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A PECULIAR YEAR.

It is a current saying that panics or business depression like that of the past summer, are of periodical occurrence and must be expected. To a certain extent this is undoubtedly true, since continued prosperity in business tends to foster a speculative era which expands the credit of the individual beyond that which his means will maintain, and the day of settlement coming finds him unprepared to liquidate and failure follows.

When the mercantile agencies come to write up the results of business failures for 1905, some curious facts will be developed. For the first nine months of the year, according to one of these authorities, there were 11,174 failures in the United States, representing \$334,087,768 in liabilities and \$225,758,881 in assets. It will be noticed that the assets were 70 per cent of the liabilities. We look in vain for a duplicate of this condition of things in the past ten or twenty years. Not only is the number of failures and the amount involved unusually large, but the proportion of assets to liabilities is unprecedented. Usually the ratio is about 50 per cent. In the first nine months of each of the past twelve years, the ratio of assets to liabilities has varied from 45 to 55 per cent. Four times in this interval it was 48 to 49 per cent. Only once, apart from the current year, was it as high as 55 per cent. In all the other years it was from 51 to 53 per cent.

The high average of 70 per cent for the current year is due to the fact that many of the failures were without good cause. The business was sound, the assets were equal to the liabilities, and sometimes much greater, but there was difficulty of obtaining ready money as needed at the moment. This was not because of any shrinkage in the volume of money in the country, but rather because it was temporarily withdrawn from its accustomed channels of circulation, through a want of confidence in the stability of commercial values.

Good roads are an essential factor in the development of a country, and no section of Oregon can hope for the full development of its resources and the benefits arising therefrom which refuses to make the roads good at all seasons of the year. Poor roads and highly developed farms with all the improvements incident thereto are incompatible. Beaverton has had a practical illustration of this during the past season which has convinced many men who formerly opposed improvement of the roads that it was the best and in fact the only thing to do. The Hillsboro Independent says: Last spring the road from Beaverton to Portland became so muddy that the people were aroused to action. Their energy was such that in the vicinity of Beaverton and the Multnomah line \$3000 was raised, which was matched by \$1000 appropriated by the county. With this fund a rock crusher was purchased, and the three miles of road built. This fall it is formed down hard and smooth and the travel over it is immense. The effect: The railroad tariff from Beaverton to Portland has been reduced to \$1 per ton, whereas last year the rate was \$2. The people of Beaverton will save the price of the road in one year. One firm that ships about 250 tons per year, this season saves \$250. Yet for the road they contributed nothing on the ground that no benefit would come to them.

HAWAIIAN ANNEXATION.

A Subscriber's Views Upon this Interesting Topic—Penneyer Nominated for Governor. To THE EDITOR:—As a native of Oregon and a loyal American I wish to offer a few ideas of my own on the subject of the annexation of the Hawaiian islands. Oregon was rather backward about coming forward and making a display appropriate to her greatness at the world's fair; now let her use whatever influence she possesses in favor of annexation and do something for her country in this Columbian year of grace.

There are some who contend that the islands are at too great a distance from the United States for annexation, but a cable will be laid to them in a few years whether annexed or not, and with a line of swift steamers owned by Americans plying between San Francisco and Honolulu they will, to all practical purposes, be nearer the seat of government and the home market, and far more accessible, than was the Pacific coast when the stars and stripes first waved over their fair valleys and wooded hills.

Again, there are those who say that it is unconstitutional to acquire territory not contiguous to the United States, but surely the purchase of Alaska is precedent for such a step. Not only is Alaska not contiguous but she is separated from us by miles of foreign territory through which there is as yet no land route, and as long as our only means of reaching her is by water I cannot see what advantage she possesses over an island.

Of course if the islands do not care to be annexed I would be the last one to urge annexation. All that I say is said with the proviso that they, the majority at least, are willing and ready to cast off the shackles of monarchical institutions and wear the badge of freedom.

During the transition period from Sandwichean to Americanization, while our government was assuming control and getting things into running order it would perhaps be difficult to find a man who would accept the position of territorial governor because there will be several delicate questions to settle. There are the Chinese to be run out of the country. There is the contract labor system to be dealt with. There are the natives to be placed on reservations or otherwise exterminated; and, there is the Royal Family to contend with. It might be headed or poisoned off, or as a last resort it might be pensioned when Cleveland goes out of office.

To attempt to rule over a country distracted by these various questions would be quite trying, particularly to a governor who was in the habit of relying on the president or the United States army in time of trouble. But all governments are not. There is Penneyer, for instance. Send him out there with a few cannon, and no foreign power—to say nothing of his own subjects—could gain possession of them. And if Cleveland could be induced to give him (Penneyer) the appointment he would remove a rival candidate from the next presidential campaign and at the same time heap coals of fire on the head of his disrespectful subordinate.

Then, too, Penneyer would be in no danger of having to go two or three hundred miles to the state line to meet the president or vice president, and the nation would not criticize him if he proclaimed Thanksgiving a little earlier each year until—to paraphrase Shakespeare—"The Fourth of July baked meats would coldly furnish forth the thanksgiving feast."

Let Oregon come to the front! Let her imitate the generosity of Mark Twain, who devoted all of his wife's poor relations to the cause of Freedom during the late war, and if need be offer up her governor for the public good.

Stafford Scraps. STAFFORD, Nov. 14.—The ground is drying fast and people are taking the opportunity to dig their potatoes. A. H. Gage went to Portland Monday after his household goods which had been sent down from Eastern Oregon. Mrs. M. Branch and Mrs. W. Moses, of Portland, were guests at the post office, Sunday. The literary society is growing, there being eighty-eight persons present at the last meeting. The debate, "Resolved that the art of man is more attractive to the human eye than nature," was won by the negative. We Us.

MILWAUKEE.

Prominent Visitors Sundry Social and Building Notes—The Twain One. MILWAUKEE, Nov. 14.—Governor Sylvester Penneyer made a flying trip to Milwaukee last Saturday to look at a tract of land east of here. Senator Hays and Judge Meldrum, of Oregon City, honored us with a visit last week. C. P. Jones, of Kenton, Ohio, and C. T. Jones, of Dunkirk, Ohio, relatives of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. McLaughlin, left for their homes Monday night after a two week's visit. They were delighted with Oregon and its fruit product. They returned with happy remembrance of Oregon and its abundant resources and beautiful scenery.

Rev. C. G. Kaatz left Tuesday for Happy Valley, east of Mt. Scott, where he will conduct religious meetings for about two weeks. Mrs. Geo. Fuchs and Miss Bettie Fouts, of Oregon City, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Bonnett last week. Seth Lewelling & Co. had two barrels of sweet cider stolen from their store house last week.

The painters are busy priming the new school building. The plumbing and tinning is about completed. J. Wetzel will start plastering Thursday or Friday. Gottlieb Keller, motorman on the electric car Janet, and Miss Lena Botenmiller were united in marriage at the bride's home last Thursday, by the Rev. Prising. The nearest friends and relatives were in attendance. They received many nice presents and immediately repaired to their future home. They will for the present reside in part of their brother John's house. Mr. Keller will build a neat cottage in the spring.

NEEDY NOTES.

An Enthusiastic Ratification Meeting—Lack of Turkey Gobblers for Thanksgiving.

NEEDY, Nov. 13.—The republicans of Needy precinct met at the school house on Saturday evening last and held a ratification meeting in honor of the recent elections. Several rousing speeches were made in which Hon. J. B. Demick, of Hubbard took an active part. J. H. Wolfer, S. W. Hardesty, D. Zimmerman, Mr. Sherman and others of this place were among the speakers. The people were greatly inspired with enthusiasm and patriotism, and applause ran to a high pitch throughout the meeting. It was gratifying to see the happy faces of the old soldiers and listen to their patriotic remarks. It is evident from the elections that the American people are anxious for a change and from the indications they are bound to have it.

Mr. Editor, the only disappointment that we have at the present time is the absence of a sufficient number of Turkeys for the number of Thanksgiving days apportioned to us this year, as there were only a limited number of turkeys raised by the republicans not expecting but one Thanksgiving. The democrats do not raise any as they are in the wool business and the people's party have plenty of money and does not have to raise any.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeigler, of Barlow, were the guests of their daughter of this place yesterday. D. B. Yoder has adorned his place with a new wood house.

Marks Prairie.

MARKS PRAIRIE, Nov. 13.—Owing to the deficiency in the treasury the Marks Prairie school will be discontinued until the second Monday after New Year's. J. E. Toogood, Miss Lulu Sutherland and Willie Dozier attended the I. O. G. T. entertainment at Hubbard last Friday night. J. H. Dozier, of Butteville, is visiting on Marks Prairie this week. He reports things lively around Butteville.

Don't fail to attend the K. P. ball to be given at Aurora on Penneyer's Thanksgiving eve, Nov. 22. Also the masquerade ball to be given at Canby, on the National Thanksgiving eve, Nov. 29.

The people of this little prairie, with but few exceptions, were well pleased with the result of the recent elections. We have only one free trade sheep and he is slowly but surely dying of McKinleyism. Of course the wall of the calamity men is heard, but it is feeble and we look upon them with sympathy for we know financially they are about to sail up Salt Creek, while their bitter cry seems to be in the denunciation of Sherman and McKinley. But we hope in the not far distant future, with those two as standard bearers, to sweep the political field and gain such legislation as will restore confidence to the moneyed class so that our laborers may again find employment.

HELLO DAD.

A Little Girl's Experience in a Lighthouse. Mr. and Mrs. Loren Trescott are keepers of the Gov. Lighthouse at Sand Beach, Mich., and are blessed with a daughter four years old. Last April she was taken down with measles, followed with a dreadful cough and turning into a fever. Doctors at home and Detroit treated her, but in vain, she grew worse rapidly, until she was a mere "handful of bones." Then she tried Dr. King's New Discovery and after the use of two and a half bottles, was completely cured. They say Dr. King's New Discovery is worth its weight in gold, yet you may get a trial bottle free at Geo. A. Harding's Drugstore.

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Notice is also given that the assessment on Fifth street must be paid by December 1, 1905, or a warrant will be issued by the city for the sale of the property liable for the assessment. L. L. FORBES, Recorder. November 10, 1905.

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