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STEEL POSTAL CARS.

From designs of its own motive power engineers, the Southern Paelfic Company's Sacramento shops have just turned out the most advanced type of all-steel postal car. There is not a scrap of wood anywhere in the car except the window frames. From wheels to roof the car is of steel frame, floor, sides and

Besides cutting down the danger of telescoping and reducing deterioration to a minimum, the value of the all-steel postal car, the railroad officials say, is that it projects the entire train from the fire danger by interposing an unburnable barrier between the locomotive and the coaches. The additional safety secured to postal employes and the contents of the car is another important advantage.

In the new Southern Pacific postal car the main feature of the lower frame are two massive twelve-inch I-beams that weigh 3114 pounds per foot. It is mainly due to these beams that the steel car can withstand over 200 per cent, more shock than an ordinary car with wooden courses of corrugated steel forms the

Inside the car is lined with asbestos, while the ceiling, like the outside and the roof, is of steel plates. In every direction the car is strongly braced, and to take up heavy shocks on the end frame a steel plate twenty inches wide is riveted across the top framing. The whole car is so completely bound together that the most severe shock might possibly buckle the entire framing, but could not telescope the

Electric lighting and steam heating automatically regulated add still further to the fireproof qualities of the car. All the fittings, racks and apparatus used in handling the mails are of steel or brass.

CUT RATE CLOTHING.

Over Pendleton way Ike Kahn and Mr. Moses, competing clothiers, are entangled in a cut-price fight on overalls. From 65 cents that article of male apparel has dropped to several degrees below the zero mark. Neither firm will "give quarter," and in the meantime all Pendleton is stocking up with an over abundant supply of overalls. It is apparent that both Mr. Kahn and Mr. Moses are going to lose several dollars in order to demonstrate-what?

OUR PRODUCTS.

One of the Portland papers commented the other day on the large amount of Coos Bay cream that is being shipped into the Rose City of late. A few days later the Morning Oregonian, Astoria, printed an article on the same subject. There is no question but that our products are slowly but surety attaining a position of prominence along the Pa-cific coast. The name Coos Bay is Calif. First National Bank Pertland Or. First becoming synonimous of lumber, coat and dairy products. Though the fact that this country has had these resources has always been more or less known, it has remained for the growth an dexpansion of the coast to accentuate and place them forcibly \$5 a year. before the people.

AN "ACTUAL" SETTLER.

Salem, Ore. Many inquiries are being made concerning the meaning of the term "actual settler," as used in the land grant to the California & Oregan Railroad Company. According to Judge Ballinger's opinion the construction of that term will devolve upon the courts, since the matter has passed out of the hands of the administrative department of the Government, unless a forfeiture is declared. Up to this time I had found no opinion of the courts made upon a similar case. I wrote to the General Land Office to find what authoritative construction that Department had made upon the term "act-

ual settler" and append the reply hereto. Whether the courts will follow this ruling in their opinion remains to be seen, as they are usually independent in the expression of opinion and in the construction of the W. C. HAWLEY.

Department of the Interior, General Land Office, Washington, D. C., May 15, 1907-Hon. W. C. Hawley, M. C., Salem, Ore.:

Sir .- In the case of the United States vs. Jones-10 L. D., 23-the the act of May 28, 1880 (21 stat. 143), which gives certain actual settlers the ridght to purchase lands in Entered at the postoffice at Marshfield, Ore- the Osage Indian reservation, in Kansas. It was held in said decision that the term "actual settler" refers to one who had made settlement on the land and followed same by resithe office in regard to the meaning of the term "actual settler," and the same ruling would hold good in regard to the construction of the term 'actual settler," when used in a grant to a railroad company.

(Signed) FRED, DENNETT, Assistant Commissioner.

KUROKUS VISIT.

Coneral Kuroki, the doughty Jap- Fors, Aug., anese commander who led the little Hall, J. A., brown men through the seige of Haggett, John, blood and rampage in the late Russo- Hansen, Miss Sylvia, Japan war, with a bravery that has Ingle, Mrs. E. Q. called forth world comment, met his Jokey, Mrs. Mary, Waterloo when the visited the Chicago stockyards recently and witnessed the killing of a porker. The adroit matter of fact manner in which the butcher plunged the long shining blade into the hog's throat produced a marked effect upon the dauntless Jap. Reports say that he quailed and shrank back involuntarily. It was probably not so much a feeling of pity for the hog as the fact that it was probably his first look into the mysteries of the greatest stockyards in the world. Any one who has witnessed the lightning manner in which live stock is transformed into canned beef and meat in the stockyards will make allowances for the General's temporary

LAND HOLDINGS.

Senator Bourne is now using his influence at Washington to break the grip of the land monopoly in Oregon. Monolith laid over two The Department of Justice has been investigating for some time the matter of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company's land holdings in Oregon,

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and the work will soon be taken up Lawler, Frank, again. Three million acres of land McDerby, F. E., are held by that company. Much of McDaniel, R. L., it is in Oregon and should be opened Marton, Mrs. Geo., up for settlement. It will be a won- Marsh, Mrs. Amy, derful boon to the State of Oregon when the land trust is compelled to Mitchell, C. C., disgorge its superfluity of holdings Mobile, Mrs. Hattie, and the acres thus secured are

turned over to the axe and the plow. Murchison, Capt., Every citizen in Coos county is in- Olson, Martin, terested in the outcome of the present land suits. The Oregon & Cali- Powley, Joseph. fornia Railroad Company holds Ray, Mrs. Albert, some of the best timber lands in Rice, O. C., this county, and under existing con- Safin, Mrs. Anna. ditions the land only acts as a detri- Scroggin, Charley, ment to retard its growth.

ADVICATES OD TACAL

List of unclaimed letters remain- Smith, R. C., ing in the Marshfield, Oregon, Post dence. This has been the ruling of Office June 1, 1907. Persons calling Ward, William, for the same will please say adver- Wilkison, Marion, tised and pay one cent for each advertised letter called for. Brown, W. L. Baker, Jess. Bradley, Earl V., Bell, Mrs. S. H., 2d.

> Carns, Archie, Chisholm, Earl,

Bowman, Mrs. J. F ..

Schuyler, Mrs. C. F., Scott, Elerado W., Stn few & Mitched. dorwood, Charles Viscil, W. H., Wilson, C. D.

W. B. CURTIS, Postmaster. Dogs and Musical Tones.

The capacity of dogs to distinguish musical tones has been made the subject of elaborate experiments by Dr. Otto Kalischer, of Berlin, and the results have just been published in the proceedings of the Berlin Academy of Sciences. Dr. Kalischer trained his dogs to pick up and eat morelss of meat set before them only when a certain note was sounded.

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