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Prosperity is largely a state of mind. The cry that times are hard is heard everywhere, but the residents of Hermiston should consider themselves fortunate, due to the fact that this is not a payroll town. Money may be slow in circulation but there has been no drastic drop in the incomes of families through the closing down of a large payroll concern.

With the hope that the Umatilla Rapids project bill will be put through, residents of this county will be interested in the following, clipped from the East Oregonian of December 10.

"An unqualified endorsement of the Umatilla Rapids project, slated to come before congress in January, was given today by Governor-elect Julius L. Meier to George C. Baer, executive secretary of the Umatilla Rapids association.

The proposed federal development, cost estimated at \$45,000,000 would mean the damming of the Columbia river at Umatilla rapids, thereby aiding navigation, furnishing water for reclamation, power for municipalities, establishing flood control, and providing an interstate bridge.

Mr. Meier's statement follows:

"The immediate passage of Senate Bill S-2252, providing for the development of Umatilla Rapids project on the Columbia river for the four-fold purpose of navigation, power, reclamation and interstate bridge and giving municipalities a preference right for the purchase of power developed and containing a tax reimbursement clause which will result in reduction of taxes, has my unqualified endorsement.

"The measure is patterned after the Boulder Canyon dam act which is now in operation and is both feasible and practical. The present unemployment situation, the generation of cheap power, augmented by the imperative need for lower transportation rates on agricultural products, emphasize the importance of this legislation. It will prove an impetus to state development in Oregon and will permit of greater industrial and commercial expansion. Its economic value cannot be overestimated and it is worthy of the support of every citizen."

The On-to-Oregon bulletin for November shows that Oregon, as a whole, grew faster than 41 other states, with only 7 states showing a greater per cent. of growth. While Atlanta forged ahead of Portland, Oregon's increase in population was more than 25 times as great as Georgia's increase in numbers and 103 times as great in percentage. As compared with Kentucky, as a whole, Oregon's growth was 18 per cent less in population increase, but was 2 1-2 times as great in percentage of increase.

**Keep the Money Moving**  
(From Autocaster Service)

The president of the American Bankers association said a mouthful the other day. "It isn't how much money is in circulation but how fast it circulates, that counts," he said, in substance. "One dollar will do the work of two dollars, if it moves from hand to hand twice as fast."

Money lying idle in bank is not working. It is only when money is being spent that commodities move, factory wheels revolve, workers are kept on the payroll. In the reaction from an orgy of reckless spending, we seem to have swung almost as far the other way, into a state of mind which can only be called miserly. People are timid about letting go of a dollar for any purpose—and in communities all over the nation able-bodied men are peddling on the streets or taking money from charitable organizations for the support of their families.

This is more particularly true in the large cities; the country regions and the small towns have not felt the depression as keenly as have the large centers of population. Yet everybody in the United States, broadly speaking, knows that money is not circulating as fast today as it was a year ago, and that people who owe money are finding it hard to get cash with which to meet their obligations.

That would not be the case if everybody who has something tucked away would spend some of it now for the useful necessary things which are needed and which will eventually be bought anyway. All kinds of merchandise are cheaper now than for years. To buy the necessary things now is economy. There is not a home in the land in which there are not some repairs to be made, some contemplated additions or improvements to be installed, some new furnishings required. To attend to those things now means putting money into circulation at a time when it is actively needed. Ten dollars spent today will do the community more good than a hundred dollars spent a year from now.

We have said it before but it is still good advice. Take advantage now of the low cost of almost everything and do those little things around the house that will not cost much but which will help move merchandise and put money into worker's pockets.

**Judge the Future from the Past**

It is a common human failing to believe that whenever a lull occurs in the progress of humanity, conditions are going to continue to get worse instead of picking up again and going on as before.

Nothing like that has ever happened yet. Just 100 years ago Thomas Babington Macaulay, the famous historian and essayist, phrased the thought this way:

"On what principle is it that when we see nothing but

improvement behind us we are to expect nothing but deterioration before us?"

Human progress, whether in material achievements or social morality, is continuous. It has been continuous from the beginning of time, and will be continuous to the end of time. But we do not always move at the same pace. We might liken the path of the human race to a flight of stairs on which, at irregular intervals, there are long landings across which we must proceed without gaining height, until we come to the next flight of stairs.

But the next flight, when we get to it, always leads up never down!

Just now the whole world is on one of the stopping places on the upward flight of progress. We do not know how long we may have merely to keep on an even keel, as it were, but we can be very positive that wherever we may go from here it will be a higher level of all that counts in human life.

**IRRIGON NEWS ITEMS**

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Tom Caldwell was operated on at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton Monday and according to latest reports is showing some improvement in her condition, which is considered quite serious.

Mr. Miller of Umatilla was canvassing this vicinity for the first time Tuesday with his stock of McCann products. Mr. Miller has taken over the business of G. Huston of Pendleton, who was appointed sales manager of Oregon, Washington and Idaho recently by the McCann Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Batie Rand visited friends on Butter Creek Sunday.

The regular meeting of the H. E. C. ladies was held Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Fred Markham. The afternoon was spent in exchanging ideas for making suitable presents for Christmas. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Oliver and Mr.

and Mrs. F. Markham were Hermiston visitors Friday, Mr. Markham having some dental work done.

The town basketball team motored to Heppner Thursday where they played a game the same evening with the Heppner team.

Mrs. Vern Jones and Mrs. W. C. Isom were in Hermiston on business Friday.

Three games of basketball were played in the gym Friday night, our high school girls playing Hermiston high with a score of 48 to 11 in favor of Hermiston. Hermiston high boys with Irrigon high school team, score 8 to 12 in favor of Hermiston, and the town team playing Pendleton with a score of 14 to 16 in favor of Pendleton. However a good game was played by all of our home teams, it being the first game either the boys or girls had played outside of practice work. A good crowd was present and good sportsmanship was shown by both local and visiting teams.

The Irrigon Grange gave a card party Saturday evening with eight tables of 500 going all evening.

About 50 were present. A delicious lunch was served by the ladies at the close of the evening.

Charles Wilson had the misfortune to have his right arm broken while cranking a Ford car Saturday evening. He was taken at once to Hermiston by Mr. E. A. Houghten where an x-ray picture was taken showing only one bone broken which was set by Dr. Christopherson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Caldwell motored to Pendleton Sunday to visit Mr. Caldwell's mother at the St. Anthony hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brace were in Pendleton Saturday.

Earl Isom and Verdie Leach spent Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Isom.

Mr. and Mrs. George Haskell visited in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Don Brooks, Thursday.

Frank Frederickson dressed out 92 turkeys Saturday to go into the association pool from Hermiston Monday.

Vern Jones and Frank Brace dressed turkeys Monday for the market at Hermiston.

Kenneth Alquist was a guest of Donald Isom Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bensele motored to Pendleton Thursday of this week.



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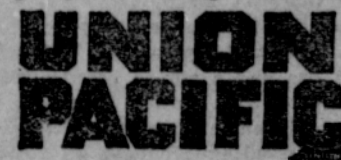


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