

POST QUOTES D. G. REID AS OPTIMIST

Publication Refers to Him as Good Prophet on Business Conditions.

In this week's issue of the Saturday Evening Post, D. G. Reid, formerly of Richmond, is referred to as an excellent business prophet. The article in part follows:

Before sailing for Europe this summer Daniel G. Reid, one of the noted financiers of Wall Street, was credited with this observation: "By September I believe general business will be in full swing. Advices from the West convince me that up to this time crop conditions are excellent and that we are going to have one of the most satisfactory harvests in years, unless some unforeseen disaster takes place. Fundamentals of the country are of the soundest, and there are a number of signs of reviving activity in business. Good crops are all the country needs for broad business expansion. Business men may return to their affairs with confidence. Politics is no longer a disturbing factor."

Mr. Reid's theory is probably the popular one today, at least with the class of men he represents, which is an influential and exceptionally well-posted class. Nor need it be stated that there is evidence of reviving activity in business, or at least that there has been such evidence. For the moment, in a conspicuous instance—that of the iron and steel business—it is said that the signs of a moderate reaction are clearly manifest, and that operations which for a brief time approached the limit of production capacity have receded close to ninety per cent, which is adjudged as great a degree of effectiveness as the largest of the corporations can continuously maintain. The United States Steel Corporation is nevertheless in so dire need of workmen that it not only is advertising for them but is sending out solicitors to secure them. Its requirements are said to amount to at least five thousand men.

Furthermore, other steel mills and industries are said to be in a similar position and almost clamoring for additional workers. This is held to apply not alone to Pittsburgh, but to Detroit and Cleveland and other places. In many localities the want columns of the newspapers suggest a considerable demand for help of most sorts, while it is of course, commonly known that the requirements of the farming regions of the West are always large at this season, when the crops must be hurriedly harvested to prevent rapid deterioration. There is, then, occasion to place emphasis on the part of Mr. Reid's remarks that make the crops the basis for his optimism. Before looking more closely at the crop situation it will be interesting to turn to a field not commonly visited for testimony regarding business conditions—a field stretching to several parts of the country. Correspondence with widely scattered concerns should reveal the true business pulse, especially when the only aim is to make a true test.

BEAUTIFUL DRIVES PLANNED FOR PARK

Landscape Gardener Sandusky Inspects the New Park and Lake Site.

Harry Sandusky, the landscape gardener of Cincinnati, who is employed by the Richmond Park and Lake association to make plans and specifications for the plotting of the new park into lots and driveways. The work is practically completed and the plans will be accepted at the next meeting of the directors of the association.

Mr. Sandusky is at present surveying the grounds, and, according to his reports, several beautiful drives have been worked out, and it is now hoped that it will be possible to make them similar to boulevards in the parks of larger cities. The bids for the new concrete dam will be let on August 20.

The promoters of the new park believe that when the dam is completed, forming a large lake with fishing, bathing and boating privileges, together with the many fine drives and the other features, the city will have one of the finest summer resorts in Indiana.

Stage Scenery.

Walter Prichard Eaton, the dramatic critic, believes modern dramas are too elaborately staged. In "The Question of Scenery" in the American Magazine he says:

"After all, it was not the Elizabethans who were stupid because they could enjoy the drama on a bare stage. It is we who are stupid because we cannot enjoy the drama unless the stage is littered with 'realistic' scenery. We have no faith in our own imaginative powers. It would be a good thing for the drama if all scenery were abolished for the next ten years. Having learned to get along without it, we would perhaps keep it in its proper place for a while after it returned. Its proper place is as a pictorial and suggestive background to the actors and the play and nothing but a background."

Ruined by Jesting.

The Antiochenes themselves brought about the ruin of the beautiful city of Antioch, the ancient capital of the Greek kings of Syria. These people were famous for their biting and scurrilous wit as well as their ingenuity in devising nicknames. When the Persians under Chosroes invaded Syria in 533 the Antiochenes could not refrain from jesting at them. Ample revenge for this was taken by the Persians, who totally destroyed the city.

News Nuggets

(National News Association)

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—Miss Alpine Blitch, who weighs 650 pounds and claims to be the fattest woman in the world, will be married at Coney Island this evening to L. H. Aiken of Springfield, Mass., who weighs 120.

MINEOLA, L. I., Aug. 16.—An aeroplane was used as an ambulance here when Joe Stephens, an aviator, was hurt. He was carried through the air to the hospital.

NEWARK, N. J., Aug. 16.—Judge Chas. F. Herr of the second precinct court is now lenient with automobile speeders after an automobile trip with a friend. They went 70 miles an hour, but the judge thought they were only going 15.

TROY, N. Y., Aug. 16.—Mrs. Margaret Rensselaer has just celebrated her 104th birthday and is in good health.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—Fred K. Horlby, aged 62 years, of Philadelphia, has been married in Long Island City to Miss Emelie Fleming, who is only 28.

BOSTON, Aug. 16.—Because they would not let her land with her dog owing to a technicality of the British law, Miss Cora Chamberlain has returned to Boston without leaving the ship.

COAL PRICES GO UP

Local Dealers Announce Second Increase of Summer.

The second midsummer advance in coal prices has been made by the local dealers. The raise in July made an increase of ten cents per ton on hard coal, but the increase made at this time is from fifteen to twenty-five cents per ton on various grades.

Dealers state that the increase in the price of all kinds of coal is natural and is not any greater than in former years. Several dealers stated that the spring mine shut-downs and the shortage of cars because of the heavy grain crops in the west, perhaps was a great factor in the increased prices.

It is asserted that all cars are being sent West to take care of the corn harvest, the car shortage will be more marked than ever.

Pocahontas coal is now \$4.25 to \$5.00. Anthracite is selling for \$8.00 to \$8.25. Soft coals vary in price from \$4.00 to \$5.00.

City Statistics

Deaths and Funerals.

DAVENPORT—Elizabeth B. Davenport, aged two years, died Thursday noon. She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Davenport, who live four miles north of the city on the Union pike. The funeral will be held Saturday morning at ten o'clock from the home. Burial in Fountain City. Friends may call any time. The body died at Indianapolis and the remains arrived in this city Thursday evening and were taken to the home of her parents.

MARSHALL—Grant Marshall, aged forty-eight years, died Monday at Houston, Texas, Monday. The body arrived in this city Thursday evening. He is survived by a wife and several children. The remains were taken to the home of Charles Harlan, 318 South Fifteenth street. Friends may call any time. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at two o'clock. The body will be taken to Arba, Indiana, and interred in the Arba cemetery.

BORDER—Grant Border, aged forty-six years, died Thursday night at eleven o'clock from paralysis, at his home, 314 South West Third street. He is survived by a wife, one daughter, two sisters, Mrs. W. G. Purnell of Cincinnati, Ohio, Mrs. George Murley of Milton, Indiana, two brothers, Charles of this city and William Border of Cincinnati; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Border, also survive. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at two o'clock from the home. Burial in the Lutheran cemetery. Friends may call Saturday afternoon from two until five o'clock and in the evening from seven until ten o'clock.

SEICK—Louis Seick, aged seventy-seven years, died Thursday evening at eight twenty o'clock at his home, 119 South Sixth street. Death was due to senility. His wife survives. He was one of the best known German citizens, having lived here for the past fifty years. For twenty years he was employed at the old Test Woolen Mills. He has been in ill health for several years. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at one thirty o'clock at the home and at two o'clock at the St. John's Lutheran church, with Rev. F. J. Feerer in charge. Burial in the Lutheran cemetery. Friends may call Saturday afternoon and evening. Please omit flowers.

MACKE—Mrs. Ellen Macke, aged seventy-one years, died Friday morning at two o'clock at her home, 534 South E street. She is survived by five sons, Frank J. Macke, Thomas H. of this city, Edward J., Harry M. and Charles P. Macke, of Chicago. Two daughters, Mrs. Louis H. Smithmeyer, Miss Clara Macke and one brother, Patrick Follen. The funeral will be held Monday morning at nine o'clock from the St. Andrew's church. Burial in St. Andrew's cemetery. Friends may call any time. The deceased was the wife of the late J. Henry Macke, who for many years conducted the hat and gent's furnishing store at the same place where his son J. Frank Macke has an establishment of the kind.

MANAGUA IS UNDER GREAT SHELL FIRE

People Are Deserting City—U. S. Marines Guarding Foreigners' Property.

(National News Association)

MANAGUA, Nic., Aug. 16.—This city is still besieged by the rebels, who have moved to a more advantageous position, and are dropping shot and shell within a hundred yards of the American legation. The American marines are doing their best to protect the foreign property, but as they are not equipped with field guns they cannot hurt the rebels with their fire. However, American sharpshooters are posted all along the walls with orders to open fire on any suspicious characters.

Hundreds of people are leaving Managua for the south and the city is practically deserted except for the federal garrison. A large number of women and children have been killed and wounded and the government has informed Americans and other foreigners that they must be prepared to protect themselves.

A SIGNIFICANT ORDER.

SPRINGFIELD, Ills., Aug. 16.—Members of the third battalion of the 23rd U. S. infantry stationed at Camp Lincoln, are preparing today to return hastily to Ft. Benjamin Harrison, just outside of Indianapolis. The order for the sudden shift came by telegraph and caused much excitement among the men and officers. It is rumored here that the change means the possibility of duty on the Mexican border, possibly the beginning of actual hostilities. It is generally expected here that the men will be ordered South as soon as they have reached their home station.

DELUGE OF TRAMPS

Tramps who arrive by car loads from the north are causing residents of Fairview and small farms to the north much annoyance. Their petty thieving makes it necessary for a watch to be maintained at all times, and their begging has driven many of the householders frantic.

They have been seen on freight trains arriving from the north on the C. & O. railroad line, to the number of 15 to 20 per train.

The Magnetic Needle.

There are two places on the earth's surface where the magnetic needle must point due south. They are not easy places to reach. One is in the arctic regions north of the northern magnetic pole, on the line between that pole and the geographical north pole. The other is in the antarctic regions, south of the southern magnetic pole, on the line between that spot and the geographical south pole. In the first case the point of the needle is attracted to the northern magnetic pole. In the second case the other end of the needle is attracted to the southern magnetic pole.

Reasonable Fear.

"John, is that you?" "Yesh, Mary." "What in the world are you doing down there? Why don't you come up to bed?" "I'm afraid of gettin' hurt on these darned revolvin' stairsh."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Tact.

He (to second wife)—I am glad to be in this charming spot once more. She—I thought you were here on your bridal tour with your first wife. He—Yes, but I was so much in love I never saw the landscape.—Ellegende Blatter.

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The recommendations of the commissioners will be approved by the county council which will also be in session. The tax rate of the county will also be considered at this time and it is understood there will be a decided increase owing to the number of new roads which are to be constructed next year and the number of bridges which is has been necessary to replace.

CHANGE LODGE ROOMS

SOFTENER PROVES A GREAT SUCCESS

Local Odd Fellows Plan Improvements.

Improvements which will cost about \$5,000 are planned for the lodge and service-rooms of the I. O. O. F. building. W. S. Kaufman, architect, will submit plans to the building committee next Monday night, at which time action will be taken.

To get more seclusion the lodge plans to change the lodge room from the east to the west side of the building and to put in a new stairway.

A new beam ceiling will be put in, but plans for a balcony were given up, the ceiling being too low to admit of such an addition.

The entire furnishings of the rooms will be new. Leather upholstered furniture will be added, and new carpets and other incidentals placed, which will total, with the other improvements, about \$5,000, and give the Odd Fellows as complete lodge rooms as are in the city. The Whitewater lodge of Odd Fellows will order new suits and equipment Sunday, to cost in the neighborhood of \$800.

AUTOMOBILE WRECKED

When It Skids and Dashes Into a Pole Today.

While trying to pass a hack at the corner of Seventh and North Streets this morning the machine driven by Frank Martin of Rushville, Ind., skidded on the wet pavement, and dashed into a telegraph pole, crushing in the front part of the machine, breaking the right front wheel, the steering rod, and springs. Neither Mr. Martin nor his mother, who was the only other occupant, were injured.

The accident occurred about noon. Mr. Martin was coming south on North Seventh street. As he approached the corner a hack was going north and a woman was crossing the street. In the effort to avoid the woman and the vehicle, Mr. Martin turned suddenly, causing the machine to skid into the pole.

DEMOCRATS MEET

(Palladium Special)

LIBERTY, Ind., Aug. 16.—The Democrats, that is the few who are connected with the party in Union county, will hold a nominating convention Saturday. It is hoped to place a full county ticket in the field.

COUNTY TAX RATES TO BE DISCUSSED

Will Have to Be Raised Owing to Three Mile Gravel Road Law.

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The cases set for the April term of court have in nearly all instances been tried, compromised or dismissed, so that the October docket will start out with practically a clean slate.

Judge Fox expects to leave the city on a vacation trip during the adjournment of court.

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TO PLAY HAMILTON

NEW EATON ARMORY OPENED YESTERDAY

(Palladium Special)

EATON, O., Aug. 16.—Eaton's new \$20,000 state armory was formally opened yesterday afternoon and evening. Col. Byron L. Barger, secretary to the state armory board presented the new structure to Company F. Former Governor Andrew L. Harris acknowledged the gift in behalf of the company.

A reception was held last evening at 7 o'clock in honor of the visiting military men which was followed by a dance. The executives of the Ohio State militia department announced the newly erected building at Eaton is one that the state and the town may justly be proud of.

Squeezing the handle revolves the stirring wires within a new flour sifter that can be operated with one hand.

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