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A Useful Life Has Ended.

Judge J. C. Henry has passed on. His active life in Eastern Oregon, where he left the impress of an energetic, upright, substantial citizen, is at an end and today La Grande and Union county mourn the loss of a man who was ever faithful to a trust, who stood firmly for the better and advanced conditions, who took an active part in making La Grande and the Grande Ronde valley what it is today.

For forty-six years Judge Henry labored here. During that time he accumulated a safe competency and was listed among the very successful business men of this period. Recently the Judge and Mrs. Henry celebrated their golden wedding anniversary and their home was the scene of a gaiety that marked the wedding day fifty years ago.

Successful in the furniture business, accumulating valuable property the judge did not look on life in a selfish manner for he gave of his time to public work, also. He served Union county eight years as county judge, during which epoch this county stepped from the old-time days of horse-drawn vehicles to the modern methods of transportation.

Bonds For Amateurs

One of the lessons which come to moderate investors out of the business depression should be the difference between stocks and bonds. According to the Wall Street Journal, holders of stocks of about 40 companies in the first few months of this year have suffered a reduction of \$17,000,000 in their income therefrom, due to the "spassing" of dividends. It is said that if the calculation were extended to include the last few months of 1920 and some very recent reductions of dividends the total loss of income would be much greater.

Nearly 200 companies have stopped dividend payments since last fall, or have reduced the amount of their disbursements. The list of such concerns includes large steel companies, rubber companies, leather companies, agricultural implement companies, fertilizer companies, automobile companies, copper companies, sugar companies, oil companies, mail order houses, railroads and smaller concerns of various kinds. These dividend reductions have not been confined to common stock; preferred dividends have been discontinued as well. In some cases the companies had been paying dividends regularly for many years. They were reputable concerns, whose stock had been purchased as an investment, not for speculation.

Now the stockholders involved have found that dividends depend on a great many things, and even with the most reliable concerns, are affected by changing circumstances. The editor of the investment department of a current magazine explains: "Stockholders are partners in a business; bondholders are creditors. They have a lien on the property, while stockholders do not. The stockholders must take the risks of partnership; they are offered a higher return for doing so. Bondholders accept a smaller yield in return for greater safety. The plain moral is that persons who cannot afford to take a risk or suffer a loss of their return should keep away from stocks. Business men and women thoroughly familiar with all the conditions affecting stocks and in a position to keep posted in these

matters can buy stocks with comparative safety. But humble investors who have worked hard and saved long for the moderate sums they wish to invest should stick to bonds and mortgages.

Why Not in America?

Co-operation in production, marketing and purchasing has long been a dream of those dissatisfied with the present ordering of our economic system, but the idea, however frequently broached and loudly praised, has never taken deep root in America. All the same, we should be interested in what our neighbors are accomplishing overseas. For instance: Swedish co-operative societies did a \$58,000,000 business last year, and not only handled merchandising and bulk purchasing successfully but also maintained for members of a co-operative savings bank that made money. Jugoslavia reports more than 400,000 members of its 3,572 rural co-operative societies. An interesting subsidiary of this body is the Serbian group which contains societies for the joint use of farm machinery, for the joint marketing of farm produce, for the purchasing of supplies at wholesale and for the providing of rural credit.

In England, where the co-operative movement has recently made great strides, the latest manifestation is the Minesweeper's Co-operative Trawling Society, Ltd., which is buying 200 steam trawlers from the Admiralty for use in the North Sea fisheries.

For a generation the co-operative society has been working satisfactorily in western Europe. It worked for generations in Russia, before the revolution laid its blight on ordered life. Here it seems to function effectually only where the marketing of farm and orchard produce is concerned and, in less degree, in wholesale buying for these same farmers' organizations.

There must be a reason somewhere for American neglect of this European device, but no one has ever made it plain. It may be business conditions, or the national temperament, due to the fact that the very bigness of the country and the opportunities it offered have encouraged individual effort. An analysis of the situation would certainly be worth while, whether by the government or some efficient private agency.

The Coming Boom

Few Americans will question the confident prophecy of Judge Gary that "at some future date there awaits the biggest boom this country has ever seen." Business men merely want to know the date.

The "fundamental facts," as Judge Gary says, are assured. The period of readjustment through which the country has been passing was necessary, and has done much good, because it restores a solid, safe foundation to build on hereafter. The material sources are unequalled, and most of them are virtually inexhaustible. The home market, always great, is nearly emptied of accumulated products, and industry will be called on to provide a new stock. The prospect of an improved foreign market is better, owing to more stable conditions abroad. At last there is a fair prospect of world peace. The disarmament conference already gives ground for hope of greater safety and lower taxes. Congress at last is taking up some of the essential tasks of reconstruction. Credit is sound and bank rates are coming down. Prices are near their proper level, thus affording the necessary condition for increased demand.

Though the precise time for this new boom to begin cannot be set with certainty, it is probably nearer than most people have imagined.

Lady Astor says prime ministers rise to such dizzy heights that only their wives can speak out flat to them. Rather, their wives and Northcliffe.

Europe is entitled to the dumps, after all she has endured; but she must not get the idea that America will be one of them.—Elmira (N. Y.) Star-Gazette.

THE OFFICE CAT



—By JUNIUS—

Painless Plaster Puller

Wild and disheveled, weary of eye, and trembling of limb, he burst into the dentist's consulting room, and addressed the molar merchant in gasping tones: "Do you give gas here?" "Yes," replied the dentist. "Does it put a man to sleep?" "Of course." "Nothing would wake him?" "Nothing. Not—"

"Wait a bit; you could break his jaw or black his eye without him feeling it?" "My dear sir, of course. I—"

"It lasts about half a minute, doesn't it?" "Yes."

With a war whoop of joy and relief the excited man threw off his coat and waistcoat.

"Now," he yelled, as he tugged at his shirt, "Get your gas—engine ready. I want you to pull a porcelain plaster off my back."

One La Grande minister says knowledge of right and wrong won't get you anywhere unless you also have sense enough to "choose the right."

Pome

"Now I am a tin whistle Through which God blows; But I wish to God I were a trumpet But why, God only knows."

The following were among quiz replies at a New York University: The alimentary is located in the northern part of India.

A blizzard is the inside of a hen, something to hitch the meat to.

A circle is a rough straight line with a hole in the middle.

Sixty gallons make a hedge-hog. The government of England is a limited mockery.

A mountain pass is a pass given by the railroad to its employees to the mountains.

Credit is rapidly becoming normal to a lot of fellows who never could borrow a dollar, and can't now.

In a wedding notice the editor of the Erie, Kan., Sentinel writes concerning the bridegroom: "He is said to be a splendid young man." That's conservative, and playing

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NO VACATION IN SIGHT



IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



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Chinese Mining Revealed

Few of the present day generation know anything about the Chinese gold mine that thrived for a brief period at what is now known as Black Flat—a narrow and abbreviated plain bordering the Grande Ronde river between Perry and Hilliard.

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it safe, as perhaps should always be an editor's course in mentioning the bridegroom, but how would it sound if the paper said of the bride: "She is alleged to be a nice girl." "Get in debt," is the advice of Louis F. Swift, head of the Swift Packing Company. His advice might be much more appreciated if he would only tell some of us how to get out of it.

Ploompf.

The cayeman was a roughneck gent. An uncouth, lowborn sort of dub. For flowers he never spent a cent— He did his wooing with a club.

A New York hotel has built a glass house on the roof in which singer-guests may practice. Being on the roof it will, of course, be impossible for other guests to drop anything on the vocalists.

Chief Flever says prohibition has brought forth many American inventors—especially in the home-brew line.

"Greeks Shorten Front as Turks Take Two Towns," Bolsheviks Report Gains in Italy. "Fighting on the Line Increases in Ruhr Valley." "Balkan Uprising Grows." Random headlines from the papers. That League of Nations thing seems to be working fine.

Who remembers the old-fashioned riel who looked all around before she boarded a street car?

From the Minstrel Show.

"I will now give you a talk that will be like a woman's skirt, short enough to be interesting, yet long enough to cover the subject."

A man we know, who bribed us not to give his name, remarked that this was just what he liked, and it is going to take him the rest of his life explaining to his wife that he meant the talk, not the skirt.

Count Your Blessings.

Montpelier, O., comes to the front with a chicken dinner for 35c. Moundville, W. Va., reports it has a barber who has reduced shaves to a dime.

A Newcastle, Ind., restaurant announces it will serve bread free with meals hereafter.

All's well in Normandyland.

A judge in Springfield, O., has had "ankle curtains" hung around the jury box. And they say every human being has a heart!

The clack on the side of her stock, ing is an arrow. Does it mean that the eyes should follow the arrow? Perch the thought.

There will always be those who think they know your duty better than you know it.

'Round The County

Incidents with Human Interest Attached, Gathered by The Observer.

New Wheat Debated

With harvest in full tilt, many an argument about Washington Hybrid 128 wheat will be settled so far as this year is concerned. Many farmers have given it a trial and in some cases Forty Fold and Hybrid 128, which are competing varieties, have been planted side by side, at the same time and under similar conditions, with the purpose in mind of demonstrating which is the better. Forty Fold has come to be an old reliable strain, in this county especially, but basing the conclusion on results of Hybrid 128 elsewhere, several farmers proceeded to sow the new strain. Now that harvest time is just ahead, and yields begin to show themselves, several waggers will be determined.

Proponents of the Hybrid wheat are not content with calling it the equal of Forty Fold, but are claiming to give odds and are claiming from 5 to 8 bushels more per acre than of the old type. Frank McKennon carried on an experiment on his Albee ranch with Red Chaff Club, Hybrid 128 and Federation, which is a popular wheat in this state. The varieties were planted in the same field and the spring varieties came day, with a view of testing all the types. Unfortunately the maggots got into the Club and retarded its production. The Federation did better to all appearances but the Hybrid 128 will have the greatest yield of all for the season.

The Ledbetter tract has the Hybrid and Forty Fold in close proximity. The latter is already harvested and the other soon will be. As several waggers are hanging on the outcome, the results have wide-spread interest. The Morris farm and several others in the Albee-Inhler vicinity have splendid results with the new type. Within a week or two, the real difference will be told.

Another argument stoutly advanced by the Hybrid people is that it shatters far less than the Forty Fold.

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value then than now, for it has lost its charm as a camping ground. Uncle Jap Stevens and his family, for instance, have spent many an enjoyable day in the shade of the trees and the protection of the rocky ledges at that point. But campers pass it by today. However, to get back to the mining.

Just about the time the Snodgrass mill was doing its best work there, 20 Chinese discovered gold in the river and went to washing for it in furious haste. They found the precious metal in more or less remunerative quantities, too, for it is understood they cleared up \$2,000 or better each per day. They used the most primitive means, just as an Oriental would. J. A. Matott recalls the incident vividly, and when asked what happened to the miners and the mining, he laconically remarked the "Chinks were stopped." What happened to the mining is not clear, but it evidently ran its meteoric career hurriedly. It's just possible some of it was unmined and is still there. Who knows?

A Banker Slater

Oregon courts and the Oregon bar have claimed many Slaters and around the two is wrapped so much Slater tradition that it is hard to think of any of that pioneer family not actively following in the footsteps of Blackstone. At Union; nevertheless, there is a Slater who got entirely out of the legal profession and went into the financial world. He is P. S. Slater, related to the jurist and lawyers of that family in Oregon. The cashiership of the Union National Bank rests upon his shoulders and as bank cashiers have troubles of their own these days, Mr. Slater naturally is face to face with the problems of all bankers—to finance enterprise and keep the farmers supplied with necessary funds and all that.

The Union National Bank is almost a half-million dollar concern, showing total resources of \$491,724.29 at the last call for conditions of national banks.

Many of the familiar faces that represent the great wealth of Union—the wealthiest town per capita in the county, it is said by some, also represents the management of the bank. W. R. Hutchinson is president, the late S. A. Purcell, also one of the reliable and revered pioneers of Union, was the vice president up to the time of his death recently. His place on the official family and in the directorate has not been filled yet. Fred N. Fox is assistant cashier. The directors include Mr. Hutchinson, Thomas Brashier, May E. Hutchinson, C. E. Davis, Leon Ley and S. E. Miller, every one of whom are of the good old stock of substantial citizens that moulded Union's destinies and are possessors of considerable portions of worldly goods.

Berry Crop is Short

A malady that visited itself on the huckleberries of Eastern Oregon, at least of the immediate vicinity, remains fastened to the plant. The berries drop off just before they ripen. That condition was discovered early in the season but was thought by many to be a local situation. As time goes on and the season advances its close, it is more and more apparent that the trouble is general. A few isolated sections have been located, namely the upper Ladd Canyon area, where berries are quite prolific, but the Sumnerville ridges, the Toll Gate, south of La Grande and ever large areas of the Kamela fields are suffering from the malady, whatever it may be. Most woodsmen and expert berry pickers attribute the trouble to late frosts.

Make Soil Produce Yearly.

Experiments by Union county farmers, notably that of W. R. Ledbetter, and the Eastern Oregon Experiment Station at Union, show that soil customarily summer fallowed can be made to produce every year. It is brought about in this way:

Fall wheat should be planted in the spring. As soon as it is well up, it should be pastured. It will maintain a vigorous growth without heading, and affords great pasture for either hogs or cattle—preferably the latter, as the effects of the hoofs are not so severe. After the stock has been run on it all summer, the wheat will show fine strength for the next winter and produce a record crop the following Spring. It can then be put to fall wheat in fall planting again and thus be made to produce either wheat, meat or milk continuously. Also it has reduced the cost of cultivation. Mr. Ledbetter got full 40 bushels off his field this year and at the experiment station hogs are doing very well on the forage this season. The experiment when completed will also show how the grain pasture compares with alfalfa, peas, and oats and peas. Similar hogs are pasturing on equal-sized tracts and otherwise treated identically.

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WIL BUILD HOME. HAULS FIRST LOAD OF WHEAT.

ELGIN, Aug. 8.—J. F. T. Galoway purchased the past week from Joe Hallgarth a residence lot one block east of the Mrs. Sarah Tuttle home on which it is planned to erect a fine new home.

ELGIN, Aug. 8.—Adolph Sonnenberg, living near town, was the first to haul in a load of new wheat into the Elgin warehouse this season. The first load came in Tuesday of this week.

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