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The High Places in the Road Have Been Passed

La Grande is coming fine. Business is improving. The rough places in the road have been passed and there is a fine outlook for good business this fall and winter.

Why?

Yes, why should the Observer make this remark when it, along with almost everyone else has felt the keen depression during the past few months?

Our reason is based on fact.

The O-W is putting men back to work by the fifties and hundreds. The shops have taken on their former appearance of activity.

Trains are running now and idle rolling stock is being pressed into service. Train crews are working and new men are being added to the list of workers.

Freight is being handled in large quantities with the wheat yet to move.

Other industries are showing a sympathetic response with the railroad work and things have improved here in the last two weeks to a remarkable extent.

The farmers are harvesting a good crop and while the price for wheat is not what we would all like to see, it is very evident that it is going to float right around the dollar mark. This wheat price will never permit starvation to the man who raises it. He may not make big money but he is almost as well off as when he sold wheat for sixty cents under different conditions.

The fruit in the valley is excellent and a good price is being obtained for it. Fruit is doing better this year than any time for years, both in yield and in price.

Wages are still good, and all men who are working are making good money for the living cost has been reduced considerable more in proportion that has the wage scale. This gives all families of men who work money to spend.

They are spending it, but they are using caution and buying where their dollar goes the farthest.

La Grande merchants first nibbled at the loss they knew was coming, taking it in broken doses, just as merchants all over the country did, but there came a time—and that was when the fall goods went on the shelves, when all prices were cut so that mer-

chandise in La Grande stands more than one third cut under what it sold for three months ago.

The wage earner is learning this and he is getting ready to buy his winter supplies. The farmer also is realizing the reduction and he feels more akin to the merchant for the farmer's loss came first. Now he has company, for every merchant in this city has cut the high prices. It did not make any difference what he had paid for the goods, the price has been reduced with the general trend of depreciation all over and in all commodities.

Credits are strengthening. Men who are involved, and most men are, have begun to see their way through the wilderness. A better and more hopeful spirit prevails in this city than has prevailed since the chaotic conditions started.

It is a case of going hand in hand and taking the bitter with the sweet, and smile all the while. That's what La Grande is doing—that's what the Grande Ronde valley is doing, and out of it all will come safely, back to normalcy and few people will be seriously harmed in the readjustment.

This issue of the Observer is a clarion note of the new times. It is a beacon light to warn the pessimist that his day is done, and that business is going to go along in this county in a very substantial manner; it is an edition which may not say, but very strongly means, that everyone has to go to work and the folly about establishing government bureaus to aid this and that is of no value and can't be done. It is a number of the Observer that proves the argument of this editorial, namely that prices of commodities have had a big drop, and that your dollar will buy today a third more than it would a short time ago. More talk means little but the figures on known articles by comparison tell the story, and the Observer in this issue presents those figures.

Now, for the future. Seek not your opportunities across the hill, for distance ever makes things look green and cheerful, but settle down to live and to work here in this valley which has always been the stuff on which substantial people have leaned and it has never failed them.

When you hear of the land teeming with milk and honey

your investigation may show that the honey comes from humble bees and the milk from Nanny goats. Right here at home you have the real thing, there is no guess work. You do not plant expecting a water supply and later in the season find the reservoir will not furnish water for the acreage that is in; you do not plant anticipating a bumper crop and have the hot winds and the chinch bugs take your crop; you do not get up in the summer mornings with your eyes glued together from a hot, sleepless night.

Here you have the joys and comforts of living. You have a land that produces the best of things to eat, for it is written in all the northwest that people in the Grande Ronde live better and have more to eat than any other section—and besides, you have a little city complete in every detail.

Your streets are paved, at night your part of the city is lighted, your child goes to a school, on Sunday you have the church of your choice to attend, you have exceptional telephone service, you have roads improved and being improved, your bridges are in, and all is going good.

Where is there a land that offers more? But there are many locations that offer less. Go to the new country if you will where you can buy land for a hundred dollars an acre and you will find the improvements all have to be made and you not only have to pay for them, but you also are put to inconvenience by not having them. Go take up a homestead if you will where Uncle Sam, as some one has said, bets you a hundred and sixty acre ranch against fourteen dollars that you will starve to death. Keep that homestead and improve it, stay until the country improves to the point that this valley has reached and you will have more money invested in that land which Uncle Sam gave you, than you can get out on the Sandridge and buy a good ranch for.

The Observer wishes in its feeble way to bring some of these glaring facts home to you. We want to impress upon you the blessings you enjoy, for this life is not so awful long at best and you may wander and wander, but you will very likely burn the candle of life and become old and gray before you will find a place for a home that compares with Grande Ronde and the city of La Grande.

COAL MINERS TO CONTINUE THEIR MARCH

Towns Sleep With Many Deputy Sheriffs Scattered Around.

NO SETTLEMENT APPEARS AS YET

Rifles and Revolvers on Miners Make the Scene Look Much Like Revolution for a Time.

ELIZABETHTOWN, Ill., Sept. 8.—Coal miners of Eldorado and Harriburg were reported today to be preparing to continue their march on this city and Rosiclar to "aid" the striking Flourish miners.

Sharp clashes between the miners' vanguard and the sheriff's outposts were reported yesterday and two towns slept last night with a hundred and fifty deputies scattered through the outskirts. Miners numbered eight hundred last night and reinforcements were expected.

Eight hundred miners from Eldorado and nearby coal fields are encamped within 20 miles of this town.

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Ireland Must Stay, is British Expression

INVERNESS, Scotland, Sept. 8.—Official confirmation is given that the British cabinet's reply yesterday to the latest DeValera note insists Sinn Fein representatives to further conference.

DUBLIN, Sept. 8.—Sinn Fein leaders are irritated because the British and American press represented that they rejected the Dominion status for Ireland and insisted on separ-

Marshfield Finds Lost Rancher

Reverend Gentleman Shows UP in West Virginia City Last Night

MARSHFIELD, Sept. 8.—Rev. Jesse T. Anderson, who mysteriously disappeared in Portland two weeks ago and for whom wide search has been made, was arrested in Clarksburg, West Virginia, last night and is now being held for local officers.

Non-support charge has been preferred against Anderson. He wired to members of his congregation today, "For God's sake hold. I will return and explain all."

Harding in Earnest in His Endeavor to Aid Railroads of Country

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—The administration is considering the possibility of providing financial relief for the railroads by beginning the funding of railroad claims without awaiting congressional action, it was indicated Wednesday by high government officials.

President Harding, it was explained, has the authority to fund the railroad claims without further legislation. The president, officials declared, may sell the three hundred eighty million dollars worth of trust certificates held by the railroad administration whenever market conditions permit or their disposal at par.

Sale of the railroad securities, it was indicated, would await satisfactory market conditions but the administration was understood to believe that an early return of the market to a 6 per cent basis was not far distant.

New Born Baby Boy Thrown From Southern Pacific Train

OBLIGING BEAR FOUND AT ELGIN

Waits for Hunter to go Back to His House and Get His Gun; Elginites at Hot Lake.

ELGIN, Sept. 8.—(Special.)—A bear was killed by Charlie Paxton yesterday just outside of town. Mr. Paxton happened to glance up on the hill while going about his regular work and saw the bear going down a draw. He hurried back to the house for his gun and went after the bear. The animal was a two-year-old cinnamon and weighed 146.5 pounds. Mr. Paxton is quite proud of his first bear.

Mrs. C. I. Hazen, wife of the passenger agent at Elgin, was operating on Monday at the Hot Lake Sanatorium. Mrs. Hazen, at the last report, was doing nicely.

Tickets Freely Sent for the Business Show To be Held in Portland

Invitations and tickets to the First Portland Business show which will be held in the auditorium there September 19 to 24, are reaching La Grande. This is an exposition of modern business methods, equipment and service and will be open from 1 p. m. to 10 p. m. daily. The tickets which may be had for the asking, admit to all hours of the show except the executive sessions, to which business executives are especially invited. They will receive demonstrations of modern business methods.

Anyone going to Portland during that period can be provided with tickets by giving the information to A. W. Nelson at the A4 Club headquarters, Main 769.

THE WEATHER.

Tonight and Friday will be fair.

PORTLAND, Sept. 8.—Wheat sold for \$1.15 here today.

NOT ALLOWED TO TESTIFY

PORTLAND, Sept. 8.—Police here got word of the fearful murder of the infant after train No. 16 had arrived on the Southern Pacific and the passengers had been discharged. They have been unable to get any clue as to who threw the baby from the car window.

NEW ATHLETIC COACH COMING

Carl Lodell, who will be a regular member of the faculty of the high school this year and will be general director of athletics and coach, will arrive in La Grande tomorrow.

The board of education has announced that it has found it economical to employ a regular member of the faculty as coach and director of all athletics and believes that the community is fortunate in securing a man of Lodell's ability in this line.

Mr. Lodell was here last year as coach of the football team and impressed the faculty and teachers of the schools as a man of splendid training for the work he is to undertake this year and in every way fitted for the work with young people.

Baker Will Take up Her Part of the Load In Fight on Rates

That the Baker Chamber of Commerce will send a delegate to the meeting of the executive committee of the Intermediate Rate association which that body meets in a called meeting next Monday, seems likely. In view of the fact that La Grande met the expense of the last meeting when forces were arranged to combat the freight rate fight now instituted by the transcontinental railroads, it was felt here that either Pendleton or Baker should attend the next meeting—a session of even more importance than the first one. Mac Heke of Pendleton is Oregon executive committeeman, and piffing Elgin is up against resistance. In addition to Bruce Cox of La Grande, and W. E. Meacham of Baker is vice president for Oregon. Mr. Heke has just returned from a prolonged stay at Salt Lake and cannot spare the time to go back, hence it appears most likely that Mr. Meacham will go.

Power Boats Circling Island

Gardner Still at Large—Officers Guard West Side Where Tracks Show

MENEIL'S ISLAND, Sept. 8.—Roy Gardner, the escaped bandit is still at large. No one believes that he has left the island and since tracks were found on the west side officers are watching that portion of the island intently. Power boats continue to circle the island to prevent his escape.

This Dog Has a Love For Automobile Rides

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 8.—Mrs. Edward Beardon noticed a fox terrier wandering about the street here. She stopped her car and the dog, without waiting for an invitation, jumped in beside her. At an animal refuge on the Kansas side, it was found that he wore a license tag issued at Beauregard, La. Correspondence with the Tax Collector located the owner and brought the information that the dog was a runaway that seized every opportunity to take long drives.

His owner wrote, "I can't keep that dog at home. He seems to know when anyone is leaving for a motor trip and always finds some way of joining them."

He told of having frequently sent for the dog many miles from his home. The trip to Kansas City seemed to have been his longest one.

Robbers Begin Their Work at Elgin Depot

ELGIN, Sept. 8.—(Special.)—Just drawer which contained \$50 in currency and small change.

When Agent Hazen showed up on the job this morning to open up for business he at once saw that some one had beaten him to the job for the money was gone. He believes it is local robbers as there was no evidence of professional vagabonds.

ROW BREWS IN LEAGUE AT GENEVA

Friction of Various Brands Has Begun to Show in Meeting

UNITED STATES IS HIT BY SARCAASM

Swedish Member Charges League Has Been Extravagant and Against Nations Neutral in Late War

GENEVA, Sept. 8.—Charges that the purely negative position of the United States has caused delay in the application of the mandates of the League of Nations, was made by Lord Robery Cecil, representing South Africa at today's session of the League assembly.

Hjalmar Branting, of Sweden, charged the league has been extravagant and discriminated against the nations which remained neutral in the world war. He criticized the award of the Aland islands to Finland.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

PORTLAND, Sept. 8.—Cattle were steady, hogs fifty cents higher, prime light selling for \$11.75 to \$12.25; sheep steady, eggs a cent higher, country bids 28 to 30; selling, case count, 32 to 33; select 33; butter steady.