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HOW POSTAL BANKS WILL HELP.

The extent to which postal savings banks will encourage thrift and add to the available capital of the country is suggested by the fact that over 98 per cent of the present savings banks deposits is in the banks of 14 states. The other 32 states have only 2 per cent, largely because they have few savings banks. There are no banks at all in some localities.

Postoffices are within reach of nearly all the people of the United States, and when the postal banks are established many millions of dollars that have been hidden away will come into circulation. All this money is now lying idle, and from the economic point of view is just the same as wasted.

There will be no hesitation in accepting the government as a banker, and these immense savings will commence to return interest to their owners and will help to build up the nation's productive industries, at the same time increasing the business of the national banks.

Everybody will be benefited in a way that is not even possible in foreign countries where postal banks exist, for the usual plan is to invest the deposits in the public debt, the country as a whole taking the profit. The United States will make the plan much more productive. The money will be made to yield several profits.

For instance, a farmer deposits his savings in the postal bank and receives interest at 2 per cent. The government places the money in the nearest national bank, charging the bank 2 1/2 per cent, the extra 1/2 being sufficient to defray the cost of the system, which of course, will provide employment for a large number of people. The bank makes a profit for its stockholders by loaning the money for business uses. It is expended in extending industries, which provide work for many trades and a permanent payroll, besides giving a return to their promoters. The government comes in again on increased taxation.

All this turning of the money, it should be remembered, is likely to take place in the neighborhood where it was first deposited, and so the original investor may receive indirect benefits besides his interest money. Spokesman-Review.

North Yakima real estate men announced that they will raise \$9000, equaling the amount appropriated by the county for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition. One-half is to be expended for exhibition purposes and the other half for publicity. It was only a few years ago that North Yakima was a village. Today it is a city of 15,000 active, wide-awake rustlers. A few irrigation ditches is the sole basis of this growth. A few irrigation ditches of sufficient size and conducted to the proper points in this valley, would soon make a 15,000 city of La Grande.

Tennessee is the next state to join the prohibition ranks. The bill has just passed both houses of the legislature. The republican platform in the state of Washington at the last election declared in favor of the passage of a reasonable local option law, and Governor Meade, in his message to the legislature, calls that body's attention to this clause in the platform and emphasizes the importance of keeping faith with the public. Idaho, through its present legislature, is expected to pass a local option measure.

Considerable attention is being given

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The January Clearance Sale continues. This is a bona fide sale and every article in the store is reduced. Many have taken advantage of these bargains, but there are many bargains still waiting for you.

FURNITURE AT PRICES WHICH WILL ASTONISH YOU ADCOOK AND FRITTS

In several of the state legislatures bills introduced to prevent race track gambling. Governor Folk of Missouri, and Governor Hughes of New York, have blazed a trail through public opinion that other states are beginning to follow.

A DELICATE QUESTION.

(From Life, September 24, 1908.) Is a man's first duty to his own family or to his client?

Take, for instance, a patient—call him William—who is being treated for a disease considered incurable. His doctor, of the old school, tells him frankly and kindly that the best they can do is to hold the disease in check, prolong William's life, perhaps, and make his remaining days comfortable. While this treatment is going on William begins to hear tales of what the osteopaths are doing. His friends tell him of sudden cures of cases resembling his own. William hates quackery, but as he cannot ignore this testimony, he finally mentions the subject to his doctor. His doctor, a liberal-minded man, tells William, regretfully, that while the osteopaths, like other quacks, produce temporary results that amaze the ignorant, they work far more harm than good; that osteopathy is merely a form of massage at best, and that William's disease is a deeper matter. Besides, the osteopathic treatment is rough, and often dangerous.

William is secretly relieved by this information, for he hates changing about, and he has no use for all the

new "pathies."

But the surprising tales persist in reaching him. Even members of his own family relate extraordinary cures of seemingly hopeless cases, without drugs or surgery. Finally, to make a long story short, William, who does want to live, visits an osteopath. He is ashamed, but he does it. The theory and treatment, as explained to him, certainly seem rational. Moreover, he finds these osteopaths are curing cases much worse than his own. And when William himself is cured he blames the old school doctor for not sending him at once to the osteopath.

But is William just?

Is it ever expected that a lawyer, a doctor, an architect, or any man of standing, shall say to his client, "Go to my rival. He is wiser than I am. Give your money to him instead of to me?"

In accusing the old school doctor of fraud William is doubly unfair, as that doctor despises the osteopath and honestly believes him a quack. And we all know how easy it is to believe what is most desirable.

William argues, however, the success of osteopathy now being common knowledge, that when he pays a doctor for advice the doctor should give whatever advice is most likely to lead to a cure. The doctor might argue that he gave William what William paid for, the best treatment he knew how to give.

Which is right?

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The February Cosmopolitan is in. There are stories by Julian Hawthorne, Bailey Millard, another chapter of Arthur Brisbane's "Owners of America," an appreciation of Poe by a member of his family, and besides the regular departments and serials, at least one real poem "I Sought Him," by Helen A. Saxon.

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