Employment

Slow but steady gains, though we are still a long way from 2007 peak.

Consumer Sentiment

Consumers happier.

source: University of Michigan

Housing Starts

Gains are good, especially in apartments

Non-residential Construction

Not much improvement in commercial construction

Companies are spending a little more. Are your plans flexible enough to handle some growth?

Gold bugs are having trouble finding inflation.

If your sales are dependent on China, time to worry.

Maybe we’re not going to Hell in a hand basket after all.
Oregon Unemployment

Gradually improving, but still too high.

Washington Unemployment

Much better

Oregon Leading Indicators

Philadelphia Fed Res Bank

Slow progress ahead

Washington Leading Indicators

Philadelphia Fed Res Bank

Not tremendous, but not bad
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