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PROSPERITY—WHAT IS IT?

What is prosperity? Is it not, in the modern conception, to have sufficient to supply the present needs, and a surplus for the rainy day; to make enough from each day's labor to care for one's family, and provide a little balance?

In other words is not prosperity a combination of plain old-fashioned industry and thrift combined?

How can a country or a section of a country secure prosperity? Not by any magic token, not by any act of congress or the state legislature, not by the fiat of any individual or set of individuals, but by the earnest, persistent, consistent work of all.

We here in the Snake river valley, a region truly blest with wonderful possibilities, rich in all the natural elements for a prosperous people have had prosperity. Generally speaking the people here, over a period of years, have enjoyed their share of life's blessings.

There is no denying that conditions are not the best now. There is a reason. This country has in the past built its material wealth upon one line of endeavor, the stock business. That business has, in its cycle reached a low ebb, and with it has gone the foundation upon which the prosperity of all the allied industries is based.

In this situation then, the country finds itself: Everywhere there is an abundance of hay and grain, and no market, stockmen cannot afford, with the present prices they receive to buy the rancher's hay at a price at which the hay man can afford to sell. The hay cannot be shipped out for the freight rates and other charges if added to a fair price for the hay in the field make the price to the consumer so high that he cannot buy.

Logically there is then but one thing to do. That is to secure other markets for this natural product of

this region, for no matter what we may think about the hay business this is a natural hay country. It is especially adapted to the successful raising of that product, and always will be.

If we cannot send the hay out to market, we can bring the market to the hay, in the form of dairy cows. To go into the dairy business to secure prosperity means the application of industry and thrift. It is a business that takes more time, more effort and more capital than the raising of hay, but it pays. The situation in every dairy section at the present time proves this to be so. It is not a matter of theory. It is a proven fact. But how is dairy business to be established in this section? That is the question to which the people of this region must address themselves. Apparently it is the only hope.

THE SMALL FARM

On a ten acre tract at the edge of Ontario there lives a man and wife who, the Argus is reliably informed, made, over and above their living expenses, \$600 during the past year. They did this in spite of the fact that they paid a high water tax, and high taxes for their land is close to the city and carries a high valuation.

A rancher who has nearly 1,000 acres in the upper valley, under irrigation, highly developed too, as a stock ranch, recently told the Argus that he had lost over \$3,000 this year.

Why this difference in results? The answer is simple. The one rancher handled his little ranch by himself. He had a little fruit, some vegetables, a number of hens producing eggs, and a few cows. The combination, under his care brought in money every month in the year. The hens and cows paid the running expenses of the farm and supported the family, while the fruit crop netted the cash profit for the season.

The big farm proved too much for one man, of course. He raised alfalfa only, and fed it to stock. The stock fell in price, but the cost of water, the wages to his men did not shrink in proportion to his income. The result is a year's lost effort for that rancher, and an actual cash loss besides.

The experience of these two men could be duplicated many times in this valley. The experience of the first furnishes the way out of the

business stagnation of this section, and points to the highroad of permanent prosperity.

CHINA AND THE CONFERENCE

In reality the nation most concerned in the results of the limited armament and Pacific problems conference which is to open in Washington on November 11 is China, and in reality China will not be represented in that gathering.

At present there are two, or perhaps it would be better to say, three governments in China. The de facto government at Peking, which has been recognized by the powers of the world, and which is operated with funds secured from Japan and under the dictation of Japan; and the Republic of China whose capital is Canton and whose President is Dr. Sun Yat-sen the man who led the successful revolt against the old Manchu dynasty. The allegiance of the majority of the 400,000,000 Chinese is given to this South China Republic, but this government has not been invited to send delegates to Washington.

The truth of this condition is depicted by the venerable Wu Tingfang who declined an invitation to be a member of the Chinese delegation and set forth clearly the injustice of deciding Chinese questions without consulting the real representatives of the Chinese people.

Americans should be intensely interested in the results of the conference, especially those of us who live on the Pacific coast. If wars are to cease, if armaments are to be limited, the problems of the Pacific must be solved. China must be taken from under the dominion of Japan, and a real return to the "Open Door" policy proclaimed by John Hay and maintained by Roosevelt must be secured.

THE IMPENDING STRIKE

Although the Union Pacific and Oregon Short Line are not listed among the first railroads to be affected by the strike which is scheduled for October 30, none the less the danger is eminent for this section.

It is unfortunate that, at this time, the men and the management of the railroads, cannot adjust their differences.

For each of them the strike spells trouble, loss and possible destruction of property. But worst of all

it spells danger for the public.

And yet the public has nothing to say in the preliminaries to this strike. But it will have something to say in the outcome. The men and the management both know that the public has the larger interest at stake, and the public is in no temper to be trifled with.

Regardless of arguments that either side may present the public knows that there is today in this country millions of dollars worth of produce that is needed in some sections for which the consumer would pay a reasonable price, while that same produce rots on the farms and ranches because the high freight rates preclude the possibility of shipment. Whether it is that the management of the railroads is arbitrary in keeping up the rates, or must keep them up to pay the wage scale in effect, the public is uncertain. It does know, however, that the railroad men are, to a degree at least, prospering, while the ranchers are going broke. Rightly or wrongly, the public believes the railroad men the highest paid workers in the land. The public knows, too, that the government had to take a half billion from the national treasury to reimburse the railroads for losses sustained under government operation. Therefore they want no more government operations. They do want lower rates, and they see in the wage scale reduction the way to secure that result.

This may be false reasoning, but it represents about what the public thinks. And what the public thinks is what will count if a strike is called.

MALHEUR COUNTY REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS RECORDED

OCT. 8 TO OCT. 15

Milton R. Tregaskis to Jean Tregaskis, S 1/2 NW 1/4, NW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 5; NE 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 7-31-46. Oct. 6, 1921. \$100.00.

Marie Pinney to C. R. Emlson, Trustee, E 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 1-19-46; S W 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 6-19-47. Sept. 9, 1919. \$10.00.

U. S. A. to Charles T. Follett, Lot 1, NE 1/4 NW 1/4, W 1/2 NE 1/4, SE 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 18; SW 1/4 NW 1/4, N 1/2 S W 1/4 Sec. 17-13-40. June 29, 1920.

U. S. A. to Frances C. Glover, N 1/2 NW 1/4, Sec. 20; S 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 17-28-45. June 22, 1914.

Frances C. Drescoll et vir to Hugh H. Scott, N 1/2 NW 1/4 Sec. 20; S 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 17-28-45. Sept. 22,



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Ralph W. Pope et ux to Fred G. Lackey, S 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 11; SW 1/4 SE 1/4, S 1/2 SW 1/4 Sec. 12; N 1/2 NE 1/4, SE 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 14-14-39. Oct. 12, 1921. \$1,000.00.
Fred G. Lackey et ux to Belle H. Simmons, NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 23-18-45. Aug. 17, 1921. \$2,300.00.
Corra K. Edwards to William F. Kirwin, Lots 3, 4, 5, SE 1/4 NW 1/4, NE 1/4 SW 1/4, S 1/2 NW 1/4 NE 1/4, and part of Lot 6, Sec. 6-19-44. April 22, 1920. \$10.00.
Mrs. M. Hughes to H. E. Shove, Lot 4, Sec. 3-19-44. Aug. 27, 1921. \$10.00.
Thomas Sheridan Johnson et ux to S. A. Moore, Lots 3 and 4, in Block 277, Ontario. Oct. 13, 1921. \$10.00.
M. L. Robinson to H. C. Jensen, Lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17, Block 106, Ontario. Oct. 12, 1921. \$520.00.
U. S. A. to Blanche Becker, S 1/4 N 1/4 Sec. 8-19-39. Aug. 26, 1921.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED

Harvey Otis and Florence N. Kingman. Oct. 10, 1921.
Ted M. Hon and Irene Edwards. Oct. 11, 1921.

COMPLAINTS FILED IN CIRCUIT COURT

Ulces S. Yost vs. Theron R. Beers, Oct. 8, 1921. Recovery on Note. \$752.70.

Geneva A. Dibble vs. Joe V. Dibble, Oct. 10, 1921. Divorce.

James Morfit vs. F. C. Oxman Jr., et al. Oct. 12, 1921. Recovery on Note. \$700.00.

Pacific Live Stock Co. vs Harper

Irrigation District. Oct. 14, 1921. Appeal from County Court.
S. Giltson vs. State Water Board. Oct. 15, 1921. Exceptions to Decree of Board.

COMPLAINTS FILED IN COUNTY COURT

G. F. Wildhaber vs. A. B. Cox. Oct. 16, 1921. Recovery on Note. \$253.40.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Corner of Ida. Ave. & 2nd St. S. W. (D. J. Gillanders, Pastor)
Sunday School, 10.00 A. M.
Preaching, 11:00 A. M. Subject: "Why the Name?"
Christian Endeavor, 6:30 P. M., Preaching, 7:30 P. M. Subject: "A Leaders Invitation."

White School House

Sunday School, 2:30 P. M.
Preaching, 3:30 P. M.
Brother, Sister—If next Sunday is to be your last on Earth, where will you be? It will be the last for some, you may be one.

DAIRY UNIT AUTHORIZED AT UNION BRANCH STATION

Establishment of a dairy unit at the Eastern Oregon Experiment station, Union, has been authorized by the board of regents. A herd will be purchased and suitable buildings erected. Sufficient funds are on hand in the treasury of the branch station.

Action taken followed an inspection of the Union Branch station by a committee of the board of regents, together with James T. Jardine, Oregon Agricultural station director. The committee was much impressed with the possibilities of dairying in Eastern Oregon.



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DRESSING TABLES

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- Ivory, scarred 30.00
- White Enamel and Rose Bud Finish 30.00

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- Quartered Oak, 44 inch 38.00
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