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PROSPERITY FACTS

WINTER crops in the United States were never before so promising. The certainty of continued high prices in a country that in average years yields a ten billion dollar output of farm products are factors for an abounding prosperity.

OUR IMPROVEMENT

AN Eagle Point correspondent tells a Medford paper about a Portland drummer selling pickles in Eagle Point, and adds:

TRADE WITH CANADA

OFFICIAL figures showing Canada's imports and exports for 1914 demonstrate that our trade routes to the north are well established. It was a year of restricted world trade, and yet buying and selling between the United States and Canada increased nearly \$10,000,000 over 1913.

RIVERS AND RAILROADS

ST. PAUL, at the head of navigation on the Mississippi river, is considering a proposition for developing its river traffic.

KEEPING HOPE ALIVE

A NEW warden has been appointed for the Federal Prison at Atlanta. In making the appointment Attorney General Gregory indicated that there will be a change in policy.

STRONG INDOREMENT

THEODORE N. VAIL, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, favors government regulation of corporations. In his annual report to stockholders Mr. Vail says:

A FAIR DIVISION

STATE HIGHWAY ENGINEER BOWLEY has recommended to the state highway commission a most equitable apportionment of this year's highway fund.

Independence and with equity and business fairness toward all interests." It has been charged by some that President Wilson was making vindictive war on big business.

St. Paul's position is of peculiar interest to Portland and to the entire Columbia river basin. A six-foot channel at all seasons is all that can be depended upon by boats operating in and out of St. Paul.

Stability is what business must have. Stability is what it has not had for twenty-five years. Mr. Vail is right in saying that government regulation such as now proposed should be supported by the people.

COST OF BONDS

THE first question that naturally arises in the consideration of the proposed bond issue for the improvement of the main roads of the county is the cost of the bonds to the taxpayer.

SERBIA'S PLIGHT

TWO members of the Rockefeller Foundation war relief committee have returned to London after a tour of Serbia. They report that country suffering from war, pestilence and famine.

ADVOCATES ROAD TAX, NOT BONDS

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MARKED MEN

Central Oregon was intensely interested in having the state highway law ratified. Senators Thompson, Bingham and Day will be remembered by this section as men who fought so bravely for the highway law.

Douglas county, \$20,000; Hood River county, \$60,000; Clatsop county, \$40,000; Columbia county, \$60,000, and Jackson county, \$40,000.

The amount awarded Douglas county is to be expended in the improvement of the Pacific highway near Glendale. This is the worst stretch on the highway.

The amounts awarded Hood River, Clatsop and Columbia counties will be expended on the Columbia Highway, giving a through road from Hood River to the sea by August 1.

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have been eligible and the state would have lost the benefit of the services of the others.

This feature of proportional representation to a great extent frees the representative from the importunities of office-seekers. It tends inevitably to the election of men of broader view, rather than men to be elected by mere local politicians.

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PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

There's no harder work that doing nothing. Whiskey drowns some troubles—and floats a lot more.

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OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Mullino, on the recently completed Willamette Valley Southern, is building a new house. The housewarming is dated March 27.

Molalla is soon to enjoy the luxury of public electric lighting. The system, the Pioneer says, will be one of the most modern on the coast.

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THE OREGON COUNTRY

"For years after the massacre of Dr. Whitman and Mrs. Whitman I used to wake up at night cold with terror from seeing again in my dreams the dreadful scenes," said Mrs. W. E. Whitman one of the few remaining survivors of the Whitman massacre.

"After Tamahua and Thokualak left, after the massacre, I took care of the sick children," said Mrs. Whitman. "I stood at the wash door looking out, and said: 'Oh mother, the Indians are killing Mr. Saunders.' She started to go, but I held her back. I told her when an Indian, named Frank, who was standing on the front steps of the school room, shot at her. She fell down, and I ran to her. I took care of her, but Mrs. Whitman motioned her away and said: 'You can't do anything for me. Kathleen is the patient of the sick children.' She was shot through the left shoulder and was bleeding profusely. She began praying, and I said for her mother and for us children.

"I was terror stricken to see Dr. Whitman lying there breathing loudly and saying nothing. I took care of his head on the floor, and to see Mother Whitman lying on the floor with the big red stain on the front of her dress getting larger and larger.

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A FEW SMILES

Native — "There are the Oldboy twins. They are 38 years old. I don't know what they credit their long lives to."

At a duel the parties discharged their pistols without effect. The combatants were seconds interposed and proposed a truce. The combatants should shake hands. To this the other second objected as an unnecessary delay.

"My hands," said he, "have been shaking for half an hour."

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