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BUSINESS IS IMPROVING

There is no escaping the laws of nature. These laws apply to the activity of mankind as well as to the inanimate phases of nature. One of the most certain and well founded of the ascertained laws is that: "action and reaction are equal."

Sometimes men forget that business is subject to such laws and they attempt to evade them. At other times men, witnessing a depression in business, lose hope. They do not realize that as day follows the night, so prosperity comes after adversity. It has always been so, and always will be.

During the past year business conditions in America, and in all the world have experienced the dark hours of depression; this in itself manifested the immutable law, for it was but the reaction from the inflation and unexampled expansion and prosperity of the war period.

Evidences of the return to business normalcy are to be found in every day's news. For example the reports of building permits in cities of 100,000 or more for February show the largest volume in several years. The light of a new business day is dawning.

On the Pacific Coast lumbering is increasing, mills are resuming operation and the demand for mill products is assuming the pre-war normal.

Here in the interior the products of the range are commanding better prices. The sheep and cattlemen already see better times ahead, in fact the sheepmen are well on the road toward a complete recovery of prosperity. These are but a few of the signs of the times. With their coming there is departing the spirit of pessimism which has been all prevailing. Men are taking courage, and are going forward, business enterprises long contemplated are being undertaken, and ere we are aware of the change we will find that the pendulum of business activity has swung forward.

THE GOVERNORSHIP SCRAMBLE

Everyday witnesses the entry of a new gubernatorial candidate into the arena. The political ring is cluttered with political hats, many of which are already battered beyond hope. Some of the boys in their itch for office have thrown their good judgment in with their somberos.

As the result of the crowding of the candidates it appears that Governor Olcott will have but little trouble in landing the prize. This is to be regretted, over here in Eastern Oregon at least; but unless all political signs fall that is to be the result. The Argus does not mean in this observation to imply that Governor Olcott is unworthy of support. His record, while not a

brilliant one, is not without merit. It has been colorless, it is true, for no big questions of state craft have been up for consideration. He has been lucky. There is no knowing what he would do in a crisis.

There is however, a general belief here in Eastern Oregon that Mr. Olcott considers irrigation a failure, and since the whole future of many Eastern Oregon communities is dependant upon irrigation, it is to be regretted that the head of the state government entertains such ideas. He can not be in sympathy with the aspirations of this section.

While Eastern Oregon has not had one of its citizens chosen for the gubernatorial chair since the late nineties, when Governor Moody was elected; and now has no candidate of its own, it might be fitting to examine the records of the various candidates to see how they stand upon the questions peculiar to this section of the state.

So far as the Argus is aware, Louis E. Bean, who though born and raised in the Willamette Valley has a longer residence in Eastern Oregon, and a greater familiarity and sympathy with the aims and aspirations of this section than any of the candidates mentioned. Mr. Bean rode the range in Eastern Oregon for seven years during the impressionable years of his young manhood. The knowledge he then gained, the sympathy which he matured at that time for Eastern Oregon has been reflected in seven sessions of the legislature. He has been with Eastern Oregon in its struggle for recognition at the hands of the lawmakers at Salem. Before determining upon a favorite candidate we suggest that the voters of this section examine Mr. Bean's record.

VALLEY VIEW

Almost every house in this neighborhood has been visited by the flu during the last two or three weeks. C. H. Moeller has been confined to his bed for nearly two weeks with the flu and it will be some time before he will be able to carry on his work.

The attendance at school has been very small for the past two weeks. A few returned Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Frakes and children visited Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Armstrong last Thursday.

The G. W. Dean family have nearly all been sick with the flu. All have recovered and are able to be out except Mrs. Dean who is just able to sit up a little.

Miss Lois Halstead was sick two days last week and Mrs. W. J. Shaffer substituted for her.

Mrs. W. R. Flock and daughter Madeline visited for a few days at the Griffin home last week.

Wylie Frakes has purchased ten turkey hens and a gobbler and given them to George Stewart to raise birds on shares.

Miss Margaret Griffin was unable to teach on account of sickness the first part of the week. Mrs. Flock, her sister substituted for her Monday and Tuesday, and Mrs. W. J. Shaffer on Wednesday.

On account of extra duties caused by so much sickness in town Rev. Young was unable to preach at the school house last Sunday.

Mrs. Hans Ott and two boys are quite ill with the flu.

Rev. Snow of the Sunday School Union will preach at the school house Sunday. As he was on his way to Ontario last Sunday he called at the A. F. Burr home.

The bell for the new school house has arrived and judging by its size there need be no excuse for tardiness when it rings to the call the children to school.

Old Timer,
Ontario, Oregon,
Dear Old Thing:

Now that the Dicky birds are with us again and the juicy worm is making dates with the early ones and the sheep are looking upper and the calves are looking fatter, now is the time that you are going to order that new Spring Suit. And if, (Oh you little "if") and if you order it from us, you will get a late style, a perfect fit, a new pattern in an all-wool piece of goods and fine workmanship. You will not meet your "twin" on the street a few weeks later, as we sell only one suit to each sample. That's the right way, isn't it? We purchase the goods from one house and have the suits made by another firm, so we are sure that they are made to measure. We know how to take a measure—that's a big help. Drop in tomorrow or the next day and see our new Spring samples—you'll be surprised.

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