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WRECKING LUMBER INDUSTRY OF NORTHWEST

(Oregon Manufacturer.)

Robert B. Allen, secretary of West Coast Lumber Manufacturers association, states that with the heaviest volume of the most attractive business ever offered, the Pacific northwest lumber industry is practically prostrate.

The industry, which so far this year has made two and six tenths per cent on its investment, cannot longer finance itself without returns from deliveries; and cannot make deliveries without cars.

Mills are closing down indefinitely. Thousands of men are being thrown out of employment in an industry which normally pays 60 per cent of all wages in Oregon and Washington.

This curtailment of lumber production in the nation's second greatest producing region, comes at a time when the world's building requirements were never greater.

With its high wages, eight hour day and Loyal Legion collective bargaining, the Pacific Northwest has been turning out lumber in great volume for months past. The industry has been without strikes of consequence for more than two years.

This heavy production and long-continued car shortage has brought about a physical congestion at the mills; as well as precipitating the financing problem which the operators generally can no longer meet.

Primarily, this deplorable condition of a great industry, and the present high price of lumber has been brought about by the United States railroad administration, which has been unintelligently handling car supply from Washington, D. C., by men inexperienced in Pacific northwest traffic problems. They precipitate rules and regulations contrary to the best judgment and experience of transcontinental railroad operating and car distribution experts, who, prior to governmental control, handled the traffic needs of the Pacific northwest in a highly efficient manner.

That the railroad administration is

largely responsible for present unheard of prices for lumber is evidenced by the frantic bidding of shortstocked buyers for such lumber as mills may be able to put on wheels for transcontinental delivery.

During the past month flooring has been selling f. o. b. mill at anywhere from \$55 to \$74. There is no set price. It is just a wild-bidding market with buyers making premium inducements for shippers to get stock rolling. Ceiling has been selling on a range of from \$40 to \$58.50. Common boards have been selling at from \$25.50 to \$24.50. Two-inch dimension has been bid in at a range of price of from \$24.50 to \$32.50.

These prices have been acceptable to the industry, not with the idea of profiteering, but because of the absolute necessity of financing its log paper, pay rolls and other obligations. The premium demand has not been for all items of the log; and the average price now realized notwithstanding increased cost, has not been greatly in excess of the average price permitted the Douglas fir industry during the last period of war industries board price fixation.

To all protests filed with the United States railroad administration against the car service to the northwest lumber industry, there have been the same rubber-stamp, stereotyped, indefinite, evasive form letters saying that the railroad administration recognizes that there is every inducement to furnish Pacific northwest lumber shippers the best possible car supply and that everything possible is being done, etc.

These letters have been written over a period of months, during which time, car supply for this territory has steadily become worse, until now the industry is forced to shut down.

The railroad administration also continues to quote statistics showing heavy loading of forest products in Oregon and Washington, notwithstanding the fact that its attention has repeatedly been called to the fact that the car statistics thus quoted include a local log haul, on a quick return car basis, with special equipment—such movement representing

in excess of 55 per cent of the total number of cars which the railroad administration says it has loaded in this territory.

During recent months this local log haul has been heavy, with producers, in the face of heavy lumber demand, seeking to accumulate log surplus at the mills in advance of winter weather. Such a haul has only added to the burden of financing; and, in reality is separate and distinct from the general problem of car shortage.

The lumber industry, which normally ships in excess of two hundred thousand carloads of freight annually, has a comprehensive understanding and deeply sympathetic attitude toward the railroads in their present perplexing problems, financial and otherwise and has no desire to heckle either the railroad administration or the individual carriers in the present crisis; but the time has come when the industry must ask for a square deal, and urge, that while the roads continue under government control, that there be some person in the car service section at Washington, who has a knowledge of the traffic problems of this section; or, who will at least pay attention to the suggestions and recommendations of the railroad men of this region, who have made themselves proficient in the handling of the northwest, particularly traffic affairs, by years of daily contact, study and experience.

PAY YOUR FINE IN W. S. S., SAY POLICE JUDGES

San Francisco Courts Will Try Character-Building Measures in Minor Cases

Upon the thesis that a thrifty man is a better citizen and "that many of our economic ills and much of our present day social unrest are due directly to thriftlessness," Police and Superior Judges of San Francisco are planning to give persons convicted of minor infractions of the law an alternative of investment in Government securities, such as War Savings Stamps and Treasury Savings Certificates instead of fining them. Judge T. I. Fitzpatrick, Presiding Judge of the Police Court here, said, "I shall be glad to assist in the movement in this direction, keeping in mind, however, at all times, the provisions of the charter of the city and county."

The alternative of investment in Government securities will be offered whenever it is within the power of the judge to fine or set free the defendant in a misdemeanor case. "This attempt," said another judge, "will give such defendants a chance to help themselves and their Government and cultivate a habit of saving, lack of which we feel is often at the bottom of their transgressions."

Family rows which find their way into court and have many times as their fundamental cause lack of thrift or spendthrift habits, are expected to furnish a rich field for the experiment in penalization to be tried by the San Francisco judges. As a rule, the judge has in such cases the right to fine or release defendants with a severe lecture, and hereafter it is probable that family rows in San Francisco will really be beginnings of many bank accounts.

The judges will attach only one condition in levying a penalty of investment rather than fining a defendant, and that condition is that the guilty accepting the alternative must keep their securities until the date of maturity. In this way the jurists hope to lead the thriftless into the ways of thrift, sound living and better citizenship.

WILSON'S "ADVICE" RECORD RECALLED

Here are a few instances of important subjects upon which the president has advised the American people:

"He advised and secured repeal of the law which gave free tolls to American coast-wise shipping through the Panama canal—thus discouraging American shipping by water.

"He advised and secured the enactment of a tariff-for-revenue-only law which opened our markets to foreign producers, closed mills and threw millions of men out of employment, before the war created abnormal industrial activity.

"During the early years of the war and until public opinion would bear it no longer, he advised against preparedness, declaring that advocates of preparedness were 'nervous and excited.'

"After the sinking of the Lusitania,

he declared that America was 'too proud to fight.'

"He advised and secured enactment of the infamous Adamson law, which was the beginning of our industrial troubles.

"He advised against a literacy test in the immigration laws, and vetoed a bill establishing such a test.

"He advised executive clemency for Mooney lest enforcement of the law displease the bolsheviks of Russia.

"He advised clemency for Hillstrom, the convicted I. W. W. murderer in Utah and expressed regret that he was unable to persuade the governor to grant his request.

"He advised interweaving the league of nations covenant in the peace treaty thus delaying peace and creating international ill-feeling.

"He advised departure from Washington's policy of non-interference in European affairs.

"He advised that the United States join in a league of nations in which Great Britain would have six votes to our one.

"He advised making the Monroe Doctrine subject to interpretation by a league of nations council or assembly.

"He advised making what he called the 'supreme sacrifice' of American nationalism to the league of nations.

"He advised subordination of American industry to an international labor conference provided for by the treaty of peace.

In buying canned goods do you get full cans? Firms handling good grades of canned vegetables, fruit, and meats endorse the activities of the bureau of chemistry, of the United States department of agriculture, in insisting that every canner give full measure. The public is entitled to full measure and any consumer who finds that the cans he or she has purchased are only partly filled will perform a public service by calling the attention of the grocer to this condition.

J. S. SMITH OF PORTLAND IS PROHIBITION DIRECTOR

Johnson S. Smith of Portland has been appointed federal prohibition director for Oregon. He has been a deputy collector of internal revenue at Portland and has submitted his resignation as such to Milton A. Miller, revenue collector. Mr. Smith will open his prohibition enforcement offices in Portland the first of the year.

SOCIETY NOTE.

Aleck Berkman and Emmy Goldman have had arrangements made for them to spend the winter season in Russia where they will take an active part in the social whirl of the bas bleu of bolshevism. At the hour of embarking they had not set a date for their return to America. Emmy is said to have expressed sorrow that she could not be accompanied on her trip by her "dear friend, Fred Howe," and a large number of federal officials who escorted Emmy and Aleck to the deck of their steamship expressed similar regret.

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Dr. M. L. York

Who has been practicing in Eugene for many years with offices in the Preston-Hales building, has formed a partnership with Dr. J. D. Tye, formerly of Portland, and they are installing some of the latest, up to date equipment, and are arranging their rooms accordingly.

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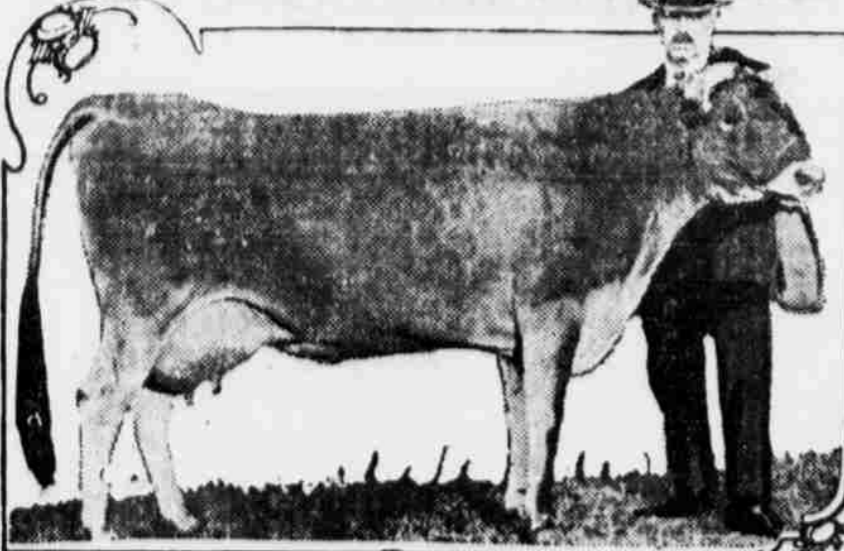


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Lee Clark Secretary. Chas. Kingswell R. W. M.

JERSEY YEARLING CLAIMS BUTTER RECORD



All records for the production of butter is claimed for Lulu Alpha of Ashburn, registered yearling. She produced 13,669 pounds of milk, or 1000 pounds of butter in the year ending Nov. 1, which was 160 pounds more than she herself weighs. The milk tested 5.85 per cent butter fat or 50 per cent more than the law requires. Her feat is said to be five times as much as ordinary production. She is shown here with her owner, J. J. Van Kleeck, at the American Jersey Cattle Club show.