RATED FIRST CLASS

Portland Postoffice First in Northwest.

WAGE INCREASE FOLLOWS

This City Now Ranks With San Francisco and Los Angeles as the Third First Class Office on Coast.

News came from Washington yesterday in the form of an Associated Press dispatch to the effect that the salary of Postmaster John Minto had been increased from $3800 a year to $5000, indicating that the local Postoffice had been raised to a first-class position.

Mr. Minto had not been apprised of the situation yesterday through any other source than the press dispatch, consequently he was unable to give any verification, and until he has received official notification he did not feel in a position to offer any suggestions.

In case the local office has been raised to one of the first-class it will be an achievement that speaks volumes for the business transactions of this city, as all such increases are made on the basis of actual transactions throughout the year. San Francisco and Los Angeles are the only other offices on the Pacific Coast occupying this relationship, as Seattle fell between $17,000 and $18,000 behind the required sales of stamps and other materials to entitle that city to any such classification, while it is known that Portland lacked less than $1600 at the close of business Saturday, March 31, the last day upon which the computation could be made.

What Induces Rating.

In view of the fact that on the following Monday, or two days later, one firm purchased $2000 worth of stamps, and within a week more than $6000 in excess of the required amount had been sold, it is believed the Postoffice Department took this phase of the situation into consideration in making up the estimates upon which to place Portland in the first rank.

Yearly sales are counted from April 1 to March 31 of each year in the regulation of salaries, although the fiscal year does not really begin until July 1. All these facts may have had weight in determining the Washington postal authorities in the matter, especially since the business of the local office for June bids fair greatly to exceed the transactions for the same period last year.

In order to attain a first-class standing it is necessary for the sales to aggregate at least $500,000 a year. Those of Portland up to March 31 amounted to $498,404.77, and subsequent business shows a continued corresponding increase.

Assistant Postmaster Raised.

The salary of the assistant postmaster will also be increased in the same ratio with that of the postmaster, J. J. Shipley being thus entitled to $2500 a year instead of $1900, or one-half the compensation received by his chief. In addition any increase in rating carries with it an increase of clerks, with the possibility of a cashier and assistant cashier instead of a finance clerk. An assistant superintendent in the money order department as well as an additional assistant superintendent of city delivery are said also to accompany the new rating.

Other cities of Oregon affected by increase in salaries are: Condon, $1300 to $1500; Corvallis, $1900 to $2000; Grant's Pass, $2000 to $2100; Hillsboro, $1500 to $1600; La Grande, $2200 to $2300; McMinnville, $1800 to $1900; Salem, $2700 to $2800.

FIGHT FOR TIMBER CLAIMS

Husband and Daughter at Law Over the Estate.

The transcript on appeal of the contested petition for the sale of a valuable timber claim, in Tillamook County, belonging to the estate of the late Mary Burch, bringing the case up from the County Court to the State Circuit Court, was filed with the Clerk of the latter tribunal yesterday afternoon.

This case has been in the Probate and County Courts for the past two years and has excited a great deal of interest on account of the tenacious manner in which it is being followed up by the contestants. It was appealed from the County Court and the decision of Judge L. R. Webster, May 11, 1906, from an order disallowing the claim of Robert Burch, husband of the deceased, against the estate in the sum of $450 and the denial of the petition of Malcolm Dobie, guardian of the estate, for permission to sell the property to satisfy the claim of the husband.

The value of the estate is appraised at $1000, but it consists of a timber claim of 320 acres, easily worth $3500, and the claim of the husband is based upon the contention that he lent his wife, or furnished her with, the money to locate upon the claim. The claim is contested, however, by the daughter, Gertrude Burch, aged 17, by her guardian, C. W. Miller, on the ground that the husband and father had no valid claim against the estate, and that the $450 demanded was a bona fide gift from the husband to his wife in consideration for her signature to a deed for the sale of the homestead property, located in Minnesota, which the former desired to sell, but could not without the wife's signature. The husband and father resides at Hot Springs, Arkansas. The only other heir is a son, Francis P., aged 14, residing at Anoka, Minnesota.

CUTS THROAT WITH RAZOR

G. M. Frasure, Victim of Melancholy, Commits Suicide.

F. M. Frasure, home address unknown, committed suicide in his room at the California house, Third and Davis streets, early yesterday morning. Cutting his throat with a razor from ear to ear he hung out a window and awaited the end. It is thought he did this to prevent the carpets from being ruined.

A patrolman saw the ghastly stream of blood that trickled nearly to the sidewalk. He hurried upstairs and drew the wounded man to a bed. Life was not yet extinct and an ambulance was called and Frasure taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital. Here he died shortly before noon. The body was removed to Finley's undertaking establishment. Coroner Finley made an investigation. He found that the man's act was induced by melancholy superinduced by illness. Frasure lost his power of speech several months ago and has been despondent ever since. It is thought he comes here from Pendleton, as orders for money on a Pendleton bank were found in his possession.

Neuhausen Buys a Home.

Thomas B. Neuhausen and wife have purchased from Charles L. Boss, retail manager of the Moline-Bain Company, of this city, the latter's residence at the northwest corner of Hancock and East Fifteenth streets. The lot has a frontage of 100 feet on Hancock street, and 50 feet on East Fifteenth. The price, $4800, is considered very reasonable, and Mr. Neuhausen is congratulating himself on his bargain, as a handsome two-story and basement seven-room cottage adorns the premises, and its location makes it particularly desirable.

This purchase by Mr. Neuhausen, who is special inspector of the Interior Department, would seem to indicate that there are no immediate prospects of his leaving Portland. He has been quite active in the prosecution of the land fraud cases and is vested with one of the most responsible positions within the gift of the Secretary of the Interior.

LONGWORTHS REACH KIEL

Cheers and Bouquets Express Welcome of Germans.

KIEL, June 23.—Several hundred people assembled at the railroad station today to cheer Congressman Longworth and Mrs. Longworth on their arrival from London. Lieutenant-Commander William L. Howard, the American naval attache representing the Embassy at Berlin, and Frederick W. Whitridge, who was the special Ambassador of the United States at the wedding of King Alfonso and Queen Victoria of Spain, an old acquaintance, met them at the station, where Mr. and Mrs. Longworth were escorted to the imperial waiting-room so as to escape the attentions of the crowds. Later they entered a carriage stationed at the private entrance, but the spectators soon perceived this, streamed around the building, and cheered the Americans.

As they drove off, a loud voice called out in English, "Welcome to Kiel," a woman threw a bouquet which Mrs. Longworth smilingly caught, while Mr. Longworth lifted his hat in acknowledgement of the gift. The travelers were driven to a small hotel standing in the yacht club grounds, and overlooking the bay. The Stars and Stripes flew from a mast in front of the hotel, and the manager tried to get a band to play "The Star-Spangled Banner," but no musicians were available. Some of the guests of the hotel assembled on the veranda, and a number of photographers were busy from the moment Mr. and Mrs. Longworth came in sight until they vanished within the hotel, where they have the best rooms in the house, with a private veranda and a sea view.

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WANTS ANOTHER ATTORNEY

Murderer Blodgett Says Lord Has Not Perfected His Appeal.

Although the time for filing a bill of exceptions in the case of George Blodgett, sentenced to hang at Salem next Friday, has expired, it is quite probable that the defendant will appear in court by another attorney Monday morning and ask for an extension of time in order that he may perfect his appeal from the decision of Judge George, of the State Circuit Court, to the Supreme Court.

The defendant claims that his present attorney, Charles F. Lord, has not been to consult him since the day of his conviction and sentence, and Deputy District Attorney G. C. Moser appeared before Judge George yesterday morning and stated that if Attorney Lord did not appear for his client Monday morning, he would ask for the appointment of another attorney in order that justice might be done and the defendant be given a fair show for his life.

Blodgett, who has been confined in the County Jail ever since and even before his trial and conviction, claims that Lord was paid an advance fee of $250 to defend him and was given an additional fee of $150 to carry his case up on appeal, but his attorney has not been seen by him since, although he has sent for him repeatedly. He now says that more funds have been raised to make his defense and he proposes to fight for his life until the very last.

Bailiff Humphrey's Vacation.

"Uncle George" Humphrey, who has been bailiff of the Federal Courts for more than a decade, and who probably enjoys a more extensive general acquaintance than any person in Oregon, left last night for St. Martins Springs, a resort located at Carson, Wash., where he will remain until July 1. Although well past the allotted three score years and ten of existence, "Uncle George" still retains many youthful characteristics and places a great deal of reliance in the invigorating qualities of the waters of the springs where he intends to stay all this week.

Arrested for Speeding Automobile.

Guy Lambert, an automobilist, got a little too speedy on East Stark street yesterday. Patrolman Adams calculated the machine was going 30 miles an hour. He got the number of the automobile, and later Lambert was arrested on a warrant charging him with exceeding the speed limit. He put up $50 bail and was released.

Temperature Rises to 86 Degrees.

Summer has begun in earnest, as yesterday the thermometer registered a maximum temperature of 86 degrees. The warm wind whihc was blowing all day made the weather seem a little hotter than it really was, but, despite this, it was not hot enough to be disagreeable. The warm wave brought out a flood of straw hats and tan shoes, awnings were lowered, doors were fastened open, and Portland donned its Summer attire. The indications are that the warm weather will continue.

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SUMMER SCHOOL

Holmes Business College in New Quarters, 10th and Washington Sts., Offers instruction to Both Teacher and Pupil, Beginning June 25.

The Holmes Business College has removed to its splendid new quarters, corner Tenth and Washington streets, and now occupies the entire top floor of the new, modern Fleidner building. The Summer School session opens June 25 and will continue for six weeks.

The Summer School offers a six weeks' course in all the branches taught in both the grammar and high-school grades. Thorough knowledge of the course of study in Portland and schools in the vicinity enables the faculty of the Holmes Business College, with the addition of Prof. E. Hadley, Principal of Holladay School; Prof. L. R. Alderman, Superintendent of Yamhill County schools, and Mrs. J. E. Burnham, of Couch School, to adapt instruction exactly to the needs of teachers preparing for the August County Examinations or State Examination, or to students who may have fallen behind in classes or who from sickness or other cause have been compelled to miss regular attendance. Instruction in commercial branches is also offered, as it is the year around.

Prof. E. J. Hadley, the principal of Holladay School, is an excellent instructor. He is a graduate of the Monmouth State Normal School and taught in that institution for two years; was also a student of Central College, Indiana. Mr. Hadley has been teaching for 20 years and is considered one of the best principals of the Portland schools.

Prof. L. R. Alderman is the County Superintendent of Yamhill County and is considered one of the most progressive superintendents in Oregon. He is a graduate of the State University and was for a number of years principal of the public schools of McMinnville. Prof. Alderman knows just what teachers need and is always glad to advise as well as to teach.

Mrs. Eugenia H. Taggart is well known to many of the teachers. The many expressions, both written and oral, that have been received regarding the helpfulness of the instruction given by Mrs. Taggart in the Summer School the last two years, more than justify the securing of her services for the Summer School of 1906. Mrs. Taggart has the degree of Ph. B. from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and has been a successful high-school teacher for a number of years.

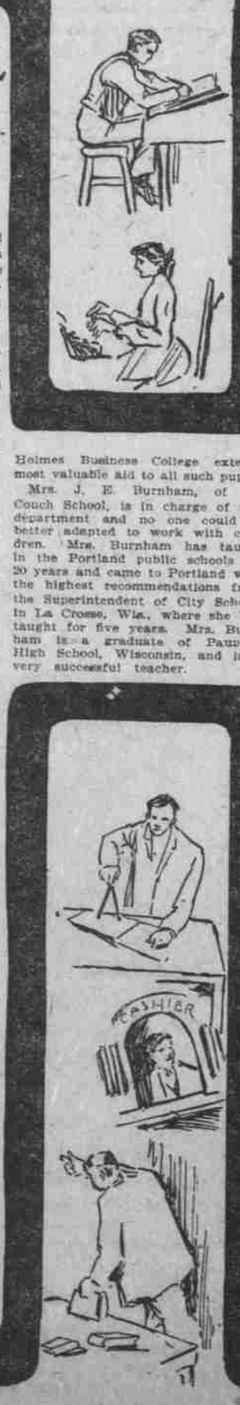
TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS.

Reviews in all the branches required for the County and State Examinations will be offered during the Summer's session. The best instructors obtainable have been secured and they all come from the schoolroom with the highest recommendations as to scholarly attainments and professional skill.

PUPILS BROUGHT UP TO GRADE.

A pupil of the grammar grade who fails to clearly understand any portion of a study on account of missing recitations from any cause, is greatly handicapped by being dragged on with a class from step to step before he is really prepared. The Summer School of the Holmes Business College extends most valuable aid to all such pupils.

Mrs. J. E. Burnham, of the Couch School, is in charge of this department and no one could be better adapted to work with children. Mrs. Burnham has taught in the Portland public schools for 20 years and came to Portland with the highest recommendations from the Superintendent of City Schools in La Crosse, Wis., where she had taught for five years. Mrs. Burnham is a graduate of Pawnee High School, Wisconsin, and is a very successful teacher.



EQUIPMENT THOROUGHLY MODERN.

The equipment of the Holmes Business College is patterned exactly after the fittings of the Metropolitan Business College, of Chicago, one of the largest and finest colleges in the world. The desks are of the individual type, large and comfortable, and each is supplied with a book-rack and filing case, which makes it as convenient as an office roll-top.

The new Holmes Business College will accommodate 400 pupils without crowding or inconvenience. Each student has a roomy locker with hooks for coats and shelves for books, etc. There is running water in several rooms and the plumbing, light fixtures and elevator are of the most modern and approved type.

IDEAL FOR SUMMER STUDY.

The ceilings are high, the windows broad and numerous. Stairway fire-escapes on two sides of the building make it entirely safe.

The view from the windows of the College is most inspiring. The east frontage on Tenth street gives a splendid glimpse of Mount Hood, Mount Adams and Mount St. Helens, while the outlook on the south and west takes in Portland and Willamette Heights in one vast panorama.

A more ideal place for Summer study could not be imagined. The building is just far enough away from the busy centers of town to avoid the dust and noise, yet near enough to be available in a three minutes' walk from all the principal stores and banks. The air is always sweet and pure and the ample window spaces on four sides of the classrooms, together with the altitude above the hot pavements, make the rooms delightfully cool and airy.

MANY PUPILS ENROLLED.

Mrs. G. Holmes Lawrence, President of the College, expresses herself as being much gratified by the early enrollment for the Summer School.

"We already have a large number of applications," said Mrs. Lawrence, "from teachers and pupils of both grammar and high-school grades, who have enrolled for the six weeks' Summer course. It is surprising the number of teachers who are relinquishing educational work and engaging in business life, or preparing to teach business branches."

SHORTHAND VALUABLE.

Students who are preparing to enter college this Fall should add shorthand to their course, for it is such a valuable aid in taking notes of lectures. With the Gregg system of shorthand one can gain sufficient knowledge during the vacation time to be of real value in taking notes. Stenography not only helps them greatly through their college course, but proves of inestimable value to them in the active discharge of their duties after graduation.

FINE EQUIPMENT.

The Holmes Business College, which now occupies a floor space of 10,000 square feet, is equipped with every adjunct of a successful and thorough institution. Desks, books, bank fixtures, typewriting machines, forms, filing cabinets and systems are of the best and most modern make. Pure air, perfect light, inspiring scenery, pleasant surroundings and a competent corps of instructors combine to make the Holmes Business College not only a highly efficient institution, but a delightful one as well, in which to pursue a course of studies.

The ability to care for a larger number of pupils than formerly has enabled the management to make a surprisingly low rate for the Summer School session, which opens June 25. Information as to tuition and other details will be gladly given to any who will write or call for same.

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