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WHY STRINGENT TIMES?

It is generally admitted that, while there has been plenty of money in the banks and to loan on first class farm mortgages during the past year, there has existed a financial stringency—a disposition not to spend money in investments by our moneyed men.

Just why this condition exist can be, at least, partially accounted for.

About the only sources of bringing money from outside points to Oregon, are our wheat fields, flocks, dairies, stock, salmon industry and lumber. Other manufactures are small. Our expenditures for ordinary family supplies, farm implements, patronage of the mail order houses, automobiles, etc., are the things which attract money elsewhere.

Of course our merchants supply their stocks of goods from eastern factories. Our farm implements are nearly all products of eastern factories. Likewise our pleasure carriages, automobiles, etc., are all products of the east. Secretary of State Oleott is authority for the statement that Oregon has 22,000 or more automobiles. The average cost of these machines is, probably, \$800 each, making the cost of this one item more than \$17,000,000. If to this we add what goes to the mail order houses and what merchants pay for their goods, an immense sum of money leaves the state, never to return, unless we sell Oregon products to bring it back.

While we have had the highest grain prices during the past year for many years, the price of meat products is not so good as last year, which is also true of dairy products. Wool is bringing good prices, but the bottom has dropped from the lumber market. Building operations have dropped off at home and the war has shut down the European market. Public enterprises, railway extensions, etc. have dropped off as well.

Now as a matter of fact if we buy more stuff than we sell, at the end of the year we are sure to have less money, for money must make up deficiencies. This has been our condition for the past year. The depression of lumber has thrown many men out of employment and labor feels the stringency very quickly when employment ceases.

All of these combined causes, occurring at one and the same time, could not help but produce a financial stringency. But, if reports are true, we have passed the summit of the stringency hill and times are likely to grow gradually better. Eastern people are reported to be coming to the coast and many will probably buy homes. All will spend some money and these visitors alone should materially increase money in circulation. Grain prices are likely to rule high, wool will bring the best price for years, many of our

lumber mills are now operating up to their capacity, meat prices are likely to grow better, etc. All of these combined causes are likely to make the selling end of the teter board the heavier and which will create a money surplus, causing improvements to again move forward and place idle labor at work.

Our republican brethren are charging the democratic administration with being the cause of these conditions. Of course this is unfair because the thinking man, providing he is honest and unprejudiced, knows that the foreign war is the main cause. It has prevented the tariff law from operating as it would under normal conditions, thus creating the so-called "war tax" in time of peace. Had normal conditions prevailed, the increase in importation of foreign goods would have greatly increased and their sale in our markets, in competition, would have reduced the price of domestic made goods and a consequent reduction in the cost of living. The war, in effect, amounts to a prohibitory tariff.

So until the war is over and normal conditions are restored, a true test of the tariff law and other democratic policies cannot be tried out and their worthiness or worthlessness tested.

So we cannot measure or estimate normal conditions when the abnormal maintains. The so-called financial stress is now improving and will continue to improve as time advances. With the harvesting of wheat which now promises to be a bumper crop and the good price we are likely to get therefor, the good price for wool, the influx of eastern home buyers, etc., Oregon promises to be herself again in the near future. The only disturbing feature now to be considered is the prohibition law to be inaugurated next winter. This will disorganize matters for a spell, but will soon be adjusted and the most prosperous times in Oregon's history will then be at hand.

THE EUROPEAN WAR

WHILE most people are heartily tired of reading the conflicting European war news, there is a certain fascination which forces one to give the war dispatches, at least, some notice. We read French and Germany reports of the same battle when both sides claim to have made gains. We are, therefore, at sea. We do not know which side to believe. At the same time, we can not help feeling sorrowful for the boys in the trenches. Poor fools they undergo untold hardships, endangering their lives and health and at the close of the war, they will go home and earn money with which to pay the colossal war debt. And for what are they fighting? Just that the plans of the money power crowned heads and politicians may further their own selfish purposes.

England, France, Germany, Russia and Austria claim to be civilized Christian nations. At The Hague, in times past, these nations have subscribed to certain rules and regulations, signed treaties, etc., which morally obligated the signatory powers. By this agreement, the barbarous practices of former wars were supposed to have been ruled out. Noncombatants, merchant vessels not carrying contraband goods, fishing vessels, etc., unfortified towns and the ruthless destruction of private property was forbidden.

The practice from almost the first declaration of war, has been to pay no regard whatever to The Hague agreements. Germany marched her armies onto Belgian territory, dealing unheard of destruction to private property, all in direct violation of a solemn treaty. Unoffending merchant vessels are destroyed as ruthlessly as if they were war ves-

sels. Bomb dropping upon unfortified towns by which women and children are murdered, has become a common practice. "Might makes right" seems to be the rule of action especially from the German viewpoint.

Our friends on the other side, nevertheless they boast of places of education, their excellence in art and other things which are supposed to indicate a high state of civilization, have at one leap jumped back to the Dark Ages and rival even Caligula in brutality and barbarism.

What an immense responsibility they have assumed in thus setting the world backward a thousand years.

General Sherman characterized war as "hell." This term would not express his idea, if he were alive today and should express his opinion.

Possibly this unusual cruelty and brutality may be the means of bringing about a general disarmament of the world sooner than would otherwise be if The Hague agreements were strictly adhered to. Let us hope that when peace is finally established that a broader liberty for the people involved will result. Let us hope that this, the most cruel of modern wars, will so inspire the people of its terrible consequences that war will be displaced by arbitration and that the arbitrament of the sword will no longer have a place among civilized peoples.

The Tribune sincerely hopes that tentative plans for improving Main street by cutting it to grade and covering the same with crushed rock, will materialize in the actual work beginning before mid summer. We are told that nearly all, if not all, the business men and property owners along the street, favor the proposition. In order that the improvement shall have the sanction of law, it is necessary for the city council to enact an ordinance ordering the improvement. Petitions are being prepared which, The Tribune hopes, will be signed by every property owner. Then the city council can not refuse to act. The streets of all our neighboring towns are in better condition than those of Scio. There is no reason why this should be so, except that our citizens refuse to act. This fact is cause for remarks by visitors and will soon become detrimental to our town.

For Rent

Small place for rent, one-half mile south of Scio. Good house and barn, plows, harrows, cultivators, both well and spring water, all kinds of fruit, peaches, pears, apples, cherries, grapes, Logan berries, 500 goose berries will be heavy crop, goose berry cleaner, some wood and hay goes with the place.

Inquire of R. Shelton, Scio, Ore.

Bids Wanted

School District No. 95, will issue warrants to the amount of \$1500, at 6 per cent interest, denominations of \$100 or multiples, due \$500 in one, two and three years. All bids be received P. M. May 10, 1915.

School Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

J. F. Wesely,

5-6 School Clerk.

Fishing Tackle

If you want fishing tackle to take with you on your early spring outing, don't fail to see Hagey, the jeweler, about it. He has just received a new stock which is the best the market affords.

If you want the Oregonian, the Journal or the Telegram, we will furnish it to you at less than "bargain day" rates, providing you are a subscriber to The Tribune.

Spring Time is FORD Time



1915 MODEL FORDS HAVE JUST ARRIVED

All new Fords are fully equipped, having electric lights and stream line body. A new idea is the Ford Buyers Profit Sharing Plan.

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For Further Particulars see Fred T. Bilyeu Ford Agent, Scio, Ore.

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