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Car Shortage Has Depressing Effect
on Wheat Business as Buyers are
• Unable to Reach Markets.

Millions of bushels of wheat throughout the Inland Empire are tied up in the warehouses, owing to the inability of the railroad companies to furnish cars for loading and shipping it. One milling firm of Portland has bought 3,000,000 bushels of wheat in Oregon and Washington, and wants to buy more, but is unable to do so because its funds are tied up owing to the inability to move the grain which they have already purchased. In Umatilla county alone it is estimated that 300 cars are required to move the wheat now tied up in three warehouses owned by exporting companies. Buyers in the Inland Empire state that the inability to get cars is having a depressing effect upon the price of the wheat. Those farmers who have sold are not suffering from the car shortage, but the buyers cannot turn their purchases into the channels of trade and for that reason there is little wheat being bought at this time.

near Bend and it now develops that the area to be cleared will form the nucleus of a big sheep plant to be established on the desert, in the heart of the irrigated section. Mr. Stanley owns a 1000-acre tract, a considerable portion of which is already cleared, and this tract will be combined with one of similar size owned by Davenport Brothers of Hood River, and this 2000-acre ranch will be stocked with sheep. A company has been formed with a capital stock of \$50,000, known as the Stanley-Davenport Ranch Company, and the property will be operated under this name. It is expected that the company will spend \$30,000 this season in clearing, building and stocking the ranch.

MAY SETTLE DIFFERENCES

It will be good news to the settlers on the irrigated lands in the Bend country, if the attempt to arrive at an amicable adjustment of the differences that have existed for the past several years between the owners of the D. I. & P. Company and the owners of the Pilot Butte Development Company, may be successful. This controversy, which has resulted in litigation, expensive to both sides and tending to retard the development of that rich country, may be settled by the sale of all the holdings of the P. B. D. Company in the Bend vicinity, an option having been secured, it is rumored, for that purpose. Two years ago the D. I. & P. Company moved their headquarters from Bend to a new town on the desert, named Redmond in honor of the first purchaser of irrigated land in that vicinity, and Redmond enjoyed a temporary prosperity as a result of the disbursement of the company's payroll. Bend business interests being injured to that extent. Bend, located as it is on one of the prettiest sites along the Deschutes River, and at the gateway to the largest body of virgin timber in the West, is destined to become one of the best towns in Central Oregon, although it has been suffering a period of business depression since the removal of the company's headquarters to Redmond.

WILL GET MAIL VIA HEISLER

Madras Mail To Come In Lock Sack
From Shaniko—About New Route.

Postmaster Davis has been notified by the department that following the discontinuance of the Heisler post office, which occurs today, the mail for Madras and other points for which this office is the distributing office, will come from Shaniko in a lock sack, the Madras mail contractor to take charge of it at Heisler. This will continue the service we have now from the railroad, the only difference in our mail service being a delay of a day in the mail from Prineville and other points served through that office, as that mail is carried through to Shaniko and returned to this office in the lock sack. The notice to Postmaster Davis states that the Madras mail will leave Heisler upon the arrival of the stage from Shaniko, but as the mail gets into Heisler at all hours of the night and this would entail considerable unnecessary hardship upon the mail contractor, it is likely that this portion of the order will be modified so that the mail can leave Heisler at regular hours.

Meanwhile the effort to get a direct mail service through from Shaniko to Bend continues, and with good prospects of success. The petition which will be forwarded to the Postmaster General on December 1 will have in the neighborhood of a thousand signatures, showing the popular demand for the proposed change. Should the direct route asked for be established it is likely that it will be in operation by February 15th.

BIG STOCK PLANT

It was announced several weeks ago that Mr. F. S. Stanley, of the D. I. & P. Company, had let a contract for clearing and plowing a large area of land

would not be conducive to the welfare of our community."

HITCHCOCK TO RETIRE

WILL RESIGN FROM CABINET IN MARCH

Most Famous Secretary of Interior
Yields to Advancing Age And
Too Great Pressure of Duties.

It is announced that Secretary E. A. Hitchcock of the Interior Department of the government will retire from that office next March on account of advancing age and inability to longer bear the pressure of the duties of that busy department. Mr. Hitchcock was appointed Secretary of the Interior by President McKinley in 1898, and has served through both the McKinley and the Roosevelt administrations.

Secretary Hitchcock has been the most active and aggressive man who has held the Interior portfolio, and it was due to his activity that the investigations of land frauds in this state and other states were instituted and carried to a successful culmination in spite of the strong political pressure that was brought to bear by those who were involved.

It is also announced that James R. Garfield, now Secretary of Corporations in the government service, will be appointed Secretary of the Interior to succeed Mr. Hitchcock.

LONG AND SHORT JUSTICE

"How's The Weather Down There?"
Says Smith to Elkins.

Sheriff Elkins, of Crook county, who passed through The Dalles a few days ago with four prisoners for the state insane asylum, went up to Albany to visit his father, and there, according to Albany papers, when Sheriff D. S. Smith of Linn county, met the sheriff of Crook, the long and short of it met. Looking down from a height of six feet three inches, Sheriff Smith accosted Sheriff Elkins, who stands only five feet one inch, with "How's the weather down there?" Though neither men lay claim to the distinction they are the tallest and shortest sheriffs in Oregon.—The Dalles Chronicle.

ASK PARDON FOR DELL

And Remonstrance Against Such Action Also Filed With Governor.

A petition has been presented to Governor Chamberlain asking for the pardon of John Dell, convicted of manslaughter at the recent term of circuit court at Prineville. At the same time a remonstrance against executive clemency in this case has been filed with the Governor, and he now has the matter under consideration. The petition for the pardon has sixty signers, and the remonstrance against the granting of the pardon has ninety signers.

In summing up the protest against the granting of a pardon for Dell, the remonstrance states: "We believe from the evidence produced at the trial, as well as from our personal knowledge of the said John Dell and his actions and conduct since his residence here, that such action on your part would not be conducive to the welfare of our community."

MAKE A NOTE OF IT

Twenty homesteaders on the Agency Plains are advertising to prove up. Several of these are to commute. With all the grangers' troubles, hot winds and sagerats, they have found that farming pays. Make note of this, skeptics from the river counties.—Review.

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