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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1909.

Yes, Oregon has again come into her own. It is raining today, and the long dry spell of two weeks is broken.

Judge Wagoner is authority for the statement that out of about 45 road districts in the county having under consideration a special tax levy, probably forty of them would vote sufficient to give them a neat sum for road improvement. That is the right talk. The News believes in better roads and lots of them. Roadable highways and rural electric lines in touch with the cities, the schools and kindred advantages, and makes farm life more attractive for the young people, besides putting the farmer next to markets, and consequently increases the prices on his products. It is indeed gratifying to see the Douglas county farmer coming to the front in this most important matter.

The gentlemen who have undertaken to raise a publicity fund for the purpose of advertising the resources of Douglas county and the attractive features of Roseburg, have been at work on the proposition this morning, and report that they are meeting with excellent success. The business men are taking hold of the work in an appreciative way, and it is expected that an adequate sum will be pledged to accomplish the work planned for 1910. The mere fact of having a salary guarantee will not nearly be sufficient, because the publicity manager must have money to work with. Printers' ink in large quantities will be necessary for carrying the enterprise to a successful conclusion, and good grades of printers' ink are expensive, and besides this there are other sources of expense, and altogether a fund of from \$10,000 to \$12,000 can be very profitably expended in this publicity campaign. We are informed by the originators of this campaign that in event Mr. Richardson is employed to undertake the management of the proposed advertising, that he will also act as secretary for the Commercial club, and will, though not perhaps regularly employed as publicity manager for the organization, work in harmony with the club for the general good and advantage of this city and county.

LOOKING GLASS NEWS.

We are still enjoying winter weather.

Christmas is passed, the event being appropriately observed in this vicinity. The Christmas tree was greatly enjoyed as was the musical and literary program arranged by those in charge of the occasion.

Most of those who have been ill in this locality are improving much to the delight of their many friends.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. C. Wilson, of Reston, was buried here on Tuesday. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community in their day of sadness.

By a vote of 26 to 5 the voters in this district levied a 3 mill special road tax at a meeting held recently. Jack Williams was elected road supervisor for the coming year, receiving the unanimous support of the assembly.

Gonn Denning of Roseburg, was a visitor in this city for several days last week.

Arthur Woden, of Roseburg, attended the funeral here Tuesday.

Oliver Allen has accepted a position at Deer Creek and will leave for that vicinity within a few days.

T. R. Stokes is busily engaged in clearing several acres of land.

A deal has been closed whereby the citizens of this locality will have a much better road to Roseburg than enjoyed heretofore.

It is the intention of the Looking Glass citizens to improve several of the main traveled roads during the summer. Crushed rock will be used in building the foundation.

J. T. Goodman has several men plowing on his farm near this city.

THE U. S. POST OFFICE SERVICE.

Annual Deficit Growing to Alarming Proportions.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—Few people realize the immense amount of business transacted by the postal department annually, but the figures below give some idea of the service and show that 1,000,000,000 letters, 225,000,000 newspapers, and 1,000,000,000 pieces of mail, totaling nearly 14,000,000,000 pieces of mail, are handled in operation in 1909. There are 24,652 delivery routes, aggregating 145,618 miles in length, with an annual travel of 542,151,121 miles. A delivery service by carrier is provided on 46,628 rural routes and in 1440 cities and towns. Ordinary postage stamps to the number of 8,712,997,631 were sold during the year and domestic money orders to the value of \$491,074,814 were issued. The total receipts for the fiscal year 1909 were \$293,562,383.07, an increase of 6.31 per cent over the receipts of the previous year. The total expenditures amounted to \$221,064,102.89, an increase of 6.07 per cent. In its early days the postal service was self supporting. For 30 years, from 1789 to 1819, it failed only once to yield an annual profit, but in recent years almost without exception, there has been a deficit amounting to only a few million dollars, and did not increase in proportion to the growth of the service, it attracted little attention; but when, in the last few years, it leaped to upward of \$10,000,000, and finally in 1909 exceeded \$17,000,000, ordinary business prudence suggested that the

causes be definitely located. Recent investigations have shown that the two great sources of loss to the postal revenues are second class mail matter and rural delivery. The loss on second class mail matter has been increasing for many years, until it now amounts to \$64,000,000. The loss from rural delivery, a service begun hardly a dozen years ago and of unprecedented growth, reaches as high as \$25,000,000. In these two items alone the postal service now suffers an annual loss of more than the entire national deficit of the last fiscal year.

The most striking fact disclosed by recent investigations is the tremendous loss on account of second class mail. While this class of mail provides a revenue of little more than 1 cent a pound the cost to the government for its handling and transportation averages 5.23 cents a pound. The annual loss thus incurred, as already stated, is about \$64,000,000. The growth in the quantity of second class matter sent through the mails has been extraordinary. Since the passage of the act of 1875 prescribing conditions under which publications may be mailed at second class rates, the weight of such matter has increased more than 1300 per cent. Last year it amounted to over 700,000,000 pounds.

Inquiries are being instituted for the purpose of determining whether any reductions can be made in the losses on account of third class and free mail. The annual loss on third class mail is something over \$2,000,000. The mail matter carried free under congressional franchises costs the government annually about \$500,000. A greater loss, about \$2,250,000 annually, results from the free handling of official mail for executive departments other than the postoffice department. The annual cost of handling the free official mail of the postoffice department is estimated at about \$3,000,000. If the several branches of the federal government were made to bear their proper share of the expense of transporting and handling official mail, greater care would be taken no doubt in the exercise of the franking privilege and some saving to the government would accordingly result.

Value of Rural Delivery. The rural delivery system has developed in 12 years from an experiment requiring an appropriation of \$40,000 to one of the largest branches of the postal establishment, with an annual expenditure exceeding \$35,000,000. The postage on matter mailed on rural routes is estimated at about \$7,000,000. The importance of this service to a large number of people is fully appreciated. It brings the farms and villages into closer communication with commercial and educational centers. It encourages the improvement of country roads by making rural life more attractive; it stimulates agriculture. No doubt it is partly responsible for the increase in farm values.

Railroad Mail Transportation. In so far as the rates of payment for transportation of the mails are fixed by contract based on competitive bidding, there can be no doubt as to their fairness. The larger part of this item, however, is for payments to railroads at rates fixed by law. The charge of this service during the past fiscal year was nearly \$50,000,000.

PINKERTONS REFUSE.

To Accept Contract of Bankers' Association.

Pinkerton's National Detective Agency has issued a statement concerning its recent break with the American Bankers' Association in which the Pinkertons claim that the break was caused by the refusal on their part to further attend to the business of the association for which the agency had been the private detective for the past 15 years. A resolution that crimes of all classes against banks will increase because of this break is made in this statement, which says: "We did not renew the contract because the one which the association tried to make us accept was not favorable to us. Their business is only 1 per cent of the work we do in the course of a year. That our efforts for the American Bankers' Association have been of great benefit to its members is shown in that for 15 years there were but 194 burglaries and attempted burglaries of banks, members of the association, netting the criminals only about \$147,000, as against 1042 banks not members of the association, netting the criminals about \$1,500,000.

MEMORY OF GEN. PIKE. The "Patron Saint" of Scottish Rite Masonry. Washington, Dec. 29.—Scottish Rite Masons everywhere united today in paying honor to the memory of General Albert Pike, known as the "patron saint" of Scottish Rite Masonry, on the one hundredth anniversary of his birth. Plans for a widespread observance of the centenary were perfected at the meeting in this city last October of the supreme council of Scottish Rite Masons for the southern jurisdiction. In further commemoration of the anniversary the supreme council distributed among its members 200 medals, bearing an image of the head and bust of General Pike, with an appropriate inscription.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT
U. S. Weather Bureau, local office, Roseburg, Oregon, 24 hours ending 5 a. m., Dec. 30, 1909.
Precipitation in inches and hundredths:
Maximum temperature
Minimum temperature
Precipitation
Total precip. since first of month 2.62
years 6.14
Avg. precip. for this month for 22 years 6.14
Total precip. from Sep. 1, 1909 to date 16.11
Avg. precip. from Sep. 1, 1877 to date 12.82
Total excess from Sep. 1, 1909 to date 3.29
Avg. precip. from Sep. 1, 1877 to date 12.51
seasons (Sep. to May inc.) 23.00
WILLIAM BELL, Observer.

We wish to thank the public for their liberal patronage accorded us during the few months our establishment has been open, and solicit a further continuance of your patronage for the ensuing year.

OUR MOTTO: "Good goods at right prices."

THE FAIR

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Though General Pike is best remembered for his services to the Masonic fraternity, these do not by any means constitute his only claim to fame. In the course of his stirring career he fought with distinction two wars, attained national prominence as a journalist and was known as one of the most able lawyers of his day. He also found time to write much creditable history.

General Pike was a product of Massachusetts and in his youth attended Harvard university and subsequently taught school at Newburyport. At the age of 21 he went west and engaged in exploring the country. In 1822 he located in Arkansas where he taught school for a time and then engaged in newspaper work. In 1835 he was admitted to the bar. Upon the outbreak of the Mexican war he recruited a company of cavalry, which he led at the battle of Buena Vista. He returned to his extensive law practice in 1849, and in 1853 transferred his office to New Orleans, returning to Arkansas in 1857. As attorney for the Choctaw Indians, he obtained the award of nearly \$3,000,000 from the United States government.

At the beginning of the Civil war he was appointed Confederate commissioner to negotiate treaties of alliance with the Indians. He was appointed a brigadier general in the Confederate army and took a leading part in the battles of Pea Ridge and Elkhorn. In 1859 he removed to Memphis where he edited a newspaper, and two years later he came to Washington to practice law. General Pike was grand command-

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VIOLIN LESSONS
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er of the supreme council of 33rd degree Masons, and was also grand commander of the royal order of Scottish Rite Masons. He compiled numerous Masonic rituals and also wrote a famous reply to Pope Leo XIII's bull against Masonry.

NO TROUBLE WITH MEXICO.

So Says Mexican Consul-at-Large Now in Portland. Dr. E. L. Grossman, Mexican consul-at-large, is in Portland on business, and he declares that there will be no trouble between the United States and his republic over the fugitive Central American dictator, Zelaya, says the Telegram.

While Mexico desires to be friendly with the Central American republics to the south she also desires to remain on the best terms with the United States. Dr. Grossman, "and will not place any difficulties in the way of Washington in carrying out any plans the state department may have in the matter. Speaking as a Mexican citizen, not as an official, I say that the Zelaya tangle does not amount to anything anyway." Dr. Grossman characterized as "all nonsense" the charges of barbarity now being made against Mexico by a series of articles in the American Magazine. "Mexico is not a tyrant," said the consul-at-large. "We have the peon system and we have peon laws, laws that we found necessary to keep the peons from actual starvation. The only way peons can be kept from becoming public charges is under the contract system. If you say him by the day he will work until he gets \$1 and then run off to get drunk. He will stay away until he has spent the dollar and probably stolen much more."

County Clerk Edward Lenox reports 4,286 instruments filed at his office during the past year. During a corresponding period in 1908 there were 3,688 instruments filed, or a decrease of 598 instruments when compared with the present year.

Clearance Sale
Tailor Made Clothes

Commencing December 18, and continuing for two weeks, in order to reduce my stock of high-grade goods, I will make suits at the following greatly reduced prices:

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