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The fortitude of citizens of Walla Walla, as shown by their determination again to present the Pioneer pageant in 1925 despite financial losses of \$8527 accruing in 1923 and 1924, is certain to win them the respect and more hearty cooperation of the Pacific northwest. At a meeting attended by 100 members of the board of underwriters it was agreed that the pageant is worth much more to the community than what it costs in money. This is true, for in the two years of its presentation it has furnished the basis for a new solidarity among citizens and a progressive outlook has resulted.

The underwriters have agreed to make up the deficiency and with their payments to sign a new guarantee. Walla Walla has made a bid for national attention and in a manner deserving indorsement. The story of pioneer life in this region ever will stand as a high light in American history. It is a drama in which the rugged actors were carried

can not take deep root in these impressive facts.

Scan the long, long list of individuals and institutions that have had large success in industry, business, transportation, finance, and it will be found that they were optimists. Their success was built upon faith and enthusiasm—upon the conviction that prosperity and progress are the rule in America and hard times and retrogression the rare and brief exception.

Of necessity there must be breathing spells, short periods of letting down, but these are only the eddies in the great stream of progress and growth.