

Commodities Update:

- Panel products: <u>OSB</u>, as of this writing, is still going strong with mill order files stretched out at least 3 weeks which usually indicates steady to higher pricing. <u>SYP plywood</u>, until recently a weak market, has been gaining strength and numbers are rising.
- Dimension lumber: For the most part there is a weakness also in <u>dimension framing lumber</u> with prices steady to lower at the present time.
- USG Interiors has announced a <u>grid</u> increase of 5% and a 5% increase on <u>gypsum lay in panels</u> and 7% on <u>fiberglass ceiling tiles</u> effective February 10.
- After last month's attempt at an increase did not stick, <u>metal framing</u> manufacturers are trying again at an increase February 3 by 10%.
- Our stocked <u>basement blanket</u> insulation (6'X50'R19 and R11) will increase on February 17 by 8%.
- We are also seeing prices on <u>interior door units</u> to be rising anywhere from 15% to 25%.
- <u>Drywall</u> retails have been raised, although the increase, when all is said and done, was not as high as had been announced or expected.

<u>Quote to Think About:</u>

"Think about it, the more a person does the more that they can do. The less a person does, the less they can do. It's like the physics of inertia-a thing at rest stays at rest, a thing in motion stays in motionexcept applied to human motivation and activity. It works exactly the same way."

Richard Cavo-my brother

How many people do you know that, when asked to participate in some activity, say they are too busy or can't spare the time, even though you know they have tons of free time on their hands? Likewise, don't we all know some people that handle many tasks more than the ordinary person and still make time to do more?

<u>Brain</u> <u>Builder</u>: See if you can figure it out! What name and town would an envelope be delivered to if addressed like this?

HILL JOHN MASS

Words Worth Reading:

What Will Matter By Michael Josephson

Ready or not, some day it will all come to an end. There will be no more sunrise, no minutes, hours or days. All things you collected, whether treasured of forgotten, will pass to someone else. Your wealth, fame and temporal power will shrivel to irrelevance. It will not matter what you owned or what you were owed. Your grudges, resentments, frustrations and jealousies will finally disappear. So too, your hopes, ambitions, plans and to-do lists will expire. The wins and losses that once seemed so important will fade away. It won't matter where you came from or what side of the tracks you lived on at the end. It wont matter whether you were beautiful or brilliant. Even your gender and skin color will be irrelevant.

So what will matter? How will the values of your days be measured?

What will matter is not what you bought but what you built, not what you got but what you gave. What will matter is not your success but your significance. What will matter is not what you learned but what you taught. What will matter is every act of integrity, compassion, courage or sacrifice that enriched, empowered or encouraged others to emulate your example.

What will matter is not your competence but your character. What will matter is not how many people you knew, but how many will feel a lasting loss when you're gone. What will matter is not your memories but the memories of those who loved you. What will matter is how long you will be remembered, by whom and for what.

Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident. It's not a matter of circumstance but a choice. Choose to live a life that matters.

Hardware Humor:

Spackle

By Dave Coverly



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