

A Growsome Wedding Present.

Among the Hrus river tribes of west Africa when a young couple get married it is the custom for the oldest member of the bride's family to present the bride with a plot of ground six feet long. This is for the grave of her family and herself when they die. The first member of the new family who dies is buried about twenty feet below the ground and the next one at most sixteen feet, and this goes on until all the family die and are buried. The grave holds them all, and this, they think, prevents them from being separated. This growsome wedding present is the one most valued by the bride, the favorite native saying being: "When all other things are gone this remains."

The Wasted Witticism.

"I always thought," said the hostess, "that Scotchmen were humorous. One night I showed a departing Scotch guest a great pile of overcoats in the dressing room."

"Here," I said, with a wave of my hand, "you are the first to leave. Take your choice."

"Thank you," said he as he fumbled searchingly among them; "I'll have me own."—Exchange.

TRADING AT MOMÉ

Reflections of a Visitor to the Central Oregon Country.

There recently appeared in the Culver Tribune a communication from "A Visitor" which so completely hits the nail on the head as to conditions in Central Oregon that it is printed below in full.

Before going further I wish to state that personally I am a disinterested party in the welfare of your community. I have been in your little town as rather a silent visitor for nearly two weeks. In fact I've been in nearly every town in Central Oregon, and note conditions quite the same. However, as this particular portion of the country appeals to me very strong from a standpoint of future prosperity, I take this opportunity of putting forth facts as seen by a representative of prospective investors and business men.

In the first place the lack of cooperation between the farmer and the business man is quite noticeable, plain to be seen. And I venture to say that the business men are only too willing to adjust those matters. For, the business man wants the business, the more business he gets the more complete will be his stock, the better prices he can give and in every way give his trade better service. As I look about you, little town I notice your stores are not doing the business they should do, their stocks are incomplete and their stores not up-to-date. They are afraid to branch out simply because of past and present experiences, and because the peo-

ple will not do by the merchant as they would have the merchant do by them.

Every day since I have been in your city, I noticed load after load of merchandise of all kinds being taken away from the freight house by the farmer patrons of the catalogue houses.

That is a question often discussed—discussed from a standpoint of inferior goods, cash in advance and numerous errors which occur daily through mail orders, and mistakes such as if were made through your merchant you would compel him to rectify regardless of the inconvenience.

But from a standpoint more serious than the above mentioned is a fact that has been fathomed and considered to be universally true, that it is a poor way to develop a country by sending your money out of it.

Can you not recall some place in your travels where things were flourishing on a good, sound basis, where the little town seemed full of life, and no doubt you have recalled the time and the place and remarked that that town was a good place and lots of business was being done. Why was it? I, you had investigated you would have found that the people who depend on the town and the people who made their money in the surrounding country patronized home industries. In return the merchant and other enterprises by results of that cooperation were able to improve the town, induce through their commercial organization, different business enterprises to locate in the town, establishing markets for the farmers' commodities. Those were the conditions that caused the good times, caused money to circulate and every ambitious man to prosper. They spent their money at home.

How about it, Mr. Reader? Are you one of the many who go to your merchant with a pile of insufficient funds to carry you through to your next pay day and ask for credit? Are you one of the many who, after securing such an accommodation are thoughtless enough that when your pay day does come you send what you have left above your indebtedness to a catalog house for another year's supplies?

Did you overlook the fact that the merchant who so graciously extended you the courtesy of credit was entitled to be shown some appreciation? It isn't the stand-off account that makes the merchant thrive, it's the cash down. But when he has been good enough to help you to a position when you have money by allowing you his money to work on, should you not in return help the man who has befriended you?

You may wonder why I take the time to write this article since I am a disinterested party. I have been impressed more forcibly by these conditions in Central Oregon than in any other part of my travels. Perhaps it

is a habit of the people to order their supplies from catalogue houses on account of not having a railroad heretofore, hence no store to speak of. But you have those things now, merchants who are trying to serve you and build up your town. Take that collection of catalogues from your parlor table and don't help guild up Chicago or any other place but the one you are interested in and is interested in you.

I was around the other day, I happened upon a bunch of small boys in your town, and by way of something to say I asked who they thought our next president would be. It was then I learned that a new candidate was in the field. One little fellow said he thought Sears & Roebuck would be our next president. Wonder where he got the idea. Fireside topic at home perhaps.

I don't know that I'll ever be called upon again to investigate this territory regarding the advisability of certain enterprises, but I hope that these few words will cause you to consider your position, cause you to cooperate, pull together, so that the

next person sent here to investigate can truthfully report flourishing town and country, where the farmer, the business man and the laborer go hand in hand and wear the smile that won't come off. It can be done. Capital is not looking for a dead place. It doesn't have to. It's looking for a community of real live people who will, with the aid of capital, progress. If there isn't business enough to support what stores you have, you can't expect more to come. Wake up. A VISITOR.

NOTICE.

The Hampton Valley Improvement Association, at the meeting of November 16, voted unanimously to notify through the press A. S. Fogg, postmaster at Hampton; G. Owens, the owner of Hampton store; B. Black and W. Harrison of their expulsion from the association for their conduct refusing to pay an assessment to defray the expenses of making a test well in Hampton valley.

Hampton Valley Improvement Association, By V. Schroeder, Secy. (Advertisement).

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THORSON, The Jeweler.

KENWOOD LOTS BOUGHT.

During the week W. H. Malone purchased 20 lots in Kenwood, Al Howell two and H. D. Stevens four. A party of Alaskan men, Messrs. Faris, Berger, Lighthall and Stachart, also bought 10 lots. Electric light poles are being installed in the addition and arc lights will be placed near the bridge, says James Ryan.

BALL AT LA PINE.

La Pine Inter-Mountain. The largest crowd that ever attended an affair in the La Pine country will be present at the Thanksgiving ball at the Commercial Clubhouse Thursday evening, November 28. The music will be the best the section affords. Supper will be served at the Hotel La Pine at midnight.

Mrs. Mary Mulkey, who has been visiting relatives at Kennewick, Wn., for several months, returned to Bend last night and will go out on her homestead in the Pringle Flats country at once.

PROSPERITY IS SURE

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The country is bigger than any party.

No fear as your immediate territory is concerned. Now that election is over, and especially inasmuch as the people have voted against the iniquitous single tax measure, there should be, and undoubtedly will be, early development of the magnificent timber resources of your section. Oregon has wonderful resources, and its future, provided it administers its own affairs in a sane manner, should reap the benefits of these resources and experience years of continued prosperity.

It has seemed to me that one thing the section of the country in which you live should do, which would redound to its benefit as much as anything, is that all possible can be done to get people into the state. Do not hold the value of your farm lands at a ridiculous or unreasonable price; sell them cheap if necessary in order to get people into the country. You cannot have a maximum of prosperity without an increasing population, and as long as the price of farm lands is at the point at which it is to be found at the present time, I fear there will be some delay in the settlement of the same.

The people through this section of the country feel very much relieved now that election is over, and are now settling down to business just as though nothing had happened. If we are sane and sound in our business methods we need have nothing to fear from the administration of Governor Wilson any more than we would have of President Taft.

I am very much pleased to know that your paper is taking the position it is on these questions and

trust it may always continue to do so.

Appreciating the opportunity of expressing to you my views in the matter, which are purely personal after all, I am,

Yours very truly,
A. R. ROGERS.

Indeed, just now the country is full of prophets of prosperity, because the country itself is full of prosperity and indications of prosperity. For instance, note these expressions:

"The indications of the present point strongly to an increase of activity in American business.—John H. Shedd, president Marshall Field & Co.

"For five years business has halted and has been under considerable depression from various causes. These causes now appear to be removed to a great extent, or sidetracked.—E. C. Simmons, chairman Simmons Hardware Company.

"I have never known crop conditions in the West to be better. I don't know how they could be any better. Business for that reason is unusually fine and the outlook excellent.—R. S. Lovett, chairman of the Harriman railway lines.

"Prosperity? Why, it is here. Everybody can see that. The pulse of the whole country is beating to the rhythm of happier times, and we are just entering upon a new era of prosperity.—James McCrea, president of the Pennsylvania lines.

"The United States is going to see, during the next year, the heaviest business in all times in its history.—President Brown of the New York Central.

"Today the feeling of confidence, of buoyant optimism as to the future, that was so notably absent in 1909, has unmistakably returned.—E. N. Vase, editor "Dun's International Review."



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