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COAST LUMBER MILLS TO RAISE PRICE OF PRODUCT

The Saturday issue of the Portland Telegram says:

Effective October 10, lumber prices will be advanced by all mills in the membership of the West Coast Lumber Manufacturers' association, composing a majority of the producing plants of Western Washington and Western Oregon. This was determined at a meeting of the association at Tacoma yesterday. It was voted to ask all member mills to express an opinion whether to put into effect November 1 all prices on the differential lists of the association which have been disregarded since soon after they were promulgated, manufacturers preferring to sell for whatever they could get.

Slash grain flooring and drop siding will be raised \$1 and all kinds of boards 50 cents. This will put slash grain flooring at \$16 f. o. b. mills and siding at \$15. All 8 and 10 foot boards will be \$8.50, and 12-foot boards will be \$9. A proposal to raise 16-foot boards 50 cents failed to carry.

Market is Only Starting

While conditions in the lumber market of the Pacific Northwest have shown marked improvement during the last month, the feeling exists among the members that the start has just been made. They do not anticipate a large increase in the volume of business during the winter months, but with the opening of spring, expect trade to increase on a scale proportionate with times before the war began and before prices slumped to the lowest point ever known in this industry in this section of the country. The new prices will likely mean the reopening of a number of mills which have been idle for months as the employment of a large number of hands.

Word received from the office of Thorp Babcock, secretary of the West Coast Lumber Manufacturers' association, in Seattle, was to the effect that, while there has been an improvement in conditions up to the present time, and for the last four or five weeks, it had been felt that the time was not ripe to advance prices until now.

Spring Demand to Be Strong

"We anticipate," said the report, "that spring buying will be extremely heavy and will come earlier next year than ever before. We believe the lumbermen should receive more money for their product. Prices have been the lowest ever known, and conditions have now changed to the point where it is believed to be just for the lumber interests to advance their prices and endeavor to place themselves on a basis where they will at least be able to make a little more than their expenses.

"Chances are that a score or more of mills which have been closed from several months to two or three years, will, upon receipts of our intentions, reopen. If too many of them do so and resume cutting on a large scale it may mean that prices will ease off again. Of course we cannot tell owners to open or not to; that is a matter entirely up to them, and they must look to the future and decide their action for themselves."

"ENTERPRISING TOWN," SAYS MEDFORD VISITOR WHO MAY LOCATE HERE

Benjamin M. Collins of Medford, is here for a visit with his cousin, Ed. Collins, and may decide to locate permanently in Springfield.

"This place strikes me as the most enterprising town I have visited in Oregon or California," says Mr. Collins, and he has been on the road for nearly a year now, and has visited scores of communities.

SISTER DIES IN MICHIGAN

Mrs. Will Clark has just received the sad news of the death of her sister, Mrs. Rosa Decker of Winn, Michigan, on September 27, at the Homeopathic hospital at Ann Arbor. Mrs. Decker grew to womanhood in Springfield, graduating from the public schools here. She leaves two daughters, Rena and Ina Decker. Her many friends here will be sorry to hear of her death.

GRANGE TO HOLD ITS MEETING SATURDAY

The Springfield Grange will hold its first September meeting at the hall on Saturday, October 9. All members are urged to be present, as it is hoped that plans for the winter's work may be formulated at this time.

Ambulance Falls off of a Bridge

The ambulance belonging to Lorah & Lorah of the Springfield livery barn was somewhat damaged, the harness broken to bits and the horses somewhat skinned up, when the outfit went off a bridge near Mabel at 8 o'clock Saturday evening. H. T. Pratt, the driver, was not injured.

A call had come from the mill at Mabel to take a patient to the hospital in Eugene, and Mr. Pratt made the trip. After he had passed Marcola, and was nearly to his journey's end, one of the wheels of the vehicle ran off a bridge and the weight of the wagon dragged the horses down, one on top of the other. Both horses were somewhat cut and bruised, and it was with difficulty they were gotten out of the rather steep ravine into which they had fallen. The wagon tongue was broken, and the harness very much damaged. Mr. Pratt walked back to Marcola and telephoned his employers, and another ambulance was sent from Eugene to get the patient. The damaged vehicle was brought back to Springfield late yesterday afternoon.

CONGRESSMAN HAWLEY IN EUGENE TOMORROW

Congressman W. C. Hawley will be in Eugene tomorrow on a portion of his trip over the First congressional district, to meet his constituents and learn their views on public questions. At this time he is particularly interested in learning what the people are thinking about the public lands, and the waterways but other public questions will also take his attention. He goes on Wednesday to the Siuslaw to inspect the work on the bar there, and will go on to Coos bay to take part in the celebration being held over the completion of the Willamette-Pacific bridge between Marshfield and North Bend.

HIGH OFFICIALS OF S. P. TO BE HERE THURSDAY

High officials, including President Sproule, and other operating officials, left San Francisco today on the annual general inspection of the company's lines. They are to go over all the trackage, and examine every station on the system, and will give merit marks wherever earned.

The local yards are being given an extra cleaning in anticipation of the inspection, which will occur Thursday of this week if the officials are not delayed.

MUCH CLOVER IS GROWN

That Lane county is becoming a clover raising center is evidenced by the fact that within the past ten days \$10,000 has been spent by eastern buyers for this product here. The buyers are operating through Quayle & Johnson, who have already dispatched a carload of the seed to Minneapolis, receiving \$4970 for it, and a second car will be sent within the next week.

It is the intention of this firm to install a clover cleaning plant in Eugene next year at a cost of between \$600 and \$800, and next year the output in this immediate vicinity is expected to reach a value of between \$20,000 and \$30,000. While the counties down the valley have raised clover extensively for the seed, little attention has been paid to the crop in this section, until the past year or two. The soil here is adapted to clover growing and is very similar to that of Yamhill and Polk counties, where thousands of acres are grown. —Register.

State Road Man Approves Work

The class of work being done on Edwards lane, a few miles east of Springfield, was highly commended by State Highway Engineer Cantine, who with County Commissioners Harlow and Hawley inspected the work last Friday. Mr. Cantine had come to Lane county more especially to inspect the Pacific Highway through the county, but took time off to inspect the work now in progress near here. The Pacific Highway, he found, is in excellent shape for the greater part of the distance through Lane county. Only on a strip a mile long, over territory taken from Douglas county last year, will any considerable work be done, and Mr. Cantine stated he believed the state highway funds would supply the amount needed.

WILL TELL PLANS FOR COMMERCIAL SURVEY OF STATE

D. W. Morton, head of the school of commerce of the University of Oregon, will be the principal speaker at the meeting of the Springfield Development league at the league rooms tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Morton will discuss in general the work of the school, and more particularly will explain the plan now being worked out for the establishment of a Commercial museum at the University. It is intended that this museum shall contain samples of products from all portions of Oregon, together with a statement of the manufacturing and commercial interests of these different sections. The address by Mr. Morton will be of special interest to the manufacturers of the town, and will prove of more than passing concern to all who are interested in the welfare of the community. All interested, whether members of the league or not, are invited to attend.

The business session of the league will follow the address.

Claude Knott Home Destroyed by Fire

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Knott, west of the West Springfield school, was entirely destroyed by fire early Saturday morning, together with practically all of its contents. Mr. and Mrs. Knott escaped with but a few articles of clothing and one or two articles of furniture.

The fire is believed to have been the work of an incendiary, for it seemed to have started underneath one corner of the kitchen. A similarly inexplicable fire started in the house several months ago, but was extinguished before it had done any great damage. The fire this time, however, had gained such headway when Mr. and Mrs. Knott were awakened, that they could do nothing toward staying its progress.

An alarm was telephoned to Springfield and the fire whistle was blown vigorously for several minutes. A large number of people went from here, but the apparatus was of no use because there is no water service across the river. Volunteers did good work in keeping the home of Rev. M. F. Childs of the Free Methodist church, from catching fire.

SEPTEMBER'S RAINFALL WAS EXCEEDINGLY LIGHT

Harold M. Mayo, co-operative weather observer, living at Kincaid park, furnishes the News

with the following summary of weather conditions for September:

Mean temperature, 60.0, averaging from a mean maximum of 73.8 and mean minimum of 46.2.

Highest temperature of the month, 87 degrees on the 4th.

Day with lowest, 38 degrees on the 28th.

Total precipitation .53 inch.

Days clear, 16; partly cloudy, 8; cloudy, 6.

PILING TO PROTECT BANKS OF MILLRACE

The Booth-Kelly pile driver was moved yesterday and today from the southeast part of the pond to a point on the north side of the millrace, between the dam and the refuse burner. Piling are to be placed on each side of the race from the dam to the first sawdust chute, to keep the water from washing the banks. The piledriver was brought over the pond Saturday afternoon, and then down along the log-dumping track Sunday while the trains were not using this track.

Driving of piling for the lumber storage gangways, in the eastern part of the yard has been completed, and the decking has been put in place. About 200 feet more of storage room will be provided by the placing of stringers on blocks.

BUILDING BOAT OF LIGHT DRAFT FOR FREIGHT USE

George Fisk, who lives just west of Emerald heights, is building a boat on which he will use a new style of paddle wheel which he has invented. The boat is 11 feet wide and 48 feet over all in length, and draws five inches of water light. He will install a four-horse-power gasoline engine for power. He expects to take the boat to Portland as soon as the river has risen sufficiently for him to get over the riffles at Judkins point.

The boat was launched a week ago, and he is now building the cabin on it.

Boys' Search is Successful

Two lads, Earl Johnson, age 17 and John Dodge, age 15, came to Springfield Saturday morning from Springfield Junction with Ira Young, the mail carrier. They claimed they had been beating their way from Chehalis, Washington, to visit the half sister of Johnson, who was supposed to be living near Springfield. The boys' story was doubted for a time, and they were turned over to Chief Staniger, but they persisted in their tale, and they described the woman, Mrs. Nellie Chapman, so well that she was recognized as the Mrs. Chapman living at Hyland's siding. Johnson claimed not to have seen his half-sister for ten years, but he knew the names of all her children, and accordingly the boys were allowed to continue their journey.

MOVE OFF OLD HOUSE—EXCAVATE FOR BUILDING

E. E. Kepner is having the dirt removed from his lot at the corner of Fifth and A streets, in preparation for the erection of a building as soon as he secures a tenant. The old house on the lot is to be moved to his farm, west of Kelly butte, contract for the moving already having been let. Mr. Kepner's lot is 99 by 120 feet, and he is prepared to cover as much of the lot as may be necessary.

An excavation of 15 inches is to be made along the west side of the lot, and as much as needed for finishing the bit of the Second-street bridge will be taken from the rest of the lot.

CHAS. L. SCOTT MADE PRESIDENT OF FIRST NATIONAL

The regular monthly meeting of the board of directors of the First National Bank, Springfield, Oregon, was held Saturday night, Oct. 2nd, at which time they had for consideration the resignation of J. F. Smith as director and President of the bank as official duties require him to go to the State of Washington as executor of the estate of the late James A. Ebbert. However, Mr. Smith retains his full business interest in the institution, and will make frequent trips to Springfield.

His resignation was accepted by the board of directors with regrets and the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, owing to business engagements elsewhere that demand his residence in another state, Mr. J. F. Smith has tendered his resignation as president and director of the First National Bank of Springfield, Oregon, we the board of directors regretfully accept his resignation

A. MIDDLETON
L. G. PAGE
E. F. McBEE

Committee.

There being a vacancy in the Board of Directors D. S. Beals was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Charles L. Scott was elected President of the Board and D. S. Beals, Cashier. Mr. Scott has been connected with the bank as Cashier since May, 1909, and Mr. Beals has acted as assistant Cashier for some years previous.

WENDING ITEMS

(Special to the Lane County News)
Wending, Ore., Oct. 2.—Mrs. J. Sinner of Springfield spent the early part of the week visiting at the home of her father-in-law, Henry Sinner.

Mrs. Hazel Manette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hicklin, was married Friday to Eugene Cole. The ceremony was performed in Eugene.

Ethan Taylor, the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Taylor, was brought home on Thursday afternoon from the hospital at Springfield, where he had undergone treatment for a short illness.

Last Monday Mrs. Faye Abrams received news from Portland of the death of her brother, Elmer Fox, who formerly lived at Crawfordsville. He was fifty years old. The funeral will be held in Crawfordsville.

O. H. Jarrett, mill superintendent, and Miss Clara Riggs were married Thursday at Eugene. After a short honeymoon trip they will be at home in Wending.

CAMP CREEK ITEMS

(Special to the Lane County News)
Camp Creek, Ore., Oct. 2.—Rev. Husband held services here Sunday, September 26.

R. A. Stephens has purchased him a new Ford.

J. A. Crabtree and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jack.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Stephens have returned home after a few days' visit with relatives at Pleasant Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Jack spent Sunday with their son, Arthur Jack.

Mrs. A. M. Brown and Frances Brown were in Springfield and Eugene Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Thomas and family were here Wednesday. The school will open here on Monday with Miss Owen as the teacher.



The Marathon Runner is not the only man who is interested in sporting goods in fact, he is in the very small minority. Any man who indulges in out door sports, whether it be tennis, baseball or golf, etc., is sure to want those articles which make such exercise a pleasure. We have a large variety of sporting goods of every description, and can meet the requirements of every one in this line.

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