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GENERAL LUMBER MARKET CONDITIONS

Sounding the local lumbermen on the trade conditions reveals the fact that business conditions continue to improve, says the Tacoma West Coast Lumberman. It is observable in the well-sustained building operations, as the people have found they can build at fully ten per cent less than a year ago. Also in the better inquiries from retail yards tributary to the railroads, while the cargo trade to Australia, South America and California ports has been a large factor in maintaining business at a steady price. Some dealers seem to be of the opinion that business seems to show the same uneasiness common to all months immediately preceding presidential elections, but that stocks are generally low and must be replenished after the election anyway, so there is bound to be more life in the trade than now. Mill men say there has been a better inquiry in the rail trade and a much better movement of lumber in the past four weeks, though the car shortage is seriously interfering with deliveries. Along the Northern Pacific the supply of cars has been light since the crops began to move, and lumbermen report they are not able to ship much more than a third of the quantity desired. Conditions on the Great Northern are not much better. Under this recurring aggravation, the coming of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul is eagerly looked for, as it will add greatly to the transportation facilities. Indications are that it will be in the field for business on the Pacific coast in the course of six or eight months.

Prices of lumber have shown improvement in response to the increased buying and the advance in the log market. Most of the sawmills in Washington are now in operation.

Figures from the yellow pine region, in which reports were received from 25 mills, show a reduction in the stocks during the year of about 435,000,000 feet. With the opening of the fall season trade in yellow pine shared in the general improvement, but within the past two weeks the situation was not so buoyant, though in the face of badly depleted stocks, with orders coming in, the mill men believe the business will be such as to maintain the better values ruling since affairs began to take the up grade.

Now they say that President Sam Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, is a tool of the Standard Oil because the union newspaper which he edits is carrying two advertisements for the goods of the trust. While no particulars are given in the press dispatch we presume these advertisements relate to the oil stoves and axle grease which the trust manufacture and sell, and which they advertise in thousands of papers over the country, the business coming from a well-known Philadelphia agency. The Guard carries these advertisements and we always supposed that they were put in the paper because the Standard people, like most big business concerns, believe that the best way to sell goods is to advertise their merits. That the trust was trying to subsidize The Guard never occurred to the publishers, and probably never occurred to the publishers of the "Federationist" which Mr. Gompers edits for the Federation of Labor. Such campaign matter as this is as silly as it is far-fetched and irrelevant. The publisher of The Guard, not having any personal political ambition, is willing to be called a tool of Standard Oil or anything else that it might please his enemies to brand him, but we must object to any man in public life being traduced in such a ridiculous manner in "special" dispatches published in a paper like the Oregonian, which is itself carrying the same advertisement. I doubt that Sam Gompers allows to appear in the "Federationist," if indeed it has anything to say about that department of the publication, which we very much doubt. Really, the present campaign seems to be about the silliest in the history of the country, viewed from the unbiased non-partisan standpoint.

Governor Chamberlain is playing the non-partisan game to the limit in refusing to make speeches for Bryan, and his action will disgust the real Democrats more than ever. Everybody knows he is a Democrat, and even the Republican Statement No. 1 legislators would respect him more and support him with better grace if he would take a more manly course. They are pledged to support him because he received a majority of the popular vote, not because he is or was a mugwump, and like everybody else in the state, will realize that he is simply trying to play them for suckers. Taking his own reasoning for it, if he is barred from making partisan speeches as governor, he will be forced to keep silent on politics during his six years' term as senator, having been elected as a non-partisan and being a representative of all the people. Yet he imagines that a while before his term expires he will receive enough partisanship to ask the Democrats to renominate him in the primaries. It's a safe bet that he will.

After all it isn't such a awful good job to kill a man, even if one be a millionaire. The fact is being realized more forcibly than ever by Harry Thaw, who finds himself locked within the portals of an insane asylum for the criminal insane at Matteawan, New York, with a good chance of remaining there for several

months, and possibly years. After all, there is no particular reason for the liberation of Thaw. He is a man of no character and so far as anybody has been able to determine has never accomplished a good deed in his lifetime. Society is better off with Thaw in the asylum or in prison. Men of his stamp can well be spared from life's activities.

In the November number of Bonville's Western Monthly Eugene and Lane county received a three-page write-up which does not cost the Commercial Club nor any one else in Eugene a penny. The editor, having become interested in the way in which Eugene and Lane county were being advertised, intended to give this city an illustrated writeup, but being unable to wait for same he used the contents of the folder known as the "Deck of Cards." These three pages of free advertising will undoubtedly do this part of the valley considerable good, as Bonville's, published in Portland, has a big circulation.

We notice that the labor vote gives no evidence of sharing the fears of the political manager about its being misled. As we know him, the average labor voter is entirely capable of intelligently casting his ballot without assistance, and what is more, is likely to do so.

It's all very well to condemn the wife-swapping of savage peoples, but wherein does it differ from the wife-swapping of too many of our own people, via the divorce court? Only in a little re tape and lawyers' fees.

Captain Hobson, of Merrimac notoriety and missing fame, is coming to Eugene. A large audience is assured the heroic Southerner—even if it is made up of non-voters. The girls will all be there.

The plans for Eugene's new postoffice are here at last and bids for construction will be asked for on November 7th. That reminds us that even the national government moves if you give it ample time.

Hobson seems to have made a most distinguished convert. Here's Senator Lodge declaring that Japan would make insulting demands of us, if our navy isn't kept stronger than hers.

Well, well; a poor clerk in the Portsmouth (N. H.) navy yard has been fired for "pernicious political activity." O, civil service reform, what humbuggery is pulled off in thy name.

This Indiana woman who has divorced her husband and married her father-in-law must have been trying to outdo the Massachusetts man who married his mother-in-law.

Oregon is getting a great deal of what Michigan is praying for just now.

Today's Suggestion by Ellen Stan.

PRETTY FLARE SKIRT.

SKIRTS are of more interest at this season of the year than they are during the summer months, for it is during the winter that there is a demand for separate skirts to wear with heavy coats of broadcloth or fur. The colored one piece costume will be worn early in the season with furs, but later on the separate coat and skirt will take its place. This does not mean that the tailored suit will not be worn, but preference is shown to the separate coat.

The plain gored models, with the gores straight and narrow, are the preferred style of skirt, though some circular and plaited ones are shown. The advantage of the gored skirt over the circular one is that it will not sag over the hips, as the seams, no matter how much on the bias they are, can be stayed with straight pieces of the selvedge stitched in with the seam. In the neck a neat finish can be given the placket by cutting the selvedge edge stitched in with the seam wide enough at the top for a placket facing. This makes a neater finish than a separate facing, as it does away with all raw edges and extra bulk.

This skirt is especially good for stout figures, as the number of gores makes one appear slimmer. A pretty dark blue broadcloth or serge with a plain waist to match in color will make a neat costume for morning wear during the coming season. The skirt can be left perfectly plain or trimmed with bias bands of the satin.

The favored colorings are blue and seal gray, pea cock blue, dull greens and reds, navy blue and black. Novelties have been seen to some extent, but preference has been shown for plain materials, broadcloth being the favored material, then serge and cheviot. Some of the new serges are in basket weave in quite a number of pretty color combinations.

This skirt is in round length with under box plait at the back or in habit style. The pattern is cut in eight sizes—from 22 to 28 inches bust measure. To copy it for the average person it requires 9 yards of material 36 inches wide or 7 1/2 yards of material 44 inches wide.



GLEE CLUB MANAGER ARRANGES TOUR

Trip Will Be Made Through Eastern Oregon This Winter

Contracts have been signed for the University of Oregon Glee and Mandolin Club tour through Oregon. The trip will be through Eastern Oregon this year; concerts being given in Baker City, Pendleton, La Grande, The Dalles, Hood River, and then in Portland, Salem and Eugene. Professor I. M. Glen, who is directing the club, has just returned from Portland with an entirely new and different lot of music for the club and the variety singers will appear in a concert entirely different from any of former years. Ruben Steelquist, '09, will be student leader of the glee club, and Robin Nelson, '09, will direct the Mandolin Club. Merle R. Chessman, '09, is managing this year's club, as Harold Clifford, who was last year chosen manager for the season, did not return to college.

FEEBLE OLD LADY

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Mr. Michael Bloom of Lewistown, Pa., who is 80 years of age, says: "For a long time I have been so feeble that I have had to be wheeled around in an invalid's chair. I had no strength and took food at the greatest provocation, which invariably settled on my lungs, and a cough would result. My son learned of the cod liver preparation called Vinol, and procured a bottle for me. It built up my strength rapidly, and after taking three bottles I am able to do most of my work, and I can walk a quarter of a mile easily. Every aged or weak person who requires strength should try Vinol. I am delighted with what it has done for me."

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"The Picture"
"Down With Men"

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