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HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK

Told by Exchanges, Reporters and Gleaned From Other Reliable Sources.

LUMBER TRADE IS IMPROVING

Mills Are Shipping Surplus Material to East and Middle West and Getting Ready to Resume Operations

"Lumber business in Portland and vicinity is beginning to improve.

"In fact it has been improving for the last few weeks.

"Lumbermen, bankers and railroad officials, who are accustomed to deal with lumber, anticipate a steady and continued improvement until the trade reaches its normal basis. They don't look for a boom until after the war, and are not certain about a boom even then.

"The increased demand for lumber is due principally to retail orders in the Middle West. No decided improvement has been noticed in the local or in the California demands.

"The export movement, on account of the war, is far below normal.

"But in spite of adverse conditions locally and in the foreign trade the lumber men are experiencing a pronounced improvement in their business on account of Eastern demands for their products.

Logs are Ordered

"Logging operators, who have been unable to move their logs for more than a year, in the last few weeks have found themselves confronted with orders from mills and manufacturers.

"Mills that have been idle or running on part time now are beginning, to ship some of their surplus material and are getting ready to increase their working forces if the market activity continues.

"The activity among the logging plants has been reflected in the banks of Portland, where the bulk of the lumber business of the Northwest is financed.

"Within the last six weeks," said a cashier of a big Portland bank yesterday, "we have been called on to handle a large volume of logging paper. Previous to that time we didn't see any logging paper for months and months. It shows that the mills need more logs.

Lumber Moves East.

"We have noticed for quite a while that the mills are shipping more lumber to their Eastern and Middle Western customers. The business has increased substantially within the last six weeks.

"Portland lumbermen are not inclined to be too optimistic, however, over the apparent improvement in their business. The lumber industry has been stagnant so long and has been treated with false hopes of revival so often that they are not to be led

into exultations over even such a substantial improvement as the present one seems to be.

"While the situation certainly looks brighter than it did six months ago," says W. B. Mackay, "it isn't near where it ought to be yet. The new orders are small and scattering. The big buyers are not back in the market.

"But it is apparent that the lumber men depend largely upon the "small and scattering" orders for the maintenance of their industry in the future. They realize that the railroads, as purchasers of the immense quantities that characterized their activities a decade ago, are permanently out of the market.

"But the lumber manufacturers have taken council together and have come to the conclusion that their future prosperity depends largely upon their ability to sell their products in small quantities.

E. A. Sterling, manager of the trade extension department of the Lumber Manufacturers' Association, when he was in Portland a short time ago, pointed out that through their lack of aggressiveness the lumber men have lost to the steel and the concrete manufacturers a field of trade that legitimately belongs to the lumber industry.

Smaller Business is Promising.

He pointed out that for minor purposes, such as the construction of silos and garages, for instance, lumber can be used at a decided advantage over concrete.

"And it is this class of business that is forming the bulk of the present demand. Farmers in the Middle West have had a prosperous year and are coming into the market for building material.

"Mills in various parts of the Portland district are expecting much activity this winter.

"The Shevlin-Hixon Company, which is building a big plant at Bend, expects to be ready for operation by the first of the year and will begin shipping to Minneapolis, Chicago and other Eastern destinations.

"The Brooks-Scanlon Company also is rushing work on its new mill at Bend and as soon as it is finished will begin turning out lumber.

CITY ELECTION WILL COME IN DECEMBER

Amendment to Charter Responsible For Two Elections in One Year Three Alderman to Elect

There will be a city election held here the first Monday in December to elect three councilmen. Last spring an amendment changed the date of the election from the first Monday in April to the first Monday in December.

The terms of three councilmen expires with December 31. They are: R. A. Titus, H. C. Brown and Phillip Gottfried.

The people should get busy and see that the places are filled with good men who will work to the interest of the city. The finances of the city at this time are what might be termed "precarious" and it will require judicious handling to get through.

LOST GIRL CRAWLS MILES.

Thrown by Runaway, She is Left Crippled in Desert.

Needles, Cal.—Lost in the desert, forced to crawl for miles on her hands and knees during the night and finally rescued by a railroad engineer as she lay unconscious on the tracks, were the adventures that befell Miss Louise M. Pearson, twenty-two, of Oakland, in the Mohave desert.

Miss Pearson left Ludlow on horseback to locate a mine in Old Dad mountains. Ten miles out her horse threw her. Her ankle was so severely sprained she could not walk, and the horse, carrying food supplies, raced away.

OVER 240 NEW GAME LAWS ENACTED BY U. S.

Agricultural Department Presses Campaign of Protection.

Washington.—The department of agriculture has inaugurated a vigorous campaign for the protection of game under the federal law and is aiding the various states in carrying out their statutes.

More than 240 new game laws were enacted during 1915—a larger number than in any previous year except 1911. Forty-three states held regular legislative sessions, and in all of these states except Arizona, Georgia and Nebraska some changes were made in the statutes protecting game. The largest number of new game laws passed in any one state was sixty-one, in North Carolina, but in California, Connecticut, Maine, New Jersey, Oregon, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin the number reached ten or more. Several measures were vetoed, including a general game bill in Idaho, the first bill appropriating the hunting license fund in Pennsylvania, a bill protecting bears in California and three sections of the game bill in Washington state.

A number of bills were introduced for the purpose of harmonizing the state laws on migratory birds with the federal regulations. In at least nine states changes were made which brought the seasons into substantial agreement—namely, California, Connecticut, Maine, Michigan, New Hampshire, Tennessee and West Virginia. In Illinois the seasons for all migratory birds except coot and waterfowl and in Washington for the smaller shore birds were made to conform with the regulations under the federal law.

Uniformity was also secured by provisions in the laws of Connecticut, Maine, New Mexico, North Dakota, Washington and Wisconsin, prohibiting hunting between sunset and sunrise. On the other hand, Delaware adopted a resolution opposing the migratory bird law, and Ohio and Rhode Island, which had harmonized their seasons in 1914, changed the seasons on waterfowl this year.

As a result of the decision of the supreme court of the United States on Jan. 19, 1914, sustaining the alien hunting law of Pennsylvania, legislation prohibiting aliens from hunting or owning shotguns or rifles was enacted in at least four states—Massachusetts, New Jersey, North Dakota and West Virginia—but certain exceptions based on property qualifications were made in Massachusetts and New Jersey.

Owl Causes Auto Smash.

Peru, Ind.—Marion Dillman took a party of friends automobiling, and when near Chili an owl struck him in the face. Dillman let go of the steering wheel, and the car ran down an embankment and against a fence. None of the occupants was hurt, but Dillman's face was scratched by the owl's claws.



WE CAN SUIT YOU WITH SHOES AND HOSE

WE CAN SUIT YOU WITH SHOES BECAUSE WE CARRY THE RIGHT STYLES. OUR SHOES FEEL GOOD, TOO. WHY? BECAUSE WE BUY SLIM LASTS FOR SLIM FEET AND BROAD, COMFORTABLE LASTS FOR BROAD FEET. OUR SHOES WEAR.

SO DO OUR HOSE WEAR. BUY THEM, TRY THEM, AND YOU'LL COME AGAIN FOR THEM.

N. SELIG'S
FALLS CITY DEPARTMENT STORE

DR. AKED OFFERS WAY TO END WAR

PASTOR SAYS AMERICA SHOULD WITHDRAW SUPPORT.

Toast, 'My Country, Right or Wrong' Denounced as Mistaken Interpretation of Patriotism.

New Haven, Conn.—Rev. Charles F. Aked, of San Francisco, in an address on "An International Conscience," before the National Council of Congregational Churches denounced as base and disastrous, immoral through and through, the sentiment contained in the toast, "Our Country, Right or Wrong."

He urged that an international conscience, backed by a league of the neutral nations, with the United States at its head, could put an end to "this devil's work" in two short months by refusing all intercourse with every one of the warring nations.

"Before the masses of Europe can shake from their limbs the chains of military despotism," said Dr. Aked, "they must first emancipate themselves from the impalpable and monstrous tyranny of a superstition which masquerades as patriotism. We, ourselves, in this land of the free, are not less superstitious slaves.

"To this day we drink the shameful toast, 'Our country in her intercourse with foreign nations—may she be always in the right, but our country, right or wrong.'

"Such sentiment is base in its conception and disastrous in its results. It is immoral through and through.

NEW RATE IS DEFENDED

McMinnville Commercial Club Indorse Southern Pacific New Rate

McMinnville, Oreg. Oct., 26.—The freight rate fight has aroused the business men of McMinnville, and at a meeting held today by the Commercial Club a strong resolution was adopted urging that the present plan of the Southern Pacific establishing a new rate for the Willamette lumber mills to California points be sustained. A committee composed of George S. Sardam, E. C. Apperson and W. J. Liljeqvist will lay the matter before the Interstate Commerce Commission within a few days and set forth the views of the McMinnville citizens, business men, and, in particular the position of the Commercial Club.

"The rate question was thoroughly discussed in today's meeting, which was presided over by Vice-President G. W. Evans. It was argued that the rate that recently went into effect was the most important matter for Willamette Valley mills since seven years ago, when change in freight rates deflected the lumber business of the Valley out of certain channels.

"One speaker declared that it means life or death for the Willamette Valley lumber industry to maintain the present freight rates to California points, and that this rate has been attacked by certain lumber interests of Portland.

"Other meetings are rumored as likely within a few days in other Valley cities."