

## RAIL PROSPECTS FOR SOUTH END BRIGHTEN

### Engineering News Gives the Information That Work on Boise-Winnemucca Line Will Soon Begin. Proposed Route Passes Through the Southern Portion of Harney County

The Engineering News, published weekly in New York, under date of Feb. 4, under the heading "Railways," contains the following: "Idaho—Western Pacific Ry.—B. F. Bush, president, announces that funds for construction of the Boise-Winnemucca branch of the road, have been secured, and construction will soon be started. T. J. Wyche, San Francisco, Cal., is chief engineer."

The above paragraph, published by a magazine of standing would indicate that the southern part of Harney county is to be served by a railroad in the immediate future. This road has been projected to run through from Boise by way of Jordan Valley and out through the southern part to Winnemucca.

At one time the promoters considered the proposition of coming by way of this valley and out toward the Lakeview country; whether this would make more desirable connections and cover a more profitable territory, the writer is unable to say.

The Boise Capital News of recent date has this comment:

It is known that Mr. Wyche recently took a trip over the proposed route and under certain conditions the directors of the road were offered money with which to build it.

On one or two former occasions the Engineer News has mentioned the Boise-Winnemucca line, once relative to a survey for the line being made and at another time stating that a man was in the east seeking to interest capital to finance the line. Their statement in the last issue, however, is the first positive declaration that the line is to be built.

The fact that the Engineering News will not publish anything unless it has authentic information, would indicate that it has received first hand information relative to the railroad enterprise, which means the opening of a new western territory.

### Rabbit Expert Seeking Co-Operation of Ranchers

R. T. Jackson, the government rabbit expert who is working with the ranchers of this vicinity helping them get rid of the pests, is desirous of securing co-operation among as large a number of ranchers as possible to mix up a large quantity of poisoned grain at one time. According to Mr. Jackson, far better results can be obtained if he superintends the preparation of the grain, for his experience shows that those using the formula have not followed it closely, with poor results and following blame on him. He will publish the formula before he leaves, but wants it distinctly understood that the directions must be followed minutely, as deviation therefrom means that success will not follow its use.

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"It seems to me the breeder of Holstein cattle especially is today in a position to be envied. I want to tell you what I have done in the way of breeding Holstein cattle. About thirteen years ago I went out and bought four cows for \$600. One was sold because we did not like her, so that all the cows we now have come from the other three. We have sold \$5600 worth of blooded stock from the herd. In addition to that we still have 38 head of females on hand. I will not undertake to say exactly what they are worth, but \$7600, is \$200 each, an estimate."

"The only thing that the Holstein breeder seems to be afraid of in our state is that he will sell something that he doesn't want to sell. In other words, he is afraid to put a price upon an animal for fear he will sell her and thus lose her."

### Coyote Hunters Likely to Get Help From War

Local coyote hunters see a silvery lining on the clouds of their industry in the European war and its effect upon local business institutions, and in addition to the bounty paid by the county, hope to secure top prices for the hides which are being exported to the warring nations and used in the manufacture of shoes and other articles of clothing. One St. Louis fur-buyer has sent notices throughout this section quoting the new prices in effect for the various grades of coyote hides, and stating that there is a shortage in the market, owing to the heavy demand from across the water.

Payment of bounties by the county clerk of this county has not been as heavy this winter as in past seasons, but with the increased prices on the hides and furs, an increase is expected during the spring months. —East Oregonian.

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## GUN LICENSE LAW SUSPENDED IN COYOTE WAR

### Request of Lake County Sheep Men to Permit Alien Herders to Carry Fire Arms Without Paying Licenses is Granted. Report of Arrests in this County not Verified in this Section

The following is a Salem news dispatch that is not altogether correct in detail but nevertheless, under present conditions has accomplished a good thing. The assertion that Harney county game wardens were arresting alien sheep herders for carrying weapons without a license is not true, that is if any have been arrested it has not come to the attention of this paper. The dispatch says: "In view of the danger from attacks by coyotes during the prevalence of rabies in Central and Eastern Oregon, Deputy Game Warden will not for the time being, enforce a provision of the law, which requires that aliens pay a license fee of \$25 for the privilege of carrying fire arms. This action is taken at the urgent request of the Lake County Woolgrowers' Association which, in a telegram received by Governor Withycombe this morning points out that nearly all sheepherders are aliens, and that they should be encouraged to carry firearms now rather than discouraged, to protect themselves against coyotes, and to hasten the destruction of the animals."

The following is the telegram received at the executive office from the Lake county organization:

"Game wardens in Harney and other counties in Eastern Oregon are arresting alien sheepherders for carrying firearms without alien's licenses. Over half sheepherders are aliens. Account rabies epidemic in Eastern Oregon, action game warden menace to lives of sheepherders. Earnestly request repeal with emergency clause section game laws requiring aliens pay \$25 license during rabies epidemic. Firearms absolutely necessary for protection of lives of herders and livestock, and herders should be encouraged in carrying firearms for killing coyotes and protecting themselves and property instead of penalized."

After conferring with Game Warden William L. Finley, it was decided, at Finley's suggestion, that the desired end could be accomplished by Finley instructing his deputies to permit aliens to carry weapons without license payment while the rabies danger exists. Instructions to this effect, it is understood, have been sent out by the Fish and Game Department to their deputies in Central and Eastern Oregon. Governor Withycombe has notified the Lake County people of this action.

### LATEST DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE NOTES

(From Our Portland Correspondent)

Not only in Oregon, but in all parts of the country, the Government has inaugurated a movement to secure work for the unemployed and to furnish men or women to farmers and other employers outside the cities. It is a common sight to see men standing around the streets in towns at all seasons of the year who would be glad to go out into the country and go to work if they only knew just where to go and could be certain that the job would be there when they arrive. John H. Barbour, United States Inspector, Oregon Immigration Service, has started to list applicants for positions of all kinds and is anxious to receive applications for help from employers of labor of all classes.

Every applicant for work will be given a thorough examination as to his qualifications and no man will be sent out for any specific line of work unless he is fitted for it, thus leaving no room for the annual complaint that farmers are supplied with laborers who know nothing of farm work, at a time when the farmer

is too busy to teach them. The first day the office was open more than 100 applications for work were received, and as there are no fees or other expenses connected with the service, it is expected that enough men will be available at any time to fill all possible demands.

Another movement operating along similar lines, but with the idea of assisting the would-be farmers to get land instead of work, is now being discussed under the leadership of Tom Richardson, the founder of the Oregon Development League, with the purpose of evolving some feasible plan for financing the small farmer, dairyman or gardener who has the inclination and the ability to get back to the land and make a success, but who is financially unable to do so. Educators and business men are decidedly in favor of the scheme and it is probable that a convention for its discussion will be held immediately after the close of the legislative session. Mr. Richardson has issued an appeal to all who are interested, asking them to give the matter careful consideration and to work up a community sentiment in its favor.

The commercial clubs of Polk County have issued a booklet to be distributed at the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco. The advantages that county offers in the lines of agriculture, fruit growing and manufacturing are set forth in detail and many illustrations will give the reader a good idea of the characteristics of the county. In addition, the county will have at the Exposition a very complete exhibit representing all lines of industry.

On February 27 Albany will hold a general "Sales Day." This is to be done for the purpose of bringing the farmer and the merchant closer together along business lines. There will be an auction of farm products and stock, conducted without expense to the farmer, the Albany Commercial Club making all arrangements and a well known auctioneer donating his services. Local stores will stage special sales for that day, and if the scheme proves successful, it will become a regular event. It is a good plan and should be followed by other cities.

### Market Report.

Receipts for the week at the Portland Union Stockyards have been cattle 1555, calves 30, hogs 4730, sheep 4243.

There was a good run in the cattle division the first part of the week. Prices breaking somewhat on heavy stuff. Some pulp fed steers brought 8.00. Good demand for all classes.

Only a fair run of hogs this week. Buyers paid a slightly lower price than the previous week. Prime hogs are quoted at 7.20 to 7.30. There were several loads sold Monday at 7.35, but has not been any sold since at that price. All Eastern markets are weak.

Sheep house transactions were made quickly. There was some very good stuff on the market which brought top prices. Prime lambs 8.00; ewes 6.00; yearling wethers 7.00. Demand good.

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### Report on Range Destroying Rodents

The district forester at Portland Oregon, announces that a report has recently been completed upon a study made last summer and fall to determine the amount of damage done by rodents, notably the pocket gopher. The study was made by the Biological Survey, and the area chosen for the investigation was upon the Ochoco National Forest in central Oregon. The fact brought out by the study are somewhat startling.

It has been known to the Forest Service for some years that certain areas had the appearance of being overgrazed, but it was not until a more intensive study of the range was made that suspicion turned toward the pocket gopher so frequently seen these localities. As a result of the study of the ways of these little animals, it is safe to say that on many areas 50 per cent of the grazing value of the range is destroyed by their work.

This destruction is brought about in three ways: First, by the actual food which they consume or store away, which consists of the roots of various grasses and forage plants. In one storeroom alone over 1,000 bulbs of the milium or bulb grass were found. Second, the mounds of earth thrown out by the gopher cover considerable forage. This may appear of small consequence, but each mound will average a square foot in size. On one area there was found an average of 8,800 mounds to the acre. This means that one-fourth of each acre was rendered valueless. Third, their system of burrowing countless runways fairly undermines the ground, increases the friability of the soil, destroys the root systems of the plants above, and when stock in bands passes over the ground, it is as badly torn up as if it had been plowed.

After having ascertained these facts, the agent of the Biological Survey set about a method of combating the pests. Pieces of sweet potato, seasoned with a preparation of sugar and strychnine, were placed in the gopher runways by means of a long pointed stick. In going over the area a second time, it was found that from 95 to 100 per cent of the gophers were poisoned the first round. Those that survived the first dose of poison would soon throw up fresh mounds and could be easily detected and poisoned on the second round.

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## THE HOG BUSINESS IS NEARING DANGER LINE

### High Price of Wheat Causes Raisers to Sell so Close That Breeding Stock Will be Scarce. Farmers Make a Mistake in not Raising Hog Feed Other Than Wheat—Alfalfa, Peas

In the last seven days more than 12,000 hogs have been received at the Portland Union Stockyards. For the corresponding period a year ago the number received was a little more than 5,000 and two years ago for the third week in January the number was a trifle fewer than 2,000. These figures are taken from the books of the stockyards company and are to be relied upon.

Most of us remember that seven years ago hogs were selling on this market at 10 cents a pound, live weight. It will also be remembered that during the following year several buyers were sent to the Middle West in search of brood sows, which were bought and shipped to Oregon carload after carload.

The trouble was that the hog market in Oregon was so much higher than ever before that almost everything that looked like a hog was sent to the shambles. Hence the high prices instead of benefiting us as a whole were a detriment, setting the hog growers back two or three years.

Now the large shipments come from another cause—the high price of wheat, for most of the hog-growers depend upon wheat to finish their hogs for market. This could be done at a fair profit at a normal price; when it soared up to the \$1.50 mark it meant a loss to feed it to hogs that were worth something like 7 cents a pound.

So again Oregon is being cleaned out of hogs. Of those reaching this market, and we understand the same can be said of Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane, only a proportionate few are actually fit to slaughter. The other growers, simply save wintering them. And the price is falling day by day.

These abnormal conditions are to be regretted. They arise largely from a lack of business acumen among farmers. They do

not think far enough ahead. They have, it is true, done wonders in making Oregon a hog producing state, thanks to the crusade for more hogs that the stockyards and packing houses have made, assisted very largely by the railways. But another forward step must be taken by the farmers—they must not only grow hogs; they must grow feed for them. The idea that wheat is the only feed or the best feed for making pork is fallacious. Just as long as the farmers depend on wheat we are liable at any time to have conditions arise as they exist at present.

The farmers especially the small farmers should raise, as far as possible, their own hog feed—alfalfa corn, peas—anything for finishing. They should not depend on the wheat growers. They should so conduct their business as to buy wheat when the market justifies, but to depend almost solely it is sheer folly.

It looks now as if next year we would be sending East for brood sows again. Surely if the present shipment continues for another month or two we must. Then we shall be back right where we were seven years ago—starting anew in the business.

This is wrong. Three months ago the northwest was in better shape as to the hog business than ever before. Then came \$1.50 wheat and we are approaching the bottom very fast. —Portland Oregonian.

Predicting higher prices for wool and advising growers to hold their wool until shearing the National Wool Warehouse Company of Chicago has sent out a circular letter to stockholders. Among other things the letter states that buyers with German orders are now en route west in hopes of contracting wool.

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