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EXPANSION OF TRADE
Trade is expanding with a vigor that bespeaks prosperity beyond question. This is particularly noteworthy in lumber, wool, iron and steel, leather, shoes and dry goods. Supplies are being laid in for fall and winter, but expansion does not stop with that. The steel trade and the lumber trade both tell of increased construction work.

Much of the improvement is attributable to fine crops, the estimated value of which for the whole country is \$9,000,000,000. Moving such a crop is bound to put lots of money in circulation, is bound to result in much buying as well as selling. Directly and indirectly we all benefit.

Already the fruit and lumber interests fear a serious car shortage. While this is to be regretted, it tells of the improvement in business, and if the shippers and railroads co-operate sympathetically they should be able to minimize the losses from that cause.

Some weeks ago there was complaint in commercial circles of a shortage of orders. Now the problem is one of supplying the demand. Orders are large and so desirable is quick delivery that premiums are offered in some lines for promptness.

At the same time, there is found a stronger demand for labor. It is hard to find enough workingmen in some lines of industry.

Locally as well as elsewhere the improved conditions are noted. Everybody is busy caring for the big crop of apples and other fruits. Early varieties are now being harvested and the shipping associations are busy. Satisfactory prices are being realized and it is believed that the same will be true when the later apples are marketed.

If a heated political campaign is a hindrance to business, the forces for prosperity are so strong this year that the effect of the campaign is barely noticeable. We have so much politics nowadays that the country has probably made up its mind to refuse to be frightened.

THE NEW CHURCH
Dedication of the splendid new Congregational church is a welcome reminder that, despite the statement so frequently heard in these days that the church is losing its grip, communities and congregations exist whose loyalty to the church makes no sacrifice too great. Erection of this house of worship in Hood River is a tribute not only to the zeal of the pastor, but also to the concerted and effectual efforts of the congregation and the community as well, a community which has given so generously and so willingly. It was a task which required faith and courage to undertake and one therefore whose successful accomplishment is a notable achievement.

In these days of strife between the great political parties, men often forget that after all we are just a band of brothers here on earth: traveling from the cradle to the grave. We live side by side and after the smoke of battle has cleared away, we will still be friends and neighbors. Let the bitter things go unsaid. Life is short at best and we get out of it a full measure of sorrow. It is therefore well that all should live as one big good-natured family.

The Philadelphia policeman, who was shot while swatting a fly, was wounded in a noble cause.

Although many have expressed the opinion that Governor West "bit off more than he can chew" when he undertook to clean up Portland, the Governor has helped to show up conditions which the decent people of that city should combine to eradicate. Oregon has a governor whose courage compels admiration.

Local people returning from the ocean beaches, to which they went earlier in the season to escape the hot weather, are inclined to return to the coast—this time to get warm.

We may have big skirts, big sleeves and big hats, but the women will never, no never, consent to big shoes.

ENEMY OF SINGLE TAX COMING HERE

Blazing the way for Charles H. Shields, Secretary of the Oregon Equal Taxation League, T. S. Alexander, a well-known business man of Portland, arrived here Friday.

Mr. Alexander has stoken away from his business interests in Portland to make arrangements for a speaking tour in Eastern Oregon for Mr. Shields, who is expected to hold a meeting here Friday, Sept. 13.

"I represent, said Mr. Alexander, 'an organization of at least 20,000 farmers and business men of the State of Oregon. These men have aligned themselves together to combat a political scheme being put forward by a millionaire, Joseph Fels, an Oregon City lawyer, W. S. U'Ren, and a number of paid hack writers in Portland—and known as Single Tax.'

"This scheme is a device that originated many years ago in the mind of Henry George who declared that his intention was to so tax land that it would be all consecrated to the state."

Mr. Alexander went on to say that the ultimate end of Single Tax, and Graduated Single Tax, as the measure is known in Oregon, was bound to be confiscation of the land. It would take from the farmer his farm, from the lot owner his lot, and from the home owner his home by imposing a severe and heavy form of taxation known as Single Tax. This tax would be so heavy because all improvements of every kind from the millionaire with his 15-story building in Portland, down the line, would escape taxation.

ATTORNEY JAYNE MADE PROSECUTOR

Attorney A. A. Jayne, formerly a prominent member of the local bar and now practicing in Portland, has become a factor in Governor West's vice crusade in Portland. It was announced the last of the week that Attorney Jayne had been appointed deputy prosecuting attorney by District Attorney Esterly, the appointee of Governor West to succeed George Cameron. This announcement was sent to Presiding Judge Morrow of the Circuit Court and the official recognition made in the court records.

Attorney Jayne's many friends here were pleased to learn of the recognition which he has received in Portland. While practicing here he served for several terms as district attorney and performed the duties of that office in a most efficient manner.

WHITE SALMON (From the Enterias)

F. E. Wolfe and wife returned Friday from their circle of the North west, traveling through Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon. Mr. Wolfe says that Montana is showing considerable prosperity and money is plentiful.

Tired, sunburned and foot-sore, a party of 15 have returned from Mt. Adams. Nine of the party, including five women, reached the top. Lucille Brown, of Portland, was one of the first to place her foot upon the summit. She is but 13 years of age.

Mr. Condit, president of the Northwestern Electric Co., investigated the dam work Saturday, finding things going on satisfactorily. The company is now going to build a sub-station at Camas, 60x60 concrete building. The financiers back of the power company control the paper mills at Camas.

Attorney W. H. Presby of Golden-dale was in town Tuesday and Wednesday of this week on business at the office of J. L. Sutherland where a divorce matter is under consideration. Mr. Presby says it has been found that the Camas drainage ditch bonds of \$70,000 are insufficient to finish the work and an additional \$20,000 is required.

The News tells it all.

NO MORE SUNDAY MAIL HEREAFTER

Beginning last Sunday and continuing hereafter, no mail, except special delivery letters, will be distributed at the Hood River postoffice on Sunday and there will be no delivery to the lock boxes.

Notice to this effect has been received by Postmaster J. P. Lucas from the first assistant postmaster general at Washington. The rule will apply to all postoffices in the country. The order to Mr. Lucas reads in part as follows:

"The postoffice appropriation act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1913, provides:

"That hereafter postoffices of the first and second classes shall not be open on Sundays for the purpose of delivering mail to the general public, but this provision shall not prevent the delivery of special delivery mail.

"Under this law you will close the general delivery, carriers' windows and lock boxes and discontinue all deliveries by carriers on Sunday. You will note, however, that special delivery mail is excepted and you will therefore arrange to have on duty a sufficient force to handle this mail matter promptly.

"The department desires to reduce Sunday work to a minimum, so that as many of the employees as possible may enjoy a complete day of rest on Sunday."

GOOD MARKET FOR THE EARLY FRUITS

For about two weeks the fruit-shipping season has been well under way. Pears and early apples have been marketed under favorable conditions. Pears, including mostly Bartletts and some Flemish Beauties, have been of exceptionally good quality. Bartletts have been shipped in carload lots by both the Union and the Davidson Fruit Company.

The market has been better than last year and it is believed that the returns will be larger. On the whole, the chances are that good, average returns will be received for this crop.

Up to this week the Davidson Fruit Company had shipped five carloads of pears.

Early Gravensteins have been packed during the past week. They have been of good quality and are bringing the usual price. Some have been picked too early, but on the whole they are fully up to Hood River's standard.

WOULD PUT MT. HOOD ON STAMPS

If Portland boosters have their way a picture of Mt. Hood, Portland's pride and one of Hood River's many scenic attractions, will be substituted on postage stamps for the portraits of the illustrious dead heroes and patriots.

The plan to have views of American scenery substituted for the present designs on the stamps has gained considerable favor and all Oregonians would be pleased to see a view of the state's highest peak embossed on one issue of the stamps.

Portland boosters for the scheme were anxious to interview Louis W. Hill, chairman of the Great Northern board of directors, when he passed through Portland the last of the week, but his stay was so brief that they were unable to accomplish their purpose.

MANY FRIENDS ATTEND FUNERAL OF EDW. STRUCK

The funeral of Edward Struck, whose death occurred Tuesday, was held at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Struck, at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Rev. J. R. Hargreaves of the Baptist church conducted the services. There was a large attendance, attesting to the high estimation in which he was held. Mr. Struck's classmates attended and also the Young People's Society of the Baptist church, of which he was an active member. Interment was made in Idlewild Cemetery.

Mr. Struck's untimely death came as a great shock to his family and a large circle of friends. It was at first thought that he had taken his own life, as he had suffered from acute indigestion for some time. It is the belief of those who knew him best, however, that he intended using the chloroform only to allay his pain and that an overdose resulted in his death.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our thanks to our neighbors and friends, and to his teachers and classmates, for their kindness and sympathy in our recent bereavement of our son and brother, Edward.
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