

Better Times in Sight, Opinion of Business Men

Economy and Work Will Bring Back Prosperity, Say Alliance Bankers—Farm Prices Up.

Alliance, Neb., March 5.—(Special.)—Alliance business men, with scarcely an exception, are decidedly optimistic in their opinion of the way in which the present year will bring in the way of increased prosperity to all classes. Following are a few of their statements.

R. M. Hampton, president First National bank: "Economy will bring back prosperity. The last two years have been a period in which the people have worked and saved. If we continue that, the greatest problems will be solved. Debts have been reduced greatly and prices of farm products are increasing steadily. The winter season will be a horror. Bad methods will be discarded and the present year will see some eliminations, but this is necessary to cure the 'patient' and a sign of speedy recovery."

F. M. Knight, president Alliance National bank: "A noticeable trend toward better conditions is reflected in the eastern stock and bond markets at the present time and is already beginning to be felt throughout the rest of the country. As eastern conditions will improve, as I am confident they will, prosperity will naturally spread westward. Business is already better and there is some reason for taking a hopeful view of the future."

Buying Power Increased. Charles Britton, vice president First State bank, "There are several things which, in my opinion, point to better times ahead, among which is that the buying power of the producer is being strengthened by the rise in the price of his products and this in turn will give him more power to the labor which buys his product. This, with gradual liquidation of indebtedness which has been going on the last year, puts conditions on a solid foundation and one on which all should prosper."

S. B. Wright, cashier, Guardian State Bank & Trust Co.: "Yes, conditions are improving, decidedly. Farmers and ranchmen are getting better prices for their products, salaried persons are saving more than they did, and living prices are coming down. Money is getting a little easier and people are planning for the future. The lesson we have all learned will cause us to produce and save more, and that means prosperity."

W. R. Harper, proprietor Harper Department store: "Business has passed through the acute stage of reaction and basic conditions are much better than they were 90 days ago. What we need is more and greater aggressive effort on the part of all, more optimism and fewer pessimists. If we all get to work the results will be astonishing."

Better Times Near. C. A. Newberry, Newberry's Hardware company, "One of the largest retail hardware stores in Nebraska: "We will see better times in the near future if anybody will quit talking hard times and go to work. Production and economy are the watchwords of prosperity. The worst is over and the thing to do now is to keep the ball rolling."

Marcus Frankie, proprietor of the Famous Clothing house: "During the depression period, people bought cheap merchandise because the products they had to sell were so disproportionately low to the prices they were receiving. Even with good security it was difficult to borrow money, but now the banks are loosening up, and this is the best sign of returning prosperity. Under the Fordney tariff bill, the farmer will have more protection, and when the farmers are prosperous the rest of us are bound to be."

Power Firm Cuts Rates as Myny Plant Planned

Fullerton, Neb., March 5.—(Special.)—An agreement on electric light and power rates has been reached between this city and the Omaha Gas and Electric company of Omaha, which will settle a controversy in progress since early in January.

Failing to get the company to reduce its rates, the city council, on January 18, passed an ordinance calling for lower rates. The company then obtained an injunction in federal court preventing the city council from putting the ordinance into effect and allowing it to increase the existing rates.

Petitions were circulated asking the city council to call an election to vote bonds for construction of a munny light and power plant. This ordinance was published last week and the election held April 4.

Just before local newspapers came out, officials of the power company agreed to put into effect immediately the rates as fixed by the council and to dismiss the suit in federal court.

Youth Shoots Father When Refused Work for Lost Arm

New York, March 5.—When Carl Wenz, now 18, was six a trolley car cut off his left arm. His father collected a judgment of \$3,000. Early today Carl left White Plains, where he has been employed as a caretaker. He went to the home of his father, Charles Wenz, in Jersey City. It was asked for the money. When it was refused Carl shot his father four times. He was arrested. His father will recover. Carl confessed the shooting but insisted he merely wanted to "lay him up for a while."

Special Squad Arrests 77 Persons in 2 Months

Seventy-seven were arrested during the last two months by the special squad headed by Police Sergeant Frank Williams, according to a Williams report to Police Chief Dempsey. Of this number eight were women.

Newcomers in Nebraska Head Press Association



J. S. Kroh

election to head the state editors' association, in which both are held in high esteem.

Mr. O'Furey, while a newcomer in Nebraska, is a veteran newspaper man. He was employed for several years as a reporter on Cleveland and other Ohio daily newspapers. He was promoted rapidly in the Scripps Publishing company and left its service while working at Sioux City. He established a mail order service for Davidson Brothers, one of the largest mercantile establishments of Sioux City. When he purchased the Hartington paper he had been inside a country weekly office but a few times.

Mr. Kroh formerly was a farmer and is an expert on farming and stock breeding. He has had 20 years business experience and is an advertising expert. He has the "human touch" in his writing and it has aided greatly in making his paper a power in his community. He is a deep student of economics and a series of 16 articles written by him in 1916 on Keith county industrial affairs established his reputation.

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Lloyd George to Carry on as Head of Government

Prime Minister Decides to Withdraw Threat of Resignation Until Unfinished Tasks Are Settled.

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London, March 5.—The British political crisis is over. Prime Minister Lloyd George has decided to withdraw his threat of resignation and to carry on as head of the government until the great tasks now unfinished are accomplished. This includes the setting up of the Irish free state, the final arrangements regarding Egypt, the reduction of British taxation and the Geneva conference. When these tasks are finished there will be a general election in Great Britain at which new alignments of the parties are probable.

The reasons for this decision are: If Lloyd George had decided to resign now, it would have looked as if he was running away in the face of difficulties and would have been decried as a coward. For these reasons, and also because of the splendid loyalty of his conservative colleagues, he has decided that it is his duty to carry on in spite of the difficulties.

Supported by Balfour. One of the strongest factors in this decision is the support of Arthur Balfour, who was urged by the Tories to accept the premiership, but who threw all his weight on the side of Lloyd George.

The prime minister's decision was reached at Chequers, Lloyd George's official country residence, today and probably will not be announced before Monday or Tuesday. It is now entirely likely that the crisis will have a result not foreseen or desired by the "die hard" Tories, who tried to force Lloyd George out. The relations between the liberal and conservative ministers now have been drawn so much closer by the crisis that there is every possibility that the long talked of center party may materialize before the election and Messrs. Lloyd George, Balfour, Chamberlain and Churchill, Lord Birkenhead and other leaders belonging to the coalition may go before the country as the leaders of a new party.

The center party would be pledged to conservative progress and would be opposed chiefly to the socialist labor party, leaving two small groups of free liberals and "die hard" Tories operating independently.

May Form New Party. The formation of a new political group was indicated this afternoon by Winston Churchill in a speech at Loughborough in which he said it was certain that a political battle was imminent in England in the near future and the question was, would it be a soldiers' battle or a combined arms' battle.

Mr. Lloyd George has not yet received an apology or submission from Sir George Younger, the Tory party manager; and Younger's future is a matter of interest, as he seems likely to be able to manage a party of which Mr. Lloyd George is the leader and it is suggested that he may be "kicked up stairs" into the house of lords.

Yea or Nay. A vote of confidence in Lloyd George was taken in the House of Commons on Tuesday. The vote was 202 to 197 in favor of the prime minister. The vote was taken on a motion by Mr. Lloyd George that the House should express its confidence in the government.

Vote for Strike. Iowa coal miners are voting nearly to a man for a walkout which will close all soft coal mines in the state. Miners declared that this will completely shut down the soft coal output along in the fall or early winter of 1922, before an agreement could be reached. Local union No. 1047 voted on the strike Friday night at the Labor Temple headquarters at Des Moines. Early Saturday, with nearly all the votes counted, it stood 78 for a walkout and 4 against. According to Frank M. Smith, secretary, it appears that the entire Iowa vote will be overwhelmingly for the strike.

Workmen Lodge Will Hold Meet at Shelton March 31. Shelton, Neb., March 5.—(Special.)—This city is preparing for a large gathering of members of the Ancient Order of United Workmen of Nebraska, to be held March 31. Lodges from all over the state have been invited to participate. A big class will be initiated. Among the principal speakers at the banquet will be Grand Master Workman John S. Oberfelder, Sidney; Ralph H. Mosely, Lincoln; and H. B. Rousey, grand recorder, Grand Island. Max Hostetter of this city will be toastmaster, assisted by Deputy Grand Master Jeff Devoe.

Despondent Over Ill Health Farmer Shoots Self to Death. Atlantic, Ia., March 5.—(Special Telegram.)—Despondent over ill health, John Ruks, 68, well known farmer and pioneer of Melville township, Audubon county, shot himself with a shotgun Saturday at the family home.

Geneva Banker Dies. Geneva, Neb., March 5.—(Special.)—E. Sandrock, director and former president of the Geneva State bank, died here Saturday.

Influenza at Sidney. Sidney, Neb., March 5.—(Special.)—The "flu" has struck this country again and several cases are reported. The large majority of victims are persons who escaped the epidemic three years ago.

The American Road Builders' association is the oldest and largest organization for good roads in the United States.

Dogs Pay Income Taxes



From Dogville, in the land of Yelp, come these canine actors to the Collector of Internal Revenue in New York to pay taxes on their incomes. Each week payday comes around for these dog actors, who are members of the troupe of Miss Olga Lipinski, in a Greenwich Village bank account, says Miss Lipinski, who is their trainer. Here they are shown shelling out shelds to help pay America's war debt.

Bar Association Favors Forming of Myny Court

Only One Member Objects—Judge Snyder Raises Question of Increased Expense.

The bar association met Saturday morning in the courthouse to endorse the proposition to be submitted at the city election for abolition of the superior court and the offices of the two local justices of the peace and the establishment of a municipal court in their place.

Ten lawyers were present, all favoring the plan with the exception of Judge S. B. Snyder. He raised a number of objections and refused to vote for endorsement.

Judge Snyder contended that there were no good reasons for the establishment of the court and many against. The statute under which the court must be organized provides for two judges in cities of more than 30,000 and less than 50,000 whose salaries shall be \$3,400 a year, each; a clerk whose pay will be \$2,200, and two bailiffs, whose salary is fixed at \$1,750 each. This makes a pay roll of \$12,500 a year.

Employment of deputies, whose appointment will be under exclusive control of the city council, will add a probable expense of \$4,000 a year, making a total of \$18,500 a year.

Each judge must be furnished with a courtroom and chambers, which will cost an additional large sum, making a total of more than \$20,000 annually. Superior and police courts and justices of the peace now cost \$7,400 a year, and the two justice courts, costing \$5,400 a year, are practically self-sustaining.

Judge Snyder pointed out another objection. Abolishment of the justice courts robs the poor man of the only court he can get into without employing a lawyer. In a municipal court, lawyer's fees would be more than the amount involved in a majority of the cases.

Limited Jurisdiction. The municipal court will have jurisdiction in cases only up to \$1,000. The present superior court has unlimited jurisdiction.

All of the juvenile court work is now done in the superior court. None of it could be done in the municipal court, thus adding to the present congestion of the district court, according to Judge Snyder.

If the law is approved at the polls, the governor will appoint the judges and all other officers except deputies for the next two years, when their successors will be elected at the 1924 city election.

Manager of Wheat Growers' Body to Speak at Holdrege. Holdrege, Neb., March 5.—(Special.)—George C. Jewett, manager of the Northwest Wheat Growers' association, and of the newly formed American Wheat Growers' association, will speak on grain marketing to farmers here Monday afternoon at 2. He will speak at Oxford Monday night and at Culbertson Tuesday afternoon.

Senate to Start Debate on Pacific Treaty Monday

Pact to Be Kept Before Members Constantly Until Final Action Is Reached—Lodge and Harding Confer.

Washington, March 5.—The four-power Pacific treaty will be taken up Monday by the senate and discussed virtually every day thereafter until a vote on ratification is obtained under a program said to have been agreed to at a conference between President Harding and Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, republican leader.

Administration spokesmen, it was announced, will open the fight for ratification of the treaty with Senator New, Indiana, a close friend of the president and a republican member of the foreign relations committee, speaking Monday and Senator Kellogg, Minnesota, another republican committeeman and constant of the president, Tuesday. Senator Lodge, it was said, also will present some of the arguments of the administration in support of ratification.

In Complete Accord. President Harding was said to be in complete accord with Senator Lodge's plans for proceeding with the senate conference. Their conference at the White House today was said to have been to discuss procedure and inform the president as to the situation and the effect of legislative matters also before the senate.

Administration leaders plan to give immediate technical right of veto to the department of justice bill to create a number of additional federal judges, but subject to debate on the four-power treaty. It is not Senator Lodge's intention to force the treaties for the next few days, but soon, it was announced, the administration will push them to the front and hold them before the senate to the exclusion of all other business.

It was stated that President Harding concurs with Senator Lodge's program of giving the four-power treaty precedence over the naval, Chinese and other treaties of the arms conference.

Question of Priority. One of the strong arguments to be advanced by the administration forces, it was learned, involves the question of priority of the treaties. Friends of the four-power treaty, it was said, were prepared to insist that opposition to it would imperil the naval limitation agreement—that it would be dangerous to ratify the naval treaty, but not the four-power treaty, since if the four-power Pacific measure were rejected, the United States could not safely consent to limitation of the American navy, with the Anglo-Japanese alliance in effect and with the possibility of war in the Pacific which it is contended, the four-power treaty would minimize.

Those supporting the four-power treaty said today that its opponents would hesitate to vote against it if they realized such a vote would imperil the naval agreement. It is conceded, however, that a hard and probably long fight faces the four-power measure.

Members in the United States Grain Growers' Inc., today announced incorporation of the United States Grain Growers Sales company, a subsidiary organization which will operate in the Chicago, Kansas City, Omaha, Indianapolis and Minneapolis markets. The subsidiary organization, according to officers of the Grain Growers, will be the largest grain selling firm in the world.

More than 110,000,000 bushels of grain will be marketed each year by the selling company on present membership basis, officials said.

The United States Grain Growers Sales company will be able to engage in a general grain business and perform all the functions of grain firms in the terminal markets at the present time, President C. H. Gustafson said.

Membership in the United States Grain Growers, Inc., has passed the 50,000 mark, officials said today, and announced that more than 85 per cent of the 50,725 grain growers are concentrated in the states of Illinois, Nebraska, Indiana, North Dakota, Iowa and Missouri.

Deaths. Snowden A. Fletcher. Grand Island—Snowden A. Fletcher, 72, died at his home in Grand Island, Neb., March 5. He was taken to Lexington for burial.

Mrs. Samuel Hester. Grand Island—Samuel Hester, a well known citizen of this city, died at his home following an illness of three weeks. He was 72 years old. He was a former Grand Island merchant, but for his last illness he resided in Boston. He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. M. E. Hester, Mrs. M. E. Hester and Mrs. M. E. Hester. Burial services were held in St. Mary's Catholic church.

Baby Soto. Grand Island—Funeral services for an infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Soto, who died at the home of the parents, Mrs. Soto, 210 South of the Presbyterian church, officiating.

Mrs. Martha C. Neal. Grand Island—Mrs. Martha C. Neal, 79, a member of the Soldiers' Home at Burketon, died at her home in Grand Island, Neb., March 5. She was taken to Valley for burial.

James Montague. Grand Island—James Montague, 24, a resident of this city, died at his home following an illness of three weeks. Surviving him, besides his wife, are three children. Burial services were held in St. Mary's Catholic church.

William Connelly. Sidney—William Connelly, 72, died on his farm near Sidney, Neb. He is survived by a widow and 14 children.

W. H. Robbins. Beatrice—The funeral of W. H. Robbins, Beatrice, Neb., was held in the Congregational church, conducted by Rev. C. F. Clark. The obituary announced in a body.

Ira Kemmerer. Nelson—Ira Kemmerer, 72, died at his home here. He was one of the oldest settlers of this county and back in the 50's was prominent in the populist movement. He leaves a wife and also one son, who resides in California.

Ellen Pirnie. Broken Bow—Ellen Pirnie, the 15-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Pirnie, residing near Weisart, died at the home of her grandparents, death resulting from burns received when she pulled a large bowl of hot gravy from the table.

William Howlett. De Witt—William Howlett, 76, an old resident of De Witt, died at his home here. He was the oldest Mason in De Witt. He was a member of the De Witt Masonic lodge, having joined when he was 21 years old. Burial services were held at the residence, the body was taken to Avoca, Ia., for burial.

Michael Hansen. Fremont—Michael Hansen, 48, a pioneer of Judge county, who settled near Fremont in 1862, died at his home. He was born in Denmark and came direct to Judge county shortly after his marriage. He was a prominent farmer of the county and was well known throughout the vicinity.

John Pruss. St. Paul—John Pruss, died at his home here following a brief illness. He leaves a wife and 11 small children, the eldest being 11 years of age.

St. Pauls, Annie C. Christensen, 73, one of the pioneers of this county, died at her home here. She leaves six sons and two daughters, all prominent citizens of the county.

Ernest Buckley. Kimball—Ernest Buckley, 49, one of the proprietors of a pool hall here, died at his home. He leaves a wife and one daughter. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias here and of the Odd Fellows of this city. Burial services were held in the funeral home. The body was taken to Central City for burial.

See Business Boosters Are Business-Getters.

Cuban and Wife Fined \$50.64 on Contempt Charge

Judgment Filed Against Sugar Planter and Daughter of Former Circuit Judge at St. Louis.

Omaha Bee Special Wire. New York, March 5.—Julio De Surozazo, 38, Cuban sugar planter and promoter, formerly attached to the Cuban consulate here, and his wife, Virginia Foster De Surozazo, 29, daughter of Robert W. Foster of St. Louis, who was circuit judge there from 1912 to 1919, were fined \$50.64 in the supreme court by Justice White after a contempt in court. At the same time a judgment for \$30.25 against Mrs. De Surozazo and one for \$47.018 against her and her husband were filed. The judgments are the latest in a series of proceedings to punish litigants for contempt of court orders.

The judgments were filed in suits brought against the De Surozazos by Warren De Surozazo, a lawyer, for money lent Mrs. De Surozazo and her husband. In one suit Mrs. De Surozazo was given \$30.25 for her husband's personal services between December, 1918, and April, 1919, and in the other \$40.000 given to husband and wife in the spring of 1919.

He asked that both be punished for contempt for refusing to obey three court orders directing them to testify before trial. The orders were obtained prior to the departure of the defendants for Europe in July, 1919, when they said they were bound for Madrid, where they were to be presented to the King and queen of Spain. Mr. Conkie asserted that if the defendants had testified, as they were directed to do in orders served on them at the St. Regis hotel, he might have collected part of the money sued for.

Psychological Tests for Hens Devised. Calif., O., March 5.—Ex-servicemen who had experience with "mimic" tests in the army will be interested in the announcement that psychological tests for hens have been devised here. Professor B. W. Moore, ex-serviceman, is authority for the statement.

Earl Carter was arrested on a charge of stealing three White Rock chickens from John Mansfield's place. Sheriff O. K. Martin found three White Rocks in Carter's coop along with four Plymouth Rocks. Martin has been told that chickens will have nothing to do with a strange flock, or roost. He tied strings to the legs of the three feathered bipeds and turned them into Mansfield's yard. They hiked it for the drinking pan, imbibed and then calmly proceeded to the roost.

The sheriff, convinced that the method of determining where the chickens came from is O. K., plans to take the four Plymouth Rocks which they once belonged to into J. Clifford's coops to test Clifford's theory.

Meanwhile, a charge of chicken stealing has been filed against Carter.

Man Is Without Pulse; London Doctors Annazed. London, March 5.—Chronic bronchitis, chronic asthma, sclerosis of the liver, badly diseased kidneys, and "frantically diseased heart"—these were the terms of a diagnosis by several doctors of the case of James Rostron, who claimed damages at Manchester county court.

"I don't know why he is alive," said one doctor in giving evidence. "He has no pulse."

It was stated that his heart expanded to his ribs and reached down to his abdomen.

In spite of his afflictions Rostron gave evidence vigorously, describing how he strained himself in endeavoring to lift a beam. He was awarded \$75 damages.

Sheriff Suspended. McAlester, Okla., March 5.—Sheriff William S. Sander of Pittsburg county was suspended from office by District Judge Harvey Melton here, pending his ouster trial on charges of failure to enforce the prohibitory laws, willful maladministration in office and habitual and public drunkenness.

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