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A BATTLE ON THE HOME FRONT



PROSPECTS ARE BRIGHT

Prospects for an era of renewed industrial activity in this community have at no time been brighter than at present. There is every indication that the coming Spring and Summer will bring more real business development than has been experienced for several years past, if not more than at any time in the past.

Lumber at Its Height

Calling attention first to that which is tangible, we are all aware that the lumbering industry is at its height. Orders placed by the government will take care of at least all spruce the mills can cut. The only drawback in this line is transportation. This has been forcibly brought to the attention of the government, and with promises for better car service from Cedar Point, two additional bottoms in the way of large barges for the Moore mill, and prospects for better harbor conditions, so that boats will be less barbound, the immediate future looks much more hopeful. It ought to give opportunity for running the plants full time and at maximum capacity.

Riving White Cedar

In addition to the mill output, it is altogether probable that the government will consider favorably the riving of Port Orford white cedar. The first car composing an experimental order, goes to Portland from here this week. If this is found practical for airplane stock, and there is every reason to believe that it will be in view of the fact that split spruce is being accepted, there will be a vast new field of occupation for woodsmen. Tiehackers will find it exceedingly profitable at the price of \$130 per thousand feet, as offered by the government.

Condensery Building

The condensery, now under construction, will put new vigor into the dairy industry, which, especially since the Federal and state farm loans have been put into operation, is expanding by leaps and bounds. The increased prices paid for raw milk should bring about the reclamation of more idle land as well as the more intensive cultivation of that already under the plow. The market for butter and cheese is also bound to be stronger this year than last. Butter is selling higher than at this time last year, while the last of the storage cheese is now moving from Coos and Curry counties to the outside markets, and at a good price. The season has been unusually favorable for dairymen, the mild weather affording much winter feed. Every aspect of the dairy business is encouraging to say the least.

Produce Prices Up

The high price of foodstuffs should make farming in lines other than dairying proportionately remunerative. Everything is up, save perhaps potatoes. Over production last season is responsible for that. It is only natural that this year spuds will be avoided, consequently the market will be stronger for the next crop, and the hard-headed farmer

who plants potatoes again this year will no doubt reap his fitting reward. Cattle, sheep and hogs are in greater demand than ever and the price is the highest yet received by the producer.

Shipyard Is Still Hopeful

Among industries purely prospective, is still numbered shipbuilding. In spite of obstacles in the way of government contracts those behind the industry claim that they are going to "put it over". Members of the Hongell-Hillstrom company are at present in San Francisco on business connected with their undertaking and from last reports they are far from being discouraged. Private contracts are said to be acceptable if the government doesn't want to build vessels here.

Still another shipbuilding company has been here within the past two weeks surveying the situation and they too, say they need but government sanction to start the ball rolling. At any rate the shipbuilding outlook is not yet totally eclipsed. Prospects equally as promising have faded away from time to time but if it is true that "all comes to him who waits," the wish of Bandon people will surely be gratified.

Perhaps a Mining Boom

To talk of mining as one among the industries that may within the cycle of another twelvemonth call widespread attention to this community, is perhaps to evoke a smile on the average local countenance. Yet, stranger things have happened. So many times have the wiles of Dame Fortune caused hearts to flutter in anticipation of a Goldfield or Klondike rush on the black sands of the local coast, that one is apt to risk his reputation for veracity to even hint at probabilities extending beyond the scope of the old burlapped sluice box and the rusty gold pan. Nevertheless, courage has not been altogether monopolized by the boys in the olive drab. There are those among us still brave enough to rival the sacred weather prophets with predictions. Suffice to say that Bandon has, for several weeks, been besieged with mining engineers, chemists, mineralogists, metallurgists, geologists and capitalists.

Three separate groups, all bent on one mission, have been here. While the reporter who succeeded in prying off the lid of secrecy is not at liberty to divulge the desired information, he is satisfied that there is at least a fair prospect of considerable money being spent here soon, unless, of course, the deal undergoes that frequently experienced ephemeral process of passing into thin air.

A BUSINESS MAN

L. J. Simpson of North Bend is a candidate for governor. That is good and encouraging news to thousands of his friends in southern Oregon. Good because they all hoped he would decide to run, encouraging because a really and truly big man has come out for a really and truly big job. It gives hope that the effi-

ciency test, that is now being so generally demanded thruout the country, will be applied to Oregon politics. With its industries in all lines speeded up to the limit of production and still expanding, its finances strained to meet the ever increasing needs and prices; with every effort being put forth to help the nation win the war, Oregon's ship of state needs a strong guiding hand. It needs a far seeing, practical, successful business man—a man big enough for a big job. Such a man is L. J. Simpson. He deserves united support, not simply because he's from Coos county, but because he's the best man for the job.

MOVIES OF THE WAR

For an insight into the actual conditions on the field of battle, clearer than that given in the columns of newspapers and magazines, the moving picture is leading invaluable aid. The series of pictures of the Retreat of the Germans at the Battle of Arras, shown at the Grand theatre each Friday night, is remarkably interesting and educational. These pictures are shown by authority of the United States department of public information. While they reveal nothing of military value to the enemy they show the real action: The thousands of little and big guns pouring out streams of fire; the barrage behind which the troops slowly advance until they reach the enemy trenches; the monster tanks in almost human fashion scaling steep inclines, spitting fire from all sides; the airplanes and sausage-shaped observation balloons. Everything is clear and real, even more wonderfully so than the imagination can picture.

Nothing has yet been said or written that gives a better idea of what is happening on the fields of France. It is a rare opportunity indeed to witness such a demonstration and local people should not neglect it.

READ THE WANT ADS

Western World's want ad column is of particular interest to the bargain hunter, or the man wanting to rent a farm, etc. Read the want ads whether you feel that you want to take advantage of the information contained or not. They are interesting. The want ad is an efficient, economical method of either selling, exchanging, or obtaining information concerning almost anything under the sun. Some people who have tried them and failed to get results have condemned the want ad column when they should really have condemned themselves for trying to sell some article at anything but a bargain price. The want ads are widely read, but you cannot expect them to accomplish the impossible. Now is the time of year when trading, renting or sale of farms or farm machinery, etc., is especially brisk. Why not try the want ad column? To determine cost of a want ad count the number of words

it contains and allow six words for five cents each issue. A minimum of 25c for single insertion ads is charged.

BIG TASK BEFORE US

With a probable quota of double the amount raised during the second drive, means that Bandon and community must invest at least \$100,000 in Liberty bonds. This, together with a quota of approximately \$80,000 War Savings certificates, places a gigantic task before the patriots of the community, and means that individual subscriptions must be greatly increased, and a large number of new subscribers induced to take bonds or war savings stamps.

A story bearing on the situation, was brought to attention the other day: A dairyman came to one of the influential citizens of this section and said, "I've done pretty well this season. I've \$500 I can spare, as I now have my place paid for, and it's not earning me anything in the bank. You know something about investments, tell me what to do with it."

"Well," said the L. I. C., "you can put your money into railroad stock, you can buy standard commercial stock, you can buy stock in a gold mine, black sand mine or just give it away; or you might loan it out at interest to some neighbor who needs that amount to further improve his place or his dairy herds, and give him plenty of time to pay it back in. Do you know anything about stocks, shares or investments generally?"

"Not a thing."

"Well, what is your first requirement in an investment; do you want high interest, or absolute safety?"

"Absolute safety—no chances for me. Why, I wouldn't sleep nights and my wife would never quit worrying if I took chances."

"Well, was the reply, "I can advise you to buy some good commercial stock, but I want to warn you that owing to trade conditions being upset, of course, the stock might be low just when you wanted to sell. Would you mind that?"

"Yes, I believe I would. Of course I know all stocks go up and down a little in price, but I must have something that can't go down too low, and I can't afford to lose 5 to 10 per cent of my investment just for the sake of securing 5 to 10 per cent interest."

"So you want something that is so safe it will not cause you one moment's worry, you want something that you can purchase, hold, and feel safe about without your having to learn anything about stocks, shares or market prices."

"That's it, exactly."
"I knew all along what that fellow wanted to buy," said the local citizen, "but I was determined that he should figure it out for himself."
"Well," he said with a smile, "what's the matter with investing with the United States government? You won't have to sit up nights wondering whether they are going to fail. You don't have to know one thing about stocks, shares or markets, in order to get in on the proposition, and your little 4 per cent, or better, comes around twice a year regularly, while the principal is just as safe as your money, for both are but promises of the same government."

"Oh, you mean a Liberty bond, or those new fandangled War Savings stamps?"

"Yes, why not?"
"Well, I guess I can't do better."
"Better! Why, man, you can't do as well. It's the only kind of investment for a fellow like yourself who knows all about farming and nothing about finance. Your bond is the best collateral in the world; you can always sell it if you have to, and believe me, there is a feeling of satisfaction about owning one of those bonds or War Saving certificates that you can't buy with any other security. It is Uncle Sam's acknowledgment that you are an American in good standing and you feel that you are helping our boys in the great fight. Look at it any way you like: it's the finest investment in the world."

Here is a minister who appreciates a publisher, says the Bend Press. At a recent convention he offered the following toast: "To save an editor from starvation take his paper and pay for it promptly. To save him from bankruptcy advertise in his paper liberally. To save him from despair send in every item of news which you would like to see in print. To save him from profanity write your correspondence plainly on one side of the sheet and send it in as early in the week as possible. To save him from mistakes bury him. Dead people are the only ones who never make mistakes."

HOW SORRY HE SAID IT

Thompson's Story of Fourteen Spies Shot Is Canard.

New York, Feb. 12—Charges recently made by C. S. Thompson, formerly a member of the executive committee of the American Defense society, that 14 spies had been shot in this country since the beginning of the war, and that ships had cleared from the port of New York with 1,500,000 rounds of ammunition destined for Germany, were branded as "wholly and entirely without foundation" by the Federal grand jury today.

The inquirers announced that "Thompson himself now believes he has been misinformed," and that "he regretted being a party to the dissemination of unreliable and inaccurate information."

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