

DO NOT EXPECT BRISKER BUSINESS NEXT YEAR

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

McConnell, the irrigation engineer who lived here from Portland Sunday evening after the close of several weeks. He is optimistic as to the future in the development of the territory and when asked in general, said: "The conditions continue the same as they have in the past year. While money to carry on the established business there at a reasonable rate for new enterprises at this time is a general feature of this period of readjustment, a close legitimate investment such as the coming year already been stated, the settlement of financial matters there is a new railroad building operation for the protecting trackage or ready in operation. On it is most reasonable that the O-W. R. & N. not stop, even temporary inaccessible point near Canyon. In order business to assist in deperating expenses on from Vale the road will be extended into the valley. Here is a large producing territory of which which cannot be de-secured until the 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, however, that the officials of this company

This will require no outlay of money and involves only the sanction and co-operation of the land owners in the proper adjustment of existing water rights. The matter is now squarely before the State Water Board. Let each individual enter into this adjudication in a spirit of liberality and with a common sense view, keeping in mind the great results to be obtained. If this is done the apparent water difficulties 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 assurance 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 extremely light during the last six days, due to the coming Pacific International Livestock Show. Demand for prime heavy steers is very strong; prices are generally 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 house condition show very little change. There is a good sale prevalent for fat mutton 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. Preparations have been made to handle the largest crowd in the history of the Pacific International 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 acquaintance 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. Johnson 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 advertisement of Chamberlain's Tablets 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 Agriculture, by relocating many old roads and the more scientific laying out of new ones. The natural tendency in road building 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 offset 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, running the road through good farm land or orchards or pastures, instead 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 offset the use of such land for a road, or to overcome the inconvenience 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 advertising value and in many instances makes the land more valuable. In other cases the importance of such a level road to the community 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 advantage 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 preservation of farm lines than from scientific attention to the problem 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 experiment shows that the relocating of roads around hills has been accomplished either with no addition in road length in some instances and with the adding of only a few feet to the highway in others. The office knows of no case where a properly relocated 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 information from the State Tax Commission. The levy is considerable 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 12 1/2 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 attention 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.

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 department of Plant Pathology, Oregon Agricultural College, would like to receive specimens of scabby tubers from every part of the state. The disease under investigation 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 distributed 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.
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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 monster convention held the past week at Roseburg. More than 1,000 persons, representing practically every line of commercial activity in the Northwest, attended the meeting, and they pledged unanimous co-operation to support a statewide exhibit at Ashland during the period covered by the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco. "Ashland is the natural gateway of the Northwest," said Tom Richardson, the originator of the movement, "and it is the first impression that counts."
An official of the Southern Pacific, who is also closely connected with the Exposition, announced 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 increased \$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 industry 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 13 1/2 miles of mountain road has been undertaken by a Tacoma firm of contractors at a contract price of \$107,000 and will, as far as possible, 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 refuge, 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 interest to the tourist and naturalist.

How to Bankrupt the Doctors.
A prominent New York physician says, "If it were not for the thin stockings and thin soled shoes worn by women the doctors would probably be bankrupt." 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 proprietor 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 Commission 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 Commerce Commission, says a Washington 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 transmitted 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 additional 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 revenue from the service is not less than the cost thereof. Your experiences and statistics seem to show clearly that the revenue will not be less than the cost of the service."
"We can conceive of no opposition to the increased weights and reduced rates proposed except from the carriers that transport 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 Postmaster-General, with the consent 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 weighing 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 DeGarmo 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 ourselves, 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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Sled Hay and Grain for Sale at Market Prices. Good Hay in Stack \$4.50 Per Ton, delivered in Burns, \$6.50 Per Ton
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36-Hour Schedule from Railroad
Close Connections Made With Trains East. Comfortable Conveyances for Passengers. Fare, \$10. Careful Attention and Prompt Delivery of Express and Freight Entrusted to Our Care. Freight 2 1/2c. Per Pound.
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Diseases of Horses, Cattle and all other Animals

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Sample Room in Connection, Reasonable Rates

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