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THINGS AS THEY LOOK NOW

Now that election is over and it is an assured fact that the grand old flag has been called upon to float over a nation ruled by conservative and deep-thinking leaders, it is reasonable to conclude that an immediate effect will be felt, and that instead of inactivity, doubt and general unrest, there will be started a period of activity, assurance and universal prosperity, such as the country has not experienced since the civil war.

This seems perhaps to be an over-drawn picture, and with conclusions unwarranted, but if the people will stop to look the present conditions fairly in the face, they will readily see where the opening assertion is tame, indeed. Our belief in the betterment of conditions in all lines is not prompted by any foolish idea of the superiority of the leaders just elected, but by the peculiarly significant conditions which go to make for prosperity. The new leaders will take up the reins under the most favorable conditions imaginable.

The past four years have been fraught with trials so grave that but little, if anything at all, could be done to further or better financial conditions, and for many months the awful strain rendered it almost impossible to do other than barely exist, and it is a very ungrateful person, indeed, who will not come out in the open and say that those in power the past term did everything possible to maintain the dignity and position of our country at a time when the eyes of the world were upon us and the entire civilized world were crying at our door for food and protection, and for strength to save them from destruction. These men did nobly, and while a great many mistakes were made and costly delays occurred, still we are fair-minded enough to believe that conditions were met in every instance which gave to all the world the feeling that Uncle Sam was still on the job, even though he did appear to be considerable of a dollar chaser.

President Wilson and his associates in power deserve great praise for the way in which they met conditions, and it is fitting that their names go down in history as wonderful leaders.

Now that all of this awful strain has ceased, the incoming leaders will have a clear field, with nothing but the best conditions to work under, and, as has always before been the case, the money power of the land seems to be ready and willing to jump in and turn its money loose under the good old republican rule.

So from now on we can look forward to an era of renewed activity in all lines, new railroads, and better traffic conditions, new steamship lines, new and better trading relations, with all other countries, increased manufacturing operations, wonderful road and building programs, money for the improvement of the ranches of the country, and the lowering of prices to their former level. These are but a partial list of the good things which are sure to result from the new order of things in a national way.

Conditions locally will of necessity improve as the pulse of the nation quickens, and Prineville and her big irrigation project will rapidly come

into her own with a big influx of good people looking for homes.

For the benefit of those who do not know of our project and this section of the country, we will give a few facts and figures which have been compiled by careful investigation, and are all to be relied upon:

The Ochoco Irrigated Farms are situated on the Ochoco project, all less than eight miles from Prineville, in the geographical center of Oregon.

This land was placed under irrigation by the creation of an irrigation district, under the state laws, in 1917, and received a fifty percent supply of water for the first time in 1920.

The canal system and storage reservoir has been entirely completed since the irrigation season opened in 1920, and in 1921 will for the first time have all the water necessary for the thorough irrigation of these lands.

A part of the lands have been under irrigation for a number of years and alfalfa and other profitable crops have been produced on parts of the district for many years.

The lower lands in the project are underlaid with artesian water, more than a dozen strong wells, none over 265 feet deep, being scattered along the bottoms.

The lands are practically all suitable for irrigation, and while rolling in some instances, have no rock and no hardpans, but have a soil and gravel covering at least to the depth of the artesian wells, or 265 feet, all of which appears to be of washed formation.

Rural mail delivery six days per week touches many of the tracts, telephone lines owned by the farmers are available for everyone. Two electric power lines pass through the center of the district, and the City of Prineville Railway passes through the project, with two sidings on the lands for the benefit of the farmers.

Six daily trains, with an occasional extra freight, have been running over this road for the past year and a half, carrying a heavy traffic to the connection with the Oregon Trunk at Prineville Junction.

The altitude is 2865 feet at Prineville, and is not more than 2900 at any point under the system.

Sunshine for about 325 days per year is the rule, and the temperature rarely gets below zero in winter and above 100 above in summer, although the district is subject to the same unusual extremes as all other parts of the world, as 34 degrees below zero, recorded in 1919, during December, clearly proves.

The project, which comprises 21,987.7 acres, is being watered by impounding the flow of Ochoco river five miles east of Prineville, the dam having a capacity of 47,000 acre feet, to which should be added the flow of McKay, Johnson and Lytle Creeks, and the excess flow of Ochoco, during the busy part of the irrigation season, which will flow into the dam while it is being drawn out.

Fillings under the state laws provide title to all the above mentioned waters.

Area water surface at elevation of crest of dam, about 1180 acres.

Length of reservoir, 3.38 miles.

Average width of reservoir, one-half mile.

Length of shore line, 10 miles.

Storage capacity, 47,000 acre feet.

Ochoco Dam

Maximum height above river bed, 125 feet.

Volume, about 506,000 cubic yards.

Length along crest 1000 feet.

Width on top, 20 feet.

Thickness at base, up and down stream, 600 feet.

Spillway capacity, 10,000 cubic feet per second, normal; 20,000 cubic feet per second, extreme emergency.

Greatest recorded flow of Ochoco

Creek, 1950 cubic feet per second.

The canal system, dam, water rights and all property included in the system are property of the land owners under the project, and were built and paid for by the issuance of \$1,350,000 six per cent bonds, some of which have been issued for three years with a maturity date of twenty years.

Interest on these bonds is paid by direct taxation, which also provides a sinking fund, which under no circumstances should make a greater tax payment than \$5 per acre annually, for the period mentioned, after which the land owners will own without debt, the entire system.

Control of the district and its affairs is provided by the election of a board of three directors who have absolute charge of the district's affairs.

The cost of the water is but a crop insurance and can in no way be considered an expense.

With an irrigation proposition, such as above outlined, lying at our very door, and with all other things stabilized by the new order of things, there is not a particle of question as to the wonderful future which is before us here at home, and we look for a wonderfully increased population of this especially favored section from now on.

PRINEVILLE'S FUTURE

A man in high authority in the building of states and cities said a week ago that the location, resources and general conditions in and about Prineville should make this the leading industrial and business center of Interior Oregon, with a population of 10,000 people in the next five years. And this after consulting the records of resources to considerable length.

The resources have always been here, but conditions recently are becoming such that they can be made to function for the good of the community.

A great amount of speed can be added to these bigger and better things by the people of the county and the town, and they should do their part in preparing for the larger things, which are coming here.

NOW ALL TOGETHER

A decided trend to get together in true American style, and forget the strife and unsettled conditions that have ruled for the past months is noticeable.

Improved trade and financial conditions are already obvious to those in position to know best, and the spirit to forget quickly and get to business seems to prevail.

The business of this nation, and this community was never so great and we must all get busy and stay busy at the task of attending to the business at hand.

ARMISTICE DAY—TODAY

Today is the second anniversary of the signing of the Armistice, that agreement by which a truce was declared and a stop put to actual fighting in the world war just over.

Just ask any ex-service man what the word "armistice" means to him if you have any doubt of the meaning of the word.

Today, November 11, for the second time in the history of the United States, will be observed in a manner most befitting to the occasion.

It is a day most dear and wonderful to ex-service men, "dough boys, leathernecks and gobs". It is the one day of the year when these men come into their own again, and when they are privileged to be hosts to the countryside. It is a day when the "boys" have an opportunity of renewing acquaintances with their "buddies".

Crook County Post No. 29, American Legion, will have charge of today's observance of Armistice Day, and will endeavor to bring back the

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old care-free days when Billy was a top kick and John was a buck in the rear ranks.

Out of respect for the memory of the dead comrades lying "somewhere in France", if for no other, every person in Crook county should turn out today to help celebrate and observe this day.


Before many years November 11, Armistice Day, will have been de-

clared by law a national holiday and it is entirely fitting that it should. But in the meantime, turn out and help make this celebration a success.

"The Thoughts of Youth."
Little Dolores was quietly eating her lunch one day when all of a sudden she said: "Mother, if I died now, would I get to heaving in time for dinner?"

After Rain in the Desert.
After a rain in the deserts of the southern part of the United States there is a scent in the air which is very much like spices. This odor comes from the greasewood bush, which grows in great quantities all over the dry lands at certain altitudes. This shrub is dark green, and when its leaves are desiccated by the sun, they send out into the air this very agreeable perfume, which makes rain in the desert even more pleasant.

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