

SIGN OF PROSPERITY

Postal Receipts of Oregon Show Marked Increase.

RECEIPTS AT LEADING CITIES

Portland, Baker City and Astoria Are at the Head of the List—Washington and Idaho Make Good Record.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 20.—With few exceptions, every Presidential postoffice in the Northwest, Oregon, Washington and Idaho, shows a marked gain in postal receipts for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1904.

The forthcoming annual report of the Auditor for the Postoffice Department gives the gross receipts of all Presidential offices during the year.

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TO SUPPLY ALL ARMY FORTS.

San Francisco Depot Will Furnish the Northwest. SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 20.—Quartermaster Major Devoil said today to a representative of the Associated Press that the orders he has just received from Washington regarding supplies for the Army will greatly increase the importance of the Army post in this city.

log those in the Philippines, which will doubtless also obtain their supplies here. The order applies only to clothing and equipment, which, however, are very important factors. The Army and Navy Register of October 15 says: "As posts in the various departments will hereafter be supplied from the depots at Philadelphia and San Francisco, and arrangements have been made for stocking these with such articles of clothing and equipment as may be needed, in addition to the supplies available, taking one year's allowance as the basis of the calculation."

SEATTLE IS PARALYZED.

Her Alaska and Philippine Business Will Be Lost. SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 20.—Seattle shipping circles and supply houses are paralyzed at the announcement from Washington, D. C., to the effect that the Army depots in the Western third of the United States, except at San Francisco, are to be closed.

Seattle interests are to combine, and an effort will be made to counteract the Senatorial indifference towards California, and have the order rescinded. The Chamber of Commerce will take it up without delay.

INCREASE IN MONEY ORDERS.

Business for the Last Fiscal Year Largest in Country's History. WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—The total number of money orders issued by this Government during the last fiscal year passed the \$9,000,000 mark, for the first time in history, as shown by the annual report of the superintendent of the money order system. The net revenue of the large order business was \$2,528,492, an increase of \$284,384, as compared with the previous fiscal year. The gross revenue was \$2,828,676, an increase of \$275,282.

Anti-Trust Law Being Tested.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—In the Supreme Court of the United States today the hearing of the case of the Western Union Telegraph Company vs. the Pennsylvania Railroad Company was concluded and the court took up the case of E. J. Smiley vs. the State of Kansas. This case raises the question of the constitutionality of the state anti-trust law, which Smiley is charged with violating by forming a pool to control the price of grain.

War Vessels Being Overhauled.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 20.—With the arrival of the battleship Massachusetts at the League Island navy yard, preparations were begun to repair the formidable squadron of war vessels at the navy yard so they can be mobilized next December. An officer of the navy yard said that by Christmas all of the vessels must be at Hampton Roads for winter maneuvers.

Two New Steamboat Inspectors.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—Captain Henry M. Seelye, of Boston, was appointed Inspector of Hulls today, and Theodore Sedro Woolley, of Seattle, was appointed Inspector of Boilers in the Steamboat Inspection Service at New York. These appointments are one of the results of the conclusion of the investigation of the Stoom disaster.

STATISTICS OF OREGON PENITENTIARY.

SALFEM, Or., Oct. 20.—(Special.)—The quarterly report of the State Penitentiary for the three months ending September 30 shows a decrease of two in the number of prisoners confined. At the close of the last quarter the number of convicts was 234. Since then 28 have been received and 26 discharged. One has been transferred to the asylum, leaving 232 now on the roll.

Well-Known Montana Attorney.

BUTTE, Mont., Oct. 20.—James Wade Forbis, one of the best-known attorneys in the Northwest, a member of the law firm of Forbis & Matteson, died at his home in this city at 8 o'clock this morning. The cause of death was a short but severe attack of pneumonia, which was taken suddenly and violently in Monday morning at 2 o'clock, and from the first little hope has been held by those in attendance.

Underwood Awarded Grand Prize.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Oct. 20.—(Special.)—The Underwood typewriter has again successfully demonstrated its superiority over all competitors by winning the grand prize at the St. Louis World's Fair.

CONVICTS ON ROAD WORK

GANG WILL REPAIR THOROUGHFARE TO REFORM SCHOOL.

Recent Rains Have Washed Out Grades Made in the Dry Summer Weather.

SALFEM, Or., Oct. 20.—(Special.)—A gang of 15 convicts and as many teams as can be spared from farm work will be put to work tomorrow completing the improvement of the Reform School road. The grading of this road was finished last Summer, but as the soil was dry it did not pack well. The recent rains partially washed down the grades in some places. The grades will be repaired and a surface coating of gravel put on and rolled, so as to give the road a solid surface that will withstand the winter rains.

HOOD RIVER TO GET TRADE.

Business Men Help Klickitat County Farmers to Build Road. HOOD RIVER, Or., Oct. 20.—(Special.)—Hood River business men propose to secure the greater part of the trade of Western Klickitat County that now goes to Portland, and have subscribed \$500 to assist the settlers of the Trout Lake and Canas Prairie country in constructing a wagon road down the White Salmon Valley. The farmers have themselves advanced \$1200 for this road, which will bring their settlement five miles nearer the Columbia river, and eliminate a 1000-foot grade.

COUNCIL MAY BUILD SEWER.

Hood River Remonstrants Have Law Against Them. HOOD RIVER, Or., Oct. 20.—(Special.)—After the passing of an ordinance providing for the construction of a sewer system in the City of Hood River, remonstrances began coming into the Council in such numbers that the services of an attorney were secured by the sewer committee to ascertain what authority the city lawmakers had in the matter. The opinion has been handed in that the City Council by a two-thirds vote may order the construction of a sewer system, if the health of the city demands it, and as a result of the property-owners favor the sewer or not.

END LIVES WITH GAS.

Former Minister and Young Woman Dead at Bay City. SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 20.—Rev. Charles G. Adams, formerly an Episcopal minister, but more recently a lawyer, committed suicide today by inhaling illuminating gas. About two weeks ago Adams was shot and killed by Dr. J. A. Jessup, an Oakland dentist. He was declared insane and sent to an asylum. After being released he began the practice of law. Despondent in the support of the case of the former minister, Adams committed suicide today by gas asphyxiation. She was the daughter of the late William M. Lent, a prominent lawyer, who died in the city on Monday last.

ADMITS HE IS MURDERER.

Frenchman Clubs Friend to Death as Result of Quarrel. GLENVIEW, Mont., Oct. 20.—Charles Comment, a Frenchman, was captured at Sheep Mountain today by a posse, which had been pursuing him since Monday, when the body of George C. Farrants, an English sheepman, was found at the latter's camp with the head crushed to an unrecognizable mass. Comment, when taken, admitted he was the murderer. He said he and Farrants had started on a trip together and quarreled. Farrants gave him a beating. When Farrants stooped over to spread his blanket for the night Comment clubbed him to death with a neckyoke.

Body of Pioneer Found in River.

SPRINGDALE, Mont., Oct. 20.—The body of Edward Forrest, an aged pioneer of Montana, was found in the Yellowstone River today. Forrest had been missing for some time, and it is supposed he fell into the river while fishing. He at one time possessed considerable wealth, having engaged in mining and ranching. He was the first Sheriff of Deer Lodge County.

Convicted Murderer Goes Free.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 20.—William B. Kennedy, the colored man who was convicted of murder in the first degree for firing the shot that killed Policeman Eugene Robertson, June 21, 1902, was today discharged from custody by Judge Lawlor. A motion for a new trial of the case had been granted by the Supreme Court on the ground of insufficiency of evidence.

Funeral of Charles M. Johnson.

CORNELLIS, Or., Oct. 20.—(Special.)—The remains of Charles M. Johnson, who died in Gaston Tuesday, were brought to Cornellis today for burial. The deceased was born in Galatia, Saline County, Ill., May 5, 1834. He was

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Advertisement for EVERYBODY'S MAGAZINE. Includes text: 'In EVERYBODY'S MAGAZINE for November MR. THOS. W. LAWSON tells how George Westinghouse, a world giant, fought the "System" to a standstill, and how President Roosevelt kicked "Standard Oil" out of the White House. The description of his meeting with Henry H. Rogers deserves a place in literature. We wish you to compare the November EVERYBODY'S with any magazine published. Read HALL CAINE'S greatest Story "THE PRODIGAL SON." Read in "NEW FIGHTING MACHINES" how Americans are supreme in devilish ingenuity. Read EUGENE WOOD'S joyous satire full of sense on "IS BATHING GOOD FOR US?" Look at the beautiful sketches of Washington by VERNON HOWE BAILEY. Read the bright short story, "SOUVENIR NIGHT," of a bachelor destroying the souvenirs of his many courtships before his wedding day. Look at the stage beauties and the portraits of the people who are doing interesting things. Read "Straight Talk," edited by our readers. Read our modest department "With Everybody's Publishers." Read the short stories by HARTLEY DAVIS and "CHE BUONO." Read—well, read the whole magazine and you will find it the best general magazine in the world, with MR. LAWSON'S article thrown in for good measure. The Publishers of EVERYBODY'S MAGAZINE take this method of expressing their sincere gratitude to the public for the wonderful appreciation with which their efforts have been rewarded. The November number of EVERYBODY'S MAGAZINE, out October 20, is sold on all news stands unless sold out.'