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BUSINESS ACTIVITY FOR '13

The fact that business activity is to a degree held in check by the political controversy which rages around the questions of tariff, trusts and money is an earnest that these questions are on the eve of definate settlement.

With both parties commited to some form of the tariff revision, it is certain that the tariff will be revised and will then be left undisturbed for a long period. There is such general agreement on the manner of dealing with the trusts and the demand for action from the trusts themselves is becoming so urgent that legislation cannot be long delayed. The National reserve scheme has met with such general approval among business men that some legislation on its general lines cannot fail of early adoption. With these three problems solved, the worst stumbling block in the way of continued prosperity will have been removed.

In short business may be said to have prepared itself for a period of activity. It will probably move forward gradually and cautiously during 1912, but will be ready to move confidently and at accelerated speed after the incoming of the Administration in 1913, whatever may be the political complexion of that Administration.

A conference held at the Oregon Agricultural College on Monday of last week between the different interests that are working for agricultural education in the state schools resutled in partially outlining the course of study. Livestock interests of Portland have arranged to send out an expert hog raiser over the state to interest boys in raising hogs. This will be a part of the agricultural work of the schools and contests will be arranged, the winners in the various classes meeting in a country contest and the winners of these, in turn, will exhibit at the State Fair.

Railroad mileage in Oregon has increased at a remarkable rate during the past few years and the outlook for 1912 is encouraging. According to the report of the state railroad commission, there were 2382 miles of railway in Oregon at the end of June, 1910. By the end of December, 1911, this has grown to 2883 miles.

Farmers' week at the Oregon Agricultural College, Feb 5—9, will be an intensified opitome of the four weeks course, including all the information possible in so short a time on animal husbandry, argonomy, dairy husbandry, and horticulture. Special emphasis will be laid on poultry husbandry, and the last day this work will take the form of a poultry show in wnich the productin of the egg will be the paramount issue.

Lake Superior Iron District.

The Mesaba iron range in Minnesota produced in 1910, according to the United States geological survey, 53¾ per cent of the entire iron ore production of the United States. The Lake Superior district, including Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin, produced 81½ per cent of our total iron ore production. Figures from other countries are not yet available for 1910, but this is probably a greater production than the entire year's output for any foreign country.

Ingenious Method of Advertisement.

A fair given for the benefit of a fresh air mission in Indianapolis, Ind., was ingeniously advertised by placing a specially constructed spring actuated cannon on a motor truck and discharging advertising cards from it while the truck was being driven through the streets. The spring was sufficiently powerful to throw the packages of cards a considerable distance, and the cards, scattered by the winds, fell in showers over the people in the streets.

Folding Billiard Table.

Using a bed of heavy rubber instead of slate, a Pennsylvanian has invented a combination billiard and pool table that can be folded and put out of the way when not in use.

When buying a cough medicine for children bear in mind that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is most effectual for colds, croup and whooping cough and that it contains no harmful drug. For sale by M. E. Snook.

The sale of a tract of land south-east of Madras containing eighty acres is reported this week to E. L. Milner, and was owned by J. E. Bedingfield, the purchase price being about $1000.