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HAPPY NEW YEAR

This issue of The Tribune will be the last one for 1916. Another cycle has been scored—another mile post in the book of time has been passed.

We should all take a retrospective view of the past year. While, generally speaking, most all of us have been prosperous during the past year, we have all, doubtless, made more or less mistakes. We might have done better, had we known.

But we did not know. We did the best we knew at that time, and we will abide the consequences, whatever they are. We can only profit by the year's experience.

But there is another year ahead. May we not profit by our own experiences during the past year? May we not correct many mistakes we have made?

During the year we have laid away some of our loved ones in the silent grave. Possibly the loss of these loved ones could have been prevented, had we known. But we did not know and we have to abide the results. Again we say, let us profit by past experience.

The year 1917 looks full of promise. If we do our part in the battle of life, if we profit by our experiences of the past, we will have done well. In a general way, the year just opening looks full of promise. We, as a nation, have nothing to fear. While the great war in Europe is still on, let us hope the end is near. Let us hope that President Wilson will continue to give our nation the same wisdom he has manifested in the past and that our nation will not become involved in any way with the warring nations. Let us hope that continued prosperity will maintain throughout the year 1917.

The Tribune wishes each and every one of its readers a happy new year.

LIME AND CEMENT

Furnish lime at a minimum of cost to the farmers of Oregon, especially in the Willamette valley, and the productivity of the farms will be doubled. Furnish cement at cost and the streets of our villages and our public highways will all soon be hard surfaced.

We know of the beneficial effects of lime when applied to the soil. It is not now an experiment, but a demonstrated fact. We know the value of cement in road building. The only question about either of these valuable products is to get them cheaply enough so that they will become of universal use in their respective fields and we have the experience of other states as a guide as to the production of both at a minimum of cost.

A few weeks ago our newspapers gave accounts of a scandal at the

penitentiary down at Salem. This scandal resulted in the forced resignation of Warden Minto and the appointment of Mr. Murphy as his successor. Idleness of the prisoners confined there was the cause of the scandal. There is no doubt but what reasonable employment of prisoners causes them to be less insubordinate and gives them less time to hatch plans of insubordination and endeavors to escape.

Knowing the utility of both lime and cement and having 400 to 500 idle men who would be benefitted both in health and disposition by having constant labor to perform, the problem should be easily solved by the legislature, to convene within a few days.

The only block which will intervene to prevent the inauguration of this plan is the fact that a very few men are making money by manufacturing lime and cement for commercial purposes and they will use their utmost endeavors to prevent the state from engaging in the production of these commodities.

But the farms pay the bulk of the taxes, either direct or indirect, and anything which will make the farm more valuable by increasing its product and enables the farmer to market his crop at less cost, increases the value of the farm and, correspondingly, increases the tax payments. Therefore, is it not good business to enrich the farm lands and make it possible for the farmer to build better roads?

In some of the states where convicts are employed in the production of lime and cement, these valuable commodities are furnished at one dollar or less per ton. Oregon could not probably furnish them quite so cheaply. But if they can be furnished at the railway station at \$2 or less per ton, farmers almost universally, will use them freely.

The Tribune understands that a bill or bills will be introduced early at the coming session of the legislature, opening the way for the employment of our convicts in this manner. Our Linn county members should give the measure or measures their hearty support. They can thus increase the productivity of our farms without materially increasing the capital employed. No measure will be brought forward for legislative action at the coming session, which is of more vital interest to the farmers of Oregon than this. No measure will go farther in the solution of the high tax muddle than this, because it will enable the farmer and other business depending upon his prosperity, to pay the tax gatherer the annual dues without serious difficulty and with less grumbling.

WILL SCIO KEEP THE FAIR?

It is not now a matter of public knowledge, but it will be made public, officially, at the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Linn County Fair association to be held next month, that Scio stands in grave danger of having the county fair removed to Albany. Overtures are now being made by Albany to purchase the franchise and property of the association and, unless the people of Scio and vicinity come forward with a more liberal financial support, the sale will probably be made.

The fair association was organized ten years ago. It was not organized as a money making proposition, but to improve the stock and industrial interests of this section of the valley. Every cent taken in at the gates, for concessions, the annual appropriations made by the state and county, all is paid out for the necessary expenses and the payment of premiums at each annual exhibition. There is not nor can be any profit derived, except that derived from the encouragement given to the

growing of better stock and agricultural products. The profit thus arising can hardly be estimated. The better grades of stock now owned by our farmers, as compared with that of ten years ago, and the general knowledge of stock growing and selection is of a value beyond estimation.

Now, the question is: Shall we continue this good work or shall we surrender the same to another town and community? As before stated, overtures are now being made and a tender of money will be offered for the property and franchise at the annual meeting.

We can and will reject these overtures, if the people of Scio and vicinity will come forward and subscribe a sufficient amount of stock to place the enterprise squarely upon its feet. While a few people have been liberal supporters of the fair from the first, the vast majority of our people have not contributed a cent; but have enjoyed the large benefit which the fair has been to the community.

Now there is not a farmer in the forks of the Santiam who cannot well afford to subscribe for two shares of stock—\$20, rather than have the fair removed to another part of the county. If 150 farmers will subscribe this sum each, the society can pay out of debt and make the necessary repairs preparatory to giving fairs in the future. Many of us have given, not only more money than the above named sum but our time as well, to make the Linn County Fair a success. But the load is too heavy for a few people to carry. It should be borne by the entire community, because it is a community benefit.

So, good people, if we save this valuable asset to this section of the valley, it is absolutely necessary for prompt action. It is necessary because, if we fail to give even one fair, we will lose our charter and the annual appropriation from the state. Can we afford this loss? This is a question the people must decide within the next few days.

The Tribune is not trying to throw a scare into the people, but is simply discussing a bald fact. By all means let us save the fair. As an advertising factor, as an asset to build up the property interests of eastern Linn county, we cannot afford to lose it. But all must help. It is a community asset.

Summons

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Linn

Ruth Gleck Ford Plaintiff
vs.
Earl Ford Defendant

To EARL FORD, the above named defendant, In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint of the above named plaintiff in the above entitled court, now on file with the Clerk of said Court, within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and you are hereby notified that if you fail to appear and answer said complaint as is hereby required, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in the complaint, to-wit:

For a decree of this court dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between plaintiff and defendant, and for a divorce, and that plaintiff be given the care, custody and control of the minor child Barbara Ford, and for such other and further order as to the Court may seem just and proper.

This Summons is published by virtue of an order made by Wm. Galloway, Judge of the Circuit Court of Linn County, Oregon, duly made and entered of record in the above entitled court and cause on the 15th day of December, 1916, which order specifies that Summons shall be published for six consecutive weeks in the Scio Tribune, that the date of the first publication shall be December 21, 1916, and the date of the last publication shall be February 1, 1917.

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