

DO NOT EXPECT BRISKER BUSINESS NEXT YEAR

McConnell Believes Local Activity Toward Development of Permanent Character Will Prove Best Induce- ment to Hastening Railroad. Get Water and Farm Lands in Shape

McConnell, the irrigation
divided home from Port-
Sunday evening after
of several weeks. He
optimistic as the future
in the development of
territory and when asked
ings in general, said:
ess conditions continue
the same as they have
the past year. While
money to carry on the
established business there
at a reasonable rate
for new enterprises at
There is a general
at this period of read-
ings drawing to a close
legitimate investments
such brisker the coming

as already been stated,
the settlement of finan-
legislative matters there
new railroad building
ons except for the pur-
protecting trackage or
ready in operation. On
it is most reasonable
that the O-W. R. & N.
not stop, even tempo-
some inaccessible point
near Canyon. In order
business to assist in de-
operating expenses on
from Vale the road will
be extended into the
alley. Here is a large
producing territory the
of which cannot be de-
and secured until the
es the farming section.
has been no published
ment as to the allow-
by the Harriman
take care of the west-
es the coming year.
e of this section can
ed, however, that the
officials of this company

realize our needs and are as
anxious to build in here as we are
to have them do so. The strong-
est argument that can be used to
induce early action is prospective
business. This will come only
by development in such a manner
that our farm lands can be quick-
ly settled and put to their highest
and best uses. The big problem
in the development of the Harney
Valley is the settlement and ad-
justment of the water question.
It is necessary that the flood
waters be controlled and con-
served and distributed in the
proper manner and at the proper
season. On the installation of a
well planned reclamation system
depends our prosperity. To this
the coming of the railroad is but
an incident.

"The effect of this develop-
ment will not be local as the entire
valley will be benefited. The
constant menace of the spring
floods will be removed; the
swamp and marsh lands in the
lower valley will be reclaimed;
and this entire tract of fine land
will be put in fit condition for
alfalfa, grains and high value
food crops. This will not only
justify but demand the building
of the railroad along the survey
near the lakes and a feeder for
the northern portion of the val-
ley.

"Some proposals have been
made in the past offering the
railroad company assistance by
securing rights-of-way, etc. This
is not necessary and will not be
required. The settlers and prop-
erty owners, individually and
collectively, can accomplish the
greatest results by joining in and
helping to work out a compre-
hensive reclamation scheme which
will bring about this change.

This will require no outlay of
money and involves only the
sanction and co-operation of the
land owners in the proper ad-
justment of existing water rights.
The matter is now squarely be-
fore the State Water Board. Let
each individual enter into this
adjudication in a spirit of liberal-
ity and with a common sense
view, keeping in mind the great
results to be obtained. If this is
done the apparent water diffi-
culties will adjust themselves
and with this matter settled and
water contracts signed up on the
available lands money is assured
for the immediate construction
of the system. With such as-
surance you could not keep the
railroads out of the country."

Market Report.

Receipts for the week have
been Cattle-1404; Calves-18;
Hogs-4498; Sheep-3173.

Cattle liquidation has been ex-
tremely light during the last six
days, due to the coming Pacific
International Livestock Show.
Demand for prime heavy steers
is very strong; prices are general-
ly 30 to 50 cents higher than they
were a week ago. Best grade
steers are selling from \$7.90 to
\$8.00 and medium grades at \$7.60
to \$7.50. The butcher cattle
division shared in the advance of
beef prices to a limited extent.
Supply was limited and quality
not of the best. A few cows at
\$6.50, heifers at \$6.75, bulls at
\$5.50 and stags at \$6.50 are a
few top sales in this division.

The hog market is probably 5
to 10 cents stronger, prime light
stuff selling at \$8.00 in bulk, and
a few choice loads at \$8.05 and
\$8.10. Liquidation was about 25
to 30 per cent less than for the
previous six days. Outlet for
good hogs is broad.

Sheep horse condition show
very little change. There is a
good sale prevalent for fat mut-
ton and lambs, but buyers seem
to be shading bids on the poor
grades. Fancy yearlings at \$5.00
and lambs at \$6.50 were extreme
sales. Choice selling ewes are
not offering. Most of the sales
average from \$3.50 to \$3.65.

Entries are pouring in for the
Fat Stock Show the coming week.
Stock from all sections of the
Pacific Coast is entered. Special
stock entered for premiums will
approximate 3000 head. Pre-
parations have been made to
handle the largest crowd in the
history of the Pacific Inter-
national Livestock Show. Special
days have been provided for
various Portland commercial
bodies, Inland Empire Day and
various other features.

DAVID N. CATTERSON.

David N. Catterson, who died
at the family home near Lawen
on the morning of Dec. 3, was
born in Lawrence county, Penn.,
March 15, 1843. At the age of
19 he enlisted as a private in the
civil war and served with distinction
throughout the struggle,
having re-enlisted three times in
the army.

He was married March 17, 1864
and crossed the plains in 1882 to
Oregon, settling first in Grande
Ronde Valley where he remained
but three years, coming then to
Harney Valley where he resided
until his death. Deceased was
highly respected by a wide ac-
quaintance and during his many
years of suffering was always
cheerful and very companionable.

Mr. Catterson is survived by
his wife and eight children, four
sons and one daughter residing
in this county, two boys in
Nevada and a daughter in Weiser,
Idaho.

The funeral was held at Harney
on Dec. 4, Rev. Dr. Babbidge
conducting the service. The
active pall bearers were; J. W.
Buchanan, J. P. Withers, I. L.
Poujade, Fred Otley, Chas. John-
son and M. B. Hayes, all old
pioneer neighbors of the deceased.

Fit His Case Exactly.

"When father was sick about
six years ago he read an adver-
tisement of Chamberlain's Tab-
lets in the papers that fit his case
exactly," writes Miss Margaret
Campbell of Ft. Smith, Ark.
"He purchased a box of them
and he has not been sick since.
My sister had stomach trouble
and was also benefited by them."
For sale by all Dealers.

ECONOMIC ADVANTAGE OF AVOIDING GRADES

Longest Way Round Sometimes Most Economical Way Home in Road Building. Office of Roads of The Department of Agriculture Works On This Doctrine to Reduce Cost

The average life of horses and
automobiles may be increased
and the cost of hauling reduced,
according to the Office of Roads
of the Department of Agricul-
ture, by relocating many old
roads and the more scientific
laying out of new ones. The
natural tendency in road build-
ing is to build a straight road,
whether it goes over steep grades
or hills, or not, and pulling over
these grades naturally adds to
the wear and tear on horses and
vehicles.

The doctrine of the Office of
Roads is that the longest way
around may often be the shortest
and most economical way home,
and that frequently by building
a highway around a hill or grade
but little appreciable distance is
added and this is more than off-
set by the reduced strain of
hauling.

The chief drawback from the
farm owner's point of view is
that the laying out of roads on
this principle of avoiding grades
necessitates, in some cases, run-
ning the road through good farm
land or orchards or pastures, in-
stead of going around the farm
line and building the road through
old, worn-out fields and over
rocky knolls. This, of course,
must raise a question in the mind
of the individual landowner as to
whether the cutting up of his
property by a road yields him
individual advantages and so
benefits his community as to off-
set the use of such land for a
road, or to overcome the incon-
venience of having his land
divided. In this connection the
Office of Roads points out that
the running of a road and the

resulting traffic through a good
farm, where there are good sheep,
cattle, horses, grain, fruit, or
vegetables, has a certain advertis-
ing value and in many instances
makes the land more valuable.
In other cases the importance of
such a level road to the com-
munity is so great that it might
well repay those using the road
to give the farmer the equivalent
in land equally good in place of
what he has sacrificed to the
common welfare.

At any rate, the Office of Roads
is now taking special pains to
make clear the economic advan-
tage of avoiding steep grades in
their roads, even at some sacrifice
of better land. Investigation
shows that the laying of such
roads over hills has resulted more
from attention to the preserva-
tion of farm lines than from
scientific attention to the prob-
lem of road building.

According to the testimony of
farmers consulted, where a horse
might be able to pull 4,000 pounds
on a level road it would have
difficulty in pulling 3,000 pounds
up a steep hill. The size of the
load, therefore, tends to be
measured by the grade of the
largest hill on the road to market.
In a number of cases actual ex-
periment shows that the relocat-
ing of roads around hills has been
accomplished either with no ad-
dition in road length in some in-
stances and with the adding of
only a few feet to the highway
in others. The office knows of
no case where a properly relocat-
ed road which has cut out grades
has led to any question as to its
material reduction of hauling
costs.

Court Makes Tax Levy

County court was in session
last week for several days and
made the levy for taxes for the
coming year as soon as they
could secure necessary informa-
tion from the State Tax Com-
mission. The levy is consider-
able higher this year than last
owing to some extent to the large
appropriations made by the last
legislature. The levy for general
county purposes and the high
school are also higher. The levy
for the various funds are: State,
.0045; general school, .0020; high
school, .0020; road, .0025; county,
.0090, making a total of 20 mills
as against 12½ mills last year.

While this is higher taxes than
has been levied in former years
in Harney county by comparison
we find we are not so burdened
as some other counties. This
county has gone in debt quite an
amount during the past two years
and it is hoped to reduce the
amount of outstanding warrants
by this levy.

Other matters also had the at-
tention of the court during the
term as follows:
Sheriff ordered to pay over to
the county the amount of \$157.50,
this amount being found due the
county from mileage fees on
civil cases.

The petition of Valley View
citizens for a voting precinct in
that section was denied.

Clerk ordered to advertise for
bids for a competent physician
to care for the county charges.

Road petitioned for by J. T.
Baker and others for a county
road beginning at the southwest
corner of section 4, township 23,
range 32, was ordered viewed.

Petition of W. E. Marshall for
a gateway was continued for the
term.

New boundary lines were es-
tablished for the several voting
precincts and one new one creat-
ed—Burns being divided into two
precincts.

It being brought to the at-
tention of the court that Bill
Christain was in need of aid and
is now at the home of Sylvester
Smith and it being found the
latter would care for him for \$20
a month it was ordered that
Smith be paid that amount.

Sample Potatoes Wanted; May Have New Disease.

In order to ascertain whether
the potato disease that recently
appeared in this country has
gotten into Oregon, the depart-
ment of Plant Pathology, Oregon
Agricultural College, would like
to receive specimens of scabby
tubers from every part of the
state. The disease under in-
vestigation is known as powdery
scab and in its early stages is
hard to distinguish from common
potato scab, although it is much
more destructive when developed.

Powdery scab is widely distri-
buted in Europe and is known to
be in Eastern Canada, and in
Massachusetts and Nebraska.
It is likely that its distribution
in the United States is more
general. Anyone who has used
seed potatoes from any of the
above named districts or from
any recent importations would do
well to have this examination
made. It costs nothing and may
result in checking the disease,
should it have reached Oregon.

Raw Furs, Hides and Pelts Bought

I pay highest cash prices for all kinds of Raw Furs, Hides and
Pelts. Notify me either by mail or telephone if you have any
quantity and I will come after them. Am prepared to advance
bounty on scalps, saving you the trouble of coming to the Clerk.

Address, L. L. NOONCHESTER

Office in building south Burns hotel on street leading to
court house—old Masonic building—Burns, Oregon

LATEST DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE NOTES

(From Our Portland Correspondent)

What Oregon needs in the way
of advertising and how to get it,
was outlined clearly by a number
of prominent speakers at a mon-
ster convention held the past
week at Roseburg. More than
1,000 persons, representing
practically every line of commercial
activity in the Northwest, at-
tended the meeting, and they
pledged unanimous co-operation
to support a statewide exhibit at
Ashland during the period covered
by the Panama-Pacific Ex-
position at San Francisco. "Ash-
land is the natural gateway of
the Northwest," said Tom Rich-
ardson, the originator of the
movement, "and it is the first
impression that counts."

An official of the Southern
Pacific, who is also closely con-
nected with the Exposition, an-
nounced that stop-over privileges
would be included in all tickets
over his line, that the railroad
company is anxious to further
any movement which will result
in an increase of population in
the Northwest and is willing to
bear a fair share of the cost of
the work.

From a financial standpoint
Oregon is distinctly all right. A
statement just issued by the
State Superintendent of banks
calls attention to the fact that
the present cash reserve is 34.8
per cent, nearly 10 per cent more
than required by law. Deposits
in the 170 state banks and 85
national banks have increased
\$7,084,558 during the past year
while total resources have in-
creased \$9,596,338. The 256
banks in the state show total
deposits of \$132,762,157, with
total resources of \$69,462,838.

Statistics gathered at the poultry
show held in Portland last
week show that poultry and
poultry products annually add
more wealth to the state than
does fruit, three times as much
as wool, one and a half times as
much as hops, nearly half as
much as wheat and represents
about 6 per cent of the total
agricultural wealth of the state.
It has heretofore been claimed
that Oregon is not a poultry state,
but with our agricultural college
devoting time and money to the
improvement of existing breeds,
a great deal of interest in the in-
dustry is being aroused.

The first spadeful of dirt on
Jackson County's new highway
over the Siakiyous was turned
last week by Samuel Hill, noted
good-roads expert. The work
of grading the 13½ miles of
mountain road has been under-
taken by a Tacoma firm of con-
tractors at a contract price of
\$107,000 and will, as far as pos-
sible, be completed during this
winter in order to have a settled
road bed ready for surfacing
early in the spring.

For the past two months a
party of deputy game wardens
has been busy locating the
boundaries of the new game re-
fuge, 36 miles square, lying in
Lake and Crook counties, in the
central part of the state. The
primary object in establishing
this refuge is the protection of
the mule deer and antelope which
are still found in considerable
numbers in that vicinity. The
refuge is also a sort of natural
park, containing many hot
springs, lava beds, medicinal
lakes and other objects of in-
terest to the tourist and natural-
ist.

How to Bankrupt the Doctors.

A prominent New York physi-
cian says, "If it were not for
the thin stockings and thin soled
shoes worn by women the doc-
tors would probably be bank-
rupt." When you contract a
cold do not wait for it to develop
into pneumonia but treat it at
once. Chamberlain's Cough
Remedy is intended especially
for coughs and colds, and has
won a wide reputation by its
cures of these diseases. It is
most effective and is pleasant
and safe to take. For sale by
all Dealers.

Jack Winans, the new prop-
rietor of the Windsor Barber
Shop adjoining the land office, is
prepared to do first class work in
his line and invites a share of the
public trade. Satisfaction in
every respect. 48tf.

PARCEL POST LIMIT IS AGAIN ADVANCED

Weight in Outer Zones Increased to 20 Pounds and 50 Pounds be Carried In Two Zones. Interstate Com- mission Gives Approval. Books to Be Included After March 16 Next

Postmaster-General Burleson's
policy to increase the weight
limits of parcel-post packages in
the first and second zones from
20 to 50 pounds, to admit books
to the parcel post and to reduce
rates in the third, fourth, fifth
and sixth zones, was approved
today by the Interstate Com-
merce Commission, says a Wash-
ington dispatch.

The maximum weight of parcels
to all zones beyond the second
was increased from 11 to 20
pounds.

The Commission's "consent"
to the proposed change was trans-
mitted in three letters from
Chairman Clark to Postmaster-
General Burleson. The approved
changes in rates and weights, to
be in effect January 1, 1914,
follow:

To reduce the rates in the third
zone from 7 cents for the first
pound and 5 cents for each ad-
ditional pound to 6 cents for the
first pound and 2 cents for each
additional pound.

To reduce the rates for the
fourth zone from 8 cents for the
first pound and 6 cents for each
additional pound to 7 cents for
the first pound and 4 cents for
each additional pound.

To reduce the weights for the
fifth zone from 9 cents for the
first pound and 7 cents for each
additional pound to 8 cents for
the first pound and 6 cents for
each additional pound.

To reduce the rates for the
sixth zone from 10 cents for the
first pound and 9 cents for each
additional pound to 9 cents for
the first pound and 8 cents for
each additional pound.

"It seems obvious," says the
Commission, "that the service to
the public will be promoted by
these changes, provided the re-
venue from the service is not less
than the cost thereof. Your ex-
periences and statistics seem to
show clearly that the revenue

will not be less than the cost of
the service.

"We can conceive of no op-
position to the increased weights
and reduced rates proposed ex-
cept from the carriers that trans-
port the mails. We have had
some objections from them on
the ground that the increased
weight should not be permitted
until provision for additional
compensation to the carriers has
been made."

It is provided by the Post-
master-General, with the con-
sent of the Commission, "that
the rate of postage on parcels
containing books weighing eight
ounces or less shall be 1 cent for
each two ounces or fractional
part thereof, and on those weigh-
ing in excess of eight ounces the
zone parcel rates shall apply."

This is to be effective March
16, 1914.

No Worry Coming

We often here the question
asked, what kind of a winter are
we going to have? Each one,
from the "oldest inhabitant" to
the ground hog man, has his
particular sign to go by, and if
all are correct things along the
weather line will be pretty badly
mixed, says the Alturas Plain-
dealer. For our part we feel
with our old friend, John De-
Garmo of Warner Valley, who
when told by a neighbor that he
could not get Ayres Almanac,
replied, "Well, that's my luck.
I will have to take the weather
as it comes, now." And that is
the way we feel about it. We
have an abundance of hay for
our stock and plenty to eat our-
selves, and what more can a true
blue Modocer ask?

Anyone wanting good solid
winter cabbage can get it from
Frank King at 2 cents per pound
delivered at Burns.

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Close Connections Made With Trains East.
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Fare, \$10. Careful Attention and Prompt
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Diseases of Horses, Cattle and all other Animals

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Daily Line, Burns and Prairie City

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Burns	6 a m	Canyon City	6:30 p m
Canyon City	7 a m	Prarie City	10 a m
Prarie City	2:30 p m		
Canyon City	7 p m		

Fare, Burns-Prarie City, \$2 00

Round Trip, 11.00

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early, as the loss of one calf will more than
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have fresh vaccine on hand. Phone orders to

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