

# FARMERS NEEDS TOLD BY VISITOR FROM CALIFORNIA

"I promised to send you an article on farmers and business men of Rogue River valley when I reached my San Joaquin home," said Howard Price, who came up from California three weeks ago to give this valley "the once over." "But I have been too busy getting ready to come back here to use any time there for anything else," he continued.

"California is full of hard-luck stories, but generally the causes for that condition down there are different from those here. The effect of the war on the situation in California is the same, of course; but most of that is fictitious. There has been no true excuse for the banks to hold the money behind the bolts of their vaults to the injury of those whose custom it has been to do business through these institutions; but they have done it; and many business concerns, including those of the farmers, have been seriously crippled. Many farmers who were driven to get money in some manner have had to put up a big bonus for it. This system became general and it raised the interest to an outrageous figure.

"In this way the farming interests of your valley have been hurt, also. I know the bankers deny this, but I also know that it is true.

**Value of Strong Initiative**  
"The cry of hard times begets hard times, just as the knock of the knocker begets more knocks, erecting doubt, hesitation and embarrassing progress. Bankers in many localities are the first to take advantage of such a situation. Whoever else may doubt this statement, your farmers will approve it. They know.

"I don't intend to attempt to justify the farmers of this rich valley for failure to manifest a stronger initiative in the matter of taking firm hold of industrial and manufacturing propositions and carrying them vigorously to a successful conclusion. That is sheer lack of enterprise. But many of them told me, on the occasion of my former visit, that they had for years been discouraged by indifferent treatment by the business men and their organizations of the towns of the valley; that, instead of giving local producers a full opportunity to create and maintain a local market for their products, they appeared over-ready to give the importing jobber the 'edge' on everything he handled. Investigation proved this statement to be true in many instances.

"This is ruinous. It is perilously so for those whose investments here give them a deeper interest than that of passing an extra penny over the retailer's counter for an imported article. The progress of your most enterprising farmers will be discouragingly slow under such conditions. Jackson will always be a 'cow county,' in a commercial way, until that policy shall have been wiped off the slate of local business.

**Irrigation and Organization**  
"The most important thing overlooked by your farmers is irrigation. They will never be able to see beyond the ragged edge of their mortgages till they wash the old mortgages down stream with a flood of irrigation. The next thing they need is organization. Community co-operation is the thing. They will never be able to meet modern conditions successfully until they invoke the aid of organized effort against the wrongs of which they complain.

"But the farmers are human. Your business men should remember that. They should treat the producers decently. The success of the businesses of the city, in the final analysis, absolutely depends on the success of the farmers. The interests of the latter form the very foundation of community success and progress. He is, indeed, a very dull business man who cannot be made to understand that essential fact.

"The growth of your city depends on the application of that principle to the development of the rural districts about it. If the latter fail, the city sleeps. And if the city sleeps, the sheriff too frequently helps to lock the doors of its business houses.

"Tell your merchants and other business men, as well as your business organizations, to take good care of the farmers and the manufacturing enterprises. Encourage them substantially. Help them in every possible way. This investment of kindness will return big dividends in dollars and cents. It is sharp business foresight."

## INCREASED RATES ON BITUMINOUS COAL

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—Increase in rates on bituminous coal amounting generally to 10 cents a ton from Illinois mine to Mississippi river crossings and to other points, were provided today by the interstate commerce commission.

## LIVING WALL OF TROOPS ACROSS PERSIA ENGLAND'S ONLY HOPE OF SAVING INDIA



War in the land of Arabian Nights! On the map above the British advance to Bagdad, and the Russian drive on Teheran, the Persian capital, are shown. It is reported that England and Russia are striving desperately to meet and thus form a wall of soldiers across Persia in the hopes of stopping a German-Turko invasion of India.

The British and Russian armies are trying to work a bit of magic in the land of the Arabian Nights.

They are trying to throw a living wall of men across Persia in the hopes of checking the hordes of Germans and Turks they fear will soon attempt to invade India.

Already the British working up from Koweit on the Persian gulf have

reached and captured Bagdad. In so doing they captured and hold Basra, the terminus of the Bagdad railroad which the Germans have been building from Constantinople to the south-east through the valley of the Tigris to the Persian gulf. This has dealt a serious blow to the German's "sweep to the east."

Now Russian troops are reported within 45 miles of Teheran, the capital, in the northeastern part of the country. This indicates that the Russians and British will try to form a juncture as indicated by the dotted arrows on the map above, and by so doing form a barrier across Persia for the protection of India.

So menacing is the situation that it is rumored the shah of Persia will seek refuge at Ispahan, a town in the interior.

are limited to 300 words and the theme will be "Ashland's advantages as a desirable place in which to live." Prizes will be given to the three best writers. Style, accuracy, composition, interest and neatness are the five requisites. Judges will be selected from various clubs to the number of three, and two will be chosen by the superintendent and principal. The contest will begin about December 1 and last ten days, fifty pupils to compete. This feature has been launched by the publicity department of the Commercial club as an incentive to high school students in the correspondence line. The letters must be bonafide ones as written for mailing purposes.

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## ASHLAND AND VICINITY

The local school census, completed November 25, shows 1320 between the ages of 4 and 20 in the district. As classified, the enumeration shows approximately 670 girls and 644 boys. The figures for 1914 totaled 1309. H. F. Poland took the census, assisted by F. D. Wagner.

The auxiliary of the Civic Improvement club will hold a parcel post sale at Provost's store, December 2, afternoon and evening.

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## EVERY THREE MINUTES ONE DIES IN THE U. S.

The Anti-Tuberculosis Society illustrates the frightful toll of consumption by extinguishing a light every three minutes, and shows that it is the man or woman, girl or boy, who neglects colds, whose blood is impure, who feels weak and languid, who is the very one to contract tuberculosis—and none are immune.

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## ALONG ROGUE RIVER

Jasper Hannah was in Central Point the first of the week after a load of supplies.

Mrs. George Fry had the misfortune to run a needle in her hand and break it off. Dr. Holt removed the needle Saturday.

There were forty at the hard time party at Gene Bellows Thanksgiving evening. Anna Robertson and Robert McCabe took the prizes for the "best dressed" lady and gentleman. All kinds of amusements were indulged in and refreshments served. The party departed for home about 3 o'clock and all report having enjoyed a most delightful time.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sanderson of Central Point accompanied Harry Skyrman and sister, Miss Clara to their home on Upper Trail to spend Thanksgiving week.

Norman Gage and Edward Linnville autoed to Central Point Tuesday.

There was a large crowd at the masquerade ball at the Ash Hall at Trail and everyone reports a fine time was had.

Grant and Green Mathews have been gathering their cattle in the Rancheria country.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller of Central Point spent Thanksgiving with relatives here.

Joe Hannah Sr. spent several days this week with his son Jasper, and family.

Miss Viola Pence and Ed Houston were married last week. Mrs. Houston is the eldest daughter of Road Supervisor and Mrs. Dave Pence of Elk creek and Mr. Houston is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Houston of Long Branch. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Houston have lived among us all of their lives and have a wide circle of friends who wished them a long and peaceful journey on life's matrimonial sea.

There will be a box social at the Reece Creek school house the evening of December 3, to raise funds for the neighborhood Christmas tree to be at the school house Christmas eve.

Miss Odessa Stacey closed a three months term of school in the Long Branch district.

## TALENT TALK

The Tuesday afternoon Study club met at the home of Mrs. W. J. Dean on Wagner Creek November 23.

An election for special school tax levy is to be held at the school building Saturday, November 27, 2 p. m.

The M. E. Ladies Aid society will hold their annual bazaar Tuesday, November 30 in the club rooms at the

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