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THE ONLY HELP:—For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.—Isaiah 41:13.

ASHLAND IS HAVING A BANNER YEAR

Those who have resided here a sufficient number of years to be well qualified to judge are of one accord in saying that this year will be the best in the history of Ashland. The condition here presents a striking contrast to the situation existing in many other towns of the Northwest.

Not only is the volume of business showing a marked increase over former years but there is improvement in the general financial condition both in the town and in the surrounding rural districts. Ashland grows a wide variety of crops and for most part each has found a good market, proving that the district of diversified resources is on an average more prosperous than the sections that depend on a single crop. With strawberries, cherries, apricots, peaches, string beans, raspberries, blackberries, apples, and other fruits grown in commercial volumes, and with each meeting a good market the community has enjoyed prosperity from the date of harvesting the first crop.

In addition to the growing of many products, Ashland is fortunately situated with respect to markets. In the first place large quantities of fresh fruits and vegetables are shipped into northern California points and to the Klamath Falls country, which form an ever increasing market. Although some of the fresh products have been marketed individually the bulk has been handled by the local fruit and produce association, which organization has been marketing along scientific lines, and as a result excellent prices have been received. Augmenting the foregoing markets is the Ashland Canning company, which is consuming several hundred tons of fruits and vegetables. With an excellent market for large quantities of fresh products and with a cannery to consume the surplus the small fruit grower and gardner have met with no difficulty in finding a market at profitable prices.

Dairying and poultry have added to the sum total of the prosperity that prevails here.

The operations of the Blair Granite Company have also aided materially in the year's business.

The enormous payroll of the Southern Pacific is another source of a large volume of business.

One of the most valuable resources from which comes the growing prosperity is the tourist trade. The season has been a record breaker for tourist travel and the fact that more than 10,000 people camped in the auto parks of Ashland during the month of July is sufficient to convince the stranger or prospective homeseeker of our importance as a tourist center.

New homes under the course of construction have aided in the general growth.

The result is that Ashland, with a diversity of crops and varied resources, with its strategic position as a tourist center, is enjoying an increased volume of business, while the towns less favorably situated report the volume of business below normal, with no prospect of reaching a normal volume for another year, or possibly two.

The atmosphere of Ashland is surcharged with optimism, and that the coming year will witness great strides in the program of development and growth is now apparent.

RECALLING THE PAST

The famous pony express of 1860 from St. Joseph, Mo., to San Francisco has just been repeated as a feature of a pageant of progress in which a half-dozen Western states took part. Riders followed closely the old trail of three score years ago.

While picturesque and a reminder of other days it was different from the original as all imitations are. No hostile Indians menaced the riders every mile of the way. Where an occasional fort gave the only protection to the rider and there was always doubt what would be found at the station to which he was bound, towns and cities now mark the way and the horseman enjoyed a security that removed all the adventure from the undertaking. It was a rather colorless trip because the settling which made it famous is wanting. But Westerners like to recall the old days when perils were met by daring men and an empire was reclaimed from the savage. That is why such imitations are staged, though they lack necessarily the thrill of the real thing.

Yet it is worth recalling what kind of men performed the dangerous service. For \$125 to \$150 a month these men

risked their lives daily besides performing most exhausting work. They roared against time at the same moment having a care for the horse. Each took an oath to abstain from liquor, gambling and profanity. Some died in the discharge of their duty. It was a service which appealed only to the most venturesome spirits and it is well their feats are remembered. It was an introduction of an anachronism in this age through a reminder of things that were.

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Daily News Letter

London, Sept. 20—Secret diplomacy is the "badge of the duller and more stupid minds that have been ences," according to Ramsey MacDonald, leader of the British Labor Party, the chief opposition in the House of Commons.

During a debate just prior to the adjournment of Commons, Austen Chamberlain, one of the leaders of the Lloyd George branch of the Liberal party, and a former member of Lloyd George branch of the Liberal party, and a former member of Lloyd George's coalition cabinet, attacked the Labor party's protest against continuation of secret diplomacy. "I think the denunciation of secrecy in diplomacy is claptrap," he said. He proceeded to point out that the Labor party does not invite the press to come and listen to its confidential discussions.

In a recent article in the New Leader, a labor publication, MacDonald pointedly answered Chamberlain and outlined Labor's idea on secret diplomacy.

"What is known as secret diplomacy is certainly regarded by us as one of the most evil ways of doing things," MacDonald said. "Secret diplomacy does not mean the tentative private soundings and approaches that precede an agreement, but the making of that agreement and the binding of nations to it by three or four persons acting on their own responsibility; it is the narrowing down of democratic responsibilities in all international affairs to the duty of passive obedience to the most concentrated and close-visioned of bureaucracies; it is the regarding of national interests as a mere game of chess, the success of which depends not on right but on finesse, and from which large impulses and motives of public opinion are jealously excluded. To stand by this wretched survival of medieval government Mr. Chamberlain and his friends consider is their duty.

"We on the other hand are determined to change completely the method of conducting business with other nations. We propose to end the bureaucracy of the foreign office, with its queer mentality and, subversive selection of agents, with its work done in secluded rooms and by strange people, for all the world as though it were some pursuit of

alchemy conducted by mystic signs at astral times and by people selected by fate."

"We believe that the light and air of publicity would have a healthy and invigorating influence upon international relations," MacDonald added. "Above all, we are certain that if we are to have peace we must build up policy on public opinion and public knowledge, for that task is quite beyond the ability of the little coterie of gentlemen who live in ruts, look out from blinkers and are taught in a school of experience and discipline which unfits rather than fits them to do the work they are expected to do.

"The aim of the Labor party as regards foreign affairs has been to construct a policy to end this war after war which France and Belgium are now carrying on, to get British influence on the side of that policy, and to devise a programme of action in which Britain will play not for its own hand, but for the wider and deeper purposes of peace and reconstruction. Our duty is to keep pegging away, making a sound public opinion that will respond to an enlightened lead.

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