

SOME LUMBER STATISTICS

Lumbermen of the Coast Welcome Investigation.

The Cause of the High Price of Lumber in the Eastern Cities Said to be Due to the Enormous Freight Rates Made by the Railroad Companies.

A resolution was introduced and passed by congress last winter authorizing the bureau of corporations of the department of commerce and labor to investigate the cause of the high prices of lumber. This investigation has commenced, and is now under way, and the lumber manufacturers of the country welcome it, because they know that the real cause will be uncovered—excessive freight rates.

Take the case of the Pacific coast for example. Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana contain 900,000,000 feet of standing timber, sufficient to care for the wants of the United States for a period of 25 years. This region contains over 2,000 saw and shingle mills, employing 192,000 persons, and a pay roll of approximately \$135,000,000 per year. Last year these states shipped by rail 17,000,000 tons of lumber, on which the freight charges were not far from \$150,000,000. The entire operating expenses of the Northern Pacific is paid by the lumbermen of the state of Washington alone, and the most profitable business of all the transcontinental lines is this very same lumber haul. Were it not for the forests on the Pacific coast the entire traffic of all the lines could be handled by one road.

The cost of producing this lumber at the present time is about \$13.50 per 1,000 feet, and the average selling price is about \$15 per M., that is \$15 will cover the average price of the output.

Freight charges are so high that in many cases the original selling price of lumber is exceeded. For example rough lumber weighs 3,300 pounds per 1,000 feet, and by adding the freight charges one can ascertain the delivered price per 1,000 feet at the following prices:

From Pacific Coast to	Cost	Freight	Total.
Minneapolis	\$15.00	\$13.20	\$28.20
Omaha	15.00	16.50	31.50
Chicago	15.00	16.50	31.50
Cincinnati	15.00	19.80	34.80
Indianapolis	15.00	20.70	35.70
St. Louis	15.00	17.32	32.32
Des Moines	15.00	16.50	31.50
Denver	15.00	13.20	28.20
New York	15.00	23.10	38.10

After this explanation one can readily understand why, for example, the Hill and Harriman lines own and control the tariff from the Pacific coast and explains the immense increase in railroad earnings from year to year. For example the gross earnings of the Northern Pacific during the years 1900 to 1906, inclusive, were \$308,576,873.94, the operating expenses, \$158,579,164.55, and the net earnings, \$149,988,709.39.

During the same period the Great Northern's gross earnings were, \$234,898,393.79, its operating expenses, \$118,183,460.59, and its net earnings, \$116,704,933.20.

Notwithstanding this prosperous condition of affairs the Pacific coast lines have not taken care of the interest of the shippers, probably because they figure that the lumber is on the ground and can only be hauled by the Hill and

Harriman lines. Several years ago the lumbermen of the states of Oregon and Washington petitioned the railroads for a reduction in rates of 10 cents per 100 pounds to the Middle West, on the ground that they were burning up annually 53,000 carloads of lumber in the woods and at the sawmills because of a lack of market for cheap lumber. Their request was refused, notwithstanding the fact that the cost of haul is \$1,200.44 per train load and the revenue at 40 cents per 100 pounds would be \$6,120 per train load. This waste of timber is still going on. During the past two years, the average time of movement of a carload of lumber,

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A Humane Appeal.

A humane citizen of Richmond, Ind. Mr. U. D. Williams, 107 West Main street, says: "I appeal to all persons with weak lungs to take Dr. King's New Discovery, the only remedy that has helped me and fully comes up to the proprietor's recommendation." It saves more lives than all other throat and lung remedies put together. Used as a cough and cold cure the world over. Cures asthma, bronchitis, croup, whooping cough, quinsy, hoarseness, and phthisis, stops hemorrhages of the lungs and builds them up. Guaranteed at Benson's Pharmacy. 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

HOLD ELECTION ANY TIME

Attorney-General Gives Opinion Relative to School District Tax Levy.

In reply to numerous inquiries received from many sections of the state, Attorney-General Crawford has given an opinion in which he gives an interpretation of the act providing for the annual school district tax levy, holding that a district may hold an election at any time during the year and vote the tax or the action taken at the first election may be rescinded at a subsequent election and a new rate of levy made, providing the notice of change is in the hands of the County Clerk prior to January 1 in order that the correction may be made and the levy extended upon the tax roll.

"No time is arbitrarily fixed for a school district to hold an election for voting taxes" says the Attorney-General in the opinion, which is addressed to District Attorney G. W. Phelps, of Pendleton. "It can be held at any time providing it does so in time to notify the County Clerk prior to January 1. Under the general rule that the power which creates can destroy or undo, the school district has the right under the law to rescind the vote if, in the opinion of the majority of the voters, it is considered for the best interests of the district. After the meeting a certified copy of the records had with the notice of the new levy would be sufficient for the County Clerk to disregard the first notice and act upon the second, providing it is done before January 1."

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WILL TEACH WITHOUT PAY

A Plan Outlined at a Meeting of the Regents to Carry on University Work.

The board of regents of the University of Oregon met in the offices of Cyrus A. Dolph to provide for meeting the expenses of coming school year. C. A. Dolph, Judge R. S. Bean, M. A. Miller of Lebanon, S. H. Friendly of Eugene, F. V. Holman and J. C. Ainsworth of Portland were present. Regents Smith of Baker City, Potter of Dallas, and Hamilton of Roseburg, were present.

The state university will be greatly in need of funds to meet current expenses during the coming year, on account of the referendum on the last appropriation of \$125,000, which makes this sum unavailable. About \$75,000 is required each year to meet the current expenses and only the continuing appropriation of \$47,000, with about \$10,000 from other sources, is available until next year.

By the end of the third quarter, October 1, practically all the salary money will be exhausted. As the board of regents is forbidden to incur indebtedness, the only plan to be followed is to suspend salaries for the fourth quarter of the year, with the understanding that the salaries will be paid in case the vote on the university appropriation is favorable. This proposition will be made to the faculty of the state university and it is believed the teachers will accept this plan. The resolution adopted by the board of regents promises to pay the teachers next year.

The condition to be met is prac-

tically the same as that of two years ago, when on account of lack of funds, salaries were reduced. By January it is expected that money will be forthcoming to meet all expenses. At the meeting confidence was expressed in the ability to pay salaries ultimately and many of the teachers will probably stay, despite the fact that they have had offers of better salaries during the year from other institutions. The enrollment during the coming year is expected to be from 15 to 20 per cent ahead of that of last year. Provision has been made to maintain the standard of efficiency of the institution and a number of new teachers has been secured.

James Gilbert, a graduate of Columbia University last year has been selected to succeed Professor J. T. Brindley, who resigned in June. Dr. R. C. Clarke has been elected to the chair of history in the absence of Professor Joseph Schaefer, who will spend the year abroad in study. Dr. Clarke is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and has been pursuing educational work in Pennsylvania. Miss Julia Burgess has been elected assistant in the department of rhetoric and American history, succeeding Miss Blanche Bigelow, who resigned last June and will spend the year abroad. A number of other assistants have been re-elected. Other routine business was transacted by the regents at yesterday's meeting.—Oregonian.

SUES TO CANCEL PATENTS

Government Would Regain Lands in Famous 11-7 District.

Portland, Ore., Sept. 13.—An echo of the famous 11-7 land fraud case was heard in the federal building this morning when Assistant United States James Cole filed seven suits in the United States circuit court to cancel patents to lands which are alleged to have been proved up on fraudulently by the 10 defendants named in the complaints.

All of the lands amounting to about 3,500 acres, lie in the northeast corner of Linn county.

The cancellation of the patents will be the final chapter in the historic suit in which was involved S. A. D. Puter, the Oregon land fraud king. Through Puter many acres of valuable timber and agricultural lands were taken up and passed to final proof before the government learned of the fraud being practiced. With the conviction of the culprits the government is seeking to recover the land, which has since passed into the hands of the defendants named in the suit filed this morning. If successful in regaining the land the government will place it in the Cascade forest reserve.

Health in the Canal Zone.

The high wages paid make it a mighty temptation to our young artisans to join the force of skilled workmen needed to construct the Panama canal. Many are restrained however, by the fear of fevers and malaria. It is the knowing ones—those who have used Electric Bitters, who go there without this fear, well knowing they are safe from malarious influence with Electric Bitters on hand. Cures blood poison too, biliousness, weakness and all stomach, liver and kidney troubles. Guaranteed by Benson's Pharmacy. 50c.

TO BE REORGANIZED.

Oregon Press Association to Meet in Portland for That Purpose

At the recent meeting of the Oregon Press Association held at Seaside it was decided to reorganize the association upon wholly different lines from those governing it at the present time, and a meeting for this purpose will be held in Portland in January. The attendance at the meeting just held represented but a small part of the many publications in the state. Quite likely some were unable to attend, owing pressure of office work and a lack of help, but many who might have been present at this, and former sessions of the association, have been quite indifferent. There should be a "getting together" of the editors and publishers of the local newspapers of Oregon, not only in a social way, but from a business standpoint, for in so doing they can accomplish much for themselves. An interchange of ideas and the discussion of matters pertaining to the newspaper work will result in improving and advancing every publication represented, and we hope that the reorganization of the Oregon Press association, should it be perfected in January, may build on a broader, more definite, and vital, a more representative basis than at present exists. Such an organization should mean much to every publisher and editor in the state, and they should personally give it active support and earnest consideration.—Hood River Newsletter.

CAVES HAVE NOT GROWN.

Since the visits of the Joaquin Miller party to the Oregon caves, the description of the actual won-

ders have been greatly exaggerated. The estimate that the cavern comprises 20 miles of rooms is purely imaginary. The known rooms are just the same now as they were shortly after the caves were discovered and no additions have been added to them. There is no river dropping 20 feet into a canyon, but a lovely little streamlet runs out of the lower entrance and ripples down the contracted valley to Sucker creek, a couple of miles below. The stalagmites are not clear as glass—they are of lime formation, white in the cave, dirty brown when exposed to sunlight, and have no transparency whatever. The caves constitute a natural wonder, and the water formations of a geyser have beautified them, but they are not palatial, that is only poetical. The known extent of the caves is abundant for most visitors, and if there are further great ramifications they have not yet been discovered. We take occasion to offer this criticism because the real facts will not disappoint visitors, but extravagant descriptions will.—The Oregon Observer.

OREGON TO TAKE A HAND

Suits to be Started Against the Standard Oil and Other Companies.

Separate suits are to be brought in the name of the state against the Standard Oil Company, the Wells, Fargo Express Company and the Union Oil Company for the collection of fees due the state as three per cent of the gross earnings of these companies, under the act of the legislature of 1905, together with interest at the rate of 6 per cent from December 31, 1906. Attorney General Crawford is preparing the complaints and will file them in the Circuit Court for Multnomah county within a few days.

The amount of fees due from the Standard Oil Company, representing 3 per cent of its gross earnings in this state for the year ending December 31, 1906, is \$2,119,088; and from Wells, Fargo Express, \$3,778,377. These companies have filed their reports showing their earnings for the period covered, in conformity with the law, but the Union Oil Company has even neglected to make a report to the State Treasurer and it will be sued for compliance with the law in this respect as well as for its share of fees due, with interest.

Several months ago Attorney General Crawford instituted an action against the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company and the Sunset Telephone Company upon similar grounds, and this suit is still pending.

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PINKERTON'S BIG BILL TO STATE.

Boise, Idaho, Sept. 10.—A sensation was created here today when it was learned that the bill of the Pinkerton Detective Agency for its services during the Haywood case amounted to \$29,000. More than half of this sum was for "Incidentals" including cigar and whiskey bills contracted by the detectives assigned to the case.

Lost and Found.

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IRRIGATION CONGRESS

Followed By a Great Forward Movement.

California's Capital City and County Makes a Progressive Movement by Voting Bonds to Complete New Roads, Bridges, Public Buildings.

The National Irrigation Congress, which met in Sacramento last week, gave a great impetus to local improvement and development as well as to the movement for irrigation, forestry and conservation of the whole resources of the country. Almost immediately after the close of the Congress, a City and County bond election was held and bonds to the amount of \$1,500,000 were voted for roads, bridges and public buildings. The majority for the bonds was one of the largest in the history of similar elections, which goes to show that the Capital City of California has had a real awakening.

Sacramento was, until within the past five years, regarded as one of the least progressive of Pacific Coast cities. Her people were prosperous, in fact, the foundations of many great fortunes were laid there but owing to the fact that the lands of the great valley in which Sacramento is situated were held in great tracts and devoted to wheat growing, there was little opportunity for growth of population in the country and consequently little city growth. Recently there has been a marked change. The wheat lands are being irrigated and sold in small tracts for intensive farming and fruit culture. The power resources of nearby mountain streams are being utilized. New industries are springing up, railroads are building and a new order of things prevails.

The National Irrigation Congress was the first National Convention to meet in Sacramento and the people rose as one man to meet the occasion, enthused not alone by the prospect of entertaining many distinguished men, but more by the opportunity to further the splendid objects of the Congress. The fund raised within the city for this purpose amounted to \$45,000 or one dollar for every man, woman and child in the city, probably the largest per capita subscription ever made by any city for any similar event. This was supplemented by \$10,000 contributed by counties and individuals elsewhere in the State. The work of promotion occupied eight months and cost very nearly twenty thousand dollars and the results far more than justified the expenditure.

The voting of the bonds, \$1,500,000, means that every main road in Sacramento County will be macadamized from county line to county line. It means that every bridge and culvert on these roads will be of cement, steel or stone. It means the erection of a new Courthouse and jail, which with the magnificent State Capitol and the new City Hall, now being built at a cost of \$300,000 comprise one of the finest sets of public buildings to be found in any city of the west.

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