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VITAL FOREIGN TRADE.

Our foreign trade bulks \$5,300,000,000 for the year ending June 1, of which \$3,555,000,000 was exports. While this seems to be a very large sum, still our total export and import trade is only a little over 5 per cent of our national trade, the remaining 95 per cent being domestic.

One's first impulse is to wonder why so much excitement is caused by such a relatively small item of our national activities. Furious political battles have been waged over that 5 per cent and many persons are inclined to believe that the nation's life and death depend upon this item of foreign trade.

Practically our entire foreign policy is shaped to meet this 5 per cent of our activities. Navies are maintained to protect and promote it. Armies are raised for its furtherance. We certainly consider it worth while. We can get into no similar state of excitement over domestic trade which varies not 5 per cent but from 10 to 30 per cent every year.

Is there not some fallacy here? Does 5 per cent really represent the value of that foreign trade?

On examination it is discovered that this portion of our trade is of 25 per cent importance. For upon it depended the enormous influx of foreign capital for investment here when such capital was necessary for our development.

And now that we are about to become in a large sense a creditor nation, our investments of capital in foreign lands are conditioned upon the development of export and import trade with those lands.

The export is the refined surplus of our activities. If it be but a bushel of unmilled wheat, still it is a refined product inasmuch as it has already contributed to and is already included in the 95 per cent of domestic trade having been handled repeatedly and having entered into the domestic score in production, in transportation and in financing.

The 5 per cent surplus for export trade involved enormous sums of money in transportation and in port and sea activity. It calls into play banking facilities and finally becomes the very agency through which we maintain our monetary values.

We could get along without our foreign trade, but the deprivation of it would wound us very deeply in every part. The mere bulk of it is insignificant; but the vital nature of it is important.

LONG TRIP DESCRIBED.

R. W. Leighton Details Intensely Interesting Auto Journey.

Concerning the long ride R. W. Leighton and family finished last Saturday, Mr. Leighton has written an interesting sketch for Observer readers. He says:

If you are contemplating a trip this summer and wish to see the most beautiful scenery and travel roads that are good, bad and indifferent, get a Maxwell and go from La Grande to Seattle via Pendleton, Walla Walla, Spokane, Ephrata, Ellensburg, Snoqualmie Pass and return on the Pacific Highway via Tacoma, American Lake, Olympia, Vancouver, Portland on the Columbia Highway via Fairview, Troutdale, Bridal Veil, Bonneville, Hood River, The Dalles, then Wasco, Ione, Echo, Pendleton, Meacham and home again.

From La Grande to Pendleton the scenery is beautiful. Looking ahead are the farms on the hills and valleys, back the snow covered mountains of Powder river. The macadam road was splendid from Pendleton to Walla Walla.

From Walla Walla to Pullman where the Palouse hills are farmed from top to bottom, the road wound around, back and forth until in one place you can see the road in five different places at once. You cross Snake river on the Central Ferry. From Pullman to Spokane the roads were fairly good. We made good time. The scenery all along was wonderful; the hills not quite so high, large farms and good buildings. We passed through Steptoe, Thornton, Rosalia and North Pine which was the first pine trees we had seen since leaving the Blue Mountains. From Spokane to Reardon the roads are hard surfaced about 41 miles; went through Harrington, Davenport and Odessa a town of about 1000 when we counted 32 autos stand in the street while the farmers did their Saturday's shopping. The farms are miles and miles apart and comprise 2000 acres and more. The road from Wilson creek to Ephrata was dusty and full of ruts. They are working the roads so had to make a few detours. You cross Vantage Ferry going to Ellensburg that is, if the water and wind isn't too high, in which case you just wait till the wind goes down. The road is very crooked, lots of gullies and sage brush and road being good we ran the 38 miles in two hours at night. The roads to Easton were fairly good but had to ship to Hanasat a distance of 47 miles as the Snoqualmie Pass was not open. They had a crew of 300 men working on it. Fifteen feet of snow and lots of slides to get rid of. We went through six tunnels one two miles long. After unloading our cars we started for Seattle. Passed through Auburn where we hit the Pacific Highway. It is the home of condensed milk. It seems Holstein milk is used exclusively as we saw herds and herds of Holsteins. Then we followed the Pacific Highway through miles and miles of truck gardens, to Seattle which is built on hills and water. There are miles and miles of Boulevard and sight-seeing enough to keep one busy a month. Out of Seattle through Tacoma the highway is paved for 61 miles. At American Lake the militia were drilling. I think it was the Business Men's militia. We reached Olympia and went to a park where they have cement stores and wood all ready for the use of the public. The scenery is grand. All along the way catching sight of the water then losing your way in the heavy timber, where ferns, wild cucumbers, trees

and wild flowers grew in such wild profusion. Here we met the first washout; the water had risen over the banks and had back watered over the road to the depth of 18 inches. We encountered lots of rain and slippery roads. At Vancouver we made fine connection with the ferry (the wagon bridge isn't quite finished) and had fine roads to Portland where we hit the Columbia Highway. For beauty and pleasure the Columbia Highway can't be beat in this country. The road is paved to Bonneville and they are working from there on, which makes it hard to travel. It was closed from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. where they were working. You pass the Bonneville, Horsetail, Bridal Veil, Multnomah Falls. We passed through Hood River the home of the famous Hood River apple, on to The Dalles and Wasco where we got into our second washout. One house was washed away and four adults were drowned. After crossing the ferry a man stopped us and said it was impossible to get through that night on account of slides and washouts. We tried it and got through. At Ione and Echo we encountered the results of a former one and 10 miles from Pendleton we hit the fourth one. We crossed a creek a block wide and 18 inches deep. The water was coming down in torrents and had washed one side of the road out so we sat in the car all night. In the morning there wasn't enough water in the creek to put in the radiator. We went on our way rejoicing reaching Pendleton in good time. The roads were dry after we reached Meacham. We traveled 1543 miles at an average speed of 23 miles using five pints of oil and 80 gallons of gas.

THE FORUM

WHY WASTE WATER?

Taxpayer Wants to Know Why City Doesn't Permit Use of Waste.

La Grande, July 8.—(To the Editor)—Thousands of gallons of water are going to waste every day in this city, with the new dam there is an ample supply, yet, with dry and hot weather coming on the city has thus far refused to allow use of the surplus water we have. Lawns in many instances are going to dry up because many with big parkings and large lawns, cannot afford to properly water them. I realize that the city should not be deprived of any revenue from its water department, but why allow water to go to waste? Pendleton, with an ample water supply, is making radical reductions in water charges that the lawns and gardens may profit. Why not La Grande. Why permit the volume of water to run down the creek to the valley and at the same time deny lawns and parkings ample moisture?

As I understand it, each water user is charged for 5000 gallons monthly whether he uses it or not. Now why, during the dry months like July and August, not allow the user 6000 gallons for the same price he has been paying for 5000 gallons? This would not reduce the revenue to any great or appreciable degree, but would increase the consumption of water about 20 per cent and correspondingly reduce the amount going to waste. It seems that this is important enough to demand attention immediately. Another slight relief to property owners who are anxious to help beautify the city and can't afford to, would be to remove the 25 cent charge for meter rent during this period. I believe the taxpayers would like to know why the city hasn't done some thing of this sort.

TAXPAYER.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE STATE BANK OF IMBLER, at Imbler Ore., in the State of Oregon, at the close of business June 30, 1916.

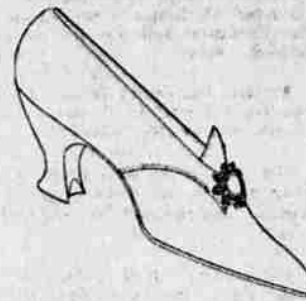
Table with 2 columns: Resources and Liabilities. Resources include Loans and discounts (\$77,700.39), Overdrafts, secured and unsecured (481.41), Bonds and warrants (319.50), Stocks and other securities (600.00), Banking house (6,500.29), Furniture and fixtures (2,148.75), Other real estate owned (2,500.00), Due from banks (not reserve banks) (17.00), Due from approved reserve banks (12,124.95), Checks and other cash items (261.35), Cash on hand (3,876.15), Expenses (2,698.13), Other resources (10.12). Total Resources: \$109,298.04. Liabilities include Capital stock paid in (25,000.00), Surplus fund (2,500.00), Undivided profits (2,480.87), Dividends unpaid (40.00), Due to banks and bankers (960.78), Individual deposits subject to check (58,248.32), Demand certificates of deposit (256.00), Time and Savings deposits (16,487.07), Notes and bills rediscounted (3,300.00), Other liabilities (25.00). Total Liabilities: \$109,298.04.

Total \$109,298.04. State or Oregon, County of Union, ss: I Sherwood Williams, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. SHERWOOD WILLIAMS, Cashier.

Correct—Attest: WALTER STRINGHAM, CLAY W. FOX, Directors. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of July, 1916. Notary Public. My commission expires 3-4-'20.

Notice to Contractors. Notice is hereby given, that the Commission of the City of La Grande,

Another Great Shoe Offer



200 Pair Women's Pumps Reg. \$1.95 Pair. \$3 to \$4 Value July Clean-up Sale

Short lines, odd sizes, etc., from our large stock of Women's Fine Dress Pumps—patent leather, kid and suedes—newest plain toes, Louis heels—Utz & Dunn, Pingree, and Dodge makes which sold regularly for \$3.00 to \$4.00 a pair. July Clean-Up Sale at only \$1.95 pair

Summer Days Bring Out New Parasols July Clean-Up Sale Now on Our Entire Stock

Everyone included. The materials the best to be had, the colors and styles are the latest and most desirable; actually you must see them to appreciate their splendid quality and styles.

Table with 2 columns: Regular Parasols Clean-Up Sale and Regular Children's Parasols Clean-Up Sale. Items include Regular \$1.00 Parasols Clean-Up Sale (.75c), Regular \$1.25 Parasols Clean-Up Sale (.95c), Regular \$1.50 Parasols Clean-Up Sale (\$1.15), Regular \$2.00 Parasols Clean-Up Sale (\$1.50), Regular \$2.50 Parasols Clean-Up Sale (\$1.85), Regular \$3.50 Parasols Clean-Up Sale (\$2.65), 75c Children's Parasols Clean-Up Sale (.57c), 85c Children's Parasols Clean-Up Sale (.64c), \$1.00 Children's Parasols Clean-Up Sale (.75c), \$1.25 Children's Parasols Clean-Up Sale (.95c).

COOL WASH SUITS FOR LITTLE BOYS

Newest Styles Now at July Clean-Up Savings

Our entire stock featuring every new style introduced this season for little boys, 2 to 7 years old. Suits of galetea, percale, drill, repp, poplin, etc., in white, plain colors, stripes and combination effects. All the new styles—Billy Boy, Tommy Tucker, Norfolk, Middy, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Regular Wash Suits now and Boys' 50c Straw Hats, now. Items include Regular \$1.00 Wash Suits now (.75c), Regular \$1.25 Wash Suits now (.95c), Regular \$1.50 Wash Suits now (\$1.15), Regular \$2.50 Wash Suits now (\$1.85), Boys' 50c Straw Hats, now (.40c), Boys 50c Summer Rah Rah Hats (.40c).

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- PIANOS: Ivers & Pond, Estey, Lester, Knabe, Bush & Gerts, Schulz, Sterling, Huntington.



- PLAYERS: Ivers & Pond, Estey, Lester, Knabe, Bush & Gerts, Schulz, Sterling, Huntington.

Other Good Makes. A real collection to select from. A slightly used Ludwig Piano, Walnut Case, as good as new for \$200.00. All pianos bought direct from factory. No call or shop worn pianos shipped from other points. No worked over pianos to mislead customers as I am here to stay, and do not buy of retail houses. Your paper and contract kept here at home, and not sent to some foreign concern. Call and get prices which will convince the most careful buyer.

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OUR NATIONAL BANK IS A MEMBER OF THE "FEDERAL RESERVE" SYSTEM OF BANKS.

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WE CAN TAKE VALID SECURITIES TO OUR DISTRICT "FEDERAL RESERVE" BANK WHENEVER WE WANT TO AND "GET MONEY."

YOUR MONEY IS SAFE IN OUR BANK AND YOU CAN GET IT WHEN YOU WANT IT.

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BANK WITH US

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La Grande National Bank

LA GRANDE, OREGON

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Oregon, will receive bids for the construction of an 8 inch lateral sewer, in Sewer District No. 3, Section No. 4, in accordance with the plans and specifications now on file in the office of the City Recorder. Bids will be received by the Recorder up to 7:30 p. m. of Wednesday, July 19th, 1916, all bids must be sealed. The Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Dated at La Grande, Oregon, this 29th day of June, 1916. By Order of the Commission, LEE WARNICK, City Recorder.

Adv. D. 7-1-8-15. Advertisers Letters. List of letters remaining uncalled for in this office for the week ending July 7th, 1916: Gentlemen—G. R. Archer, L. Chinsinger, Bert Coon, Walter Davis, Rev. W. Ferris, M. R. Felts, Paul Gary, W. J. Kerswell, Andy Larson, L. P. Martin, J. O'Connor, Martin Poole, Wm. Reynolds, Jerry J. Stanley, C. C. Smith, J. C. Tony, F. E. Tomas, Edwin Thompson, B. M. Thompson, John G. Wray, Tom E. Burns.

Ladies—Mrs. Harriette Harrison, Grace E. Hinton, Mrs. L. Morris, Mrs. I. V. Maxey, Miss Jesse Smith, Miss Marinda Shaffer, Miss Iona Stone, Mrs. F. J. Thomas, Miss M. arie Ward. (These letters will be sent to the dead letter office on July 21st, 1916. If not delivered before. In calling for the above, please say "advertised," giving date of list. E. E. BRAGG, P. M.

Imbler News. Imbler, July 6.—(Special)—Constable I. W. Faulk was in Imbler Wednesday posting sale notices. Walter Stringham, Walter Westfall and Charley Squire celebrated the 4th in Baker. About thirty Epworth League

spent the Fourth on Mt. Harrison, making a trip to the point overlooking the valley, that is most of the young people reached the point, but some fell by the wayside.

Manager Wiggins of the local movies is running on Wednesdays the well known series "Who's Guilty?" by Mrs. Wilson Woodrow.

Miss Mildred Billings entertained a number of her playmates Wednesday afternoon in honor of her 6th birthday. Those present were Jean and Helen Williamson, Bernice and Grant Stringham, Ralph and Ruth Connor, Melvin and Clifford Westenskow, Mabel Westenskow, and Audrey Fuller. July 4th was exceptionally quiet as most of our citizens spent the day out of town.

Keefer and Lloyd have closed the meat shop they had conducted during the past year. The regular July meeting of the social aid was held Thursday at the home of Mrs. A. F. Wilson just east of town. Nearly forty ladies were present and enjoyed a social afternoon. A short business session was followed by a two-course luncheon, consisting of sandwiches, pickles, coffee, salad, ice cream and cake. The August meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. B. Kellum.

Ed. Tuttle's mother is on the sick list. "Cap" Tuttle and wife are visiting in Walla Walla.

Miss Mildred Weeks is visiting with her grandparents at Island City.

Mrs. "Bob" Fitzsimmons lectured at the M. E. church Wednesday evening. Dr. Moore was in La Grande Friday to see a couple of patients.

Mrs. Frank Martin returned to Imbler Thursday from Fruitdale. Registering at Hotel Coble—Geo. B. Schaeckel, Berkeley, Calif.; F. S. "Chuck" Goodbrod; Robert Skiff; Snider and family; B. F. Crouther,

Tildie Phillips, the last three from Union.

Attorney Returns. Attorney T. H. Crawford, senior member of the law firm Crawford & Eakin, has returned from a visit to Hood River and Portland.

The Fine Flavor---

the delicate taste of malted barley blended with the sweets of whole wheat is sufficient reason in itself for the wonderful popularity of

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