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IMPROVING BUSINESS CONDITIONS

You don't have to be optimistic to see better business conditions. They are evident everywhere. The more confirmed pessimist admits it.

It has been true around Hermiston and it is true the country over except in some of the eastern factory districts where the coal strike is keeping prosperity away.

It is perhaps too much to say that 1922 will be a big year. Frankly we don't think it will, either here or anywhere else.

Business men in Hermiston are very much encouraged. If you doubt it ask them. They find business gradually picking up and they find money more plentiful.

These are healthy signs and they mean that we are all going to be kept busy. We are not going to get rich in 1922, but we are going to have work to do.

A VIEW OF THE STRIKE

The coal miners are striking for a chance to earn more than \$500 to \$763 per year on which to support their families. They want to work steadily six hours a day for five days a week, instead of a day or two a week.

WHAT NOT TO DO

Estacada News Periodically religious and racial

prejudices are bitterly injected into a political campaign; in fact, they are never entirely absent, but every so often they become acute.

THE RIGHT OF WAY

In a decision recently handed down by the Court of Appeals it was held that the term "right of way" as applied to road practice among motorists does not permit drivers to disregard the common rules of caution when approaching street or highway crossings.

The point was developed in a collision case taken to the court. The driver who, in the letter of the rule had the right of way increased his speed at the crossing and collided with another machine which had, up to the time the first man increased his speed, plenty of time in which to cross the street.

It would seem such advice from the courts should not be needed, but it is. The daily accident list shows a large percentage of careless driving. Caution should rule at the crossings at all times, whether one has the right of way or not.

Whether George White read the editorial in The Herald two weeks ago we cannot say, but anyway he took the advice we gave him, for he has just "cast his hat in the ring," for the republican nomination for

governor without waiting for the draft to force him into the running.

Time was when we didn't know what the weather man meant when he referred to it as "mean temperature" but we know now.

The Oregon Industrial Review which we publish every week states that 69,000 improvements are to be made by the telephone company at Roseburg. A very fair beginning we would say and we'll bet the subscribers will notice an improvement in the service as a result.

After the rain here the first of the week it looks as though Hermiston didn't have much better weather Los Angeles which was described by a base ball writer the first of the week as the coldest place south of the north pole.

OREGON INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Port of Portland foreign exports for March, \$4,400,243. Lumber 32,635,626 feet.

Eugene woolen mills running on big order received from China. W. B. Russell has taken charge of Redmond Spokesman.

Portland-Oregon hotel to build ten-story annex. La Grande-Palmer Lumber Co. to build ten-mile logging line.

Eugene March building permits 250 per cent over last year. W. A. Prinx to establish newspaper at Drain.

Union Pacific will spend \$17,000,000 on construction work in northwestern states. Vernonia to build \$25,000 high school.

Myrtle Point to vote on \$30,000 bond issue for water supply. Pine Valley Herald-Taxes can be reduced in this state and very likely will be but not to a marked degree.

By that we mean that they can't be reduced half, a third or even a fourth. If we can get them down 10 to 15 per cent we shall be fortunate.

The movement to cut taxes is a worthy one, when coupled with judgement. Cascade and Siuslaw forests allotted \$90,000 for road work.

Cottage Grove-Lorane road contract awarded, bid \$24,840. Southern Pacific to spend \$17,000,000 on Oregon improvements.

Rainier-Standard Oil Co. to erect distributing station. Bend-Application to irrigate 20,000 acres in Arnold district.

Sherwood plans to establish shoe factory to employ 200 men. Ashland-New wholesale warehouse to be built.

John Day Highway between Prairie City and Unity to be built. Eugene-Farmers' Creamery to build new plant.

Baker-Four story modern apartment house to be built. Newport-\$20,000 natatorium is planned.

Highway to be extended 5 miles from Holdman toward Pendleton. Pendleton to purchase site for and build \$65,000 septic tank.

O. A. C. FARM REMINDERS Keep Perennial Weeds Cut Perennial weeds such as morning glories, quack grass, Canada thistle, knap weed, and death weed will soon appear.

When Soils Need Nitrogen Where too small leaf or wood growth on crops is produced it is often an indication that nitrogen is lacking in the soil.

Treat Seed Potatoes Now Seed potatoes that have not yet been treated for scab, rhizoctonia, etc., should be dipped now, while dormant, with corrosive sublimate solution.

Bees Need Water Be sure your bees have a permanent supply of water near the apiary. This is especially important in the spring.

The Road to Happiness You must keep well if you wish to be happy. When constipated take one or two of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper.

COLUMBIA BASIN PROJECT FEASIBLE

GENERAL GOETHALS SUBMITS REPORT OF HIS SURVEY

Nearly 2,000,000 Acres Can be Reclaimed at Acre Cost of Approximately \$160

"The Columbia Basin project is as much a national one as were the Panama Canal and the Alaska Railway and will, if completed, add much more to the national wealth than either of the others mentioned.

To Reclaim 2,000,000 Acres That the Columbia Basin Project by using a gravity supply from the Pend O'Reille River to reclaim nearly 2,000,000 acres, is feasible from an economic and engineering standpoint and can be constructed in six years for a total cost of \$254,170,351 or \$145.56 per acre, is the conclusion reached by General Goethals after extended personal investigation and study of the project.

Because of its larger area, greater assurance and reliability of operation and its smaller per acre cost, General Goethals advises adoption of the gravity system. It will, he says, irrigate 1,753,000 acres by direct flow with an additional 91,000 acres that may be reached by a pumping lift of less than 150 feet and 137,000 acres that may be utilized by pumping at slightly higher lifts.

The report calls attention to the many engineering difficulties to be met with in lifting water 615 feet by means of the Columbia river dam and pumping plant. "The reliability and simplicity of a direct gravity flow of water are immeasurably superior to the complexity of operating a power and pumping plant with a large number of turbines and pumps which would be stressed higher than any existing equipment of equal capacity," says General Goethals.

"The development of commercial power is a question for the future," he continued. "The gravity project offers power possibilities, but these are not considered as affecting the acre cost of irrigation. As between developing power in large quantities at a time when there seems little likelihood of its being absorbed and the gradual development of power to meet demands as the arise, the latter is the more rational policy to adopt. The gravity project, so far as power possibilities are concerned is, therefore, the better.

Should Develop All The advisability of partial development of the project is adversely considered in the report. "Development of one half the area, or 880,000 acres, would cost \$170.64 per acre," says the Goethal report. "It will be cheaper in the end so to lay out the construction program as to bring about simultaneous completion of the entire project rather than to develop the Basin area partially first, and to complete it subsequently. Temporary structures would reduce the initial cost but ultimately must be replaced, adding to its cost, which in any event must be borne by the farmer. It seems ill advised in a project of this magnitude to report to anything except the completed project."

Record Telephone Conversation. A telephone conversation was recently had between a ship 100 miles off the Atlantic coast of the United States and Catalina Island, 30 miles off the coast of California, wireless telephony being used over the water and wire telephony over the land. This is the first time the voice of man has been carried across a continent and stretches of two adjacent oceans.

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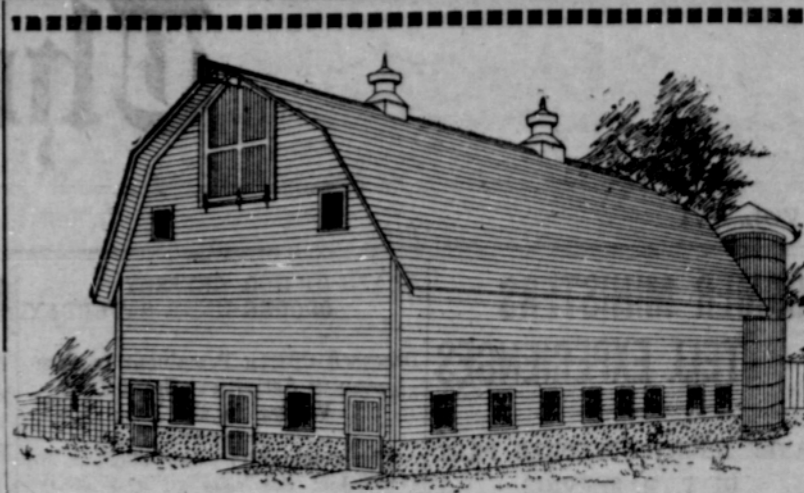
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