

# Building For the Future

THE success of this firm may, to a large degree, be attributed to fair methods in dealing and a desire to serve the smallest customer. Year after year has found us enjoying an increased patronage, which we assure you is highly gratifying and very much appreciated.

We have ever striven to build for the future and this idea is best exemplified in our new, modern, fireproof building into which we are now moving.

In our new, up-to-date quarters we will be

in a position to serve you better than ever before, and it is with pride that we can serve you in our store which is second to none in Eastern Oregon. We will be glad to have you come and inspect our new premises.

Extending to all our friends and patrons the Greetings of the Season, and wishing you all continued health, happiness and prosperity through the years to come.

## GILLIAM & BISBEE

Pioneer Hardware Firm

### NEW FIRE-PROOF BUILDING MONUMENT TO INTEGRITY OF PIONEER HARDWARE FIRM

Away back there in the early days of Heppner's commercial life the founders of the firm of Gilliam & Bisbee, local hardware merchants, were forced to move out of the place they had been doing business. Progress in building has destined that their location should be taken by a new brick building for the First National Bank. The firm at that time was Gilliam & Coffey, the business having been established in 1887 by Frank Gilliam and J. W. Coffey. Mr. Coffey later sold his interest to T. H. Bisbee.

The first move was made when the wooden building in which the firm was housed, was moved from the corner where the First National now stands, into the street. After continuing under adverse circumstances for awhile, Messrs. Gilliam & Coffey moved their stock of goods into the brick building adjoining the bank. The transfer of merchandise was made with the aid of a wheelbarrow. As Mr. Gilliam explains it, the job of moving at that time was not a big one, as the stock carried at that time was very small in comparison with present day stock.

Now as the firm is about to move into their magnificent new quarters at the corner of Main and May

streets, they no doubt would like to have as easy a task as they did the last time they moved.

Mr. Coffey sold his interest in the firm to T. H. Bisbee in 1890 and the firm name of Gilliam & Bisbee dates from that time. Upon the death of Mr. Bisbee several years ago, his son, L. E. Bisbee became the junior partner of the firm.

Like many other famous and well known affiliates such as tried and true, brave and bold, etc., Gilliam & Bisbee is a household phrase which is about as commonplace in the regular run of every day life as day and night. In other words its one of our institutions. It has been here to serve our wants since long before the advent of many of us into this world.

So it is with equal pride that the people of Heppner look to the beautiful new two story brick and concrete building up on the corner, where the pioneer firm will be serving their customers shortly after the first of the year. It is the largest building in the town which is devoted exclusively to one firm and one of the largest in Eastern Oregon. It stands as a monument to the business integrity of the firm who brought it to a realization and it adds thousands of dollars to the value of the town.

### BOARDMAN HAS A \$50,000 SCHOOL

By M. B. Signs, Secretary of Commercial Club and Principal of Boardman Schools.

To one who visited the Boardman community three years ago and again today, the changes for the better are almost unbelievable. The town itself has trebled in size and continues to grow rapidly. The location is almost ideal, bordering, as it does, the beautiful Columbia which can be seen in its silvery beauty for several miles up and down from the town. Opposite the village are two islands in the river, which offer opportunity for a pleasure resort as well as farming possibilities. It is contemplated that a launch will be placed in service and many pleasure trips will then be possible. Following the river bank, the O. W. R. & N. Co., and the Pacific highway give excellent transportation facilities.

In a business way the community has three grocery stores, hardware

lumber company, feed store, garages, barber shop and hotel, with openings for a rooming house, restaurant, drug store, doctor, and bank.

There are a goodly number of community organizations including the Grange, Commercial Club, Farm Bureau, church ladies' aid, Parent Teachers' Association and school. The Grange works principally for the interests of its members and the organization has had considerable influence in community affairs. The Commercial Club, which includes membership from both town and country, has also done a great deal for community development. Both are working for the good of the whole, and the town helps the country, and the country helps the town. Farm lands tributary to a good town are often many times more valuable than those not so located. The town boosts good roads just as the farmer does, not simply to help the town but to help the community and no one profits more by good roads than the farmer, and no one likes to travel them more. The same might be said of most questions that arise.

The Farm Bureau is the latest organization to take up the work of community advancement. The second meeting was held on Monday, December 8th, at the community church and the organization perfect-

ed. We predict that the Farm Bureau, with its local, county, and state and national organizations will be the most helpful, not only for the farmer but for the community and national development.

There is also a fine little community church with a Sunday school every Sunday, and a ladies' aid society. Just at present we are without a pastor, but steps are being taken to remedy that just as soon as possible. The sentiment of the community is such that a strong church can be built up.

The growth of the schools, too, is a good criterion for the growth of the community. Three years ago, a rough, clapboard shack housed about six pupils. We now have a fine mission style building, 214 feet long and 36 feet wide, with a full basement. The building contains, on the lower floor, class rooms, office, library, all connected by wide, well-lighted halls. Above is the auditorium with a seating capacity of 300. Below is found rooms for manual training, domestic science, cafeteria, sewing, general science as well as a special dining room for training students in house work, and also a large room for community dinners. The building is heated with a \$9000 plant of the latest type, and electric lights and water are supplied by a special pressure system costing \$2500. The total cost of the building will be close to \$50,000. The auditorium has connections for a moving picture machine and a stage equipped for service.

Among other special features of the plant might be mentioned the blackboard arrangement, whereby the boards may be raised into the walls, allowing the teacher full supervision of the cloak rooms during intermissions. The plan of the halls is such that one teacher can supervise the whole floor. There will be athletic grounds, decorated terraces, play grounds, school garden, tennis courts, broad lawns and cement walks to beautify the ten-acre plot of which the building forms the center. The library facilities are unexcelled. Twenty five hundred volumes and some thirty periodicals afford reference and entertainment facilities for the school and community. The pupils are brought in with trucks and this service will be vastly improved next year with larger trucks, better equipped. With the proposed improvement of the roads of the district it will be one of the pleasures of the day for the pupils to step into a commodious motor truck and in a few minutes arrive at school for their work in such a plant where the latest appliances and equipment assist them in preparing for life's work.

One of the chief factors in the improvement of the schools has been the Parent-Teachers Association. They have monthly meetings with helpful programs where vital questions of home and school and child-welfare are discussed, and plans for community improvement carried out.

### 14 BILLION DOLLAR CROP HARVESTED 1919

\$1,500,000,000 Increase Over Production for 1918 Shown in Department Reports.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12—Record prices and bountiful production sent the value of farm crops harvested this year to the unprecedented total of \$14,092,740,000, exceeding the value of last year's crops by almost \$1,500,000,000.

Final estimates of production were issued today by the department of agriculture and values were based on prices paid to producers December 1. The area of harvested crops this year was more than 2,600,000 acres larger than last year, amounting to a total of 359,124,473 acres.

Corn easily maintained its place as king of crops, with a value of \$3,934,234,000, while cotton, including cottonseed, was second with a total value of \$2,332,913,000. The hay crop was third with \$2,129,087,000.

Wheat, combining the winter and spring crops, was fourth, with \$2,028,522,000. Oats, \$1,000,000,000 crop last year, reached a total of only \$895,603,000 because of decreased production.

Record crops of winter wheat, rice, sweet potatoes and hay were grown, while the production of all wheat, rye and tobacco was next to the largest ever harvested.

Prices paid producers were higher this year for every crop than they were last year with the exception of beans, cranberries and oranges.

request, procedure to be followed in presenting claim for relief will be furnished.


### NEEDED IN BUSINESS WORLD

Urgent Reasons for Transplanting Returned Soldiers From Army to Civil Life Without Delay.

Your cosmopolitan doughboy who has shaken hands with the king of England, danced with the princess of Roumania, learned the slang of a dozen nations and cocked a knowing eye at all the choicest sights of the Continent, may sound extremely sophisticated by cable, but wait until he strikes the United States and see what furrin travel has done for him! It has made him love, not Europe less, but home more, and he hardly tries to conceal his grand passion under a poker face, either. For he has been homesick and weary for months, and the Goddess of Liberty looks like an angel, and New York harbor like heaven, to his fond eyes.

As a national asset, then, the soldier is perhaps our best citizen, and because the A. E. F. as a whole is rampantly enthusiastic about its homeland and her interests, America may look to her soldiers for real inspiration in citizenship. These are the men to put into our business life as rapidly as they can be transplanted from army to civil jobs.

To make the transposition more simple and effective, the war department through Col. Arthur Woods, assistant to the secretary of war, has set up the wheels of a giant machine, which is working night and day to co-operate with all employment agencies for the sake of the returned soldier who has no job. But more than that, this great employment system operates for the good of America. Colonel Woods and his thousands of assisting committees believe in the doughboy and in his power of real achievement in the future national life of the United States.



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