

Weekly Rogue River Courier

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"BUSINESS DEPRESSION PASSING."

The Oregonian of Saturday has this to say editorially in regard to the opinions of President Lovett and the conditions both east and west. The brighter outlook will interest the people of Grants Pass and especially as it is heralded by the manager of the Harriman system which must of necessity have to do with the Rogue River valley. The Oregonian editorial is as follows:

"President Lovett returns east as a bearer of good tidings from the west. The general improvement in business, of which he tells, will spread eastward until it covers the whole country. Prosperity is as infectious as depression, and it cannot but inspire courage for new ventures among the timid.

"Business depression is largely a state of mind. It often prevails when none of the causes known to economists—over-production, liquidation following a period of inflation, uncertainty as to war or politics—exist. There is reason to believe that the depression of which Mr. Lovett notes the passing was due mainly to an attack of the sulks among leading men in business. Railroad men were soured because forbidden to raise freight rates. Manufacturers were out of sorts because President Taft would not relent in his assaults on the trusts and because both political parties showed a determination to reduce the tariff. They protested until they realized that the purpose of the people was unchangeable. Now they show a disposition to accept the inevitable and to adjust their affairs to new conditions, actual or impending. The change in their state of mind will bring about the change from depression to activity. It is helped along by the depletion of supplies caused by greater shrinkage in production, by the growing necessity of improvements long necessary, but postponed while the men who should have made them indulged in their fit of the sulks.

"Capital, like a child recovering of the sulks, has learned that it cannot have its own way, and its face now breaks into a smile in the hope of winning an answering smile from the strict but often indulgent parent."

THE COMMERCIAL CLUB'S NEW OFFICIALS.

The annual election of the Grants Pass Commercial club, on Friday night last, turned out to be one of the most important and popular moves that has ever taken place in this community, as it proved conclusively that the members of the club are determined to act as one man to bring about the prosperity of this section. Men were chosen to office who can be depended upon to act in a broad capacity regardless of cliques or factions. It was believed that they had the ability to build up the club and make it an instrument of vitality in the upward and onward growth of this part of the Rogue River valley. The men who hold the official positions were selected for their ability, integrity and devotion to the whole city and country. It is true that much is expected of them but they will have the support of the entire membership and the good will of the rest of the community.

This commercial organization as a body believes at this time that the future has in store many good things for Grants Pass and that it is only necessary for us as a city and county to do our part to bring about in many lines of business. These matters have been placed in the hands of the officers and it is hoped that

Commercial club and there is a general belief that no mistakes will be made. The Courier congratulates the members of the club on their seemingly wise action in the selection of men to hold official positions as each member chosen to office appears to be peculiarly fitted to the task which will be his to perform during the next twelve months; but it must not be forgotten that there is much hard work to do and that the old adage of "Handsome is as handsome does" applies in this case.

THE CHICAGO-ROGUE RIVER COMPANY.

Our friends in Chicago who control the destinies of the Chicago-Rogue River company for the present must certainly be aware that their dilly-dallying methods are likely to result in their being ousted from this community altogether. The farmers and business men who contracted to sell them their ditches, rights-of-way, tools and machinery did so believing that they could be depended upon to carry out their contract, but it looks now as if it will be necessary, in order to protect ourselves and to secure water service throughout the valley, for us to take advantage of the forfeiture clause in the contract.

However, there is yet time for the Chicago corporation to pay what they owe creditors in this city and to show their good faith by commencing ditch construction. If they fail to do this, the receiver, just appointed to take charge of the affairs of that company, will be requested to supply water to the Pruitdale ditch and the north side ditch for this season and the courts will then be asked to go on and wind up the affairs of the Irrigation company which has been so unfortunate as to fall into bad hands. They had a meeting of stockholders in Chicago the latter part of last week but so far no news has been received as to what was done. The good people of this city are waiting patiently to hear the result of that gathering of stockholders.

Since the above was put in type, a telegram from Mr. Witherall, president of the Chicago-Rogue River company, says that the meeting of stockholders took place and that the directors of the company were holding a meeting on Saturday. He promised to communicate the action of that body as soon as the meeting adjourned. It is to be hoped that it will be favorable to the creditors here and to those who are interested in irrigation.

APPLY THE OIL NOW.

Isn't it about time that the macadam on lower Sixth street receives a dressing of oil? This should have been done last season but the learned gentlemen who controlled the destinies of that street thought it was better to wait until winter before the oil was applied, and when winter came the matter was put over until spring, and it begins to look as if there would be a still longer delay. The heavy traffic which that thoroughfare carries is grinding the rock into powder and the wind is carrying it away. The taxpayers will in the near future, have little to show for their money which they are being called upon to pay. Why not apply the oil and is there any good reason why it should not be done now?

A TAFT MAN SPEAKS

In an editorial last Friday, The Courier stated what it believed to be a fact, which was that the republicans of Josephine county favor Colonel Roosevelt for president. This was only a matter of opinion. As far as this newspaper is concerned, it would like to see a republican elected president and either ex-President Roosevelt or President Taft will be satisfactory, but the former, it seems to us, has the largest following in Josephine county. Now

comes a correspondent who is a Taft man first, last and all the time and this is the way he expresses himself: Editor Courier:

Although I respect your opinion in the editorial of the 15th in your estimable daily, I beg leave to differ with you as to the advisability of a third term for T. R. I think Theodore should have kept faith with his own views as hitherto expressed by himself. A few republicans in Josephine county might prefer to give T. R. his third cup of coffee, rather than give Wm. Howard Taft his second, but hero worshippers are growing scarce. The unwritten law against a third term was made almost as firm as the "lex scripta" by our illustrious Washington, when he refused the third term "cup of coffee" and as much as said "No, thank you. I think one cup is quite enough for any ordinary person," and his "opinion of duty," as he expressed it, forbade his further acceptance. The humor of it is, which, seemingly justifies the third cup of coffee, is to read between the second and third the words consecutive, not which. This is a phrase discovered perhaps by Pinchottites. Pinchotism and T. R. policies are identical, or homogeneous terms. The west, as a rule, likes it not.

Those electors preferring President Taft's policies, enforcing the Sherman anti-trust law (which Colonel T. R. disregarded), striving for a world-wide international arbitration of disputes between nations, rather than by force of arms, and also his wise and far-seeing views on reciprocity, might be persuaded to vote for T. R. for next president, provided he would agree to carry out Wm. H. Taft's policies, if elected for another four years. Otherwise, I, for one, (speaking for myself) would prefer a good democratic statesman, such as Wilson of New Jersey, or Harmon of Ohio, or E. V. Debs, socialist.

The unfortunate occurrence of Grants Pass failing to have a reception and a good speech from the president last summer ought not to prejudice us against either Taft or Hawley. This city was outclassed by Medford, and the president had "a frog in his throat"—the street at the depot was dark—but not too dark for him to remark "Grants Pass has the best looking women in Oregon." Ha! Ha!

H. B. HENDRICKS.

Our correspondent appears to be one of the few men in Josephine county who openly opposes Colonel Roosevelt. The large majority are with the man who has done things in the past and who does things whenever opportunity offers and who, if elected president, will create prosperity along all lines of industry. This correspondent is more than one hundred years behind the times. It was alright enough for Washington to refuse a third term and Jefferson for that matter, but what counts in these days is the voice of the people. Vox populi vox Dei.

THE INCOME TAX BEFORE CONGRESS.

Congress will make an effort to pass the income tax which covers all incomes including salaries above \$5,000 a year. There will be no trouble, it is said, with this measure in the house but, when it gets to the senate, it will be fought to the finish. In that body it is claimed that in all probability party alignment will be broken although party leaders make no such concession publicly. Senator Smoot of Utah, a member of the senate finance committee, which will deal with the bill, declared there was no possibility of the measure passing the senate.

"I do not believe," he said, "that any republican senator, regular or insurgent, or that many democrats will stand for this measure, that would destroy a great industry. The income tax proposition is absolutely unconstitutional. To call it

an excise tax instead of an income tax, that has already been declared unconstitutional, is simply quibbling on words. It is an income tax, pure and simple."

Other senators hold views quite at variance with the senator from Utah. Senator Kern, of Indiana, Senator Poindexter, of Washington, and numerous other members of the senate are anxious to see the bill become a law. From present appearances nothing short of a test vote will tell the story of its strength in the senate. There is nothing fairer than an income tax for the very good reason that he who has an income beyond his family wants should contribute to the expense of government that protects his holdings. The poor man pays more than his share in the way of taxation; therefore, it is but right to levy a fair tax on the rich man and especially on those who represent the wealth of the great corporations.

INCREASING DEMAND FOR LUMBER.

Indications point to better conditions along the line of the Southern Pacific and especially in Grants Pass this season. C. C. Crow, the head of the wholesale lumber firm of Portland bearing his name, was a visitor to this city last Friday and in a talk with the writer said some encouraging things which will be of interest to most readers of The Courier. In speaking of the lumber business generally he said:

"The outlook for the lumber business this season is excellent despite the 'presidential year' bugaboo which common sense seems to have finally laid on the shelf.

"The increase in price which took effect near the first of the year and was thought by many at that time to be but temporary owing to so many mills being closed down for repairs, has not only held, but has been getting better and better and has now developed into a steady and improving market. Prices on uppers are advancing in even better shape than the lower grades and the demand is such that there are heavy shortages at this early stage of spring buying in many of these grades.

"The retail yards all over the country have allowed their stocks to run low during the winter and as soon as the weather improves and the roads get into better shape the buying will no doubt be very heavy. This is particularly so along the Southern Pacific from Portland to Ashland. There seems to be no end of improvements contemplated and at every town along the line you hear of hotels, store buildings, residences, and in fact buildings of every nature that will be started just as soon as the weather becomes more settled.

"Grants Pass last season was second to none in the amount of lumber used and the fine stocks carried and improvements made in the three prospering yards here would indicate that they expect to equal if not out do their last year's record."

NEW YORK, March 20.—President Taft's party was held up by heavy fogs today in the railroad yards at Mott Haven, near here.

The president's car was attached to the "government express," running between Boston and Washington. With the harbor fog bound, secret service men refused to permit the president's car to be transferred around the city on a float. The car was sent to the Grand Central station and switched to a siding, where the president slumbered undisturbed until the fog lifted.

SEATTLE, March 20.—In order to make room for factory sites, the county commissioners here have decided to build a crematory and incinerate the bodies now interred in the petter's field near the county hospital. There are approximately 3,000 bodies buried there.

The commissioners have platted fifty acres to be leased for industrial sites. Paypers who come under county jurisdiction will hereafter be cremated, unless objected to by relatives.

KING EMMANUEL'S WOULD-BE ASSASSIN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

ROME, March 20.—Antonio D'Alba, the man accused of having attempted to assassinate King Victor Emmanuel last week, tried to commit suicide here today following his examination by the police.

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ESTRAY NOTICE.

COME to my slaughter house about two weeks ago, one sow and two shoats, color black and white, marked with two splits on left ear. Owner is hereby notified to take same away and pay charges or same will be sold for keep. Gus Karner, Grants Pass, Ore. 2-16-5t

ESTRAY—Eight head of cattle, brand "H" on hip, crop and split of left and half under crop of right ear with dewlap. Information wanted. T. J. Hussey, phone 710-F-11. R. F. D. No. 2. 2-16-6t

MISCELLANEOUS

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REPORT 90 MINERS ENTOMBED IN OKLAHOMA. FORT SMITH, Ark., March 20.—Ninety miners, according to later reports, were entombed today in the No. 2 mine of the San Bois Coal company at Curtin, Oklahoma, as the result of a gas explosion. One miner was rescued alive and one body found. Rescuers trying to enter the mine were driven back by the flames. Government mine experts are hurrying to the scene. The mine is on fire. Fans are being used to pump air into workings, and the officials hope that many of the entombed men are still alive. Pure air is being forced to the lower levels, and it is believed that the men will be able to survive a number of hours.

CRUEL PA-PA.

PORTLAND, March 20.—Miss Marguerite Hillard turned in a riot when her dad, club in hand, chased her lover, G. J. Mandrich, to the door of the house. Police rescued Mandrich.

COMING EVENTS

Mar. 26, Tuesday—Regular meeting of Grants Pass Music club. A Melodisshon evening. March 23, Saturday—Prof. O. J. O'Gara lectures to fruitgrowers at Commercial club rooms. Organization of horticultural society. April 15, Monday—End of Colorado rates. April 19, Tuesday—Primary election. May 1, Wednesday—Special election to vote on question of municipal water and power plant.

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