

MARKED IMPROVEMENT IN ALL BUSINESS LINES

Optimistic Tone Prevails---Demand For Skilled and Unskilled Labor is Increasing With Wages Growing Better---Transportation Chiefs are Pleased With Conditions.

Big business concerns at the country are re- the immediate future with unusual optimism. Newspapers are calling to these improved con- leading articles. Local- have been blessed with pe and high prices, but ig development inter- est depend on securing om the financial centers world we should feel encouraged.

From an exhaustive appearing in the Sunday of the 10th: a right to be for this p production, while not to be a record breaker, all within the average. culture is the principal of the nation all other activity are favorably A revival of trade- rt and domestic--cosh- the marketing of the s is predicted by men well informed.

volume and importance ness, transportation, in d States, ranks second ture. Railroad presi- steamship officials are They anticipate a ncreased business and nings. With an ex- operating revenue to constantly increasing expenses the railroads at they can make a efficiently satisfactory s to attract European extension and develop-

development in the ates virtually has been still in the last year, lly to wholesale rate

and encouragement to wage earners everywhere. The demand for skilled and unskilled labor is increasing. Wages are growing better. There is a pronounced sentiment among employers to divide more equitably the profits of their business with their employees.

This wave of returning prosperity is more noticeable now in the East--where the inactivity of the last few months also was more perceptible--than in the West. The West will lengthen its forward strides with the sale of the season's crops.

Officials of the O.-W. R. & N. Company, who receive regular crop reports from the territory which they serve, are exceedingly optimistic upon his return. J. H. Young, president of the Hill lines, speaks with a decidedly optimistic tone. He expects all railroad earnings to show an increase in the next few months.

LATEST DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE NOTES

(From Our Portland Correspondent)

Buyers' Week in Portland, Sept. 1-6, will be the occasion for entertaining merchants from all parts of the Pacific Northwest. An elaborate program has been arranged, providing for daily opportunities for merchants to meet each other as well as their Portland hosts. The jobbers and manufacturers of Portland are behind the movement. Special entertainment is to be provided for the members of families of the visiting merchants.

Reduced railroad rates for the week will go into effect on August 28 and will be good, going until Sept. 3. Return tickets will be honored until Tuesday, Sept. 9.

That the number "13" does not always stand for bad luck is indicated by a recent statement from the Northwest Fruit Exchange that an order for thirteen carloads of Oregon Jonathans has just been received from dealers in Johannesburg, South Africa at a price almost three times that of the average received last year. This order completes a chain linking Europe, Asia, Africa and South America with the apple districts of the Pacific Northwest. The exchange has also received an order for seven carloads,--three Jonathan and four Rome Beauty--to go to South America.

Oregon lumber is also enjoying a season of great popularity in foreign countries, judging from the present brisk demand. In one day the past week five vessels were chartered to carry Oregon fir, from the Columbia River, three to Australia, one to New Zealand and one to England.

In order to assist hunters who may become lost in the woods, or who might possibly meet with some disabling accident, State Game Warden Finley has arranged a code of signals which he wants every hunter to learn before entering the forest. If lost or disabled, fire two shots 10 seconds apart; wait 60 seconds, then fire one shot. This is to be recognized as the official signal of distress. Any hunter hearing it will at once fire one shot in answer and lose no time in rendering any possible assistance.

Market Report.

Receipts for the last week at the Portland Stock Yards have been: Cattle 1776; Calves 131; Hogs 1685; Sheep 1283; Horses 24.

A big run of cattle at the yards for the week. Most of the receipts were she stuff of very ordinary quality and a few cars of choice steers. The top for best steers was from \$8.25 to \$8.50 with some good ones from \$6.50 to \$7.50. Prime stuff is in demand. Best dehorned cows and heifers sold at \$6.50 to \$6.75 while the horned stuff went at 6.25 to 6.40, and ranged on down with fairly good grades from 5.75 to 6.00 and others 4.00 to 5.50, governed by age and condition. Bulls 4.00 to 4.50 and choice light veal calves 8.75 to 9.00. The price of cattle has only gone to pieces on poor stuff, the better class holding up well.

The hog market shows weakness with slow demand. Very light receipts with extreme top at the week's close, 9.60 for one load, with bulk of sales 9.10 and 9.25. Light receipts of sheep and lambs. Prices about steady with last week's quotations.

SCHOOL CHILDRENS INDUSTRIAL FAIR

Mr. Maris Writes a Letter to the Boys And Girls Respecting Exhibits for School Fairs That Can be Applied With Profit to Our Own School Fair to be Held in Burns This Fall

Nothing has been said lately about the school fair to be held in Burns this fall. Supt. Hamilton mailed premium lists just at the close of the schools in May and those who expect to compete for the prizes should be busy.

On account of being somewhat isolated it is possible not many of our home boys and girls will participate at the state fair, although they could and from the observations of the manager of The Times-Herald, who has recently returned from a trip covering portions of Central Oregon, the Columbia River section, as well as the coast points and the vicinity of Portland, Harney county products will compare most favorably. However, regardless of whether we make an exhibit at the state fair, the following letter from Mr. Maris applies as well to our own school fair. Mr. Maris writes:

I hope you are all having a good time during vacation, playing some, working some and reading some; and not forgetting to prepare your exhibits for the school fairs. Had you thought about how soon they will be here? Only a few short weeks now, and the time will pass quickly. Procrastination is said to be the thief of time. Do not let it be the thief of those prizes you have no doubt had your heart set on winning. It is so easy to waste time and get slack in our habits, especially during vacation. Everyone ought really to set apart certain hours each day for play, for work and for reading. You will be surprised how much more you will accomplish.

If you are raising garden stuff to exhibit, do not neglect it. The weeds will keep growing these hot days just the same, and if you do not keep them hoed or pulled up they will rob your pumpkins or potatoes of the moisture they need, and they will not grow to be prize winners. If you are raising poultry, do not fail to feed the fowls regularly and well and handle them carefully so they will be gentle and in good condition.

If you expect to exhibit sewing and win that sewing machine, gold watch, or some other attractive prize, you have no time to lose. If you would win in the bread making contest, you cannot practice too much. Do not be afraid of soiling your hands with the dough. It is no disgrace to work, and horny hands are honorable.

Do not overlook the fact that the railroads will carry your exhibits to and from the State Fair free of charge. The children of no other state are so generously treated by the railroads, so far as we know. Do not fail to read the rules and regulations in the State Fair List which tells you what you have to do in order to get the free rate.

Some boy or girl who reads this may say "I have to work hard all the time and never have a vacation, and do not have time to prepare anything for the fair." I hope very few of you are entirely deprived of a vacation, but as to having to work hard, you really ought to be thankful for that. Hard work does not hurt you if you do not chafe and worry about it. Our best and greatest people have had to work hard. Surmounting difficulties brings out the best that is in you, and develops strength of character. The best exhibits at the school fairs last year were generally made by children who had to work hard. Loafers do not win prizes at fairs nor in the battles of life.

Perhaps you are not yet acquainted with Mr. Churchill, our new State Superintendent, but you will have an opportunity to

meet him some day, I hope. I am sure you will like him; he says he is very much interested in the boys and girls of Oregon, and especially in seeing them learn the practical things of life. He is anxious to see definite results from the Industrial Department. It is up to you to show such results, boys and girls, and I am sure you will do your part.

N. C. Maris,
Field Worker Industrial Fairs.

Dairy and Co-Operative Creamery Wealth Getters

Published statistics relative to the dairy business throughout the Central states show what can and will happen in Harney County when transportation brings the changed conditions so we can take advantage of our natural resources for this industry.

In Todd County, northern Minnesota, with long, cold winters, a creamery was established in 1900 with 38 patrons. The first year the total business of the creamery was less than \$3,000. For 1912 it amounted to \$131,300, or an average of more than \$10,000 per month. The success of this one brought other creameries into existence so that 19 are now operating in that county and the butter sold last year amounted to over one million dollars.

M. R. Yates who is making a trip through central and eastern Oregon in the interests of the Cattle Growers' Association takes a pessimistic view of the beef cattle business in that section and says that some system of credit will have to be instituted in order that herds of range cattle may be built up throughout that vast territory, for at the present rate of decrease in the number of beef cattle in proportion to the population, he said: "We will live to see the day when we will only see cattle in parks or zoological gardens, as we now do buffalo. The shipment of beef from Australia will then be looked upon as a great accommodation instead of a menace to the American growers and knowing that a large per cent of the area of Oregon is adapted to stock raising and stock raising only, and stopping to figure the amount of revenue lost by not having cattle to graze upon this land, it is clear that one of the principal resources of Oregon is not being utilized."

Cattle Malady is Named.

An outbreak of disease which has appeared among Lewis County cattle has been diagnosed by veterinarians from the state college as hemorrhagic septicaemia. It was at first thought that the trouble might be anthrax. While the disease does not appear to be as virulent as usual, about 20 head of cattle have been lost.

Efforts are being made to prevent the disease from spreading. It is not known how the germ was introduced into the locality.

Those desiring the service of a Jersey bull may find one at the J. R. McKinnon barn.

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SCHEME TO FENCE OUT RABBITS FINDS FAVOR

Scheme Proposed by Mrs. Gray Considered Feasible and Meets With Approval. Referendum Vote Suggested.

A couple of weeks ago the Times-Herald published an article by Mrs. Wm. Gray, of Lawen, relative to the manner of handling the jack rabbit situation in Harney County. The article set out the advantages and arguments in favor of the county, by bond issue or loan, advancing the funds to provide for the fence material, and permit the settler to pay for it in installments. This is along the lines which have been successfully employed by the government in West Australia.

In a communication received from Mrs. Gray since the publication of the article, she states that the Harriman Literary Society had debated the question and the fence scheme won an easy victory over all other proposed methods. She also states that they have secured legal advice and are satisfied that the county could undertake this work if the people so decided at a referendum vote.

In response for the request for an expression of opinion from the citizens of the county, Mrs. Gray received cards from 18 land owners endorsing the fence method. She would be glad to receive an endorsement from all those in favor and all such address a card to Mrs. Gray, Lawen.

Inoculation of Rabbits

Declared a Failure

Owing to complaints from Eastern Oregon regarding the rapid increase of jackrabbits Governor West recently appointed a commission consisting of State Game Warden Finley, Professor Beckwith and W. H. Lytle to investigate these matters.

As Mr. Henshaw, Chief of Biological Department, was in Portland he met with Mr. Lytle and Mr. Finley. In-as-much as the Biological survey has worked along these lines a good deal in the past, it will furnish special assistance to this commission.

Mr. Henshaw says that a great many experiments have been carried on concerning the inoculation of rabbits to try to decrease the numbers, but in each case these have been a failure. There is little or no difficulty in inoculating certain rabbits, but the difficulty lies in a disease spreading to other members of the same family.

The cause for the rapid increase of rabbits is on account of the killing off of the coyotes, which are their natural enemies. During the last few years there has been a great deal paid out in bounty in killing coyotes, and as a natural result the rabbits have increased. For many reasons experts consider the bounty system unsatisfactory, said Mr. Henshaw.

One of the most effective methods of diminishing rabbits in Eastern Oregon has been the organization of rabbit drives. In three drives held in Harney county last winter there were between 16,000 and 18,000 jackrabbits killed.

Mrs. Al. Weatherly, of Drewsey who has been stopping with her sister, Mrs. Harry Thompson during the severe illness of Mr. Thompson returned to her home Tuesday.

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HARVESTING AT THE EXPERIMENT STATION

Farmers are Urged to Secure a Set of Lifters to Raise the Fallen Grain Thus Saving Considerable That Otherwise be Left on The Ground. Prof. Scudder Visiting The Station

By L. R. BRETHAUFF.

Mr. C. R. Ball of the Office of Cereal Investigations at Washington D. C. was a visitor at the station recently. Mr. Ball like Mr. Cardon, expressed himself as very agreeably surprised at the yields and general quality of the crops growing on the Station and seems of the opinion that there is a great future for Harney County along agricultural lines. It is likely that the U. S. Department of Agriculture will take a greater interest in the Harney country because of the visits of these gentlemen.

The crops are now being harvested at the station. The winter grains are entirely ripe as well as several good early maturing varieties of the spring grains. Several of the earlier peas are also ripe. The cutting of these peas is rather difficult and can best be accomplished by use of the mower or self rake reaper. To the cutter-bar should be attached a set of the lifters which extend out in front and lift the vines so that the knives can cut them. These lifters can be attached to the mower, reaper or binder and are very useful in lifting fallen grain when binding as well as the peas, alfalfa, etc. These lifters can be secured at the present time from the R. M. Wade Co. of Portland at about \$5.00 per set, they would make a very profitable investment for any farmer having lodged grain to cut.

Prof. H. D. Scudder and Dr. M. M. McCool are visitors at the Experiment Station at the time of this writing. Both are of the Department of Agronomy of the Oregon Agricultural College and have but recently arrived, so that they cannot be quoted at present as to their ideas of the showing the crops have made this year. However, there is little doubt that any one wishing

to read something from these gentlemen will have an opportunity in this or a later issue.

(The manager of The Times-Herald hopes local farmers will take advantage of the suggestion respecting the "lifters" for fallen grain. During the severe storms of July a considerable amount of grain was knocked down and by using these "lifters" a vast saving may be made. The manager finds they may be secured on short notice by wiring for them through the local hardware dealers and have them shipped by way of Bend and brought over by the auto trucks. Farmers who haven't hogs to turn on the stubble to clean up the fallen grain will find a set of "lifters" profitable investment.)

News of the State and Nation

R. A. Harris, former state printing expert, has been appointed by Governor West as state printer to succeed the late Willis Duniway.

Petitions are being circulated in Crook County to call an election for a \$200,000 bond issue for permanent road construction. The main thoroughfare proposed is a main north and south line about 100 miles in length from Wasco County to Klamath County, where the citizens of Klamath propose to connect and extend the road to state line.

There will be a special excursion train from Seattle to Bend over the Oregon Trunk August 17. From advance reports it is expected that fully 200 visitors will join.

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