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GOVERNMENT IS SEEKING WAY TO AID LUMBERMEN

Trade Commission, Forest Service and Bureau of Foreign Commerce Co-Operate—Investigate Foreign Markets.

A dispatch to the Oregonian from its Washington news Bureau says:

By co-operation, the Federal Trade Commission, the Forest Service and the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce hope to evolve some plan by which the Federal Government can aid in restoring normal conditions in the lumber industry.

This plan of co-operation was agreed on after the National Association of Lumber Manufacturers at San Francisco had appointed a committee to advise the Trade Commission of the present condition of the American lumber industry. The Forest Service already was at work on various lumber problems; the Trade Commission has taken up for consideration the request of many lumber manufacturers that a limited form of combination for engaging in export trade be permitted and the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Trade has started inquiries with a view to aiding in developing foreign markets, particularly in South America and the Orient.

The Forest Service started a comprehensive investigation 10 months ago to ascertain how the timber supply of the country is being utilized and whether normal conditions exist in the forest-using industries. The Forest Service has advised the Trade Commission that although logging and forest fires are reducing the timber supply by 80 or more billion feet a year, much low-grade timber is not marketable. From a quarter to a third of the material grown in the forests is said to be wasted in manufacture. From the lumberman's viewpoint, says the Forest Service, the country seems to be glutted with lumber; but while some manufacturers have reduced their output for the time being, there is no prospect of any permanent weakening in the attack of the 45,000 sawmills upon the remaining forests.

The necessity for realizing on investments in timber, together with other causes, has led apparently to the construction of sawmills with an output greatly in excess of the demand.

"At the same time," says the Trade Commission, "many believe that lumber costs too much. Retail prices have gone up in the last two decades, due in part to the fact that the supplies of lumber nearest to the thickly populated states have been reduced. There has also been much speculation in standing timber, which has tended to enhance timber values and to increase the prices demanded by lumber mills. The development of associations of lumber manufacturers and distributors has occasioned more or less belief that prices were being increased artificially.

"The part played by the Forest Service in the inquiry begun last year deals with the ownership of standing timber, the waste in its utilization, and the factors controlling the production and distribution of lumber."

"The Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, with its large facilities for the study of trade opportunities, is conducting an investigation of foreign markets, particularly in South America and the Orient, with a view to expanding the export trade in American lumber."

In announcing its co-operation in this inquiry the Federal Trade Commission has issued a statement saying:

"The purpose of the three Federal agencies in conducting this study is to make it constructive and helpful. The Government's point of view in appro-

TOMORROW THE DAY

Wednesday is just as good. Either will do for taking advantage of The News' Bargain Days offer of The News for 80c a year, in advance.

aching the problems concerned is directed toward the welfare of the country at large, but it is hoped that the inquiry will be of benefit to all branches of the lumber industry as well as to the consumers.

"Conditions in the lumber trade have changed, due in part to the widespread use of other structural materials than wood. Lumbermen are confronted with many problems, often not fully understood by them and seldom appreciated by the public. Much can be accomplished by ascertaining the facts."

Springs to Get Sawmill

A contract has been entered into between the Winino Hot Mineral Springs company and Herbert Brothers whereby the latter have agreed to remove their saw mill to the site of the springs near Oakridge for the purpose of cutting lumber for the extensive improvements that are to be made at that resort.

Contract Let for O-E. Extension

Portland, Ore., July 24.—Extension of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company's central Oregon branch from Riverside, westerly to Crane Creek gap, a distance of more than 30 miles, will be undertaken immediately and completed this fall. The contract for the construction was awarded today to Twohy Brothers company of Portland. The cost of the work will be \$1,500,000.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE ISSUES THREE BULLETINS

The News is in receipt of three bulletins just issued by the Oregon Agricultural college. One is from the experiment station and is the second on the subject of the pollination of the pomaceous fruits, treating the Fruit-Bud Development of the Apple. Another bulletin treats of the various arsenates of lead and the third is a 72-page book on "Pruning." There are five articles in this book, treating the different phases of the subject. The bulletins are sent free to residents of Oregon who request them.

WILL USE CONCRETE TO REPAIR PAVEMENTS

Gravel has been hauled to a number of places in the city where repairs are to be made to the pavement under direction of Chief of Police Staniger. The work was to have been begun today, but there was no cement to be had, and the work will be delayed for a day or two.

DEER SEASON WILL OPEN ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

Game Warden E. C. Hills asks the News to call attention of hunters and others interested to the fact that the deer season does not open until Sunday, August 15, and closes October 31st. Some cards gotten out by a sporting goods house in Eugene are in error in giving the opening date.

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One News subscriber, anxious to take advantage of the Bargain Days offer, has already sent in a check to apply tomorrow on his subscription, which he pays up to July 28, 1917—Two Years in Advance.

WILL DYNAMITE OLD BRIDGE ON THE COAST FORK

Construction Work Begun Today by Demolition of the Old Structure—Begin Hauling the Gravel Wednesday.

Tearing out of the planking on the bridge across the Coast Fork between Goshen and Pleasant Hill was begun today, and on Wednesday a charge of dynamite will drop the trusses into the river so they can be taken away and work of erecting the new structure be begun.

George Vallier will begin on Thursday hauling gravel from a bar a half mile above the site of the bridge, and to bring the lumber from Cottage Grove. Some 60 tons of tie-bolts and plates will be shipped from Portland to Goshen and then be hauled from there to the bridge by Mr. Vallier.

OREGON IS FOURTH IN PRODUCTION OF LUMBER

Fully One-Sixth of the People of the State are Dependant On Industry.

Portland, Ore., July 26.—According to the government figures for 1913, Oregon ranks fourth in the list of lumber producing states, having advanced from twenty-third place in the past decade.

According to the 1913 figures, Washington still ranks first in lumber production. In fact, the reported production in this State for 1913, approximately 4,600,000,000 feet was the largest ever reported for the State or any other State. Michigan approached this figure in 1890 by reporting a production of 4,311,000,000 feet.

The cut of Douglas fir in 1913 was the largest ever reported for this species, being over 5 1/2 billion feet. This figure is for a single species. The cut of yellow pine for 1913 was reported as nearly 15 billion feet, which figure was second only to that reported in 1909. The latter figure is made up of all species, commercially known as yellow pine.

Out of a population of approximately 675,000 people in Oregon, 84,000 or one-sixth of the total number, is directly dependent upon the lumber industry. Of a population of 1,142,000 people in Washington, sixteen per cent or approximately 193,000 are dependant upon the lumber industry.

MORE LOGS NOW COMING FROM WENDLING CAMPS

Since the Wendling mill of the Booth-Kelly Co. shut down last week, shipments of from 24 to 28 carloads of logs a day are being received here from the camps beyond Wendling. This is double the amount previously received, and with the dozen or more cars a day received from the upper Willamette camps will gradually fill the pond, as the daily cut is about 25 cars of logs.

Oregon Produced \$143,556 worth of coal in 1914.

GRAVEL TRAIN TO BE TAKEN OFF MIDDLE OF WEEK

Willamette-Pacific Track Ballasted as Far as Acme—Little Doing in the Pits Until Siuslaw Bridge is Completed.

Hauling of gravel from the pits near Springfield for the ballasting of the Willamette-Pacific tracks will cease Wednesday or Thursday of this week and will not be resumed until the Siuslaw bridge at Acme is completed in six weeks to two months. The ballasting operations will be resumed then, and will continue for the greater part of the winter.

A small crew will be kept at the pits however, for a time to get out sand and gravel for the concrete work on the piers of the Siuslaw bridge, and also for the concrete work on the tunnel next south of the Siuslaw.

Concrete is now being poured on the pivot pier.

The steam shovel now at the pits will probably be taken to the front between Mapleton and Acme where, on the grade just completed, some small slides are encroaching on the track.

W. J. Williams, train master for the gravel outfit, stationed at Springfield, has taken charge of operations at the pit on account of the sudden resignation of the foreman, timekeeper and some of the others.

Seavey Family Holds Reunion

Many are Heroes in Lake Tragedy

The annual Seavey family reunion was held at the James Seavey place on the McKenzie river yesterday and proved a very enjoyable occasion. There were recitations by the little folks, a talk by Rev. H. W. Davis of Eugene, and then a fine basket dinner. All of the Seavey brothers except Tom were present. William Blachley of Blachley, attended the reunion for the first time in 20 years. There were three generations of his family in attendance. In all there were 42 present, including William Seavey, Mrs. George Wasson and family of Coburg, Mrs. Anna Bushnell and family of Eugene, James Seavey and family, Jess Seavey and family, Mrs. Harriet Stewart, William Blachley and family, Walter Blachley and family, Mr. and Mrs. Simmons and family of Junction City, Mr. and Mrs. Davis and family of Eugene, Miss Vena Hall of Eugene, Mitchell Wilkins and wife of Coburg, Mrs. Robert Stineberg and family of Coburg, Mr. and Mrs. Olson of Junction City, Mrs. T. Jackson of Eugene, Miss Alice Titus of Eugene, Rev. H. W. Davis and his mother of Eugene.

A gloomy man who was out of work and contemplating suicide in the river found plenty of work when the vessel capsized. He plunged in and rescued nine before he was dragged out almost dead by other rescuers.

A policeman made a motorman stop between stations, ran back along the tracks, plunged into the river and saved eight from drowning.

There were numerous boy heroes. In two cases the little fellows themselves perished after helping women and children to safety.

One boy, whose identity is still unrevealed, jumped from the dock into the river to help two women hanging to an object in the midstream. He was swimming to the dock with one of the women when the other flung her arms around his neck and all three were drowned.

William Raphael, manager of a commission house, leaped into the river and was swimming to the dock with two women when a fat man, his face a livid green from fear, clutched the dress of one of the women. Raphael kicked him in the face, but in the struggle the fat man and one woman were drowned.

All witnesses agree that in the crisis women were stronger and calmer. While the men fought madly for their lives, the women and girls, after the first panic, quickly recovered. They clung patiently to bits of wreckage and obeyed commands of rescuers. Those trapped in the hull waited calmly for death or rescue. The men, however, chiefly young foreigners, dragged women from places of safety and even after their own safety was assured stood stolidly without offering to assist.

Play Ball

and get your goods right here. Everything official. Balls, bats, mitts, masks, chest protectors, spikes and all the essentials of the diamond. Sporting goods for every event. Prices reasonable.



Beaver-Herndon Hardware Company

HAS GOLD DOLLARS

D. S. Beals, assistant cashier of the First National bank last week received from San Francisco a number of the gold dollars issued by the government as souvenirs of the exposition. They retail at \$2 each.

and official Directory just issued by Secretary of State Ben Olcott under authority of a law passed at the recent session of the legislature.

In addition to the matter included in prior editions of this book, which as well has been brought down to June 1, 1915, there is included a sketch of the formation of the early provisional government at Champeog by Geo. H. Himes, Assistant Secretary of the Oregon Historical Society; an outline map of the State giving the area by counties, together with a classified statement of the lands within the State; qualifications of voters; tables showing the popular and electoral vote for President in 1912; population of the several states by decades; table giving date of the next general election, date of next legislative session, limit of sessions and pay and terms of office of senators and representatives in all states; principal state officers of other states; names and terms of office of the various state officers from the formation of the provisional government to date, as well as the names of all newspapers and postoffices in the state.

Upon request a copy, without charge will be supplied to any resident of Oregon.

THOUSANDS DIE WHEN EXCURSION BOAT OVERTURNS

Chicago, July 25.—Bodies of 901 persons killed in the capsizing of the steamer Eastland at its wharf in the Chicago River had been recovered tonight after 40 hours of searching by divers around the steel hulk, still lying on its side, half-submerged, where it rolled yesterday while laden with 2408 excursionists.

The total dead as a result of the turning over of the ship still remains at approximately 1,000, according to estimates made by Coroner Hoffman, whose reports indicate that probably 100 bodies still were held in the mud of the river by the superstructure of the overturned boat.

While only 1002 passengers of the Eastland have registered with the Western Electric Company as saved, it is thought that about 475 survivors, including the crew of 72, had failed to report their escape.

The Eastland lies on her side in the river, with divers still floundering through the interior of the steel coffin and burrowing under her, while Chicago, appalled, is just beginning to realize the significance of the greatest of marine disasters. While grief stricken thousands are searching through the morgue in the Second Regiment armory for friends or relatives, state and federal officials have the blame for the catastrophe turned their attention to placing and to the work of providing relief for those left destitute.

Day One of Gloom

In churches and homes throughout the city today prayers were offered for the suffering and the dead. The day was one of gloom.

The sky was cloudy and a mist hung in the air. There was more than the usual Sabbath quiet everywhere and the crowds of out-door pleasure-seekers were thin. As was the case yesterday, baseball games were postponed.

Various theories as to what caused the Eastland to turn over are still being discussed, but without prospect of a definite explanation until the coroner's inquest and the federal government's investigation, to be begun tomorrow, are finished. The most discussed theories are four—that the boat was over-loaded; that she was not properly ballasted; that the tug that made fast to warp the Eastland from the docks started pulling too soon; that congestion of passengers rushing to the port side, attracted by some passing sensation, tipped the boat over.

Hohl's Blacksmith Shop Opened

George Hohl, who recently returned to this city from Springfield, has decided to reopen the well known west side blacksmith shop, which has practically been closed since the death of Mr. Hohl's father in May, and the shop will be conducted for Mrs. Hohl by her sons, George and Phillip. Both young men have been practically raised and trained from boyhood in this line of work and are first class mechanics. The business will be conducted under the name of "Hohl's Blacksmith Shop," and all work will be turned out promptly and satisfactorily. The patronage of both old and new patrons is solicited and satisfaction is guaranteed.—Cottage Grove Leader.

Cut 208,000 Feet in Day.

The Booth-Kelly mill cut 208,000 feet of lumber last Friday. The ordinary day's run is in the neighborhood of 150,000 feet.

There is a movement on at Canby to start cheese factory.