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BUSINESS IS BETTER

That was good news and interesting, too, that returning Coos Bayites coming from distant sections of the country told in The Times, of improved business conditions all over the country. The fortunate people of Coos Bay have not felt the pinch of hard times and "a little quiet" has been about the only noticeable effect of the general business depression. It was inevitable, however, that a continuation of commercial stagnation in other sections must eventually affect Coos Bay adversely, even though we have here an empire of our own. That's why the news brought by business men who have been investigating the matter as they traveled in all sections that the conditions in the financial and wholesale centers are changing for the better was welcome tidings from afar.

"Everywhere," one business man says, "were heard expressions of expectations that the coming period, with a possible beginning in early spring, is going to be the most remarkable era of progress and prosperity that the country has ever enjoyed."

There will be no depression this year. As surely as the sun will rise and set on the hills and valleys of Oregon during the coming year, so surely will the development of this state go forward in strides which have never been equalled. It is the consensus of opinion among the financiers of the Pacific Coast—that Oregon is due for a growth more surely and in greater proportion than any other section of the Northwest or the Pacific Coast.

The surface of this section has been barely scratched as yet as far as our capacity for productivity is concerned. A large part of our timber is uncut on the hills and the opening of the Panama Canal, with the building of the Willamette Pacific railroad from Eugene to Coos Bay means an era of development never before known.

The immigration from Europe, which will start next fall with the opening of the canal, will place here in our state that class of immigrant who will take up our cheap uncultivated lands, clear them and place them in condition to produce bountiful crops. It is this class of people who will really develop this country and bring it to a point of productiveness. It is this class of immigrant who developed Kansas, the Dakotas and Minnesota after the experienced middle west and eastern farmers gave up in despair and left their lands in those states. The farmers who tried to settle Kansas and after a few years of struggle with locusts, sunflowers and droughts, left for the east, met the emigrants from Russia, Sweden, Germany and Scandinavia coming in to take the lands he was abandoning. It is this class of emigrants who have made Kansas one of the richest states in the union with a per capita of bank deposits which is equalled by no other state.

And it is this class of emigrant who will come to Oregon, take up our cheap lands and by hard work, to which he was born and is no stranger, he will help bring our state to a point of productiveness which will place it on a par with the richest commonwealths in the union.

A PURPOSE IN EDUCATION.

BY THE time young men and women enter college or university they should have a definite purpose in education. They should know and be able to explain why they are pursuing higher learning. If such an awakening has not come to them automatically they should be aroused by their elders to the realization that to get out of the years they have to offer requires on their part an appreciation of the mission of education and a singleness of purpose in pursuing it.

Many young folks, if asked their reason for going to college, would reply, self culture—that is to equip one's self for the battle of life. And the answer seems altogether natural and noteworthy. It is laudable for a boy or girl to exert the effort involved in a college course for the sake of self-improvement. Self improvement is one way of raising the general level of society.

But that is not, generally speaking, the prime purpose of higher education. If it were it would tend toward an aristocracy of mere culture, for which there is no place in a democracy. The only kind of aristocracy that has a right to exist in this country is an aristocracy of faithful and efficient service. In which culture must be merely one factor. Such service is the chief need and the highest duty of mankind. An education is in vain unless it equips men and women for their life's duty.

Times Want ads bring results.

WITH THE TOAST AND THE TEA

GOOD EVENING

There is that within us which, all unbidden, rises to answer to the voice of intellectual truth, come whence it may.—Edersheim.

TODAY.

Sure, this world is full of trouble—I ain't said it ain't; Lord! I've had enough an' double, Reason for complaint, Rain an' storm have come to fret me Skies were often gray; Thorns an' brambles have beset me On the road—but say, Ain't it fine today?

What's the use of always weepin' Makin' trouble last? What's the use of always keepin' Thinkin' of the past? Each must have his tribulation, Water with his wine, Life it ain't no celebration, Trouble? I've had mine— But today is fine.

It's today that I am Hevin' Not a month ago, Havin', losin', takin', givin', As time wills it so, Yesterday a cloud of sorrow, It may rain again tomorrow, It may rain—but say, Ain't it fine today? —Selected.

Most Coos Bay married men are happier than they suppose.

D. A. Jones of the Fixup is engaged in writing a new song, intended to be popular, entitled, "My Name is Jones, But It Ain't J. C."

The fellow who knew how to succeed without work died before he revealed the secret.

COW TESTS IN COOS COUNTRY

J. L. Smith, Agricultural Agent, Reports Dairymen Are Co-operating With Him

Cow-testing associations are being formed among the dairymen of Coos county. Under the leadership of J. L. Smith, county agricultural agent, owners of 600 cows have already pledged for this work. The agreement provides for an assessment of \$1.25 per cow annually, to defray the expenses of testing and carrying on the work of the association. This sum will provide for a year's tests. Pasture and forage are among the foremost problems that Coos county dairymen have to solve. Mr. Smith is helping them reach a solution so that they may engage more extensively in winter dairying. He is co-operating with the forest officers in seeding 500 acres of burned over timber lands to tame grasses, and encouraging a larger production of clover, vetch, kale, peas and corn, for pasture and hay.

FILLED AREA NOW FLOODED

LACK OF SURFACE DRAINAGE AFFECTS LARGE PART OF FILL MADE IN RAILROAD ADDITION.

The dredge-filled area of Railroad Addition Sunday and early today was converted into a miniature lake as a result of the heavy rains. Some of the houses and buildings which were not well cleared off the dredge fill have been flooded. The Bradley Candy Company in Eagles' Hall had to close down this

S. P. WILL BUILD SWING BRIDGE

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after it is checked up, was \$7,442.18, \$200 being allowed as a bonus for the completion of the work ten days before the contract time.

Major Morrow writes. A communication from Major Morrow was read in which he said that he would decline to accept the courtesy offered by the Port Commission for the defraying of his expense while here. Major Morrow said in his letter that he was already indebted to the Port Commission for courtesies that had been extended to him, and that his mileage and hotel expense allowed by the Government was sufficient to defray his hotel expenses.

Union Oil Lease. The question of the leasing of a public dock to the Union Oil Company was brought up. The company returned its contract to the Port Commission in which a clause was inserted that they would pay the tonnage charge of 20 cents only for goods shipped over the dock and sold in Marshfield. This means that if the Union Oil Company sold oil in cargo lots here and it did not pass over the dock that they would be required to pay the tonnage of 20 cents.

Peter Loggie said that the idea of the tonnage charge was to compel the Union Oil Company to pay 20 cents a ton for every ton of oil sent to Coos Bay, whether it was sent by water or rail, regardless of passing over the contemplated dock. C. R. Peck said that the contract as the Union Oil Company wanted it was identical with that of the Standard Oil Company here.

A. H. Powers said that the Union Oil Company should be allowed the same consideration as the opposition company and for this reason he believed that the correction made by the Union Company was only fair to all.

Loggie objected to this, however, saying that the Union Oil contract with the Port Commission should be considered separately, irrespective of that of the Standard Oil Company. The matter was laid on the table until the Standard Oil contract, which was in the possession of City Attorney Goss, could be procured.

Kick on Hawley.

A communication was read by the secretary of the Port Commission to Senator Hawley regarding the appropriation the Rivers and Harbors Congress had recommended for Coos Bay. The Port expressed dissatisfaction at the manner in which they were being regarded by the officials at Washington. Peter Loggie expressed the sentiment of the Port in saying that they were being treated as "a bunch of school children."

"Yes, and we shall be considered as such as long as we sit here 'talking it over,'" said Mr. Powers.

Final action on the contract with the Union Oil Company was deferred until the local manager could confer with them by wire. The Port Commission will do nothing about the new warehouse until this is signed. They insist on the Union Oil Company signing the same kind of a contract as the Standard Oil Company has while the latter wants to exempt some of the tolls.

Dredge Moves March 1.

Manager Miller of the dredge Seattle informed the Commission that the dredge would begin pumping into the district north of Elrod about March 1. It has been delayed some by hard freezing.

morning owing to the water rising in the basement of the hall so that all its belting and shafting were under water. A barn of A. T. Haines on South Broadway has about five feet of water in it. A large portion of Hall avenue is flooded.

Mayor Allen said this morning that a force of men is now digging a temporary drain to let the surface water run off and as soon as the dredge Seattle completes its work there a regular drain box will be put in. This will have to provide drainage for the gulch west of Scott's gardens and provisions will also have to be made for the surface drainage on the large area that was filled.

MRS. STEWART VISITS SON

Frank Ross, Gaining Fame as Actor, is Son of Marshfield Woman

The following from the Oregonian will be of interest here as Mrs. Jennie M. Stewart who conducts a rooming house in the Johnson building on North Second street, near Central, left on the last Breakwater to visit him and other relatives; Frank Ross, one of the members of the company of Bert Lealle, the "King of Sings" at the Empress is an Oregon boy. He was born in the Palouse country, was raised in Portland, went to school here and gained his first dramatic experience at the Lewis and Clark Exposition in the spectacular production called "The Carnival of Venice." Ross has been away from the Pacific Coast for two years and his visit to the Empress has brought about a family reunion. His mother, Mrs. Jennie M. Stewart, of Marshfield, Or., and his sister Katherine, coming to Portland to be with the young actor during his engagement here. They are registered at the Wheelidon Annex for the week.

C. C. Sargent, father of the Theatopian, who died recently, was a pioneer of Oregon, and Isaac N. Sargent, grandfather of Ross, operated a pack train over the Cascades in the early days.

The young actor's father conducted the Washington Hotel here for several years and was one of the first agents for the Regulator Line which operated between Portland and The Dalles.

Chester Sargent, of The Dalles, is Ross' brother, Mrs. Myrtle Wattenberger, of Heppner, Or., is his sister, and Mrs. Hattie Williams, of St. Johns, is his aunt. In "Hogan the Painter," the "Slang King's" playlet, Ross speaks a comedy line about St. John's.

"I'm such a true Oregonian," declared Ross, "that I put the state in my boss' act."

WOOLEN GOODS PRICES LOWER

R. A. Copple Says Tariff Reduction is Evident—Bad Roads—Times Better

R. A. Copple of the Golden Rule Store returned Saturday night via Drain from a six weeks' trip to Chicago, New York and other eastern market centers. He reports that the east is much more optimistic over the business outlook, mills and factories are resuming operations and the prospects are for a very good year.

He says that the effect of the new tariff is now evident. A reduction of twelve to fifteen per cent marked most lines, while on some imported manufactured woollens, the price is thirty per cent lower.

Mr. Copple says that the trip in via Drain was the worst he ever experienced. He says that instead of improving the road appears to get worse each trip year after year and is now the worst he ever saw it.

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LOSS OF APPETITE

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SAIL SUNDAY ON ALLIANCE

Next Trip May be Last of Vessel as Elder May be Sent Here Then

BAR ROUGH TODAY. Owing to a rough bar, the Redondo was unable to cross out today, but will leave about 5 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The Alliance sailed yesterday for Portland with a good cargo of miscellaneous freight in addition to the through shipments from Eureka. She took on considerable sash and door shipments at North Bend and also a big shipment of railroad ties for the North Bank road.

It is expected that after her next trip, the Geo. W. Elder will take the place of the Alliance on the Coos Bay run. The Alliance is to be given an overhauling and may be put on the Alaska run.

Among those sailing on the Alliance were: Jack Gabriell, A. Tachetti, E. W. Holste, Lawrence Barrett, E. R. Tober, Hans Holstad, T. J. Kolstad and wife, H. R. Robinson, W. Nicholson, C. Wiles, J. S. Tower, Geo. D. James, Mrs. James, Loren James, Bertha James, Isadora James, J. Rosenthal and Chas. Wilson.

ROOM STARTS IN LONDON.

W. T. Stoll is in receipt of a letter from a friend in London, which contains the following interesting bit of news of improved financial conditions:

"Within the last three weeks a boom has broken out in London. At present this is confined principally to high-class securities. Whilst two or three weeks since one was told on every hand that there was no available money for anything and everyone seemed steeped in the depths of despair, now everyone is equally optimistic and there seems to be unlimited funds. If the boom in high-class securities, such as Consols and Government stock, should keep on much longer, it is expected

LEAVE TODAY ON REDONDO

Steamer Sails This Morning for San Francisco—Takes Many Potatoes

The Redondo sailed today for San Francisco with a full list of passengers and considerable freight in addition to the lumber cargo. There were several shipments of potatoes and a big shipment of condensed milk from the North Bend condensation.

On her next trip back, the Redondo will bring another big shipment of bitumen for street work here.

Among those sailing on the Redondo were the following:

Marie Foster, Mrs. Annie Foster, Floyd O. Foster, Irene Foster, Henry Baxter, Mrs. H. Baxter, A. H. Noyes, C. H. LaBoiteaux, L. F. Hart, Mrs. H. G. Butler, Mrs. H. G. Butler, Joe Gossman, S. McKean, L. C. Crouch, J. A. Johnson, Mrs. J. C. Johnson, Eugene Siestrom, C. E. Wells, L. G. Knotts, Belmont Gooden, Tolne Narr, J. Narr, Herman Anderson, Chris Teveson, Margaret Krick, Mrs. Mary Krick, Mrs. J. Gates, Mrs. W. S. Turner, Mrs. A. T. Haines, Mrs. E. E. Straw, J. D. Sanders, R. S. Wright, C. E. Bieriart, Edith Anderson, Mat Anderson, Mildred Anderson, Mrs. M. Anderson, James Tachto, Joe Omakka, E. Dinlos, Harry Remer, Nick Sifula, M. Balakin, Jack Calkiewicz.

that it will then spread to other classes of securities more speculative. A man was telling me today that nothing like the present boom has been seen in this country for twenty years. That is to say, nothing so sudden and so swift has taken place within the same short space of time. Notwithstanding this very few new companies have been formed. The new issues have been mainly those in connection with existing companies, or on behalf of governments and large cities."

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