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## GOOD TIMES ARE PREDICTED

### Missouri Bankers See Good Times Ahead, In Report To St. Louis Republic

## OPTIMISTIC LETTERS

### Bumper Crops and Confidence in New Currency Law Brings Good Feeling

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 25.—Bankers of Missouri, each in touch with the actual financial and business and crop conditions in this territory, believe that the state is on the verge of one of the greatest eras of prosperity in its history.

In a number of letters to the St. Louis Republic, replying to inquiries as to the exact conditions in the state, they have declared in no uncertain terms that Missouri is entering, with the coming installation of the new currency system, on a period of exceptionally good business.

The majority of letters received by the Republic ascribe the optimistic outlook to the bumper wheat harvest, its already noticeable effect in financial circles in certain districts and the belief that the new currency system when in operation will increase the financial prosperity of the state many fold.

Many of the writers have gone into painstaking detail and show in their letters just what the situation is in their own sections of the state. The inquiries were sent out regardless of political creed or belief and with a request for replies in the same spirit. This has been done.

Those in the farming districts pin their faith to the bumper wheat crop, the greatest Missouri has ever known, and the fact that the harvest has gone on without hitch and the farmers are having few financial worries and are able on this crop to take up old obligations without the necessity of making new.

Corn, too, has a good prospect. In some sections of the state they have had plenty of rain, while reports from others show that the corn has a good stand and that with seasonable weather will join with wheat in making this a great year for Missouri.

Some of the letters follow:  
R. B. Price, president of the Boone County National Bank of Columbia, Mo., is a typical optimist:  
"I am an optimist in regard to the effect upon business of the currency law," writes Col. Price. "It gives the agricultural districts of the country a fair deal financially, something that they never had before.

"It is a marvel that a bill, making such radical changes, and yet so admirably adjusted to the wants of the whole country, could have been worked out and have become a law with so little friction and be at once universally approved by the country at large.

"Speaking of local conditions, the 500,000 bushels of wheat now being threshed in this county will soon be changed to money in the banks. The prospect of an unprecedented corn crop presages good money conditions this coming fall. Every prospect pleases."

Joseph Jackson, Jr., cashier of the First National Bank of Maryville, Mo., writes:  
"At the present time all indications are that we will have a bumper yield of corn and small grain will yield up to a ten-year average. Business conditions are good; however, bank deposits show a decrease from three months ago, which may be expected, but are practically the same as twelve months ago.

"The demand for loans is considerably stronger than this time last year and the bank discounts are running 25 per cent higher.

This bank looks upon the new currency law with favor and is of the opinion that the same will be a benefit to business in general."

J. D. Buchanan, president of the Bank of Herculaneum, says:  
"Our district does not rely upon its agricultural products, as there is not very much farming, but manufacturing and smelting industries are running full force, and are storing such articles as they do not care to sell at present thus evidencing the same opinion that the time is here and conditions are right and that business must come."

J. L. Diffenderfer, cashier of the Bank of Lebanon, Mo., forecasts prosperity under the new currency law:

## TO INVESTIGATE LUMBER TRADE

### Departments of Commerce and Agriculture Planning Timber Inquiry

## TO BE ALONG NEW LINES

### Lumber Industry is Recognized as Third Largest Business in the Country

WASHINGTON, July 26.—The plans now being perfected for the forest service part of the inquiry to be made jointly by the departments of commerce and agriculture into timber and lumber-trade conditions in the United States provide for covering entirely new ground.

Lumbermen are now admittedly conducting their operations with a large percentage of waste, said to be largely due to market conditions which make close utilization unprofitable. There is no general agreement as to the actual causes of existing conditions and the responsibility for present undoubted evils. With rapidly diminishing supplies of timber to draw upon, wasteful lumbering has come to be recognized as a matter of serious public concern and an inquiry to discover the causes and seek for possible remedies is regarded by forest service officials as an urgent need. It is believed that the lumber industry itself recognizes the need and will welcome an inquiry conducted along constructive lines.

Private capital invested in timberlands, mills, logging railroads, and other forms of equipment reach an enormous aggregate and the lumber industry, which employs 739,000 persons and has an annual output valued at 1.4 billion dollars, is the third largest in the country. In seeking to realize conditions which will safeguard the public against wasteful methods of timber exploitation, possible timber monopoly, and other objectionable practices while insuring healthy conditions and fair treatment for the lumber trade, an understanding of the basic facts is indispensable. These facts, however, have never been ascertained in their entirety. It is the purpose of the Forest Service to obtain and interpret them impartially, in co-operation with the other bureaus assigned to the study.

Lumbermen complain that the carrying charges created by interest on long-term investments, taxes, and cost of fire protection where such protection is given compel them to operate even where lumber prices will not repay them the costs involved. The necessity of operating under these conditions is advanced as the principal cause of waste since the market is most easily glutted with lumber of the poorer grades, which must then be left unmanufactured. On the other hand, the public complains that the cost of lumber is so high. Over-competition may result in destruction of timber resources with no commensurate advantage to the consumer but with the certainty of unnecessarily high prices later. Yet restriction of competition on the part of lumbermen with a view to greater profits for themselves through higher prices is both contrary to law and highly objectionable from the standpoint of public policy. Thus a highly complex situation exists. Any attempt to adjust the present conflict of interests on a basis fair both to the public and to the lumber industry demands full knowledge of all the facts.

Lines of inquiry provided for by the plans of the forest service include the present lumber output and demand, the conditions known to the trade as overproduction, the effects upon production and market prices of speculation in timber and of carrying charges, producing and distributing costs including freight and the charges levied upon the product by wholesales and retailers, and the amount of waste under present methods of exploitation. Special attention will be given to means of utilizing low grades of lumber and by-products.

APPOINTED SALES MANAGER  
T. W. Webb, manager of the National Lumber & Box Co., has been appointed sales manager of the Pacific Lumber Agency, to succeed F. L. La Mar, resigned, and will assume the position August 1.

"The new currency law will be of great benefit to the country in my estimation," writes Mr. Diffenderfer. "Business will pick up in the next sixty days, if we have the proper season."

## DON'T FORGET TO ENLIST.



—From the Chicago News.

## TAX ROLLS OPEN FOR INSPECTION

### Taxpayers Invited to Examine Lists and Given Opportunity to Object

## EQUALIZE NEXT WEEK

### Now Is the Time to Insure Lower Tax Rate by Looking After the Budgets

Deputy Assessor A. C. Girard was in the city Friday with the assessment rolls for Aberdeen, which were open to inspection at the city hall. About 50 residents called to ascertain the values placed upon their property and three complaints were filed. Two claimed the values on buildings were too high and the Anderson & Middleton Lumber Co. protested against the increase on tidelands in front of their mill from \$12,500 to \$62,125. The records will be in Aberdeen another day this week and next Monday, August 2, the county board of equalization will hold its first meeting to hear complaints against the assessor's valuations.

## Now Is Time to Kick.

Now is the time to protest successfully against high taxes, not in the spring when the tax statements arrive. It is then too late. Every taxpayer who can should examine the rolls when given the opportunity so as to be able to discuss the situation intelligently before the equalization board. This is the time of year when the budgets are made up by the county, city and school authorities and it behooves all who would have lower taxes to get busy and see that no unnecessary expenditures are planned. That is the only sure way to reduce taxes. Cut out everything possible and see the tax levies are also reduced to just enough to get through with.

All the kicking in the world will not help you after the tax is levied. Now is the time to do your kicking if you want to make it effective.

Early in the year, when the people were receiving their tax statements, a deafening howl went up, a Taxpayers League was formed—and forgotten. Do you want to repeat this process next February? If not, you must be on the job constantly for the next two months, while those budgets are being compiled. Failure to object to extravagant or unnecessary expenditures is giving tacit consent and bars one from a just kick when pay day arrives. Get busy now.

## DEATH OF HARRY THOMPSON.

Harry Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer C. Thompson, 605 West Wishkah street, died early Sunday morning, of spinal meningitis, aged 17 years. Besides his parents he leaves two sisters to mourn his loss, Mrs. A. R. Wasson and Miss Helen Thompson, of Seattle.

The funeral took place this afternoon, services being held in the Whiteside chapel.

## DIED IN OREGON

Mrs. E. A. Halverson, a pioneer resident of Cosmopolis, died Saturday at Oregon City, Oregon, and the body arrived here today for burial, being taken to the Pinnick & Kenny mortuary. Funeral services were held this afternoon at the Methodist church in Cosmopolis. She is survived by her husband, three sisters and two brothers.

## FATAL ACCIDENT IS EXPLAINED

### Young Man Admits Responsibility for Accident on Merchants Excursion

## PLAYED WITH AIR COCK

### He and Companions Had No Idea that Cock on Platform Controlled Train

A young man 19 years old went to County Attorney Stewart yesterday and assumed responsibility for turning the air cock on the rear platform of the Merchants excursion train which caused it to break in two, resulting in the death of William C. Anderson.

Information coming to the young man that another was to be arrested for the offense prompted the confession, and he told Attorney Stewart that he was willing to take what punishment might be meted out to him but that he never could forgive himself for the thoughtless action that caused the death of Anderson.

He and three other young men were on the platform, having found the door unlocked, none of them having any knowledge of the air brake system. They moved the cock slightly, causing a whistle, and thinking it some kind of a whistling signal and to get louder results this young man turned it wide open, with a result unthought of.

The youth has been grief-stricken ever since the unfortunate accident, and when he thought an innocent person was to suffer for his act, could remain silent no longer.

Owing to the manliness of the young man in coming forward with his confession and his previous unexceptional record, it is doubtful if a prosecution will be started unless it is insisted upon by the railway company.

## THE REDMEN GATHER.

State Conventions of the Redmen and Degree of Pochontas Begin at Hoquiam Today.

HOQUIAM, July 27.—Local preparations for entertaining the state gathering of the Improved Order of Redmen tomorrow and Wednesday, when 200 delegates to the great council and to the state gathering of the Degree of Pochontas will visit Hoquiam, are nearing completion, and in a day or two the final details will be settled. A large delegation will arrive tonight, and the main body is due to arrive on the "Owl" train Tuesday morning. The sessions will be held in Eagles hall and a formal welcome will be extended to the order at the morning session by representatives of the city and of the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. Tuesday evening will be devoted to a street parade with bands and floats. Other features in the way of entertainment are also being proposed, for Tribe 19 wishes the visiting delegates to carry away pleasant memories.

Arrangements are being made by the Commercial Club and the Automobile Club to give the delegates and visitors an auto ride about the city and in the country Wednesday evening. The matter was laid before the Commercial Club officers by T. M. Quinn of the local Redmen's entertainment committee, and by them taken up with the Automobile Club officers.

## AGED PRIEST PASSES AWAY

### Rev. Father J. J. Gribben Departed This Life Yesterday, Aged 83 Years

## UNIVERSALLY RESPECTED

### He Was a Noted Traveler, Having Served as Priest in Many Parts of World

Rev. Father J. J. Gribben, the aged and universally respected Catholic priest passed away peacefully shortly after noon yesterday at the ripe age of 83 years. He was conscious to the end and conversed with his nephew, Frank Gribben and A. H. Griffen a few minutes before the end came. The body was taken to the Pinnick & Kenny mortuary pending arrangements for the funeral. Death was due to old age and he had been bedfast for the past two months.

Father Gribben was born in Dro-more, County Down, Ireland, in 1831. He came to this country when a young man and was ordained as a priest in Montreal in 1862. Thus for 52 years Father Gribben has served as a priest. He had occupied parishes in all parts of the world, among these being Spain, Mexico, Italy, France and this country. For ten years Father Gribben served as a priest in Mexico.

He was a great traveler, having crossed the Atlantic ocean 52 times. He frequently declared that of all the places he had visited during his long life, he liked Aberdeen the best and expressed the wish that he might end his days here.

Two years ago Father Gribben celebrated his golden jubilee, in Portland, in honor of his 50th year in the priesthood, on which occasion he received congratulations from the Pope. After being connected with the diocese of Seattle, the only diocese in fact he served in the United States, Father Gribben came to Aberdeen. That was eight years ago. He served as chaplain of St. Joseph's hospital during that period except for the time he was in Portland and during his recent illness.

The funeral arrangements are not complete as the Herald goes to press, and will be announced later.

## MISSION SERIES TO BE HELD THIS WEEK

HOQUIAM, July 27.—On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week the Tacoma district of the Columbia conference of the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran church will hold its monthly series of missions, dividing its forces between Grays Harbor and Rochester and concluding with a business session of the district at Rochester on Thursday.

Six pastors have been assigned to Grays Harbor and six to Rochester, and the missions will be carried on simultaneously. The mission at Hoquiam will open Tuesday evening at 7:45 o'clock at the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran church and there will also be meetings at 2 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon and at 7:45 o'clock Wednesday evening, with addresses and programs of music in each case. Similar programs will be given at the same hours on Wednesday at the Norwegian Lutheran church, Aberdeen.

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## TREASURY WILL LOAN MILLIONS

### McAdoo Announces Plan to Place \$34,000,000 Funds in National Banks

## TO MOVE THE CROPS

### Ready to Advance More if Needed—Varied Security Accepted

WASHINGTON, July 26.—Money from the federal treasury will be deposited in national banks throughout the country again this fall to facilitate the movement of crops and promote business generally.

Secretary McAdoo announced tonight that he would put out approximately \$34,000,000, and that he stood ready to increase the amount to any extent necessary to meet the country's needs. Banks in the following cities expressed the opinion that no government deposits would be needed in their localities during the crop-moving season:

Portland, Ore.; San Francisco and Los Angeles, Cal.; Tacoma, Wash., and Salt Lake City, Utah. If it should develop later that they, or any of them, require deposits, their applications will receive consideration.

Seattle Banks Receptive.  
National banks in Seattle and Spokane, Wash., indicated their desire for crop-moving deposits and government funds will be deposited with them.

Interest at the rate of 2 per cent per annum will be charged, and the government will accept as security government bonds at par value, state, municipal, railroad and other bonds, acceptable to the secretary, at 75 per cent of their par value, approved commercial paper, acceptable to the secretary at 75 per cent of its face value. The secretary will not require, as he did last year, that 10 per cent of the deposits shall be secured by government bonds.

Security Must Be Approved  
All collateral offered as security must be approved by a local committee appointed by the clearing house in each city and by a representative of the government chosen by the secretary.

In subtreasury cities the assistant treasurer of the United States, in addition to the government's special representative, will be a member of the local committee.

## FUNERAL SERVICE SUNDAY

Body of William C. Anderson is Shipped to Michigan for Burial—Services Held Sunday

Funeral services over the remains of William C. Anderson, who was killed by railway cars passing over him while on the way to the Merchants' picnic Thursday, were held Sunday afternoon, at St. Andrew's Episcopal church. Rev. F. F. W. Greene officiating. The funeral was under the auspices of the Odd Fellows, of which order the deceased was an honored member, and was attended in a body by the Carpenters' Union.

The body was shipped on the noon train yesterday, accompanied by the widow, to Battle Creek, Mich., for interment. Deceased was born in Grand Rapids, Mich., Nov. 11, 1875 and is survived by his father, A. J. Anderson, and a brother, Albert Anderson, in Grand Rapids. The body laid in state at the Whiteside chapel all day Sunday, except during the funeral service.

## DRAIN RAILWAY YARDS

Northern Pacific Will Expend \$200,000 in Draining Yards at Hoquiam—Work Commenced

HOQUIAM, July 27.—Work has commenced Saturday on the \$200,000 project of the Northern Pacific Railway company, for draining the railway yards at Hoquiam. Roadmaster Fee and Engineer Dean were down from Tacoma to initiate the work, returning to that city on the afternoon train. A large gang of men under Foreman C. A. Anderson, aided by a steam shovel, which loaded the earth on a train of flat cars, excavated a big trench at the west end of the yards, opposite the depot, as the first day's work.

When the entire drainage project has been accomplished, the railway company will have spent from \$18,000 to \$20,000, and the Hoquiam yards will be a standard for their class.

## CITY OFFICIALS DISCUSS WATER

### Representatives of Harbor Cities Seek Permanent Supply on Wynooche

## CAN SECURE LOCATION

### Forest Supervisor Fromme Tells More of Procedure—Meet Again Saturday

Representatives from Aberdeen, Hoquiam, Montesano and Elma attended the meeting held in the city hall Saturday, called by Mayor France for the purpose of discussing plans for the procurement of a permanent water supply for the cities of Grays Harbor, and including Montesano and Elma if those municipalities desire to join in the project.

The authorities of Aberdeen and Hoquiam realize that the time has arrived to secure this supply and are willing to work together for that purpose. Mayor France presided and Councilman Walker acted secretary. The former stated the object of the meeting briefly and a statement of the income and expenses of the Aberdeen system was read. The report of Engineer E. G. Hunt, giving his estimate on the cost of a 32-inch pipe line from the headwaters of the Wynooche river at about \$750,000, was also read.

W. H. Fromme, forest supervisor, explained the action necessary to secure the watershed on the Wynooche from the government, through the Agricultural department, and said no difficulty would be experienced in doing so. He explained the law under which application for the water shed must be made, and stated that he did not believe the department would grant applications for water sheds on the Humpulups and Wynooche rivers at the same time. It was the sense of the meeting that the Wynooche proposition was the best and most feasible and the effort will be made to secure this site.

The engineers of Aberdeen and Hoquiam will prepare a plan of the proposed district and if possible have the matter ready for a vote at the fall elections. Mayor Morse of Montesano, and Councilman J. J. Anderson, of Elma, desired further information to present to their communities. The meeting adjourned to meet next Saturday at 10 a. m. when the plans of the engineers for the district will be discussed.

## MRS. SILER IS CHAMPION.

Mrs. Elsie Siler of Aberdeen Wins World Championship as Woman Nail Driver.

Mrs. Elsie Siler of Aberdeen broke the world's nail driving record at the Merchants' picnic at Moclipis beach when she drove three half-penny nails into a plank in 14 seconds, official time. A stop-watch in the hands of a spectator registered the time as 13 1/2 seconds. The record, held by a Cleveland woman, is 14 1/4 seconds. Mrs. Siler won the nail driving contest with ease, as her nearest competitor was seven seconds off. With powerful blows, Mrs. Siler, who is a woman trail of build, sent the nails home.

## WEDDING BELLS

Miss Minnie Myrtle Ferrall, of Walla Walla, and Mrs. Thomas A. Jones Wed at St. Andrews Church

There was a quiet wedding Thursday afternoon at St. Andrew's Episcopal church, when Miss Minnie Myrtle Ferrall, of Walla Walla, and Mr. Thomas A. Jones, of Aberdeen, were united in marriage, Rev. F. F. W. Greene, rector of St. Andrew's performing the impressive Episcopalian service.

The bride is a member of a prominent pioneer family of Walla Walla, and has been visiting the Grays Harbor beaches for the past month, hence no wedding trip was made, the happy young couple taking apartments in the Broadway. Mr. Jones has been on Grays Harbor for some time, having had charge of the dry goods department in the store of the Grays Harbor Commercial Co. at Cosmopolis, until last spring, and is now connected with the jewelry store of Thomas J. Thomas. Both Mr. Thomas and Mr. Jones are natives of Swansea, Wales, while Mrs. Jones is a native daughter of Washington. The Herald joins the many friends of the young couple in wishing them a long, happy and prosperous voyage o'er the sea of life.