

CENTRALIA THRIVES DESPITE SETBACKS

Lumber Slump, Epidemic, and Bank Failure Fail to Stop City's Progress.

FUTURE OUTLOOK BRIGHT

Position as Railway Center is Very Important—Industries Prosper. Agricultural Surroundings Are Rich.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Oct. 1.—(Special Correspondence.)—This fine little city has been lambasted by the lumber slump, swept by typhoid epidemic, and harassed by bank failures during the last few years. But the little old town "rambles right along," to use a phrase sometimes employed in advertising a certain automobile that it is said can be made with a bottle of glue and an oil can.

Indeed, to look at Centralia today, one would almost be forced to say that the city thrives on advertising. The typhoid, which at one stage had nearly 400 patients in the Armory, which was turned into a hospital, has given way to a condition of healthfulness practically unequalled in the West. It took a brand new water system, which cost an immense sum of money but is one of the best ever installed by any city, to put that and kindred diseases to flight forever. Yet the people of Centralia did it as a matter of course. They have never stammered or stammered when the name and fame of their city was at stake.

The lumber situation is not in their hands. The Lord only knows who is to blame for the unsatisfactory conditions. The Democrats say it is Taft and the war. The Republicans say it is Wilson and his Congress. No two seem to agree as to the guilty party or parties, exactly. One thing, however, is sure, every lumber district in the country has suffered a terrible slump, those in the West the most of all.

Bank Failures No Deterrent

As to bank failures, the Centralia people have taken their medicine like the sports they are, and instead of sulking and putting their money in teapots and socks they place it in the banks now doing business, as if no such thing as a bank failure ever bothered them. You will see that by noticing the bank statements further on in this article.

There must be something to carry a town forward under the conditions that have prevailed here. As I figure it out, the first praise should be given to an indomitable spirit of civic pride. If ever there was a man or woman residing here who did not believe in the ultimate ascendancy of Centralia, that man or woman has left town. His or her environment got too hot. Knockers and kickers were not wanted, and they soon found it out and fled. So today the people here are all for one and one for all and everybody for Centralia. They do not call it the city of destiny, for the reason that they have kept their eye on the destiny and found that the destiny reached was not the destiny desired.

The amount of it is, Centralia has assets enough to build three or four cities. Take the lumber industry. Eventually that will build here a city much larger than Centralia is now. As a railway center the town stands almost alone in the Northwest among the cities under 100,000, ahead of many of them. The payoffs from this source alone is an item of great importance. As a distributing point to the surrounding towns the city has, through its wonderful rail connections, an immense trade.

Rail Advantages Great

The prime asset of Centralia has as yet been practically untouched, the wonderful resources of the surrounding agricultural lands. Remember the strategic location of the town. It is 32 miles north of Portland, 30 miles south of Seattle, the terminus of the Grays Harbor railway, Aberdeen and Houlum, 62 miles away, the terminus of the Chehalis road, South Bend being 57 miles distant. It is the terminus of three or four short railways leading into the coal and timber districts to the eastward. About 50 passenger trains a day arrive or depart from the Centralia union station. Looking at the railroad yards today I could only compare them to Kansas City.

Now we come to coal. Do you know this is the best coal in the West, the Cascade Mountains? Do you know that manufacturing establishments are getting their steam coal here at far less than \$3 a ton? Do you know the fire clays underlying the city. Many an Eastern city of 50,000 people has been built and maintained in prosperity on lesser clay beds than Centralia has.

Centralia has two daily newspapers, each with a weekly attachment. The Hub is in its second volume. This is an evening sheet and a mighty newsy one. It is owned by the Hub Printing Company, M. E. Cue, president; H. E. Cox, secretary. Mr. Cue is the editor, manager and general factotum. "Elley" is a practical newspaper man who came here from Missouri where he had a large experience in his chosen field. He is a brother of Henry Cue, of the Dalles Optimist.

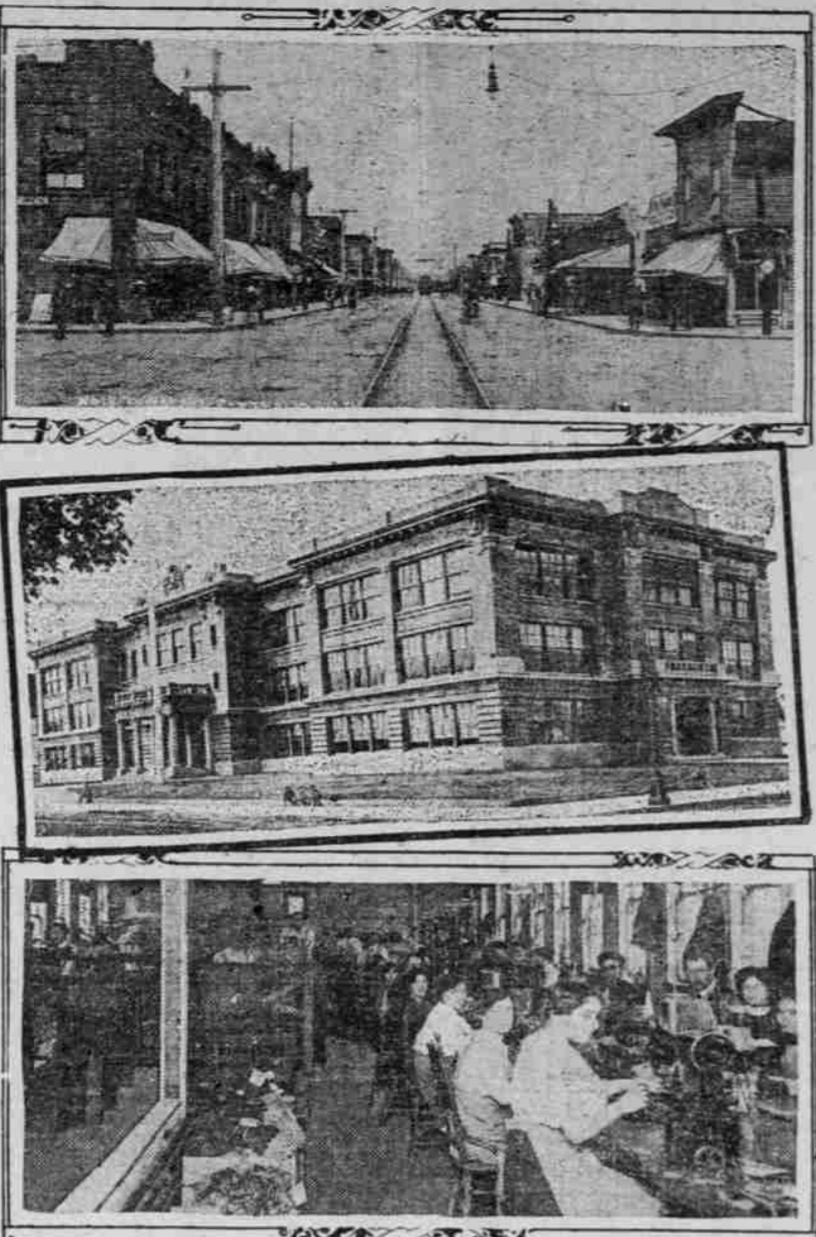
The Chronicle-Examiner has been built upon the remains of three papers. It is published every afternoon except on Sundays. It has a weekly edition with a very large circulation. It is issued by the Centralia Publishing Company, which is a sort of family affair, being composed of W. H. Dunckley and his two sons, H. A. Dunckley and W. O. Dunckley. They have a fine office and are people of distinction in the newspaper field as well as in Centralia.

Commercial Club Is Live

The Centralia Commercial Club is one of the live organizations in the world of boosters. It has the same splendid rooms it has occupied for a number of years, which are beautifully furnished and equipped. F. E. Campbell is the president and J. H. Roberts financial secretary. There are 260 members. How is that for a city of 10,000? I am under great obligations to Mr. Campbell for courtesies. Also to another member, W. F. Toles, who placed his auto at my disposal for my services as chauffeur. By the way, Mr. Toles has one of the handsomest mercantile establishments in the Northwest, without any apology to Portland or Seattle. His stock consists of women's and men's shoes, women's hosiery and men's clothing. He has the handsomest and most unique show windows I know of. As to his stock, I think he could sell out \$25,000 worth and still have every shelf and drawer and showcase filled. He surely has an immense stock.

By this mentioning Mr. Toles I am not speaking disparagingly of any of the other members. Not at all. Why, there are at least a half hundred of metropolitan stores with metropolitan assortments. The principal business street, Toner avenue, is more than a mile long, and stores from end to end could start at the Foley store and walk north to the end of the concrete

SCENES IN CENTRALIA, WASH.



TOP—VIEW ON TOWER AVENUE. MIDDLE—HIGH SCHOOL. BELOW—INTERIOR CHURCHILL GLOVE FACTORY.

pavement, then turn and walk past the store and on to the other end, to the south of Chehalis, then back to Toles, and how far would he have walked, and every step on a fine cement walk? Thirty-eight miles!

Every Monday the Commercial Club has a lunch at the Hotel Wilson. Usually about 30 attend, sometimes as many as 50. A few talks are given about an hour and a half is spent, and with profit to all. These lunches are better than any cut-and-dried evening meetings, at the clubrooms, by a good deal.

Bank Deposits Heavy

There are three banks here. The Farmers & Merchants has its own handsome building on one of the principal corners. It has a capital of \$25,000 surplus of \$20,000 and profits of \$8346. R. H. Rhodes is president, C. Paul Uhlman cashier. To show the confidence of the Centralia people in their banks, it may be said that since the bank failures here a year or so ago the deposits in this bank have grown from \$155,990 to \$290,744, a gain of over \$135,000.

The Central State Bank has a capital of \$100,000 and surplus of \$3725. Its deposits are \$123,425. "Billy" Patterson, of Aberdeen, is president; M. W. Daubney, cashier. Field & Leace, an incorporation, composed principally of John A. Field, J. E. Leace and their wives, have a capital of \$25,000, with deposits of \$198,760. It seems that the confidence of the Centralia people in their banks, notwithstanding the way she was "milked" by "high finance" a year or so ago.

As Centralia has 14 church buildings I will have to ask to be excused from mentioning them, further than to say that this is a church-going people. Indeed, it is in every way an orderly community. The city police do not have enough to do in the way of maintaining order to keep in practice. They look at the public schools. If any city has cause to be proud of its schools in every way, then Chehalis has. There is one great central high school building and six grade schools, with a rural high school building, and a fine one outside the city limits, though practically in town.

School Standard High

J. M. Laybue is the accomplished and efficient city superintendent. He is very highly respected in the district here. He has a good corps of teachers and the higher courses embrace everything taught in our best city schools. The best school in the district is practically equal to any educational structure we have in Portland.

This city is governed by a Commission, a Mayor and two little mayors, as we would say in Portland. It is difficult to learn just how the people like the new order of government. It seems to be neither praised nor condemned. So I suppose it is fairly efficient.

There is one institution here of which the people are justly proud, a glove factory, and a successful one that employs about 30 hands. I'd better say 50 workmen, for each has two hands.

The Wilson Hotel is the main stopping place for travelers. It is a new structure, owned by the Wilson Hotel Company. R. H. Murray is the urbane and efficient manager. The only thing hotel manager is an up-to-the-minute hotel manager by three "carrot" diamonds. From the way his business is booming I expect he will have one better than any other in the Northwest.

For those of a more economical turn there are several hotels, and all said to be well kept, as follows: The Dale, E. A. Dale; Peerless, Mrs. Flora Brown; The Oxford, A. J. Ferguson; The Belmont, O. A. Palmer; and The Handala, J. F. Randels.

Town Has Pasteurizing Plant

Here can be found the finest pasteurizing plant in the West. The concern, called the Purify Milk Products & Refrigerating Company, produces butter, ice cream, cottage cheese, mineral water, ice, and an hundred products. They have several hundred gallons of milk a day come in from the central waters, ice, and an hundred products. It is by far the best plant of the sort I ever saw. It is gratifying to know the concern is doing a big and apparently very prosperous business.

OFFICE NOT SOUGHT

R. H. Hartley Reported Out of Contest for Governor.

TWO OTHERS MAKING RACE

George A. Lee and W. H. Paulhamus Are Running Strong in Washington—Mr. McBride Regarded as Certain Candidate.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 30.—(Special.)—It is now indicated that Colonel Roland H. Hartley, of Everett, mill owner and ex-member of the Legislature, will not be a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor of the state. He has, of course, made no formal withdrawal from the race, as those statements will show that Centralia has confidence in her present bank, notwithstanding the way she was "milked" by "high finance" a year or so ago.

He has been tied up, since the Legislature adjourned, in the work of constructing a new logging railroad and preparing for extensive logging and lumber operations in his home county. The prospect that business will hold him fast for several months makes the campaign prospects less alluring than they were six months ago.

George A. Lee and W. H. Paulhamus are running strong. Mr. Lee heads the "Thilkum" flying squadron that is visiting all the county fairs, and can be reached within a reasonable length of time from Seattle. He is well known as an ex-Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in Spokane, Assistant Attorney-General, chairman of the first Industrial Insurance Commission, and later chairman of the Public Service Commission. Mr. Paulhamus is president of the Western Washington Fair Association. His pronounced success in organizing the Puyallup Valley fruitgrowers and in marketing their product recently has been followed by his selection as the agent for other fruitgrowing communities. The fair season naturally brings Mr. Paulhamus to the front.

There is little doubt that Mr. McBride will be a candidate next year, and there is little doubt that he now regards himself as a candidate. His closest friends insist that he has been signing up the women against whom he must contend and that he is satisfied that he could make a friendly contest against the leaders.

AIRSHIP BREAKS IN TWIN

MISHAP ON LAST DAY OF WASCO FAIR DISAPPOINTS CROWDS.

All Attempts of Aviator to Leave Ground Fail—Portland Motor-cycle Racer Is Victor.

THE DALLES, Or., Oct. 1.—(Special.)—The middle name of the Wasco County Fair this year was Accident. Some kind of mishap was witnessed every one of the four days. The first three days the spectators did not mind the accident so much, for they furnished additional thrills and no life was lost, but they didn't like the mishap today, for it was a frightful and not man that was the victim.

Aviator Stroman was scheduled to make two flights at the race track this afternoon. Instead he made two attempts and had an accident each time before getting off the ground, with the result that the largest crowd of the fair went away disappointed, having failed to see a single aerial event. The first time Stroman's craft suffered a bent axle. After straightening it he tried again, but the ground at the track was too soft for making a start and the aviator came to a sudden halt when the rear part of his biplane was broken off.

James Langman, of Portland, cleaned up every one in the motorcycle races today. The fair came to a successful close tonight with a street dance.

Oregon City Man Appointed

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 1.—W. W. Linton, of Oregon City, was today appointed chairman of the railway valuation division of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

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SOCIETY FOLK, DURING WINTER, TO MAKE BANDAGES.

Portland Committee Organizes and Lays Plans to Prepare Dressings for Wounds.

Instead of devoting their time to pink teas and auction bridge this Fall and Winter, society women of the city will make bandages and surgical dressings for the wounded soldiers of Europe.

Prominent Portland women have organized a branch of the Surgical Dressing Committee of New York, and will begin on October 12 to hold regular meetings to assist in the work.

The original committee was organized by Miss Anne Morgan in New York City, and the women of the East devoted a large percentage of their Summer holiday time to making bandages for the wounded soldiers in Europe. The Portland committee is headed by Mrs. Charles Sadding, Mrs. Elliott R. Corbett is secretary and Mrs. Wm. D. Wheelwright treasurer.

FAIR PLANS ARE UPSET

Washington County Officials Precluded From Operating Show.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Oct. 1.—(Special.)—Grays Harbor County cannot take over and operate the county fair hereafter, as its commissioners had made provision to do in the budget, due to an opinion of Assistant Attorney General Howard Waterman.

BRONCHO BUSTER INJURED

Earl Cummins Thrown by Outlaw at Grant County Fair.

BAKER, Or., Oct. 1.—(Special.)—During the buckaroo tryouts at the Grant County Fair, now being held at John Day, Earl Cummins, one of the riders, was thrown by an outlaw and severely injured. While his condition is serious it is believed he has a chance for recovery. The fair has broken all

MISSING GIRL TRACED HERE

Hood River Authorities Say Lottie Reed Boarded Train.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Oct. 1.—(Special.)—After an investigation, local officers determined today that Lottie Reed, the girl reported missing from her home last night, left the city yesterday morning at 5:35 o'clock for Portland on an O.-W. R. & N. train. Shortly before the train's departure she borrowed \$2 at a local jewelry store, saying she was going to use the money in purchasing medicine.

The Reed girl is thought to have accompanied a strange woman, who was seen with her on the evening before her departure.

LEWIS COUNTY INSTITUTE SET

CHEHALIS, Wash., Oct. 1.—(Special.) County Superintendent Canteluzza has announced that the annual Lewis County teachers' institute will be held in the Chehalis High School building October 25 to 29, inclusive. Special lecturers include Mrs. Josephine Preston, state school superintendent; J. T. Newhall, of Pullman, state organizer of boys' and girls' agricultural clubs; Professor E. J. Klemme, of the Ellensburg Normal, and Miss Kate Montgomery.

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