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LET HARMONY REIGN.

Malheur County is on the eve of a new era of prosperity. Every indication is for better times. While other sections of the state are retrenching and are crying "panic" and "hard times," this county has been steadily at work with its problems of advancement, and the result is inevitable. In the past two weeks many things have transpired to indicate this section of the county is coming into its own. With the visit of the Western Pacific officials and eastern financiers, comes the promise of a new railroad for the county. A railroad that will cross through the county from north to south, the long way, and will give a greater section of the county railroad transportation, than any road has yet accomplished. Malheur county is about 200 miles long, north and south and only about 75 miles wide. Thus, with a railroad traversing it the entire length, the entire county will be afforded very good railroad transportation.

The decision last week whereby eastern railroads are allowed an advanced freight rate, will have a direct bearing upon this proposed road of Eastern Oregon. For when railroad men and capitalists are shown there is a tendency of the government to aid instead of hinder them, there will be much greater activity in railroad circles. The decision makes stocks more valuable, the railroads greater earning power, and whether or not the decision was just, there will naturally follow a tendency to extend and build new roads.

The Vale oil fields are coming in for

their share of recognition and reports from the county seat bear the news that there is promised activity for that industry, in the very near future.

Irrigation projects in different sections of the county are looking up, and there is a decided optimistic atmosphere throughout Malheur county.

And now is the time for organized concerted action by all the people of all the county. A great get-together tendency should prevail. If results can be accomplished by different sections of the county working independently, then what greater results could be accomplished if the entire county would work as a unit. The several towns of the county already boast good live Commercial clubs. It should be possible for these clubs to work together for the general welfare of the county.

Let harmony reign, and let us all pull together. Remember that Malheur county with its 6,325,120 acres is big enough to support a dozen good towns, and there is no danger of any of us being wiped out. And in building up the county, what helps one town helps the county at large. Let us all pull together, harmoniously, for the welfare of the county at large, and this county is assured of being the most envied of any section in the great Northwest.

Agriculturist Here.

Ralph D. Hetzel, head of the department of extension work of the Oregon Agricultural College, registered at the Moore Hotel Monday. He left for Vale Tuesday morning to talk with the County Court concerning the extension work here. Monday afternoon he visited Nyssa, in company with Mr. Shinn to look over the proposed demonstration farm.

Prof. Hetzel states that the extension work of the college has become a great factor in the college activities. There are now thirty-nine persons engaged exclusively in this work and capable agriculturists are still in demand. The importance of this work is very evident when we look at the still undeveloped resources of the county and state.

Mrs. Lillian Minard of Westfall visited Ontario this week.

Rural Credit System

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"From 20 to 40 years ago the best agricultural bone and muscle of Europe came to this country by hundreds of thousands. There were two reasons for this great immigration. One was to take the advantage of our cheap agricultural lands and the other was from the reason that farming in Europe was languishing for the want of care and consideration from the government or ruling classes. This exodus of the toilers of the farms of Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, England, Ireland and Scotland caused the ruling classes and the business men of these countries to wake up to a realization that something must be done to make farming more attractive and profitable. As a result the most of our foreign countries have introduced many features as a part of their government in aiding and encouraging the farmer. In many of the foreign countries the packing plants, creameries, cheese factories and cold storage plants are built by the government or the money is loaned by the government to erect them. Experts are furnished by the government to get them started and into successful operation, and in most instances money is loaned to them at a very low rate of interest to carry their perishable products in cold storage until the market has reached a living price. The government aided creamery and cold storage is coming to be quite common in Canada, especially in the provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. The policy of the Canadian government seems to be that the shortest route to general prosperity is by first making the farmers prosperous.

"One more idea along this line is the farm credit system that prevails in most of our European countries as you know all of the well to do countries of Europe have farm credit associations that are legalized by the government and encouraged by the bankers and business men in general. There has been a movement on foot of this character in this country for some time without material results. President Taft recommended its consideration in his last message and President Wilson has recommended that farm credits be encouraged in this country, but it seems for some cause or other that little progress has been made. Several bills have been introduced in congress but it seems impossible to get them out of the committees in which they have been assigned for consideration. If something of this character is not provided for our farmers there is going to be a great deal of dissatisfaction among them and a disgruntled feeling toward our country and much fault finding will be heard. I believe there is no class of people that can do more to help along with farm credits than the bankers themselves as their influence is far reaching, and their advice is usually considered by all legislative bodies. Farm credits cannot injure the bankers as the short time business loans in which he deals almost exclusively will always command a high rate of interest and the extra money that would be brought into the farming community by the low interest rates will materially increase the deposits of the county banks. The question of rural credits should not only be worked out to insure greater prosperity to everyone not only as a business proposition but there is a sentiment in this matter that we should not overlook. It is not only to the country's material welfare to have the farmer prosperous and satisfied but very essential to the safety and well being of the government. If there is anything that will make an anarchist out of a farmer it is for him to learn that some mortgage company is borrowing money at 5 per cent and loaning it to him for 8 per cent, or that his brother farmer in Europe is borrowing money at 4 per cent while he must pay 8 per cent in America."

IMPORTANT EVENTS

1914-15 AT

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

WINTER SHORT COURSE—JAN. 4-30

Agriculture, including Agronomy, Animal Husbandry, Dairying, Horticulture, Poultry Husbandry, Insects, Plant and Animal Diseases, Creamery Management, Marketing, etc. Home Economics, including Cooking, Dressmaking and Millinery. Commerce, including Business Management, Rural Economics, Business Law, Office Training, Farm Accounting, etc. Engineering, including Shopwork and Roadbuilding.

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W. N. BROWN, Pastor.

CATHOLIC CHURCH
Mass at 8 A M on 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. On all other Sundays at 10 A M.
H. A. Campo, Rector

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Fruitgrowers Meeting

The Ontario branch of the Oregon-Idaho Fruitgrowers Association held a director's meeting last week. Only something like one-half of the apples have been sold up to this time, yet the directors voted to pay for the boxes and twenty cents per box on the apples. This covers the cost of packing and a little besides which will go towards paying for the cost of raising. This shows the value of co-operation, since the independent growers up to this time have not had much success in disposing of their crop.

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