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Northern Railroad's Earnings.

Mr. Brooks Adams, the attorney employed by some Spokane people to force the railroads to change their rates to that city, sets forth in his argument to the interstate commerce commission some facts, that are interesting and re-enlightening, though not new, but they make nothing in favor of Spokane's contention, which rests partly on other conditions. What Mr. Adams does show, as others have done before him is that the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads have been making a great deal of money and that their rates are unreasonably high unless they are to spend millions annually in improvements and extensions, as they have not been doing.

Mr. Adams asserts, with the corporation's own reports as the basis of his conclusions, that the Great Northern has for the past twelve years been paying an annula dividend on a capitalization of \$120,000,000, and that the Northern Pacific last year paid about 15 per cent—\$11,735,982 surplus and \$10,850,000 dividends—\$5,801,648 overcharge from income to maintenance. These roads, Mr. Adams figures, are charging the people about \$54,000,000, a year beyond a fair return on the money invested in them. Yet Mr. Hill is wailing that the credit of the roads has been so impaired by attempts at control or regulation that he cannot borrow money to double-track his lines or build extensions.

This need's looking into carefully by the interstate commerce commission and other authorities, and it will be looked into. The people want to know why a system of railroads that is putting aside \$54,000,000 a year "velvet" can do nothing to relieve freight congestion, but makes the doleful and manifestly disingenuous complaint that it has no money for improvement and can borrow none.

It is true that in spite of these jugubrious plaints Mr. Hill is spending a great deal of money now, and spending it in a way that will be of great advantage to Portland, and to Oregon, so that we are in no humor to be hypercritical; yet it would seem that the principal owner and manager of a system of railroads that is making such an enormous fortune annually should try to look and talk pleasantly, even if the people do wish to inquire into its affairs.—Journal.

Weather Report.

The temperature averaged about three degrees above normal in the western and about four degrees below normal in the eastern counties.

The highest temperatures occurred during the first of the week, and the coolest weather prevailed on Friday and Saturday, when the minimum temperatures were near the frost mark in the northeastern counties.

A thunder shower occurred in Portland Friday evening, and heavy rain accompanied by hail fell in Salem Saturday. Thunderstorms with heavy rain also occurred in the mountains and foothills of the Blue Mountain system, but in the valleys, except over a limited area near Salem, the rainfall was light and widely scattered. The soil is well moistened, and altho there was less sunshine than usual the week on the whole was very favorable.

Coquille Notes.

Rev. G. W. Ellis has performed four marriage ceremonies this week and there are more coming.

Mrs. Willie Schroeder who has been very ill at the hospital is now gaining strength and hopes for a final recovery. The afflicted lady is now at her home.

Messrs. John and Charlie Moomaw and their families left Tuesday afternoon for a few day's outing at Bandon-by-the-sea.

L. P. Munson and J. E. Parrott have made arrangements to enter into the manufacture of bricks, hollow blocks and tiling from cement. They expect their machinery in about two weeks and will locate it

at Bandon for the present, as they have several contracts for cement walks at that place. The bricks and hollow blocks made from cement are taking the place of ordinary clay bricks in building in the east as, they are stronger and last longer as with cement the longer it lays the harder it gets until it becomes a solid stone.

Wheat Crop Crisis.

What promises to be a record wheat crop in the Pacific Northwest is now approaching harvest, and quite naturally the weather for the next fortnight will be the subject of considerable anxiety, not only on the part of the farmers, but in all lines of trade and industry in the Pacific Northwest. At some of the early-maturing fields south of Snake River cutting will begin within a fortnight and the danger for Winter wheat will be over in a few days. In the later districts and in the Spring wheat fields there is still plenty of time for enormous damage to be wrought by hot winds. There have been few seasons in the past when June rains were so general throughout the three states as they have been this year, and for that reason the plant is in a condition to stand considerable hot weather, providing there is not enough wind to fan the heat around the stalks and shrivel and wither the head.

In some respects bumper wheat crop, is now almost assured, means more to the Pacific Northwest than it ever meant before. There have been years in the past when the financial condition of the farmers was much worse than it is now and a big crop was for that reason most welcome. But unfortunately, the most of our big crops have appeared in low-price years, some of them in years when the price hardly justified the expense of harvesting and marketing. This year it seems a certainty that the higher range of prices than we have known since the year of the Leiter boom. As a result the crop will distribute in this territory more millions than have before been produced by a single crop, and it will mostly go into the hands of men who will not need it for paying off mortgages. More of it will fall into the coffers of new arrivals who have been pouring into the country in larger numbers than ever before, and the influence of big crops and high prices on their opinion of this new country will be highly beneficial, not only for themselves, but for their old neighbors back East, who are watching their progress in the Pacific Northwest.

Labor and grain bags, the two principal items of expense, are higher than usual, and also scarce, but much of this increased cost will be offset by low ocean freights to the markets of the Old World. The coal shortage has attracted to the Pacific Coast the largest amount of grain tonnage that has ever been listed so early in the season, and from the present outlook this steam tonnage will be available for wheat at rates much lower than the minimum fixed by the International Union for sail tonnage. A short time ago it feared that the Eastern wheat crop was damaged to such an extent that importations from the Pacific Coast would be necessary.

Recently there has been improvement, and there is not much probability of wheat going East by rail, but as the East will not have the usual amount for export, the European shortage must be made up elsewhere, and a continuation of present prices and possibly a heavy advance is reasonably certain. Another fortnight of good weather in Oregon, Washington and Idaho and the premier cereal will this year add \$35,000,000 to the wealth of the three states.—Journal.

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