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A GOOD INVESTMENT.

For years St. Helens has depended for its progress and upbuilding on the varied lumber industries. It is probable that for some time to come we will still be dependent very largely on these industries to keep up the industrial progress of the city. We are proud of the fact that there are located here some of the biggest and best saw mills, shipbuilding plant, creosoting works and other lumber industries in the State of Oregon. All St. Helens people are proud of the organization of men who control these industries. They have made St. Helens what it is today. They are adding great wealth to our city and our community. We are all dependent to a large extent on these industries. These industries are growing and will continue to grow because there are opportunities here for enlargement and the men at the head of these institutions are progressive and public spirited citizens. Of course there are people who will abuse and curse their benefactors and the men who have made it possible for the ungrateful to earn his daily bread. There will always be in every community the ingrate and the envious, but to the average citizen and the citizen of any business capacity, the men who are furnishing employment to our hundreds of families and making it possible for business ventures to pay, there will always be a kindly feeling and a word or act of encouragement instead of a continual knock and abuse by the unsuccessful ingrate who depend on his ability to tear down other people in order to exist. However, much prosperity and progress St. Helens is making with the lumber business as its chief and practically only asset, the time is fast coming when other industries will come. The day is not far distant when the lumber industry will be only one of several important factors in the upbuilding of the city and the community. Already there are in operation some smaller works which are destined to become great factors in the development of St. Helens and Columbia County.

On the North, West and South of St. Helens are located some of the best and most productive lands to be found in the land. There are thousands of acres of good land only awaiting the coming of the man who wants to make for himself and family a home. Already there are farms and orchards in full cultivation and bearing which produce sufficient commodities to make the industrious farmer independent. But with the advent of the fruit and vegetable cannery, the making of markets at home for the produce of the farmer and the development of the unproductive lands we can see in the not distant future a great community of self sustaining and prosperous people. We can see other industrial enterprises locating at this excellent point. The natural advantages are here for the making of such a community. All it requires is an effort on the part of the good citizens to stand together and work for a greater community. The time is ripe for the securing of more pay rolls and more enterprises. The day of purely selfish purposes in St. Helens and community has passed. The business man and citizens generally should get together and use every effort to make of Columbia County what it will surely be some day, the garden spot of Oregon. These things cannot be brought about by a cathauling and selfish course. There must be a unanimity of purpose. The knocker must be knocked in the head until he gets brains enough to become a booster. There must be organization. Every man must be willing to do his part, even though it cost him a dollar or two occasionally. We must not sit idly by and wait for things to come. It is up to us to go after them and go in such a manner as will bring home the goods.

Actually there are few people in this community who realize the interest there is being taken in St. Helens and Columbia County by people outside. Few people realize that the Mist receives from ten to twenty letters each week from all over the land, asking for information about the opportunities of such and such an enterprise and about the country generally. Few of our business men know that we are sending from 20 to 50 copies of the Mist to various parts of the United States each week and that results are obtained too. Already there are numbers of families here in this community who have been attracted to Columbia County after reading this paper

And there has been no improper advertising or boosting in the paper either. Every bit of information contained in this paper is based on record facts, and the news matter printed is absolutely reliable. But the Mist is more than willing to do its part toward developing our great country and building up a bigger and better city. If the other business enterprises here will do as much we will grow and progress.

Let's make an effort to get together. It can be done. It is being done in other places. It will result in much good. It will be a good investment.

A TIDAL WAVE.

If you are to judge from the reports of the metropolitan press and statements of leading politicians and bankers, there is on the way to the United States a great tidal wave of prosperity. According to the prophesies, the country will be flooded with money and labor. It will be impossible to keep out of the way. Every man, woman and child will be dressed in a bathing suit in order to take part in the great deluge of prosperous times.

That the times will perhaps improve some may be true. Goodness knows there is room for improvement. But that the prosperous times of a few years ago will return in the very near future is hoping against hope. The present industrial and financial conditions of the country do not warrant the return of good times in a fortnight. The operation of the new currency law may help some. It should do so by all means. The present demoralization of the European countries should soon provide a market for every product of the United States. All our productions should find ready market in the war stricken European countries, at prices way above normal. And yet with all these prospects there is no chance for real prosperous conditions in all pursuits until, as recommended by Norman Mack, the great Democratic leader, there is a revision of the tariff upwards. Until the country revises the free trade policy of the democrats the industrial and labor conditions in the United States will suffer. It is as sure as can be that lumber, wool, and other staple products of the country will not again be in such a prosperous state as that of a few years ago, until the tariff laws are changed. The leading democrats are beginning to realize this. It is an undisputed reality. The great wave so glaringly apparent to the politician and press of the country will be nothing more than a mist until the tariff rates are changed, and the only way to accomplish such a change is to sit back for two years and then elect a Republican president and a Republican Congress. Then will come the wave of prosperity. It is only a case of history repeating itself. There is only one remedy that will be permanent and universal. All others are temporary and partial.

COMMERCE AND WAR.

The press and commercial organizations of the United States are making much ado over the opportunity afforded for an expansion of the commerce of the United States because of the business paralysis of Europe. Whole pages of the metropolitan dailies are filled with the wonderful opportunities ahead of us as a nation. The ascendancy of the United States to a world predominating power is hailed from all sides as an accomplished fact. We are pictured by the optimist as a nation at peace with the world and with not a ripple in the skies.

The possibilities are great indeed, provided we approach them with some degree of wisdom. We must not expect foreign nations to quietly submit to our absorption of their commerce. They will unquestionably seek means for regaining that which they have lost and we have gained, possibly to the extent of involving us in war in an endeavor to cripple us. And there lies our menace. We are not in position to face such a war. We have neither the guns nor the ammunition for equipping a large army such as would be required for repelling an invasion by a first class power. Foreign governments can place millions of troops in the field, we can arm and equip but a few thousand.

It is not reasonable to suppose that these governments would submit to the loss of their commerce without striking back. If we are to build up a merchant marine we must have the means of protecting it, once it is afloat. We perhaps do not need a large standing army but we do need guns and ammunition for use in an emergency, for without these we would be helpless. Congress should supply arms and equip sufficient for at least a million men, for with a less number than this, fully armed, we would have no assurance of safety.

Our trade expansion might prove the boomerang that would eventually plunge us into a long and costly war.

Some wives never save what they have and others never have anything to save.

LOCAL WAR COLLEGE.

Kitchener's Rivals Plan Military Maneuvers.

A war college has been organized in St. Helens. It is similar in character to the college which holds forth on Sixth and Alder in front of the Telegram office at Portland. Every evening the European war is fought, battles are planned, executed and won. Generals and kings are dethroned and reduced to the ranks, while others are raised to great eminence. The headquarters of this great institution of learning is located in the lobby of the St. Helens hotel and each evening sessions are held for the edification of the gathered throng. Principal instructors of warfare are General John A. Williams of the Welch Riflemen; Lieutenant Col. Alexander Phillip of the Highland Killies; Baron Von Carver, commander of the Zeppelin Air Guards and Sir Andrew King, military expert and confidential advisor to Lord Kitchener.

On one occasion General Williams, at the head of a large army of Welch Riflemen, landed on the shores of Wales and marched triumphantly across the sloping beaches of sand so famous in that country to another landing on the channel from whence he embarked with his army to Ostend and there the Germans were compelled to evacuate before the terrific fire of the brave Welchmen. However, before the wonderful achievement of General Williams and his brave soldiers had been achieved, Baron Von Carver had done some reconnoitering in his Zeppelin and ascertained that the gentle shores of Wales consisted of high bluffs and cliffs and that General Williams was compelled to resort to the use of monoplanes to cross the gentle slopes of Wales. About the time that General Williams had completely defeated the German armies all along the lines of battle, Military Expert Sir Andrew King appeared and issued orders to all the Allied Armies to retreat to a certain position on the Yser in order to draw the enemy from the trenches so that a general slaughter would follow, but Lieutenant Colonel Phillip in command of the Highland Killies refused to obey the orders of the military expert and thereby foiled the wonderful strategy so thoroughly worked out by the great military genius, Sir Andrew. This complication of orders, retreats, victories and defeats were of such terrible consequence that the war was prolonged and fighting continued all along the lines. It is expected however that within a few more weeks this great institution of military learning will have solved the solution of the terrible war and much blood shed will be averted.

PSYCHOLOGICAL ATROCITIES.

That many of the horrors of war are but the projections of the morbid imaginations of a few supersensitive people is by now becoming to be generally understood. Stories of atrocities have an incredible manner of growth, appearing fullgrown, fully substantiated, and incontrovertible in the very place where, it is afterward discovered, no need of truth or fact was ever sown. One of the most striking examples of the case with which these tales come into being and persist without foundation is instanced by Robert Dunn, the correspondent of the New York Evening Post. The story follows, with an instance of the discipline that actually prevails in war-time and the swift and sure punishment of any act of disobedience that might lead to deeds of violence on the soldiers' part.

The blithe Baron Russell—he of the certain V. C.—took me inspecting his mounts, and on the way rather scotched one's faith in half the tales you hear of brutalities. One story told here and at Crecy, by men and officers alike, always consistent in detail, even to names and places, concerned a bicycle-scout. Of three captured by Uhlans, two escaped and hid in a barn. They saw their comrade shot twice, bayoneted in the face, his body, while still alive, soaked with gasoline from the machine, and both thrown into a haystack which had been set afire. Yes, Russell had heard that; he was in the Intelligence Department, to which the bike-scouts belonged, and he had investigated, thoroughly, to this effect: Not one motor-scout was missing, and none of the names mentioned had ever belonged to the squad!

"But I mustn't tell you all this, or be seen talking to you. If they think you're a spy, what'll they think of me, eh? and he screwed in his eyeglass. "Silly work mine. Translating prisoners' letters all day. What do you think? Why, each mother's son of them says, 'By the time you get this, we'll be in Paris.'

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