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Postal banks are announced to be a success in the Philippines. As they have never failed in any part of the world this result was expected.

No doubt about this being a time of peace and good will—the United States Steel Corporation is about to distribute a bonus to its officers and employees.

It is now up to the county court whether or not Roseburg gets a new armory building. Here's hoping the county judge and commissioners will look upon the project in a favorable light.

The managers of the great railway systems have long insisted that their employes abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors. Now it is announced that the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad is discharging those of its men whose "yellow fingers" betray their addiction to the habit of smoking cigarettes. Beginning with this month, no more cigarette smokers will be employed.

Evidence of prosperous times during 1911 for Oregon timberholders is quite evident from letters received by R. E. Smith, of the Douglas County Abstract Company. These communications convey the information that the Eastern money market is loosening up and many men of means are directing their attention toward Oregon timber lands and no doubt will visit the state during the present year for no other purpose than investing in this state. In the letters received by the above gentleman Eastern capitalists seem to be taking a very optimistic view of the money market for the coming year.

THE POSTAL BANKS.

On January 3, the first working day of the new year, the postal savings bank system is to go into operation throughout the United States. This is the promise of Postmaster-General Hitchcock. Deposits will be received on the morning of that day, and the scheme is expected to be in full operation long before the post-office department prepares its annual report in the latter part of 1911. Mr.

Hitchcock, it is said, has given some study to the system in vogue in Europe, and he believes the new departure will be successful, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The scheme will be on a small scale at first. Only one bank in each state will be empowered to do business on this plan, and, in all cases, small towns are selected for it. Our postoffice people evidently believe that it is well to go slow in the beginning with this system. It will be in the nature of an experiment with us, although it does well in England, Germany, France and some of the other countries. As the republican platform of 1908 urged its adoption, it formed part of the administration program, and, after a long contest, it was enacted. Most of the bankers of the country were against it. As the interest which will be paid by the postal banks will be smaller than that given by the savings banks and the other financial institutions which pay any interest at all, the new scheme will hardly be brought into active competition with the old. Therefore the existing banks were able to make only a weak assault upon the experiment.

"We favor the establishment of a postal savings bank system for the convenience of the people and the encouragement of thrift," said the republican platform of two and a half years ago. The "thrift" argument has a good deal of force. Many recently arrived aliens are somewhat distrustful of the ordinary banks. They want something with a government guarantee behind it. They had this kind of backing for their savings in the countries of their birth, and they felt safe on this account. For those people in the United States the new scheme will have powerful attractions. Many Americans, too, as we learn every short time through the losses which they sustain, are distrustful of the savings banks, and hide their money in stockings, in stoves during the summer months, and in other places which they consider safe. The postal savings banks will gather in these hoards. Thus they will add to the sum of the fluid capital of the country, and will have a tendency to give a stimulus to trade.

LOCAL PUBLICITY WORK.

The Oregon Journal of Monday evening devotes a column to the work of the Portland Commercial Club, the write-up being very similar in many respects to the monthly reports made by the publicity committee of the Roseburg Commercial Club. A number of questions are quoted, and the comment made that replies pertain to every subject under the sun. In speaking of the character of the inquiries, Mr. Crissey, manager of the inquiry department, says, "The most distinguishing feature of the immense correspondence is its substantial character. Almost every letter mentions some cap-

ital, and if this has been accumulated by the man on a salary, such evidence of thrift points to even greater success in Oregon. There is a distinctly "back to the land" flavor permeating the correspondence too, and it is astonishing to read the aggressive young fellows in business life who were reared on the farms and who plan to have a farm of their own in the near future."

The correspondence received by the Roseburg Commercial Club is very much like that received by the Portland Commercial Club, and both clubs follow the plan of writing personal letters to the inquirers, answering every question, no matter how trivial, so that the writer will know his letter has received personal attention. The Portland club does not give definite advice, but sends information, and lets the recipient make his own decision. The Roseburg club sends out definite information, and requests the inquirers to ask definite questions. The facts about the Umpqua valley are sufficient to interest any Eastern friend who is seeking a home in Oregon, and while the work of the Portland club naturally is general, the work of the Roseburg club is specific, and covers almost entirely Douglas county, although quite a little information is sent out relative to Coos and Curry counties. When any particular community in Douglas county is mentioned, other than Roseburg, the secretary of the commercial club in that community is notified, and asked to encourage the correspondent in selecting that particular place for a home, as it is generally recognized that the growth of any community in the county benefits directly every other community. The Roseburg club can say, as does the Portland club, that it does not misrepresent in any way, and the correctness of every answer to inquiries can be verified by personal investigation.

Mr. Crissey says further "Oregon is going to get double the people in 1911 that she did in 1910—and the record was a good one then. Oregonians are appreciating the importance of welcoming and helping these newcomers. In many of the smaller cities there are women's auxiliaries which make it their business to give once a month a reception, where the new women become acquainted with the older residents and take their part in the community life." The work and sentiment of the entire state is in harmony for a greater Oregon, and 1911 holds forth much promise for the state in general and for those communities particularly that continues community publicity.

Friends are Pleased.

Myrtle Point Enterprise: Hon. Binger Hermann's Myrtle Point relatives and friends are more than pleased to know that the suit which had been threatening him for years by the government has been dropped. He is the recipient of many congratulations from the people who know him and the newspapers generally are commending the action. His friends have regarded the suit in the nature of a persecution, and under its menace he has certainly been punished equal to that of many who have proven guilty and sentenced. At no time since the indictment was issued could he feel sure that his time was his own, and it might well be charged that seven of the best years of an active life have been taken from Mr. Hermann because he was compelled to be in readiness to fight his case any time the government might see fit to bring it up. It was this constant menace that would wear the life of anyone away and this late restoration of his rights can never mitigate the wrong done Mr. Hermann. A great and good government would either give a prompt conviction or equally prompt acquittal, and our government has done neither in this case, the expected acquittal being after seven long years of wait and apprehension. This has made it none the less acceptable to Mr. Hermann and his friends, however, and has added much to their Christmas joys.

WEEK OF PRAYER.

The week of prayer will be observed by the Roseburg churches as follows:

- Tuesday evening, Christian church, K. M. Menrs, leader, subject, "The Christian Church," Matt. 16: 18.
- Wednesday evening, M. E. church, J. E. Burkhardt, leader, subject, "Missions," Matt. 28: 18-20.
- Thursday evening, M. E. church, South, E. O. Eldridge, leader, subject, "The Home and the School," Prov. 3: 12.
- Friday evening, Presbyterian church, W. H. Eaton, leader, subject, "Government and Politics," Ps. 67: 4.

Everybody is invited to attend these services. Remember the first service is tonight at the Baptist church.

COLES VALLEY ITEMS.

A large concourse of people assembled at the school house Saturday evening Christmas eve to witness the entertainment given by the school under the direction of Miss Marie Rasmussen. The program was well rendered, showing careful training and outspitting, after which there was a Christmas tree that was well laden with tokens of love that was distributed by Santa Claus to the delight of the children. A box supper was also held and bidding was spirited, one box bringing \$11.50, another \$8., and another \$7. Altogether \$26.50 was realized. The proceeds will go toward buying furnishings for the school house. After lunch all departed for their homes

after many expressions of satisfaction for the evening's entertainment. There was a petition circulated during the time lunch was in progress for a three-way bridge at the junction of the North and South Umpqua rivers, with roads to connect same with county roads on the east ends that was liberally signed. It was the universal opinion that this bridge is of more importance than any other bridge in the county at the present time.

A GUEST.

DEFECTIVE LAND TITLES.

Are in many cases caused by carelessness on part of conveyancer or scrivener in properly describing the land, and showing the names of parties to conveyance correctly, but in most cases the fault is with the owner, who is too prone to think his title is infallible as long as he has a warranty deed. Many persons have thus lost thousands of dollars in law suits, when a few dollars could have saved them great loss and expense. "Know thy land as well as thyself", an eminent attorney once said, you can do so by having an abstract of your title made by us. Our abstract plant is the most complete in the state of Oregon. We own the only abstract records in Douglas county, without which a reliable abstract cannot be made. DOUGLAS ABSTRACT & TRUST CO. Cor. Jackson and Washington streets.

The friends of the late Adeo Vial recently purchased a beautiful window in remembrance of her presence in this community and the same was placed in the Episcopal church a few days ago. Mrs. Vial was a member of the Episcopal church, and during her life was very active in all matters pertaining to the good of the church.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS.

- WANTED—Experienced furnishing goods clerk. Inquire of Wilder & Agee. d1f
- WANTED—Girl for housework in family of four; no washing or ironing. Inquire News office. d1f
- WANTED—By young lady, situation as chambermaid or place as assistant in private home. Inquire News office. d-110
- WANTED—A modern 7 or 8 room house by January 1, 1911. Inquire at Himes & Oliver, or this office. d1f
- WEAVING WANTED—Those wanting weaving done call at 514 S. Pine street. 15

FOR RENT.

- TO RENT—Furnished room, including bath, \$2 per week. Inquire at 445 Pine street. d1f
- ROOMS TO RENT—Four furnished room "cooping rooms, call at 246 Pine street, Mrs. A. Hall. d1f
- ROOMS FOR RENT—Also furniture of three housekeeping rooms for sale. Inquire room 5 Marsters block, over Palace of Sweets. d1f

FOR SALE.

- FOR SALE—Small house and lot address Box 284, City. d112
- BEES FOR SALE—Twelve stands of bees for sale. Inquire at the News office for particulars. d1f
- FOR SALE—A few pure bred Rhode Island Red cockrels. Address R. A. Busenbark, Roseburg, Or. d1f
- FOR SALE—One fine big black mare, light democrat wagon and good harness at a bargain. Inquire at this office. d-17
- WOOD FOR SALE—A few tons of stove wood, cut last winter, for sale. Inquire at Umpqua Land & Water Co., Cass street. d1f
- FOR SALE—Nice home on N. Jackson street, corner; also unimproved lots adjoining; will sell in tracts to suit. Fine view. Write box 114 or inquire News office. d1f
- FOR SALE—A fine rubber tired buggy, either for two or four persons, used only one season, can be had reasonable. For particulars call at the News office. d1f

CHICKEN RAISERS—I have two nice Barred Plymouth and three Buff Leghorn cockerels, also one Barred Plymouth Rock cock for sale. It will pay you to see them. Inquire Wood, News office. d1f

WEN WANTED—Call on J. W. Davis, Jr., inventor and owner of patent of the Lone Star Washer. This machine sells itself, you get the money. 119 Sheridan street, phone 81. Home office Clarendon, Texas. dsw

FOR SALE—10 acres 1/2 mile from city limits, 2 acres bearing prune orchard; 8 acres especially fine for small fruit and garden, well; house 12x16, barn 20x30; 36 laying Leghorn hens. Price \$2,500. Terms, inquire or address N. News office. d1f

FOR SALE—The imported Percheron stallion Volage. He is a heavy, well built stallion in face, 7 years old, weighs 2,000 in work order. His colts speak for themselves. Terms will be given if wanted. If interested, write me for particulars at Drain, Oregon. M. R. Ryan. dsw

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