

ONE-CENT RATE PLANS POPULAR

LA GRANDE BUSINESSMEN BELIEVE IT WILL WIN.

Nation-wide Organization Working With That End in View.

"I believe one cent letter postage to be one of the most necessary reforms which congress, now assembled at Washington could give us," declares Mr. F. L. Meyers, cashier of the La Grande National bank of La Grande, Oregon.

The above, with other leading business men of this city is continuing the agitation for one cent letter postage which was started several years ago, and which is being carried on in a very aggressive manner under the auspices of the National One Cent Letter Postage association, which has its headquarters at Cleveland.

The organization, which has representatives in all the cities and towns throughout the United States is working aggressively toward the securing of a lower rate on first class mail matter, which includes all letters.

"Business conditions, which are improving throughout the entire United States, would be further helped by a lowering of the present rate on first class mail matter," declared the above in a statement, which he issued in connection with the campaign for the lower postage rate. This campaign is being loyally supported by many business men in this city.

"I have been astonished at some of the revelations which have been made in connection with the way the various classifications of mail are being handled at Washington and the fact that business men generally are being unjustly taxed for the carrying of mail matter. At the present time the United States Government is making a profit of over \$70,000,000 per year on first class mail matter, and at the same time it is losing more than that amount on second class mail. The postoffice statistics show that the letter mail nets the government more than eighty cents per pound, or more than \$1600 per ton, while magazine mail is carried at the rate of one cent per pound or only \$20 per ton. This is rank discrimination and poor business policy.

"Users of letter mail pay twice as much for the cost of the service as the government pays, and the magazine publishers at the same time are paying one eighth the cost of the service, for it has been demonstrated on good authority that magazine publishers mail, on which the mailing rate is one cent a pound really costs the government over eight cents per pound to deliver at its destination.

"The United States postoffice department is the biggest individual business enterprise in the world, and it should follow in the foot steps of other big corporations in working out efficient business methods. No large manufacturing or mercantile establishment would permit one department to pay double the cost of service and at the same time allow another department to pay one eighth the cost of service.

"This is primarily the reason that the campaign for one cent letter postage is being conducted throughout the United States. We want equality in the mail rates—nothing else. In mere justice to the letter writing public we are entitled to a one cent letter rate at this time, and if sufficient pressure is brought to bear on congress, I am convinced that we

POSTMASTER NOW AN AGENT

MANY HAVE ALREADY APPLIED FOR JOBS.

New Function of Postoffices Being Tried Out in La Grande.

Although the blanks for the new federal employment service have been in the hands of the postoffice officials but a few days, there have already been a number of applications filed through this medium.

Blanks are provided both for men wanting work and for men wanting workers, and the service is entirely gratis to either class. All that is necessary in order to invoke the aid of the postal department in the matter of employment is the filling out of the proper blank which will be forwarded to a central office in which the employer and employee will be brought together. It is expected that this service will greatly assist in solving the present problem of the unemployed.

Postmaster Bragg this morning received notice from Joseph Stewart, second assistant postmaster general that mail rates on letters to Germany will be five cents on the first ounce and three cents for each ounce thereafter, until such time as direct service is resumed to that country. Under the direct service the two cent postage to and from Germany is in vogue but the war has forced the mails into and out of Germany to be routed through other countries.

can secure such a rate. Carry first class mail approximately at cost and there would be no further complaint.

"In the annual report of Postmaster General Burleson, issued a few days ago, a small surplus in the department was shown. No effort, however, was made to analyze the general receipts and expenditures with a view to showing the real conditions as to first and second class mail and the amounts charged, or the actual cost to the government for transporting it.

"I wish to draw the attention of local business men to the diligent efforts which are being put forth by the National One Cent Letter Postage association to secure this much needed reform. Only by co-operation through such an organization as this can such a reform be obtained, for the magazine publishers of this country are banded together to fight any effort which would mean the suppression of the immense subsidy now granted them each year. We feel that there is but one result that can come from the present campaign and that is the inauguration of a one cent rate for all letter mail, and it will come just as soon as the business men of this country join heartily in demanding it."

GRAND MARCH AT 9:15.

Those in charge of the Charity ball which is to be held at Rex hall this evening, announce that the grand march will begin at 9:15. The price for gallery seats will be 25 cents, and those who don't desire to dance can attend as guests and sit in the gallery, helping thus with their mite toward the cause of the Charity ball.

BOTH SEXES TO 'DRAW EQUALLY'

WOMEN TEACHERS WILL GET PAY WITH MEN.

Oregon House Memorializes Congress for War Food Embargo.

Salem, Feb. 10.—The senate today passed Moser's bill providing women school teachers be paid equal wages with men for similar services.

Senator Languith introduced a resolution memorializing congress to place an embargo on food shipments to countries at war.

The house today killed the Jones bill abolishing the office of recorder in various counties. The house passed the Lafferty bill making it legal to kill beaver and also the bill regulating the apportionment of county school funds.

17 NEW LAWS ARE SIGNED

One Permits Governor to Fill United States Senatorship Vacancy.

State Capitol, Salem, Or., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Governor Withycombe yesterday signed the following bills:

H. B. 40, by Huston — To preserve the scenic beauty of certain waterfalls and streams along the Columbia Highway.

H. B. 56, by Olson — Requiring both parties to a suit to deposit jury fees.

H. B. 68, by Lewis — Fixing fees for service in District courts.

H. B. 97, by Dillard — Requiring majority vote in majority of districts to form a union high school.

H. B. 116, by Thomas — To require cities and towns to report to county clerks and assessors any change in boundary lines and providing penalty.

H. B. 135, by Vawter — Making non-resident property owners subject to inheritance tax.

H. B. 137, by committee on printing — Requiring superintendent of public instruction to pay for printing from his appropriation.

H. B. 137, by committee on printing. — Making same requirement of forestry department.

H. B. 141, by committee on printing. — Making same requirement of state board of health.

H. B. 157, by Forbes — Fixing salary of district attorney of Jefferson county \$900 per year.

H. B. 182, by Thomas Brown — Allowing stock to run at large in certain parts of Eastern Marion county.

H. B. 200, by Stanfield — To limit liability of a bank for non-payment of check through error.

H. B. 201, by Huston — Authorizing the governor to fill vacancies in the office of United States senator.

H. B. 204, by Clatsop delegation. — Amending laws relating to fishing in Necanicum river.

H. B. 205, by Woodell — Abolishing office of Recorder of Conveyances in Union county.

H. B. 482, by joint ways and means committee. — Appropriating \$25,000 to apply on expenses of session.

H. B. 46, by Lafferty — Amending laws relating to dogs while hunting.

GREAT NORTHERN COMES.

New Coast-wise Steamer Reaches San Diego on Way to Frisco.

San Diego, Feb. 10.—The new palatial steamer Great Northern, arrived via the canal today from Philadelphia. The steamer will carry passengers up and down the Pacific coast from the mouth of the Columbia river.

Pretty Girl Cuts 350 Pound Cake.

New York, Feb. 10.—As the clocks in the Hotel Astor banquet hall pointed to one minute after midnight today, Miss Ethel Levy flourished a six foot knife, and cut into a 350 pound birthday cake, the center piece of the speakers' table at the second annual banquet of the Far Western Travelers' association. There were 1500 guests at the banquet.

Miss Levy is assistant secretary of the organization. The cake was the gift of the Northern Pacific railway and a special attendant brought it here in a freight car.

Body Shipped Home.

The body of Harvey Grove, who died in a local hospital Monday morning from injuries sustained while at work in a logging camp near Vincent Saturday, was shipped to Hillsboro, Oregon, for interment last night. Sam Grove, a brother of the deceased, came to the city after the body.

Two Pay Fines.

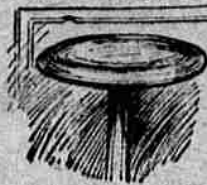
Thomas Stevenson was arraigned in municipal court this morning and assessed a fine of \$10 for driving over a fire hose yesterday evening. Ben Shores was assessed a fine of \$5 for a similar offense Friday. The offense is becoming too common, the authorities think, and strenuous action is going to be taken hereafter.

Classes Grow Rapidly

All classes in the gymnasium are growing rapidly, especially among the younger generations. The business men's class has likewise taken on new members of late and Secretary Rudd will not be able to have personal charge of all the classes much longer at the rate they are they are growing.



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PLEASING PRICES

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Corset Covers	25c	Men's E. & W. Dress Shirts	49c
Muslin Drawers	25c	Men's Heavy Silk Sox	25c
Muslin Gowns	49c	Men's Unions, \$1.50 grade	5c
Brassiers	25c	Men's Work Sox	98c
Princess Slips	98c	Men's Dress Hats	25c
Girls' Black Bloomers	25c	Men's Belts	5c
Tatting Shuttles	8c	Brown Wrist Canvas Gloves	5c
Bed Spreads, full size	98c	Black Dress Sox	5c
Lace Curtains	39c	Boys' Caps	25c
Curtain Scrim	10c	Wool Sox, 2 pair	25c
Child's Rompers	49c	Men's Corduroy Pants	\$1.98
Blankets, good size	49c	Men's Khaki Pants	98c
Embroidery, a yard	5c	Men's Whipcord Pants	98c
Sweaters for Ladies	88c	Boys' Shirts	25c
Sweaters for Children	49c	Boys' Waists	25c
Outing Skirts, Children's	25c	Men's Work Shirts	25c
Ladies' Hose	5c	Men's Wool Shirts	25c
Aprons	25c	Leather Faced Canvas Gloves	15c
Tablets, large size	5c	Colgate's Shaving Soap	4c
Ladies' Unions, tight knees	25c	Colgate's Mechanic Soap	4c
Reuben's Shirts	25c 49c	Men's Overalls	49c

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Are not handled by the Richey Piano House, as we are here to stay, and cannot afford to sell you such junk. We have not featured cheap \$145 or \$185 pianos, as we would at least want the instruments to hold together until the drayman had left the house. Speaking of pianos of some merit will say: The transient houses that blow in, and try to educate the natives upon pianos, are the ones that can pull off stunts like this for instance: Sold a piano to an unrespectable customer for the sum of \$550 after the salesman had agreed to throw off his commissions, and I suppose

the drayman was to deliver the piano free of charge; per chance the customer dropped into the little local piano house, that does not work catch penny games, and is not throttled by creditors and buying goods direct, found the same make of piano selling for \$385, only a difference of \$165. These are your neighbors and your friends, and will state facts, and you will not disbelieve them. Lack of time and space prevents me from relating other instances. Call upon the Richey Piano House if you wish good goods at right prices.—Adv.

FAIR PROBLEMS WEIGHED.

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rather backward in extending aid to the exhibit but it was brought out at the meeting last night that this failure was due more to a lack of authority on the part of the county commissioners to appropriate further funds, than a desire to get behind the venture.

Walter Meacham and J. A. Lackey left here last night for San Francisco where they will superintend the installation of the exhibit, grains, grasses and mineral displays for which have already been collected, with other exhibits of the resources of the country to be forwarded from time to time as the opportunity offers. The plans contemplate the keeping of a representative on the grounds during the entire time of the fair, and it will be the maintenance of this exhibit that will call for financial assistance.

"Union county will be represented there all right," said Robert Withycombe, this morning. "Already we have sufficient exhibits ready to insure a creditable showing from this part of the state, and more will be gathered from time to time as the fruits and grains ripen, so that visitors to the fair will be well aware that Union county, Oregon, is on the map, without a doubt."

RUSSIANS FORM.

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then be ready, it is stated, to take official action regarding the situation and also in regard to the Lusitania in flying American colors in the war zone.

Another Ship Misuses Flag. New York, Feb. 10.—Passengers arriving on the Cunard liner, Orduna, from Liverpool declared today the vessel flew the American flag for nearly 24 hours January 31 while on the Irish sea. The flag was hoisted on orders of Captain Taylor and the passengers said the change of flags followed receipt of a wireless from either the British admiralty or Cunard officials. It was January 31 when the German submarine sank

CONLEY BUYS INSTRUMENT

Nip Conley Gets \$850 Player Piano for His Farm Home.

The home of Nip Conley will be made merry from now on by the music of an \$850 player piano which he purchased during the last few days from the Richey Piano House. Several other ranchers of the valley have bought new pianos recently but the highest priced instrument was delivered to the Nip Conley ranch between La Grande and Cove.

three steamers off Fleetwood.

Henry Winters, assistant manager of the Cunard line denied the report.

WANTED—Work for two men. Ranch preferred. Apply 1310 W.

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Board of Trade Celebrates.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Members of the Washington Board of Trade will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the organization tonight at a banquet.



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