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OPTIMISM IS WATCHWORD OF AUTO MEN

Happy Spirit Predominates Among Car Dealers In La Grande.

BUSINESS IS GOOD IS PREVAILING COMMENT

Volume of Business is Excelling Shipments; Factories Unable to Keep Up With Sales.

"Optimism" is the watchword along automobile row. A wait to the various dealers reveals a happy spirit pervading all along the line. "Business is good," is the reply to the question of "how are cars moving?" The fact is some of them are obtaining a greater volume of business than they are able to take care of—difficultly in securing enough cars to fill the demand confronts a majority of the dealers. One dealer aptly expressed the condition when he said: "We are working as much energy hammering away at the factory for more cars as we are in selling them."

C. W. Huntington & Son, dealers in the Good Maxwell and Jovett cars, report a vacation delay in receiving the initial shipment of the latter. They report that the excellent performance of the Jovett are already quite well known here and that as a result they are daily receiving inquiries regarding the new car. Latest advice from the factory indicates that a shipment of Jovett will arrive not later than April 15.

Feeling Shortage. W. C. Perkins of the Perkins Motor Co., local Ford dealers, states that his firm is meeting with extra difficulty in filling the increased demand for Ford, and is already feeling the shortage. Perkins said: "To illustrate the situation it is only necessary to state that we placed an order for 25 cars with the Portland branch of the Ford Co., and we have just been advised that we will receive only 11 of the number ordered."

Bert Hamilton, Naah dealer, was a visitor from Baker yesterday. He reports that plans are rapidly maturing for the Auto Show to be held at the auditorium in Baker April 1, 2 and 3. "Indications point to a successful show and a good attendance," said Mr. Hamilton.

Dodges are moving at a rapid rate," said L. C. Smith, the local dealer. "So far we have been able to meet all demands and make prompt deliveries, except on the all-terrain five-passenger models. These are being taken away from us as rapidly as we receive them." A new shipment of Dodges was being unloaded yesterday, among them being one of the new all-terrain models.

Cars Going Fast. A carload of Studebakers was unloaded this week by Milo Goss, who reports that the shipment landed about as long as the proverbial snowflake on a hot summer day. Another shipment is expected to arrive here soon after April 1. An unusual condition reported by Goss is that so far half of his sales have consisted of enclosed cars. Although the enclosed car is rapidly gaining in popularity, Goss is the first dealer to report them selling on an even basis with the open models.

Prompt Deliveries. Up to the present Southard & Shinn, Buick dealers, have been able to make prompt deliveries on all orders. S. O. Voorhies, local manager for Southard & Shinn, said: "In contemplating increased business for the year we bought unusually heavy and this week completed the work of unloading our shipment of 31 Buicks for the trade here and at Baker, and we are now unloading two more carloads." Speaking of the different models Mr. Voorhies said: "Although the standard touring car is leading, the new sport touring six is meeting with a heavy demand, and the new four cylinder sport touring car, which is the latest creation of the Buick factories, is proving decidedly popular."

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Warmer Weather Gives Power, Says Lottridge

"These warm days increase the work on our wheels," remarked J. P. Lottridge, manager of the E. O. L. & F. Co., last evening while he was in the city preparing to leave tonight on a trip to Milwaukee where most of the owners of this company reside. "We have undergone a lot of grief with shortage of water recently," continued Mr. Lottridge, "but it is over now and I want to say to the patrons of this company that we feel very grateful to them for accepting the natural conditions over which no one had control. I am leaving for the east very soon and at the meeting of the stockholders plans will be finished for more power development. We realize the best growing condition of this territory and we are going to meet that development with plenty of electric power for all industries."

Boys' Bodies Found In Box

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., Mar. 31.—Bodies on the bodies of Dickey Jensen and Dean Mecham, found in a packing box last night after being missing nearly a week, caused officers to believe that the boys had been kidnapped. Dean was dead when found and Dickey died shortly afterwards. The box was in a building that was under construction. It closed with a spring catch so difficult to close that officers doubted whether the boys could operate it from the inside of the box. The building had been searched several times for the boys, but the box had been overlooked until last night.

COUNTRY CLUB DIRECTORS MEET

The last regular meeting of the Country Club Directors was held Friday evening. Owing to the fact that many of the members will wish to attend the Shriners dance on Monday evening it was decided to hold the annual meeting at the City Hall instead of at the Club House as planned. The meeting will be called at 7:30. A report of the plans and financial statement will be made and many other details will be brought up. Seven new directors are to be elected and a budget for the coming year adopted. A feature of unusual interest will be explained to the members at the annual meeting. When the land was purchased for the club a portion of it was resold, including the portion across the river from the picnic grounds. The club has just regained title to this land and to having a survey made of the camp grounds which are located on it. A map of the route Hart 145 of Los Angeles, semi-final, six rounds. Barrow, Degeve vs. Charlie Weiss, both of La Grande, welterweights. Four round preliminary, Harry Witt vs. Cleo Clapp. Four round curtain raiser, Kid Duff vs. Frank Hartman. Referee undecided.

It is urged to show up at the fair grounds at two o'clock for the first race. The Pirates look good this time.

Me and Mrs. I. W. Faulk of La Grande, have just returned from a three months' trip in the sunny south, where they have been enjoying the summer-like weather prevalent in California. A very enjoyable trip is reported.

While in the south, they visited in Sacramento, San Francisco, and several other California points, visiting with friends and in general enjoying the beauties of the country and the semi-tropical climate.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Faulk were delighted with California but, upon their return, Mr. Faulk states that the "Grande Ronde valley looks good to me."

Mr. Faulk is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and has always been prominently connected in civic activities in La Grande. That the trip went well with him is evident, as he easily looks twenty years younger than he did three months ago.

HAMPTON WILL SPEAK TUESDAY

The Union County Ad club luncheon will be held Tuesday noon at the R. of P. hall with C. J. Black presiding as chairman of the day. A very interesting program has been prepared with A. C. Hampton, superintendent of the La Grande schools, as chief speaker. He will speak upon the "Platoon System in the Schools," the plan that the school board will try out in the Greenwood grammar school.

In addition to Mr. Hampton's talk, several musical numbers will have a place on the program. The Ad club quartette will sing and the high school saxophone quartette will also have several selections.

me was one of the most interesting among the local independent players played this season and was hit from the first. Hummelt, star pitcher, proved the spectacular player. He caught a ball, the second one this year. The star shortstop, part of the \$3,000 infield, broke all records also in the field, sending it into the air, and then catching it, the latter being ruled out with the understanding that it was a pop fly.

Abbes K. O'd By Leo Stokes at Enterprise

According to telephonic communications from Enterprise today, Leo Stokes, of Walla Walla, Washington, knocked out Battling Abbes, of the fifth round of the main event of a card held there last night. It might be worse. Suppose the twalker weighed as much as a ton truck?

As a general thing, progress waits on the elimination of some vast intentions are good.

Find It Here

Copy for this column must be in by 10:00 a. m.

TONIGHT Olson's 7-piece orchestra at Zuber. Don't fail to hear them. 3-31-1tp

Have you seen Sherry's lineup on page 3. 3-31-1t

HART'S PHOTO STUDIO. High grade portraits, kodak pictures. Professionally finished. Real portraits made from your best kodak negatives. Ask about it. Copying enlarging. Perfectly done. Second floor Palmer-Rosch Bldg., opposite West's store. 3-31-1m

Concrete, while the Security Construction company bid \$138,892 for six miles of dual road the hard surface portion to be constructed of bitulithic or what is known as black-top. This figure when reduced to the bid unit, \$24,726.50 for concrete, and \$28,847.07 for bitulithic or black-top in each case the seven feet of acacia was included.

Case Still in Court. It would hardly have been possible to let the contract for the Island Cove yesterday regardless of the bids for the circuit court now has before it a question of type of construction to be decided before the county court could act finally in the matter.

Following is a tabulated list of the bids on the three roads which were before the county judge and the commissioners for their consideration. (Continued on Page Four)

ARTHUR MILLER DEAD. News was received here today that Arthur E. Miller of La Grande, passed away at the St. Vincent hospital in Portland this morning. The remains will be forwarded to La Grande and will arrive here tomorrow morning on No. 24.

our store. Silverthorn-Wright's Family Drug Store. 3-31-1f

Easter Monday Ball at Rex Hall April 2nd, given by Shriners' Club. 2-29-1f

NOTICE MUSICIANS. Regular meeting of the musicians will be held Sunday, April 1, at Eagles hall. 3-31-1t

Now is the time you need our Violet Cream for chaps on your lips, for roughness of the skin for only 35c a bottle. Only at Silverthorn-Wright's Family Drug Store. 3-31-1f

Have you seen Sherry's lineup on page 3. 3-31-1t

NOTICE. Reliable help furnished on short notice, male or female. Call Main 744. 217 Depot Street, or 283-J. 1617 Fourth street. Kibby & Crouse. 3-10-1m

CHAIN WOOD—Order now. Grande Ronda Lumber Co. 3-12-1f

Salvation Army Easter Tag Day, tomorrow. Help the good work. 3-30-1t

A real Dandruff Eradicator. Something that does remove dandruff in a very short time. It stops the hair from falling out. It relieves itching of the scalp at once. Our Germicide and Dandruff Eradicator at 75c and \$1.50 a bottle at Silverthorn-Wright's Family Drug Store. 3-31-1f

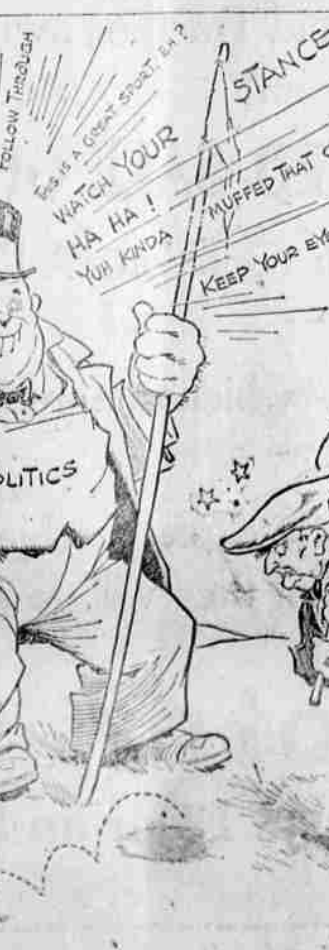
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STAR

French inspectors occupying certain Krupp motor works, whereupon the workers stopped the machinery and went outside to offer opposition. Four machine guns opened fire when the men threatened the troops and deified the officers who ordered them to return to work.

MAY HONOR CURRENCY. SALEM, Mar. 31.—The new fair state board is meeting today. Fred H. Carey, formerly in business with Gov. Pierce at La Grande, is expected to be elected secretary, according to expressions of the board members.

THE UNINVITED GUEST!



EASTER IS TIME OF JOY AND HOPE

With the most ambitious program ever arranged for the churches of the city as a whole, with thousands of men, women and children eager to see their gay regiment, with spring actually here, with motor cars ready to go gayly from garages and speedily over the roads, with a feeling of deep thankfulness in the hearts of the people, Easter will come tomorrow to be welcomed by everybody, celebrated religiously by thousands, appreciated by all.

Where formerly churches considered a few Easter hymns and an Easter service as constituting a "program," the service tomorrow in practically every church will be far more elaborate. There will be cantatas and oratorios, and special sermons, and every church that can afford it has arranged beautiful decorations.

Great Flower Displays. The symbolic bloom of the tragedy of Good Friday is lifted. The joyous days of Lent are past. The glory of the Resurrection is upon every person. Easter is here.

Thousands of persons who have motor cars will forsake the city for the day, as all through the country the cars with their blossoms, the flowers, and life in the city—yes, but in the country beauty and glory.

Life Everywhere. The symbolism of the Resurrection comes very near out there, where the town earth rapidly is being covered with the growth of all kinds, where the dead-looking branches of the trees are just beginning to bud and all where everything in nature tells so significantly that there is no death—it is just a sleeping.

There is a lot of comfort at Easter. One somehow forgets all the gloom about eodics and lens and it how life started and just what it means, and simply remembers that thing really dies, that everything has a purpose and meaning, and that God in the Heaven—gives us well with world.

SUSPECTS ARRESTED. (By Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 31.—Officers who arrested four men last night suspected of the Olympia post office robbery, seizing suit cases containing \$3,000 worth of stamps, today yielded their home in Oakland trying to find more stamps but without success. The men denied knowledge of the Olympia robbery, saying they bought the stamps. The police believe they came here recently from Seattle.

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 31.—F. L. Burekhalter, manager of the Northern Division of the Southern Pacific, testifying at the Interstate commerce commission consolidation hearing, emphasized the necessity of the present Central Pacific-Southern Pacific grouping remaining.

Pacific Coast General Outlook Is Very Good

Army Aviator Breaks World Speed Records: 281.4 Miles Per Hour

(By Associated Press.) DAYTON, O., Mar. 31.—Lieut. Lester J. Maitland, U. S. Army aviator, winner of second place in the Pulitzer cup races last fall, Friday was declared holder of the world's airplane speed record, accomplished Thursday, when he piloted a Curtiss racing plane over a one-kilometer course four times at an average speed of approximately 281.4 miles an hour. Maitland's maximum speed for one trip across the course was 281.4 miles per hour, the fastest any human being has ever traveled, according to officials of the United States Army air service connected with McCook and Wright fields here. He was aided by the wind.

The record made by Maitland exceeds the previous record of 233.6 miles per hour, held by Sadi Lecoq, of France.

FIVE KILLED IN COLLAPSE OF BUILDING

(By Associated Press.) HARTFORD, Conn., Mar. 31.—Five workmen were killed and several injured today when the tower of the Fuller Brush company's building collapsed under the weight of a 50,000 gallon tank filled for the test.

BUSINESS BOOMS BUT IS SPOTTED

Hugh Bodmer Arrives Home From East, Where He Spent Several Months.

Business is booming in the east—in spots—according to Hugh Bodmer, who has just returned from a several months' visit in Chicago, Indiana and New York. Mr. Bodmer says conditions are very peculiar and unlike anything ever before recorded, for business in every locality where such industries as the automobile manufacturing touches is booming. Hotels are crowded, meals are high priced and retail stores can hardly wait on their trade. But it is only a step to some farming community, where conditions are dead and dormant.

Agriculture is in an odd shape in the west and middle states as it is in the east, he says, and the best guessers will not attempt to solve the complex problem of present conditions.

ASSOCIATION MET FRIDAY

The Central Parent-Teachers association met Friday afternoon, March 30, in the high school auditorium with a large attendance.

The association from Riveria and Greenwood were also present as invited guests. The interesting program included songs by the second grade pupils; two health plays by girls and boys of the 6th and 8th grades, under the direction of Miss Whittaker; county health nurse; two selections by the high school saxophone quartette, under the direction of Miss Frederike Schiller; a very interesting paper on "Parental Responsibility" was given by Mrs. Fred Schiller.

A social hour in the domestic science department closed the program.

GARY CLEAN-UP MADE.

(By Associated Press.) INDIANAPOLIS, Mar. 31.—Fifty-five of 62 residents of Gary and Lake counties, Indiana, tried on the charge of conspiracy to violate the Volstead act, were found guilty by the jury in the federal court here today. Among the prominent defendants found guilty were Roosevelt O. Johnson, mayor of Gary, William H. Olds, sheriff of Lake county, William M. Dunn, judge of the Gary city court, and Eliaz Lucas Gary attorney.

COAL INSUFFICIENT.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Mar. 31.—General Coalfields, whose office of fuel administrator expires tonight, declared today that the people had been frozen out, gouged by extortionate prices and have suffered from "unequal division of fuel supplies because there was not enough courage in official Washington to dictate to the Pennsylvania coal barons.

MOUNTAIN LAKE, Fla., Mar. 31.—Roger W. Babson is resting here having just completed his long trip of inspection throughout the different sections of the United States. He leaves here next week for his home in Wellesley Hills, Mass. This morning he issued the following statement regarding the business prospects of the Pacific coast. He added—however—that he was unfortunately unable to visit the coast on this trip and this statement is based upon statistical data and reports from his correspondents.

"The Pacific Northwest," says Mr. Babson, "is looking forward to better business. Prospects are encouraging for lumber, fishing, shipping, and agriculture. Practically all of the large sawmills of Washington and Oregon are now operating, and production is above normal. A number of mills are even operating two or three eight-hour shifts. Orders for lumber are averaging larger than production in spite of strengthening prices. Many mills have sufficient business on their books to keep them running at capacity for some months. On the whole the lumber outlook is good for sometime. Of course, the building boom is largely responsible for this active demand. Later, there may be a let-up, but I look for active residential building throughout the greater part of 1923.

"Salmon canning has a fairly good outlook. Plans have been made for a substantial increase in the pack this year. The employment of more men, and the purchases from ship chandlers, can-making plants, machinery houses, and food and clothing establishments, will continue to contribute towards better business. From an agricultural standpoint, Washington and Oregon are in a better position than most states.

"Crop diversification is an outstanding factor. Moreover, the crop yield each year is exceptionally heavy. Apples, hops, berries and small fruits all bring wealth to the grower. Under these conditions, the farmer of the Pacific Northwest enters the new crop year in a strong position. This year's crops cannot be fully forecast, but wheat came through the winter in excellent shape and the canneries appear to have contracted for a large amount of berries and small fruit.

Lumber Production High. "With lumber production at high levels, with more active canner operations than a year ago, with considerable real estate activity, sheep, and farming country, and with an increase in shipping trade, the Pacific Northwest is headed towards a gratifying increase in business. Uniform and complete prosperity cannot be expected for some time and there will be intermediate reactions. The outlook is relatively good, however, and advertising and selling campaigns in this section should produce generously. The prosperous Wenatchee Valley is most attractive; but Seattle, Tacoma, Portland and other Washington and Oregon cities also merit attention.

"Regarding California," Mr. Babson says, "the northern part of California has been settling down with the rest of the country. Lumbering, mining, stockraising, wool growing, canning and other lines, have been quite thoroughly liquidated. San Francisco and the Bay region have been dull for over a year. For this part of the state a steady but steady improvement is in prospect. Southern California, on the other hand, did not reach the peak of the present cycle until the latter part of 1921. It will doubtless escape the critical phases of the depression; nevertheless, it may not have completed its period of readjustment.

"Many factors suggest this outlook for Southern California. I see nothing in any of these factors, however, to occasion alarm. The great diversity of crops and industries upon which California depends and the efficient marketing characteristic of the state should tend to prevent any serious depression. I emphasize the probability of further moderate liquidation, as I know from my correspondence that many look for uninterrupted expansion. For the long pull, California is unquestionably sound; but during 1923, business may mark time. Southern California should be included in all sales campaigns, but as the years progress both depression and readjustment should proceed carefully. "In explaining the reason for this," Mr. Babson continued; "if you picture the country as a plaid lake and imagine that somebody drops a rock into New York, you will get a vivid idea of how an economic movement begins and develops. The ripple of depression and prosperity spread to the North, the West and the South. Take the recent depression, for example. It started in the Northeast, with a decline in the stock-market and a slowing down of New England factories. The ripple came to the agricultural West and South. Canada held up for some time after depression appeared in the states. The Pacific coast was among the last areas to be affected. Improvement is going to follow much the same course.

Northwest Form True. "The northern parts of the Pacific coast district is running true to economic form. There was a distinct decline in Washington, Oregon, and northern California. Moreover, this decline did not develop until some time after the onslaught of the depression in the Northeast. All this was entirely typical and easily forecast. In the southern section of

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