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EXCELLENT FALL TRADE PROSPECT.

The Dry Goods Reporter presents the optimistic opinion that autumn trade will show a decided revival with a full resumption of activities which have been affected with temporary dullness. The Reporter pertinently remarks that the most positive and pronounced pessimist, those who were busy six months ago in predicting a season of hard times and even disaster, must acknowledge that they erred in judgment and that the year 1904 will not be marked as one of evil days or loss of faith in the future. Indeed, the first six months of general business maintained an equipoise little short of astonishing when it is recalled that there was a general and popular belief that the collapse of a hundred favorite speculative enterprises must mean the destruction of confidence and a widespread determination to retrench and to withdraw from all undertakings. This ill condition did not eventuate, however, and from week to week and from month to month legitimate business went on in safe and conservative lines. It became apparent that the farmers, the tradesmen, the small banks and the merchants of the country had unusual resources in money and assets and that there was, after all, no basic reason for the anticipation of hard times. The outlook for a fall revival of business in all lines is specially encouraging. The fuss and flurry of the November elections, an accompaniment of every harshly fought campaign, will be conspicuously absent this year, and the indications are that trade will revive rapidly and vigorously and that the closing months of the year will mark the returning tide of a normal and wholly stable period of prosperity. There is no present justification for predicting any sudden or furious boom, no tidal wave of enormous business and overconfidence in investment. So much the better for the future. There never was an unwarranted and hysterical season of speculation and emotional business adventure that did not invite its own punishment, and the American people are not likely to be soon entrapped into such a false attitude either locally or generally.

Now that the Oregon Development League has been established, it is time for not only each county in the state of Oregon, but each town to organize and get down to work for the development of the entire state. The Oregon League will do much for the state in general, but each district must do something in order to get results. It is time right now for Morrow county to commence. The first step should be to effect the organization of a good live Development League in which not only the business men of Heppner should be interested, but every citizen of the county. Let this be a Morrow county Development League in the broadest sense. Heppner invites the co-operation of Ione, Lexington, Hardman, and in fact every district in the county. We are letting opportunities slip through our fingers. How much longer are we going to slumber.

Independent and reliable—The Oregonian.

PRESIDENT DID IT.

Oregon Lands Ordered Restored to Public Domain.

Washington, Aug. 15.—The Interior Department, acting on the recommendation of the Bureau of Forestry and the General Land Office today formally authorized the restoration to entry of 319,500 acres of agricultural and grazing land heretofore included in the Blue Mountain Forest Reserve withdrawal, and 17,000 acres of similar land included in the Wallowa withdrawal, both in Eastern Oregon. These lands should be thrown open to entry not later than Thursday of this week.

It came to light today that the release from withdrawal of these large tracts of land was due to personal interest taken in the matter by President Roosevelt. Governor Chamberlain's letter complaining that a considerable area of agricultural and grazing land was being unjustifiably tied up in temporary withdrawals was sent direct to the President, who turned it over to the General Land Office with instructions to restore to entry any lands in those two withdrawals not absolutely needed for permanent forest reserves, and suggesting that if all the necessary data were available, these reserves should be created without delay.

This was quite a surprise to officials of the Department, who had instructions from Secretary Hitchcock to create no reserves, and to release no land from withdrawal, and an official familiar with the facts was dispatched to the White House to inform the President of the Secretary's instructions. The President sent Governor Chamberlain's letter to the Department on Friday morning, and before noon that day it was brought back to him with a statement of the case as viewed at the Department. The President became somewhat angered at having his instructions ignored in this manner, and he handed back Governor Chamberlain's letter saying: "Take this back to the Land Office and when it is returned, see that it is accompanied with a letter stating that all those lands not needed for reserve purposes have been restored to entry."

That settled it, and today the letter was sent to the President by a special messenger advising him that his instructions had been carried out. This is the second time President Roosevelt has demonstrated his disapproval of the method of the Interior Department in handling public land affairs in Oregon. Last winter, after a statement by Senator Fulton, the President ordered the Department to desist from the practice of humiliating Oregon entrymen under the timber and stone act. This time he has made it plain that where there are agricultural lands and grazing lands remaining in the public domain, they shall be placed within reach of entrymen, the same as in other states.

Tolstoi on the war: "From all sides we hear reports that in one place three Reservists have hanged themselves; in another spot two more; in yet another about a woman whose husband had been taken away bringing her children to the conscription committee room and leaving them there; while yet another hanged herself in the yard of the military commander. All are dissatisfied, exasperated. The words, "For the faith, the King, and the Fatherland," the national anthem, and shouts of "Hurrah," no longer act upon the people as they once did."

Call at the Gazette office and learn of our clubbing offer with the Weekly Oregonian.

Great Reduction Sale at MINOR & CO.'S Is Still in Progress

Prices quoted in our last week's ad. and in our last circular will prevail throughout August.

Summer goods reduced regardless of cost or profit to make room for the new Fall and Winter Goods soon to arrive.

DON'T OVERLOOK THESE BARGAINS IN SUMMER GOODS

MINOR & CO. MINOR & CO. MINOR & CO.

HORSE THIEVES BREAK JAIL.

Hess and Chester Have Given Malheur Authorities the Slip.

Sheriff Ambrose has received word from the deputy district attorney of Malheur county to the effect that Robert Hess and Ed Chester, who were recently arrested in that county for horse stealing, escaped from the county jail at Vale last Sunday morning about six o'clock. After gaining their liberty, they secured saddle horses and made their escape, and no word has been heard from them since.

Deputy Sheriff Thomas was giving the prisoners their breakfast when he was seized by them, gagged and placed in the cell they had just vacated. A rush was made into the sheriff's office, where guns were secured. A horse belonging to the sheriff and another belonging to the city marshal were captured before anyone knew what had happened. From their tracks it is evident the desperadoes made for the hills with all speed.

Robert Hess is described as a man five feet six inches in height, weight 160 pounds, smooth face, about 23 years of age and has dark hair.

Ed Chester, who is commonly known as Clover, is five feet ten inches in height, slender, smooth face, weight 165 pounds and has dark hair.—Canyon City Eagle.

AFTERTHOUGHT--A REVERIE.

BY THE PROPHET OF GALL.

Listen to my song and be comforted, oh ye sorrowful;
Incline thine ear to Wisdom and be edified.

The great Democratic Commonwealth of America hath declared you

A political back number, a sort of has-been,

A bursted bubble on the stormy sea of political hopelessness,

A collapsed balloon on the arid plains of oratorical desolation,

A wonderful power that, like the mirage of the desert, fades

Away in the glimmering heat of party manipulation.

Oh, Willie! Thou art like a mighty tree that died in infancy;

Like an acorn with a bug hole in it;

Like a rose that started to bloom and blasted in the bud,

Like the skeleton of a dead duck in a dried-up mudhole.

No more shall thy bursts of eloquence sway the mighty audience

And gain for thee the Presidential nomination.

Thy glory is departed and a mighty Hill hath overshadowed thee.

Rest in peace, and the Commoner shall be thy solace.

—L. W. BRIGGS.

KEEP COOL Ice Cold Beer at Palace hotel bot. doz. Celebrated Budweiser 35c \$3.50 Hop Gold 25c 2.50 ALL ON THE ICE

THE EVER POPULAR FISCHERS.

Close a Four Nights Engagement in Heppner.

The Margarita Fischer Repertoire Company concluded a very meritorious four nights engagement at the Heppner Opera House Saturday evening, presenting successively "The Flag of Truce," "Tennessee's Partner," "Mother and Son," and "Leah the Forsaken." The first two are more pleasing to the average audience, having a distinctly American flavor, and showing to better advantage the versatility of the leading lady, Miss Fischer, especially in the piquant actions of youthful femininity. "Mother and Son" is a Frenchy play, of courtly costumes and action. It gives ample scope, however, for some good emotional acting in the leading roles, which it is needless to say were improved. The costumes worn were very fine. "Leah" is the company's leading play, and in it is required some good work by every member of the company. The plot is founded on customs appertaining to the middle ages when Protestant fanaticism was at its height and so called "witchcraft" was swift of detection and punishment. "Leah," a Jewish maiden loves and is beloved by a young Huguenot, a circumstance which gives rise to continued and relentless persecution on the part of the latter's family and friends. Miss Fischer in the title role, is faultless, yet it is a character which fails to display her varied talents. It is all tears and violent emotion. There is absolutely no comedy in "Leah," and the tragic ending of the heroine, and the torment of mind endured by all at the finale does not leave a pleasing impression and is not calculated to make the play popular.

LEXINGTON NEWS.

Rev. S. C. White of Strawberry, was in town Tuesday.

Tom Barrett is on the sick list. He is down with the mumps.

Mrs. W. P. McMillan returned from the mountains last Friday.

J. M. White and family have returned from the mountains.

Threshing is the order of the day now. Some wheat is coming to the warehouse.

Fred Blymer has been having a siege of the mumps. He is able to be about at present.

The fourth quarterly conference of the M. E. church, South, will be the last service before the annual conference.

Dr. M. A. Leach came down from Heppner Wednesday evening. He had some business with the triple link men.

Misses Elsie Palmer and Nellie Scott returned from Heppner Saturday where they had been taking teacher's examination.

Ye correspondent has been off duty some time. He has been taking a vacation for his health, and incidentally riding around in a header box for the health of his pocketbook.

A brother of Herbert Strohm, of Echo, was one of the lucky prize winners in the drawing for homesteads in the Rosebud reservation in South Dakota.

DEMAND THE CITY.

The Surrender of Port Arthur is Requested.

Tokio, Aug. 17.—The Emperor's offer to release the noncombatants at Port Arthur, coupled with a demand for the surrender of the fortress, was delivered yesterday (Tuesday.) An answer is expected today.

Fire Now Imperils Port.

London, Aug. 17.—A dispatch to the Central News from Tokio says a big oil warehouse at Port Arthur is blazing furiously, and that the position of the besieged is such that the Japanese are urging them to surrender.

MARRIED.

SNYDER—CONNER—At the parlors of the Star hotel, Monday, August 15, 1904, Mr. Riley Snyder and Miss Nora Conner, both of Morrow county. Judge T. W. Ayers performed the marriage ceremony.

CONCERNING OUR HOLIDAYS

Most of Them Are Regulated Entirely by the Authorities of the Various States.

There is no national holiday in the United States, in the sense of being made so by federal law. Such matters are regulated entirely by state authority, and they vary in the different states. Mississippi alone having no statutory holidays, says the Nashville (Tenn.) Banner. The Fourth of July and Christmas are observed as holidays in all of the states, and all of the governors usually follow the president in setting apart a Thanksgiving day, which the laws in most states have made a bank holiday, but otherwise there is nothing like uniformity. June 3, Jefferson Davis' birthday, is a holiday in Florida, Georgia, Alabama and Louisiana. Abraham Lincoln's birthday is observed as a holiday in Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Washington and Wyoming. A number of states observe some special holiday not observed elsewhere, as January 8 (the battle of New Orleans), in Louisiana; March 2 (state independence), in Texas; May 20 (Mecklenburg declaration), in North Carolina, etc. Congress has at various times appointed special holidays, and in the second session of the Fifty-third congress it passed an act making Labor day a holiday in the District of Columbia. It has also recognized certain other days as holidays for commercial purposes within the district, but there is nothing like a general act on the subject. The president's Thanksgiving proclamation makes that day a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories only.

Colonies in Mexico Have the Reputation of Being Most Destructive Citizens.

The following information was recently given to the Chihuahua Enterprise by President Ives, of that state, who presides over the Mormon colonies in Mexico.

"The year just passed has been quite prosperous for our people in Mexico, although the crops were not the best on account of the scarcity of rain last summer; yet the aggregate shows an increase of wealth. In Colonia Juarez, at Nevas Casas Grandes, the average income for each head of a family was \$1,400, or \$140,000 for the 100 families. The other colonies have done quite as well, the total for the 4,000 colonists being about \$400,000 per year. We have a very perfect system of obtaining statistics among our people, and every year a complete census is taken of our people and what they are doing. About 3,500 of them reside in this state and the rest in Sonora.

"At Colonia Juarez we have commenced to build an academy at a cost of \$30,000, and this will be finished in a year. The school will be free to all Mexicans included."