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The Car Situation.

Reports from Washington state that Interstate Commissioner Lane is enroute to investigate the car shortage in the Pacific northwest. While the commissioner has no power to afford any relief, his investigation will bring reliable data and will assist in the struggle for an adequate car service. Data gathered so far indicates that while eastern roads are sometimes bothered with a slight car shortage yet not for long. Some of the bigger eastern roads have 18 and 20 cars per mile of their entire trackage while the S P Co. has but 3. The eastern roads have their territory of course, closely built up, but even then have immense mileage to care for. The traffic along the thousands of miles of S P track extending for along the southern border of Texas, clear around up the Pacific coast to Portland, has been leaping forward in immense bounds, which the railroad claims it has not been able to keep pace with. Thousands of new cars are needed each year to replace worn and defective ones, besides the increase in business. Many of the cars are held by shippers at congested points because demurrage is cheaper than storage. In Portland on one day 250 cars were counted, that were being used by the produce merchants for storage. Their own warehouses were full to overflowing, they had no room to store the goods coming in so instead of seeking additional room at a big rental, let the incoming goods stay in the cars until they can handle it and pay the demurrage of \$1. or 50 cents per day.

The railroad officials could not compel these merchants to unload the material as long as they paid demurrage, but finally they had to refuse to receive outgoing stuff from such merchants until they emptied the cars they were using. Such action brought some relief there. 250 cars would make some relief. Such a condition exists in San Francisco to a vastly greater extent, thousands of cars are tied up there, but the railroads have no way of forcing the merchants to unload cars, for they are not shipping, and have no place to store, their stores often doing a \$100,000 business in a \$10 shop, stacked to the roof. The cars tied up in this way would mean a big lift to the lumber shippers. The S. P. is going after cars and will in time have enough, but the question is what affect will the present shortage have on the country until the shortage is relieved.

Public School Report for Month Ending Dec. 7th.

	Boys	Girls
Total enrollment	200	217
New	5	8
Days attendance	2982 1/2	3186
Days absence	208 1/2	215 1/2
Times tardy	44	36
Times truant	4	0
Days taught	18	
Holidays	2	

C. L. STRANGE, Supt.
The Christmas holidays will begin Dec. 22 and will continue until Jan. 2 on which day school will be re-opened.
Miss Mabel Mackie who was out of school for a couple of weeks on account of the death of her aunt, who has been sick with consumption for a long time, and whose body was brought back from Southern California to Walker for burial.

WONDERFUL LITTLE VALLEYS

Irrigated Tracts in the Great Northwest Where Yields are Fabulous.

The orchards and vineyards of the Great Southwest have been portrayed as the place where lands reach their highest cultural development and most astounding value. As against the eastern farm, worth one hundred and fifty or two hundred dollars an acre, choice orange land in Southern California is valued at one thousand dollars and even fifteen hundred dollars an acre. And this does not seem so highly unreasonable when it is remembered that oranges, figs, almonds, Malaga grapes, pomegranates and other tropical products cannot be grown anywhere.

Yet there are orchards in the Great Northwest which team as highly and yield as golden a stream from peaches, apricots, berries and other common fruits as has ever been claimed for the orange. Take the Yakima Valley or the Wenatchee Valley or a dozen other mountain valleys in Washington or some of the finely developed fruit regions of Montana or Colorado. There you can find men growing wealthy on returns from ten and even five-acre orchards. Perhaps the valley of the Wenatchee in Central Washington affords one of the best examples of the fruit possibilities of the northwest—situated in the midst of that region which Daniel Webster described as "fit only for the abode of wild beasts and wilder men." The wonderful development of this valley has been brought about entirely by private irrigation development, yet the Government irrigation engineers consider it an almost ideal irrigation community.

FED BY THE MOUNTAIN SNOWS

In the first place there is a splendid water supply. To the west are the gleaming snow-fields of the Cascade mountains whose glacial streams feed the swift running Wenatchee river which as it emerges from the valley becomes a tributary of the great Columbia. The valley is sheltered from the bleak winds by surrounding hills, so that fruit trees have never been known to be damaged by cold. There are no great farms on the Wenatchee. The entire valley is not yet settled, some of the vast bonanza farms of the west, but every acre is made to produce its utmost and land values reach \$1,000, \$1,200 and \$1,500 per acre, not based on the houses and improvements but upon the productive capacity of the soil. Apples, peaches, apricots, berries, cantaloupes, prunes, pears and all the large and small fruits yield a profit of from \$200 to \$500 an acre. Why then should not land, five acres of which will net one thousand to twenty-five hundred dollars, be worth five thousand or seven thousand five hundred dollars. The interest is liberal, is it not?

There seems to be something very superior in the fruit raised in the northwest. It finds a ready market in such far points as Boston, and brings a price which more than warrants the heavy express charges. Washington apples have brought \$4.00 a box, of less than a bushel, at the Hub. Nor are the citizens of Wenatchee, or many other prosperous fruit sections of the northwest tied down to a wilderness life in order to secure themselves large incomes. Wenatchee, for instance, is the initial point of navigation on the Columbia.

WHERE RAIL AND WATER MEET.

Here the Great Northern railroad meets the steamboats—where rail and river meet. It is but a few hours to Tacoma and Seattle, while the local advantages are in themselves very great. The orchards and farms are so small that the entire valley resembles a great suburb. It is but calling distance from one house to another. Each has a telephone, running water, the rural free delivery and electric lights are being installed. The roads are like streets and schools and churches are at close intervals. No more highly developed communities can be found in the world than the irrigated fruit communities of this country. Social conditions reach a higher plane than in any other class of settlement. The owner of five or ten acres of orchard enjoys practically all the advantages and improvements of the larger centers, coupled with a breathing and a growing space for the family, and an occupation such as it was intended that man should engage in. The water for irrigating the valley is drawn from the Wenatchee River, through some thirty miles of ditch of the Wenatchee Canal Company. This company is now projecting an extension to cross the Columbia river—a great \$1,000,000 combined bridge and viaduct to carry water for irrigating eight thousand additional acres.

RECLAMATION SERVICE FRIENDLY TO

PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.

In commenting upon the fact that the National Government is not antagonizing legitimate private irrigation development, but that, on the other hand, the Reclamation Service is favorable to it and even willing to assist, Engineer Arthur P. Davis, who in Chief Engineer Newell's absence was found in charge of the bureau at Washington, mentioned the case of the Wenatchee valley as somewhat exceptional.

"Many small companies," he said, "have accomplished much good in transforming the great American desert into profitable and habitable farms. A very valuable object lesson of an instance where private influence has stepped in and reclaimed land which was formerly waste may be found in the Wenatchee valley. This is not a community consisting of hundreds of thousands of acres; it is a comparatively small area, but every bit of it is extensively cultivated, wresting from Mother Earth every particle of plant life which the land can be made to give up. The Wenatchee valley land, before the irrigation company stepped in, had, I might say, no value. It was but the home of a few wild animals, with little or no semblance of plant life. Under the wise administration of the company, the tract has enormously increased in value. The climate is ideal; no icy winds come into the valley to injure crops before maturity, and the soil which has been reeking in fertility for centuries, only needed the kind touch of water to make it blossom and bring forth fruit. We have considered the settlement of the Wenatchee valley so ideal that it has been taken as an example after which to pattern the Okanogan project, in Washington, now under consideration by the Reclamation Service."

Y. M. C. A. Men Speak to Good Crowds.

Saturday State Secretary I. B. Rhodes of the Y. M. C. A. with a corps of five young men, representatives from the Y. M. C. A.'s of Oregon Agricultural College and the University of Oregon, came to the Grove to speak to the boys and young men. Saturday evening Sec. Rhodes addressed boys from 11 to 20 years old on "A Big Fight" and won the boys attention and interest. A boys club was formed that will fight the "Big Fight".

Sunday morning the young men spoke to interested audiences at the three churches in the morning, in the afternoon a crowded house was filled at the mens' meeting, and in the evening the Union meeting addressed by Sec. Rhodes at the Methodist Church brought out many new ideas and endeavors for the benefit of the young men of the nation. The work of the Y. M. C. A. is broad in its field, and is undenominational in character. It reaches men of all ages and nationalities, of all creeds. The work of the Y. M. C. A. men will last for some time and stimulate more of such work.

Thos. McClary.

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