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THIS IS A GOOD YEAR.

If we can depend on the signs of the times, Ontario and all the rest of Malheur county will enjoy an unprecedented year of progress and prosperity. The speculation stage is past and steady, consistent growth has begun as opposed to the mushroom activities of the past.

No one is buying with the idea of holding his purchase until a boom will increase its value but everyone who buys—and there are many of them—starts right in to improving his own property until it is worth more money than he paid for it. In this way the people are actually increasing the value of their property and earning the increment instead of letting the property lay idle and expecting to get something for nothing.

One of the signs referred to above is that immigrants are coming into the county every week and moving right out onto farms. Some of them are renters, some of them owned property here already and the rest have bought since they came. Every new settler is said to be worth at least one thousand dollars to the community in which he lives and according to that Malheur county has already been considerably enriched and will be much more before the year is over.

Another sign is the new industries that are being promoted. In bygone years we might come into town any morning and see a new store, a creamery, hotel or some new business start up. Some held out and some went under but the new spirit is different. It is an intelligent and careful effort to establish a business that is really needed, one that will promote the interests of the community and be a financial success.

Then greater interest is being taken in stock raising of all kinds and thoroughbred stock is taking the place of scrub animals. Power for irrigating more land is being utilized and many private pumping plants are being installed. In fact the signs are evident on all sides and in every business. Business houses all show a big increase over last year in the amount of business transacted. Confidence is restored, expressed and felt by every business man, who is alive to the spirit of the year and ready to do his part in helping along every laudable enterprise.

The close of the year 1915 bids fair to mark the ending of one of the most prosperous years ever experienced in this section and we believe the same may be said of the whole United States.

CREAMERY QUESTION.

The outlook for a creamery at Ontario is most promising at this time. Several men, experienced in the dairy industry, have looked over the field and pronounce it ideal. All that is needed is the man that has the necessary capital and the business ability to organize the territory into one that will produce the necessary butterfat.

The capital necessary to install a creamery would not have to be very large at first, but with the increase of the business the investment would be greater. But the proceeds from the business for the first year or two would furnish the amount necessary for the additional investment. A very successful creamery is operating at present in a nearby town with an initial investment of one thousand dollars. This gradually increased with the business transacted until now, with a prosperous dairy community, there is a well equipped creamery paying good dividends.

The principal investment necessary is business ability and practical knowledge of the dairy business. What is most needed at present is a man that knows the business thoroughly so that he can tell just what must be done to establish and maintain a creamery.

The organization of the territory is one of the most important phases of this proposition. The field must be canvassed so as to find out just who will furnish cream and how much. Then new patrons must be secured and all should be encouraged to keep the best stock and run their herd on a sanitary and scientific plan.

After organization of the territory the disposing of the manufactured products is the next problem. But when we remember that Ontario uses creamery butter in great quantities throughout the year and that Oregon still imports several millions of dollars worth of butter each year, we can see that this is just a question of turning out a quality of butter or other products, that will satisfy every customer.

Then there must also be business ability exercised in the manufacture of the products. There is or should be a good field here for butter, ice cream, cheese and the like. These could be manufactured in proportion to the demand for them and thus prohibit waste and cut down the likelihood of over production in any one line. Also provision should be made to utilize the otherwise waste products.

We have the country, the crops necessary for dairying and ideal climatic conditions. The opportunity is open to the first man or company that has the capital and ability to turn the trick. Several are looking the field over at the present time and before the spring has far advanced there will no doubt be a creamery installed.

AN ERA OF BETTER BUSINESS CONDITIONS.

The legislature has adjourned without enacting any reactionary legislation attacking business or industries—it went the other way and gave more attention to constructive policies.

The effort of the legislature as a whole was directed to making it easier for industries, placing fewer burdensome regulations on corporations and capital helping development.

The feeling is growing among the people that big business as well as small business is entitled to profits, and that industries and payrolls are more desirable than agitation and regulation.

If railroads and public utility corporations cannot make money,

cannot pay interest on bonds, cannot earn dividends for stockholders, there is no future for this large field of investments.

As the community curbs the initiative of private enterprise, it drives out capital and forces public ownership with increased taxation in nine cases out of ten as the only alternative.

Then why should not legislatures, city and county governments, courts and commissions become constructive and helpful instead of attacking undertakings of private capital?

State, county and city have a right to collective enterprises, but they have no right to drive out or destroy the opportunities for private capital in any legitimate field.

The right of reasonable regulation is conceded, but there is an obligation that this regulation shall be helpful and shall conserve the fountains of prosperity.

PAYROLL OF 13,000 NAMES.

Nearly \$20,000,000 was expended by the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Co., in the states of Washington, Oregon and Idaho during the year 1914, according to figures just compiled. The exact amount is \$19,735,803.73. The statement further shows that more than 13,000 names appear on the annual payroll and that between 65,000 and 75,000 persons are dependent on the operation of the Union Pacific system in the Northwest. For the year ending June 30, 1914, the O. W. R. & N. paid \$1,390,698.65 in taxes. In the three states \$5,042,425.71 was spent in the construction of new lines.

The Bible Says the Turk Will Come to His End.

(By Wm. Butler.)

The awful scourge that like a mighty avalanche is now devastating the fairest parts of Europe is not the time of trouble of Daniel's prophecy, but it is undoubtedly the prelude to it. Soon the Turk will make his last stand at Jerusalem, the day of salvation will end, the great day of the Lord will begin, the time of trouble such as never was will suddenly break upon the world, the King of glory will appear, and the great conflict so long waged with sin will forever end.

What has the Eastern question or the future of the Turk to do with Scripture, and why so much concern about whether Turkey or some other power shall occupy Constantinople? More than twenty-four centuries ago, the Lord revealed to the prophet Daniel events that would take place among earthly powers in connection with the closing scenes of earth's history, as follows:

"And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him. And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great Prince which standeth for the children of thy people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time; and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt." Dan. 11:45; 12: 1, 2.

This is the conclusion of a long prophecy that begins with the Medo-Persian kingdom and closes with the establishment of the eternal kingdom and the resurrection.

Soon after the death of Alexander the Great, his generals formed a compact for the government of his empire; but it was soon broken, and out of his conquests four kingdoms arose "toward the four winds of heaven." It was not long after this division had been effected till Cassander had succeeded in conquering all that portion of Alexander's kingdom lying to the north of Jerusalem, leaving but two of the original four divisions remaining. These are mentioned in the prophecy as "the king of the north" and "the king of the south." Since 1453 A. D., when Constantinople fell into the hands of the Turk, this power has ruled over the territory of "the king of the north."

The prophet declares, "He (the king of the north) shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him." Dan. 11: 45. This verse speaks of two events that all the world has looked forward to with great apprehension, and has expected to see accomplished at an early date—the driving of the Turk from Europe, and his coming to his end.

The "glorious holy mountain" is where Jerusalem is located. Zech. 8:3. It is situated between the Mediterranean and the Dead Sea. According to the prophecy, the seat of government of the Turk is to be removed from Constantinople and located at Jerusalem.

During the progress of the Balkin war in 1912, many writers in the daily papers and the magazines freely expressed their conviction that the time had come for the Turk to leave Europe. While he was driven by the Balkan allies to the verge of Europe, their hands were stayed by the conference of the European powers in London, and the Turk still holds Constantinople. Scarcely had the present war begun when it was freely predicted that this would end the stay of the Turk in Europe.

Paraphrasing the scripture in the light of simple deductions, we have the following: The Turk shall locate his seat of government at Jerusalem, and shall come to his end, and at that time Christ shall begin His eternal reign. This time of trouble to the nations, such as never was, will follow, and at that time all God's people, whose names are found written in the book of life, will be delivered.

The thought that Christ takes His Kingdom and begins His reign at the beginning of this time of unparalleled trouble to the nations may seem strange to some, but it will be seen to be in perfect accord with the scripture.

Like the muffled tread of the thief in the night, the day of the Lord is stealing upon us. More suddenly than the present war broke over Europe, and with much more dire results, will the war of the great day of God break over all the world. The only safety in that hour will be found in Jesus.

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." Ps. 91:1.

EXAMINE POWER PROJECTS

Streams of Oregon Attractive to Capitalists Since Removal of Tax.

Salem.—Announcement was made by State Engineer Lewis that three foreign capitalists engaged in water power development will visit the state during the summer to make an examination of the water power possibilities offered by Oregon streams, and he and his corps of assistants are rushing work on surveys and maps of a number of projects in order that he may be able to present full data to the visitors. He has already assembled considerable data as to a number of feasible power projects on the Columbia, Rogue and Snake rivers, and he is urging the federal geological survey to complete its survey of the latter stream. State Engineer Lewis desires to have it completed to Lewiston, and he believes it will disclose projects sufficiently tempting to bring capital into the state to develop them. Mr. Lewis said:

"The repeal by the recent legislature of a law providing that a tax of from 25 cents to \$2 should be paid on each horsepower of waterpower developed removed a great barrier to waterpower development in the state and I am confident that the next few years will see much progress in waterpower development."

Dollarhide Toll Road is Purchased.

Medford.—The county court has purchased the Dollarhide toll road over the Siskiyou for \$1000. For the first time in half a century road travelers between California and Oregon will not be compelled to pay toll of \$1, to pass over the crest of the mountains. The road was built in 1852 by the Dollarhide family and held as a territorial grant for many years.

The new Pacific highway over the Siskiyou with a 6 instead of a 30 per cent grade takes the place of the toll road and will be open for travel in a few weeks.

Governor Asks For Battleship Oregon

Salem.—Governor Withycombe has made official application to the navy department to have the old battleship Oregon replace the cruiser Boston in Portland harbor as a training ship for the Oregon militia. In his letter to the navy department, Governor Withycombe pointed out that the assignment of the Oregon would aid materially in increasing the scope and efficiency of the naval militia and would have a great deal to do in popularizing and perpetuating the organization. The fitness of the assignment, from a sentimental standpoint was also urged.

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