 $T$ HERE are indications that decided good will result from the newly formed federation of commercial organizations
in this county, the directors of which met here last evengeneral welfare of the county. There are many subjects where the interests of the county as a whole are involved.
cases the only thing to do is to get together with repres present from all sections and talk things o
ing spirit is one of fairness, Only through square dealing can of the people we will not get anywhere confidence on the pa of the people we will not get anywhere.
The visit to Grant county by a county-wide delegation, un-
der the auspices of the county federation, cannot fail to produce good results. That trip will be an enjoyable one for those who good resuits. That trip will be an enjoyable one for those who
make it. It a trip that will be greatly appreciated by Grant
county folk and there is every reason to believe the results of county folk and there is every reason to believe the results o
the junket will be profitable all around. Our interests in th undertaking are distinctly county-wide in character.
It goes without saying that similar trips to different parts of
this county will be equally beneficial. Umatilla county in itsel is a big empire. There is always danger that people living one section will not properly understand the views and needs of hose in other sections. There are a number of important roa projects in the county that justify attention and investigation by tive citizenship, to look into these subjects and to do so openly, ration. Such study by the people or by accredited representato the county court which by the nature of things alwal help trouble trying to accomplish everything that is wanted.
The success of democratic government always rests primar-
ty on the intelligence, zeal and public spiritedness of the citizenship which constitutes the power behind the throne. Therefore it follows that good will always result when people get together,
bring out the facts and discuss affairs in a broad minded way. Cmatilla county people being proud of their county, its prestige
and its record, for fighting. fishing and everything else, are ad mirably situated to lead out in this line of effort.

## SOMETIMES IMPORTS ARE A LIFE SAVER

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 in favor of the tax revision bill. There are many who will facturers have been charging extortionate prices. Some industries forced to rely upon our manufacturers for essential products have been almost ruined by the prices charged while the manufacturers have been reaping fat profits. The best chance : ave prices been brought down to reason.
Were the Fordney bill now a law this wholesome setting down process would be checked.
The "joker" in the bill is the

The "foke" in the bill is the "American valuation" by which the value of the article is fixed at the port of entry and not at the port of shipment. This will make the tariff rates much higher than they appear to be under the schedules of the
bill. For instance, as the Philadelphia Record points out: If a foreign article is valued at $\$ 1$ and the same article here is valued at $\$ 2$ and the duty, say, is 100 per cent, the value of the
fureign article thus becomes $\$ 4$, duty paid. The American manuacturer could raise his price to $\$ 3$ or even $\$ 3.50$ and undersell
his foreign competitor and the treasury would get no revenue his foreign
whatever.
Representative Garner (Dem. Tex., ) who made the principal sipeech against the bill, declared that under American valuation the present U.
Fordney bill.
e are not going to like a tariff bill that raises prices and yet does not carry with it the compensating benefil
of raising national revenue The business situation calls for readjustment along natural lines, not for fayoritism and continued extortion by favored manufacturers. The senate will help
business and play good politics if it tames down the tariff bill.

It is unnecessary to say that the road money of Umatilla
unty is intended for roadbuilding and that the people propose to see it is used for that end and no other. The arrest of the pond bookkeeper on a forgery charge constitutes a seandal that
should be probed to the bottom. The county officials, headed by Judge Schamep, are to be complimented on the vigor with which they have acted. They will be justified if they go farther and through the aid of experts ang the grand jury scrutinize
very road warrant and contract. The public wants the truth prescuted without fear or favor and it will be only fair
innocent that the investigation leave nothing wravered.


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