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MEETING PROSPERITY

Let's go back to our old theme of "Meeting Prosperity." Right now aren't we all meeting this elusive individuality? Even the farmers, who are the last ones to reap a harvest from economic conditions, are now enjoying the richest, most prosperous times ever known. After the farmer comes labor, and no one can deny that they are the best paid in the world, and are making more money than they ever did in the history of the nation.

Nearly everyone is shaking hands with "Prosperity" right now. Of course our dollar is cut almost in half when it comes to buying power, but even so, we are much ahead considering 10 years ago. If you had your choice of 10 years ago with the dollar worth 100 cents, or conditions now when it is worth perhaps only 50 cents as compared with prices then and now, would you exchange periods? Of course we would if one considers the war—but forget the war for the moment and take stock of your condition now and 10 years back. "Prosperity" is shaking hands with most of us now. The only regrettable thing about it is that he had to do it on account of a war.

The really big question that confronts us now—(other than the war) What are we doing with the extra profits that are coming in? Are we making the most out of it, or are we spending it as fast as it comes in letting tomorrow take care of itself?

Above I asked you to forget the war for the sake of argument—Now let's remember that we are in a life and death struggle for our very existence. For if we do not win this war our condition will be as bad as it is in some of the old countries now. Next month we have another bond drive coming on. Don't forget every stamp and war bond you buy now is putting something away in the old sock for the rainy days that are sure to come sooner or later, and besides the fact that every bond you buy helps us win the war, buying bonds will make it much easier when the rain comes. Even those of us who are "not in the money" can spare some of our income to buy bonds, even though it makes us skimp some to do it. The people in the old countries are more than skimping, they are glad to be alive, if they are.

Though it took a war to bring it about universally, "Prosperity" is sure shaking hands with most of the people in the United States. We know there are some who have been hurt rather than helped, but even

those who have lost their businesses, have been able to accept lucrative positions that are paying more, perhaps than they could have made out of their business, so we do not believe there are many who have really been crushed so hard they cannot come back.

Of most small businesses that have been hit the hardest, the small town country weekly newspaper is perhaps hit as hard as any business. Over 1000 small weekly newspapers have bit the dust since the war started, and more are to follow, but even they are not "squawking." They are taking their losses with good grace and all those put out of work on account of shops closing have found positions other places, and only the owners are hurt. Regardless of this, most of them are buying bonds with what they have and darn glad to do it, for they realize that if we do not win the war, what use is it to have a business at all.

We only use the newspaper as an example, because we know their conditions. Of course there are many other businesses, but in most cases no one has been hurt so badly they can't recuperate—So we say, "Prosperity" has really come home in a big way. We sincerely hope the people will make the most out of this prosperity, and that it will continue long after the war is over.

Farm Income For 1942 Highest Yet

Cash farm income in Oregon for 1942 reached approximately \$220,000,000, the greatest of record, according to estimates of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the Oregon Agriculture Extension service. This amount is nearly double the average from 1935 to 1939, before World War II. For the first four months of 1943, furthermore, the cash farm income in Oregon from the sale of crop and animal products was nearly one-fifth greater than for the same period in 1942.

Agriculture is the principal basic source of income in Oregon over a period of years, but timber and lumber is a close second when the value added by manufacture is included in figuring income, according to U. S. D. A. and O. S. C. sta-

tistics. Mine and quarry products and fishery output are additional important basic resources. These four, with value added by manufacture included, usually account for near one-half of Oregon's income, except during periods of economic depression.

At mid-July the Oregon general farm price level stood at 194 per year ago, also, with the U. S. calculated by the Oregon Agricultural Extension service. Despite a 3-point decline since mid-May, the general level is still 28 per cent higher than a year ago.

Farm costs are higher than a year ago, also, with the U. S. index of prices paid for commodities, interest and taxes up over 8 per cent and the U. S. farm wage index up 36 per cent.

Average farm wage rates in Oregon per month with board are 47 per cent higher than a year ago. Increases in the cost of hay and feed have also been greater in Oregon than in the country as a whole.

The annual review of the outlook for poultry, dairy and live-

stock, just issued by the Oregon Agricultural Extension service, brings out some current facts concerning trends in numbers, prices, feed supplies and costs, particularly as they affect the animal industries of Oregon. The report was prepared by L. R. Breithaupt, extension agricultural economist, and is being distributed by county agricultural agents.

CHURCHES

ILLINOIS VALLEY CHURCH OF SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS
Sabbath School at 9:30 a. m.
Preaching Service 11:00 a. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.
You are invited to meet with us.
F. W. Cooper, elder, Cave Junction.

BRIDGEVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH
Morning worship, 11 a. m.
Young People's service, 7:45 p. m.
Evening service, 8:15 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday, 8 p. m.

KERBY SUNDAY SCHOOL
Sunday school at I. O. O. F. hall, 9:45 a. m.

CAVE JUNCTION COMMUNITY CHURCH
Geo. H. Gray, Pastor.
Sunday School—10 a. m.
Morning worship—11 a. m.
Young People's Society—8 p. m.
The Sunday school lesson was "Following God's Leading." Golden text, "The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation." Exodus 15:2.
There was no church service. Rev. Gray was away for several days but will be in the pulpit next Sunday.
At 2:30 next Sunday afternoon there will be a song and praise service. Everyone is invited to attend.
Pvt. Donald Beard was present last Sunday and was here on a short furlough from Virginia. Also present was Orval Seat.

ALMANAC



"No one is such a liar as the indignant man"—Nietzsche

AUGUST
13—Riot in Brownsville, Texas, 1936

14—End of Indian Wars in Florida, 1842.

15—Panama Canal opened, 1914.

16—First U. S. Peace society organized, 1815.

17—David Crockett, Tennessee frontiersman, born, 1786.

18—Hodgenville, Ky., birthplace of Lincoln, deeded to U. S., 1916.

19—Five women charged with witchcraft hanged at Salem, Mass., 1692.

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