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## HELP THE LUMBERMAN.

It will pay the voters of Oregon to study a bit as to how the lumber industry can be helped, says the Oregon Voter.

The prospects of its revival on a large scale are being endangered in various ways.

If the "zone system" of rate-making, based on distance hauled, is extended, Oregon timber will be as remote from the great markets of the middle west as if it were located in Alaska or farther, so far as a chance to compete with Southern Yellow Pine is concerned.

Even if it could be landed free of cost in New York City, via the Panama canal, it would be more remote from its ultimate market in the Missouri and Mississippi valleys than lumber at Southern mills.

This we will point out in a future article.

Also, the cost of production is larger here under the regulation imposed by state laws. All these restrictions have an excellent intent, but many of them fail to achieve their intent while at the same time they damage the industry.

A tendency to tax timber for improvements which are not necessities is making the burden too heavy to carry except for a few wealthy interests, whose resources enable them to outlive prolonged depressions which ruin their competitors.

Disposition to avoid using timber for public purposes, in favoring cement, steel, and other fireproof materials, reflects credit on the enterprise of school boards and other purchasing bodies, but it is crucifying our great industry. Those who have made a study claim that the same paramount object of "safety first" can be achieved at less cost for many public works by using wood.

With the welfare of a great industry at stake, is it not worth while to learn whether these men are right?

Other industries here in the Pacific Northwest will not attain their deserved prosperity if lumber fails to revive. More brick will be sold when lumber men are prosperous than when they are unemployed. More cement will be sold when lumber mills are running than when they are rusting. More steel will be in demand when more lumber is in demand. Mercantile business, wholesale and retail, will reap more profit from revival of lumber than from reductions of freight rates, many times over. More farm produce will be sold, and at a higher price, if lumber camps are active. We are all vitally concerned with protecting the lumber industry from further damage, and we all will profit by rescuing it from utter ruin.

## TEACHING BOYS HOW TO WORK

Commissioner of Education Claxton is quoted as saying that school boys should be partially self-supporting at the age of 12 years. This is a pretty stiff jolt, we take it, to the theory that boys should be wholly prevented from working at that age, says the Telegram.

The sooner we get down to the collective conclusion that child life and school days should not be all books with intervals of play, the better. The work factor is essential, provided, as a matter of course, it is practically cultivated. It is becoming the thought and effort of the most ad-

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vanced educators to incorporate the teaching of work in the schools. Owing to present-day social conditions that policy is essential, and the more especially as it seeks to develop the fitness of the particular child for the particular vocation; but we ought not to delude ourselves with the opinion that the schools can do it all.

The primary teaching of industry belongs in the home. It is the function of the home rather than of the school, and on home initiative and the demand of home requirements or home necessities the law should not arbitrarily deny to all children the right to work.

We need to have some serious thinking on this subject of work for the child, and particularly for the boy. At an early age, and to a certain measure, at least, he should be inducted into some useful and gainful occupation, wherein he would find some responsibility and at the same time develop some independence. The more congenial the work and the better suited to his temperament; the better; but the lesson in useful industry above all things, else is what he needs.

Commissioner Claxton speaks for the development of manliness in the boy when he says that he ought to be partially self-supporting at the age of 12 years.

## BIG SAVING IN COST OF TOWN GOVERNMENT

The report of Recorder H. E. Walker for the eight months ending June 30, 1915, shows marked reduction in the cost of maintaining the government of the town. According to this report there are reductions in every department except that of the town water supply, which is under contract, and is the same as for the same period a year ago. Police, salaries, and general expense all show marked decreases.

The total warrants issued a year ago, for the eight-month period, was \$21,875.02, of which \$2076.15 was for the Second street bridge, paid out of a bond fund. This leaves a total of \$19,798.87 drawn against the tax-raised funds of the city. For the present half-year, the total drawn was \$8030.98, less \$944.88 for the bridge, leaving \$7086.10 to be paid out of the money raised by general taxes.

The reduction in the cost of government is, therefore, \$12,712.77, or a trifle over 64 per cent.

Springfield has done fairly well in raising funds to help keep a Lane county representative at the San Francisco fair, but is still short by more than half of what ought to be raised here in order to be doing out share. Springfield doesn't want to be a piker, and reap benefits paid for by others.

## FEEDING 300 COLLEGE GIRLS

(By Lillian Burns, O. A. C.)  
 How would you like the job of planning three meals a day for nearly 300 hungry college girls? Considering the present prices could you keep your expenditures for food and helpers within your income when it amounted to \$3.50 a week for each person?

This is the work of Miss Sibylla Hadwen, Housekeeper for the Women's Dormitories of the Oregon Agricultural College.

Though these meals conform somewhat to the "balanced ration" the scientific cooks talk about, they are more largely governed by the kinds of food that can be bought in quantities at moderate prices and as much as possible by what the girls seem to like. Where possible a choice is offered between two foods. For instance coffee and chocolate, a cooked and an uncooked cereal, bread and toast or biscuit are served for breakfast. An effort is made to have raw fruit for breakfast and also a breakfast meat such as bacon, sausage, or creamed fish, with eggs once or twice a week to give variety.

Miss Hadwen believes the girls should have all the milk they want to drink and from 20 to 30 gallons are purchased each day, most of which is used at lunch. The lunch also includes soup or some baked dish such as cheese fondue or scalloped potatoes and canned fruit.

A meat, potatoes, some other vegetable, gravy and bread and butter are the evening meal with a desert of pudding, pie or salad.

Waldo Hall, the larger dormitory, has a dining room that seats 200 and the quantity of food consumed runs in figures like these:

1 sack of potatoes for dinner, 90 lbs. of steak for a dinner, 120 lbs. of

mutton for a dinner, 150 lbs. of pork for a dinner, 80 to 100 loaves of bread a day, 25 lbs. of butter a day, 2 sacks of sugar a week, 2 or 3 cases of eggs a week.

The milk, butter and eggs are usually obtained from the dairy and poultry departments of the College. The bread is purchased from a local bakery. The meat comes from Portland in several shipments a week and the other things are purchased where it seems advisable.—Oregon Grange Bulletin.

## CALL FOR BIDS

The Board of Directors of Springfield School, District No. 19, will receive up to, and including July 19, 1915, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. bids for 80 to 100 cords 4 foot body fir or slab wood, for Lincoln School building. Delivery to begin not later than Aug. 1, 1915, and be completed not later than Aug. 20, 1915. Said school board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

A. P. MCKINZEY, Clerk.  
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Portland—City let paying contracts last week for \$30,000. Eugene—Permits for six months past, \$59,963.

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