

UNITED EFFORT PUTS CHEHALIS TO FRONT

Bank Deposits and Payrolls Attest City's Prosperity.

COAL FOUND IN ABUNDANCE

Dairying, Milk Condensary, Cannery and Other Industries Help Swell Annual Receipts.

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CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Chehalis is the county seat of Lewis County, which is one of the larger counties in the state of Washington. There are in the state 38 counties, but only Chehalis, Grant, Okanogan, Stevens and Whitman are larger than Lewis. And yet, gauged by some of our Oregon counties, Lewis is not of great proportions having an area of 2365 miles. Approximately speaking the county is 100 miles east and west by 24 miles north and south. It extends from the summit of the Cascade mountains on the east to Pacific County on the west. About 16 towns are in the eastern and north-eastern part in the Mt. Rainier Forest Reserve.

In natural resources Lewis is one of the richest counties in the Northwest. A large part of its area is underlain with a good quality of semi-bituminous coal, a great many thousands of tons of which are mined every year. A large amount of this goes to Portland, and yet this industry, while being inlaid with for nearly half a century, is just beginning to attract the attention of capitalists. Only recently machinery has been invented for reducing this coal to the fineness of flour, and then spraying it automatically into the furnaces. It is said to be the very ideal fuel for producing heat energy, and at a wonderful saving over oil and other good fuels.

Dairying Huge Industry.

At the present time one of the chief industries of the county is dairying. When one notices the hundreds and thousands of 16-gallon cans around the depots, being placed aboard trains full or taken out empty, and then notices the great auto trucks passing up and down the streets, some of them hauling 120 of these cans, the beholder wonders at their number. Statistics compiled by Professor A. B. Nystrom, county agent, show that there are over 10,000 dairy cows in the county, and the most of these are regularly tested and the unprofitable ones cast out.

There is here a branch condensary of the Carnation Company. This concern gets its full share of the milk output, for which it is paying at the present time \$3.70 cents a hundred pounds for milk. When that price is considered just remember that at the outbreak of the war the price was \$1.40, and shortly after was reduced to \$1.10.

Three years ago last Spring some of the enterprising citizens of Chehalis organized a stock company for the erection of a cannery for the putting up of fruits and vegetables. The initial year the company did fairly well. Last year it did a fine business, the gross sales amounting to about \$125,000. This year was a disastrous one for some of the chief products handled, owing to a severe drought in the growing season. For instance, the bulk of string beans, one of the principal packs received, was next to nothing.

Season's Pack Totals \$200,000.

But last Spring the association had put in machinery for canning corn and thus the pack of all products was brought close to \$200,000. A warehouse 96x38 feet, two-story brick, a corn canning section 3x158 feet, also brick, and a boiler house 20x20 feet, were erected, all of the improvements costing about \$40,000. And whereas there was trouble in placing the initial stock, there was no trouble this year in financing the improvements. Among the specialties of the plant is their pack of gallon cans of Evergreen blackberries, which are gathered mostly by children and poor people. 225 tons of these berries were put up this year.

One of the fine features about this cannery is that they have no trouble whatever in selling their entire pack at good prices. They are now practically sold out for this year. Next year they expect to have 200 acres of sugar corn contracted for. If they succeed in this it will lengthen their operating season about six weeks. They employ young people and old people in the plant, and they make good wages. In the height of the season they employ as high as 250. This plant promises to be a wonderful up-builder for Chehalis. Dan W. Bush is at the head of it. Dan, as most

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SCENES AT CHEHALIS, LEWIS COUNTY SEAT CITY.



TOP—ST. HELENS HOTEL. BELOW—CANNING ASSOCIATION BUILDING.

everybody knows, is the motive power behind the Bee-Nugget, a paper now in its 36th year. But the man, who for some years has been the real editor and publisher of the Bee-Nugget, is C. E. Ellington, a mighty fine and mighty capable young man.

There is another weekly newspaper here, the Bee-Nugget being a weekly, which was run for a number of years by Postmaster McBroom. He was appointed five or six years ago by President Wilson to succeed Dan Bush. (I will give the reader three guesses to guess Mr. McBroom's politics! And now take a guess at Dan's.) Anyhow, one of the good newspaper men of Oregon, Joseph P. Hurley, of Forest Grove, bought out Mr. McBroom a few months ago and is now the man who owns and runs the Lewis County Advocate. He has an assistant, Mr. S. S. Dow, who owned and ran the Newberg Enterprise until it was burned out on the second of last July. The Advocate is not by any means a new paper. It is in its 26th year.

One of the prime levers in the up-growth of Chehalis has been the Chehalis Citizens Club. Dan Bush is also at the head of that as president. They have had an active career for 15 years that I know of. They have fine club houses in a building in the best part of town, opposite the great Coffman-Dobson Bank, an attendant always there to welcome visitors. In addition to that they have an executive office in the new St. Helens Hotel, opening off the lobby. The secretary has his office there. He is also the secretary of the Washington Association of Commercial Organization Secretaries. The name intimates the functions of the organization. They hold occasional meetings and through Community Service, monthly publication issued by Secretary Marsh, they keep in active co-operation with each other.

Hotel Accommodations Modern.

I mentioned the new St. Helens Hotel. There is no need to tell the traveling public that Bill West (W. F.) is the owner and operator, as he has been of the old hotel. The old hotel occupied a piece of ground in the very heart of the city about 200x180 feet. It was a frame structure of about 50 rooms. It has been noted all over Western Washington as a good place to stop.

About two years ago Bill began to replace the old structure with a four-story brick. He would take a whack at the old building and maybe move it out into the street or alley. There he would install water and heating service and then dig down a way to get to the street level and begin on the brick. He kept pegging away, Winter and Summer, and gradually the old building was sold in sections or reduced to kindling and the brick would creep up by degrees. No, there is not a vestige of the old structure left, and its place, covering every inch of the plot, stands one of the handsomest, most splendidly arranged and finely equipped hotels of 125 rooms there is in the West.

No other town in the Northwest of twice the population of Chehalis can boast of such an establishment. It cost around \$125,000, but you would think just to cast a look through the great tiled floor lobby that it cost twice that.

Bank Deposits Show Growth.

Almost everybody who has heard of Chehalis has heard of the Coffman-Dobson Bank. Its full title is the Coffman-Dobson Bank & Trust Company. It is one of the oldest and strongest institutions in Southwestern Washington. N. B. Coffman is president and the active manager. T. M. Donohue is vice-president and Mr. Coffman's son, D. T. Coffman, is cashier. Its capital, surplus and undivided profits are \$254,178.94, and its deposits are \$1,449,211.21. This bank was the first state bank in this Federal Reserve district to take membership in the Federal Reserve system. About a year ago the banking premises were enlarged and modernized—and since then the bank has grown so fast that many of the clerks are in adjacent rooms, which were reached by cutting through partitions and walls. I was in there one afternoon and the crush in the lobby was about as fierce as it is on the busiest part of a busy day in one of our largest Portland banks.

It would not be fair to dismiss the name of Mr. Coffman without saying that I have not heard of any other manager of the war loans, Red Cross and other campaigns, who achieved anything like the success that was encompassed in Lewis County. Mr. Coffman will tell you, as he did me, that his success was simply the outpouring of the loyal spirit of Lewis County.

Patriotic Response Unanimous.

Assuredly, the achievements could not have been secured in a lukewarm or half-loyal community. But it took brains, acumen, talent, versatility, judgment, patience—all that what you will. But it took a master hand at the helm to make in Lewis County this record. But let me say that before this, before any bonds were offered, the people of Lewis County, through Mr. Coffman, sent, unrequested almost, \$500 to the Jewish Relief Fund. But scan this record:

Table with columns: Loan, Quota Asked, Amt. Paid. Rows include W. R. S., Second, Third drive, Fourth drive, and other amounts.

It was about the same with the relief quotas, all were greatly over-subscribed. I have not intended in this mention of Mr. Coffman's work to give to him alone too great credit. Nor in my mention of his bank have I intended to in any way belittle the two other safe and conservative banks of Chehalis. But we cannot get away from the fact that the great length of service of the Coffman-Dobson Bank has built up a business above that of its neighbors. The Chehalis National Bank occupies its own fine bank building. It had by the last call, November 1, a capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$72,227.92, and deposits of \$569,731.96. D. W. Noble is the president, William Brunsvold and C. O. Gingerich, vice-presidents, and Arthur C. Corey, cashier.

United Effort Spells Success. The newest bank is the Security State Bank. It occupies a fine building on a good corner, the structure being new and bringing in a good revenue aside from the bank rent. It has a capital, surplus and profits of \$51,266.41, and deposits of \$329,887.72. J. W. Alexander is president, J. T. Alexander, vice-president, and W. J. Ford, cashier.

This article is already too long, but I cannot close without saying that I cannot close without saying that many visits I have made to Centralia and Chehalis this has been the pleasantest. There was at the time of some of my former visits an outcropping of jealousy between the two cities. That has all disappeared and now the two communities are pulling together, and no doubt the day is not far distant when the two cities will be merged into one big metropolis. This is best shown by the action taken by the Chehalis people to do their utmost to get a Normal school established near Centralia. But the spirit of co-operation and fellowship. This has made my visit a very pleasant event.

DANGER CAVE HARMLESS

Investigators Find Cavern Occupied by Many Bats. NEW ASHFORD, Mass.—Braving the supposed terrors of Baker's cave, reputed to be the lair of wild animals, a party of Pittsfield and Lenox residents, led by Courtland Field Bishop, the millionaire, recently entered the cavern in the Berkshire hills. Armed with pocket searchlights and a 70-foot rope, which they made fast to an oak tree at the entrance of the isolated cave, the party lowered them-

Coos Grant to Be Hurried.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Jan. 7.—Representative Sniwell will ask the adoption of a resolution by the House public lands committee calling on the rules committee for a rule making it in order to consider immediately his Coos Bay wagon road grant bill. Adjournment of the House today, out of respect for Colonel Roosevelt, prevented the measure coming up under unanimous consent.

Subsistence Allowance Granted.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COL-



When you feel yourself going. WHEN you feel your car skid—that feeling of utter helplessness with its attendant fear of disastrous consequences—it will be too late to do anything, except pray. No amount of human skill will then avert a crash against the curb, a nearby vehicle, or, worse yet, the innocent bystander. But you don't have to suffer that terrible "feeling of utter helplessness." Appreciate now that the only thing to do is to use the dependable preventative—Anti-Skid Chains on all four tires.

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