

RAILROAD WORK TO RESUME NEXT MONTH

Favorable Rate Case Decision Impetus Toward Greater Development in Contiguous Territory— Railroad Men Visit Harney County and also Sections to the East and South

President Farrell of the O. W. & N. Co. will have another opportunity to call The Times-Herald down this week in a denial he did not long ago. We have information of a private nature to the effect that the railroad men on this side of Riverside are starting up full blast the first of January, which is only a couple of weeks off.

This information comes from a source that makes it look like it means business. Whether it really means a rush of the extension of the Oregon & Eastern on to this Valley or merely getting ready for the early spring work is unable to say. It will be rather slow work grading at this season of the year with the ground frozen as it is, but the camps may be established and equipment placed out along the line at this season of the year as economically and with as little inconvenience as at any other time. If the railroad people are going to continue the extension the coming season it would be the right thing to do to get their equipment ready and the ground during the period when the ground is frozen and while there is snow over a greater portion of the way.

The recent decision in the courts giving the railroads a raise in rates has caused much activity in expanding among the railroad people and then again, the following from the Juntura-Harriman lines were to control this territory they must get in here. The Times says:

Perhaps we are a little optimistic about things in general, but to a casual observer, the prospects for railroad building in eastern and central Oregon certainly look good. During the past two weeks several prominent men in the railroad world have visited eastern Oregon on missions that plainly told that they were

interested in the railroad situation. Mr. Strathorn, President of the Portland, Eugene and Eastern, put in a week in Harney county, and in company with Mr. Hanley made a tour of the entire valley, visiting all the Hanley company's ranches and in a general way sizing up the resources of the county. He is one of the leading men in the Harriman system, and his visit to Harney county at this time of the year is very significant.

Last week the Western Pacific officials from Chicago made a trip from Winnamucca north via Denio, Barron Valley, Skull Springs and Harper to Ontario. These people made several trips through southern Malheur county this summer looking for a cut off from the main line at Winnamucca to Boise, so that they can take the traffic from the Harriman and Hill systems whose line supply this territory. It has been reported that they have been in favor of coming via Denio, and the Alvid and Pueblo valley, and thence across via Homedale, and this trip of inspection shows that they are seriously considering this route. There are many reasons why the railroad people are getting interested in railroad development at this time, but perhaps the most urgent reason is on account of the fact that the Panama canal has made it possible to handle trans-continental freight so cheaply that the only thing left open to the railroads is the development of their home territory and building feeders out into the country and in that manner make tonnage for their main lines. There is a lot of tonnage for some line in eastern Oregon, and judging from the recent maneuvers of the big railroad managers, there will be several lines bidding for this traffic in the very near future.

City Restaurant pays cash for eggs.

Saline Lakes Leased to New York Concern

A Salem dispatch of last week says: To Jason Moore, representing New York capitalists, was yesterday awarded a 45 year lease on Sumner and Albert Lakes by the State Board. The Oregon Soda & Potash Mining Company also submitted a bid, but it had failed to comply with the terms of the advertisement for bids requiring a certified check for \$10,000, and also the terms of the lease proposed by the board, and it was not considered.

After being awarded the lease Mr. Moore announced that as soon as it can be ratified by the legislature, he would construct works to extract the salts for which the beds of the lakes are said to be valuable. According to his declarations, the factory will likely be constructed at the mouth of the Deschutes River on the Columbia, and the salines will be piped to it from the lakes a distance of 250 miles. He estimates the cost of the works at between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000 and that they would provide employment for about 5000 people.

Under the terms of his lease he and associates agree to pay to the state a royalty of 50 cents on the ton for the potassium salts extracted; 10 cents a ton for the sodium chlorides, and 25 cents a ton for the other salts. The Oregon Soda & Potash Mining Company offered to pay \$3 a ton for the first, 5 cents a ton for the second, and 50 cents a ton for the third. Governor West declared that there was only a slight trace of potassium salts, however in the lakes.

H. S. Wallace, promoter of the Oregon Soda & Potash Mining Company, asked the board to defer action until today, declaring that he would then be able to present a certified check, and also stating he would agree with any of the terms of proposed lease of the board. The board, however, decided that this would not be fair to Mr. Moore, who had complied in all respects with the terms laid down by the board.

Further, it is provided under the lease to Moore that he shall give a bond of \$25,000 for the faithful performance of the contract and that he shall pay to the state a minimum royalty at all events of \$25,000 a year.

The Sunshine Window.

There's a beautiful sunshine window,

In a neat little church I know; Whatever the state of the weather This window is all aglow.

'Tis built in the north of an alcove, Where least you'd be thinking to find,

Continuous, radiant shining, As tho' from a lamp behind.

Now, whence does it gather its sunshine,

In dark, gloomy days, will you tell?

I'd almost aver in its own heart Some wonderful sunbeams dwell.

Our lives, like this marvelous window,

May light shed that clouds cannot dim,

Kind words, kindly deeds the reflection

Of sunshine that glows within, —Mrs. Mattie J. T. Benson.

Fred Tregaskis is an old Benedict.

The fact has just leaked out that Fred Tregaskis, the young real estate man of this city, is

married—yes, an old married man—the event having been so long past.

He was married while in Portland last August to Miss Frances Rutherford, daughter of Judge Rutherford, formerly county judge of Harney county.

Fred has gone to Portland for the holidays, and will probably bring Mrs. Tregaskis home with him, that is if some one does not put her wise to the way Fred has been galavanting with the Vale girls since August.—Vale Enterprise.

Dr. Geo. G. Carl is prepared for special attention to all diseases of eye, ear and nose. Eyes tested and glasses fitted. 50tf.

IMMIGRATION COMMISSION EXPLOITS STATE

Opportunities and Attractions From the Settlers' Standpoint Given Widest Possible Publicity With the State Vouching its Reliability. Settling Unpeopled Lands Gone Steadily on

Notwithstanding the unfavorable conditions which have existed for the past two years, both in this country and abroad, the settling up of the hitherto unpeopled lands in Oregon has gone on steadily, although perhaps not as rapidly as during previous years when the railroads made a strong point of their home-seekers excursions each recurring spring and fall.

Due to the quiet but efficient activities of the Oregon State Immigration Commission, which has been in operation for the past three years, the opportunities and attractions of this state, from the settlers' standpoint, have been given the widest possible publicity, thousands of prospective homeseekers have been supplied with detailed information, the reliability of which has been guaranteed by the State itself, and, in co-operation with the State Bankers' Association and the Oregon Development League, steps have been taken to protect new comers from being swindled by unscrupulous real estate dealers and land speculators.

A land listing system has been established by means of which the bona fide owner of available farm land may be brought in touch with the would-be purchaser, permitting direct dealing with out the intervention of any third party. For this service the Commission receives no commissions or fees of any kind the lists being furnished promptly and free of charge to any one interested, each sheet giving accurate information as to character of soil, adaptability and location of the lands offered, also the price at which it will be sold, the reasonableness of this price being affirmed by the local banker or some other responsible party having a knowledge of the facts.

Under the auspices and immediate direction of the Commission there have been printed and distributed many thousands of descriptive booklets, each bearing the seal of the state and going into minute details regarding the different sections where opportunities for settlers exist. A large part of this literature has been in German, Swedish and Norwegian, the Commission employing a translator to receive and reply to correspondent from all parts of Northern Europe.

The Commission has successfully met and overcome all the inevitable difficulties attendant upon the launching of any new movement and is now fairly up on its feet and prepared to exert a tremendous influence on the future welfare of the state. It has in its files listings of more than 400 ranches and farms and in many of these negotiations are already under way between the owner and prospective buyers. Neither the individual members of the Commission nor C. C. Chapman, their executive agent, receives any compensation from the state, all available funds being applied directly to the collection and dissemination of facts and figures.

LATEST DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE NOTES
(From Our Portland Correspondent)

After lying idle for centuries and, of late years being the subject of numerous controversies, Lakes Sumner and Albert, in the central part of the state, have been leased to a New York syndicate for a term of 45 years. Mr. J. C. Moore, head of the syndicate, states that his company will spend \$6,000,000 for development work within the next two years, and that, if the results meet their expectation, from 3,000 to 6,000 men will be employed. Under the terms of the lease the state will be employed. Under the terms of the

lease the state will receive royalties of not less than \$25,000 per year, the royalty to be based on the tonnage of salts extracted from the lakes. The present development plan includes the construction of a pipe line down the Deschutes Valley to some point on the Columbia river where a plant for extracting the salts will be erected.

As a means of reducing the number of rabbits in Eastern and Central Oregon and at the same time assist Portland in taking care of the needy, a series of rabbit drives will be organized and boys being employed to slaughter the rabbits, others will haul them to the railroad stations and the O. W. R. & N. Co. will transport them to Portland free of charge and deliver the game to the headquarters of the Mutts, in the Pittock Block, from which point they will be distributed to the consumers.

A party of fifteen Minnesota farmers has visited Sutherlin within the past few days for the purpose of inspecting the lands in that vicinity. A number of them purchased land and expressed their intention of taking up a residence in Oregon.

For the first time in the history of the state a foreign market has been found for Oregon onions, ten carloads having recently been shipped to Europe via the canal and New York. This new outlet has caused a sharp advance in prices.

Will R. of the Reclamation Service Here on Visit

Judge Will R. King, chief counsel of the U. S. Reclamation Service, who has been making a tour of general inspection of the government irrigation projects in the west, including those in New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and Idaho, stopped off in Ontario this week to meet his many friends here. He visited the Mindoka, Payette-Boise and Black Canyon projects and spent several days in Boise on business connected with his office. He also visited his sister, Mrs. J. M. Tinwiddid, in Jordan Valley.

He left Sunday evening for Baker City and Portland, but at Baker he received a telegram summoning him back to Washington, D. C., for consultation on important matters connected with the reclamation service, and left for the national capital Tuesday, stopping off here between trains on his return.—Ontario Democrat.

Market Report.

Receipts for last week at the Portland Union Stock Yards have been cattle, 372; calves, 9; Hogs, 4664; sheep, 3200.

The quality of cattle offerings have been good during the week, the quantity however has not come forward. Steers sold at 7.50, cows 6.25 and heifers 6.50. Demand is good and trading keen.

Hog receipts this week have been lighter than usual, this week with good demand has brought the price up to 7.50 for tops, the highest price in the United States at the present time, Eastern markets ruling in some cases forty to fifty-five cents under Portland Market.

Sheep prices were fully as strong this week as other lines of livestock. Good grain fed lambs would no doubt bring considerably more than the present top of 7.35, ewes and wethers going at strong prices.

Rolled barley, wheat and oats for sale at market prices.—W. A. Goodman's feed yard.

Care of Potted Plants During Winter Season

A compost that suits the requirements of house plants when repotted for the winter is made of one measure of loam soil, one-half measure each of well rotted manure and leaf mold. This formula is recommended by David Masterton, superintendent of the Oregon Agricultural College green house, who supplies additional information on the winter care of potted plants as follows:

"A very prevalent mistake in caring for house plants in winter is to give them an over-supply of water. As a rule water should be used sparingly so as to admit plenty of air to the soil, or the plant will be retarded in its growth instead of benefited. The individual requirements of each species ought to be studied closely."

"In this region where the air quite dense with moisture during the winter months, evaporation from the leaves of plants takes place slowly. Where there is a dry atmosphere to be taken into account as is the case in a heated room in winter, it is advisable to sponge the plants or spray with an atomizer frequently. This not only increases the humidity of the air but keeps open the breathing pores of the plant, which is necessary for normal growth."

"A temperature above 60 degrees in the house is adverse to the best development of most plants and it is better to put them in a room which is of very moderate temperature. In the College greenhouses the winter temperatures are kept at an average of 50 to 60 degrees, and even lower for such plants as Cinerarias."

"If it becomes necessary to use an insecticide, a good one can be made with Ivory soap, dissolving one pound of soap in five to seven gallons of warm water. For scale insects a stronger solution will be required and the plants should be rinsed afterward in clear water."

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy—The Mothers' Favorite.

"I give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to my children when they have colds or coughs," writes Mrs. Verne Shaffer, Vandergrift, Pa. "It always helps them and is far superior to any other cough medicine I have used. I advise anyone in need of such a medicine to give it a trial." For sale by all dealers.

Frank Cummins, of Westfall, bought 3000 sheep from J. R. Jenkins, of Harney county, and they were delivered at Riverside the first of the week. Mr. Cummins shipped them to Vale, and they are now at the Curtis ranch across the river. They will be fed in the Malheur valley this winter.—Vale Enterprise.

Catholic Church.

1. On Sundays and Holy days of obligation Holy Mass with sermon at 10 a. m.

2. On week days Holy Mass at 6:30 a. m.

All other services, besides those mentioned above will be announced in church.

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Mrs. McClain's Experience With Croup.

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Christian Scientists will hold there services at the Presbyterian Church, Sundays at 3 o'clock Wednesdays at 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 1:30 p. m. Reading Room at Miss McKenzie's house. 1st door north of Summit Hotel, Wednesdays and Saturdays 2 to 4 p. m. Everybody welcome.

You're going to Tonawama.

THE HOLIDAY SEASON CHEERFULLY OBSERVED

Churches and Schools Hold Appropriate Services and Exercises. Entertainments and Social Gatherings With Home Trees. Less Fortunate Are Remembered With Provisions

The holiday festivities have been of the usual nature this week with the churches holding special Christmas services and the Sunday schools appropriate exercises. The schools do not dismiss for the holiday vacation until Thursday evening but will not resume until Monday, Jan. 4.

Several of the high school students went to their homes in the country to spend the time with parents and relatives. The first special service was held by the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon at Tonawama with Rev. Dr. Benson giving a fine Christmas sermon. Special music was provided for this service and there was a large congregation.

Tuesday evening Shirk's "All Star Minstrels" were the attraction at Tonawama and the boys were greeted by a good sized house, the largest for some time. The performance was an entire success and pleased the people who were present. Many congratulated the boys on their success being much better than had been expected. The Times-Herald would like to give particular mention of the individual numbers but the fact is all the boys did well—including Prof. Shirk who acted as interlocutor. The boys didn't hesitate to hit their principal hard jolts in their jokes and gags, and for that matter most of them were local, several of our town people coming in as the "butt" of jokes. The end men were Albert Swain, Dell Hayes, Owen Cawfield, Earl Hagey, Dorman Leonard and Dewey Robinson. There were 20 black faces in all and each turn was roundly applauded.

Platt T. Randall delivered a monolog and Mrs. W. M. Sutton was accompanist. D. Potter, Ludwig Johnson, Dr. Brown and Platt Randall rendered "Old Black Joe", from the wings. The Presbyterian and Christ-

ian Science Sunday school had a fine Christmas program at Tonawama on Thursday evening and the house was crowded.

Opening Chorus— "Adeste Fidelis," School

Invocation, Dr. Benson

"I Wish you a Merry Christmas" Eleanor Eggleston

"A Christmas Story",—Louel Cawfield, Arlene Jameson, Kathrine Welker, Dorothy Miller.

"The Holy Child",— Burns McGowan

Song—"The Heights of the Christmas Star"—Ruby Campbell, Marie Smith, Marice Smith, Juanita Slocum, Burns McGowan, David Cawfield, Wellington Gault, Philip Cawfield.

"Telling about Christmas",— Isora Gemberling

"Once in the Days of Old",— Marie Smith

"The Snow Shovelers",—Alfred Brown, Frank Mothershead, Lyle Gould.

"The Holy Night",— Ruby Campbell

"A Christmas Angel",— Juanita Slocum

"What We May Have",— Marice Smith

Christmas Tableaux Pages—Woodbridge Geary, Westley Welcome

Tableau I "Christmas Greeting",—Edward Brown

Tableau II "The Christmas Sheep"—Frank Loggan.

Tableau III "The Christmas Greens"—Hilda Thornburg, Lucile Gould

Tableau IV "Christmas Bells",— Lela Loggan

Tableau V "The Yule Log"—Adolph Byrd, Lester Gault, Eldon Barron

Tableau VI "The Christmas Brand"—John Mothershead

Tableau VII "The Christmas Candle"—Margaret Welcome

Tableau VIII "The Christmas

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