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1500 CARS NEEDED IN OREGON TO FILL LUMBER ORDERS

The Sunday Oregonian says: The car shortage in Oregon persists. If anything it is growing worse every day. It is apparent that Oregon is suffering more than any of the other Pacific Coast states.

"It is the most serious shortage in the recent history of the state," said Clyde B. Aitchison, member of the Public Service Commission, yesterday. The situation in all parts of the state is bad. With lumber mills opening up and demanding cars to move their products it is certain that conditions will get even worse before they get better.

It is estimated that more than 1500 orders for boxcars alone in various parts of the state remain unfilled.

Yesterday the Southern Pacific reported 916 unfilled orders. The O.-W. R. & N. Company, 329 unfilled orders on Friday. The Northern Pacific and Great Northern are not so badly off as the others, but have not nearly the number of cars that they could use.

The North Bank road is in fairly good position because it does not permit its cars to go off its own line. The same applies to the Oregon Electric and other branches of the North Bank system.

Lumber manufacturers in

some parts of the state have suffered a virtual paralysis of their business. The Booth-Kelly Company at Eugene, has been forced to place some of its business with its competitors in the state of Washington in order to fill orders for its patrons on contract time.

Because the Southern Pacific has been unable to furnish enough cars for the Booth-Kelly plant at Springfield, the lumber is being hauled four miles by motor truck to Eugene, where it is placed on Oregon Electric cars. Southern Pacific officials are making desperate efforts to get cars from their lines in California.

While the carriers insist that the shortage is common to all territory on the Pacific Coast, the records indicate that Oregon is the worst sufferer, if indeed, it is not the only sufferer.

The Public Service Commission in the state of Washington reports that there is no serious shortage in that state, although the carriers say there is. The same conflicting reports come from California.

But, admitting that a shortage exists in Washington, it is apparent that it is not as bad as it is in Oregon, for the simple reason that more than twice as many cars are coming into Seattle and Tacoma every day or into Portland.

Large quantities of war munitions and supplies are received at the Puget Sound ports regularly for export to Russia. As fast as these cars are unloaded they are turned over to the lumber plants of Western Washington.

Yesterday a full trainload of cotton was hauled through Portland to Puget Sound. Tacoma mills get the empty cars.

We guarantee this contest to be absolutely fair and honest, and on March 15, three disinterested persons will open the box and count the votes. The young lady that has the highest number of votes at the time will be awarded a \$10 gold piece. In another 30 days the count will be repeated, and at the end of the last 30 days the box will be opened and the final award made, when all the prizes as advertised will be given out.

It is better that you deposit your votes often, as they will then be in safe keeping, and at the same time no one will know how many you have, as no one will have a look in the box until the first count is made on March 15.

Above all things get busy. The names of the young ladies who have been nominated in this contest are given below.

The following are candidates for the piano contest:

- Miss Helen Roberts
- Mrs. Ernest Lyon
- Mrs. Silas Gay
- Miss Dutte Fischer
- Miss Gladys Withrow
- Mrs. Lola Chase
- Miss Grace Sidwell
- Miss Lucile Copenhagen
- Miss Marjorie Machen
- Miss Francis Travis
- Miss Chlole Woolley
- Miss Lola Barr
- Miss Elsie Holverson
- Miss Beatrice Holbrook
- Miss Verna Tagg
- Miss Rhodes
- Miss Maud Morelock
- Miss Anna Rutledge
- Mrs. H. A. Korf
- Miss Druce Barnes

NOMINATING BLANK

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I hereby nominate or suggest the name of

Address a lady worthy to become a candidate in your "Popular Voting Contest." I present this name with the distinct agreement that the management shall not divulge my name. This does not obligate me in any way whatever.

Signed

25-VOTE COUPON

Send this vote to the LANE COUNTY NEWS Office within Fifteen Days from date and it will count for 25 votes. No money is required with this Coupon.

VOTE FOR NOT GOOD AFTER MARCH 15, 1916.

Prosperous Years Forecasted by Citizens Commenting on Acquisition of Power Office

E. E. Morrison, Mayor.—"The announcement of the Oregon Power Company to move their offices from Eugene to Springfield should not be looked upon by the citizens of our town as a small affair, but as the coming of a corporation that will build up our financial interests, and should be the beginning of enterprises we are looking for in the future.

"Unless such a large corporation as the Oregon Power Company could see a good future in our town, it is reasonable to think they would not want to locate in our city. Sometime ago when a committee from Springfield called on the officials of the Company asking them to consider moving their offices here, things at that time did not look most encouraging, but after the possibilities of our town were presented to them in a reasonable way, it had its desired effect.

"The Oregon Power Company's plant in Springfield is one of the finest and best equipped electric plants on the Pacific Coast, and at the present time it furnishes several towns with electricity, and in the Willamette valley the company is operating in 14 different towns, and from these towns the daily reports will come to Springfield and then be forwarded to Tacoma and Chicago. This will increase the postal receipts of our local Post Office substantially, and another factor is that the Company's money will be handled through our local banks, which in itself is another financial addition.

"The pay roll of the employees will be approximately \$1,300.00 per month of which the greater amount should be spent with

the business men of our town. One of the things that seemed to be instrumental in the Company's locating here was the treatment that they had received from the citizens, and in welcoming them to our town I would ask that the citizens still put forth the same effort in the future, as in the past, for by the co-operation of all the interests of our town, we will be able to accomplish in the future great things for all concerned."

Chas. L. Scott, President of the First National Bank.—"The coming of the Oregon Power Company to Springfield we feel is no ordinary event and are gratified accordingly.

"We heartily welcome those entrusted with the management of the office and feel that their coming is a real compliment to us and gives an added impulse to our growth, which through the establishment of various magnificent industries has entitled us to the name Mill City.

"When the Oregon Power Company installed its plant here it meant very much to us and very materially augmented our big business. Now that the head office has come we feel it has added another unit."

O. B. Kessey, Cashier Commercial State Bank.—"The moving of the Oregon Power Company's main offices from Eugene to Springfield and the incident acquisition of eight or ten very desirable families as permanent residents here is certainly appreciated by all of us and we extend a hearty welcome.

"We do not minimize the benefits accruing to Springfield in

this move by saying, that the coming of the Oregon Power Company is the fulfillment of but one unit of a well grounded prophecy and the forerunner of similar action sure to follow by other interested corporations and individuals, at a time not far distant, when the Southern Pacific Company announce the commencement of their great shops and terminals.

"The reason is obvious. Our geographical location is logical and correct. We have never had our hammer out for corporate investment and development. We invite them and our conciliatory attitude and co-operation is recognized and appreciated by every corporation operating here today.

"Springfield finds itself at this time, in a mighty satisfactory position. During the good times prevailing three or four years ago while other towns were busy cutting the melon incident to booms brought about by a generous distribution of air, resulting in over building, overstocking and over-populating and who now find themselves in a demoralized and chaotic condition with little hope of the future, Springfield was laying a foundation of production upon which the future might rest secure. We are not over built, over stocked nor over populated. We have an adequate production of new wealth in and tributary to us for our present needs and the positive assurance of an actual production, in the way of increased pay roll, sufficient to build and maintain the largest city in the upper Willamette valley. It has taken considerable time, competition has been strong, but we are coming into our own."

CHEESE FACTORY OLD LANDMARK TO BE TORN DOWN

The old cheese factory building, used in later years as an over flow building for the local schools, and for the past few years used as a store house, is being torn down by Herbert E. Walker, who has owned the building for the past ten or 11 years. He will use the lumber to erect a workshop at his home here, and also a small dwelling on his garden tract across the river.

The old building, while it was and still is known as the "cheese factory," was used for that purpose only a few years, and in turn has been a lodge hall, show house, residence, and school house. In fact, the first high school grades of the Springfield school recited to Mrs. L. K. Page in this building. Many of the younger married people of the present Springfield received the early education in this building.

The structure was erected in 1868 by the Springfield Mill company, in which B. J. Pengra, W. B. Pengra and A. G. Hovey were leading spirits. The company not only erected the building, but it furnished the cows and the feed for the industry. A man by the name of Fry was the first manager, and was succeeded a year later by a Mr. Hull.

The cheese business, however, did not prove profitable, and the plant was discontinued. For a good many years the building offered the only available hall for lodge meetings, and for the small road shows which came this way.

The old building is 20 x 40 feet in size, two stories high. It was built in the old style of wooden pin construction in part, and all the nails used are of the old square iron type, the pegs being used to secure the joists, the top plates and the rafters in place. The building inside is ceiled with sugar pine, brought from Pine Openings, far up the middle fork of the Willamette. The Springfield mill company received a drive of logs one year from the Openings, and not only hte cheese factory, but several other houses in town were finished with the pine.

The building stands now just where it did when first erected. Since the erection of the Lincoln school building five years ago, the building has not been used for school purposes.

LUMBERMEN TALK MARKET METHODS

Portland, Ore., Feb. 12.—More modern methods in marketing and closer relations between retail lumber dealers and consumers was advocated by speakers at the opening here today of the thirteenth annual conference of the Western Retail Lumber Dealers' association.

"I believe that the sun of the old style association has set never to rise again," declared J. M. Crawford, of Walla Walla, Wash., president of the association. "The old thought of associating for protection, against whom or what was never entirely clear; was, in my judgment wrong, if not unethical. At least it was uneconomic, probably illegal. It was not American."

Reverend Peter Atherton Simpkin of Salt Lake City, reviewed the influence on trade of the European war and warned against the reaction that he said would come at its close.

"After the war is over," he said, "all but lumber, cotton, copper, and food products, and in a lesser measure structural steel, will find a very narrow market."

"The two cheerful things that the signs hold are the wider democracy and the open door through which raw material may pass to help in the reconstruction of the vast areas war has destroyed."

Logs Come From Siuslaw This Week

Hauling of logs from the Siuslaw river for the Booth-Kelly company will begin some time this week according to A. C. Dixon, manager of the company. There are 4,000,000 feet of the logs, and they will be brought in at the rate of ten to fifteen carloads a day for the next sixty days, or thereabouts.

The Willamette-Pacific office announces the logs will be handled by special log trains, and will not interfere with the present mixed train service between Eugene and Cushman. Engine 2205 has been repaired at the Springfield shops, and is ready for service as soon as the Booth-Kelly company finishes fitting up the log cars.

- Eva Titus.
- Mrs. Tom Allen
- Miss Hazel Redman
- Mrs. Dale Mumme
- Mrs. F. E. Lenbart
- Miss Pearl Snook
- Miss Hazel Parrish
- Mrs. Elmer Ferguson
- Miss Jessie Walker
- Mrs. J. E. Fox
- Miss Ada Redman
- Miss Avis Thompson
- Miss Mable January
- Miss Ethel Conley
- Miss Ruby Senseney
- Mrs. Zella Cantrell
- Miss Grace Collins
- Miss Grace Thomas

- Miss Ella Young
- Miss Grace Male
- Miss Estella Martin
- Miss Mabel Fandrem.
- Miss Silvia Strubin
- Miss Ruby Crabtree
- Mrs. Sargie Sneed
- Miss Mary DePue
- Miss Marie Putnam
- Miss Gertrude Williams
- Miss Mable Duree

It will be noted that Mrs. D. Crouch, millinery, has joined in the list of merchants who are co-operating in the piano contest.

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Water Main is Repaired

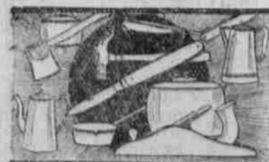
Repairs to the water main at Sixth and A streets were completed Saturday. The cold weather in January, with the consequent low temperature of the water pumped into the mains, caused the pipes to contract and a flange to break. A large cast iron sleeve was put over the ends of the pipe, and the joint was packed with some fifty pounds of lead wool. A second hole was cut in the pavement to examine two service connections, but they were found intact. The break probably occurred several weeks ago, but the seepage did not develop until last week.

Two Realty Deals are Made.

J. P. Fry last week made a deal whereby Mrs. Hollinger of West Springfield acquires two acres of land in Douglas Gardens. He also made a deal whereby Joseph Cyr, recently from Bellingham, Washington, buys the Withrow house.

QUALITY AND WORKMANSHIP

Those are the distinguishing features of our matchless tools. Hardware that will stand the test. Hammers, knives, chisels, screw drivers, buts, augers, and all other carpenters' essentials. Agate ware that will wear. Housekeeping incidentals that carry with them our guarantee. We maintain the highest quality standard.



MERIT

Beaver-Hendon-HardwareCompany

Woman's Meeting At Bell Theatre

A meeting for women will be held at the Bell theatre at 3:15 p. m., Wednesday, March 1, under the auspices of the Oregon Social Hygiene society. Miss Cummings, head of the department of physical education for women at the University of Oregon, and Mrs. J. M. Miller, of Eugene, will be the principal speakers. The theme of the meeting will be "Telling the Truth to my Child?" and deals with a very pressing social problem, and one of particular interest to the mothers of Springfield.

The meeting is for mothers and all adult women, and for the girls of 14 and over when accompanied by their mothers. Cards have been sent out to a large number of women in the town, but all women, whether they received a card or not, are invited to attend. The invitations are sent out by a committee composed of Mrs. N. W. Emery, Dr. Keeney Ferris, Mrs. O. B. Kessey, Mrs. R. L. Kirk, Mrs. E. E. Morrison, Mrs. L. K. Page, Mrs. Lucina Richardson, Mrs. Gladys Smith.

NOT ONE-THIRD OF THE VOTERS ARE REGISTERED

Figures from the offices of H. E. Walker and of J. C. Mullen, local registrars, show that not one-third of the voters of the Springfield precincts have registered for the coming primaries. The totals for the town are as follows: Republicans, 179; democrats, 48; Progressives, 2; Socialists, 12; Prohibitionists, 6; independent, 7.

All previous registrations are superceded by the one now being made, and in order to vote at the May primaries it is necessary to register anew.

Postage on two carloads of catalogues of one eastern mail order house distributed from Salem amounted to \$1780.

One Astoria contractor will build 30 homes this year.