

Lumbermen Promised More Cars

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 30 (AP)—The freight car situation will improve for lumbermen this year unless they run up production another 10 to 15 per cent.

This was the prediction last night by Col. J. Monroe Johnson, director of the office of defense transportation, in an address at a West Coast Lumbermen's association banquet.

He told the lumbermen railroads had reached "the highest peak of efficiency in history," and said that rather than a freight car "shortage" there had been a tremendous and unexpected increase in shipping.

Big Increase

He cited successive years of bumper wheat crops and expansion of the lumber industry—the number of sawmills increased 75 per cent in recent years, he asserted.

"You slipped up on us with your tremendous increase in production, I don't think some of your big boys around here were exactly in favor of the increase either," he said.

He said lumbermen would get more cars now, but if production goes up, "you'll be about where you were last year."

Earlier R. A. Colgan Jr., executive vice president of the National Lumber Manufacturers association, said he doubted that federal allocations or price controls would be reestablished.

He said, however, that Mat Newlenhaus, department of commerce official, had indicated he would call in key lumbermen to discuss possible anti-inflation measures.

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C. C. Overreem was the first person to file for public office in Klamath county this election year. He is a democratic aspirant for county clerk.

GOP Chances In Oregon Good

Republican prospects are excellent for continuing leadership in Oregon politics, according to James A. Rodman, chairman of the republican state control committee, and John F. Durr, executive secretary, who were Klamath visitors yesterday.

Republicans now occupy all major state offices and all Oregon's congressional seats, and it looks as if things will be that way still after the November election, the visitors said. Rodman stated his present tour has nothing to do with primary contests, but that he is interested in making certain that well qualified republican candidates file for office.

Rodman and Durr went from here to Lakeview.

Parents Protest, But Test Sticks

NEW YORK, Jan. 30 (AP)—Parents of New York City high school students have protested that a recent state regents history exam was too tough for the youngsters.

But difficulties posed by the test were taken into consideration, As-

stant Superintendent of School William A. Hamm said. Students were given the benefit of the doubt if they gave any sort of reasonable answer.

For instance, Hamm explained, if they were asked to name "two ancient sports" and replied, "Anthony and Cleopatra," they got full credit.

Monmouth Out Of Debt

MONMOUTH, Jan. 30 (AP)—Monmouth will burn its last outstanding city bonds next Tuesday. Householders will get other good news that day too.

Mayor F. R. Bowercox said he would announce a decreased tax levy and lower electricity rates. The power rates will be 37.5 to 64 per cent under those of 1940 and in instances will be the lowest in the country, he said.

The bonds in the bonfire will be for a water system started in 1912 and a city pad in 1940.

Streamliner Jumps Rails

OGALLALA, Neb., Jan. 30 (AP)—All 18 cars and one of three power units of the crack Union Pacific City of Francisco streamliner were derailed 12 miles east of here early today.

Twenty-five persons were injured, seven seriously enough to require hospitalization here. A hospital spokesman said none of the injured was in critical condition.

Five of the cars—two Pullmans, a diner, and two coaches—were on their sides or leaning.

Ambulances and doctors were sent to the scene from North Platte, Neb., 28 miles to the west. A seven-car special train was sent from Omaha to pick up the uninjured among the 214 passengers and return them to Omaha.

Apparently a broken wheel on one of the power units was the cause of the accident, a railroad spokesman said.

WRECK

MITCHELLVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 30 (AP)—Fourteen persons were injured early today when the Louisville and Nashville railroad's streamlined passenger train Hummingbird, involved in its fourth accident in recent days, was in collision with a freight train on a siding near this town on the Tennessee-Kentucky border.

Woman Smashes Into Lumber Truck

FOREST GROVE, Jan. 30 (AP)—A woman and her five children were injured last night in a highway collision that strewn lumber over the roadway.

Her automobile collided with a lumber truck, which overturned and spilled its load.

The woman, Mrs. Glen Ireland, Forest Grove, was hospitalized in

serious condition. One three-year-old son was hospitalized, the others were cut and bruised. The truck driver escaped serious injury.

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