

ASK MERCHANTS TO HELP SOLVE COST PROBLEMS

MILLS WANT PRESENT STANDARDS KEPT

PRICE CUT FORESEEN

Drop Will Average One-Third, Say
Business Men, Indicating Lower
Wage Will Have Same Purchasing
Power As Present Scale.

Asking for the cooperation and assistance of the merchants of Bend in doing their share toward maintaining the present standards of living here, T. A. McCann, manager of The Shevlin-Hixon Company, appeared before a meeting of the Merchants' association Thursday and explained the situation which necessitates a reduction in the wage scale at the local mills. Beginning Monday, he said, a new minimum scale goes into effect. The Bend mills have kept from making the change as long as possible, but now that it has come, the companies hope that the merchants will do their share, even at a loss on their old stocks, in passing on price reductions to their customers, who were made up so largely of mill employees. Manager H. K. Brooks of the Brooks-Scanlon company, who was present, said that Mr. McCann spoke for both companies.

The meeting was held in the council room at the fire station and was attended by representatives of many of the leading business houses.

Freight Rates Are Hardship.

In opening the meeting, Mr. McCann said that since September 1 the companies had operated under a severe handicap in the matter of freight rates, the percentage increases put into effect at that time having raised the rate to Chicago from 58 to 76 cents for local lumber, as compared with only a 10 per cent advance, or from 30 to 40 cents, in the case of southern pine. At the same time, wages in the South had been lowered to \$1.80 in Florida and \$3.20 in Texas for a 10-hour day.

In an effort to stimulate business, the Bend mills have reduced lumber prices from \$15 to \$25 per thousand, he continued, but with no appreciable effect on orders. The price reductions amount to an average of \$16 per thousand feet, while the wage reductions represent only \$1.50 per thousand in the cost of producing lumber. In order to meet competitive conditions, the change in the wage scale was necessary, but if the merchants would follow the companies' lead in reducing the price of their product, he believed that the present standard of living might be maintained with little difficulty. The one thing necessary was to let their goods go at present prices without reference to their cost.

Following Mr. McCann, Carl A. Johnson mentioned instances of complaints concerning service that had come to his attention, and Paul Hosmer, employment manager for Brooks-Scanlon, told of the complaints made to him that living costs in Bend were higher than in other Oregon towns. Carrying the idea further, Frank Anderson, Shevlin-Hixon employee, said that in his long and varied experience in all parts of the country, he had never anywhere else come into contact with the criticism and dissatisfaction he had found here over living costs. Prices which he found quoted in newspapers from many parts of the country, he charged, were much lower than Bend prices and, to give especial point to his statement, he read from an advertisement in a Roseburg newspaper of December 16 a long list of grocery prices offered there.

Reply Is Made.

Apparently interested more for the moment in replying to Mr. Anderson than in considering the matter suggested by Mr. McCann, the merchants who followed the former called attention to some of the differences between the Bend situation and that of Roseburg, which would go to account for conditions here. These included much higher freight rates and the fact that some of the articles mentioned were raised near Roseburg, and none of them here.

These facts were pointed to by J. O. Gibson of the Union grocery, while W. L. O'Donnell said that in the case of meats the difference was explained by the difference in quality. Bend markets using fine steers, while in the Willamette valley only dairy cows were butchered. He also said that one cause for the slight decrease in the price of meat so far noted was the very low price now received for hides.

Other merchants told of the methods they followed in pricing their goods in accordance with changing wholesale prices, and R. M. Smith spoke of showing to complaining customers his invoices and comparing his costs with his prices, to the satisfaction of the customer. Mr. Smith also pledged his cooperation in the matters requested by the mills.

In connection with the charge of higher prices here than elsewhere, J. B. Heyburn, Frank Inabnit and Roy Loven told of recent conversations with strangers, who said that particular articles were cheaper here than in their home towns or in Portland. Mr. Inabnit, Mr. Heyburn, C. L. Mannheimer and C. S. Warner all asserted that they were lowering their prices as wholesale prices went down.

Lower Prices Expected.

In order to bring out facts as to prospective prices in the next few months, C. S. Warner, president of the association, who presided at the meeting, asked a number of the members what percentage of decrease they expected in their lines and received in answer figures that averaged about 35 per cent.

In a final talk, Mr. McCann said that if all the merchants would follow the policy of reducing their prices with the wholesale price reductions, he felt the situation would be met.

The Bend Scale.

The Bend lumber wage scale, which changed on Monday, is the result of nine successive increases made since the mills began operations here in March, 1916. At that time the minimum rate was \$2.25 for a 10-hour day, or 22½ cents an hour. In March, 1918, the time was changed to eight hours and the rate that now exists has been 62½ cents. The new scale is 50 cents an hour.

The Bend mills, according to Mr. McCann, are among the last in the Northwest to lower wages and the minimum wage to go into effect will be higher here than elsewhere.

GUARD AGAINST GAS SHORTAGE

STANDARD OIL COMPANY IN BEND RECEIVES STEEL FOR NEW 70,000 GALLON TANK, DOUBLING STORAGE CAPACITY

To provide against any possible recurrence of the gasoline shortage of last summer, the Standard Oil Co. will more than double its present storage capacity, announces W. R. new 70,000-gallon tank has arrived and is now being put up.

The work is expected to be completed within two weeks time. The new tank will be 30 feet in height and in diameter.

The installation will mean a total gasoline storage capacity of 125,000 gallons in Bend. Mr. Speck states. As the average monthly consumption of gas purchased here is 70,000 gallons, the new container will add a month's reserve supply, while the total which may be stored by the Standard Oil Co. in this city will be nearly sufficient for double that length of time.

TRUCK ENDEAVORS TO ENTER STORE

Efforts of Frank Miller To Stop
Machine Futile, Until Supple-
mented By Brick Wall.

Frank Miller, sidewalk contractor, had difficulty in stopping his auto truck on Thursday when he tried to dock at the curb in front of the A. B. Estebenet store on Bond street. The truck was a raw recruit and didn't know what the command, "halt!" meant. It kept going, climbed the curb, crossed the sidewalk and came up with a thud against the De Armond & Gilbert building.

Only the fact that the machine hit the small width of brick wall between two windows prevented the truck from entering the Estebenet store. Two twisted fenders represented the damage sustained.

WILDFOWL DECLARED TO BE CONTRABAND

Persons found with wild ducks or geese in their possession after January 10 will be strictly out of luck. District Game Warden Earl Houston announces, after receiving unofficial advices from government officials on this point.

NOTICE
The Pine Forest Irrigation company's annual meeting will be held in Bend at Commercial club chambers, January 8, 1921, at 2 o'clock p. m.
T. E. TROTTER, President.

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VETERAN JUSTICE IS OUT OF OFFICE

J. A. Eastes, First Appointed When
Bend Was In Crook County, Is
Succeeded By E. D. Gilson.

J. A. Eastes, for the past seven years justice of the peace in Bend, relinquished the office on New Year's day to E. D. Gilson, chosen at the November elections. Mr. Eastes first held the office of justice by appointment while Bend was still in Crook county.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION (Repudiation.)

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Ore., Dec. 24, 1920.

Notice is hereby given that Clifton M. Rosin of Millican, Oregon, who, on Aug. 26, 1919, made Additional Homestead Entry No. 016952, for 8¼ SE¼, Sec. 29; N¼ NE¼, SW¼ N¼, N¼ SE¼, Sec. 32; NW¼ SW¼, Sec. 33, Township 19 South, Range 16 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before H. C. Ellis, United States Commissioner, Bend, Oregon, on the 12th day of February, 1921.

Claimant names as witnesses: Preston J. Bishop, John Holland, Otis C. Henkle, Charles S. Haines, all of Bend, Oregon.
H. FRANK WOODCOCK, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, Dec. 15, 1920.

Notice is hereby given that Love A. Shaffer, of Millican, Oregon, who, on April 30, 1917, made H. E. 018803, and on Dec. 31, 1919, made additional H. E. No. 018830, for 8 W¼, Sec. 26, SE¼, Sec. 34, W¼ Sec. 35, Township 19 South, Range 16 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before H. C. Ellis, United States Commissioner, at Bend, Oregon, on the 3rd day of February, 1921.

Claimant names as witnesses: Herbert E. Moore, Arthur M. Moore, John Israel, Faith Israel, all of Millican, Oregon.
H. FRANK WOODCOCK, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, Dec. 15, 1920.

Notice is hereby given that Guy O. Shaffer, of Millican, Oregon, who, on April 30, 1917, made H. E. 018805, and on Oct. 15, 1920, made additional H. E. No. 020476, for 8¼ S¼, Sec. 25, SE¼, Sec. 26, E¼ Sec. 35, Township 19 South, Range 16 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before H. C. Ellis, United States Commissioner, at Bend, Oregon, on the 3rd day of February, 1921.

Claimant names as witnesses: Herbert E. Moore, Arthur M. Moore, John Israel, Faith Israel, all of Millican, Oregon.
H. FRANK WOODCOCK, Register.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given, that on the 30th day of November, 1920, the undersigned Elmer D. Tyler was by the County Judge of Deschutes County, State of Oregon, appointed executor of the last will and testament of Rhoda P. Tyler, deceased, and that letters testamentary have been granted to said executor authorizing him to administer the estate of said deceased.

All creditors of said estate are

therefore required to present their claims properly verified to said executor at the office of G. C. Morgan, attorney at law, at his office in the Log Cabin Building in Bend, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated this 16th day of December, 1920.

42-45c ELMER D. TYLER, Executor.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION (Not Coal Land.)

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Lakeview, Oregon, Dec. 8, 1920.

Notice is hereby given that Hans Zimmerman, of Crescent, Oregon, who, on Nov. 15, 1913, made Homestead Entry No. 07010, for SE¼ Lot 1 (10 a.), S¼ NE¼ Lot 1 (5 a.), W¼ SE¼ NE¼, NE¼ SE¼ NE¼, N¼ SE¼ SE¼ NE¼, SW¼ NE¼, SE¼ NW¼, Sec. 1, T. 24 S., R. 6 E., SW¼ Lot 5 (11.70 a.), S¼ NW¼ (5.85 acres); NW¼ Lot 6 (12 a.) N¼ SW¼ Lot 6 (6 a.), Sec. 6, Township 24 S., Range 7 E., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before E. L. Clark, U. S. Commissioner, at Lapine, Oregon, on the 14th day of January, 1921.

Claimant names as witnesses: Eddie SENTRY, William Brock, both of Crescent, Oregon; J. N. Masten, Jake Howard, both of Lapine, Oregon.
JAS. F. BURGESS, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION (Not Coal Land.)

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Lakeview, Oregon, Dec. 8, 1920.

Notice is hereby given that Harry L. Hubbard, of Bellingham, Washington, who, on March 12, 1913, made Homestead Entry No. 06459, for E¼, Section 8, Township 22 S., Range 17 E., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before H. C. Ellis, U. S. Commissioner, Bend, Oregon, on the 8th day of January, 1921.

Claimant names as witnesses: J. E. Hethorn, W. L. Hethorn, P. A. Grabler, W. M. Dickerson, all of Bend, Oregon.
JAS. F. BURGESS, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION (Not Coal Land.)

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Lakeview, Oregon, December 1, 1920.

Notice is hereby given that Leighton M. Swank, of Brothers, Oregon, who, on Sept. 15, 1917, made Homestead Entry No. 010511, for lots 3-4, E¼ SW¼, SE¼, Section 7, Township 21 S., Range 18 E., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before H. C. Ellis, U. S. Commissioner, at his office at Bend, Oregon, on the 3rd day of January, 1921.

Claimant names as witnesses: Patrick H. Coffey, Elizabeth E. Coffey, both of Bend, Oregon; Joseph Varco, Joseph Stenkamp, both of Brothers, Oregon.

Notice will be published for five consecutive weeks in The Bend Bulletin.
JAS. H. BURGESS, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION (Not Coal Land.)

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Lakeview, Oregon, December 1, 1920.

Notice is hereby given that Wilda M. Swank, widow of Eldon P. Swank, deceased, of The Dalles, Oregon, who, on Oct. 16, 1920, made Additional Homestead Entry No. 011070 for S W¼, Section 12; NW¼ Section 13,

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