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**Politics and Business**

A dispatch from St. Paul, in an interview just given out by James J. Hill, the "Empire Builder," the "Father of the Northwest," cannot see why the business men of the country should at present fear to engage in new enterprises, nor can he see any reason whatever for the semi-paralysis which is gradually creeping over the United States.

"It's only a senseless lack of confidence," says Mr. Hill, in the interview. "And why this lack of confidence? Some man, somewhere, has grown timid over something or other and has cried 'boo' at his neighbor. His neighbor probably jumped and the next fellow took fright without knowing why he was frightened. And so on.

"It's just like a flock of sheep. If one starts to run, every sheep in the flock will follow, even if they die for it.

"During this big National conservation congress we have talked about conserving water and conserving land; conserving coal and conserving iron; it's too bad somebody didn't say a word about conserving common sense.

"That's what this country needs right now—to conserve common sense. There's an article by Col. George Harvey in the September North American Review dealing with the Conservation of Common Sense that well illustrates the business condition of this country right now, and gives as the panacea for the business paralysis the suggestion that our business men use a little common sense—just ordinary, sound, common sense. I wish business men everywhere would take that advice.

"I can see no reason for the fears which seem to possess our business men. I have preached a 'return to the farm' policy for years and expect to continue to do so; but that's no reason for fear on the part of business.

"Money and business are, of course, very careful and it is right that they should be, but not to the extent of cutting off their noses to spite their faces, especially when it is so unnecessary and they need the noses, too.

"Here's a little excerpt which, to my mind, bears down hard and strikes at the core of our present ills:

"In the disestablishment of credit we find the most obvious cause of the prevailing depression. The link that connects labor with capital is not broken, but we may not deny that it is less cohesive than it should be or than conditions warrant. Financially the country is stronger than ever before in its history. Recovery from a panic so severe as that of three years ago was never before so prompt and comparatively complete. The masses are practically free from debt. Money is held by the banks in abundance.

"Why, then, does Capital pause upon the threshold of investment? The answer we believe to be plain. It awaits adjustment of the relations of government to business. Such, at any rate, is the plea, and pressure is constantly brought to bear upon executives and courts to make haste—haste which, in our judgment, would result in less speed. Great complications growing out of mightily changed conditions call for the most serious consideration. To settle a grave question offhand is only to invite disaster. Better not settle it at all until a reasonable certainty can be felt that it can be settled right. Stability is ever Capital's primary requirement. But the adjustment which it now demands cannot be effected in a month or a year and never can or should be complete. Elasticity is the prime requisite of changes essential to development.

"But Capital is notoriously timid. In the present instance, too, it is absolutely foolish. No decision of any court can permanently impair any so-called vested interest. Confiscation is undreamed of, as compared with only a few years ago. The disintegration of properties does not involve their destruction. Moreover, the sharp revolt against all combinations—those that achieve great good no less than those that work injury—is clearly yielding to study and reason. No sane person now maintains that business—especially manufacturing—can or should be done as it was done half a century ago. In a broad sense, the day of the individual competitor is past, but the opportunity of the in-

dividual remains even wider within the corporation. The sole problem consists of determining how government can maintain an even balance between aggregations of interest, on the one hand, and the whole people, on the other, protecting the latter against extortion and saving the former from assaults.

"The solution is not easy to find, for the simple reason that the situation is without precedent. But is not progress being made along sane and cautious lines? Surely no menace to property or to human rights lies in the striving for such a solution. Both will be safe-guarded by its certain finding."

The solution of the timidity of Capital we think is not hard to find. It is awaiting the outcome of the political turmoil the country is at present going through. Capital wants to know that it is protected against radical changes in legislation.

**NORTHWEST NOTES**

Presidential Postmasters of Oregon will hold their convention in Portland on October 13 and 14, meeting in the convention hall of the Commercial Club.

Hood River gave the glad hand to visitors last week when its Commercial Club held a house-warming in its fine new quarters. Portland people were guests of the apple growers and enjoyed the occasion very much. Hood River can plume itself upon having one of the finest small commercial club homes in the Northwest.

Mount Hood will be enclosed within a national reserve if the petitions now being circulated for signatures accomplish their purpose. With its snow-capped peaks, great glaciers and dashing torrents, this mountain can be made a great national playground, easily accessible from Portland, where thousands of people may seek recreation each summer. It is sought to have the same plan followed as has been done in creating the Mt. Ranier reserve.

A movement to stimulate hog production in the Northwest is to be started at a conference of experiment station directors, railroad officials and livestock experts to be held in Spokane October 4. Ways and means to interest farmers in raising more hogs for market will be discussed, and it is hoped to start a campaign that will result in a much increased quantity of hogs for the livestock packers. This plan is expected to add very much to the wealth of the three states. Robert Withycomb, superintendent of the Union Experiment Station, will be the Oregon representative.

District fairs in the Northwest will probably have a circuit of their own next season, so there will be no conflict in dates, as has been the case in the past. It is proposed to call a meeting of representatives of the various fairs in Oregon and Washington, with a view to arranging the dates harmoniously. It is hoped to so change the present plan that the district fairs can be operated in connection with the State Fair circuit. Gresham, Pendleton and Canby, in this state, have their fairs on the same dates, September 29-October 1, inclusive, and Secretary Lazelle, of the Canby fair, has started the movement for the harmonizing of dates.

An organization that promises to do much for Oregon, Washington and Idaho fruit is the Northwest Fruit Exchange, W. F. Gwin, Manager, with offices in Portland. Working in co-operation with the various associations of grocers throughout three states, the exchange is directing shipments and seeking a wider market. It is planned to carry on a campaign similar to that waged by the California orange growers, and every wholesale house in the fruit trade will be reached through the exchange. An evil that will be combated is the formation of pools among the large buyers so that prices will not be under the control of these agencies. Another plan is to ship nothing less than carload lots direct to the wholesaler. In this way it is thought the consumer will receive the benefit in the saving of the freight rates by avoiding small and expensive shipments. Manager Gwin is determined that world-wide markets for Oregon fruit shall become a reality, and predicts that instead of over-production calling a halt on orchard acreage, it will soon be necessary to double the present commercial orchard areas in the Northwest.

**Gatzert Stops Round Trip**  
 The Bailey Gatzert made her last round trip of the season between The Dalles and Portland September 17. The Gatzert and The Dalles City have begun to make the run on alternate days, the Gatzert going Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and The Dalles City leaving Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

**TEMPERANCE WOMEN WILL SPEAK HERE**

Miss Marie Brehm, sent out by the Presbyterian Assembly, a permanent board for temperance work, will speak in our city Tuesday evening, October 4th. See posters for place of lecture. Miss Brehm has charge of the great temperance parade soon to take place in Portland. Mrs. Jackson Silbaugh, national lecturer for the W. C. T. U., will speak in the U. B. church Thursday evening, Sept. 29, at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Silbaugh is a charming speaker, able to interest all classes of people, from the society woman to the common laborer. If she were on a lecture course you would be glad to pay several five cents for a ticket to hear her. Come and bring an offering for temperance work.

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**Missionary Society Elects Officers**  
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**Teachers' Annual Institute**  
 The teachers of Hood River are notified that the Annual Institute will be held in The Dalles on October 4, 5, 6 and 7, 1910.  
 ERNEST C. SMITH,  
 County Superintendent.

**LODGE DIRECTORY**  
 Canby Post, G. A. R.—Meets at the K. of P. hall the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at 2 p. m. Geo. F. Crowell, commander; S. F. Blythe, adjutant.  
 Canby W. R. G. No. 16—Meets second and fourth Saturdays of each month in K. of P. hall at 2 p. m. Miss Clara Blythe, president; Mrs. Fernald, secretary.  
 Court Hood River, No. 42, F. of A., meets every Thursday evening in K. of P. hall. Visiting Foresters always welcome. Wm. Fleming, C.R.; F. C. Brostus, F. S.  
 Hood River Lodge, No. 105, A. F. & A. M.—Meets Saturday evening on or before each full moon. Ralph Savage, W. M.; D. McDonald, secretary.  
 Hood River Camp, No. 702, M. W. A.—Meets in K. of P. hall first and third Wednesday nights. C. S. Jones, V. C.; C. U. Dakin, clerk.  
 Hood River Camp, No. 770, W. O. W.—Meets at K. of P. hall the second and fourth Wednesday nights of each month. W. A. Eby, C. C.; Floyd Spurling, clerk.  
 Hood River Circle, No. 524, Women of Woodcraft.—Meet at I. O. O. F. hall first and third Saturday nights, each month. Visitors welcome. Mrs. Wm. Genger, N. G.; Alice Shay, clerk.  
 Juleville Lodge, No. 197, I. O. O. F.—Meets in Fraternal hall every Thursday evening at 7:30, at the corner of Fourth and Oak streets. Visiting brothers welcomed. J. M. Wood, N. G.; G. W. Thompson, secretary.  
 Kemp Lodge, No. 181, I. O. O. F.—Meets in the Odd Fellows hall at Odell every Saturday night. Visiting brothers cordially welcomed. W. A. Lockman, N. G.; Geo. Shepard, secretary.  
 Laurel Rebekah Lodge No. 87, I. O. O. F.—Meets first and third Mondays in each month. Theresa M. Castner, N. G.; Nettie Moses, secretary.  
 Mount Hood Lodge, No. 205, I. O. O. F., meets every Saturday evening in Gribble's hall, Mt. Hood. A. M. Kelly, N. G.; G. W. Dimmick, secretary.  
 Mountain Home Camp, No. 3469, R. N. A.—Meets at K. of P. hall on the second and fourth Fridays of each month. Mrs. A. Crump, O.; Mrs. Ella Dakin, recorder.  
 Oleta Assembly, No. 105, U. A.—Meets in their hall the first and third Wednesdays, work; second and fourth Wednesdays, social. C. D. Henrichs, M. A.; W. H. Austin, secretary.  
 Oregon Grape Rebekah Lodge No. 181, I. O. O. F.—Meets every second and fourth Wednesdays in each month in Gribble's hall, Mt. Hood. Or. Mrs. Mammie Dimmick, N. G.; Mrs. Nettie Gribble, secretary.  
 Riverside Lodge, No. 68, A. O. U. W.—Meets in K. of P. hall the first and third Wednesday nights of the month. Visiting brothers cordially welcomed. R. E. Chapman, W. M.; Chester Shute, recorder.  
 Waucoma Lodge, No. 30, K. of P.—Meets in their Castle Hall every Tuesday night, when visiting brothers are fraternally welcomed. C. C. Caldwell, C. C.; Lou S. Isenberg, R. of B. & S.  
 Wauona Temple Pythian Sisters, No. 6—Meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at K. of P. hall. Georgina Isenberg, M. E. C.; Kate M. Fredrick, K. of B. & C.

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