

Springfield, Ohio, Feb. 23/99.

GENERAL NOTICE.- IMPORTANT.

The present condition of the plate, tube and iron market is such that we are compelled to make all our quotations on Engines and Boilers subject to prompt acceptance only. Prices of material have recently advanced quite considerably, and are still going up. The indications are that prices are up to stay and no reduction may be looked for throughout this year at least. We have been fortunate enough to have a fairly good stock on hand before the advance in prices, and we are willing to give our customers the benefit of this to the extent of the stock we now have on hand, so long as same lasts. When, however, we are required to replenish this stock, we will likely have to pay very much higher figures for the material, and consequently will have to secure better prices for our goods. This general notice is being issued to all our customers and prospective purchasers, that they may be duly warned, and not postpone buying too long.

Customers who will not need or be ready for shipment for awhile yet, but desire to take advantage and secure the benefit of quotations on our present stock, may send us their orders now at quotations now made, and we will withhold making shipment such reasonable time as they may desire.

Furthermore, all stock on hand throughout the country is being disposed of rather rapidly, and as the plate and tube mills particularly are quite rushed with orders, and it requires some three months after ordering in which to obtain plate material from rolling mill, customers who defer buying also render themselves liable to being put in the position of being unable to obtain what they may desire when they want it.

From the foregoing it will be seen that all advantages are with the buyer who places his order with us soon, even though shipment may not be wanted for several months yet.

Respectfully,

James Leffel & Co.