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AN OPTIMISTIC OUTLOOK

GOOD TIMES have come again. While they have not reached Coos Bay, they are on the way. The Coos Bay contingent of traveling salesmen has returned from the annual trip to the "house" and they all bring back the same cheerful and enthusiastic report of improved conditions and increased business with a brighter prospect for the coming season than in many years.

These sharpshooters on the firing line of business know what they are talking about. The sales departments of the wholesale and jobbing houses do not deal in hot air. It is a case of deliver the goods—and when they say that business is better it is not said for political effect and may be accepted at its face value.

Nor are they alone in their expression of optimism. Experts on prosperity, bankers and their ilk, including our friend Frank Waito, do not point to one special cause as being responsible for the return of good times, but they recognize improved conditions are here. Money is creeping out of repositories, tentatively like little mice, to see if the wicked cat of industrial depression is lurking behind the chair. This cat seems to have gone—the way is clear and now money may scamper about, buy real estate, invest in business, open new stores, expand its factories, smile and beckon for more money to come into circulation.

Coos Bay was the last to feel the pinch of hard times and thus the returning wave of prosperity does not reach this section as soon as it has hit other places. Coos Bay's present prosperity is built largely on lumber, the increasing prices and better demand for that commodity means better times for all Southwestern Oregon. No one will be sapient enough to pronounce the last word on the cause of prosperity; but all are content that good times are coming, that logging camps and saw mills are reopening, that buildings are to be erected and business has taken an upturn.

If the statesmen and the philosophers could prove beyond peradventure of a doubt what is the cause of hard times and good times, much of the woe of the world would end. But it is all a matter of speculation and theory, of experiment and testing, of making of laws and the repealing of laws.

Most everything in this life is uncertain—and philosophers tell us that is what makes life interesting and worth living. Then we must tolerate uncertainty. But we like to have our uncertainty concerning prosperity tinged with a little reasonable optimism. Then life is indeed interesting and worth living.

PLENTY OF BABIES IN IRELAND

IRISH belligerent country, at least, the war has not had a disastrous effect on the growth of population. Ireland, after steadily losing in numbers for seventy five years, has started to gain again. In the three months ending Sept. 30, there was an excess of births over deaths of 9598. The birth rate was 29.8 and the death rate only 13.4, in spite of war losses of which Ireland has had her share.

The improvement, of course, has not started suddenly during the present year. It has merely become more noticeable. The actual turning of the tide has been a gradual matter, and has been chiefly due to the new agrarian policy which is making Ireland a land of freeholding farmers instead of tenants paying ruinous rents to absentee landlords.

Their new independence has aroused the personal ambition and racial spirit of the Irish. It is worth while for him to stay in Ireland instead of emigrating. It is worth while now for an Irishman to cultivate his land properly and erect decent buildings and keep the place in order. The revival in Irish industries under more liberal laws has added its salutary influence. The prospect of home rule has given Irishmen a new sense of power. All these elements, quickening the vitality of the nation, are now reflected in the birth rate, as a racial manifestation of vigor and optimism.

ALBANY—All the banks of the city have announced a four per cent rate of interest on savings, to go into effect at once.

WITH THE TOAST AND THE TEA

GOOD EVENING

It is a serious mistake to suppose that peace can be brought to pass on earth by mere economic measures, confined simply to giving bread to the hungry, if at the same time no provision is made for the needs and the rights of intelligence.—Etienne Parent.

MOODS

If the sky looks dark, And the air seems chill, And the clouds hang gray; And the winds howl shrill And the whole wide world Looks dull and grim— Why the outlook's very Dark and dim, And

You're blue, old man, that's all. You're blue! But If the sun shines clear, And the sky is fair, And the sparkle of life Thrills the bracing air, And the world looks bright, And the breezes play And, nature smiles— Why the outlook's gay, And You, old man, why You're All Right!

Amid the crash of news matter and the wreck of words it may be interesting to learn that one of the toasts drunk at the Chandler a week ago tonight was: "Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow is dry."

STORY FOR THE DAY

"I don't think your father feels very kindly toward me," remarked a Marshfield young man to a young lady whose home is in South Marshfield and where he has been calling and staying rather late. "You misjudge him," the lady replied. "The morning after you called on me the other evening he seemed quite worried for fear I had not treated you with proper courtesy."

"Indeed! What did he say?" asked the young man. "He asked me how I could be so rude as to let you go away without any breakfast."

When a Coos Bay couple are newly married they feel as if they could devour each other. After the lapse of a year or so, they regret that they did not follow their first inclination.

THEN AND NOW

Courtsip, autos, candy, flowers, Nice moving picture shows. Loving looks and golden hours, That's the way it goes.—JAY DOYLE

Marriage, walks, no movie plays, Now and then a tiff, Cooking, scrubbing all her days— Goodness, what a diff.—MARRIED ONE

Some Coos Bay autos which their owners claim as good hill climbers, climb all right—down hill.

The average Coos Bay young lady thinks it is perfectly awful if there isn't a bathtub in the house. Her mother used to splash around in the family wash-tub after the men folks went to bed.

QUESTION FOR THE DAY

Editor Booster: Please tell me, I've wondered o'er and o'er, Where all the collar buttons go, When they roll on the floor? —John Ferguson.

ALWAYS

The loafers always running down His town and likes to mock it; The men who knock around a town Are always those who knock it.

THE DENTIST AGAIN.

(Overheard at the Smokhouse.) "I've been having another tussle with the dentist." "Who came out best?" "It was a draw."

NOT ANY MORE

All honor give to Oyster John, With heart so staunch and true; He handles oysters all day long Yet never gets a stew.

Sing a song of movies, program full of reels, Four and twenty rainstorms stopping not for meals, When the doors are opened, few the folks that come, Can you blame Bob Marsden for feeling somewhat glum?

EXTRA! EXTRA!

HEALTH HINTS

THERE appeared in the press dispatches in the Coos Bay Times Thursday one from New York headed a suggestion to the city health officer. It told how New York was trying to cope with the grip with warnings issued in rhyme. Suggestion is a good one and offers unlimited opportunities for the local poets to do something useful as well as ornamental and culture with their literary gifts. At the Editor's suggestion here are a few that are offered along that line.

Should your lungs aspire to wheeze Careful where you aim your sneeze.—J. E. MONTGOMERY

There's many a slip Twixt the cup and the grip.—CLAUDE THOMPSON

Kiss her! Never fear the grip Only chickens have the pip.—W. E. BUTLER

The San Francisco fair closed with a surplus, and Gene Crosthwaite says that is more than the Coos Bayites who visited it had when they got back home.

DAVE STAFFORD gets jolled a good deal about having his hair cut, but in the opinion of Ye Editor that is sheer nonsense.

GEORGE COOK says we may miss the German dyestuffs and some other imported things, but thank Heaven, we raise our own buckwheat cakes and maple syrup.

A True Philosopher.—We have known people who seem to be able to get pleasure out of almost anything, but we give the prize to the man who really appeared to be enjoying a ride on an improvised bobbed last week on the truck-tron pavement of Central Avenue. It was hard on the horse, though.

Popular Songs.—Now and then Claude Thompson drops in to see Lee Thomas and has that versatile musician play for him the pretty old song "A Girl in Your Arms is Worth Two in Your Dreams." Sometimes Claude insists, too, on hearing "If I Had a Cottage in Bay Park."

OREGON WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Washington county pruned \$13,000 from the 1916 budget. Redmond raised the water rate from \$1.75 for 500 feet to \$2 for 200 feet.

Railroads are placing big orders, sending up the price of lumber and shingles. The Port of Portland will have 2500 horsepower dredge finished by Jan. 10.

Public utility assessments in Josephine County were reduced \$43,823.33. Home contractors are to be preferred on new Baker \$125,000 schoolhouse.

Pittsburg capital is developing Roseburg and Iowa capital is developing Sutherlin. Portland capital has not even opened an Oregon stone quarry. The new First National Bank building is built of eastern marble.

Oregon wheat, oats, corn, barley, rye, potatoes and hay netted \$48,059,000 in 1915. With new machinery the Douglas county flour mill at Roseburg will start Feb. 1.

The Roseburg Sand & Gravel Co. will enlarge the plant at once. Work is being rushed at Oswego, Dallas & Roseburg Ry. to furnish material for a factory at Oswego by Mar. 15 if possible. 50 men are at work.

Machinery has been purchased for the new Canby cheese factory. A coast guard station is to be built near the mouth of the Sluslaw. The county court has installed a gravel plant at Albion.

Southern Douglas county is witnessing considerable mining activity. Newport is to have an up-to-date hospital.

Roseburg is to have a new fireproof concrete warehouse. Nitrate deposits 25 per cent pure were discovered in Goose Lake valley, near Lakeview.

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Kirk's Kolum

Edited by F. R. KIRY, (Riley)

IT'S PROBABLY FOR THE BEST

I know the state of Oregon Has gone completely dry, But we can't make it wet again No matter how we try. So don't kick up a rumpus, boys, Just give the thing a rest, Don't cry about the milk that spilled It's probably for the best.

The dear old Chandler's dark as pitch, To the right as you come out, But just forget John Barleycorn And hit the water-spout. You can't go in to Dave's or Pete's Or Billy's or the rest, And while it makes your heart feel sad

It's probably for the best, I know it's hard in one way boys, To think this thing should be, And probably some will even say This country isn't free, But get into some other business boys, You've money to invest, And say you'll stick to Oregon It's probably for the best.

Oregon is a good old state and Even though she's dry There's families that had no bread That might indulge in pie, Since the husband brings the money Home, that he spent with the rest, So let us stay in Oregon, It's probably for the best.

Now don't think I am digging you, I spend my money free For you know I've often said, come boys, And have a drink with me, That makes no difference what I've done

But will make this request, That you all stay in Oregon, It's probably for the best. You know that old John Barleycorn Has done a heap of wrong, And while he's made a few boys say, We'll sing another song, It's made some men so fighting mad They'd say give us a rest, So let us hope by going dry, It's probably for the best.

I have seen some men so tipsy that It really was a shame, That they'd put this stuff into their Mouth to steal away their brain, And others take one drink or two And then go home to rest, So we'll divide the thing and say It's probably for the best.

I know there are no errors made In God's eternal plan, And when the thing is sifted out You'll find it all the best for man, So let us all look forward to, That final place of rest, And think like those that voted dry It's probably for the best.

TOPICS OF THE TIMES

A Michigan paper says: "The girls of today are the wives of tomorrow, and the mothers of the day after." Isn't that rather speedy?

A minister testified not long since that he passed sixteen saloons within a radius of three blocks in Chicago. There are a good many men in Marshfield today who wouldn't pass one of them.

NEWS OF OREGON

HILLSBORO—The jury in the case of Mrs. Rosa Merle returned a verdict that she was guilty of manslaughter for killing her husband. PENDLETON—Dr. James A. Best, the new Mayor of Pendleton, was injured when an auto turned turtle, but is probably not seriously hurt.

PORTLAND—Morris Kline was acquitted of a charge of selling water in bottles which were labeled as containing pure grain alcohol. P. A. Edrd, Consejo, Calif., writes as follows: "I have sold Foley's Honey and Tar Compound and also other lines of cough medicines for a number of years, but never use anything but Foley's Honey and Tar Compound for my family or myself, as I find it produces the best results, always cures severe colds and sore chest and does not contain opiates or other harmful drugs."

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