

LUMBER MART DEMORALIZED

Prices Below Production
Cost and Operation
Due to Slow Up.

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The past week has seen no change in the demoralized condition of the lumber market.

With the annual 4th of July shutdowns close at hand, there are indications that there will be less lumber manufactured during the month of July than there has been in a good many years. The production of lumber so far this month has been only a trifle over half of the normal output, but even so the demand has not been enough to permit of reducing the heavy accumulation of unsold stock, which total over 2,350,000,000 feet, this being approximately 30 per cent more than the mills were carrying at this time a year ago.

It is generally conceded among the manufacturers that the falling off in buying has become too great to be met successfully by any practical operating production regulation beyond that now in effect. When business takes a slight recession from normal the manufacturers often find that even though it is impossible to operate at a profit, the operating losses are less than those that would be suffered with a complete stoppage, wherein a certain amount of fixed overhead has to be taken care of regardless of whether any lumber is being produced. When an attempt is made to regulate the output to meet the demand, the point is finally reached where operating losses become too heavy to bear and the next step calls for a complete shutdown. Many mills throughout Oregon and Washington already have reached this condition, and others are rapidly coming to it. Some 50 sizeable plants are closed with no definite plans as to when they will resume sawing, and numerous small plants are idle, with others going down each week.

Next Two Months Usually Dull. Ordinarily the lumber industry experiences a dull period during July and August, and for that reason no one anticipates that there will be a turn from the present slump before the first of September, if then.

Lumber prices have suffered severely since the first of the year, but even so there are only a few instances where the mills have attempted to reduce wages and meet the shrinking return on the finished product. While prices are by no means firm, they have reached the point where they are below the cost of production for the majority of mills, and consequently there have been indications the past two weeks that the low level has been reached. Even though the demand should continue to be poor, it is not thought likely that the average price level will go much lower during the next 60 days.

The Pacific coast lumber manufacturers are not suffering alone. The mills throughout the yellow pine districts of the south are finding their markets badly off color, and their prices too have fallen to such an extent that there recently has been a movement on foot to determine just what the average low level is in the hopes that through the maintenance of a firm price policy further declines may be prevented.

National Shut-Down Still Talked. Considerable talk is still heard of the advisability of the entire lumber industry taking a holiday from June 28 to July 14. Most of the mills have such extremely light order files that it is yet possible to clean up their business and shut down on June 28 without repudiating any commitments. That is particularly true of the inland plants. Since few cargo operations have business booked, calling for delivery for vessel in July, and such plants will be forced to saw or be subject to heavy penalties should the steamships be delayed through their voluntarily ceasing to operate.

A majority of the open-market logging camps on the Columbia river and Puget sound will close the latter part of this month and remain idle until September 1. There is an abundance of logs of all species in the water, and with the mill output reduced to where it is taking only half of the usual log requirements, the open-market loggers are forced into closing their camps if they would avoid a glutting of the log markets.

The lumber manufacturers in Oregon and Washington are making heroic effort to keep their men employed to the extent that nearly everyone is suffering losses today, but if conditions grow any worse than they are, it will be only a short time until the lumber dollar will have shrunk temporarily to much less than its usual size.

Local Lad Begins Career As Marine
WASHINGTON, D. C. June 24. —The roving life of a U. S. Marine is in prospect for Ernest C. McVittie, of Klamath Falls, Ore., who has been undergoing training recently in the drills, duties and customs of the soldiers of the sea at San Diego, Calif., according to reports of enlistments received at Marine Corps headquarters here.

Attracted by the prospect of serving aboard a battleship, seeing some foreign lands, or by the smart military uniform worn by the Marines, McVittie enlisted at Seattle on May 15, and was sent to the West Coast naval base, where his instruction as a recruit should soon be completed.

Enlistment records show that McVittie is a son of Mrs. Effie Johnson of Klamath Falls. He enlisted for four years, and during that period he may decide to take advantage of one of the free educational courses offered by the Marine Corps. At least he is bound to have many interesting experiences while following the fortunes of the sea soldiers.

PORTLAND—The body of an unidentified man, about 50 years old, was taken from the river here and placed in the morgue pending possible identification.

Today in Klamath's Theatres

AT THE PELICAN



ANITA PAGE and WILLIAM HAINES in "NAVY BLUES"

William Haines, as a hard-boiled glib, washing out clothes on the deck of a dreadnaught, making faces behind the backs of "non-coms," or coming out of a free-for-all unscathed, between the legs of bruised and beaten colleagues, will not surprise his admirers who have long been accustomed to seeing him do just that sort of thing.

However, in "Navy Blues," his first all-talking vehicle, which will be shown today at the Pelican theatre, he will probably surprise a good many people, for in this picture he not only gives his usual light-hearted, fun-loving impersonation, in this instance of one of Uncle Sam's sailors, but he also goes "dramatic," something which he has wanted to do for some time.

Whether because of a fear of going stale in playing the continual clown or merely because of a legitimate desire to show the world that he can do something other than make people laugh, William Haines is given an opportunity in "Navy Blues" to do some acting which will be found to be on a par with any done by screen stars who have built up a reputation on their ability to put over an emotional scene.

AT THE PINE TREE
Take a trip through the First National studio and all the famous places of Hollywood!

This is the advice broadcast by the management of the Pine Tree theatre, where "Show Girl in Hollywood," First National's amusing screen drama of the film capital, with Alice White and Jack Mulhall, opens today.

Mervyn LeRoy, in directing the J. P. McEvoy story, took his company on location to many of the far-famed spots of Hollywood and vicinity. When not working on the studio lot he took scenes showing the gayest and most celebrated rendezvous and night life resorts of the celestial metropolis.

The glamorous Montmartre cafe, the Hollywood theatre, Hollywood boulevard, Beverly Hills, the hillside bungalows, and other characteristic features are a background for the drama of little Dixie Dugan (Alice White) who tries to make good in pictures.

AT THE LIBERTY
No ordinary "puncher" can do all the stunting and maneuvering that had to be done to complete "The Arizona Kid," and come out alive, states Director

H. B. Carpenter. There are no dummies used in the picture. Art Acord seemed to reel with enthusiasm when an especially dangerous stunt was necessary, and all the persuasion possible did not stop him from going through with the death-defying stunts. Art must have been blessed by a fairy god-mother—or does he carry a rabbit's foot? "The Arizona Kid" is now showing at the Liberty theatre.

Hammer Throwing Champion Breaks Mangan's Record

BELFAST, Ireland, June 24 (AP)—Dr. Patrick O'Callaghan, the Olympic hammer-throwing champion, in competition Sunday at Tippermore, Tipperary, threw the 55 pound weight, without follow, 28 feet, 5 inches. This is claimed as a world's record, beating Mangan's 27 feet, 5 1/2 inches, made at Dublin in 1920.

No world's record for tossing the 55 pound weight "without follow" is listed in Spalding's athletic guide. The world's record for distance with this missile is 40 feet, 6 1/2 inches, made in 1911 by Matt McGrath, now Deputy Inspector McGrath of the New York police department.

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PHILADELPHIA—Sylvan Dalsimer, 23 years old, wealthy head of a local shoe establishment, recently married Flora S. Lee, 25. Dalsimer had been married before but his first wife died in 1926 at the age of 75. Miss Lee has been Dalsimer's secretary for years and in the employment of his company for the past 25 years.

Many common fish live from 10 to 20 years and during this time lay millions of eggs.

Railroad Special Agent Victim of Lapse of Memory

PORTLAND, Ore., June 24, (AP)—Harold Barrett, 25, special agent for a railroad company, for whom police have been searching for more than two weeks, returned to Portland today and explained his absence by "lapse of memory."

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30x5.00	7.10	8.48	10.45	13.35
31x5.00	7.25	8.79	10.70	13.85
30x5.25	8.40	9.79	11.65	14.65
31x5.25	8.55	10.15	12.15	14.85
30x5.50	10.15	10.59	12.55	15.85
31x6.00	10.65	11.35	13.35	18.20
32x6.00	10.80	11.45	13.45	18.60
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