

COAST LUMBER BUSINESS SHOWS AN IMPROVEMENT

SAN FRANCISCO, April—Definite signs of business revival in certain industries of the Twelfth Federal Reserve district appeared during the past month, during which period also spring activity in agricultural operations began, according to a report made public here today by the Federal Reserve bank of San Francisco.

"Lumber production, which has been at the lowest point in two years was 17.3 per cent greater last month than in February," the report said. "Approximately sixty per cent of the mills today are in operation—some on part time—against less than fifty per cent on March 1, 1921."

"Several milk condenseries, which had been closed since the end of 1920, have resumed operations and others have increased their output to meet orders growing out of a more active domestic demand and a slight increase in foreign shipments."

"Employment has decreased, except in the copper mining centers, where shutting down of the principal producers has been ordered until the market price of copper rises to a price which will make production profitable."

"In the shipbuilding industry, two new contracts of record size were announced by one yard, although others are nearing the end of the construction for which they have contracts."

"The building industry shows distinct signs of revival, permits in March, 1921, exceeding in value those of March, 1920, by 26.9 per cent and

being so far in excess of those of February, 1921, as to indicate more than seasonal increase of activity.

"Bank clearings were only fifteen per cent less in total value than in March, 1920, which, in view of the year's decline in prices indicates that the volume of business being done is not less and probably greater than that of last year at this season."

"Various price indexes show that wholesale prices are approximately 19 per cent lower than they were a year ago, and volume of actual transactions in the wholesale trade generally is probably not less than it was a year ago at this time."

EAGLE POINT EAGLETS

By A. C. Howlett

J. D. Price, who owns a tract of timber land in the Trail section, came in the first of the week and went to Medford on the stage.

Frank Abbott of Lake Creek was in town on his way from Medford up home. He is planning to go to work on the Crater Lake highway here next week.

F. J. Ayres and wife of Reese creek were business callers also Tuesday.

Wm. Perry, our road supervisor was a business caller and also went to Medford and Jacksonville to lay plans regarding the work on the roads. He has already done considerable work on the Agate-Lower Butte creek bridge road and intends to make a good road as far as it goes, no slipshod patch-work.

Joe Poole and family were shopping in our town Tuesday of this week.

As I was called to Medford the first of the week there were some incidents occurred here that are not reported. But while in Medford met quite a number of our citizens as well as people from our surrounding country.

L. H. Swink, one of the merchants of Butte Falls, came out on the Butte Falls stage Tuesday and went on out to Medford.

Warren Armsberry of Lake creek, came in Wednesday morning and went up to his home on the Eagle Point stage.

There seems to be considerable travel between Medford and Butte Falls recently and hopes are entertained that business may revive there again and something done to give employment to the idle men who are daily seeking work on the Crater Lake highway.

Ed Dutton, our old road supervisor up to the election of James Owens as county commissioner, has the appointment as foreman on the road work on the unit between the south side of the David Cingcade farm and Hog creek.

He is a practical road builder and seems to know just how to handle men so as to deliver the goods.

Mr. and Mrs. John Norris, foreman on the J. M. Willey orchard, were in town Wednesday.

Mrs. Chris Bergsman drove in Wed-

nesday to procure a supply of garden seeds.

Geo. Adamson and W. S. Chappell, the first named our old stage driver on the Persist route, and the second our old cobbler but now both interested in the sawmill business near Trail came in Wednesday and took home with them a lot of pipe Thursday morning. They report that they are getting out considerable lumber but the most of it is used in that vicinity on the Rogue river bridge and neighborhood.

R. B. Baker of Butte Falls came out from home Wednesday evening to see his wife who is stopping at the Sunnyside under the care of Dr. W. W. P. Holt of Medford.

T. T. Taylor who has been confined to the house under the care of Dr. Holt has so far recovered as to be able to be around town again.

Thursday morning I went to Medford again on business and when I left home Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Nicholson and wife and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ferrin and daughter Miss Inez of Wenatchee, Wash., were here. They came in Tuesday the 19th and had spent the time gathering agates, but when I reached home that night found they had started for their homes. They had gathered a nice lot of stones and taken them away. Mr. Nicholson having learned the trade under the direction of C. D. Mill, who is now here gathering agates. They expressed themselves as very much pleased with our country.

Speaking of Mr. Mills, he has been here now since the 13th inst. and expects to remain until next Wednesday the 27th, and is gathering all the agates he can. He went to Medford Friday and shipped 480 lbs. of the stones to his shop in Redondo, near Los Angeles, Calif., and expects to take that many or more with him in his car when he goes.

While I was in Medford Thursday I met J. L. Robertson, Sr., Green Matthews and his son Rollie and they reported that some sneakthief or thieves had taken two forty rod rolls of Page fence and four rolls of barbed wire fence from the right of way on the Crater Lake highway that had been left on Green's place to be put on the road across his farm. He said that he and Fred Pettigrew, who has the contract to put up the fence for the county, tracked the truck from where the wire was taken across the Dodge-French bridge but could track it no further as other vehicles had gone over the route and obliterated the tracks.

Ira Turgate of Butte Falls, came out Friday and went on to Medford on the stage.

John Swanson of Trail was at the Sunnyside Thursday evening when I arrived home, and there was another man, a stranger came in and spent the night.

Mrs. Lydia Jones of Talent, was here visiting her grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. William G. Knighton, and returned today.

W. S. Baker who is foreman on the Frank Rhodes farm and Mrs. Ed Tucker and her daughter, Miss Mildred of Brownboro, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Clarvo J. W. Hovey, the foreman on the Alavista orchard were among the business callers Friday.

Mrs. Fred McPherson made a business trip to Portland and is there at this writing, Saturday afternoon.

Ernest Carpenter and Nick Young were among the diners Friday.

W. G. Campbell, a man unsettled, came in and spent the night at the Sunnyside Friday and started this morning for Trail. He said that he was looking for black sand as some he had found was quite rich with gold.

Walter Allen of Derby, was in our town Friday evening, and Shorty Allen of Welien was also here having some drills sharpened and I inquired what he was doing with drills as he is a farmer and he said he was prospecting for gold, that he had found a quartz lode and that it prospected quite well.

Geo. W. Stowell and son Charles came in this morning and brought six sacks of spuds to the Sunnyside.

Carl and Aivla Biehersteadt of Brownboro, were doing business in our town this morning.

Joseph Prall of Reese creek, came in on the Butte Falls stage and went on up home on the Prospect stage.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Frey of Lake creek, came in this morning, left their plow shares for our blacksmith to sharpen and went on to Medford.

Mrs. J. F. Maxfield and son came in this morning on business, returning before noon.

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