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WHY CAPITAL IS TIMID.

(From the Wall Street Journal)

In a letter too long to quote in full, F. W. Harris of Renton, Washington, complains that Wall Street will not lend its money for the obviously needed development of the West. He ascribes this to lack of leadership of men like the late E. H. Harriman; and here are two paragraphs in which he suggests channels for capitalists enterprise:

"In the far West and Pacific Coast we need at least two more railways running north and south. One situated between the Rockies and the Cascades, and one along the Pacific Coast. We need 10,000 miles of branch lines. We have ten millions of acres of land awaiting irrigation.

"We have never had sufficient backing to go after the Oriental trade. James J. Hill made an attempt a few years ago, but too much was expected at the start. From Hong Kong to Seattle it is about 6,000 miles. Hong Kong to Europe is 10,000 miles. We can get that trade if we are patient enough to develop it."

If the West wants capital for such enterprises as Mr. Harris describes, it must show that it can be trusted with it. He finds much to admire in the late E. H. Harriman—now. But when Mr. Harriman was alive the State Legislatures were doing all they could to fetter his energies and to render his enterprises ultimately unprofitable. They have certainly succeeded in the latter respect; and in the former it may be said that Mr. Harriman achieved great things, not because of the people of the West, but in spite of them.

Wall Street does not invest its own capital. That is used for its banking business. But it collects capital from saving people all over the country, and distributes this where the security of the investment looks good. It acts not merely as a financial banker, but as a trustee. It is responsible for the quality of the investment it recommends.

Doubtless the West would be benefited by much more railroad extension than Mr. Harris indicates. But if he will only read the evidence in the western rate case he will see why Wall Street cannot recommend the investment at present. The western state railroad commissions themselves are sufficient to frighten away any investor; and this in face of the fact that the western railroads as a whole are much under-capitalized.

If the West is really willing to prove its sense of responsibility to the investor, it will move Congress to repeal the navigation laws, including the latest folly, and will impress upon the railroad commissions, Federal and State, that they are regulating and not unitive bodies. The West may realize with advantage to itself that commissioner Clifford Thorne is a poor substitute for E. H. Harriman.

THE HOME MERCHANT

The home merchant. Who is he?

He is the chap who gives you credit when you are financially broke, and carries your account until you are able to pay.

He is the chap who gives you back your money or makes exchanges when you are not satisfied with what you have bought.

He is the chap who stands behind his guarantee, and makes restoration of all losses that you may sustain on the goods you buy.

He is the chap who meets you at the door with a handshake, and lets you out with a message to the 'kids' and a real come again goodbye.

He is the chap whose clerks and bookkeepers and other employees live in your town and spend their money with you and with other people of your town.

He is the chap who pays heavy taxes to help support city schools and build paved streets, and maintain efficient fire departments and police departments, and parks and lighting and water service.

He is the chap who helps support your churches and hospitals and charity organizations, and your local lodges and commercial clubs, and talks for them and boosts for them every day in the year.

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Don't you know that every dollar that you send out of town for merchandise, is sent to strangers—to men who never spend a dollar in your community, to men who would not trust you for a box of matches, to men who would turn you over to the police if you should ever enter their offices?

You don't save much, frequently nothing, when you send your money out of town, and you take all the risk yourself of short weight or measure and of getting damaged or inferior goods. And don't you know that the growth and prosperity of the community depends very largely upon the success and prosperity of the home merchant? Out-of-town people judge our city by the appearance of our stores and the degree of enterprise shown by our merchants. And our home merchants cannot succeed unless you give them loyal support.—Ex.

RESPONSIBILITY OF FOREST CONTROL.

West Coast Lumberman

Annual meetings of the forest fire associations of Oregon, Washington and the Inland Empire, held during the past two weeks, all indicate the growing efficiency of private, state and federal patrol as well as the growing need for such protection.

This West Coast country is developing and with development comes increased forest fire hazard. There is only one feature of the present system of forest protection that is inefficient, and that is, the absence of laws of compulsory contribution to forest protective funds. Practically all of the timber is patrolled, but the cost of patrol falls on comparatively few owners, there being a tendency on the part of others to accept patrol service without contributing their share of the cost.

Right now is a good time to join forest fire associations. The outlook for the season of 1915 is not encouraging for those who have conservation of forest resources at heart. Snow, rain and woods conditions forecast a dry, dangerous season, and the need of the most efficient patrol organization ever sent into the timber.

Did you notice that the trains on all the roads in the Dakotas were stalled in the snow drifts last Friday and Saturday? Then remember the balmy, beautiful spring weather we were enjoying. Write and tell your friends the glad news and have them come and enjoy our paradise.

Commercial organizations generally throughout the Willamette Valley are rapping State Highway Engineer Bowly good and hard for this reported letter advising autoists to avoid the Willamette valley roads. These roads are indeed "passable" at this time of year.

Right now is an awfully good time to get a "Clean Up and Paint Up" campaign under way. There are a lot of places about town that need cleaning up.

Are you giving the home merchant the first chance when you are in the market for anything?

WORK OF PUPILS OF THE SPRINGFIELD SCHOOLS

The Lane County News today presents a few examples of the work of composition in the classes in the Springfield Public schools. The articles are published as written, without correction, in the hope that the printing of them may prove an assistance to the young people in developing their power of expression. Other teachers are invited to submit such articles as they may wish to have published in this column.

Kealia, Kaia, T. H.
February 12, 1915.

Miss Augusta Brabham,
Springfield, Oregon.

Dear Friend:—Your interesting letter was received, and I was happy to have a friend far away.

I will tell you about education. Education is compulsory, free and universal here.

Our Department of Public Instruction consists of a superintendent and six commissioners, who have control of all educational affairs, public and private, throughout the group. The department is represented in each of the outer districts by a supervising principals. Three normal inspectors are appointed by the superintendent and commissioners, and are required to report regular by concerning the circuits to which they are assigned.

There is a thoroughly equipped normal school in Honolulu, which includes a training school with a full corps of critic teachers. High schools are maintained at Honolulu, Hilo, Walluku and Tihue and industrial schools for boys at Lahainabuna on Maui, and at Waialee, near Kahuku on Oahu.

A college of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, established by the Territory at Honolulu in 1908, is maintained jointly by the Territory and the Federal Government.

Besides the public schools there are a number of excellent denomination schools as Oahu College, the Kamehameha schools, St. Louis College, Kilo Boarding School, and (for girls) Kawaiahao Seminary, Maunaloa Seminary on Maui, and the Kohala Girls' School.

Oahu College, which is situated at Punahou in a suburbs of Honolulu, is the most thoroughly equipped school in the Territory. The curriculum of this school includes elementary grades as well as a year of university studies.

The Kamehameha Schools, which were handsomely endowed by the late Bernice Pauahi Bishop, includes boys' and girls'

schools, which are fully equipped for manual work.

Our school name is the Kapaa school. I am in the Eighth grade, and am fourteen years old. My sister is attending the Normal school in Honolulu. I live on the island of Kauai, which is about one hundred miles from Oahu, Honolulu's island. To get to Honolulu we have to cross the Kaulewaho Channel by steamer.

With "Aloha,"
Your unknown friend,
Yuriyo Kimura.

Classified Ads

For Sale, Rent, Wanted, Etc.

WANTED—Boarders and roomers at the Elite Hotel.

FOR SALE—Motorcycles, one cylinder Indian, One single cylinder Yale, Good condition. F. J. Berger, Springfield.

FOUND—At Reapers hall, an umbrella. Owner may have same by paying for this notice. 141f

FOR SALE—Eggs from fancy bred Partridge Wyandotts \$1.00 per 15 at the house, 6th and D streets Springfield, Ore. Phone 108 R. W. L. Dunlap.

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Combining city and state laboratories will save Portland \$1,000 a year and the state \$2700. F. F. Patterson of Roseburg has formed a company to build a commercial fruit drier at that city.

Warrington—Bids opened Saturday for \$25,000 schoolhouse. New laws require publication of budget by all tax-levying bodies.

St. Helens considers paving main streets.

Portland—West Park and Tenth streets to get a \$40,000 bachelor apartment.

Umatilla highway partly hard surface, begun.

State Highway board received bids to authorize construction of one mile of Columbia highway in Hood River county, to cost \$50,000.

Corbett—W. Knight to erect a \$4,000 store building.

Portland—\$3.00 a day minimum wage law on all public work practically blocking all further undertakings by property owners.

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