

RETAIL PRICES ON LUMBER

Country Dealer Insists that Figures Are Not Too High.

PITS BLAME ON WHOLESALERS

Says Inquiry Will Show that Man Who Meets Consumer Not the One to Blame for the Situation.

A retail dealer in lumber, whose business is conducted in a small town out in the state, writes to The Bee, giving his views of the present lumber quotations. He asks that his name be withheld, and his request is granted. His letter follows: "Having been a retailer of lumber in Nebraska for many years, I read with a great deal of interest the articles in your issue of December 15, 16 and 17 regarding the high price of lumber and the retailer's part in keeping it up to the prohibitive mark. Had your informant confined his strictures to the retailers of Omaha, I should have had no quarrel with him, for I am unacquainted with the retail price in the city. But when he extends his criticism to include the country trade, I become one of the indicted and entitled to representation in court.

Just one of the many statements touching the retailer, is entitled to consideration. That is that the ordinary retail business can be profitably conducted upon a margin of 25 per cent profit. Most of us would like to secure so much, but are unable to do so.

Prices Not Too High.

"The very first accusation in the article entitled 'Unfair Lumber Profits,' that 'the price of lumber to the consumer in Omaha, and in fact, through the country, is as high or higher than it was when the retailer was paying from \$10 to \$12 more per thousand for his stock than he is at present,' is open to two objections. The fact is that the retail price through the country is fully \$1 per 1,000 feet lower than it was in 1907. And there has never been a time in the history of the lumber business in Nebraska when the retailer paid \$10 to \$12 more for his stock than he does at present, nor half that amount. The highest price ever paid by the retailer was in the summer and fall of 1907, when the prices of common stock were from \$1.50 to \$1.50 higher instead of from \$5 to \$5 as stated.

"The statement that the retailer was demanding about 100 per cent profit is too ridiculous to be considered, and is refuted by their own figures. The assertion that the ordinary retail business can be conducted at an expense of 5 per cent is also too foolish to be entertained seriously. Will all you Nebraska retailers who are conducting your business upon a margin of 5 per cent or less, of your gross sales please rise and be counted. Think you, sir, you may be seated. The facts are that the average retailer's expense is just about double the amount quoted, and many of them exceed this.

Wholesaler to Blame.

"The attempt upon the part of the wholesaler to compare the prices during August, 1907, when we were at the crest of the greatest era of prosperity this country has ever known, and in the midst of the building season when the mills were hurried under an avalanche of orders, and straining every resource to furnish the material for which their customers were clamoring, with the prices during December, 1910, when the building season has practically closed, and the market is showing the heavy sag in price which inevitably accompanies the cessation of building operations for the winter, and still further depressed by the curtailment of 20 per cent of the normal demand, owing to the withdrawal of the railroads from the market, is manifestly unfair, and made with the very evident intention of deceiving, even though the prices quoted were correct, which they are not.

"The retailers through the country would be the first to welcome an investigation as to the high price of lumber, and the consuming public might then learn why common lumber was selling for from \$6 to \$7 per thousand at the mill in 1909, while in the year of our Lord, 1907, fourteen years later, under the same methods of manufacture, the retailer was paying from \$14 to \$17 for the same class of material. Every intelligent retailer knows the reason, and he knows, too, that the advance in price cannot be charged to him."

Taylor Repudiates His Own Affidavit

Sticks to the Story that Yeiser Prompted Him to Tell Perjured Story.

Repudiating his affidavit that Detective Steve Maloney coerced him into signing an affidavit, charging John O. Yeiser with prompting him to tell a perjury story, William F. Taylor took the witness stand before Judge Sears in district court Tuesday morning and stood by his story that Yeiser induced him to lie on the witness stand in order to bolster up his case against John Blanck, a liquor dealer, and the Title Guaranty & Trust company. Cross-examined by Yeiser, Taylor stuck to his story. When Yeiser asked him if he had not been promised immunity from the charge of a statutory crime if he would testify that Yeiser prompted him to perjure himself in the case against Blanck, Taylor testified that no such promise ever was made to him.

Taylor during his examination accused Yeiser of taking two-thirds of the amount of the judgment he secured for Taylor when he had agreed to fight the case for him.

Mrs. Taylor was placed on the witness stand by A. G. Ellick, deputy county attorney and attorney for the Title Guaranty & Surety company. Blanck's bondsmen said that Yeiser "put her and her husband up" in telling a perjury story that her husband had not settled with Blanck. When Mr. Yeiser asked Taylor whether or not he has been promised immunity if he testified that Yeiser induced him to tell a perjured story, the witness declined to answer. When Judge Sears asked Taylor if he has been promised immunity, Taylor said no such promise has been made to him.

Draws Heavy Fine for Tilting the Lid

Primo Hanna Given Big Penalty for Selling Liquor at His Home Sunday.

Primo Hanna, keeper of a saloon at 412 South Thirtieth street, was fined \$300 and costs in police court Tuesday morning for extending his retail liquor business to his home on Sundays.

The police raided the Hanna home and captured intoxicants. The opals was at 412 South Thirtieth street.

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Eastern College Lad Singer and Mechanic

Frankie of the Cornell Glee Club Tries His Luck with the "Sons of Toll."

Charles A. Franke, a New York boy who spent last summer in the Havelock shops, will be one of the members of the Cornell Glee club coming to Omaha. Young Franke, who belongs to one of the old New York families, came out to Havelock last July with Arthur Waksley, the son of L. W. Waksley, general passenger agent of the Burlington lines west of the Missouri.

Boy Lost on Streets of Omaha Three Days

Lad of Twelve Years Rescued from Starvation by Police—Looking for His Mother.

Lost in Omaha and without food for three days, Harry Roper, 12 years old, was rescued from threatening starvation by the police Tuesday morning. The boy was found by an officer at Union station. The youngster told the policeman that he had been sent by his father, section foreman at Gibbon, Neb., to see his mother at Council Bluffs. He said that his mother's name was Florence Barry.

The boy was given treatment for his weakened condition by the police surgeons. He will be delivered to the juvenile authorities.

Read This if You Want the Benefits

J. W. Greer, Greenwood, La., suffered with a severe case of lumbago. "The pains were so intense I was forced to hypodermic injections for relief. These attacks started with a pain in the small of my back which gradually became fairly paralyzing. My attention was attracted to Foley's Kidney Remedy and I am glad to say after using this wonderful medicine I am no longer bothered in any way by my old enemy lumbago." Sold by all druggists.

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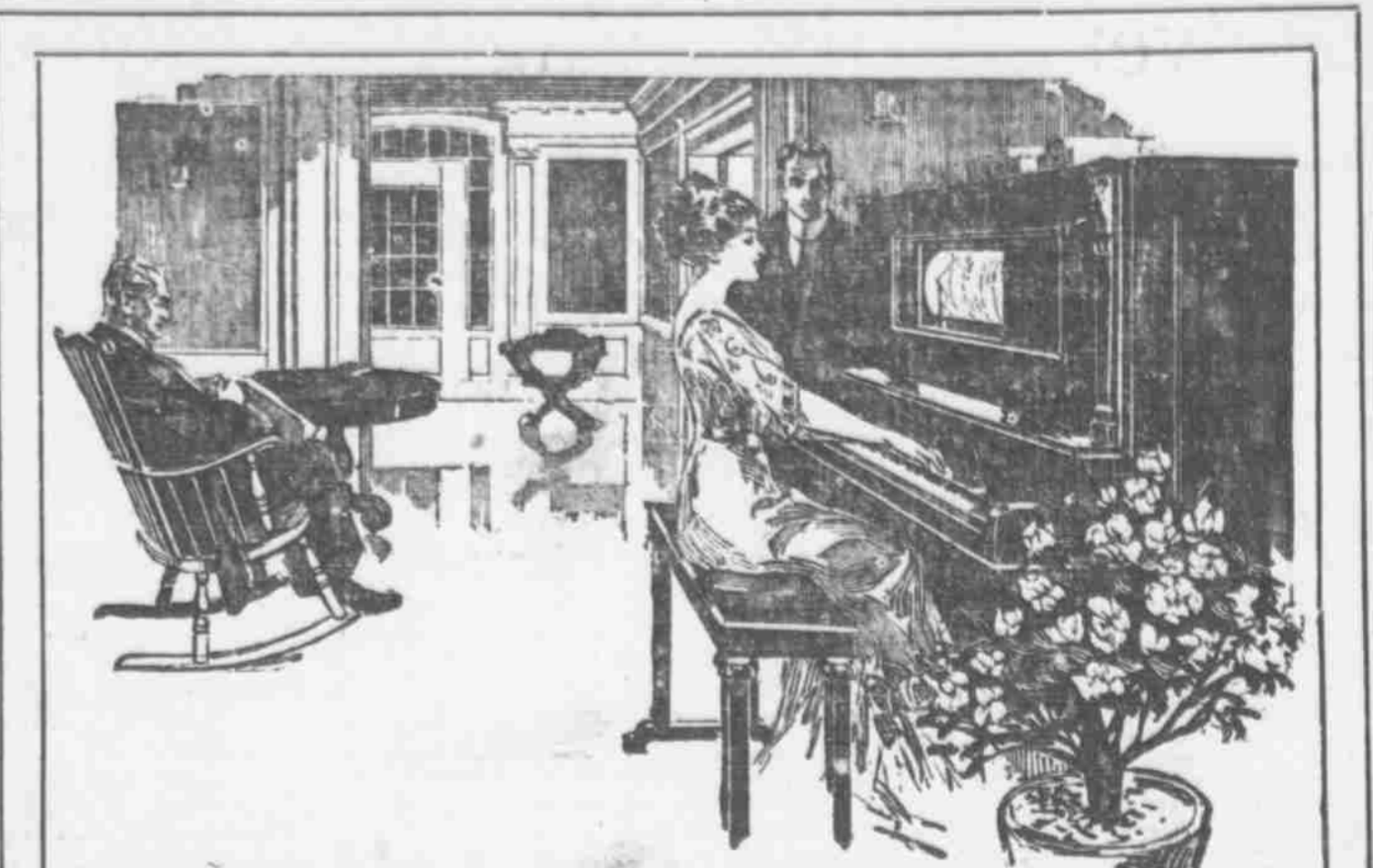
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