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VERY SATISFACTORY OUTLOOK FOR BUSINESS THIS YEAR.

PESSIMISTS who predicted stagnation in business for the United States this year now warn the public against the possibility of a runaway boom. They not merely abandon the irrational extreme to which they went less than six months ago, but they go to the unreasonable extreme of predicting booming good times.

The truth lies midway between the extremes. The county's business in 1912 will neither stick in the mud nor gallop, much less soar. Yet eminent authorities in American finance and industry are led by the present facts to optimism.

The steel and iron industry is considered a barometer of national prosperity. Principally because this means the sunny side of "Easy street" here. This basic industry is experiencing a striking renewal of vigor. On December 1, 1911, the business on its books amounted to 1,500,000 tons more than a year ago, the increase for November alone nearly equalling 500,000 tons. The Pittsburgh Gazette reports that independent ironmasters are doing fully as well. The Iron Age adds that—

"Steel companies have made progress in establishing higher prices, and look for railroad buying to re-enforce the position in which the recent heavy volume of low-priced business has put them. Heavy buying by the railroads impends." The Iron Review confirms these tidings and Frick predicts that expansion will continue.

Even the most skeptical concede that the turn of the tide has come. The betterment in industry and trade has become obvious to everybody. The record-breaking cotton crop of 15,000,000 bales in 1911 has inspired additional confidence. The freight business of the railroads has become heavy. There is increased activity in dry goods. New York's warehouse men, whose fingers feel the pulse of all business, declare that in nearly every line business everywhere is more active than for years. The diamond business, the last to respond to the return of prosperity, reports "exceptional activity." By spring consumption may not improbably have overtaken production, which is the condition for strenuous industrial activities. Abroad the country has enormous sums to its credit, thus controlling international finance. Such a balance of trade in this country's favor as now exists has almost invariably proved the forerunner of increased activity in business at home.

STAYING POWER OF WOMAN.

THE staying power of woman seems to grow as her responsibilities increase. There was a time when she would make a dash, exhaust her energies and then, if fate went against her, collapse. Even

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rybody remembers the sorrowful surrender of Hood's hostess when her cook failed her and her husband took "something heady" that made him unsteady in keeping his logs.

How shall I get through it?
I never can do it;
I'm quite looking to it
To sink by and by.
Oh, would I were dead now,
Or up in my bed now,
To cover my head now,
And have a good cry.

That sort of thing used to be the climax when women were shut in and denied the opportunities for wider experience than that of the domestic circle. The less they are circumscribed the more they develop—in that respect very much resembling men.

INDICT DRAIN STAGE BANDITS.

Men Who Robbed Passengers Make Full Confession.

The Roseburg Review says: "Making a clean breast of their hold-up several weeks ago of the Drain stage, Ed. Jurgins and Frank Coziah, alias Foster, were indicted by the grand jury on the charge of highway robbery. They will be sentenced by Judge Hamilton. Coziah's real name was learned in a letter to the sheriff's office here from the sheriff at Laramie, Wyo., where the robber formerly lived. The letter also stated that Coziah was wanted there for selling a team of mortgaged horses and for other offenses."

DOUGLAS FIR OIL GOOD

Students at University of Washington Make Discovery.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 9.—Discoveries that will place Douglas fir oil on a par with that extracted from pine, will utilize the millions of feet of fir stumps, roots and tree limbs, representing one-half of the standing timber, and will provide for the manufacture of fine paper from the waste after the oil has been manufactured, have been made by students of the chemistry department here, who, under the direction of Dr. H. K. Benson, have been experimenting on 29,000 pounds of fir stumps received from Linden, Ore.

"Our discovery of the oil of Douglas fir came as a result of studying the oils of four cords of wood sent through a wood distilling plant at Anacortes," said Dr. Benson. "Commercial turpentine of a high grade and the new oil were found by the students. When the tar obtained from this fir wood was refined it yielded three products—a very light oil, used in the manufacture of shingle stain; a heavier oil of tar, which, I believe, can be used for linseed oil, and a tar residue of pitch, which, we believe, can be used successfully as a protective paint for iron, steel and metal surfaces. Now, the resin in the wood renders it useless for white paper, and it is available only for the cheaper grades of colored paper, but by using our apparatus we can extract this resin."

"Other experiments deal with the value of the tannic acid of the fir bark and the oil distilled from fir needles."

SMALLPOX IN PORTLAND.

Thirty Cases of Disease Discovered in Rose City.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 8.—New cases of smallpox continue to appear in the city at the rate of about one new case a day. A case discovered lately was that of a former Oregon Agricultural College student. Two cases were also discovered Tuesday. Almost all of the infections are found to be from outside sources, and City Health Officer Wheeler is inclined to blame health officers with jurisdiction outside the city for a lack of vigilance. The Baker family, in which there were six cases, has been released from quarantine. There are now four residences in the city under quarantine, and 14 cases of smallpox at the city hospital. In the city there are now 30 cases, a reduction by two from the number at the beginning of the week.

VOTE ON ROOSEVELT.

Oregon Voters Will Pass on His Candidacy For President.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 9.—Without awaiting definite announcement from Roosevelt as to whether or not he will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for President, Oliver M. Hickey and Joseph T. Ellis, Portland lawyers, have followed the example of other admirers of the President in the states of Nebraska and New Jersey and have started the circulation of petitions to place the name of Roosevelt on the primary nominating ballot as a candidate for the presidency.

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THE LONG REACH.

Life's a thread that's brittle—breaks at slightest touch,
We can get along on little, but we're reachin' after much.

We want earth's wealth
In golden bars,
And all the gold dust
Of the stars.

The silver of the sunrise, is in beauty coming on,
But ere we reap its riches it's "Good-by!" and we're gone!

But still we chase
The fleeting gleam,
And leave the green world
In a dream.

—Frank L. Stanton.

An Oklahoma man has willed \$3,500 for the care of his pet parrot. Give him the record for throwing money to the birds.

The Chinese are to have a new language with the odds favoring "English." And so it shall come to pass that Gow Why will hereafter be known as Bill Smith.

PRIZE RIDDLE TODAY.

If Arkansas Delaware her
new Jersey would she let Tennessee.

Abe Ruef is anxious to be pardoned so that he can become an evangelist. Somehow that reminds one of a certain sick party who vowed to become a monk.

GROWING OLD.

Growing old? The moon is never old; tonight
It sheds a radiance o'er the world as bright

As when Diana bent her silver bow,
Or Juliet whispered vows to Romeo.

Growing old? The stars as fair a vigil keep
As when Judean shepherds with their sheep

Lay out on Canaan's hills; and every spring
In oozy woods hawthorns are blossoming.

And summer brings the aster and the rose,
And in the Autumn flaming sumac glows

On woody hillsides, for the season's change
Is given to mortals but to show the range

Of Nature's beauty. Oh, there's nothing old
Except the heart through selfishness grows cold.

TROUSERS TOO LONG

ARE CUT OFF TWICE

Something happened to our plumber friend, B. F. Willey, the other morning that must have reminded him of the adventures and pranks of "Peck's Bad Boy." It appears that he sauntered into the Fixup clothing store the other day just to chat with the proprietors, and his attention was called to a certain brand of pants, that a customer was selecting.

"How much are these pants," asked Willey. "I am going hunting in the morning, and I think a pair of them would be put fine for the occasion."

"A dollar and a quarter," answered Jones.

"Pick me out a pair," ordered Willey.

After a search it was found that the only pair that would fit Willey around the waist were four inches too long for his limited extremities.

"But they can easily be fixed," said Jones.

"All right, roll them up."

Willey continued the short-story telling, while Jones went to the back of the shop, cut off the legs of the pants four inches, glued them up and sewed them, tied them, and handed them to Willey.

"I bought a pair of pants today to use when I go hunting in the morning," said Willey to his wife, opening the package. "But they were four inches too long," he added, throwing them into a corner of the room.

His good little housewife got busy, picked up the pants and, unnoticed by Mr. hunter, cut them off four inches at the bottom, and fixed them just so nice.

At two o'clock the next morning the modern Nimrod arose to venture out for the ducks—and then it was that he awoke. He pushed his feet too far out through the pantaloons.

Charles Durham, Lovington, Ill., has succeeded in finding a positive cure for bed wetting. "My little boy wet the bed every night clear thro' on the floor. I tried several kinds of kidney medicine and I was in the drug store looking for something different to help him when I heard of Foley Kidney Pills. After he had taken them two days we could see a change and when he had taken two thirds of a bottle he was cured. That is about six weeks ago and he has not wet in bed since." **RED CROSS DRUG COMPANY.**

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At the close of business, December 5, 1911.

Resources.	
Loans and Discounts	\$422,312.68
Banking House	50,000.00
Cash and Exchanges	184,486.42
Total	\$656,799.10
Liabilities.	
Capital Stock paid in	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	58,531.57
Deposits	548,267.53
Total	\$656,799.10

Condensed Statement

of the condition of

The First National Bank

OF COOS BAY

at the Close of Business, Dec. 5, 1911.

Resources.	
Loans and Discounts	\$229,329.87
Bonds, Warrants and Securities	73,161.50
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	25,000.00
Real Estate, Furniture and Fixtures	81,472.94
Cash and Sight Exchange	141,131.98
Total	\$550,096.29
Liabilities.	
Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus and undivided profits	10,797.39
Circulation, outstanding	25,000.00
Deposits	414,298.90
Total	\$550,096.29
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