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Knocked Down Houses To Be Sent Abroad

PLANT WILL EMPLOY 1000 MEN

Portland to Aid in Rehabilitation of
War Stricken Countries

A factory for the building of houses which, knocked down, will be shipped to Europe, India, South America, China and Japan will be established by the Peninsula Lumber company, in conjunction with its shipbuilding plant and lumber mill, at the foot of McKenna street, Portland.

A contract for the moving of 200,000 yards of material, which will prepare a site for the plant, has been signed with the O.W. R. & N. Co., whose tracks run through the plant.

The sawmill and its subsidiary plants are expected to employ 1000 men by April 1, according to the officers of the company.

The possibility of establishing such a plant has been in the mind of F. C. Knapp, president of the company, for several years. He has investigated the field thoroughly and believes that a wide sale for the products can be worked up.

The Peninsula Lumber Co. has spread out considerably during the past two years. It has a modern mill, cutting 200,000 feet of lumber a day. It has built a wharf from which coastwise and foreign shipments can be handled. Its shipbuilding plant is being enlarged so that four ways will be available by January 1 and its first vessel, the Alpha, is practically complete. Owing to trouble in launching the vessel, she probably will not be placed in the water for several weeks, changes being necessary in the ways under her.

The company is said to be planning numerous other side lines also, all of them along the line of the utilization of the products of its mill. A broom and basket factory is one of these adjuncts, it is said.

HIGH PRICE OF WHEAT

The food commissioner of N. Dakota has issued a statement in regard to the high price of wheat in which he says the people are misled by the talk of two dollar wheat. There is very little of the two dollar grade on the market, at least while it is in the hands of the farmer. The farmer rarely gets more than \$1.00 a bushel, but as soon as it gets into the hands of the speculator or miller, presto change, and it undergoes a wonderful change. By the time it reaches the table of the consumer it has increased in value more than three and one half times. This is probably true of the high prices charged for other commodities and blamed to the war.

Three Bachelors to Go at 10 Cents Each

Glen Carbon, Ill., Dec. 9.—Three bachelors, guaranteed to be good providers, to be tractable and gentle, will be raffled at a Christmas dance here December 23. Turkeys, roasting pigs, prize cakes and plum puddings will be rival attractions on the auctioneer's block.

The bachelors will be raffled "sight unseen" and must be taken "as is." Chances are selling at 10 cents each.

Excitement is intense among the feminine contingent in the countryside. The identity of the three bachelors is secret but the bachelors' club promises the men will "stand hitched" after being won.

MIDDLE AGED MEN TO BE GIVEN TEST

Employers Hope to Prove Men Between 45 and 65 Are Not Ready for "Scrap Heap."

Chicago, Dec. 8.—The work of testing the efficiency of men between the ages of 45 and 65 alongside of an equal number of young men was begun today by the committee of 15 large employers recently organized, with Benjamin J. Rosenthal, a Chicago capitalist, at its head.

The committee was organized primarily, Mr. Rosenthal said, "to upset the fallacious theory that men between the ages of 45 and 65 are fit only for the 'scrap heap.'"

In response to advertisements in the newspapers, several hundred applications for work from men who had reached middle age or beyond have been received by the committee and a large force of clerks, loaned by business houses, today began to sift and classify them.

"We will start our first test next week," said Mr. Rosenthal. "Twenty middle-aged men whom we have enlisted will be employed by one of the largest houses in Chicago. The head of this house, to make an efficiency test, will put them in the correspondence department. Alongside of them will be 20 young men and each individual will be given the same work to do. They will open, sort and file correspondence, and do auditing work."

"If these 20 middle-aged men do half as much work as the younger men, they will be paid half as much salary. If their efficiency is equal to the younger men and they prove it, they will receive the same salary."

"Recently I took a score of men and put them to wrapping parcels in a large concern. They were all experienced and so were the 20 young men who wrapped beside them. Not only did the older men do as much work as the younger, but in some instances more."

BANK ELECTS NEW OFFICERS.

At a meeting of the directors of the Bank of Falls City December 5, M. L. Thompson was elected as president, C. C. Gardner, vice-president, W. H. Beard, cashier and R. G. White, assistant cashier. The directors are W. H. Beard and C. M. Beard.

Under the new management the bank now is strictly a local concern, all parties being more closely allied to the city and its interests than could possibly be with the largest stockholders elsewhere. A bank is a very necessary institution and its usefulness in the community is wholly dependent upon the people. Keep your money in an old shoe, or bank in Dallas, Salem or Portland and you cannot hope to have a prosperous bank in your town able to accommodate you to a small loan when you need it mightily bad. It is the duty of every citizen to contribute their part towards the support of every reputable institution where it is possible for them to do so.

Judge Teal Resigns

On account of illness incapacitating him from giving the office proper attention, John B. Teal tendered his resignation, last Saturday, as County Judge. Governor Withycombe appointed E. C. Kirkpatrick of Dallas to fill the unexpired term.

CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE.

A community Christmas Tree has been arranged by some of the citizens of Falls City, that all, regardless of church creed might take a part and enjoy it. Here saint and sinner, alike may feel free from the restraint that sometimes exists in exclusive "church affairs."

An interesting program has been arranged and it is the intention that everyone entering the hall will receive some little remembrance. An invitation is extended to everyone to come out and enjoy a social hour as friends and neighbors. It will do you good.

The entertainment will be held at the Wagner Hall, and Friday night, December 22 has been selected as the date that it might not interfere with any entertainment previously planned. It will also give those who are expecting to visit during Christmas week an opportunity of attending before they go.

REVIVAL.

The revival at the Free Methodist Church is still in progress, and there will be services every night this week and the meetings will continue till Friday night, Dec. 22 if not otherwise announced Sunday evening. Interest is being manifested and God is working. This is a good place to get right with God.

INDEPENDENCE BRIDGE OPENS.

The much paid for bridge at Independence is open for travel. The work has not been accepted.

Travel on Low Round Trip HOLIDAY FARES

Go home for Xmas.
Stay for New Years
Day. Our low round
trip Holiday tickets
allow you plenty of
time. All points in

OREGON
CALIFORNIA
WASHINGTON
and IDAHO

Holiday Sale Dates

Between Oregon points
Dec. 22 to 25 inc; Dec.
30 to Jan. 1 inc. Return
limit Jan. 3, 1917.

To California points Dec.
21 to 23 inc; Dec. 26 to
28 inc. Return limit 15
days from date of sale.

To Pacific Northwest
points in Washington and
Idaho Dec. 22 to 25 inc.
Return limit Jan. 3, 1917.

Ask local Agent for
time of trains,
fares, etc.

John M. Scott, G. P. A.
Portland, Ore.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC LINES

FOOTBALL

Oregon vs. Pennsylvania
Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 1st.

SAFETY DEMANDS FEDERAL CONTROL OF THE RAILROADS

Only Way to Meet Emergencies
of Nation, Says A. P. Thom.

STATES' RIGHTS PRESERVED

Principles Which Railways Hold Should Govern Regulatory System in Interests of Public and the Roads—Compulsory System of Federal Incorporation Favored.

Washington, Dec. 4.—That the interests of national defense require that control of railway lines should rest with the federal government and not with the states was the claim advanced by Alfred P. Thom, counsel to the Railway Executives' Advisory Committee, in concluding his preliminary statement of the case for the railways before the Newlands Joint Committee on Interstate Commerce.

"We must be efficient as a nation if we are to deal successfully with our national emergencies," said Mr. Thom, "and we must appreciate that efficient transportation is an essential condition of national efficiency. If we are to halt and weaken our transportation systems by state lines, by the permanent imposition of burdens by unwise regulation, we will make national efficiency impossible."

States' Rights Would Not Suffer.

Mr. Thom cited many instances in which shippers in one state were injuriously affected by selfish regulations imposed on the railroads by neighboring states. He pointed out that federal regulation would be no invasion of the rights of the states but would be the means of preserving the rights which they acquired when they entered the Union, one of which was the right to the free movement of their products across state boundaries.

What the Railroads Advocate.

The principles which the railroads believe should be incorporated in any just system of regulation were summarized by Mr. Thom as follows:

1. The entire power and duty of regulation should be in the hands of the national government, except as to matters so essentially local and incidental that they cannot be used to interfere with the efficiency of the service or the just rights of the carriers.

2. As one of the means of accomplishing this, a system of compulsory federal incorporation should be adopted, into which should be brought all railroad corporations engaged in interstate or foreign commerce.

3. The Interstate Commerce Commission under existing laws has too much to do and is charged with conflicting functions, including the investigation, prosecution and decision of cases. The latter duties should be placed in the hands of a new body which might be called the Federal Railroad Commission. Regional Commissions should be established in different parts of the country to assist the Interstate Commerce Commission by handling local cases.

4. The power of the Commission should be extended to enable it to prescribe minimum rates and not merely maximum rates as at present. This would increase their power to prevent unjust discriminations.

Justice to Public and Roads.

5. It should be made the duty of the Interstate Commerce Commission, in the exercise of its powers to fix reasonable rates, to so adjust these rates that they shall be just at once to the public and to the carriers. To this end the Commission, in determining rates, should consider the necessity of maintaining efficient transportation and extensions of facilities, the relation of expenses to rates and the rights of shippers, stockholders and creditors of the roads.

6. The Interstate Commerce Commission should be invested with the power to fix the rates for carrying mails.

7. The federal government should have exclusive power to supervise the issue of stocks and bonds by railroad carriers engaged in interstate and foreign commerce.

8. The law should recognize the essential difference between things which restrain trade in the case of ordinary mercantile concerns and those which restrain trade in the case of common carriers. The question of competition is not the only fair criterion.

9. The law should expressly provide for the meeting and agreement of traffic or other officers of railroads in respect of rates or practices. This should, however, be safeguarded by requiring the agreements to be filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission and to be subject to be disapproved by it.

"My legal proposition," Mr. Thom

CHRISTMAS TIME

Our store is well supplied
with gifts of practicable
value for the entire family.

SELIG'S, Cash Price Store,
"Meeting and Beating Competition".

"Jones Pays the Freight"

BUT

We Deliver the Goods

Recently we have filled fifteen large
orders at Jones Cash Store Prices,

and

if you contemplate sending a mail
order give us an opportunity to figure
on the order before you send it.

Falls City Logging & Lumber Co.

said, "Is that the Constitution as it now is gives full authority to Congress to regulate the instrumentalities of interstate commerce in all their parts. If the power of regulation is to reach the public requirements, it must be co-extensive with the instrumentalities of commerce."

Mr. Thom explained that the roads are not asking either of the Committee or of Congress any increase in revenues, but that they are merely asking the perfection of a system which will be responsible to any need that may arise.

The Rev. Irl R. Hicks 1917 Almanac

The Rev. Irl R. Hicks Almanac for 1917 comes out bright and better than ever. His splendid portrait in four color work, taken from life in May, 1916, proves that

this old friend of the millions is very far from being "a dead man." Every home, office and business in America owe it to this faithful, old friend of the people to send for his Almanac and Magazine for 1917. This Almanac is 35c by mail. His monthly Magazine with Almanac, one dollar a year. Send to WORD AND WORKS PUBLISHING COMPANY, 3401 Franklin Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

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