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PUT THIS IN YOUR PIPE •AND SMOKE OPTIMISM!

Yes, the country is still marking time, but all the same, the straws that show the wind are piling up in a pretty good-sized stack, indicating that better times are on the way. These straws are facts. Consider a few of them:

The railroad earnings are improving. Car loadings are on the increase. The steel industry has seen the worst of dullness. Copper likewise. Woolen mills are active. Silk trade is reviving. Leather and hides markets are getting busy. Cotton prices are moving surplus cotton stocks. The sugar industry is picking up on higher prices. More building and construction every day. Merchandising and retail trade responding to increasing groups of buyers. Lumber dealers are moving their stocks. Banks are loosening up and beginning to support business in business like way. And a flood-tide of gold from foreign countries has placed, so far, well over \$500,000,000 real gold coin in American vaults!

But most important of all the signs—of which the above is only a meager sample—is the gradual turning of pessimists into optimists. A country must believe in itself, and look cheerfully toward the future, before there can be any future worth believing in, says Sugarman's Indicator.



AURORA SCHOOL

By one of those mistakes sometimes made by taking someone's word, the Observer said the Aurora school would begin Sept. 26. We were wrong it was the 19th, and school is now nearing its first week of the school year. Last Monday the school opened with a fairly good attendance for the first day, and a very successful term predicted. The Aurora board of directors have never forgotten for a moment the duties of their work and the teachers are, we all know, exceptionally good instructors for their respective departments. The teachers are: Principal, Mrs. Lottie Foster, and Miss M. Stonebrink, Miss Christine Johns, Miss L. Madge Walker.

The rain was more than welcome.

We're Boosting

THE OPENING OF SCHOOL

One of the most interesting of the events in the year's cycle, is the first day of the fall term of school. It has its rather surprising aspects. Here are some millions of children usually careless, bent on having a good time, bubbling over with play spirit, heedless of the future.

But on a certain fixed day, they all scrub their faces put on clean clothes and start off spick and span to a place called school, where they have to perform certain tasks involving a great deal of hard work. In a way it is against child nature. The youth spirit does not naturally take to hard work. It loves to flit from one thing to another, obeying the whim of the moment. "A boy's will is the wind's will," said a poet.

It used to be thought that all this sudden return to the school room was purely the result of the parent's initiative, and that the children were dragged to their desks contrary to their own will. But they seem to respond to the school bell with a good deal of alacrity. Playing hockey is not as popular as it used to be. Those who are kept at home by sickness the first day of the term are commonly tearful about it.

This spirit of willingness is probably due to the intense spirit of ambition that has become characteristic of American life. Some of our people carry that spirit too far, chase their dollars too hard. But on the whole it is superb sentiment, because it encourages people to self improvement and achievement.

The children share it to a large extent. The teachers have learned that they can appeal to their ambition. The majority of them respond to that inducement. They want to win in the race of life, and they realize that if they dawdle at school they are prejudicing their chances for the future.

Cupid has been working over time in Aurora this week, perhaps on account of the deer season being opened for hunting. We just learn that Mr. Harry Shimm of Aurora and Miss Frances Hopfinger of Woodburn were married in Salem, last Tuesday morning. They are away on a short wedding trip and will return to Aurora Sunday to make this their home. Our best wishes are with them for a prosperous married life.

"Friends and neighbors the tax are very heavy, and if those laid on by the government were the only one we had to pay, we might the more easily discharge them; but we have many others, and much more grievous to some of us.

We are taxed twice as much by our IDLENESS, three times as much by our PRIDE, and four times as much by our FOLLY; and from these taxes the commissioners cannot ease or deliver us, by allowing an abatement. However, let us harken to good advice, and something may be done for us."

Benjamin Franklin.

NEW FIRE APPARATUS

The new fire truck is completed and it shines up like a flash light all painted red. The chemical tanks and new hose are mounted and new ladders ready. Aurora is well equipped for fire fighting with an automobile truck, chemical engine and the best water system of any town in the state.

The Lebanon Stock company has organized for the purpose of building an armory for the use of the hospital company of the Oregon National guard.

Roseburg's fire loss for the period from September, 1920, to September, 1921, amounted to approximately \$1700, of which amount \$1500 was lost in one fire. This, it is believed, is a record unequaled by any city the size of Roseburg.

The Klamath County Wool Growers' association has adopted resolutions opposing the annexation of the Diamond Lake area to Crater Lake national park, on the ground that it would deprive stockmen of much valuable grazing land.

Permission for the construction of 10 crossings at grade across public highways in Washington and Columbia counties is granted to the Portland-Astoria & Pacific Railroad company in an order issued by the public service commission.

The Interstate Bridge over the Columbia River paid approximately \$800 a day in August over and above all operating costs, salaries and interest on bonded indebtedness, according to reports submitted at a meeting of the bridge commission.

Presbyterianism in Oregon in the last year has made a net gain of about 1400 new members, but in the Willamette Presbytery there has been a slight loss in membership. These facts were brought out at the Presbytery convention in Salem.

A petition for commutation of the death sentence of John L. Rathie and James Kirby, alias James Owens, imprisoned in the jail break and subsequent killing at Pendleton of Sheriff T. H. Taylor, was framed at a meeting of the Salem War Mothers.

Continuation of proceedings to cancel the citizenship papers of Joseph W. Gerndie, alleged agent of the Austrian government during the war, was ordered by Attorney-General Daugherty in a telegram to United States Attorney Humphreys of Portland.

Members of the Portland city council have agreed to call a special city election some time in November for the purpose of permitting the voters of this city to pass upon the proposed tax levy for Portland's share in the financing of the 1925 exposition.

The Dalles city water is unfit to drink, according to word received from the state board of health. Placards warning against drinking city water were placed over drinking fountains in public places in the city by the United States public health service.

William S. Walton, cashier of the Ladd & Tilton bank of Salem, has been notified by the War Finance corporation that he has been appointed on the committee which will pass on applications in his district for loans under the provisions of the war-finance



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This Should Interest You

Some new type for our job printing department makes the Observer office a splendid job printing plant. Have you seen some of the high grade work we are turning out lately? It is as good as any big city shop will do, and really, our prices are not as high as Portland. We are equipped for bank work, office work, farm work, school work, business work. How about some reports, blanks, letter heads, envelopes, statements, bills, invitations, books catalogues, circulars, etc. We have a Mimeograph too, if you want that kind of work. Here is some of the jobs we have printed the past week: Bank statements on folders, and checks for Aurora State Bank.

Letter heads, envelopes, circulars for Farmers Fire Relief Assn. of Butteville.

Statements for Stoner Bros.
Post cards, envelopes, letter heads for H. H. Wetzke.

Letter heads, envelopes and statements for L. G. Wroldstad.

Envelopes for Chas. Eilers.
Letterheads and statements for J. P. Jensen of Monitor.

Cards for Woodburn Fish Market.
Cards and Statements for Opera House Garage of Woodburn.

Overdraft Notices for First Nat'l Bank of Gardner.

Receipts in books for the city of St. Paul.

Statements for C. H. Ernst of St. Paul.

Checks for G. A. Ehlen.

Letter heads, cards, envelopes and statements for Portland Fish Co.

Checks for Sadler & Kraus, Stoner Bros. and Lettenmaier.

You are next.

IN THE WILDS

G. A. Ehlen, Albert Ehlen, Emory Howe and Al Climpson, all dolled up in hunting togs, left as soon as it began to rain, early Sunday morning, for the thick brush; big timber and rugged hills of Southern Oregon. Guns, ammunition and camping outfit to last as long as they want to stay. We are assured they will only stop shooting deer when they bag the limit.

There are two items of taxes that the public pay without any radical kicks and with a clear conscience—School and road tax. Of late years the School tax is trying to pry loose a feeling of discontent by heaping it on. This in every particular pertains to our Colleges and not in the least to local schools. There are those perhaps, in every community, who pay for the extension College improvements without a whimper and kick like blazes over a local school within walking distance. A High School education has been and is sufficient in 90 percent of cases. A good standard High School education is absolutely necessary in this day and age. Union High Schools of five or six districts are proving the most popular and best, and they keep the students at home. But millions of dollars for Universities, O. A. C.'s etc. where it will cost the parent \$100 per month to send the student besides the tax is getting monotonous. High School now teaches agricultural and athletics and don't cost so much.

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October 5th will be the last day for the payment of the second half of your 1920 tax if you wish to avoid having interest added. If you so desire, we will charge your account and make this payment for you.

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