

FIRST NATIONAL BANK HAD PROSPEROUS YEAR

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Ashland was held on January 14, and the following directors were elected to serve for the ensuing year: E. V. Carter, C. H. Vaupel, J. W. McCoy, Geo. W. Dunn, W. H. McNair, Geo. W. Owen, Thos. H. Simpson, F. D. Wagner, Otto Winter.

The report of the cashier showed that, in addition to the enormous work handled by the bank in the way of Bond subscriptions, War Stamp sales, etc., the business of the institution had shown a healthy increase, and the earnings to be very satisfactory, especially in view of the fact that the return on many investments, by reason of the Government's demands, is somewhat low. The bank recognized the unusual conditions created by the war as they affect the income of employees, by the payment of a bonus of ten per cent of the total salary paid to each employee during the year.

The unusual success of the new Savings Department for the fourteen days it has been in operation, has con-

vinced the management of the bank that this department is going to be a very popular one, and that the demand for the department has been really greater than was anticipated.

The Board of Directors selected the following officers to serve for the ensuing year: E. V. Carter, President; C. H. Vaupel, Vice President; J. W. McCoy, Cashier; Clark Bush, H. C. Emery and H. C. Galey, Assistant Cashiers, the entire board and official staff having been re-elected. Miss Hazel Powell has been retained as bookkeeper and stenographer and, in line with the policy expressed at the beginning of the war, Mr. Gerald Wenner, who has recently been given his discharge from the army, has been notified that his old position with the bank is awaiting him, if he cares to return.

The success of an institution of this kind is of course, dependent on the support of the citizens in the surrounding district, and the First National Bank is to be congratulated on the maintenance of its lead in the business affairs of the community as a demonstration of the confidence in which its management is held.

OREGON SETTLEMENT PLAN HAS CAPTURED COUNTRY

The Oregon land settlement plan, which provides for the reclamation and purchase of lands for resale to soldiers and other desirable settlers, and which practically guarantees the success of the settler by supervision of the farm management department of the Oregon Agricultural College, is the first project of the kind ever attempted, according to H. D. Cudder, professor of farm management, who has just returned from Washington, D. C., where he received promise of favorable legislation on the plan.

"This plan of ours has captured everybody," he says. "We have been promised just the legislation we want—broad enough to provide for co-operation of the states with the federal government and permitting us to carry out our Oregon land settlement plan."

"Model farm management farms for settlers in every part of the state will be our program in future land settlement, and the federal legislation will provide the funds for reclamation and purchase of lands for resale to soldiers on the easy payment, low interest plan. We expect to get the necessary state legislation to go with this at the coming session."

"The authorities at Washington tell us that the application of the farm management idea to settlement is brand new and our model farm management farm is the first thing of the kind ever attempted. The office of farm management has promised us funds for both investigational and demonstration work in farm management in Oregon."



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There will be certain exemptions allowed, but this matter, as well as the new rates, has not yet been definitely determined.

On Savings Accounts

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STATE OFFICIAL DIED OF HEART FAILURE AT SALEM

John D. Sutherland, 61 years old and for 28 years chief cashier in the State Treasurer's office, died at his home in Salem, Sunday night of last week, of heart failure. He was sitting in a chair reading when he dropped over dead.

He was born in Canada, April 12, 1859. He started service under Phil Metschan in the Treasurer's office, being eight years under him, eight years under C. S. Moore, four years under George A. Steel and eight years under T. B. Kay. He could have been retained in his present capacity had he lived. His duties were in connection with work of the State Land Board.

Mr. Sutherland leaves his wife and two children, John D. Sutherland, of Portland, and Mrs. Spencer Schaefer of Los Angeles. His father, Donald Sutherland, 89 years, of Grants Pass, also is left, as are two sisters, Mrs. Phil Metschan, of Portland, and Mrs. Louise Whitney, of Ashland. There are three grandchildren, Donald and Billy Morrow Sutherland, of Portland, and Elizabeth Schaefer, of Los Angeles.

With one exception Mr. Sutherland was the oldest employe in the State House in point of years of service.

The aged father is spending the winter in Ashland at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Whitney. The State house was closed Tuesday to allow friends to attend the funeral.

TROOPS PAID AS THEY RETURN, SAYS REPORT

Despite serious difficulties due to lost records and insufficient data, payments are being made to troops as they arrive from overseas and "no casual or other enlisted man from overseas who has a legitimate claim for pay need go without funds," said a statement today by the finance division of the quartermaster corps. It has been charged in congress and elsewhere that soldiers were being returned to this country and discharged without having been given their pay.

"Finance officers are available," said the statement, "at every port of debarkation, at every cantonment, camp and headquarters, and at every hospital, and instructions are explicit that if a soldier has no papers he is to be given a partial payment on his own statement and final payment on his affidavit. In all cases so far as the record shows all discharged men are given their travel allowances, which, with reduction in railroad fares secured by the war department, insure a comfortable journey to their homes, while in most cases discharged men receive every penny which they claim is due them."

The division announced that to date a total of \$1,594,114,660 has been paid to officers', soldiers' and sailors' dependents since the declaration of war.

HILT, CALIFORNIA, ITEMS

T. L. Hunt was in Yreka last week. Dr. Lucas was in Yreka Saturday. David Whittle was at Hornbrook, Monday.

Fred Jassman is quite sick at his home with influenza.

Miss Bernice Warrens, sister of V. E. Warrens, is improving after a relapse from influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Stonehouse returned last week from a two months' vacation at San Francisco.

The public school is in session again after a two months' vacation on account of the influenza.

Mrs. M. W. Wagner is convalescing after a seige of influenza. She is now at her home in Medford.

Miss Laura Jassman came up from Montague Saturday and returned Sunday evening after a visit with her family.

Roy Holland has resumed his old position in the company store and D. H. McPherson has taken the work of cashier for the Fruit Growers Supply Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Muir have returned from a two weeks' stay in San Francisco. Miss Lucile Barber, who took Mr. Muir's place at the S. P. station, has gone to Delta, Cal.

Interesting January Prices On Dry Goods

Outing Flannel	Mercerized Damask
Regular 33 1-2c quality - 29c	70 inch, \$1.00 quality - 89c
Bleached Muslin	Mercerized Damask
36 inch, good quality - 22 1-2c	64 inch, 90c quality - 79c
Unbleached Muslin	Percalés
39 inches, Special - 19c	36 inch, worth 37 1-2c - 29c
Bleached Sheetings	Apron Gingham and Chavot Shirtings
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