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BASIC TRADE CONDITIONS GOOD

This is what the Dry Goods Economist, a recognized authority in its field has to say as to the conditions in textiles and allied lines:

In some lines complaint is heard as to retailers' unwillingness to operate. In other, sellers show no anxiety, for the simple reason that they are sold up far ahead or in view of the difficulty of forecasting the future are unwilling to accept orders. We need hardly say that the latter class are principally the mills making cottons, silks and wool and worsted dress goods. In the former class are manufacturers of merchandise which is bought closer to the time of distribution, such as women's garments, neckwear, millinery, etc.

As regards the outlook, it may be that consumers will show a tendency towards economy which has been absent for months past. Retailers should remember, however, that the underlying conditions are practically unchanged, even though this country has entered the war. The demand for labor will be increased, all kinds of workers will be even more fully employed than of late, and it is pretty safe to figure that as more money is earned more will be spent.

The most important thing for business men in general is to keep their eyes on the basic conditions and not allow themselves to be influenced by thoughtless assertions or hysterical predictions. They should note such facts as the big extra dividend declared by the United States Steel Corporation this week, the approaching renewal of vast expenditures in this country by the Allies as a result of our loan and the strength of the securities market, always an indication of the general condition of the country.

THE PEOPLE PREVAIL

Perhaps Germany thinks the "peace without victory" policy in its field has to say as to the conditions in textiles and another think coming. The American people refused to accept that policy, and, fortunately, the will of the people usually prevails in this country, though it sometimes has great obstacles to overcome. We have had to overcome "watchful waiting," "too proud to fight," "peace without victory," and the theory that both sides in the war are fighting for the same thing, but we have won out in the conflict and now we are ready to fight autocratic inhumanity to the victorious end.

PRODUCING APPETITES, ALSO

Many a city resident heretofore unaccustomed to physical exercise but now engaged in cultivating a back-yard garden, will find his appetite enhanced to such an extent that his increased consumption of food will more than equal his increased production. But he will be a better citizen, mentally, morally and physically. In any event, the country will be the gainer.

"NEITHER SHALL HE EAT"

When the English colonists settled in this country some 300 years ago, they adoted the rule that "if any man will not work, neither shall he eat." There ought to be some way to enforce such a rule today.

GEORGE HICINBOTHAM ADVISES ALL VOTERS TO LISTEN TO SPENCE

OREGON CITY, Route 2, Box 86, May 15.—(Editor of the Enterprise.)—

In the Enterprise of May 8 I read an article under the heading, "Clackamas County Can Pass Bonds, or Get No Improvement," over the signature "Permanent Citizen." Now that has a ring a good deal like an ultimatum, but it is consoling to know that we are not under the rule of the Kaiser, and I am glad he is not a member of our state highway commission, but with your consent, I should like to notice some of his remarks.

"Permanent Citizen" starts out by saying, "I have seen our state develop, and our roads improve since the ox-team period, and can see a more rapid improvement in the future, if the proposed bond issue should carry at the special election in June."

Yes, he can see a more rapid improvement of those hard-surfaced driveways, that are designated in the bond bill. The intention of this bill is to make the owners of autos all over the state, pay the entire bill of building these hard-surfaced driveways, and keeping them in repair. Now this may be agreeable to a majority of auto owners in the cities through which these driveways pass, or where they are living right close to these roads, but it certainly will not be agreeable to auto owners back in the rural districts, who never get to see these driveways, unless it is once or twice, right in dry weather, and I don't believe they can be forced to pay such an unjust license tax as that.

The inhabitants of the rural districts want autos just as much as dwellers in the cities, and will have them just as soon as they can get roads fit to run them on, but how are we going to get good roads in the rural districts when we have such a heavy drain on us, every year, to build and keep in repair all those hard-surfaced driveways that are laid out in that bonding bill? Where rural districts are so located that they can't get to those hard-surfaced driveways, and are compelled to build roads of their own, every bit of this license tax that is taken from us to help build those driveways that are mentioned in the bonding bill, will have to be made up by an additional levy, and extra tax on our property. These hard-surfaced

Mr. Spence Substitutes.

BEAVER CREEK, May 14.—(Editor of the Enterprise)—On account of illness or cold feet of some of the members, the 12 apostles of good roads failed to appear at the Beaver Creek hall Saturday evening as they agreed. (We wish them courage to attend at their next date.) A large crowd had gathered from eight directions of the wind, to listen to the good roads enthusiasts from Oregon City.

The audience was greatly disappointed, but in order to have peace in the family and save the good reputation of the 12 disciples, C. E. Spence volunteered to fill the vacancy of his friends at Oregon City for the evening, providing the 12 from Oregon City should pay expenses. Even the cigars and candy were included. So it was ordered by wireless and the meeting went on with 147 converts at the end of four hours speech, and all went home to talk it over.

A SPECTATOR.

MR. CASTO DECLINES M'BAIN'S INVITATION FOR LITTLE JOY RIDE

CARUS, May 14.—(Editor of the Enterprise)—Am pleased to learn who the distinguished disciple is that is taking exceptions to my ideas of the road bond bill. I believe that Mr. McMain is a square, fair and jolly good fellow, but he has gotten off on the wrong "hoof" regarding the \$6,000,000 road bond bill. I appreciate his very generous offer to a ride over the Pacific highway but will not accept because of the fact that I am very familiar with the country through which the highway passes. Have been over most of said highway more times, barefooted than Mr. McMain has been with his beautiful Cadillac. The road from Oregon City up the Clackamas river into the Logan country for a distance of 20 miles is carrying 10 tons of products where the road from the Pudding river to the Golf Links or Elk Rock hill is carrying one; and its a water grade too. But there will be not one cent of the six million dollars expended on this course.

Attorney General Gregory says that only six out of every million foreign born American citizens are disloyal to the Stars and Stripes, so "we are not expecting" any of the Kaiser's American spies (there are none in Oregon) to blow up any railroad bridges. Even if they should they would undoubtedly blow up the beautiful structure at Shepherd's Dell, simultaneously; then where would be your patriot at the other end?

One of your prominent bond-boasters says that the proposed hard-surfaced roads would increase property values, and assist in developing the country. Why, for Heavens sake Mr. McMain, don't you know that property values in Oregon today are exploited to the point of confiscation. The tourists who travel over our boulevards are next to us "round heads." They will come and wear out our roads and perhaps leave a few stinky dollars at some hotels and garages but they will not buy our lands. If you wish to develop Oregon, place the many millions of acres of idle lands (held for speculation) where the people who wish can go onto them and make themselves a home. Building boulevards and scenic highways will not do it. Neither will a state bonded to 40 or 50 million dollars develop very rapidly.

Mr. McMain, how do you verify the following statements?

(1) Chapman says "all the designated roads will be built with the \$5,000,000 bond issue;" (2) the Portland Journal says this will "only be the beginning;" (3) Adams says it will "complete them all in fairly good shape;" (4) and the publicity bureau of Portland says it will make a "real start."

Now Mr. McMain since printers ink and news prints are so high, and since the warrentite \$5,000,000 bond bill is already consigned to the "ice-box" by the voters, until our "efficient" legislature meets again, don't you think it best to discontinue this little discussion?

S. L. CASTO.

THE TWELVE DISCIPLES OF ROAD EFFICIENCY WANT FACTS, NOT ABUSE

WEST LINN, Ore., May 11.—(Editor of the Enterprise)—From Mr. C. E. Spence's articles in your edition of 11th May, it would appear that Mr. Spence is either finding out from his contact with the voters that they don't want to listen to mud slinging oratory and wants facts about the bond issues, which he cannot supply in opposition without attacking the character of some one favoring the only measure so far presented which offers a chance for Oregon to get out of the mud, or else the truth hurts and is getting under his skin.

We have no desire to hurt anyone—we have met fire with fire when refuting the mis-statements of this man among his side-kicker from the Farmers' Union. We are confining our efforts to the bond issue and its merits, and if the opposition will do the same we will gain converts for the bonds every time they open their mouths, for so far they have said nothing against the measure itself which the average voter would even consider.

TWELVE DISCIPLES OF ROAD EFFICIENCY.

They Both Cry Quits
OREGON CITY, May 16.—(Editor of the Enterprise)—Mr. Casto quits and wants to save printer's ink. The 12 disciples accept his invitation and quit also for it seems a useless task to try to convince him through your columns when he won't go out over the road and be shown where he is wrong.

THE 12 DISCIPLES OF ROAD EFFICIENCY.

BOWERMAN GOES TO SANDY WITH HIGHWAY CHIEF

There will be a good roads meeting at Sandy on Monday, May 21st at which meeting State Highway Commissioner S. Benson and ex-Governor Bowerman will speak and all points of the \$6,000,000 bond issue fully explained.

Fifty Years Ago

Taken from Oregon City Enterprise, May 11, 1907.

Omar Pacha has arrived at Candia, and is making vigorous preparations for prosecuting a campaign against the insurgents.

Improvements—The coming season will witness many improvements in the line of building in this city. The Old Fellows' hall will probably begin its new brick hall.

A Fine Garden—The neat flower garden skirting the residence in front of Mr. Robert Potter's across the way from our office door, is the result of patient toil at the hands of Mr. Wilde. That it is decidedly profitable to cultivate flowers in such a manner, watch if you please, the appreciative looks of the public as they pass the place above mentioned.

Good Music—Upon the return of the steamer from the children's picnic Thursday, the Oregon City band, enveloped the people along Main street with several choice selections. The members of the Oregon City band are winning a name, and right worthily do they deserve it.

Oswego Lake—The people of Oswego tired of hearing the name of "Suck-er" applied to the beautiful sheet of water near that place, met together a few days since, and changed the name to the Oswego lake.

Sheriff's Report—During the session of the county court the past week Sheriff William Burns made his final return of taxes collected for 1866 in Clackamas county. The total amount stated as follows:
State taxes \$ 8,242.50
School taxes 3,845.50
County tax 8,343.40
Delinquent list returned 1,376.40
Amount remitted on double assessment 224.90
Total \$24,141.60

TWO TRACTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR BEAN PLANTING

As a result of the activity of the committee of Live Wires of the Oregon City Commercial club, appointed to consider available sites to be used for the planting of beans by the Live Wires, two tracts of lands were found Wednesday, one of which may be decided upon within a day or two.

According to O. D. Eby, chairman of the committee investigating the matter, the Portland Railway, Light & Power company has a tract of 17 acres opposite Oregon City which the railway company will be willing to have the Live Wires use, providing the Boy Scouts of Willamette do not make some move to utilize it soon. The privilege of using the land was granted to the Boy Scouts some time ago but so far no use has been made of it. The committee expects to know within a day or two whether or not this land can be had.

Another tract of 25 acres, one mile or more east of the city is also available and will be taken by the committee if other arrangements are not made.

The members of the committee who investigated available tracts on Wednesday were O. D. Eby, C. Schuebel, Senator Walter Dimick and Charles T. Parker.

STATE PRISONERS WITH SMALL GUARD ATTEND MT. ANGEL BALL GAME

MOUNT ANGEL, May 14.—Mount Angel college won another victory in a clash with the Grays of the Oregon state penitentiary. The game was nip and tuck all the way through, with the crowd of fans ready to swarm the field in their excitement. It stretched out to 10 innings until Coghlan's spectacular home run in the last of the tenth won the game for the collegians. There were several costly errors on both sides that might have been avoided. Schler and Chapel were the battery for Mount Angel, Davitt and Hunt for the Grays. Score: Mount Angel 7, Grays 5.

It is without precedent that a crowd of 40 leave the state penitentiary with only a superintendent and two wardens. It is the result of the honor system lately reintroduced. The men behaved like gentlemen in every respect, and took and gave much good-natured rivalry. Although defeated, they left in high spirits after their holiday.

DR. SISSON TO RESIGN BECAUSE OF DIFFERENCES

BOISE, Idaho, May 16.—Dr. Edward O. Sisson, for the last four years commissioner of education, and formerly a member of the faculty of Reed college, Portland, notified the state board of education yesterday that he would hand in his resignation today. In a prepared statement Dr. Sisson said that acute differences of opinion regarding the state university made harmonious relations impossible.

STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING AT NEWBERG HAS MANY DELEGATES

NEWBERG, Ore., May 16.—Hundreds of delegates from all parts of the state gathered here tonight at the opening session of the Oregon State Sunday School convention.

Dr. Edward H. Pence, of Portland, made the opening convention address on "Loyalty, Big and Little."

Reports of progress in the Sunday school work of the state were made by the heads of the departments: Miss Olive Clark, Charles A. Phipps, A. Ralph Spearow and Mrs. M. A. Zanesbawer. A. C. Springston, educational secretary of the Baptist church, spoke on "Religious Education and Christian Democracy"; Walter Moore, general secretary for Western Washington, "The Torch Which Lights the Path"; and Professor M. B. Pitman, Monmouth Normal, "Community Life and the Rural Sunday School."

WILLAMETTE SCHOLARS HOLD EXERCISES FOR GRAND ARMY VETERANS

In spite of showers, a large crowd of patrons of Willamette school greeted the "boys in blue" some 20 strong, and the women of the Women's Relief Corps, when the "Old Soldiers' Day" exercises were held at the school house on Tuesday. The military company of the school marched to the car and escorted the old soldiers, members of Meade Post No. 2, G. A. R., and Women's Relief Corps, to the school house, where an excellent program was given under the direction of the teachers: Flag drill, first grade; "America," second grade; songs, "The Flag of the Brave," and "George Washington;" third and fourth grades; recitation, Ray Lewis recitation, Kathryn Jones; instrumental solo, Meta Higginbotham; solo, Catharine Cobb; song, "Flag of the Free," fifth and sixth grade girls; "Star Spangled Banner," audience joining in on the chorus. The following program was arranged by the old soldiers: Remarks, Commander of G. A. R., J. C. Sawyer; address, Dr. Moore, of Jennings Lodge; remarks, Mrs. Isabel McArthur, of New Era, president of the Women's Relief Corps. At the conclusion of the program the pupils of the primary grades presented the old soldiers with flowers. This was followed by serving refreshments to the visitors, with the members of the domestic science class of girls acting as hostesses. The tables were prettily decorated, which added to the attractiveness. The floral decorations were in keeping with the occasion, with red and white and blue flowers arranged in the form of a flag.

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COUNTY FARM REPORTS INDICATE AN INCREASE IN CULTIVATED LAND

There has been an increase of approximately ten per cent in the area of land cultivated in Clackamas county during the past year, if the first 150 reports of Clackamas county farmers in the agricultural defense movement may be taken as a guide. These reports filed with T. D. Case and E. B. Pitts, district representatives in the movement to centralize the control of the county's agricultural resources, are coming in much more rapidly and with more accurate information than had been hoped for according to Mr. Case.

Preliminary meetings were held in many granges last Saturday and blank forms distributed to the farmers. About 1000 blanks were distributed from which the central office here will ascertain just where seed can be disposed of to the greatest advantage and will advise regarding the sowing of the same.

GERMAN BOY IS ANXIOUS TO HELP ENFORCE L A W

Anxious to keep within the law and at the same time cooperate in the patriotic spirit of the times, Albert Swartz, a 14-year-old boy whose home is at Wilsonville, Oregon, wrote to Sheriff Wilson of Clackamas county Wednesday, asking if he were allowed to keep a gun in his possession even though he is the son of a German who is not a citizen of the United States. Swartz says that he read that all guns held by aliens would have to be turned over to the authorities by June 1 and asks, if that is true, to whom he will deliver his weapons. Sheriff Wilson will investigate the matter.

Young Swartz's letter follows: "Would you please tell me if I am allowed to keep any firing arms after June 1. I saw it in the paper that all Germans that are not citizens of the United States were not to have any firing arms after June 1. "I am 14 years of age but my father is not a citizen of the United States and if I am not allowed to keep them would I turn them over to you?" "Please tell me as soon as possible."

STATE ACCIDENT INSURANCE IS DECLARED BETTER FOR WORKMEN

SALEM, Ore., May 11.—Declaring that efforts have been made each year by certain insurance agents to induce employers to withdraw from the protection of the workmen's compensation law, the state industrial accident commission has issued a statement comparing the benefits under the compensation law with those offered by insurance companies. The statement reads:

"Efforts have been made each year by certain insurance agents to induce employers to withdraw from the protection of the workmen's compensation law. Employers are offered what are termed combination policies, which purport to furnish compensation to injured workmen upon the same basis as provided by the state law.

"In some instances rates are quoted which appear to be slightly less than those charged under the state law. For the purpose of comparison however, employers should consider the fact that the state law affords opportunity to secure a reduction of 20 per cent in rates for good accident experience, while the flat rates quoted by insurance companies apply continuously.

"It is important for employers to also note that while the state law affords complete protection, it does not involve the annoyance, expense and frequent disorganization of the working force where employers are called to testify in court in litigation resulting from the refusal of injured workmen to accept the compensation offered by the insurance

companies under the policies herein referred to.

"Employers are also interested in seeing that their injured workmen are properly compensated, and we are therefore comparing in the following record a number of benefits provided under these policies and the benefits paid under the state law, the first figure showing the amount paid by insurance companies, the second that paid out of the state fund:

"Maximum compensation per week, \$10; \$17.30.
"Minimum compensation per week, \$5; \$6.92.
"Maximum compensation in one case, \$5000; no limit.
"Term of compensation to widows in fatal cases, 8 years; life.
"Lump sum payment to widow upon remarriage, none; \$200.
"Compensation to partial dependents in fatal cases, 8 years; during dependency.

"Burial expenses where there are dependents, none; \$100.
"Workmen totally and permanently incapacitated receive compensation for 10 years; life.

"We also desire to refute a misrepresentation appearing in the literature of certain insurance agents, to the effect that the amended compensation law requires the employer to charge workmen 20 cents per month. The present contribution by workmen of 1 cent for each day or part of day employed was not changed at the recent session of the legislature."

DESTROYER FLEET HAS BRUSH WITH SUBMARINES

(Continued from page 1)

to the American ships at once put to sea, the men, from captains to seamen, looking in the pink of condition and apparently enthusiastic for their task.

"They are certainly a fine body of men, and what's more, their cast looks just as fit," said the British commander as he watched the destroyers file seaward.

One of the American destroyers began war duty even before reaching this side of the Atlantic. This was when it picked up and escorted through the danger zone one of the largest of the Atlantic liners.

LONDON, May 16.—An American torpedo boat destroyer flotilla is "now at the front" somewhere in European waters, the British admiralty officially announced today.

"A United States destroyer flotilla has arrived to cooperate with our naval forces," the admiralty's statement declared.

Rear Admiral Sims, U. S. N., will command all United States naval forces in European waters.

"The American destroyers arrived at Queenstown.

Rear Admiral Sims is in daily touch with the chief of staff.

"The services the United States vessels are rendering the allies are of the greatest value and deeply appreciated."

The destroyers are the first vessels to take an active part in the war. Others will do their share, though what these vessels will be or how many is kept a secret by the navy.

FARMERS DO NOT WANT CITY CHILDREN TO BE USED AS FARM HANDS

Answers to questions sent to orange officers by the National Child Labor committee indicate that farmers do not want or need city children. Of the replies received to date, which cover 15 states, 62 per cent say unqualifiedly "No," to the question, "Are city school children wanted to work in your district?" An Illinois farmer writes: "Farmers are in need of adult help, 18 years and over." The Minnesota state grange master says: "Nearly all the work is carried on by either gas or horse power and I find they do not understand how to drive a horse or handle machinery."

Of those who mention the lowest age at which a boy is useful, 64 per cent say 14 or over. Those who mention the need of children say they are wanted for berry picking or truck gardening, but only 12 1/2 per cent of all the answers say, without qualification, that children are wanted on the farms.

HEAD OF STATE WELFARE BODY RESIGNS PLACE

PORTLAND, May 16.—Father E. V. O'Hara, chairman of the State Industrial Welfare Commission, which administers the women's minimum wage law, has tendered his resignation to Governor Withycombe, effective June 1. No successor has been named.

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SEALS WIN EASY GAME WHEN PLAYERS BUMP HEADS IN 2ND INNING

Pacific Coast League
W. L. Per.
Salt Lake 24 15 .615
San Francisco 25 16 .610
Oakland 29 20 .590
Portland 18 19 .486
Los Angeles 15 23 .395
Vernon 16 25 .390

Wednesday's Games
At San Francisco 9, Portland 3.
At Salt Lake 5, Oakland 3.
At Los Angeles 7, Vernon 6.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 16.—Wills and Rodgers bumped heads going after an easy fly ball from the bat of Schaller in the second round today and the ball dropped to the ground, Schaller going to second. Pitcher Brenton got "peevish" about it, and the San Francisco team batted clear around before he was finally lifted to let Harrington work.

The Seals made five runs in that round and that proved to be enough to win the game, for Baum kept the hits well scattered.

COLLEGE PROFS. MAKE GARDENS

CORVALLIS, Ore., May 16.—Faculty members of O. A. C., in addition to spreading the preparedness gospel, are actively engaged in raising garden truck. An acre of ground has been set aside and portions of the acre are being allotted to members of the teaching staff. The land is plowed, harrowed and practically ready for planting. Peas and beans are said to be favorite crops among the professors.