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WHY WE NEED PROTECTION

Many hundreds of men are out of work and scores of sawmills have shut down or cut their output the last few months in the Pacific Northwest while the market is flooded with Canadian lumber. Canada, protected with a 25 per cent *da valorem* duty against American lumber, shipped her surplus to this country and undersells our lumbermen because of two reasons: First, Canada employs a large percentage of Chinese, Japanese and Hindu labor, and consequently has a low manufacturing cost. Second, she ships in Canadian bottoms to the eastern market at about \$3.00 per thousand feet cheaper than the northwest mills can in American ships.

This country has always stood for a tariff to help the American workman and keep his standards of living high and to make industry prosperous. If any set of workmen in the United States ever needed protection it is the northwest lumber workers. They are being subjected to competition with cheap oriental labor and is being threatened with the peril of Russian soviet lumber in the near future, while the products of their own hands faces a tariff wall abroad.

Lumber, our chief industry and principal natural resource in the northwest, must go into markets that bring little return to the country above a meagre wage. Eastern people who ask us to support high tariff on their industry should be fair and permit a tariff on lumber comparable at least to that of Canada.

Western congressmen have a solemn obligation to perform in fighting for their people's rights in this lumber tariff legislation. They should not compromise with anything less than genuine protection.

The west continues to lead in aviation. Out of 1530 airports in the United States 579 are in the eleven western states, and out of 1,057 under construction, 223 are in these states also. Oregon now has 43 airports in use and 15 under construction.

Traffic across the new Springfield bridge started this week. An improvement which has resulted after four years of community effort is now in use. While it has taken a long time, the new bridge represents one of the finest structures on the Oregon highway system.

Eugene voted Tuesday on a continuing tax levy of \$25,000 to exceed the six per cent limitation. If this is legal then why should school districts vote levies year after year? Call in the voters once, boys, and fix up a levy for all time.

Our 1930 slogan should be "Finish the McKenzie highway."

Every habitable store building on Main street is now occupied. Springfield is going ahead.

Editorial Comment

LUMBER REPRODUCTION DECLINES

(West Coast Lumbermen's Association.)

A decline both in production and in orders is shown in the reports of 22 mills in the Douglas fir region of Oregon, Washington and British Columbia to the West Coast Lumbermen's Association for the week ending November 2.

Production for the week was about 5,000,000 less than the cut reported during the previous week. Orders fell off about 3,000,000 feet, when compared with the preceding week. Orders in the rail market showed a decline of about 10,000,000 feet when compared with the previous week, the domestic cargo market gained 5,000,000 feet and export orders decreased approximately 5,000,000 feet after gaining nearly 12,000,000 feet the week previous. Buying in the export trade is particularly erratic. Orders received during the week were 8.61 per cent under production.

Production for the week totaled 178,813,207 feet, as compared to an output of 184,056,663 for the preceding week, while orders were 163,413,832 feet, as compared to new business of 166,730,180 received during the week before.

Orders received during the year to date, as reported to the Association by 112 identical mills, have exceeded production by about 0.6 per cent.

Production reported by 308 mills for the week—the largest group reporting to the Association—was 203,686,998 or 60 per cent of their rated weekly capacities. Since January 1 these mills have operated at 69.4 per cent of their normal weekly capacities.

MORE THAN HALF OF MANKIND STILL ILLITERATE, SAYS EXPERT IN OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Sixty-two per cent of the population of the world is illiterate, according to James F. Abel, specialist in foreign education in the United States Bureau of Education, in an investigation just completed that indicates the huge task yet before those interested in advancing the progress of civilization.

The number of illiterates is more than 850,000,000, nearly half of whom live in Asia. Africa rates second among the continents with 83,000,000 who have not had even the barest rudiments of education. North America comes at the end of the list with about 4,300,000.

The area of least illiteracy in the world is in Western Europe, and for the most part, along the shores of the North and Baltic Seas. Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland claim to have little or no illiteracy among their peoples, and census checks in other countries to which their citizens have immigrated seem to bear out their claims. All four of these countries have good school systems, and both public opinion and the law require that the children attend.

Another advantage these nations have in their eradication of illiteracy, according to Mr. Abel, is that they have very little immigration and all have maintained national governments long enough to be responsible for the status of literacy within their borders. As a consequence their illiteracy rate is undoubtedly below two per cent.

While the United States is the only country having a population of more than 100,000,000 that has an illiteracy rate below ten per cent, the measuring stick for illiteracy here is not so accurate as it is in some of the countries of Europe and even of Asia.

India, for instance, requires the person tested to be able to write a short letter to a friend and to read the answer. In the United States census takers merely ask the person whether he can read and write. This decreases the per centage figure in the United States since some illiterate persons claim to be able to read.—National Education Association.

LIONS CLUB WILL SEEK TO PROMOTE WELFARE OF BLIND IN OREGON

A comprehensive survey of the blind people of Oregon will soon be started by the department of sociology of the University of Oregon in cooperation with the Lions clubs of the state, according to an announcement issued recently by Dr. Philip A. Parsons, head of the sociology department at the university. He will be assisted by Edward C. Robbins, a graduate of the University of Oregon, who is now a candidate for a degree of master of arts. Robbins is a blind student. He has made a remarkable record and will serve as an expert consultant.

The survey is undertaken for the purpose of ascertaining actual facts which will be used as the basis of an attempt to secure new state and federal legislation helpful to blind people, assisting them to become economically independent. It has been estimated that there are from six to eight hundred blind people in the state of Oregon, and all blind people are being asked to assist the survey by obtaining the names and addresses of every blind person in the entire state.

The Lions clubs of the state, which have the care of the blind as one of their projects are actively interested in this work. Members of this organization do not believe that the \$55,000 annually available for the welfare of the blind in Oregon, is being spent to the best advantage. They propose to introduce legislation that is designed to permit blind persons to own and operate cigar and news stands in state, county and local governmental buildings.

The Lions clubs have been actively interested in the work of the blind for some time, and through their efforts every blind person is now the recipient of a paid subscription to the raised letter magazine printed especially for blind persons.

Neighbors of Woodcraft Meet
The members of the Neighbors of Woodcraft held their regular meeting at the W. O. W. hall last night. The regular order of business was followed after which the members present enjoyed a social gathering and refreshments.

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LEGION MEETING CALLED FOR TOMORROW NIGHT

The regular meeting of the local post of the American Legion and of the Legion Auxillary will be held tomorrow evening at the chamber of commerce rooms. A meeting of the two organizations was to have been held two weeks ago, but was postponed so as not to conflict with the meeting of the committee making plans for the dedication of the bridge. Another meeting was called for last Friday, but it seems as though there were too many things which interfered with that meeting also, as a quorum was not present and no business was transacted. The meeting tomorrow evening is the regular monthly meeting for the month of November. Post commander Ira M. Peterson urges the members to be present if possible.

LADIES OF G. A. R. SILVER TEA AT EGGIMANN'S

A silver tea is being held at the Eggimann confectionery parlors at Fourth and Main streets this afternoon for the ladies of the G. A. R. Mrs. C. F. Eggimann and Mrs. Bert Doane are the joint hostesses for the tea and all the women of the city are invited to attend.

Attends Relative's Funeral
Mrs. Emma Olson left Springfield early Tuesday morning for Tacoma where she was called by the sudden death of her sister-in-law, Mrs. John Hallins, who passed away at her home there on Sunday. The funeral services were held on Wednesday.

Walterville Woman Shops—Mrs. M. R. Swearingen of Walterville was in the city purchasing supplies on Saturday.

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All persons having objections to said final report and petition for distribution are hereby notified to appear and present said objections, if any, before said Court at the time and place hereinabove mentioned.
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