

# THE WEISER SIGNAL.

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The Grangeville Standard, which stands for national policies (if it has the ability to stand for anything) that are death on Idaho interests, has this to say:

The Weiser Signal denies that prosperity exists in its part of Idaho. From the tone of its editorial voice, ragged men stalk the streets looking in vain for work; hungry men beseege the free lunch joints in droves, jobs are at a preposterous premium.

And a lot of other stuff equally as foolish. The Signal has never conveyed any such impression—but that is a sample of servile republican journals. Not one of them ready to face a matter square and on the broad plane, but always ready to twist and contort and make a detour and take the little two by four end of a proposition, when a fair quotation would leave them no room for what they class as argument. We can tell the Standard this much; Camas Prairie has lost \$10,000,000 in the last ten years on its wheat crop alone, unless we under estimate its production, through policies put in force by the party the Standard speaks for. Yet, because they are not actually impoverished by this loss Idaho county farmers must deem themselves prosperous beyond measure and shout hallelujahs to Hanna in the highest. Things must be measured by what we are not actually deprived of, and not by what we are naturally entitled to, we suppose.

### THIS SOUNDS STRANGE.

In the federal court held in Des Moines, Iowa, Judge McPherson, presiding, dissolved an injunction obtained in the state courts restraining Maj. Turner, in charge of the construction of the army post at Des Moines from building a sewer across private property. The judge ruled that any army officer carrying out the orders of a superior cannot be interfered with by state courts. Amendments to the constitution, article five, states clearly, "that no person can be compelled to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law, nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation." A final amendment should be added stating clearly that all questions relating to the constitution, should be subject to the decision of the supreme or federal courts. By these insidious methods, liberty passes and imperialism enters, which will be fully realized by individual sufferers.

### THE PROSPERITY FALLACY.

There seems to be somewhat of a difference of opinion as to what prosperity in Idaho and other portions of the west really is; and the clacking journals of the dominant party, in obedience to instructions, ring the same old changes and assume a condition of things that, unfortunately, does not exist. But, Polonius like, they see any shape in the business or political clouds suggested by the party princes, who look upon a very different horizon, and through a very different medium. If a town or locality for some abnormal reason has a temporary spasm of activity, and there is a demand for a man to saw a cord of wood that cannot be supplied on immediate call, it is assumed that a general scarcity of labor exists, and a great demand for people who toil for daily hire in order to get their daily bread. Here these superficial critics stop, assuming the question satisfactorily settled, when it is not by any means.

The construction of a public building because it cannot be dispensed with, or the construction of water works by a municipality will furnish work for a number of laborers and artisans, and, as the result, a degree of local business improvement is evident, and by this system of robbing Peter to pay Paul, a temporary condition of prosperity results and will assuredly be followed by a reaction, bringing the business of the country to relatively the same condition as before. The earning capacity has not been increased in any degree. So far as this particular locality is concerned there is no im-

mediate cause for anxiety, for while there is more demand for work than there is for workmen, yet we are not overrun with an idle and dependent population, and our local resources are sufficient to afford living possibilities to all—and this in spite of the unjust conditions that obtain. Half a dozen little sheets in this and adjoining counties are, in their narrow and short-sighted way, chattering at the Signal, but the Signal in speaking of the hackneyed term, "Prosperity," took a broader view of the question, and looked beyond the mere bread and butter proposition of the present, to a fuller development of our resources, agricultural, mineral and others, and the establishment of permanent industries as a result and a final retention by our own people of a just share of their honest earnings. This condition does not exist at present, and that it does not is directly due to the pernicious political methods of the past and present, and whereby the west is unjustly taxed by the manipulators of markets where our products are sold, and subjected to the payment of transportation charges that are exorbitant and unjust. And on all articles imported the same exorbitant railway charges are augmented to the last limit by a protective tariff on every article possible to think of that enters into domestic use. And the evil is increasing in proportion as the earnings of western producers are unjustly absorbed by foreign monopolies. The chances for change for the better is growing less, and unless it is made possible to establish a varied class of local industries that will afford steady employment no real prosperity can be expected or enjoyed. Because half a loaf fills our present needs is no reason why we should be compelled to give the other half to the ones who by these means have secured such an abundance, that they now demand it as their right. No country on earth has been so prosperous and profligate as the inter-mountain west during the days when a free development of its principal resources were encouraged and not paralyzed by national legislation, infamous beyond expression, and the resources are still ours. Possibly long time must elapse before they will be made available and bring about the full degree of real prosperity—very different from the kind that as now mentioned in western papers, and which should be ornamented with quotation signs.

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