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SOUTH AMERICAN PROGRESS AND OREGON LUMBER

TEN THOUSAND homes for working people are to be built in Buenos Ayres within the next five years, according to a news item in the Bulletin of the Pan-American Union, Washington, D. C. At first such an announcement would not seem to be of very much interest to the people in the United States, but when a contractor from Buenos Ayres recently appeared in New Orleans, La., and let it be generally known that he was there for the purpose of buying about 20,000,000 feet of yellow pine and some 15,000,000 feet of cypress lumber, the producers of these commodities in the state of Louisiana and neighboring sections of the Gulf coast at once became alive to the situation and inquired for particulars. This is something for Oregon lumbermen to investigate.

The Argentine government has evolved a scheme for the betterment of the living conditions of the laboring classes in the larger cities of the country by placing the possibility of owning their homes within their reach. To accomplish this the government has entered into a contract for the erection of 10,000 two-story houses in an outlying district of the Argentine capital. Each house is to have not less than five rooms, a kitchen, a bathroom, sewer connections, etc., must front on a street or public passage and must be within four squares of a street car line or a railway station.

These houses are to be sold, preferably to Argentine citizens in the employ of the government, on an installment plan whereby the purchaser obligates himself to pay \$28.65 a month until the mortgage loan of \$2,580 has been repaid with interest at the rate of six per cent per annum. Houses not taken up by employees of the government are to be sold to other applicants. Similar projects are under way in Santa Fe and other provinces of Argentina.

While the Buenos Ayres project is perhaps the largest launched so far, the idea of governmental aid in the building of homes for working men is not so very new in Latin-American colonies. In 1910 the Cuban congress passed a law authorizing the executive department to construct 2,000 small cottages, each to be assigned by lot to native-born or naturalized Cuban heads of families, of good conduct, having no personal resources other than the results of their labors.

Under the provisions of this law, up to January 1, 1914, 905 houses had been constructed in Havana, 45 in Pinar del Rio, and 58 in various places in the province of Santa Clara.

Plans similar to these have been in operation for some years in Chile, Brazil, and Colombia, and are being projected in Salvador, the Dominican Republic, Peru, and other Latin American countries. In most cases the houses being erected are finished in pine, cypress, and to some extent in hardwoods. As in the case of the Buenos Ayres project, much of the lumber needed may be purchased in the United States, and thus the development of these plans may mean much to the foreign trade of the country, particularly to the lumber industry.

LOYALTY AND LOCAL BUSINESS

IHAT which feeds the community and causes it to increase in proportions, and was great in strength is BUSINESS, is our business. It must be industry and trade to create a city.

To attempt to build a city without industry, without a trade, without merchants and business activities of some sort, would be the height of absurd propositions.

Yet there are many in the community who, in their relations with the merchants, manufacturers, and industries of Coos Bay, conduct themselves as to give the impression that it is just the kind of a city they could have.

The building of a city means the rising of industries of one sort or another, in which may be found an outlet for labor. Unless such indus-

tries receive the support of the local residents they cannot with reason be expected to receive support from outside communities and to remain here and prosper.

Every expenditure of money for a home-manufactured product or with the local merchant, sets in circulation its portion of capital in the support of local community life. Some portion of every dollar spent on Coos Bay goes to pay for local labor, as a manufacturer, a producer, a carrier, or a tradesman. The dollar spent at home works at home for the people, who make the city in which one has his home, and contributes its share towards the prosperity and growth of the community.

In this is found the practical side of one's loyalty to his community. For a community is not an abstraction to which one may refer, aside from the people composing it. Loyalty to the merchants and all who are members of the community, as expressed in giving trade to them, is a direct contribution to the city and concrete evidence of one's faithfulness to the community. The "Trade at Home" movement is an expression of that patriotism and an outgrowth of the desire for a more definite showing of the spirit of loyalty.

Under the present complex civilization in which we live, it would be practically impossible for any community to live entirely within itself. Nor would this be altogether desirable. But the community which builds up within its own territory all the industries for which its location and environment and resources are such as to make profitable, is on the right road to prosperity and making the strongest kind of a bid for growth of a desirable kind.

Mercantile, manufacturing and other productive industries conducted with profit appeal the stronger to other industries of a desirable character and contribute to substantial growth.

The Marshfield Chamber of Commerce should set for itself as one of its activities the fostering of a stronger pride in local affairs, the strengthening of business ties and the development of healthier local manufacturing business and constituent home trade. In this it would appeal to all the citizens loyal to Marshfield for their support of its activities in behalf of the city.

USEFUL ANGORAS

DO YOU want to clean a piece of brush land easily? Buy a few goats.

It's no joke, but a method suggested by agricultural science and proved efficacious in practice.

John Luthy of Washington County, Ia., had thirty acres of rough land that had become hopelessly overgrown with brush and briars after the timber was cut off. He wanted to clean it up, but hesitated to tackle such a herculean job. While he meditated, his son, a student at the state agricultural school, who had been reading about the virtues of the despised goat, came across with this proposal: "Why not turn a flock of Angora goats into the brush patch?" Father scoffed, but finally gave in, and bought twenty-five goats.

The way those animals went to the job was a caution. They made a bee line for the brush, and piled from dawn till dark, never stopping except for a drink of water, and keeping up their load work the year round. The first year they stripped off all the leaves and bark of the smaller brush, the second year they started in on the saplings. Their constant eating of all the new sprouts killed the growth completely, so that in three years the brush had all decayed and given place to pasture grasses.

SHOULD LEARN SWIMMING

DURING the past week there has been a startlingly high number of drownings in the state. For some reason the fatal accidents of this kind have been particularly high in number, notably because it is a season of the year when everyone seeks recreation on the water. It shows, however, the importance of children knowing how to swim, especially in a place like Coos Bay, where they are constantly about or on the water. Many of the sad incidents of the past few days would probably have been avoided if the victims had been properly trained in swimming and it goes to show the importance of young people learning this art in a place like Coos Bay.

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THE UNION MARKET

HONOR OLD BELL

GREAT THRONG GATHERS AT KANSAS CITY FOR WELCOME

Gov. Major and Mayor Just Participate in Ceremonies—Special Car To Exhibit Curios In

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

KANSAS CITY, July 9.—The Liberty Bell arrived here today, its coming being announced by the blowing of whistles all over the city. The car upon which the relic is making the country trip was drawn into the business section on a sliding, where the ceremonies in its honor were held. Governor Major of Missouri and Mayor Jose of Kansas City participated.

U. S. WARNS LETTER WRITERS

WARNING has been issued by Postmaster General Burleson directing postmasters to give the widest publicity possible to the fact that the 2 cent letter postage does not apply to Australia and New Zealand. The only destinations to which the 2 cent letter rate applies are the Bahamas, Canada, Cuba, Mexico, Republic of Panama, Newfoundland, the Canal Zone, Germany (by direct steamers only), England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland, and the city of Shanghai, China. The rate to Australia is 5 cents.

HOW TO SPEND MONEY

PRSPERITY experts are agreed that the best ways to spend your money—if you have any—are about as follows:

First—Pay your debts with it. Second—Buy new goods with it. Third—Spend it in new construction work.

Fourth—Invest it in standard securities.

But whatever you do, don't stick it in your sock and leave it there. Prosperity doesn't sprout in old socks.

MORE SAILING VESSELS ARE IN USE NOW

Such is the Report of the Panama Canal Officials Since Waterway Was Opened

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PANAMA, July 9.—Since the opening of the Panama Canal it has been noticed by shipping agents in Panama City that the number of sailing ships to appear on the seas has rapidly increased. All of these have at one time or another passed through the waterway.

Shipping authorities attribute the increase in sail tonnage to the high freights due to the European war with the consequent lack of steam bottoms of neutral countries. It is stated that most of these sailing ships are of American registry. They are employed in carrying wheat and other grains from the United States Pacific ports to England and case oils from the United States ports to the Far East.

Referring to employers who have taken a stand against the drinking employee, he said:

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