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WOBBLES GO TO PORTLAND

BUSINESS IS MUCH BETTER IS LAST WORD

Big Banking Institution of New York Sends Out Cheerful Words

TRADE BETTER THAN A YEAR AGO, CLAIMED

Hysterical Prosperity Ran a Long Course Because It was Part of World-Wide Movement.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—Business is better, and there is a growing undertone of confidence which approaches optimism said the National Bank of Commerce here today. Physical evidence is loadings of revenue freight now near their record levels. While part of this is due to gains in loadings of coal, loadings of merchandise and miscellaneous freight are in excess of loadings for the corresponding weeks both of last year and of 1920. There have been considerable increases in the rates of production in most lines of manufacture. Some industries are handicapped by car shortage and others, notably the automobile manufacturers, and makers of tires and an automobile accessories, are experiencing the usual seasonal slackening of demand.

Consider the country as a whole, retail and wholesale trade probably are better than a year ago, but conditions vary a good deal in the different localities. In the eastern states, where the crop is moving rapidly, notable improvement has taken place. Trade is also showing marked activity in the industrial towns and cities of the East and the upper Mississippi Valley, as a result of full employment at rising wages, but there is much doubt as to how good demand will be in those regions where trade is primarily dependent on conditions in the grain-growing and livestock industries.

Thus far, business expansion has been on sound lines. Manufacturers and merchants have placed forward orders cautiously and only after the most careful consideration of probable future demands. There has been no material change during recent months in the ratio between deposits and loans and investments of member banks, and commercial loans show only a very moderate expansion. The same is true of the volume of Federal reserve notes in circulation and even though recent increases in discounts of member banks with the Federal reserve system seems great when measured by the low levels, their total volume on October 4 was only one-fifth of their amount at the nearest corresponding date of 1921.

The critical stage of the recovery from the depression of 1920-21 has now been reached, however, and some tendencies of disturbing character are beginning to appear which among which are the rapid upward movement of prices and of wages. During the ten years from 1903 to 1912, comparative peace prevailed throughout the world, and while temporary depressions were experienced, it is probable that the general level of comfort was higher than at any preceding period. During these ten years the rise in the general price level of the United States as measured by the wholesale price index of the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics was 13 per cent. Despite the general prosperity, and the fact that price increases were fairly uniform for the main groups of commodities, this rise in prices was regarded as so disturbing as to give rise to numerous

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LA GRANDE TO BE MECCA ON ARMISTICE DAY

Enormous Visiting Crowds Will Be Treated to Elaborate Program; Parade Will Be Feature.

To make Armistice Day the biggest day in the year. That is the aim of the Legion posts of Union county who were represented by the County Council which met last evening in Cove. That the aim will be realized is practically certain for, with the County Council, the American Legion posts of North Powder, Union, Cove, Elgin, Imbler and La Grande, the "40 Homme et 8 Chevaliers" society and the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary all working together, it is assured that the celebration will be one that will be remembered throughout the county.

Enthusiastic Preparations.
The meeting last evening found about forty enthusiastic Legionnaires present, eleven of them from La Grande. At the close of a delicious dinner, most fastidious epicure water, as it was described by the local Legionnaires, that was served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Cove post, the business meeting was begun. A report from each committee was heard and progress is being made in a most satisfactory manner. Detailed plans were discussed and reports from the other Legion posts showed that they are going into the plans with a vim that will bring the celebration "Over the top" with a bang.

Program for Day.

The official program for November 11, Armistice Day, anniversary of the day when the Hun threw up their arms and admitted that they couldn't conquer the world—and Uncle Sam in particular, will begin at 11 o'clock in the morning with a mammoth parade.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the local post will serve dinner at the Methodist church at noon for all ex-servicemen of any war that the United States has taken part in. Indian war veterans, those who served in the Spanish war, veterans of the Mexican war and World war veterans will all sit side by side with the Grand Army of the Republic.

Football Doubleheader.

In the afternoon at the fairgrounds two Eastern Oregon inter-scholastic association football games will take place with Union high school playing Imbler high school and La Grande and Baker's teams, ancient rivals on the gridiron, taking the field for the second half of the duo.

Fireworks, of a nature that is rarely seen locally, will illuminate the hillside at 7 o'clock and at 7:30 the festive fans will be treated to a boxing card that is going to be a whizz. At 9 o'clock the final event on the program, dancing will begin at both the Rex and Zuber halls.

Big Crowd Expected.

La Grande is expecting to be crowded with several thousand visitors from both Union and Walla Walla counties on the day of days and will be decked in gala colors for the influx of pleasure seekers. The Legion will ask all business men to decorate their buildings and also the residences close to the business section will be requested to bloom forth. Elaborate decorations, such as appeared during the Duke convention, are not to be in vogue, as the expense of such an undertaking is prohibitory.

LIVE STOCK MARKET

(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, Oct. 24.—Cattle were steady, feeder hogs 50 cents lower, other hogs steady; eggs and butter steady.

WITNESS DOUBLE MURDER

PICKETS ARE ON THE WHITE HOUSE LINES

Protesting Against the War Prisoners Having to Remain in Jail.

ORGANIZATIONS ARE REPRESENTED

The American Civil Liberties Union Recognized as Same Order that Sent Mayor Baker of Portland Protests.

(By the Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Picketing the White House grounds as a protest against continued imprisonment of violators of wartime laws was renewed today by the joint committee representing Maryland's Civil Liberties Union, Pennsylvania Committee for Release of Political Prisoners and the American Civil Liberties Union.

The latter organization is the one which sent a telegram to Mayor Baker of Portland protesting against the wholesale arrests of men in the late I. W. W. drive in that city.

LABOR WILL GO WITHOUT AID

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Oct. 24.—Labor leaders met today and decided not to affiliate with any other party. The manifesto is to be issued in a day or two.

PICKETS ARE ON THE WHITE HOUSE LINES

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Oct. 24.—The name of the woman reputed to have witnessed the double murder of Rev. Hall and Mrs. Mills, choir singer, became known today. She is Mrs. Jane Gibson, a widow, who with her son conducts a sixty acre farm on Hamilton road, in a sparsely settled section several miles from here.

Before harvest time her fields were frequently entered at night and robbed. Shortly before the double murder, she decided to end this thievery and each night she lay in wait nearby with a loaded rifle for pursuit.

On the night of the murder, she was said to have told investigators she was riding down Debrushed Lane through the Phillips farm when she saw in the field the outlines of two men and two women. After hearing some loud talking she heard a pistol shot and one of the men fell. A moment later four more shots were fired and one of the women dropped. A man and woman stood over the slain couple and the name of the man was spoken in horror by the woman. Mrs. Gibson then became frightened and rode home.

MISSING BOY MAY BE HERE

William McLaughlin, High School Boy of Pendleton, Who Left Home, May Be in La Grande.

That Willie McLaughlin, high school boy of Pendleton, who recently ran away from home, may be in La Grande is believed by his mother, Mrs. Annie S. McLeod, who notified the local police of her belief today.

Willie, who is about sixteen years of age, left home Thursday evening and is thought to have stopped at La Grande. From comparisons made by the police with a picture of the boy, it is thought that he has been seen in La Grande. He is five feet seven inches tall, weighs 155 pounds and was wearing a pair of brown corduroy pants and a cap when he left home.

FOR LIMITING NATION ARMS CALL IS MADE

Central American Conference Will Meet in Washington in December

WILL DEAL WITH LAND ARMAMENTS

None of the Countries Considering the Movement Possess a Navy—Possibilities are Visualized.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Wide possibilities affecting the relations between all countries on the American continent may be involved in the Central American conference, called to meet at Washington, December 4th, for the discussion among other things of plans for the limitation of armaments.

In Latin-American circles here the opinion is expressed that this conference might prove a step toward the formation of a plan for an American association.

WILL IGNORE JURY DECISION

(By Associated Press.)
FRESNO, Oct. 24.—District Attorney Bailey announced today that he would ignore the verdict of "justifiable homicide" brought in by the jury in the case of George Harlow, who clubbed his wife to death with the butt end of a shotgun near here.

JUSTICE DAY HAS RESIGNED

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Resignation of William R. Day, associate justice of the Supreme court, tendered his resignation today and it was accepted by the president to become effective November 14th.

PORTLAND MAN BUYS CREAMERY BUSINESS HERE

H. W. Kauffisch of Peerless Butter Co. Takes Over Valley Creamery.

Following his desire to become interested in La Grande, after visiting this section of Oregon some time ago, H. W. Kauffisch, proprietor of Peerless Butter company of Portland and recognized as one of the leading creamery men of the entire northwest, has purchased the Valley creamery which includes the plant, real estate and business of the institution which was owned by the late Ward Emigh of Walla Walla.

Prior to the purchase Mr. Kauffisch made a contract with Jarvis Emigh, the well known veteran creamery man of La Grande, to take entire charge of the property and conduct it under the ownership. Announcement was made today that the plant will be completely remodeled and equipped with the very latest machinery and will be in charge of Jarvis Emigh.

Mr. Emigh expects to be in his new place of business in a few days and will be on the job there, as he has been in his old station, to meet his friends and patrons with the same glad hand. He assures the producer the same service as ever and that he will work for the mutual benefit of all concerned.

"We are going to make a modern plant of the old Valley concern," said Mr. Emigh today, "for you know creamery equipment constantly changes and to get the best one has to keep up with the progression. The great volume of cream now handled by the Peerless company from La Grande will be selected to make a perfect butter for the local trade and we will be in a position to put on the market goods that the local consumers will demand and insist on getting from the dealers."

"Ude Jarvis," as Mr. Emigh is familiarly known, says he expects keen competition in the creamery field but he also says he is pleased to know that the creamery business in La Grande is in good, clean hands so that the competition will be of the highest order. Both creameries will have the old common purpose of driving all outside creamery butter out of La Grande.

HENRY FORD IS OUT OF RACE

(By Associated Press.)
GLOUCESTER, Mass., Oct. 24.—The schooner Henry Ford today withdrew from racing for the International fishing schooner championship. Captain Morrissey declared he had already won two races from the Canadian champion Bluenose which he deemed all that is necessary for possession of the trophy.

THE WEATHER

PORTLAND, Oct. 24.—Tonight and Wednesday, rain, with increasing southerly winds reaching gale force along coast.

Pacific International Will be Well Attended

With the Pacific International Live Stock Show due to open November 4, La Grande and Union county are positive of a big representation. Tom Johnson, Floyd McKennon, Guy V. Delay, Albert Hunter, Andrew Hinkland, the Island City Pig Club stock judging team and many others will be present and, needless to say, many blue ribbons will be brought back to Eastern Oregon when they return.

Mr. Delay, who has a northwest reputation as a Shorthorn breeder, will be represented with some of his finest stock that will go to the Pacific International at the conclusion of a "barnstorming" tour that has taken in many shows and also many prizes.

His string of Shorthorns are at present on their way to the Western Royal Fat Stock Show beginning on October 28th and from there they will jump to Portland. They have been exhibited in the past few weeks at Tacoma, Redmond, Prineville, Spokane, Salem and Lewiston, Idaho, and are many times winners. "Uncle Willy," owned by Mr. Delay's little daughter, will be on exhibition, and is hailed as one of the finest Shorthorn calves in the northwest. Mr. Delay is one of Eastern Oregon's most consistent winners.

ORDER FOR BIG MOVE IS ISSUED

Board of Executives of the Industrial Workers of World Act.

ALL FOOT LOOSE MEMBERS TO GO

Attorney Greene Offers a Compromise Just as the Big Order for March on Portland is Made.

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Oct. 24.—All foot-loose members of the I. W. W. were called upon today in an appeal issued by members of the executive board in a meeting here to go to Portland, Oregon, at once and help win the waterfront strike.

COMPROMISES ASKED

(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, Oct. 24.—Attorney Greene, representing the Industrial Workers of the World, today made a peace offering in municipal court saying "If the city would stop persecution" the I. W. W. would cease its efforts to invade Portland. Judge Ekwal refused to consider the pleas and proceeded to consider thirty-one cases of men arrested Saturday.

INNES RELEASED RE-ARRESTED

(By Associated Press.)
ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 24.—Victor Innes, a former Portland, Oregon, lawyer, suspected of complicity in the unsolved disappearance from San Antonio, Texas, of Miss Beatrice Nelms and Mrs. Eloise Nelms Dennis several years ago, was released from prison today after serving seven years, only to be re-arrested on the charge of using the mails to defraud. Innes served a term on the charge of larceny from trust in connection with funds of the Nelms sisters.

WHAT "NO" CAN DO

In mentioning the retirement of David I. Stoddard from the office of bishop in the L. D. S. church and the election of George Lyman as his successor last night the Observer omitted the word "no" which dealt a very much different meaning to the article than was intended. It read "there will be lessening of efforts" or "the bishop's office," when it should have read "there will be no lessening of the efforts of the bishop's office."

WHEAT DOWN A CENT
PORTLAND, Oct. 24.—Wheat was \$1.66 to \$1.24 today.

Union County Taxes Are Very Gratifying

Although not quite up to the standard set last year, the tax collections this year have been very gratifying, according to the county tax collector, Dexter McIlroy. In comparison with last year's collection, the difference is very slight only being about two per cent more. Delinquencies this year were \$279,805.02, and those collected after that and up to October 5 were \$285,122.98. Since that date about \$5,000 more has been taken in swelling the total collected to about \$492,928.02.

When the tax collection lists were completed October 5, the total percentage of delinquent taxes was then a little better than fourteen percent. Since that time it has been reduced to a fraction less than ten percent and Mr. McIlroy expects the greater share of this to be collected before November 5. At that time all delinquent taxes will bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum and the officials are confident that many will pay up before the five per cent penalty is imposed.

Taxes are steadily coming in every day and the total delinquencies are being reduced considerably each week.

