

# FREIGHT RATE IS RUINOUS

## Valley Lumber Business Is Utterly Paralyzed

### Booth-Kelley Company Has Lost Heavily and Many Smaller Concerns Suffer

The Eugene Register of January 3d says: The Booth-Kelley company, an institution that inaugurated one of the biggest lumber industries of the West with Eugene as headquarters and having established such an extensive market that all their mills were kept running on full time with a daily capacity of about 500,000 feet employing over 1000 men and turning loose an annual pay-roll of one million dollars, has been forced to so reduce the output of lumber that, instead of five mills running there will, from now on, be but two, Springfield and Coburg, and Coburg's output will be cut off one-half by stopping the night work, the mill only being run during the day.

The troubles of this company first began early last fall, when the car shortage made their shipments so uncertain that buyers who depended on them for their supply were forced to look elsewhere for their stock. The Booth-Kelley company shipments of

lumber dwindled from 1000 cars a month to about 200 in consequence, and the Saginaw and Wendling mills were forced to shut down and will no doubt remain so for some time to come.

This condition was bad enough, but the new freight rate from Oregon to California points, which went into effect January 1, raising the tariff on lumber from \$3.10 to \$5 a ton, was the last straw that broke the camel's back, and comes as near annihilating the Booth-Kelley company as it were possible to do, and is little short of disaster for them. The raise is a discrimination against Oregon in favor of California, and will put many inland mills clear out of business.

In an interview yesterday Mr. Booth said the new advanced freight rate would cut their output in half, and that the Wendling mill will remain silent. The cause of discrimination Mr. Booth did not care to discuss.

#### Shippers' Troubles.

A special Salem dispatch to the Oregon Journal, January 4, says: The Greater Salem Commercial club is performing a very important service to the shippers of Western Oregon and inferior sawmills. The club has gathered a large amount of information relative to the car shortage that has prevailed for the last three months and the advance in freight rates that goes into effect on January 19. The club has letters from warehousemen, flouring mills produce shippers and sawmills, showing car shortage losses suffered by individual shippers, ranging from \$50 to many thousands, and in some cases complete suspension of industries.

A letter received by the club Saturday shows that one large flouring mill has gone into the hands of a receiver. This mill got practically no cars for flour shipments to Portland for a period of three months. At one point in the Willamette valley 1000 tons of hay were held two months for want of cars. This hay was purchased for the Portland market and a large firm lost its city contracts for failure to deliver. In the meantime the warehouse holding the hay burned down and a number of farmers and dealers are bankrupt.

#### Lumber Rates.

The new lumber rates are almost prohibitive on interior sawmills, imposing a difference against interior mills on rail shipments to San Francisco of \$4.33 per 100 feet, and \$2.08 per 1000 feet difference to shipments to Sacramento. The club has received letters within a few days showing that logging camps are being shut down all over the interior of Western Oregon. The output of sawmills is falling off, some of them being shut down entirely and others only running half time. Unless the rates can be changed many large sawmills in Western Oregon will be housed up and go out of business. Merchants at sawmill towns are already feeling the effect of the falling off of trade and this

will be forcibly impressed on the jobbers at Portland in the near future, especially those handling groceries, machinery, hardware, etc. The general traffic of the railroads in this class of business is also falling off.

The Salem Commercial club is wisely refusing to make public the names of a single shipper and thus protecting the business men against any future recrimination. They hope to place the facts which they have gathered before some traffic manager who has sufficient authority to remedy the evils which are threatening Western Oregon industries.

Members of the Multnomah delegation informed the legislature when it was in special session that managers of the Harriman lines had made arrangements to furnish Portland shippers with all the cars needed.

#### MAN'S LOVE OF THE DOG.

Canine Alone Has Made Alliance With the Human Family.

Man loves the dog, but how much more ought he to love it if he considered, in the inflexible harmony of the laws of nature, the sole exception which is that love of a being that succeeds in piercing, in order to draw closer to us, the partitions, everywhere else impermeable, that separate the species. We are alone, absolutely alone on this chance planet; and, amid all the forms of life that surround us, not one, excepting the dog, has made an alliance with us. A few creatures fear us, most are unaware of us, and not one loves us. In the words of plants, we have dumb and motionless slaves; but they serve us in spite of themselves. They simply endure our laws and our yoke. They are impotent prisoners, victims incapable of escaping, but silently rebellious; and, so soon as we lose sight of them, they hasten to betray us and return to their former wild and mischievous liberty. The rose and the corn, had they wings, would fly at our approach like the birds.

Among animals, we number servants who have submitted only through indifference or stupidity; the uncertain and craven horse, who responds only to pain and is attached to nothing; the cow and the ox (happy so long as they are eating, and docile because, for centuries, they have not had a thought of their own); the frightened sheep, who knows no other master than terror, the hen, who is faithful to the poultry yard because she finds more maize and wheat there than in the neighboring forest. I do not speak of the cat, to whom we are nothing more than a too large and uneatable prey. She, at least, curses us in her mysterious heart; but all the others live beside us, as they might live beside a rock or a tree. They do not love us, do not know our life, our death, our departure, our sadness, our joy, our smile. They do not even hear the sound of our voice as soon as it no longer threatens them; and, when they look at us, it is with the distrustful bewilderment of the horse, in whose eye still hovers the infatuation of the elk or gazel that sees us for the first time, or with the dull stupor of the ruminants, who look upon us as a momentary and useless accident of the pasture.—Century.

#### Do Not Fear Massacre.

Washington, D. C. Jan. 7.—According to the Russian calendar today is Christmas day and the date set by alarmists reports for a second great massacre of Jews at Kishinev. In response to popular demand the State department recently sent inquiries to the American diplomat and consular agents throughout Europe asking what grounds if any exist for the rumor of impending massacres. The replies to these inquiries would indicate that no foundation whatever exists for the widespread apprehension among the people of the Jewish race. If any further ill-treatment or killing of the Jewish had been contemplated it is believed that the agitation over the first massacre would cause the Russian government to take vigorous steps to prevent any further slaughter of the helpless people.

#### Swift & Co. Will Branch Out.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 7.—At their annual meeting held here today the stockholders of Swift & Co. acted favorably on the proposition to increase the capital stock of the company from \$25,000,000 to \$35,000,000. The new stock is to be issued at par and to be used in acquiring wholesale distributing markets and refrigerator cars. The small margin of profit in the packing industry and at the same time the mammoth extent of that industry is illustrated by the figures contained in the annual reports of the Swift company which show a profit of \$3,000,000 on gross sales for the year exceeding \$200,000,000.

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