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Lumber Drops \$1 Per 1000
Houston, July 22.—There is a slump in lumber prices to the extent of about \$1 on the 1,000 feet, and in some lines the slump is greater. The mill men who have headquarters in Houston state that there are two reasons for it. One is the natural suspension of building operations during the summer months and the other is due to the postponement of contemplated buildings for an indefinite time, due to the inability of the lumber men to make deliveries owing to the car shortage of last fall and winter.

For instance, stated one dealer, Bill Jones had decided to build a house last winter and in order to supply him with lumber the retail dealer put in an order. The car shortage made it difficult to secure cars to ship the lumber, and even after the lumber was loaded the rush of the crops had tied up all the motive power. As a consequence the car of lumber was sidetracked and did not reach Bill Jones for several months. As a consequence of the delay Jones had changed his mind and postponed building for another year. When the lumber did arrive it loaded up the retailer and he has good stocks on hand at the present time.

This dealer looks for another building boom this fall and states that if there is and if a big demand is made upon the mills they will be up against it, for they expect history to repeat itself in that the railways will have all they can do to move the crops and perishable freight, while lumber will be sidetracked out of the way after it leaves the mills, even should the millers secure cars in the first instance to start the shipments on their way.

"We are certainly up against a proposition," stated a mill man. "This car shortage is looming up in large proportions, and we have been forced to sit idle and see our earnings cut in half because of it."

Oklahoma Wheat Third of Last Year's Yield.

According to statistics by Secretary C. V. Topping of the Oklahoma Millers' association, he places the wheat yield of Oklahoma this year at about 800,000,000 bushels, just one third that of last year. The green bugs, which devastated the fields early in the growing season, were responsible for the difference in the yield. Wheat is bringing a much better price in local markets than last year at the same time. It is 75 cents now; at the same time last year it was bringing 60 and 65 cents.

A J. Alexander, 31 years old and the father of three children, was killed by a thrashing machine near Frances, in Greer county, Ok., Saturday. He was walking from the strawstack across the separator, when his foot slipped and he fell into the mouth of the feeder, where he was ground to death.

The Standard Oil company is being sued in Mississippi for \$1,480,000. If the suit is won by the prosecutor, the Standard Oil company will not only be forced to pay the penalty but will be obliged to change its organization or leave Mississippi. The suit was filed under the anti-trust law of 1906. It alleges that the Standard Oil company has violated the law in that it owns stock in the Waters-Pierce Oil company of Missouri and the Union Tank line. This suit was for \$5,000 penalty for each day the company has done business in Mississippi since the anti-trust law went into effect.

Fischer Piano For Sale, low price. F. E. Harrington, Clarendon, Tex.

If you want Cold-tire work go to E. A. Taylor's shop.

Says Bryan Will Run.
Willis J. Abbott, recognized as Bryan's personal Washington representative, told the United Press that while he had no official authority for making an announcement on Mr. Bryan's behalf, he had every reason to believe the Nebraskan would be a candidate in 1908. Word comes from the West that formal announcement of Bryan's candidacy will be made by him personally at a great dinner early in the fall at Lincoln.

Song Writer Dead.
Colonel Will S. Hays, the veteran river editor of the Courier, song writer and poet, died in Louisville, Ky., Tuesday of vertigo, caused by a stroke of paralysis, suffered in the Iroquois theater fire in Chicago. He was 70 years old. Colonel Hays has always claimed the authorship of the original words of "Dixie," and that he was responsible for the arrangement of the music. His version of "Dixie" was written at the outbreak of the civil war, but the words were considered so seditious that the writer was arrested and compelled to change them. By that time, it is said Dan Emmett, the minstrel, had written his song, and his publisher had it copyrighted. Colonel Hays' most famous song was "Molly Darling," the sales of which reached 2,000,000 copies in Europe and America. Among his other songs were "Keep in de Middle of de Road," "The Old Log Cabin in the Lane," and "Signal Bells at Sea."

State Tax Rate.
The state comptroller says the tax rate will not be made before Aug. 20, as the tax assessors are allowed until Aug 15 to submit the taxable valuations of their counties, and some of them will require the full limit.

Immediately after the assessed valuations are received the comptroller for the state treasury and the governor, composing a board, will ascertain the tax rate, basing it upon the figures received from the tax assessors of each county.

The Lehigh Valley Coal Company has opened what is believed to be the largest stripping in the world. It is located at Lattimer and the coal is in a solid bed 1,300 feet wide, 30 feet thick and extends from Latimer to Drifton, Pa., six miles. It is estimated that were the company to take out 500 tons daily it would require 250 years to exhaust the supply.

Cultivation is necessary everywhere, but especially in dry soils. It increases its moisture holding capacities, it checks evaporation, it increases the activities of the soil and brings plant food into contact with the rootlets. A soil mulch is one of the secrets of the Campbell dry culture methods.

The democrats of Nebraska won out on their fusion scheme Wednesday. The supreme court handed down a decision overruling the demurrer of the attorney general and ordering a writ of mandamus to compel the secretary of state to permit a fusion upon the primary ballots.

A man was arrested in Amarillo this week by the name of John Denny, wanted in Oklahoma for horse theft. He is about 39 years old, a carpenter, school teacher and preacher. He sold the stolen horses for \$400 down near Matador, then went to Texico, where he was an applicant for a school.

The Sells Floto shows will go south along the Denver road next month.

An Expert Horseshoer has been employed by Eph Taylor and shoeing will be done with dispatch, and done right.

Facts About Japan.
Here is some information about Japan in tabloid form culled from various sources for the benefit of those who wish to talk war talk as if they knew all about it.

Japan has about the same area as Montana with more than half as many people as there are in the whole United States.

Japan has every kind of manufacturing—cotton goods, telescopes, microscopes, watches, knives, spoons, electric machinery, matches, clocks, woollen goods, and a host of other lines.

Japan has railroads gridironing the empire, electric lights in all the large cities and telegraph lines all over the country.

Japan was thrown open to the world in 1854, through the efforts of Commodore Perry of the United States navy.

The nation has in its historic archives the histories of 130 rulers of whom ten were females.

Historians of the empire declare that the present ruler is the representative of a dynasty that has existed for 2,500 years.

The monetary unit is the gold yen, whose nominal value approximates the weight and value of an American dollar.

Japan has gold, silver, copper, lead tin and mercury in abundance, besides coal and iron.

Japan raises sufficient agricultural products to feed her own people and leave a good quantity for export.

Japan did not have a single battleship in 1895, while now she has a score of battleships of the first class.

The city of the empire has a population of nearly 2,000,000. Osaka is the next largest city, with a population of about 1,000,000.

The constitution of Japan secures absolute freedom of religious belief and practice so long as it is not prejudicial to peace and order.

The principal ports of Japan lie at the heads of gulfs, the channels leading to which are nearly all well fortified.

The army of the empire is organized on a uniform system on the basis of conscription. The emperor has the supreme command of the army and navy.

The strength of the Japanese army on a war footing is estimated at 40,000 officers and 1,125,300 non commissioned officers and men.

The constitution which governs Japan at present was adopted February 11, 1889. The supreme power belongs to the chief of the dynasty, Emperor Mutsu-Hito, who was born November 3, 1852, and ascended the throne February 3, 1867. His eldest son, Prince Yoshi Hito Harunomiga, is the heir apparent.

Government is vested, according to the constitution, in a house of peers and a chamber of representatives. The house of peers is composed of the male members of the imperial family who have attained their majority; all princes and marquises who are above twenty-five years of age; counts, viscounts and barons of the empire, elected by their peers for a term of seven years; members nominated for life by the emperor and, finally, fifteen members elected by the taxpayers, and confirmed by the emperor in their power for seven years.

Electors—300 members of the chamber of representatives—are restricted to males at least twenty-five years of age and pay at least \$15 a year in taxes. No one is eligible who has not paid his district poll tax for at least one year.

Executive power is exercised, by delegation of the emperor and under his high direction, by the

ministers of the interior, of justice, of finance, of war, of communications, of foreign affairs, of public instruction and of agriculture and commerce. Vice-ministers, similar to assistant secretaries, assist the ministers in transacting business.

Besides the cabinet of ministers, a private cabinet may be summoned and consulted by the emperor, composed of a president and a vice-president of the ministers and of seventeen councillors.

Both houses of parliament may respectively initiate projects of law, can make representations to the government as to laws or upon any other subject and may present addresses to the emperor.

Texico Wants Another Road.
The Amarillo Panhandle of Tuesday has this from Texico:

Prominent citizens in a large mass meeting yesterday afternoon decided to organize a company to build a railroad from Texico N. M., to Tucumcari, N. M., a distance of about eighty miles. A committee was appointed to confer with Tucumcari people with the view of gaining their co-operation.

Such a line would connect the Santa Fe railway at Texico and the Rock Island railway at Tucumcari and afford an outlet for the Dawson coal fields to Texico and eastern New Mexico and southwestern Texas. A fine agricultural country will be traversed and four townships will be located. All fine new recently surveyed land in the deal.

The only apparent difficulty to be surmounted will be scaling of a hundred foot drop known as the cap rock which is about midway between he avoided by making a slight circuitous route thereabouts. There is no doubt as to the commercial value of such a road.

The Texan's New Book of Salvation.

The volume containing authenticated copies of all the wondrous enactments of the last Legislature is now off the press. Any one can get a copy by sending 35c to the Secretary of State. This is a free "ad," and in giving it The News may be violating some of the statutes printed, but its desire that this volume should be one of the "six best sellers" of the year impels it to the hazard of incurring one of the pains and penalties that may be therein writ.

The book is well worth the money. It would be cheap at ten times the price. One will find all the political philosophies exemplified—Republicanism, Populism, Socialism, Federalism and a smattering of Democracy. It has chapters that are pathetic, many that are humorous, and what makes the humor the more delicious is its unconsciousness.

One will get 35c worth of diversion out of any one of more than twenty chapters. Its utilitarian value is scarcely less. The number of things that we may not do has become so greatly enlarged that one ought never to get beyond arm's reach of this book. Safety lies only in constantly referring to it. Now is the time to buy.—Dallas News.

"I believe," said the cheery philosopher, "that for every single thing you give away two come back to you." "That is my experience" agreed Phamely. "Last June I gave away my daughter and she and her husband came back to us in August."—Ex.

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