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THE BOOSTER-HERO.
THERE ARE TOWNS, and even cities, where the genuine booster is almost a hero when the people and things he is up against are considered. It takes a fine quality of courage to boost a city where every other man is grunting and grouching and knocking. Not that we have any such people on Coos Bay, of course; but there are places we know of not over 1,000 miles from here; and it is the knowledge of what their boosters are contending with, that makes us give forth this protest.

The man who has his home town's interest at heart and works not only against the pressure from without but against the inattention within and the drag of home indifference, is a hero pure and simple if he achieves anything whatever. But the booster is a cheerful cuss; he does not boost because he wants to; he is simply built that way and finds his chief pleasure in giving the sunny and happy ideas that possess him, to all who will take and assimilate them. It does not make any difference to him that he is surrounded with a lot of moss-backs, moles, "stand-paters," skin-flints and stagnated humans, who prefer the old to the new and the cheap to the costly and modern; he goes right on sowing the seed of progress and prosperity, and finds his reward in being among the first to profit by the advantages his boosting has wrought.

All that is the matter with the booster is there are not enough of him. This is what makes him a hero.

THE COUNTRY'S MARVELOUS PROGRESS.

A NEW YORK investment house has issued a calculation of the wealth of the United States in 1920.

A table is presented in which actual figures are given for 1890, 1900, and 1908 and the percentage of increase worked out. The deductions are drawn. For example, the population of 1920 is estimated at 100,000,000, the bank clearings at \$193,000,000,000, the total wealth at \$175,000,000,000, manufactured products at \$19,000,000,000, railroad gross earnings at \$3,600,000,000, etc. The final comment is this:

In view of our enormous wealth-producing power and because of our great educational advantages it is inevitable that the United States should furnish ultimately the most intelligent as well as the largest investing class to be found among civilized nations.

These huge figures possess manifold significance and their contemplation should correct our sense of perspective, renew our courage and establish firmly our confidence in the nation's future. To labor they should present an ever-expanding vista of remunerative employment, to capital they should speak of increasing opportunities for the profitable and useful employment of its resources, while to the legislator they should indicate clearly and forcibly the grave responsibility involved in the enactment of statutes affecting such vast interests.

The predictions made in the computation referred to above are not immoderate. Between 1890 and 1900 population increased 21 per cent; between 1900 and 1908—eight years—it increased 15 per cent. Surely it is not rash to figure that in the twelve-year period between now and 1920 it will increase as much as 15 per cent, and that wealth will increase with giant strides.

BOX OF BOOZE WAS DYNAMITE

North Bend Man Makes Ludicrous Mistake to Keep Summer Sober.

(Special to The Times.)
SUMNER, Ore., July 21.—An amusing incident occurred here recently when a prominent North Bend citizen and his estimable lady were on their way to help us celebrate. Just below town they noticed a box beside the track, which looked suspiciously like it might contain liquid refreshments. Actuated it is believed by a desire to preserve Sumner's reputation of a "dry town" the gentleman paused long enough to pick up the box and deposit it (with what care is not known) in a secluded place, then with a sense of duty performed, he resumed his journey and arriving here shortly after, straightway forgot the incident in the festivities of the day.

The following Monday morning found the dredge crew once more at the scene of their labors and upon encountering some obstacle in the channel, they had recourse to their box of dynamite which was found to be missing, and which a diligent search failed to locate. Thereupon conjecture was rife. One thought it a joke, another the prank of small boys, while a third opined that it had been taken to . . . as he had heard "a whole lot of shooting over there."

NEWS OF SUMNER.

(Special to The Times.)
SUMNER, July 21.—The blackberry season is now on, and Sumner hills are populous with berry pickers. Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Noble, Mrs. Butler and Miss Maud Bowron are encamped near here picking and canning blackberries and enjoying life in open air.

The Sumner Hall Company is making extensive improvements to their building, having added a large dining room where ball suppers will be served in future, also a neat porch over the main entrance. C. A. Sanford of North Bend, is the architect in charge of the work.

Mrs. L. G. Masters was called today to the bedside of her father, J. Steckel of Bay City, who is very low. Mr. Tuttle, a boiler maker, is here making repairs on the dredge's boiler.

An auto driven by A. L. Hembree of Portland, has just passed through here bound for Marshfield. Mr. Hembree stated that he found the roads in very good condition and had his machine been in good working order he could have made the trip in good time.

HAMMOCKS at COST. The Gummery Citizens' League Notice.

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