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### RETURNING TO BETTER BUSINESS CONDITIONS.

The issuance, with strong underwriting, of \$40,000,000 of long-time low-interest rate bonds by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company is the most conclusive evidence that we have yet had of the return of normal business conditions. We must go back a considerable period to find a similar transaction—to a time long antedating the outbreak of the recent panic.

The investing world is slowly but surely working out of the abyss of unnecessary funk into which it has been plunged, says a New York paper. Exaggerated fears, if not altogether conquered, are being brought under semblance of control. Money for some purposes is already abundant and it will soon be possible for corporations and business men to secure funds to build, improve, extend, and equip. The embargo is being lifted—this is the gratifying inference to be drawn from the announcement of the new Pennsylvania financing.

Confidence, as has often been remarked, is a plant of slow growth. It does not respond much to merely verbal stimulation. Yet manifestly there are signs of a better state of feeling. The recent supreme court decisions have done much to restore a belief that property rights are still to be protected. The events of the last six months have done something to educate the public, and there is less applause for the dancing derbies of our legislative halls and executive offices. There has been recovery from the hysteria that was epidemic, as can be seen by comparing the news this year from Washington and the state capitals with the news from the same quarters a year ago. The strength shown by Secretary Taft as a presidential candidate is healing—he is in a fair way to be accepted by the conservatives and by the radicals who have not lost grip on their judgments as a commonsense, middle ground candidate who is neither at war with progress nor with prosperity. With the psychological impediment removed, with the public temper normal, there is no reason that a year that came in with depression may not go out with hope.

### FOOD FOR THE BLUE JACKETS.

A report has been made to the navy department at Washington in regard to the value of the various powdered, dehydrated, and condensed foods which were tested during the long cruise of the fleet to the Pacific coast. It was found that powdered milk is not as good a substitute for the fresh article as is tinned milk. Powdered eggs were found to be satisfactory in the scrambled and omelet form, as well as in puddings, custards, and the like, and their use is recommended wherever fresh eggs cannot be obtained at reasonable prices. Most of the dehydrated vegetables that were tried answered all requirements especially the cranberries, cabbage soup, greens and potatoes, but the spinach and onions preserved in this way by being deprived of their moisture did not prove so satisfactory, as they require a good deal of seasoning to make them palatable. Tinned potatoes which are a new product on the market, but which have been satisfactorily tested by the army in the Philippines and Alaska, proved to be palatable substitutes for the fresh article, and their use is recommended. Large quantities of these substitutes will be purchased for the fleet's voyage across the Pacific, and have already been ordered, along with 250,000 pounds of coffee and a like amount of butter.

### WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

#### GOOD EVENING.

For a man to exert his power in doing good so far as he can is a most glorious task.—Sophocles.

#### PREMONITIONS.

There's a bud on the bush by the Ilac gate,  
And a bird on the bough in the lane;  
And, upon my soul, I can hardly wait  
For the bloom in the valley again!  
There's a knock at the door of the beautiful hill  
And a shadowy, far-off note  
Of song on the stream from the lips of dream,  
And the robin is clearing his throat!

The eaves are a-drip, and the sod grows warm,  
And the trees are beginning to sigh;  
The spirit of bloom's in the wake of the storm,  
And there's infinite sweet in the sky;  
Tomorrow, perhaps, when I wake I shall see  
A catkin in velvet and brown,  
And little Miss Daffodil, golden in glee,  
A-stroll through the heart of the town!

Oh, whisper it, wind, to my heart once more,  
There are snowdrops open, you say,  
And the streams are cleaning up house with a roar,  
Each moment expecting Miss May!  
I know it, I know it, Sir Tanager cries,  
And the meadows are waiting for me,  
And the earth is in infinite love with the skies,  
And the skies are in love with the sea.

"Remember," said the Prudent man, at the Millicoma, "that the words once spoken can never be recalled."  
"No," answered the Politician, "but you can always make a fuss and say you were misquoted."

### NORTH BEND NEWS

Charles Allger of North Bend, is confined to his home by illness.

The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid Society will meet Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. R. Simpson.

Mrs. L. M. Perry of the North Bend millinery store, who has been in ill-health has gone to Roseburg to secure medical treatment.

Charles Cavanagh took his young son, Eldon, to Marshfield to undergo an operation on his limb. The boy has been suffering for the past year and it is hoped that the operation will permanently cure him.

Mrs. W. F. Bode entertained a few friends at a dancing party at her home Saturday evening. A delightful time was enjoyed. Following the festivities at the Bode home, all of the members of the party went to the "Calico Ball" at Eckhoff hall.

Frank Kern, a well-known Flagstaff young man, who is now in Alaska writes friends here that he is having a nice time, enjoying good health and thinks that he will make a strike soon. He is 100 miles from a postoffice.

The beautiful America Club's "Calico Ball" at Eckhoff hall, Saturday night was a great success despite the inclement weather. Between 65 and 70 couples were in attendance. Punch was served by the ladies and in all about \$37 was netted for the benefit of the organization. Every one present had a delightful time.

Robert Agers who formerly conducted a blacksmith shop on Coos Bay but who has been at his old home in Atlas, Cal., is having a great streak of hard luck. He was ill most of the winter and had to receive treatment in a sanitarium. Soon after he recovered sufficiently to be around on crutches, he slipped and fell and broke his leg. He has been taken to the Sanitarium again but it is feared that the injury is so serious that he will have to have the limb amputated.

The funeral of Chas. L. Parker, the North Bend pioneer who drop-

ped dead of heart disease near his home Thursday, will be held Tuesday afternoon from the Methodist Episcopal church at 2 o'clock, the Rev. Lacey officiating. Mr. Parker was 74 years old and was named

Charles LaFayette in honor of General LaFayette under whom his grandfather had served in the Revolutionary war. He is survived by his widow and several children, a number of the children residing at

other points but all of them are expected to be present at the funeral tomorrow. The children are Wm. I. Parker, Geo. W. Parker, Mrs. Lucy E. Myers, Mrs. Sadie E. Newkirk, Mrs. Emma M. Barnes, Mrs. Katherine E. Jenkins, John C. Parker,

James E. Parker, Mrs. Blanche Russell and Miss Myrtle E. Parker. Two children are dead. There are also twenty-three grand children and one great-grand child surviving.



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