jefferson. The Boyes' family are former local residents.

Sublimity—Mr. and Mrs. Bill Zuber have moved into the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Zuber who have moved to Portland.

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REPLY TO QUIZ ON SALEM FOR WATER PROJECT

Answers to about 300 new questions, which, when completed, gave a complete financial set-up of Salem, the Salem school board and Marion county, were forwarded to Washington, D. C. today for the attention of the public works administration in passing on the city application for a \$2,000,000 municipal water loan.

The list of inquiries, received by City Attorney Chris J. Kowitz by airmail, asked about the total bonded indebtedness of the city, the state of Oregon, the Salem school board and Marion county. They wanted to know the city's proportionate share of all indebtedness.

Also inquiry was made about the city's past history relative to taxation, the amount of tax collected annually, the amount of bond principal and interest being paid annually and estimates as to payments during the next five years.

Kowitz said the completed answers made a good showing. The county has no bonded indebtedness, the school board's indebtedness is only \$89,000 and the city's indebtedness in outstanding bonds is something above \$1,600,000 including street improvement bonds.

Attorney Kowitz was to be in Portland yesterday for Governor Meier's conference of city officials on the question of sewage disposal, but he remained in Salem to compile the answers to the questions received from Washington.

The questions, says Kowitz, indicate that the application has passed

the engineering and legal divisions of the administration, and is now in the hands of the financial division. The result of the application may be expected most any day now, it is believed.

Gates—Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Syverson and children have moved from their Gates home to their farm

near Mill City. They had lived here many years. Their two oldest children, Harvey and Velma, will attend the Mill City schools. Syverson is one of the officials at the Elkhorn Citizens Conversation camp.

Angel—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Guerretter and daughter Jeannine of Portland spent several days in

Jefferson—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schultz of Portland were recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Vail. Their daughter, Jeanette, who spent two weeks at the Vail home returned home with her parents.

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