

## PUT OUT OF BUSINESS

Mills Close Down on Account of Advanced Rates.

### CANCEL LUMBER ORDERS

Men Familiar With the Situation Say the Attitude Toward Lumbermen is Outrageous.

The car shortage, cancellation of orders due to the proposed advance in freight rates to points East of the Rockies and the danger of the new rate becoming effective are three factors that are gradually but surely putting the Oregon and Washington sawmills out of business, says the Portland Journal. During the past few days dozens of sawmills in the Willamette valley, along the lines of the Southern Pacific and equally as many along the Northern Pacific in Southwestern Washington have been forced to discharge their employes and shut their doors.

Men thoroughly familiar with the situation declare the attitude of the railroads toward the lumbermen is outrageous, especially since it is charged that the roads are not only depriving them of transportation facilities for orders now being placed, but also for orders for lumber that have already been cut.

Unable to make deliveries within the prescribed time these sawmill men are caught with material on hand which, perhaps, they cannot dispose of without great sacrifice. Willamette valley sawmill operators in particular are said to have been placed in this disastrous position, and they are finding their only relief in shutting down their plants. In consequence thousands of men have been thrown into idleness or forced into other fields of labor, with which they are not familiar.

#### POLICY IS OUTRAGEOUS.

G. M. Cornwall, editor of the Timberman, of this city, has just returned from a trip over the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon. He says the actual state of affairs among the sawmill men is appalling and describes the action of the railroads as the most outrageous proceeding ever perpetrated upon white people.

"Fifteen mills out of sixteen have shut down at Lebanon," said Mr. Cornwall. "At Cottage Grove J. H. Chambers' mill has ceased operation, and at Dorena the mill of the J. H. Chambers Lumber Company has discharged its employes and stopped the machinery. The Star Lumber Company's mill at Yoncalla is lying idle and so is the Star Lumber Company's mill at Drain."

"At Glendale the Glendale Lumber Company has laid off half its crew, and the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company of Eugene, has closed down its plant at Saginaw. It is also considering seriously closing the Coburg and Wendling plants unless conditions improve. From one end of the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon to the other there is evidence of the greatest apprehension on the part of the lumber men as to the effect of the increase in Eastern freight rates coupled with the car shortage.

"The most iniquitous part of it all is not only the proposed increase in rates, but the withdrawal of cars to fill orders already cut. Eastern buyers are not going to wait indefinitely and orders are being canceled with the result that the material is left upon the hands of the

manufacturers."

WASHINGTON MILLS SHUT DOWN.  
W. C. Miles, president of the Southwestern Washington Manufacturers' Association of Centralia, and president of the Globe Lumber Company of Globe, Washington, is in the city and he reports the following mills closed along the line of the Northern Pacific. Stillwater Lumber Company's plant at Little Falls, with a capacity of about 100,000 feet daily; the Chehalis Lumber Company's plant at Littell, with a daily capacity of about 80,000; the Wisconsin Lumber Company's plant at Littell, cutting daily 100,000; the H. H. Martin Lumber Company's plant at Centralia, with a daily cut of 75,000; the Salzer Lumber Company's plant at Centralia, with a daily output of 75,000; the Mutual Lumber Company's plant at Bucoda with a daily cut of 80,000; and the Blumaner Lumber Company's plant at Tenino, with a daily cut of 50,000. Mr. Miles is quoted as having said that he intends closing his mill down unless relief in some form or other is furnished soon.

The Portland mills, too, are feeling the effects of the attitude of the railroads, and prices today are lower than for several months past.

### Some Fifteen Years Ago.

"I wandered to the grog shop, Tom, I stood before the bar, and drank a bowl of lemonade and smoked a rank cigar; the same old kegs and jugs were there, the ones we used to know, when we were on the round up, Tom, some 15 years ago. The barkeeper is a new one, Tom, the one who used to sell corrosive tanglefoot to us is smoking now in H—alifax, the new one has a plate-glass front, his hair is combed quite low, he looks just like the one we knew, some 15 years ago. Old soaks came up and called for booze, and dundelets staggered in, and burned the lining from their throats with fine old Holland gin, and women stood outside the door, their faces seamed with woe, and wept just as they used to weep, some 15 years ago. I asked about the old-time friends, those cheerful sporty men, and some were in the poor house, and some were in the pen, and one—the one we liked the best—the hangman laid him low; the world is much the same dear Tom, as 15 years ago. I asked about that stately chap whom pride marked for his own, he used to say that he could drink, or let the stuff alone, he perished of the James H. Jams out in the storm and snow, ah, few survive who used the bowl some 15 years ago.

New crowds line up against the bar and call for crimson ink; new hands are trembling as they pour the stuff they shouldn't drink; but still the same old watch-word rings, 'This round's on me you know,' the same old cry of doom we heard, some fifteen years ago. I wandered to the churchyard, Tom, and there I saw the graves, of those who used to drown themselves in red fermenti waves; and there were women sleeping there, where grass and daisies grow, who went and died of broken hearts, some fifteen years ago. And there were graves where children sleep for many a year, forgetful of the woe that marked their short, sad journey here; and "neath a fine tall monument in peace there lieth low, the man who used to sell booze, some 15 years ago."—Ex.

### Woodmen Head Clerk Dead.

John C. Latshaw, head clerk of the Woodmen of the World, died at Denver Tuesday night after an illness of short duration. Mr. Latshaw was near 60 years of age and had been head clerk of the order, with headquarters at Denver since April, 1905. His office will be filled by appointment, to be made at once by I. I. Boak, head consul. The office will be filled in this way until the meeting of the head camp session in Portland, 1910.

## THIRD TERM SITUATION

Unique Step to Test Sentiment of Country

### ROOSEVELT'S POPULARITY

Senator Bourne Offers \$1,000 Cash Prize for the Strongest and Best Written Argument

Washington, Oct. 20.—Hon. Jonathan Bourne, Jr., of Oregon, United States Senator, has taken a unique step to test the sentiment of the country on the Presidential situation. Through the National Magazine, of Boston, Mass., he has offered a cash prize reward of \$1,000, open to the American people, for the strongest and best written argument in support of his following assertions:

"First. That the sovereign people and not Theodore Roosevelt, the individual and public servant, will decide who shall be his successor.

"Second. That Theodore Roosevelt cannot decline a second elective term or attempt to name his successor without making his own personal desires or egotistical opinions paramount to the combined wishes and intelligence of the Republican party and the electorate of the nation.

"Third. That Roosevelt's honesty, courage, initiative, imagination, versatility, and tremendous capacity for work, with heart and brain constantly attuned to the people's rights and commands and his insistence upon the enforcement rather than avoidance of laws, and the protection of the rights of men and property, have to an unparalleled degree gained the confidence of all people; that, in the popular mind, Roosevelt, during his executiveship, has demonstrated his ability and determination to make good as the people's chief public servant, and not their dictator; that this confidence, being a brain deduction and not a heart emotion, is impossible of destruction except by his betrayal; that by the selection of any other man, business contraction and restriction must exist during the period necessary for him to demonstrate to the people's satisfaction his ability and determination to make good, and therefore, that, barring death or serious illness, President Roosevelt must and will be selected and elected for a second elective term."

The prize will be awarded March 15, 1908, the contest closing one month earlier, and three judges, gentlemen of high standing, will be named shortly to pass upon the arguments submitted.

Senator Bourne, speaking of this offer, said tonight: "Frankly, my purpose is to secure discussion and agitation resulting in conviction and crystallization of opinion. Confident that the overwhelming sentiment of the country, regardless of party, favors the renomination and reelection of Roosevelt I take this method of inviting an expression on the subject. The propositions set forth speak for themselves, and the responses thereto, will at least, tend to disclose the popular feeling existing today. If the views which I hold—and which are shared fully, I may add, by men from every section with whom I am brought into contact—are the views of the American people, generally, then it is well to establish that fact and establish it at once. The earlier the demonstration, the better for the country.

"Nothing more conducive to busi-

ness success and public tranquility could possibly occur at this time, in my opinion, than the substitution of certainty for uncertainty regarding the Presidency. It would be worth hundreds of millions of dollars to our material interests. The business world would profit incalculably by the assurance or re-assurance such a certainty would bring. The administration's policies are accepted and approved. Only the knowledge that Roosevelt will continue at the helm is needed to inaugurate anew an era of prosperity on a safer and sounder basis than ever before. Call it a third term or a second elective term, as you like; the exigencies of the times demand that he serve four years more. It is a patriotic duty which he owes to his country. He cannot shirk it, if he would, without making self greater than country and forfeiting the respect and public confidence he now holds. He will not shirk it once the people make their wishes known. Now is the time for them to be heard."

### IMPORTANT CHANGE.

As Announced by T. H. Vail, President of the American T. T. Co.

An important change in the policy for thirty years of the Bell Telephone Company has been made known. When questioned regarding the report that the Western Electric Company, the concern that manufactures the apparatus used by the Bell Companies, would hereafter sell telephones and supplies to all buyers, President Theodore H. Vail, of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, confirmed the report.

He explained that the idea had been under consideration for a long time, but that heretofore one difficulty had been that the Western Electric needed more plant; its full energy being required to supply the demands of the Bell Companies alone. This obstacle to doing a general business has been overcome by the recent completion of very large additions to the Chicago factory of the Western Electric Company, and hence it is now in a position to take care of outside orders.

In reply to a question as to the probable effect of this action on the revenue of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, Mr. Vail said that no considerable direct increase was anticipated, but a great indirect advantage was looked for from improved relations between the public and all of the associated Bell Companies, because there had been an entirely erroneous idea more or less prevalent that the charges of these companies for their services were based on a monopoly of telephonic instruments, while the fact is that the instrument is but a small part of the plant required in giving telephone service.

It is felt that this action may cause it to be more clearly understood that the Bell Company's only claim for patronage is based on their ability to furnish the best service at reasonable prices and not on any instrument monopoly.

Mr. Vail explained that at the present time many inefficient telephone instruments are in use on local and private lines, and that the Bell Companies desire to see these replaced by standard instruments in order that it may make traffic connections with the greatest possible number of properly equipped lines assuring proper service and transmission. For example: There are thousands of so-called "Farmer Lines," which will furnish valuable feeders for the toll lines of the larger system when properly equipped and maintained. This situation can now be provided for through the sale outright of Bell instruments and apparatus.

In answer to the question wheth-

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## FROM ALL OVER STATE

Items of Interest in a Condensed Form

### TAKEN FROM EXCHANGES

A Resume of the Week's Local Happenings of the State and County Briefly Told.

Threshing is still going on in Langell valley in Klamath county.

The walnut harvest is quite an event in portions of Yamhill county.

A Grants Pass brick plant finds ready sale for the hundreds of thousands of bricks it turns out.

Extensive additions and improvements are being made to the big Brownsville cannery and preserving factory.

If Stayton could have a dozen vacant houses today they would all find renters within 24 hours, says the Mail.

The Medford Tribune says that it is that town, without a doubt, that is going to be the second city in Oregon.

A potato unearthed on Wild Horse creek weighed five pounds. One hill yielded 16 pounds and many others a few pounds less.

Business conditions in Dayton were never better and our merchants all state that the volume of trade has greatly increased during the past year says the Optimist.

A Prineville man is busy getting out 10,000 pieces of juniper to be used in the manufacture of novelties such as comb, backs of brushes, etc., for a factory in Hoboken, New Jersey.

Montana is contributing 20 or 30 families to Jacksonville and vicinity, says the Post. A colony of home-seekers from that state will arrive here within a few days and all will purchase some homes and become residents of this vicinity.

From half an acre of land R. E. Davidson, who lives near Springfield, has picked 3,000 boxes of fine strawberries since May 9 of this year. The second crop has kept coming since the latter part of August.

From an eighth of an acre a man near Drain dug 75 bushels of as fine spuds as ever came out of the ground. This is at the rate of 600 bushels or \$450 to the acre. Some specimens weighed six pounds each.

Farmers in the vicinity of Heppner have just started in to hauling their immense wheat crop to

market. In the vicinity of Hardman they have just commenced threshing and it will likely be early spring before many of them have deposited their last load in the warehouse.

Toledo Leader: The Portland Oregonian of Tuesday published an editorial in which it devoted almost a whole column to calling every citizen of Lincoln county a lazy, shiftless thiel. It was one of the rottenest bunch of lies and insults ever handed out to an honest, law-abiding and enterprising community of true American citizens.

Hazelidell Correspondence of Springfield News: Every one is prosperous—more so than was ever known before—yet we are all working for reform; that is, we want our neighbors to reform. There is nothing much the matter with us, but our neighbors have faults by the score.

### Thanksgiving--Then and Now

Of all the monthly talks that Dr. Edward Everett Hale has given the readers of Woman's Home Companion, none have been more delightful than that in the November issue on "Thanksgiving—Then and Now." With his wonderful power of reminiscencing, Dr. Hale talks, rather than writes, to his readers on the earliest New England Thanksgivings in their Puritanic setting, and then of our latter-day celebrations, still strong of the old-time flavor, yet pregnant with possibilities in which twentieth-century steam cars and motors play a large part. No one could have written so delightful a Thanksgiving homily but Dr. Hale.

### Quick Work.

Forest Grove, Or, Oct. 23.—G. Harvey Baldwin, of this place, was married in Portland, Monday, to Miss Birdella Leone James, of Oxford, Neb., Judge Calvin U. Gantenbein officiating. The bride came here from her home in Nebraska a month ago and had been visiting her uncle, F. W. Emerson, of this place. The groom fell in love with Miss James at once, although it was the first time he had ever seen her. She was not aware even at the last that he intended to propose. Mr. Baldwin accompanied her to Portland last Monday on her way home to Oxford, and while she was on her way to purchase her ticket East, proposed and was accepted. Miss James says when she left Forest Grove Monday to go home she never thought of marrying.

Mr. Baldwin is a brick mason and builder by occupation. He superintended the building of the foundation of the new ladies' hall of Pacific University just finished at this place. They will make their home at Forest Grove.

## Lumbermen

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