

SNOW

HERE ARE COLD WEATHER HELPS

Yes, this is the time of the year we can expect plenty of snow and cold weather, but don't fear. Keep yourself in shape. Get a

KANTEEK HOT WATER BOTTLE

Keeps out the cold. It's a mighty good investment and will give you lots of satisfaction in the way of comfort and freedom from annoying colds.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1917

THE NEW COMMISSION

With the addition of Dr. H. S. Brown, the new city commission is now organized with Mr. Vincent Palmer as president and Mr. Fred B. Currey as city manager. The city owes a vote of thanks to Mr. J. E. Foley for his work in filling this difficult and onerous position in the interim between the two managers. The citizens generally will back the commission in its efforts for a bigger, busier La Grande. The legal difficulties connected with the Second street viaduct should be speedily settled and the work upon this important public improvement started.

THE OREGONIAN ANNUAL

How the Oregonian year in and year out manages to put out an annual which not only keeps up to the high standard maintained in the past but surpasses it each year is one of the marvels of the newspaper business. The secret is careful work and preparation by the editorial and art staff. This year's edition is well conceived and well executed. Union and Walla Walla county are given good representation in pictures which should be of great advertising value to this section.

THE ELKS' SHOW
The Elks are going to put on a musical comedy show. The fact that the Elks have undertaken this as a benefit for their building fund should commend it to the public. The fact that the Elks are giving it insures a lively, interesting performance.

OREGON'S VICTORY
Oregon has beaten Pennsylvania at football. This puts Oregon in the championship class and shows the easterners what sturdy young men we are raising in Oregon.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

They Will Miss Ike.

Ike Bingham, hold-over senator from Lane county, will not foregather at Salem with the Oregon statesmen the coming winter. He is in little old New York. As compared with Eugene the senator finds that village somewhat effervescent and has reached the conclusion that the other 20 senators can save Oregon from the demeriton bow-wows. Ike is a real estimator.

Optimism.

Snow fills the hills with irrigation to bring bountiful crops and purest water. Cold kills germs and makes the spring and summer beautiful. It makes you and your home full of glowing health. Without either in winter, spring, summer and autumn would be displeasing and unhealthy and unprofitable. Just memorize this so you can repeat it and laugh with joy the next time you wake up in the morning and find seven feet of snow on your sidewalks, the temperature below zero the water pipes frozen and that you forgot to bring in coal or wood the night before.—Baker Herald.

Watterson Says.

Jefferson was right. That is the best government which governs least. In framing the federal constitution the wise and patriotic men, led by Madison, the Republican, and Hamilton, the imperialist, sought to keep between them the Scylla of centralized monarchism and the Charybdis of pure democracy. They constructed a representative system, of limited powers, gird round by definite checks and balances which they believed would protect the people against despotic encroachment upon the one hand and

The Wheel That Squeaks the Loudest is the One That Gets the Grease

The same assuredly applies to you and me, as well—in order to get anywhere in this world, we must attract the attention of the big men. Now listen, young man! Nothing helps a young man more in advancement in business than to be known as one who keeps his bills paid, meets his obligations, has a bank account, and pays his bills by check. You know that.

You will receive the same courteous attention with a dollar deposit as you would with a hundred dollar one.

La Grande National Bank

A Few of the Many Dry Goods Specials From OUR

Pre-Invention Sale

HALF PRICE SALE OF ALL MISSES AND CHILD'S COATS & HATS

With wholesale prices advancing constantly on all staple merchandise these clearance prices on all broken lines will mean real economy to every woman that attends this house cleaning sale.

- Heavy Flannelette, 12 yds. for \$1.00
- 18c Striped Riplette, Sale Price 13 1-2c
- 27-in. Dress Ginghams, 12 vds. for \$1.00
- Ladies' \$1.00 Wool Underwear, Choice 67c
- Ladies' \$1.25 Wool Underwear, Choice 87c
- Fancy Tea Aprons, to 60c, Choice 13c
- Fancy Tea Aprons to \$2.00, Choice 48c

HALF PRICE SALE OF ALL LADIES' SUITS COATS AND MILLINERY

- Ladies' Collars—Half Price
- Pillow Tops to 50c, Choice 19c

HALF-PRICE REMNANT SALE

Clearance Prices On Curtain Fabrics

HALF-PRICE FUR SALE

- 36-inch Forrest Percales, Special, yard 8 1-3c

Broken line Child's Fleece Underwear, Your choice, garment 9c

Free Dollies With American Beauty Floss

Notice to McCall Subscribers

McCall Magazine

Subscription price will advance March 31st—By special arrangement we are allowed to take your subscription for a short time only at our old price of 20c Per Year

THE GOLDEN RULE CO.

Quality the same—Prices less

mob passion upon the other.

Measurably this has been the result. But it has been qualified of late by a demand for reforms which have in some quarters risen to a kind of hysteria. As a consequence two dangers have come to pass; a disregard for precedents inevitable to a craving after the experimental; and the complication, not to say the confusion, of orderly governmental procedure incidental to an annual flood of legislation, state and federal.

The country is honeycombed with commissions. Though state rights survived the war of sections the home rule principle was put to serious strain. Now whatever happens to be wanted anywhere, the word is "On to Washington." Woodrow Wilson calls this the new freedom; Theodore Roosevelt calls it progressiveism; the Duluth Herald calls it social justice; the

cheap periodicals call it the uplift.

Whatever it is, or aims at, it is a departure from the simple and benign in government and a menace to the country; an outgrowth not of freedom but of slavery; a survival of the age of theologic controversies of the inquisition and the conventicle; a return to the era of church and state beneath whose tyrannous rule men and women were to believe what the prelates told them and to be made good by law—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Sherry's, Thursday and Friday, William Fox version of "Romeo and Juliet," with Theda Bara as Juliet. 1-2-24

Complaints, affidavits and legal blanks of every description for sale at The Observer, 1710 Sixth street.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL BANK

At La Grande in the State of Oregon, at the Close of Business on Dec. 27, 1916

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$ 608,971.26
U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	50,000.00
Bonds other than U. S. bonds pledged to secure postal savings deposits	10,000.00
Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks) owned unpledged	8,003.59
Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription)	3,400.00
Value of banking house (if unencumbered)	27,200.00
Furniture and fixtures	3,288.70
Real estate owned other than banking house	690.08
Net amount due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago, and St. Louis	21,937.61
Net amount due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	54,549.39
Net amount due from banks and bankers (other than included in 12 or 20)	6,147.09
Other checks on banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	1,991.82
Outside checks and other cash items	1,789.95
Fractional currency, nickels, and cents	353.68
Notes of other national banks	2,083.63
Lawful reserve in vault and net amount due from Federal Reserve Bank	60,502.51
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	2,500.00
Other assets, if any	239.84
Total	\$865,570.52
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	100,000.00
Surplus fund	18,000.00
Undivided profits	22,329.21
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid	11,982.85
Circulating notes outstanding	50,000.00
Net amount due to banks and bankers (other than included in 29 or 30)	13,321.93
Individual deposits subject to check	460,064.71
Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days	27,095.07
Certified checks	30.98
Postal saving deposits	30.98
Total demand deposits, Items 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, and 40	492,230.87
Certificates of deposit	93,948.82
Other time deposits	87,732.54
Total of time deposits, Items 41, 42, and 43	181,671.36

Total \$865,570.52
 State of Oregon, County of Union, ss:
 I, T. J. Scroggin, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 T. J. SCROGGIN, Cashier.
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3d day of January, 1917.
 F. S. IVANHOE, Notary Public.
 Correct—Attest:
 A. L. RICHARDSON,
 WM. MILLER,
 GEO. T. COCHRAN, Directors.

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE LA GRANDE NATIONAL BANK

At La Grande, in the State of Oregon, at the Close of Business on Dec. 27, 1916

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$ 777,179.61
U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	72,000.00
U. S. bonds pledged to secure U. S. deposits (par value)	10,000.00
U. S. bonds pledged to secure postal savings deposits (par value)	5,000.00
Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks) owned unpledged	22,205.55
Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription)	7,500.00
Value of banking house (if unencumbered)	49,000.00
Furniture and fixtures	8,269.42
Real estate owned other than banking house	4,742.07
Net amount due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago, and St. Louis	26,441.64
Net amount due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	223,565.59
Net amount due from banks and bankers (other than included in 12 or 20)	38,770.29
Other checks on banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	5,168.35
Outside checks and other cash items	3,229.37
Fractional currency, nickels, and cents	792.20
Notes of other national banks	7,095.06
Federal Reserve bank notes	1,050.06
Lawful reserve in vault and net amount due from Federal Reserve Bank	89,930.16
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	3,600.00
Total	\$1,355,539.19
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	200,000.00
Surplus fund	40,000.00
Undivided profits	25,254.79
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid	16,554.62
Circulating notes outstanding	72,000.00
Net amount due to banks and bankers (other than included in 29 or 30)	3,233.55
Individual deposits subject to check	585,147.56
Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days	84,798.30
Certified checks	74.33
United States deposits	10,000.00
Postal saving deposits	5,000.00
Certificates of deposit	346,585.28
Total of time deposits, Items 41, 42, and 43	346,585.28
Total	\$1,355,539.19

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 I, F. L. Meyers, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 F. L. MEYERS, Cashier.
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3d day of January, 1917.
 H. A. ZUBRICK, Notary Public.
 Correct—Attest:
 FRED G. HOLMES,
 A. T. HILL,
 H. S. BROWNTON, Directors.