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PROSPERITY IS HERE

Prosperity stares us in the face and we refuse to recognize her. Not one in ten of those owning automobiles could have bought one twenty years ago, or previously, if they had been available at present prices.

The railroads of the country are hauling more freight than ever before and propose to spend a billion and a half of dollars at once in new equipment to handle the country's business.

Look at the comparison of the Mountain States Power company's present business with what it was doing in 1916, plainly stated in an advertisement on page 2. See how it has expanded. And the field is ripe for further expansion and readers who have money to invest are invited to join in making proposed additions and in reaping the resulting harvest.

TUT AND CARNARON

Lord Carnarvon, after opening the 8000-year-old tomb of King Tut at Luxor, Egypt, died from pneumonia. Materialist lovers of the marvelous proclaim that the Egyptians when they entombed Tut arranged a secret poison that would kill whoever desecrated the place, but fail to explain how all these participating in the excavation escaped except Carnarvon, the promoter of the expedition.

More superstitious fools, of whom there are an abundance, declare that the vengeance of the dead punishes those who disturb their remains. There are Egyptian mummies by the hundred all over the world. Who was stricken down by the mysterious poison when they were disturbed?

Not to lose the chance to exploit his etherial hobby, Conan Doyle declares that the Egyptian priests knew more of the occult than we and may have placed a spiritual "elemental" in the tomb to strike down any impious person who should disturb the bones of their pharaoh. Kneel 'em down with a chunk of "ectoplasm," perhaps.

How wise some people can be on subjects they know nothing about!

Some days we are told that Lenin is dead or dying, some days that he is hopelessly paralyzed, some days that he is recovering and will soon be in the saddle again. But all the while his system of government by "mass shootings" continues. Last week three or four hundred people who had rebelled against the unbearable conditions in the Ukraine were lined up and shot.

Charles Davis, aged 72, is under arrest at Wilkesbarre, Pa., for bigamy. Twenty women have been heard from who say he married them and then disappeared after a few days. Emma Kniekerbocker of Ashland, this state, is one of them. Davis is a giddy and hilarious youth at that age. Maybe he has been the subject of a gland operation.

Fifteen bankers and speculators have been sentenced in Boston to fines and imprisonment for a combination to increase the price of fish in war time. How long before anybody will be fined and imprisoned for a combination to increase the price of gasoline, sugar, wheat, lumber and other necessities since the war?

The French cabinet has abandoned the attempt to make the day longer by turning the clock back. The sun persistently

refused to be governed by the adjusted clocks.

The Oregonian grieves because Mr. Pierce is not satisfactorily mercurial. When he was only a dirt farmer it could wink at his assertion that the farmer, the fundamental taxpayer, is overburdened. When he was a candidate for governor his maintenance of the same attitude could be endured. But now that he is governor it wants him to do as politicians usually do—forget the arguments and promises of campaign days and play Polyaana and "rejoice and be exceeding glad."

The whiskeyites are in hard luck. President Harding proposes to send submarine chasers after run fleets and the government proposes to enforce the law against buyers as well as sellers of bootleg products. And there is the vote of the women of America in the way of any slackening of the prohibitory laws.

Prohibition Progresses
(Portland Oregonian)

"There is not a country on any continent," writes Charles A. Seligson, in a thought-provoking review of the world situation in the current number of the Ladies' Home Journal, "that has not entered into the first or the second of the three stages in the [prohibition] evolution." These stages are, first the creation of sentiment; second, organization of public opinion; third, the passage of restrictive laws. From a number of unexpected quarters comes news that the third stage has already been entered. "There is practically no country," says the writer, "in which crystallization has not reached the state of partial prohibition." The universal tendency is to strengthen rather than to relax regulations which the war forced the nations to adopt.

Occasionally there arises in the public prints some tough old settler who, having attained his four-score years and ten, informs the admiring nation that from earliest youth he never denied himself the solace of a nip. At such times the fellows who wish the bars were back always observe that a little good liquor never hurt anyone. The records of Cook county hospital, Chicago, do not—we regret to say—confirm this pleasing belief. There it was found, for the doctor was frankly curious about it, that the alcoholic habit appears to exercise a malevolent effect on cases of pneumonia—the patients under observation having been men in the prime of life, from 30 to 39 years of age. Some were teetotalers or drank but little, others were moderate in their use of liquors, while others were heavy drinkers. The death rate dropped into step with the ratio of liquor consumption.

For the abstainer or light user of alcohol the death rate was but 18.4. For those who drank moderately it was 29.1 per cent. For the excessive drinkers it was 42.2. The physicians who conducted this inquiry rather dryly observed that, "but for the liquor habit, 439 patients who died could have been saved."

To Save the Children

The Colorado legislature has passed four new laws which mark long steps toward the protection of childhood.

One of the laws provides that counties of the state shall be responsible for the maintenance of indigent mothers six months before and six months after childbirth. Another provides that parents can be held responsible in juvenile court for the delinquency of their children. Another gives the juvenile court jurisdiction over adults committing crimes against children, and the last raises the age of delinquency from 16 to 18 years.

It is generally conceded that when children go wrong morally and physically it is not so much the fault of the children as of parents and the public who are responsible for their welfare and training. When laws are enacted which put the responsibility where it belongs and provide penalties for its evasion, provision for child welfare is on a sane basis.—Albany Democrat.

Chester A. Lyons will have 136 boys on his big brother farm at Lebanon this year.

Coming to Albany
Dr. Mellenthin
Specialist

in Internal Medicine for the past twelve years

Does Not Operate

Will be at

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Thursday, May 3,
Office hours 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.

ONE DAY ONLY

No Charge for Consultation

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He has to his credit wonderful results in diseases of the stomach, liver, bowels, blood, skin, nerves, heart, kidneys, bladder, bed wetting, catarrh, weak lungs, rheumatism, sciatica, leg ulcers and rectal ailments.

If you have been ailing for any length of time and do not get any better, do not fail to call, as improper measures rather than disease are very often the cause of your long-standing trouble.

Remember above date, that consultation on this trip will be free and that his treatment is different.

Married women must be accompanied by their husbands.

Address: 336 Boston block, Minneapolis, Minn.

U. S. Army Shoes

We have just bought an immense stock of army Munsen last shoes to be sold to the public direct. These shoes are 100% solid leather, with heavy double soles sewed and nailed. The uppers are of heavy tan chrome leather, with bellows tongue, thereby making them waterproof. These shoes are selling very fast and we advise you to order at once to insure your order being filled. The sizes are 6 to 11, all widths. Price

\$2.75

Pay postmaster on receipt of goods or send money order. Money refunded if shoes are not satisfactory.

The U. S. Stores Co.

1441 Broadway, New York city

I. O. O. F.

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Regular meeting next Saturday night.

HALSEY

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Cream, Poultry, Eggs and
Veal. **M. H. SHOOK.**

Fresh and Cured Meats

All kinds of **FISH** in season
Quarters of **BEEF** for canning
purposes at canning prices

W. F. CARTER

Barber Shop & Baths

at the old I-street stand
Ladies' and children's hair
bobbing given special attention
J. W. STEPHENSON

Writing for the Paper

You cannot do the editor of a local newspaper a greater favor than by writing a report of any little event you know about and mailing it to the office or handing it in.

His appreciation will be greater if you write with good ink than if you use a poor pencil which makes a faint mark. His sight may not be as good as yours.

Also if you take pains to write proper names very plainly.

Also if your communication reaches the office promptly after the occurrence of the event.

A report of something that occurs Thursday, Friday or Saturday ought to be in the editor's hands by Monday.

Investment Confidence
BASED ON A RECORD OF RESULTS

THE STEADY GROWTH of the Mountain States Power Company is shown by facts below:

Total Customers Served

1923	24,877
1916	16,338
Gain	8,539

Electric Connected Load in Horsepower

1923	45,860
1916	24,858
Gain	21,002

Kilowatt Hour Output

1923	36,771,762
1916	15,592,699
Gain	21,179,063

An issue of \$200,000 7% Gold Notes has been authorized to provide funds for extensions and improvements to meet demands for additional service.

These Notes are being offered for investment to residents of the 47 communities served in the States of Oregon, Montana, Idaho and Washington. A considerable amount have already been subscribed for.

This safe investment may be purchased for cash or on our Monthly Investment Plan.

Ask for our new Illustrated Booklet

Investment Department

Mountain States Power Company

Junction City

In the office of a paper situated as the Enterprise is, published Thursday, there is always a pressure of copy on hand by Tuesday. On Wednesday the strain is increased, and some articles must be rejected and others abridged to reduce them to the capacity of the typesetters in the short time remaining. Copy that is in hand Saturday or Monday is less likely to be rejected or cut down than that coming in later.

Part of the printer's business is to correct errors in spelling and in grammatical construction of sentences, so correspondents need not hesitate to write because their orthography or grammar is imperfect.

But please try to be original. Don't use old, hackneyed phrases, such as "They went home at a late, or rather early, hour," "A good time was enjoyed by all," "the tables groaned," "in the near future," etc.

Don't call sandwiches and coffee "a sumptuous repast." "Sumptuous" means "extravagantly expensive."

Don't call a feed or an entertainment "delightful," for the word has been applied to every rotten show and every poor feed until it no longer has any meaning. It may be true in the case you refer to, but nobody will believe it because that word is used.

Try, in mentioning a lunch, to avoid the word "dainty." That word, too, has become as common as dirt.

Don't write "Mrs. Jones, nee Mary Brown." If you use the English word "born" instead of its French counterpart "nee," you will see that she was not born Mary Brown, for until that event occurred it was not known whether she would be Mary or he would be John. "Nee Brown" or "born Brown" would be correct, and the English word is preferable in a paper in the English language.

It is well to avoid other than English words. Under an attack of the grip I once became irrational—more so than I ordinarily am. I returned to my employment in the Eugene Register printing office before I was fully able, physically or mentally. I handed in a news item in which I tried,

contrary to my usual practice, to use a Latin word. I had learned that "situs" meant "location" and had seen in the writings of scholars the expression "in situ" for "in the same location." Knowing that "status" meant "condition," I wrote "in statu" for "in the same condition." Horace Burnett, the city editor, brought me the copy and asked what the word was. I have no recollection of writing the item, nor of some other things I have been told I did about that time, but I distinctly recollect telling him: "Oh, that's Latin," without adding that I knew Latin as thoroughly as a hog does algebra. Horace is a Latin scholar and the word did not appear when the item was published. Avoid foreign words. You may understand them, but some of the readers will not.

It is well to read your communication over after you have written it. Sometimes you will find you have made ludicrous errors or omissions. Last week, in a letter, I quoted from the 15th chapter of Proverbs. After the letter had gone in the mail a distinct recollection came to me that I had written "Psalm" instead of "Proverbs." If you make an error in writing you can easily rectify it on discovery, but if you send it uncorrected it may prove a baffling enigma to the editor.

WM. H. WHEELER.

Not everybody hereabouts is aware that the well-known Holmes business college of Portland was founded by a Peoria girl, Miss Gertrude Helmes. She is now Mrs. Lawrence, but still conducts the college under its original name.

Justice Olliver of Albany turned over \$1292 to the county clerk. He had collected this in March in fines from violators of the liquor laws. That from one justice's court is some compensation for the loss of revenue from licenses which the wets as tearfully told us we would suffer.



A Sidewalk Chat.

"Why, Mrs. Blank, I hardly knew you with glasses on, but they are becoming to you."

"Do you think so? I know I feel better and better every day since wearing them."

Meade & Albro,
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T. J. SKIRVIN
SEED MERCHANT
All kinds of Feed
Red and Alsike
Clover Seed
Rye Grass and pasture
mixtures. Chopping
done to suit. Prices
right.
Golden Loaf
Flour \$2 a sack

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