

Favor One-cent Drop Postage.
Washington, March 29.—(Special)—Republican Senators are receiving hundreds of letters from large concerns throughout the country thanking them for their efforts in behalf of one cent drop-letter postage. Senator Charles Curtis of Kansas was an advocate of that change in our postal laws, and spoke in favor of it. In spite, however, of the efforts of Senator Curtis and other leading Republicans the movement in behalf of that reform failed because of strong opposition from the Postmaster General.

Washington, D. C., March 29.—(United Press)—Congressman Sinnott announced today that competitive examinations for Naval Academy cadets would be held May 8, at Klamath Falls, Lakeview, Ontario, Bend, Baker, La Grande, Pendleton and The Dalles.

OLD PAPERS—For sale at The Observer office, 25 cents a bundle.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE CONNECTICUT FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

of Hartford, in the State of Connecticut, on the 31st day of December, 1916, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Capital.	
Amount of capital paid up.....	\$1,000,000.00
Income.	
Net premiums received during the year.....	\$3,693,929.51
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year.....	276,552.05
Income from other sources received during the year.....	12,458.51
Total income.....	\$3,982,940.07
Disbursements.	
Net losses paid during the year.....	\$1,875,017.99
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year.....	200,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year.....	1,168,901.05
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year.....	183,000.00
Amount of all other expenditures.....	412,264.52
Total expenditures.....	\$3,840,183.56
Assets.	
Amount recoverable for reinsurance on paid losses for schedule E column 1.....	\$ 283.50
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value).....	5,082,420.09
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.....	64,000.00
Cash in banks and on hand.....	918,294.35
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1916.....	540,098.52
Interest and rents due and accrued.....	78,034.08
Total assets.....	\$7,313,332.75
Less special deposits in any state (if any there be).....	63,452.91
Total assets admitted in Oregon.....	7,249,879.84
Liabilities.	
Gross claims for losses unpaid.....	\$ 312,027.43
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks.....	3,978,988.47
All other liabilities.....	122,290.00
Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock of \$1,000,000.....	\$4,413,315.90
Total premiums in force December 31, 1916.....	7,018,406.23
Business in Oregon for the Year.	
Total insurance written during the year.....	\$2,728,653.00
Gross premiums received during the year.....	42,520.18
Premiums returned during the year.....	9,267.87
Losses paid during the year.....	17,421.40
Losses incurred during the year.....	11,920.11
Total amount of insurance outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1916.....	2,877,343.09

THE CONNECTICUT FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

By JOHN A. COSMUS, Secretary.

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SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

of New York, in the State of New York, on the 31st day of December, 1916, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Capital.	
Amount of capital paid up.....	\$ 500,000.00
Income.	
Net premiums received during the year.....	\$4,363,541.76
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year.....	259,346.24
Income from other sources received during the year.....	3,825.22
Total income.....	\$4,627,013.16
Disbursements.	
Net losses paid during the year.....	\$2,723,591.53
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year.....	200,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year.....	1,120,289.81
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year.....	29,591.59
Amount of all other expenditures.....	699,897.49
Total expenditures.....	\$4,555,280.42
Assets.	
Value of real estate owned (market value).....	4,500.00
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value).....	5,109,462.00
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.....	109,310.00
Cash in banks and on hand.....	447,987.18
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1916.....	571,163.41
Interest and rents due and accrued.....	43,080.74
Total assets.....	\$6,285,593.33
Less special deposits in any state (if any there be).....	14,212.83
Total assets admitted in Oregon.....	6,271,380.50
Liabilities.	
Gross claims for losses unpaid.....	\$ 456,869.41
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks.....	3,824,892.45
Due for commission and brokerage.....	12,500.00
All other liabilities.....	\$2,851.41
Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock of \$500,000.....	\$4,307,022.27
Total premiums in force December 31, 1916.....	7,391,643.68
Business in Oregon for the Year.	
Total insurance written during the year.....	\$2,047,997.09
Gross premiums received during the year.....	57,151.13
Premiums returned during the year.....	11,028.65
Losses paid during the year.....	29,194.63
Losses incurred during the year.....	21,215.57
Total amount of insurance outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1916.....	3,423,350.09

WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

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Will Raise Japanese Emigrant Standard

BY RALPH H. TURNER.
(United Press Correspondent.)

Tokio, March 29.—With the hope that it will be an aid in solving the immigration problem between the United States and Japan, a new plan of educating Japanese emigrants in a model farm colony near Seattle, Washington, will be started here next Monday. Beginning then a group of Japanese will be sent every year to work on the model colony acres. These emigrants will be graduates of the Kanagawa Middle school, a private institution of which Mr. Sumiwa Hattori is principal. He is the eldest son of the late Ayawo Hattori, who worked for friendship between Japan and America until his death in the United States several years ago. He held the opinion that the best way to unravel the immigration tangle between the two countries was to raise the standard of Japanese in the United States. He died before he could realize this idea, which has now been taken up by his son, the principal of the Middle school. The land near Seattle where these educated emigrants will work was bought for this purpose through the efforts of Masjiro Furuya, a prominent Japanese merchant in the Washington city. The Japanese government, which enforces the Gentlemen's Agreement with the United States, has not yet officially approved the plan, but it is not expected to meet with objection if the emigrants are really educated.

BOSTON MISSIONARY IN FIGHT WITH JAP STUDENTS

Tokio, March 5.—(By mail)—(United Press)—The Rev. J. M. McCaleb, an American missionary from Boston is in the midst of the quarrel with his Japanese students here today over the divinity of Christ.

When one of the students declared that Jimmu Tenno, Japan's first emperor, was even greater than Jesus Christ, Dr. McCaleb took issue with him.

The students, angered, passed a resolution demanding that the missionary leave the country.

Dr. McCaleb, who came here 25 years ago and operates independently of any mission, refused to go; and also objected to the students raising their national flag over the school on Kigensetsu Day, explaining that it contained the element of ancestor worship.

"Without my consent," said Dr. McCaleb today, "the students went ahead and raised the Rising Sun. One student openly told me the occasion was not only ancestor worship, but that Jimmu Tenno, who is supposed to have ascended the throne 660 years before Christ was even greater than Christ."

"This put me, a Christian, in a very embarrassing position and I took issue with him. The government is back of me and I stand pat."

High School Boys Who Enlist in National Guard Will Be Protected in Matter of Credits.

Salem, Ore., March 29.—J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, Monday afternoon announced that all high school students who wish to enlist in the national guard will be given full credit in all those subjects in which they have made a passing grade up to this time.

This announcement followed a meeting of the state board of education, which made the above recommendation. J. H. Collins, superintendent of the Woodburn schools, telephoned that a number of the boys attending high school there wanted to join the guard, provided they could receive full credit for this semester's work in subjects which they have been carrying satisfactorily.

Should the guard be relieved from active service before the close of the school year, Superintendent Churchill announced, these students must return at once to their schools and again take up their studies.

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"France Will Not See Prohibition For Years"—Finot

BY WILBUR S. FORREST.
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

Paris, March 8.—(By Mail)—"France will not see prohibition of alcohol for years." This brief explanation of one of the most agitated internal subjects in France just now was made to the United Press today by Jean Finot, noted French writer, author and President of the French society for action against alcohol. M. Finot predicts a long and bitter fight before France is placed on the footing of prohibition. Widely circulated reports that French legislative bodies would soon enact a dry France were denied by M. Finot. "Prohibition in France does not mean, as the word means in America, an absolutely dry France. It means the elimination of brandy, whiskey and other spirituous liquors which do so much damage to the peoples of any country. The proverbial French light wine will always remain. The fight against alcohol which the prohibition forces of France

FORTY PORTRAITS OF LOUIE XVI AMONG PRINTS SOLD

New York, March 29.—(United Press)—Fifty thousand dollars worth of portraits of the French Kings, soldiers and statesmen of revolutionary and Napoleonic times will be sold from the Frederic R. Halsey collection at the Anderson galleries here today. This sale is expected to bring the total proceeds from the Halsey collection sales to within a few thousand dollars of the half million mark; the greatest sale of its kind ever held. Included in the collection today are portraits by famous artists of the 17th and 18th centuries of Louie the 15th, of whom there are 40 poses, covering his career from his marriage to Marie Antoinette at 16 up through his trial, conviction and execution; 45 portraits of the famous daughter of Maria Theresa, portraits of the leaders of the reign of blood, including Calonne, Necker, Beaubarchais, Mirabeau, Marat, Parere, Couthon and five portraits of Charlotte Corday, the woman who murdered Marat in his bathtub, including the wonderful stipple from the drawing by Hauer, made when Corday was on trial before the tribunal. The Empress Josephine and the Empress Marie Louise also are represented.

ALLEGED BOMB CAR DRIVER ON TRIAL

San Francisco, March 29.—(United Press)—Israel Weinburg, jitney bus driver, went to trial here today on the charge of complicity in the suitcase dynamiting here during the Preparedness parade last July, which killed 10 persons and wounded 50. Weinburg is the third of the five persons indicted in connection with the case, to go to trial. The first two trials resulted in convictions. Thomas J. Mooney is under sentence of death and Warren K. Billings has been sentenced to life imprisonment. Mrs. Rena Mooney, wife of the convicted man, and Edward Nolan, former organizer of the machinists union, have not yet been tried. The part Weinburg is alleged to have played in the dynamite outrage is the transportation of the alleged conspirators to Steuart and Market streets, where the fatal bomb exploded. It was Weinburg's jitney bus, driven by Weinburg, which the prosecution asserts carried Mooney, Billings, Mrs. Mooney and "a man with a scraggly mustache" to that corner. Weinburg and Mrs. Mooney are alleged to have waited in the jitney bus while Mooney, Billings and the mysterious man planted the bomb.