



AN INCREASE IN RAILROAD RATES

MANY MILLS WILL HAVE TO CLOSE

Oregon Lumbermen will be Cut Out of Eastern Markets.

Results are already commencing to appear on the proposed increase of the Eastern Freight rates, and not a few are contemplating closing their mills until some favorable disposition is shown to concede with the natural demands of the mill men.

Following is a letter in part of Edgar Hafer of the Iowa Lumber & Box Co., at Medford:

"It was our intention to make extensive improvements, including the building of a modern sawmill with a capacity of 150,000 feet per day and a new box factory with a capacity of 75,000 feet per day. These improvements alone would cost \$250,000, but, with the proposed Eastern rates staring us in the face, we certainly shall do nothing, and the only fact we regret is the large amount of capital which we are compelled to allow to lay dormant under existing conditions.

"You ask me why the Pacific & Eastern is not being built as contemplated, and whether the failure of the Oregon Trust & Savings Bank will have any permanent effect on its extension? As to this question I cannot answer, but do know as long as there is no lumber company contemplating the opening up of the Rogue River and Butte Creek timber to assure the railroad tonnage, it would be folly on their part to make any further extensions without the assurance or guarantee of a tonnage which would warrant a reasonable rate of interest on the investment.

"The mills in Southern Oregon and the Willamette Valley are compelled to find a market in the East, as they cannot get into San Francisco and bay points on the present rate of \$5 per ton, which is equivalent to \$8.33 per 1,000 feet, and compete with the water rate, which is \$4.25 per 1,000 feet from Portland, the Columbia River and Washington points.

"The advance in the Eastern freight rate of 10 cents per 100 pounds makes it impossible for the lumbermen of Southern Oregon to compete with the lumber manufactured in the Southern States, known as yellow pine.

"In order to demonstrate the conditions let us take a mill manufacturing lumber in Southern Oregon or anywhere in Western Oregon for that matter and see what the advanced rate means. The rate to Omaha is now fifty cents per 100 pounds, against a rate of 23 cents per 100 pounds from Southern mills, and it will be advanced November 1 to 55 cents.

"Basing a mill cut of lumber at a reasonable value of \$15 per 1,000 feet, f. o. b. cars, and adding the 55-cent rate, which amounts to \$18.33, makes the lumber cost \$33.33 in Omaha. The present value of stumps is about \$1 per 1,000 feet, against the present value of southern yellow pine stumps, which is about \$4. Therefore, the cut of Southern yellow pine lumber would be worth \$3 per 1,000 more, or about \$18 per 1,000 f. o. b. cars mill. Figuring their freight rate at 23 cents to Omaha, which amounts to \$7.66, would make the

value of southern lumber f. o. b. cars Omaha \$25.66, against ours of \$33.33, which shows conclusively that it is out of the question for a Southern Oregon mill to compete with them even if the cost of stumps and the saw mill manufacture was thrown in, as you can see for yourselves the fabulous profits which can be made by the Southern Yellow pine mills above the basis of \$18 at their mills.

"These are the actual conditions which confront the lumberman of Southern Oregon, as well as Oregon in general, and it is certainly not a very cheering prospect. If the railroads had been bankrupt, or the net earnings had been too small to give a fair rate of interest on their investment, there might be some excuse for the advance. You say, then, why is the rate raised? I do not know, but candidly think that the real reason for the advance is either the desire on the part of the railroad to buy its structural material at its own price by eliminating competition, or it may be regarded as the easiest means to get rid of a surplus of business, which would require considerable more rolling stock than they care to equip their lines with at this time. As a quick and ready plan for destroying the prosperity of the lumbermen, the intended advance rate, however, will certainly do the business.

"The effect upon the country by this cold-blooded and coolly calculated plan of the railroads to curtail the output of the greatest industry of the Pacific Coast will bring not only dire ruin to the lumbermen, but will throw thousands of men out of employment, and its ruinous effects cannot but affect every business man, large or small in the state. Eighty per cent of the cost of lumber represents labor. These are the conditions which confront the people of Oregon today. It almost looks like a farce to spend thousands of dollars advertising Oregon in the East as a country of great resources when the first thing that greets the new arrival is to find that millions of dollars in investments are lying absolutely idle waiting for the time to come when the railroads will again see fit to allow the State of Oregon to resume its natural business conditions."

Grand Ball at Dairyville.

We are all going to dance at Dairyville a week from this coming Saturday night, Oct. 19th. The Dairyman's Association of that enterprising community will provide for the entertainment of a host on that date, and quite a number of our local dancers, who realize the good time one of these affairs occasion, will drive down to attend.

In order to make all things equal, the Seaside Orchestra has been engaged to furnish the music, which means much to those who have had the pleasure of listening to them.

This is the regular annual ball, and will be held in Bowman's Hall. The various committees are making arrangements to provide an enjoyable evening. Following are those on the committee of arrangements: C. Malehorn, C. Johnson, and C. Sydman; and on reception: J. A. Bowman, J. A. Tyler, and J. A. Cox; floor committee: Clint Malehorn, D. A. Wooley, and A. H. Boice. Supper will be served at the Pioneer Hotel, and the management of that hostelry are making every arrangement to provide a sumptuous repast. The price for the dance is \$1.00, and for the supper 50 cents a plate.

Rev. Fr. Curley, of Marshfield, will conduct services in the Catholic Church in Bandon, on Sunday, Oct. 13th, at 10:30 a.m. He will extend his trip down the coast probably as far as Wedderburn.

TROUBLE ARISES OVER ATTACHMENT

POLES CAUSE MANY SIDED LITIGATION

Combined Legal Lights of Coquille and Bandon Mix - Up.

It looked like Coos County Circuit Court had adjourned to Bandon last Saturday, when the Sheriff and two or three attorneys from up the line appeared at the dock via Stmr. Favorite.

The sudden immigration of legal lights and county officials was because of a 1000 poles more or less, which the Bandon Shingle Mill held under attachment as security for a judgement against the E. K. Wood Lumber Co., of Frisco, and which the Sheriff proposed to sell. The sale was set for Saturday the 5th inst. but W. C. Chase, attorney for the Wood people said Mr. Sheriff, you will have to stay the sale, we have filed an appeal, and an appeal bond. C. R. Barrow, attorney for the Bandon Shingle Mill Co., said I have filed an objection to their bond, go ahead Mr. Sheriff and sell the poles.

R. E. L. Bedellion said the poles are on my ground, don't move them till the rent for same is paid, Thomas Coates, Road Supervisor, said they are in the County road, I have an order from the County Judge, and I am going to have those poles moved or know the reason why. S. S. Little said you can't sell all those poles, I have fifty in that lot, branded and the brand recorded.

A. Haberly who had originally cut the poles and sold them to the Wood Co., claimed the possession of about 100 culls in the lot, and the possession of all of them as security for a small amount of back stumps.

Mr. Zeek, agent for the Wood Co., said the number of poles were 150 short, that the Sheriff was responsible for the loss during the 10 or 17 months the poles had been in his possession and care. The sale was temporarily postponed, during which interim, the Wood people agreed, and have paid the amount of the judgement, and complications seem to be at an end.

The sale which was to have taken place and the writ of execution under which it was authorized, was pursuant to a judgement against the Wood Co., of San Francisco, and in favor of the Bandon Shingle Co., which judgement was rendered in the Circuit Court of last April, and the affairs of this week mark the close of a remarkable, and from the stand-point of an outsider, a rather amusing case, and the poles will be shipped in the very near future.

Fun! Fun! Fun!

Prof. Reynolds and his company of entertainers will commence a series of free funny entertainments near Post Office, tonight, Thursday night. Lots of fun. Nothing to sell. Ladies invited.

Straight newspaper advertising scores again. The Harriman lines have discarded all poster and circular advertising and the coming year will secure the desired publicity through the newspapers. They have not decided upon this action without a careful trial of the different modes of reaching the public.

Teachers' and Patrons' Meeting.

At the Teachers' and Patrons' meeting held September 20th it was decided by unanimous vote to hold a second meeting in four weeks from that time. Plans are being made for this meeting which will be held at the school building on Friday evening October 18th. Much interest was manifested in the last meeting by those who attended, and all were anxious to have more meetings of the same character, where topics of general school interest could be discussed. It is the earnest desire of the teachers that all the parents having children in school attend these meetings. Parents, you owe it to your children to do what you can to make the work of our schools better. You can help greatly in this by interesting yourself in these meetings. Give at least one evening in the month to getting in closer touch with the work of the schools. An acquaintance with the teachers and an active interest in what is being done in the schools will bring the school work closer to your homes and will stimulate in your children a greater school interest; all this will make far better schools in your district. The program for the coming meeting will be published next week. Arrange to attend, and if you have no place to leave the children, bring them along.

Respectfully,
H. C. Ostien, Supt.

Listen!

Prof. Reynolds and his company of entertainers are highly spoken of by neighboring papers. See their free funny shows commencing Thursday night.

First Class Tailor Shop.

J. McKenzie, formerly of Sumpster, Eastern Oregon, has rented the Anderson building, and on the lower floor will conduct a general merchant tailoring business. Mr. McKenzie has had years of experience in this business, and his opening such an establishment here will fill a long felt necessity, and should by all means receive the patronage of all.

A line of furnishings and ready made clothing of a reliable house, may be added in the future, but at present only a tailoring business will be done. He has already opened his shop, and while a delay in the making of tables will inconvenience him for a few days, he is now conducting his business along these lines.

Call Meeting of Rebekahs.

Last Thursday evening, responding to a request for a special meeting issued by the Secretary of the Rebekah Assembly, members to the number of 44 assembled at their hall to meet the President of that Order. A candidate was in waiting, and the work was beautifully exemplified by a team of 20 of the sisters, assisted by 3 brothers. The President praised the members very highly for their work. Miss Maud Garfield, in a few well-chosen and appropriate words presented President Galloway with a beautiful bouquet of carnation pinks, after which a delicious repast was served, and an hour passed in social converse, when the members departed for their several homes after spending a most delightful evening.

1000 People

Will see Prof. Reynolds' free funny show near Post Office, commencing Thursday night. You will laugh as you never laughed before.

NEW STEAMER BANDON IN PORT

WELCOMED WITH WHISTLES BLOWING

Large Crowd Watch Her Initial Landing at the Wharf.

Coquille River Shipping and Bandon has had a new era in transportation today, as the new steam schooner Bandon was towed in over the bar by the Triumph. She appeared in the offing this morning, and her arrival has been watched for hourly since the information was given out that she was "40 hours out" of San Francisco.

A large number of citizens were at the Bandon Commercial Co's. Wharves as she steamed up and was moored. This is the first time most had seen her, although she was built on the Bay.

The vessel is an oil burner and is equipped with the latest and most powerful marine engines. She was designed and constructed especially for the Coquille river and bar, and is the largest vessel now carrying our lumber to other ports. A feature in a vessel of her construction, is her twin screw propellers. She can make good time for a lumber boat, 11 1/2 knots per hour, and with a tonnage of 643. Her carrying capacity is 642,000, exact, and she will immediately commence on her two years' contract with the Cody Mill people to transport their product to market.

Mr. and Mrs. Estabrook, Col. Coach and C. E. Westerfield, owners and generally well known here, were distinguished visitors on board. The Bandon is not fitted up for passengers, but has comfortable quarters for the directors.

It is a sight for sore eyes to

again see Capt Jensen, formerly of the Elizabeth, for a number of years past, on the bridge of a Bandon vessel. He is familiar with our conditions and is at home in charge of such a vessel. Alex Johnson, mate and Freddie Christensen, steward are also well known here. The balance of the crew are new.

Painted black with white trimmings and a brown colored smoke-stack, the new vessel has a prepossessing appearance, and is a worthy addition to our fleet. She was welcomed by the blowing of whistles from all of our mills and manufactories and the government works. Flags were raised on public buildings in honor of initial trip. May she have many more, and her connection with Bandon and the Coquille be of the most prosperous and pleasant.

Dr. J. W. Goble the well known Optician will be in Bandon Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 15 and 16. Office at Gallier House. Eyes examined free of charge.

MARINE

ARRIVED.
Oct 5—Stmr Elizabeth, Olson, from S F, General Cargo.
Oct 10—Stmr Bandon, Jensen, from S F.

SAILED.
Oct 10—Schr Lizzie Prien, Goodmansen, for S F, 100 m feet of Lumber.

Oct 10—Schr Monterey, Bash, for S F, 1309 Bds Shingles, 164 bds Handles, 70 m feet Lumber, 32 Cords of wood.

A very interesting report of the Rebekah Convention held at Coquille last week was handed to us by one who attended from this place, but owing to the fact that a report of it had already been printed among the Myrtle Point items, we refer our readers to the inside page.

Young men are falling over each other to enlist in the U. S. navy. Officials in charge attribute it to the fact that the navy department has adopted modern methods of advertising through the newspapers. Here's a hunch for the merchant who don't advertise

RESOLVED THAT THE WELL DRESSED PERSON IS THE ONE WHO HAS APPROPRIATE ATTIRE FOR EVERY OCCASSION. THE BEST STORE IS WHERE THEY SELL CLOTHES FOR EVERY OCCASSION. A PERSON FEELS FOOLISH IN THE WRONG GARMENTS GO TO THE STORE YOU CAN TRUST BUSTER BROWN.



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DID YOU EVER GO TO A PARTY AND STAND IN THE CORNER, AND SPEND MOST OF THE TIME IN THE DRESSING ROOM OR STAND IN THE CORNER, BECAUSE YOU ARE NOT TOGGED RIGHT? IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER IF YOU HAD STAYED AT HOME BECAUSE IF YOU GO TO A PARTY AND ARE NOT DRESSED RIGHT YOU WON'T HAVE A BIT OF FUN. PLEASURE IS WORTH LIVING FOR. TO GET PLEASURE DRESS UP.

RESPECTFULLY,
O. A. Trowbridge