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**OUR PROGRAM**

1. Incorporate the town.
2. Create a water district.
3. Create a fire district.
4. Re-organize a chamber of commerce.
5. Install street lights.
6. Lay down side walks.

**PROSPERITY AHEAD**

Scouts driving through the wheat district of the Mid-Columbia district report a splendid outlook for a good wheat crop in Klickitat county, Washington, and Umatilla, Sherman, Morrow and Wasco counties, in Oregon. In Sherman county much of the wheat is said to have suffered from high winds, which blew soil off the seed.

These counties tributary to the Columbia are recognized as the flour bin of the west. The bulk of the wheat produced in the Pacific northwest comes from them. A heavy crop promises to improve economic conditions in Washington and Oregon, for prices are going to be high, due to the poor conditions in the Middle West.

Times have been bitterly hard with the wheat ranchers. They have not prospered in recent years. With money in hand they can purchase those commodities which go to make for a fuller and happier life. Towns in the Mid-Columbia district will enjoy a heavy trade, and many small communities which have all but dried up and blown away during the past five or six years will come to life again.

The effect of the trade from the wheat district will be felt all up and down the Columbia river valley. A large crop at high prices will stimulate all lines of business, far away as Portland.

**HUNS PREPARE FOR WAR**

Travelers returning from Germany report that the unemployment problem in that unhappy nation has been solved by Hitler's action in preparing his people for armed conflict. Industrial plants are engaged in making cannons, rifles, airplanes, munitions, uniforms.

Finding the money with which to pay for armament, and finding employment for the workers after the nation is armed may cost Europe and the world another war.

Germans love parades. The thrive on royalty. Their betrayal at the hands of kings and kaisers in times gone by has taught them nothing. Nor does it appear to have taught the American people a great deal about the Germans.

War in Europe must inevitably follow Germany's determination to build a great standing army. Hitler is borrowing from Peter to pay Paul, for other nations will not loan him money, and he is doing business on short term credit. An unarmed nation cannot obtain loans, even from a weaker state; a nation armed and prepared for war can demand and command help in financing aggression. Hitler is not the first to think of that. The policy is as old as the human race. Kaiser Wilhelm entertained the idea, but was unable to realize upon it. The clown who has succeeded him hopes for better luck.

**INCORPORATION**

Need of local self government in Cascade Locks has been apparent to a large number of people for the past year. The movement to incorporate the town has come up again, and no doubt will be brought to a vote.

The Chronicle has long believed that the growth of the town will be stimulated by creation of a municipality, and it wants to support the movement.

But The Chronicle does not believe that the majority of the people in the community will support the movement if there is any likelihood of their being saddled down with bonded indebtedness or improvement districts. It is of the opinion that the people want to control police power and sanitary conditions. Beyond that they are not prepared to go at this time.

When a major industry locates in the community and a payroll becomes an assured thing, the people will risk a bonded indebtedness. Until an industry is procured they want only the simple rudimentary form of self government. If sponsors of the movement to incorporate are seriously desirous of carrying an election they will assure the public in advance that no attempt is to be made to bond the town or create improvement districts for at least a year, or perhaps two years.

**\* LETTERS TO THE EDITOR \***

Read your editorial on Arthur Brisbane. Perhaps Germany has a well drilled army, poison gases, and airplanes. If there are so anxious for the world to know this it sounds like bluff to me. Although the United States may not seem to have everything in preparation for war they have squads of chemists, mechanics, ballastic experts, and engineers of all types, at work improving, inventing and perfecting any practical article needed for defense of our country. Only we don't broadcast this to the world. Once before, to someone else's sorrow, we were underestimated.

"Perhaps we are polite to Germany. Well, we learned our lesson, he World war has scarcely been over for eighteen years. We hate to tear our country up again so soon. But, no, not them.

**The Columbia**

JAY VAN NICE

The splashing river sings to him who cares  
To stop and listen to its voice. It laughs  
At him who stands upon its banks and then  
Declares that he is not afraid. It smiles  
For him who stands alone and thinks,  
"How beautiful!"

I listen to its song,  
I see its quiet beauty, yet I have  
No fear of it—even though I concede  
Its greatness and its strength.

So laugh, if you wish, for I can hear your gentle song  
And see your hesitating smile. But, though  
My ostentatious confidence may bring  
Disaster, I shall never fear regret.  
My confidence is born of sincere love  
And veneration for you, sparkling stream.

They rise up again. Just because we're diplomatic and gentleman-like is no reason why we should be frightened. Wait until someone encroaches upon our rights a little too far."

A READER.

**A SMILE OR TWO**

A director and a casting director were looking for a girl with sex appeal.

"What about —?" asked the casting director, naming a girl with whom the director had quarreled.

"Her?" snarled the director. "Why, listen. If we cast her as Lady Godiva the horse would steal the scene!"

Mrs. Hollywoodite — Chester acted as if he owned the place during our party, didn't he?

Mr. Hollywoodite—Yes, he was the one guest who was careful about the rugs and furniture.

**SOLVED**

Nineteen-Year-Old William was puzzled over the girl problem and he decided to discuss the matter with his friend Martin.

"I've walked to the tennis club with her for three weeks," he confessed, "and carried her racket. I've given her flowers and chocolates, and I've taken her to the movies once a week. Now, do you think I ought to kiss her?"

Martin gave the matter earnest thought.

"Well, you don't need to, William," he replied; "you've done enough for that girl already."

McPherson, who owned a theatre in Syracuse, visited New York to get some ideas for advertising.

While walking through the metropolis he saw a notice outside a motion picture theatre to the effect that all persons over 80 years of age would be admitted free.

The following day he returned to Syracuse, and the first thing he did was to put a notice outside his own theatre:

"All persons over eighty years of age will be admitted free if accompanied by their parents."

A young couple who had just married were sent many presents after settling up house in a suburb. One morning they received two theatre tickets, with a note which read: "Guess who sent these?"

On the appointed evening they went to the theatre, returning very late. To their astonishment everything of any value in the house had been carried away. On the table they found this note: "Now you know."

Send in your news items.

**THIS AND THAT**

A Portland man has been given six months in jail for hitting his sweetie over the head with a bottle while out on a party. Our liberties are gradually being curtailed.

Nudists claim 1,000,000 followers in the United States and have reached the point where they can now have their own yell. Raw, raw, raw!

The house of representatives in Congress is being showered with apple pies by communities which are jealous of their fruit. Pie throwing has long been recognized as the lowest form of comedy.

California beach bathers have been warned against sharks. Business has been slow for a long time in Hollywood and real estate dealers must live.

A British insurance man, visiting in Oregon, insists he is puzzled by American recovery plans. So is Herbert Hoover.

**CASCADE LOCKS MAKES FESTIVAL FLOAT PLANS**

Inquiry into the raising of funds to send a Cascade Locks float to enter the annual Portland rose festival was the job given Ira Owens and Mrs. Jack Elmer last week when the Locks chamber of commerce named them members of the float investigating committee.

The chamber asked that all Locks business men hereafter be present at as many meetings as possible. The group meets every Thursday noon.

**LOCKS CHAMBER MAKES SHOPPING CENTER PLANS**

Ways and means to make Cascade Locks the shopping center of the dam area will be sought by a committee of Jack Elmer and Dave Morris, appointed last week by the Locks chamber of commerce.

The committee will seek cooperation from every merchant to institute special sales and other features to make shopping at the Locks a firm habit with Columbia valley people.

**YACHT STORY TOLD**

Hardships of crossing the stormy Pacific to Hawaii aboard the Portland-built 50-foot cutter, Argus, were told Cascade Yacht club members Friday night at Bonneville by Lyle Keeler, Portland, crew member. Motion pictures of the trip were shown.

The group will meet this Friday night at French's Recreation Center at Bonneville.

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