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U. S. PROSPERITY.

E. L. Doherty, a Los Angeles oil operator who returned from a tour of the east recently, asserted that an era of wonderful prosperity in all lines of business had settled in the United States. He attributed this to the following causes:

Travel of wealthy Americans in their own country, spending great sums which were formerly spent in Europe. That imports have practically ceased and the money formerly spent for imports is now being expended for American-made goods.

That tremendous quantities of American-made merchandise, including war orders, are being exported.

Alexander Dana Noyes writes about the question in the financial department of the January "Scribner".

"When the European war broke out, now nearly a year and a half ago, the question asked with special urgency in American business circles was how the United States could be safeguarded from a period of financial adversity. Eight or ten months later the prospect of immediate financial reaction was considered to have disappeared, and vague talk began of the business revival which this powerful neutral country might expect after the war. Since then a good deal of water has passed under the mill. A few weeks ago the question was put to one of the most eminent of our practical manufacturers, 'Is the United States headed for unprecedented prosperity?' and the reply was, 'It is enjoying that prosperity now.'"

"This view of the case has been cordially approved by some excellent authorities in finance and trade, rejected out-of-hand by others, and accepted by still others but only in a tentative way and with large reservations. Every one who has conversed on the matter with his office or club acquaintances knows that the third group comprises the greater part of the community. At bottom, all of us wish the prompt return of prosperity—even those who foresee difficulties in conducting the next presidential campaign if undeniable prosperity is to be in existence under a political regime whose presumptive right to be surrounded by it the opposition parties deny. To an extent, however, the answer to the question, whether the country has already entered an era of prosperity, must be subject to definitions."

A SPLENDID WORK

The winter short course at the O. A. C. the Democrat considers one of the finest things in Oregon, something of immense value in the advancement of efficiency along many lines. Take, for instance the very important matter of domestic science, something affecting every home, the college has done great work already, and is preparing for bigger things in the future. The Democrat is glad of the opportunity to help in giving publicity to this work in the interest of the masses.

This work has always proved popular, and demands for its continuance this year have led to the organization of the following intensely practical courses: Sewing, Dressmaking, Millinery, Decorative needlework.

The course in sewing will give some attention to the choosing, purchasing, and care of staple household commodities, such as linen and underwear.

The dressmaking work will involve two courses, one for inexperienced needlewomen, and another for women who can give evidence of skilled workmanship. The courses will offer instruction in the fundamental principles of dressmaking, the taking of accurate measurements, the interpretation and use of commercial patterns, economical purchasing and cutting of materials, proper fitting and finishing. At least one cotton dress will be made in class. The advanced course will go further than this, in-

volving adjustments of pattern to measurements, harmonious combinations of colors, and wise selection of materials in wool.

The course in millinery, which will be in charge of Miss Peet, will demonstrate the basis of choice in millinery, the making of bows, the lining, trimming, and wearing of hats.

Decorative needlework will deal with the fascinating study of hand work that is so distinctive a feature of the expensive needlework displays of today.

MISFITS

Come now, Austria, be good.

The Bulgars may have a hot time of it in Greece.

This man Bartholomew was one of the fellows who started out wrong.

As usual stacks of Christmas presents, and what would life be without some of this end of the year giving?

The greatest happiness people have is in giving, if it is only good deeds.

Nothing harder than to make Christmas selection, for some people of whom Misfits is one.

The proper way is to do it early, and kill the agony.

All of us are too apt to make elephants out of mice.

So great has Mary Pickford become that some Chinaware has been named after the dear thing.

Bud Anderson will continue to be interested in the fighting game. He has gone to Mexico.

Everybody is disclaiming authority for the Ford peace expedition, but Henry E. himself.

What will the soldiers in the trenches say on Christmas morning? Do you think it will be "Merry Christmas. Peace on earth, good will to all men?"

And what about Americans who are trying to make this a land of militarism.

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