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THE NEW YEAR.

OF COURSE IT will be the rule for all newspapers to say something about the new year, this week, and what "it promises for various localities." Every town which is in the march of progress, has something ahead to work for—to achieve. Plans are laid which, later on, are worked out. Scio is in the march of progress. Her citizens, one and all, seem to be working harmoniously for the accomplishment of one general purpose, and that is the development of our resources.

In point of natural location, no locality in the Forks of the Santiam is so favorably situated for a town, as Scio. Located just where the valleys of the North and South Forks of the Santiam, Crabtree and Thomas creeks are merged, there could not be a more convenient central point for the citizens of these four valleys to meet as a trading center. The only handicap to Scio's rapid development is immediate railroad connections. Just so long as the present conditions exist with our railway depots two and three miles away, will our development be held in check.

The NEWS is glad to state that the date when the whistle of the locomotive will be heard in the outskirts of our towns, is rapidly drawing near.

The energy and progressiveness of our business men is drawing the attention of the outside business world to Scio. Transportation lines know that it will be but a few months or years at most before they will be compelled to build into Scio. The immense lumber industry that the large forests of Thomas and Crabtree creek valleys alone will furnish a rich traffic for a railroad or railroads. Then the local freight from and to Scio, rapidly increasing; our growing dairy industry, and the milk condensery will supply a traffic worthy of attention.

During the past year our city water and light plants have been entirely rebuilt. A new 1000-lamp dynamo, a new water wheel and new water mains covering the entire city, places both these features of municipal ownership in splendid condition. Scio is as well lighted and has as good water system as any town of like size in the Willamette valley.

Another improvement of a semi-public character was the building of a reservoir dam across Thomas creek, by the Scio Milling Co., early in last summer. The cost, including the building of new flume, penstock and other improvements, was about \$2000. The new dam supplies a better head of water for power purposes; consequently the city light plant has power sufficient for operation, even in midsummer.

The business outlook for the present year of 1909 seems unusually propitious. By March 1 the milk condensing establishment, it is thought, will be in operation. The machinery should arrive from Detroit, Michigan, by January 20, at the latest. Lumber is now being received and the work of remodeling the condensery building will soon be on.

The prospect for the removal of the Thomas Creek Lumber Co's. mill to this city, sometime during the summer, seems now almost assured.

Negotiations are now said to be underway, by which the planing mills of this city, will be placed in active operation. Later—N. I. Morrison has purchased the plant which is a guaranty of future activity.

It is also stated that T. J. Munkers has decided to subdivide, at least, a part of his land into small tracts, with streets etc., and offer them for sale. As these tracts will furnish valuable sites for homes and the production of fruits and vegetables, doubtless a number of new dwelling will be erected thereon during the year.

When the condensery, sawmill, planer, etc., are in operation, there will be such a demand for immediate railroad connection, that the Southern Pacific can scarcely fail to comply with the desires of the people.

The fair for 1909 promises to surpass those of 1907-8 in every particular. It is expected that the

legislature will favor us with an appropriation which will insure liberal awards in every department. Also Scio is now one of the places of meeting of the Willamette Valley Racing circuit, which insures interesting speed contests.

So the business outlook for the year 1909 is promising indeed. The NEWS extends New Year greetings to its readers hoping that the year will be one of great prosperity to you one and all.

OUR BUSINESS MEN.

SCIO HAS ENERGETIC, up-to-date business men. They will compare favorably with those of any other town in the valley. Over two years ago the project of a county fair at Scio was proposed. Mayor Prill called a public meeting and our farmers and business men said "We will have a fair," and immediately subscribed for membership certificates sufficient to insure the success of the fair. Afterwards, when it was seen that we would be short of funds to meet all expense found necessary, our business men willingly doubled their subscription to the fair fund.

Last fall when the milk condensery proposition came up, our business men took the matter up. In two weeks' time they had subscribed for the full amount of the capital stock and ordered the necessary machinery. Compare their action with that of Albany which has had a condensery proposition on for hand for the past two months.

But we started in to give our business men a complimentary notice and here goes:

In the dry goods line the firms of Wesely & Cain and Hibler & Gill Co. are worthy of mention. The first mentioned firm has a store that would be a credit to a much larger town than Scio. They sell all manner of goods except groceries. This firm is reliable and will give you full value in return for your money. Hibler & Gill Co. have a well selected stock of dry goods, clothing, groceries, hardware, etc. You can rest assured that they will give you a "square deal."

J. F. Wesely conducts as well appointed grocery store as you will find in a large city. The large and lucrative trade he enjoys is an evidence that he treats his customers fairly.

E. C. Peery conducts a first-class drug store in every respect. Ed is ever ready to serve you with pills or a treatise on political, educational or social economy.

Our bankers with W. A. Ewing as cashier and E. D. Myers assistant, are ever ready to receive any cash you may wish to deposit, cash a check, discount a bill, or do anything to facilitate business exchange.

Mrs. Ollie MacDonald and F. E. Arnold each conduct confectionery establishments and can supply you with any thing in the line of bon mots that you desire.

The Scio Milling Co. Chas A. Warner manager, is ever ready to supply customers with flour or feed in quantities to suit. Anyone who deals with this company is sure to return. It is needless to say the Scio Milling Co. pays the highest market price for wheat, oats, barley, etc.

P. H. MacDonald and J. R. Gill are both good blacksmiths and enjoy the confidence and patronage of the general public.

W. Williams conducts a first-class harness shop. Good work and honest treatment is winning him a lucrative trade.

A. W. Hagey can repair anything from a watch to a threshing engine; but he prefers watches. Anything in his line, he can do for you and do it well.

Then if you get sick Dr. Prill or Dr. Browne will endeavor to make you well again. But if they fail and you are called to pass over.

Chas Wesely is prepared to look after the final obsequies. He, also, carries a fine line of hardware, wagons, buggies, etc.

When hungry Mine Host Abbott, of the Scio hotel is a good man to see and if you want a good porter house steak, send him to

Carson & Co. who conduct the best butcher shop Scio has ever had.

McKnight & Calavan are proprietors of the Scio Livery Stable. They have good rigs and are up-to-date in their treatment of the public.

Finally, if you want to subscribe for about the best country news paper, or want job work of any description come to the SANTIAM NEWS office, on Mill street and we will fix you out.

With best wishes and a happy New Year to all we extend a warm invitation for you to visit us, one and all. We will treat you right.

Another has been added to the list of earthquake horrors, full reports of which will place it among the greatest of these disasters. The extreme Southern end of Italy and the island of Sicily seems to have received the main force of the tremor. Whole towns and cities are ruined and the death list is appalling; variously estimated to be from \$60,000 to \$100,000. Fires added to the horror and destruction. This not being enough an immense tidal wave 32 feet high completed the destruction of property which had escaped the earthquake and fire. It is seldom, indeed, that death and destruction in the form of earthquake, fire and flood visits a locality at one and the same time. Italy and California, points on opposite sides of the earth, suffers from these earthquake horrors as no other points on the face of the earth. Nor has the fact been accurately accounted for by scientists. These are two localities of the world, not extremely desirable as a place of residence.

POULTRY RAISERS, ATTENTION.

The NEWS has lately received the following circular letter from Prof. James Drayden, of the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis; which has been generally circulated among farmers and poultry raisers. It is a matter of great importance and we hope our poultry men will meet Prof. Drayden in his efforts to better the hen industry in Oregon.

Prof. Drayden asks the following questions and requests answers:

1. What is the size of your farm?
2. How many laying hens do you keep?
3. What breed do you keep?
4. How do you house the fowls?
5. Are they confined in yards?
6. Do they have free range on the farm?
7. Describe method of feeding?
8. What animal food, if any, do you feed?
9. What is the annual cost of food per fowl?
10. How many eggs are laid per fowl during the year?
11. How many years do you keep your laying hens?
12. What has been your experience with incubators, if any?
13. Do the incubator chicks do as well as the hen-hatched chicks?
14. What was the lowest price received for your eggs and poultry in 1908? The highest?
15. Do you ship any to city markets?
16. Do you cooperate with your neighbors in shipping? Why?
17. Is the poultry looked after by the men or women?
18. What is the average death rate among the fowls and what is chief cause?
19. What is the hardest problem in poultry-keeping?
20. Do you consider poultry-keeping profitable on the farm?
21. To what extent do you think farmers should engage in poultry-keeping?
22. Do you raise turkeys? How many each year?
23. What per cent of turkeys hatched do you raise?
24. What is principal cause of losses in turkeys?
25. Are you interested in a home reading course in poultry culture?

THE COST OF LIVING.

In Astoria, as in every other community in the United States, the cost of living increases constantly; that is, to the people to whom the cost of living means something; to the man and woman earning wages or living from the meagre profits of small business or trade; the pressure is the same on all these, though the question of income may vary considerably. Nowadays one never hears of the cost of any staple dropping; they rise perennially and perpetually; we used to take some satisfaction from the falling market, but now we know of nothing and prepare for nothing, but the expected advance on those things we must have. The staple markets are clinched up and the sources of production are held fast in the grip of bloodless corporate power that may not be broken even by the law, and any "leWises" attempt to snap the tangle is punished swiftly in both the temples of justice and the temples of trade, the reprisal from the latter of course taking the form of another "raise."

It is held the world over, that the poor of America are infinitely better off than any similar group anywhere else. What of truth, there is to this is due to the freedom and education of the great masses. Education enforces a patience that meets the situation with hope and self-reliance, and begets a courage that goes to make us independent of brute force. We are on the alert, always for the man, and the change, and the propitious revolution that shall relieve us and bring about the equation we long for. Time and the practice of these qualities have perfected our patience until we are just a bit stupid about the thing; and due advantage has been taken of it by the dominating agencies of supply and trade.

We believe there is an awakening at hand; that men everywhere are beginning to realize the pressure and struggle against it; that a great demand is going up soon that may not be longer ignored or avoided, and that the same forces that have made for our quiescence and passive acceptance of the frightful load, will react for our deliverance and bring about adjustments tremendously long overdue.—Astorian.

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