LUMBER CODE LOOKED FOR BY INDUSTRY

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Requests for information received by the West Coast Lumbermen's association indicate that many interested people in the lumber industry misunderstand what is occurring back at Washington in connection with hours and wages of labor in the hearings on the national lumber code.

The West Coast Lumbermen's association and the West Pine association, one speaking for manufacturing and loggers in the Douglas fir region of western Oregon and Washington, the other for similar groups in eastern Washington and Oregon, Idaho and northern California, prepared separate codes, but each of those associations recommend a 40-hour week and a basic minimum wage scale of 42½ cents per hour in mills; with two exceptions: The Douglas Fir asking for a 48-hour week in logging camps at 42½ cents per hour minimum, and the Western Pine recommending minimum wages in Arizona and New Mexico to be the same as in Southern Pine.

Regional Divisions Numerous.

Besides these two codes of primary interest to the people of the Pacific northwest and northern California, the national master lumber code contains 19 other regional or species divisions, each of which has recommended wages and hours to suit local conditions, it is pointed out. Included in these is the Southern Pine industry, now on a 10-hour day or 60-hour week, where the common labor mostly is colored. This industry with cypress, northern pine, northern hemlock—all in the lake states—and the northeastern softwood—in New England—have been employing men on 10-hour shifts. These, with several hardwood industries have all indicated in their codes a willingness to cut working hours to 48 and to pay minimum wages of from 22½ cents to 25c, or a little more than one-half the base wages accepted in the codes of the western manufacturers and loggers.

The law as interpreted by the government requires a national industry, such as lumber, to come forward with one code. This the lumber industry did. General Johnson immediately stated the lumber code with minimum wages from 22½ cents to 42½ cents and hours of labor from 40 to 48 was "wholly unacceptable."

Tennant Makes Appeal.

J. D. Tennant of Longview, chairman of the national lumber committee presenting the code, stated publicly that the "wholly unacceptable" did not apply at all to the 42½-cent minimum and the 40-hour week of the West Coast Lumbermen's association and of the Western Pine association.

Saturday, July 22, Mr. Tennant appeared before the administrator and urged that the code wages and hours, as submitted, be put into immediate effect to stop overproduction of lumber and to satisfy the employes of the lumber industry who were becoming restive under the promises of the code. This request General Johnson rejected without explanation.

The intention of the government in setting up the industrial recovery act was to bring back as rapidly as possible the consuming power which industrial workers had in 1926-1929. The two western lumber associations in line with this principle accepted the finding of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen in June that a 42½-cent minimum wage—which was the minimum wage of the Douglas Fir and the Western Pine industries in 1926-1929—would be the proper base with which to start the code.

Northwest Wage Largest.

This 42½-cent minimum wage has therefore gone with the national lumber code to the government and if approved will become the standard for the first month at least of the operations under the code for all sawmill and logging camps works in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and northern California.

The minimum wage of 42½ cents per hour offered by the two lumber associations of the west is the highest per hour minimum so far written into a code by any of the major industries reported from Washington as filing codes. For example, the steel industry's code has a 40-cent minimum in the north and the electrical industry minimum was reported as 35 cents per hour; the shipyards as 40 cents. The minimum wage is paid in western lumber to from 10 to 15 per cent of those employed on an average, most of the employes being skilled and ranking higher rates of pay.

HUNDREDS SEEKING RESERVATIONS HERE

More than 1000 advance reservations for rooms during the American Legion state convention here have been received from members expecting to attend from over the state.

The housing committee under the direction of Bogue Dale, chairman, has been carrying on a campaign to enlist every available room in the city for use during the meeting when more than 3,000 visitors are expected.

Residents having extra rooms are requested to call either Mrs O. D. Matthews, 339-M; Mrs Vina Cozad, 1744 or Mrs. Ruth Roskamp, 572.

First $517 of $100,000,000 for Cotton Acreage Cut

From the hand of President Roosevelt to that of George Morris, Texas cotton farmer, a check for $517 is passing in the above picture. It was the first trickle in a flood of $100,000,000 which the government is pouring upon southern farmers who cut cotton acreage. Left to right, Representative Marvin Jones, Texas; Cully Cobb, U. S. cotton administrator; E. R. Euvally, Texas state extention service; the president; Morris, and Secretary of Agriculture Wallace.

VETERAN GROCER DIES IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 1. (AP) —Edward Ehrman, 79, veteran Portland wholesale grocer, died here last night from a heart attack. He was president of the General Grocery company and of Mason, Ehrman and Co., and a member of the board of directors of the United States National bank.

Ehrman was born in Baltimore March 18, 1854. In 1873 he started his 60-year career in the grocery business with the firm of M. Ehrman & Co., of San Francisco. He came to Portland 10 years later and with W. S. Mason, former mayor of the city, founded the firm bearing their names which later became one of the largest wholesale grocery concerns in the Pacific northwest.

He is survived by his widow, a son and a sister, Mrs. M Greenblatt of San Francisco.

Lee W. Jacobs, manager of the Klamath Falls branch of Mason, Ehrman & Co., received a telegram on Wednesday morning telling him of the death in Portland on Tuesday evening of Edward Ehrman, president of Mason, Ehrman & Co., and of the General Grocery company. He left shortly after noon on Wednesday for Portland to act as a pallbearer at the funeral, which will be held in Portland on Thursday.

Courthouse Records

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 1933

Divorce Suits Filed

Clem Brown filed suit for a divorce from Bernadine Charlotte Brown, charging desertion. No children or property rights involved in suit. Couple married in Lemans, France in 1919.

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Other Suits Filed

M. A. Young filed suit against O. F. Palmerton and William Palmerton. Plaintiff asks that defendant be ordered to complete payments of a certain contract or that possession of property be granted plaintiff.

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Divorces Granted—none.

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Orders Signed—none.

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Marriage Licenses—none.

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Car Accident Reports—none.

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Justice of Peace Court

Virgil Clark, charged with angling without a license, released after agreeing to purchase a license. He paid costs of the suit.

McKinley George, charged with being drunk and disorderly, sentenced to 50 days in the county jail.

Dean George charged with being drunk in a public place, sentenced to 50 days in the county jail.

W. W. Edwards, charged with obtaining money by false pretenses took time to enter a plea. Bond set at $100.

FIRE AT LOOKOUT BURNS IN TIMBER

ALTURAS, Calif. — The first serious forest fire of the season on the Modoc national forest occurred northwest of the town of Lookout Friday when a careless smoker started a blaze in a heavy stand of pine timber.

Forest rangers from the Big Valley district, with a special suppression crew from the 977th Company at Hackamore, brought the blaze under control before it had burned more than seven acres and the damage to merchantable timber was comparatively slight.

The trained civilian conservation corps men, experiencing their first baptism of fire, were highly complimented by forestry officials for their efficient work.

MEDFORD SEERESS WANTED BY POLICE

MEDFORD, Ore., Aug. 2. (AP) —Medford police are "gazing into the crystal" for some clue to the whereabouts of "Madame Howard," platinum-haired seeress who, according to complaining clients, faded out of the picture Monday night with an assortment of jewelry, clothing and other valuables deposited with the madame for "study."

In obtaining a warrant last night for the missing mystic, a woman client told police she had left a diamond-set wrist watch, three dresses, a valuable purse and a man's ring with the seeress when the latter declared that through study of the articles she would be able to reveal her client's future.

England is trying out a bus which uses steam as a motive power; the bus has 100 horsepower engine and accommodates 40 passengers.

"Wheelbase" is the distance from the center of the front axle to the center of the rear axle.

LEGION AUXILIARY ANNOUNCES PLANS

One thousand pine canes with a colored pelican perched on the top for a handle will be sold by the American Legion auxiliary for the legion state convention to open August 10.

Sale of the canes and tickets for the midnight matinee to be sponsored at the Pelican theatre are the two financing programs planned by the auxiliary for its state convention to be carried on in conjunction with the men's organization.

The canes will be placed on sale August 9 and may be purchased by local people or visitors. They are made of a square pine stick, prepared at the Weyerhaeuser Timber company, and a small hand sized pelican painted white with black eyes and a yellow bill. The pelican was cut out, painted and placed on the cane by the Modern Cabinet shop.

More than 20 loving cups, trophies, plaques and prizes of the auxiliary, to be presented during the state meeting here, have been received and are on display in the show case of the May King studio and the legion convention headquarters.

Another feature of the convention to be carried on by the auxiliary will be the nursery at the Presbyterian church under the direction of Mrs. T. D. Case. Games, pictures and attractions will be carried on at the nursery by Mrs. Case for children of local and visiting legion members.

ELECTRICITY CONTROLLED BY REGULATOR

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BIEBER, Calif. — Installation this summer of new lumber mills is more than doubling Big Valley's demand for electric power. To meet the need for more current and also to take care of abrupt increases and decreases in the "load," the Pacific Gas and Electric company has built at a cost of $9,000 and just put into service an automatic voltage regulator station a few miles east of Pittville on the McArthur-Bieber transmission line that was built two years ago.

"Rush more juice," and, alternately, "Cut it down," is how the three regulators, one for each wire on the high tension line, interpret wordless messages they get several times a minute over the wires from Big Valley. The orders are filled instantly. Electromagnets leap, transformer ratios are changed, and right away the voltage of the station's output is raised or lowered as the case may be.

"They are sawing a log at Caldwell's mill now," remarked Henry Bertholas, district manager for the P. G. and E., as he opened a regulator and revealed its mechanism whirring first one way and then reversing in a slow rhythm. "Whenever the saw starts a cut, its motor wires back here for more power and these regulators respond by boosting the voltage. As soon as each cut is finished and the saw is running idle, this station instantly knows it and drops the voltage."

The regulators are set to maintain an average voltage of 12,600 in the high tension line at Bieber, the terminus. They have ironed out fluctuations that were making lights flicker in Bieber and Nubieber. Recording voltmeter tests since the station went into use have shown the current strength on customers' service low tension lines to be virtually constant.

New lumber mills of Davis and Bowers and the Stockton Box company will take over 400 horsepower from the P. G. and E. Bertholas estimated the Big Valley total load on his company's lines at 900 horsepower, of which he classed 800 as industrial.

More Credit Held Business Basis

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2, (AP) —President Roosevelt wants new credit "made available to all classes of our citizens" so business may be "re-established on a permanent, workable basis."

That was the chief executive's request as made public last night in an address by Jesse H. Jones, chairman of the reconstruction corporation.

Ike Re-Signs

Ike Armstrong, who has won Rocky Mountain Conference championships for University of Utah for six consecutive years, has a chance for at least five more. He has just signed a contract for five more football coaching seasons.

MILL ERECTED NEAR MODOC TOWN

LOOKOUT, Calif. — A. Zamboni and James Castelli, veteran lumbermen of Modoc county, have a crew of ten men engaged in the construction of a sawmill plant at Widow Valley, northwest of this place.

Zamboni and Castelli have owned and operated a sawmill under the name of the Davis Creek Lumber company near Davis creek for the past fifteen years but are moving their plant to the Widow Valley section, where they have purchased the Wendt tract of timber. This tract, almost pure ponderosa pine, with a sprinkling of white fir and incense cedar, is located near the new main line of the Great Northern over which the output of the new mill will be shipped. The parcel of timber is estimated to contain around 12 million feet of merchantable timber.

Logging and sawing operations at the new plant will be in operation within the next couple of weeks and will employ between 25 and 30 men. The owners expect to cut in the neighborhood of 25,000 board feet average per day, working one shift, but may increase their output later by working a double shift. Practically all of the lumber will be shipped out for export.

OREGON ASKS MORE MONEY FOR BRIDGES

SALEM, Aug. 2, (AP)—Due to recent price increases, the state of Oregon is seeking $4,000,000 instead of $3,400,000 in the form of a federal loan and grant for the five proposed Oregon Coast highway bridges.

Plans have been completed for the Waldport and Florence bridges on the coast highway and completion of the plans for the bridge at Reedsport is expected by August 15, it was learned at the state highway department today.

Bridges Favored

Plans for the bridge at Coos Bay will be finished next and the Newport bridge plans will be last, although all the plans will be ready within the next 60 days.

In the revised application for funds, $900,000 is sought as an outright federal grant, the remaining $3,100,000 to be borrowed from the federal government at four per cent interest for a 25-year period.

J. M. Devers, counsel for the highway department, said every advice from Washington and informal word from the regional administrator of the public works program, is favorable to the bridges.

Several weeks ago Secretary of the Interior Ickes expressed himself to Senator Charles L. McNary as in favor of the bridge project. At the same time he declared he would not approve a regional program such as the bridges, until a regional administrator had been named.

Marshall N. Dana, newly appointed regional administrator, and his board of three advisors can take no action on the bridge project until they receive further instructions from Washington on the exact procedure they must follow.

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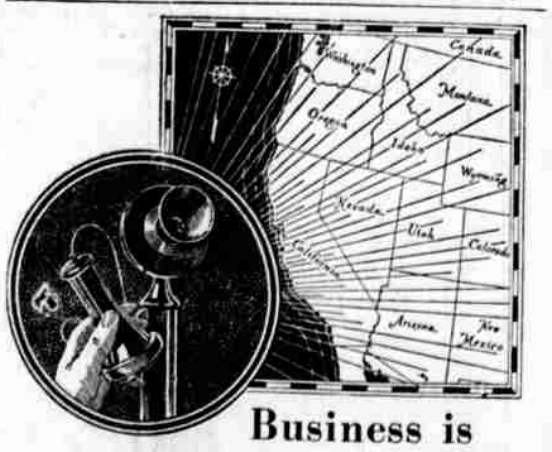

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