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### ARE YOU THE MAN?

There's a scary sort of feller goin' round the country through A-talkin' of the future in a way to make you blue; A-predictin' woes and panics and all kinds of dreadful shocks And a-blamin' folks in Wall street and condemnin' deals in stocks; Sayin' our financial system is a structure full of faults, And a-callin' in his money and a-lockin' it in vaults, And with wish to bring him forward and convert him if we can. We are seekin' information— Say, are you the man?

Shucks! Don't let a little flurry from the clouds a-passin' by Make you think the storm has covered all the broad financial sky; You would see the sun still shinin' if you'd just poke out your head; Stop a-countin' up your losses; count your blossin's up instead; Trouble finds the man who falters sooner than the man who fights; Quit your talk of comin' panics; help at settlin' things to rights, Let a little cheerful confidence, not grumblin', be your plan. Now to save the situation— Say, are you the man?

### KEEP TALKING.

Irrigation is the topic that should be discussed and agitated until that 20,000 acres of land is secured. Under the government project at Hermiston, Umatilla county, 40 acres is all any one person can file on. This would mean 500 families on the same ratio for our project. It is rather difficult for us to conceive what such a reality would mean in a commercial way. Five hundred new homes; 500 new barns; 500 new wagons; 500 new carriages; about 1000 more cows; 1000 more horses; 2500 more hogs to be marketed each year; 25,000 more chickens; 160,000 apple trees, which in a short time would produce 1000 carloads. Can't you get a vision of what is possible for 20,000 acres of land to become highly developed, means? Get busy; get the 20,000 acres under contract and the rest of the problem will soon work itself out.

There are thousands of acres of land in this valley that will be fruit-dates and May Parks much sooner than we think of. Water is producing miracles in this arid and semi-arid belt. Think of it. You can name a half dozen cities as large as La Grande—all built within the last few years, in places where a self-respecting jack-rabbit would not think of wintering. Water was the basis of all this change.

The outlook for labor is not bad for next year. The chances for the construction of our \$150,000 water system and our \$400,000 irrigation project would sandwich in quite nicely with our \$900,000 city payroll, and an \$800,000 wheat crop. Can't you get a glimpse of what is in store for us. This is no country for a fellow with the blues.

We poor, overworked and tired creatures who have to stay at home, don't we feel sorry for those aristocratic campers these cold, chilly, freezing nights and mornings. We would not be in their places for anything. This camping business is all a delusion anyway. Nothing in it for the fellow who has to stay at home.

A few years ago we were pushing the dairy business. The dairy business of this county has developed so fast that it increases a great deal every year, but it attracts little, if any attention. The same thing will be true with the irrigation projects. After we successfully launch one, the others will launch themselves.

### MONEY FOR EVERYBODY.

This irrigation project means money for everybody. First, the land owner doubles the value of his land, and every commercial enterprise will naturally feel the benefit of the great development that will follow. The trouble is, it is just a little to big a project for us to fully realize what it does mean. This valley never had a boom, but we will think we had one when the contract for the big dam up the river is actually let. Then things will hum and will keep humming for several years. We want more payrolls. This irrigation project will provide one of the largest payrolls ever thought of in Grande Ronde valley.

### TAFT'S CABINET, MAYBE.

Some of the politicians that are jealous of the Buckeye state, have doped out this cabinet for Judge Taft: For secretary of state, Theodore E. Burton, of Ohio. For secretary of the treasury, Myron T. Herrick, of Ohio. For secretary of war, Charles P. Taft, of Ohio. For attorney general, Wade Ellis, of Ohio. For postmaster general, Arthur I. Vorys, of Ohio. For secretary of the navy, Walter Brown, of Ohio. For secretary of the interior, James R. Garfield, of Ohio. For secretary of agriculture, Walter Gilbert, of Ohio. For secretary of commerce and labor, Henry Williams, of Ohio.

### THE KIDDLE SPIRIT.

In the East Oregonian today is the story of two young men who a few years ago started to work in eastern Oregon for wages, as millers in a Union county flour mill. Last week they purchased their fifth flour mill in that county and have accumulated property worth \$120,000.

They took advantage of the opportunity offered them in eastern Oregon. Another man in Umatilla county is just finishing harvesting a wheat crop from 2000 acres of fine land owned individually by him. Twenty years ago he was working for small wages on a Umatilla county farm. Today he is worth from \$120,000 to \$140,000. He took advantage of another eastern Oregon opportunity.

Other men now living in Pendleton have made fortunes from the sheep and wool industry within the past 25 years; others in mercantile pursuits; others from renting houses, dealing in lands and investing money for capitalists.

And these are not exceptional cases. They are common in this section.

And the beauty of it is that nobody has a "corner" on these opportunities. They exist today. They are to be enjoyed by the newcomer at this late date. They will always be here. As the country settles up and new people come in they will be all the more promising and productive.

So the homeseeker need not think that the old-timers have "coppered" everything. In fact, the new man with a keen insight into conditions and fresh vigor and active energy, has the advantage.

### COMPLETES LARGE CONTRACT.

C. G. Cummings Home Equipped With Modern Plumbing System.

The plumbing firm of Bay & Zweifel has just completed the installation of a modern plumbing system in the C. G. Cummings home, corner Ninth and O streets. The system is complete in every detail.

### Druggists in Session.

Boston, Aug. 25.—Several thousand druggists from all over the country, stockholders in the United Drug company, a co-operative concern, are in Boston today in attendance at the annual meeting of the corporation. Mayor Hibbard welcomed the visiting pharmacists.

## SHORTAGE OF WATER FEARED

WELLS GOING DRY AND THRESHER MEN SUFFER.

Dry Season May Cause Trouble in This Part of County—Parts of Umatilla County Would Welcome Irrigation Project—Drinking Water Economized.

The following from the Pilot Rock News would leave the impression that there is likely to be a water shortage in Umatilla county this season:

Some fears are being expressed locally as to the condition of the water supply here. It is thought that unless we get a rain in the near future some of the wells in and around town will prove to be almost worthless before the summer is over.

The drouth is especially effective in the territory surrounding Nye, and the reports coming from there are to the effect that many of the wells around there are now dry, or very near so. The water question has always given considerable trouble in that vicinity, and many of the threshing outfits there this year will have to employ more than one water hauler to make the long trips necessary to get water for their engine and horses.

The Camas Prairie, while drier than usual, is in no danger of a serious drouth, and the water question there will not prove as serious as it will in many other sections of the dry districts.

In Pilot Rock some of the wells are now dry and others are practically so. One of the livery barns, which has always had a good supply of water, is now forced to economize in its use, and the horses are being taken elsewhere for drinking water.

### AT THE PLAYHOUSES.

The program at the Scenic this evening will be the same as last evening with the exception of the number entitled "Engaged," which has been cut out and "The Director" will be given its place. This in the estimation of Mr. Gardiner is a stronger number and will give better satisfaction. This will be on the program for this evening only.

### At the Pastime.

The special attraction at the Pastime is the singing of Tenor Burton. Mr. Burton has already become a favorite with the patrons of the Pastime and his connection with this popular theater will undoubtedly do much to make it even yet dearer to the hearts of the public.

### The Sherwood.

The Dreyfus Affair at the Sherwood bids fair to play to crowded houses during the rest of the time this program is held on the boards. Those who saw it last night are loud in its praise today. Every interesting incident pertaining to this remarkable instance of misdirected justice has been truthfully pictured. Nothing which would in any way interest the public has been omitted. Special attention has been given in selecting the cast that the characters might appear exactly similar to the real actors in the original affair.

### TRYING ROSS TODAY.

Partners in Alleged Crime May 20th, Await Grand Jury's Action.

Late this afternoon the justice court was busy hearing the Frank Ross case, who, with George Evans, is accused of stealing \$45 from an Elgin home. Evans was tried yesterday and bound over to await the action of the grand jury, and, being unable to pay his bonds, was given over to the sheriff.

Ross asked for a stay of proceedings one day and his wish was granted. This afternoon his case came up and at a late hour no decision had been reached.

### TEA

There is nothing that costs so little, does money and work, and that goes so far if it has the chance.

Your grocer or the four corners of your city like to sell you tea.

# Union County

## Invites You

### To Investigate Her Resources

Union County offers a home, market and health to all who wish to work and prosper. There's Room for All

FRUIT STOCK  
LUMBER DAIRYING  
HAY MINES  
GRAIN SUGAR

## Crop Failures Unknown Markets Unlimited

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