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Now is the time

to deposit money in the Scandinavian-American Savings Bank to draw Six Months' Interest, July 1, 1908.

J. M. ANDERSON, CASHIER

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE **First National Bank** at Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, December 3, 1907.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts.....	\$75,771.64
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....	1,493.05
U. S. bonds to secure circulation.....	33,000.00
Premiums on U. S. bonds.....	1,220.00
Bonds, securities, etc.....	56,930.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents).....	58,111.75
Due from State Banks and bankers.....	31,314.00
Due from approved reserve agents.....	151,103.13
Checks and other cash items.....	1,000.98
Notes of other National Banks.....	220.00
Nickels and cents.....	315.26
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie.....	\$102,000
Legal-tender notes.....	15,192,015.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent circulation).....	1,650.00
Total.....	\$1,104,744.81

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in.....	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund.....	15,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	28,642.97
National Bank notes outstanding.....	32,850.00
Due to other National Banks.....	5,157.63
Individual deposit subject to check.....	\$695,330.40
Demand certificates of deposit.....	\$226,641.18
Certified checks.....	1,122.63
Total.....	\$1,104,744.81

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss. I, S. S. GORDON, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S. S. GORDON, Cashier.
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of December, 1907.
 V. BOELLING, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
 JACOB KAMM,
 G. C. FLAVEL,
 W. F. MCGREGOR,
 Directors.

Holiday Greeting:

The happy CHRISTMAS time is fast approaching and I take great pleasure in inviting you to inspect my new and well selected line of Diamonds, Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Solid Silver and plated ware, Cut Glass, Umbrellas, and Gold and Silver novelties. I have the largest and finest stock this year to select from that I have ever shown in Astoria. PRICES are RIGHT; QUALITY UNSURPASSED. Come early and make your selections. I will lay them away until you want them.

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 Sparkling Sec Dry—Fragrant, effervescent.
 Old Port—Tawny, rich, light and color.
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 Angelica—Soft, agreeable, full.
 Muscatel—Very fruity, sweet.

RED WINES
 Zinfandel—Clean, light table wine.
 Burgundy—Medium bodied, mellow.
 Sparkling Burgundy—Brilliant, pleasant.

WHITE WINES
 Riesling—Medium light table wine.
 Sauterne—Natural mellow, pronounced flavor.
 Chateau Yquem—Full bodied Creme of Sauternes.

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J. Q. A. BOWLEY, President. W. RANK PATTON, Cashier.
 O. I. PETERSON, Vice-President. J. W. GARNER, Assistant Cashier.

WEATHER.

- Western Oregon and Washington—Occasional light rain; southerly winds.
- Eastern Oregon and Washington, Northern Idaho—Partly cloudy; snow flurries.
- Southern Idaho—Fair.

"WHAT'S IN A NAME?"

The "Portland & Seattle Railway Company" is the style and title of that essentially new Hill transportation system with terminals at Spokane and Astoria, which, no where, on its four or five hundred miles of trackage, approaches Seattle by less than 150 miles of distance. This sets up an incongruity in its official style that is too conspicuous for comment, except to bolster our respectful suggestion that supplementary articles of incorporation be filed by its owners and the name be changed to conform to its route, its great depots and terminal.

They who gave the name to the road in its conception probably had excellent reason for the way in which it was framed up, but from the newer destiny of the line, and its avowed, and apparently confirmed, objects, it strikes us that a change is quite within the manifest play of events in this connection.

We do not hesitate to say that Astoria, as one of the terminals and perhaps its most important one, is anxious to figure in the change if any be made. We are proud of the fact that we are where we are and shall be glad if the world is given to know our relation to what will, unquestionably, be one of the famous railway systems of the country; and to this end, we have ventured to make the hint as plain as possible that Seattle can safely be cut from the title and the same changed so as to comprehend what really belongs to the line and is significant of its route and relation. We shall venture even a bit further and beg the privilege of intimating that "The Astoria, Portland & Spokane Railway," or "The Spokane, Portland & Astoria Railway," or "The Portland, Astoria & Spokane Railway," would apply much more amply and adequately in conveying to an interested public the real genius of the great road, and save world of time in future explanations of the existing and misleading nomenclature now prevailing. This, with all due respect to those who have the say-so in this important (to us) premise.

ANOTHER BALANCE NEEDED.

While the wisecracks of finance are at it, to wit: trying to arrange conditions so that equitable balances may be maintained in the currency, the reserves, the interest ratios, etc., etc., it would not be amiss if some genius should propound a system of harmonizing the raw discrepancies painfully notable as between the wage-scales and the price of ordinary commodities. They seem to have no trouble whatever in fixing pay-rolls to suit the "exigencies" of "trade" as they understand it, generally with a downward tendency, though not always; but the price of all those things that wages are supposed to buy maintain, as a rule, the top-notch estimate and are religiously held there, however much the rate of pay may fluctuate; and this to the constant and unjust hampering of the man who lives by his wage.

Of course we are told, with certitude, and complacency, that "the law of supply and demand must govern the prices attaching to all the staples on the market," etc., etc.; but this old flim-flam rule has about run its course, and common-sense and equity must find an acceptable substitute.

The demand for staple goods of every character in the realm of human use has not varied enough in years (except to increase immensely in conformity with

the increase of population) and has been subject only to the manipulation of the market-masters whose ratio of profit has been the crucial rule of every quotation made and followed. The need of the hour is a unified understanding and agreement among the people on this score and a determined policy of resistance, to break down the baldest and meanest theft on current records. It would take time to effect the change of spirit, but time is an asset in all measures of protection and the time is ripe for the experiment.

AN HISTORICAL FLIGHT.

On next Monday morning, while Astoria is still a slumber, there will emerge from the great land-heads of Hampton Roads, the magnificent fleet of American war vessels, 16 in number, and standing for the glory of the nation, bound for this coast, and incidentally, for this port, along with other havens that can accommodate it with safety and convenience. The flight of this splendid fleet, equipped, officered and manned, to perfection, will be an historical event the denizens of neither coast will forget, and the impression will be world-wide as well; for the significance of the voyage lies in its wonderful program of unification, power, manipulation and accomplishment, an open challenge to the warring earth, that America has her hand on the mastery of the seas and proves the claim, in the hour of peace, that it may not be forgotten in the hour of arbitration.

The Pacific Coast people will have a warm welcome for the white messengers of the nation's might and there will be doing while they linger out here. The popular right to behold this evidence of a great country's pride and strength should not be in the least abridged and every waterway of the Pacific should be graced by the fleet in its entirety. Astoria wants to see it, and probably will; and Portland, too, will assert a claim, and the Sound cities. So it is barely possible that "Fighting Bob" will have to make up a comprehensive itinerary for his beautiful machines of war that will keep him and his officers busy.

UNDER THE BAN.

While there are hundreds of its members utterly free from the dreadful reproach that now attaches to the Western Federation of Miners as an organization, the fact remains that it is under the ban of popular and well-founded detestation. Its records are abhorrent in so many particulars that it is, at last, impossible to absolve it even upon the most generous principle of forbearance. And before it can ever again hold justifiable place among the fraternities of the people, it must purge itself radically and openly and bravely. The ordinary citizen will have none of it; it is foul with wrong, injustice, intolerance, arson, murder and other unforgivable crimes too numerous to catalogue. That its original purposes were as normal and excellent as any other of the great labor organizations of America goes without saying, but these have been gradually subverted by the insane course of its administrators, until it is an offense in mind and memory; and it will remain so, until the good men on its rolls shall take over the reins of its progress, and revivify the cardinal merit that gave it birth and sustenance.

COFFEE

There is a time for good tea, and a time for good coffee; there is no time for poor either.

Your grocer returns your money if you don't like S. Hilling's Best; we pay him

WOULD AMEND LAW.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—So to amend the interstate commerce law as to enable and require the Federal Courts to recognize and apply the provisions of state statutes for the trial of interstate violations, is the object of a bill introduced today by Representative Sabath, of Illinois. The purpose as explained by the author of the bill is to obviate long delays in the conduct of interstate commerce cases by lack, or declared, of jurisdiction in the Federal courts. The punishment provided is for the first offense a fine of from \$1000 to \$5000, or imprisonment for not less than three months, nor more than five years, and upon subsequent continuation both shall be imposed.

Jeffreys Ellis is to open her London season in a play called "The Sugar Bowl." She ought to get some measure of sweet success out of a name like that. Leo Dietrichstein in his comedy, "Before and After," is making a tour of the country. During this season he is to appear in every important city in the country.

Millions of bottles of Foley's Honey and Tar have been sold without any person ever having experienced any other than beneficial results from its use for coughs, colds and lung troubles. This is because the genuine Foley's Honey and Tar in the yellow package contains no opiates or other harmful drugs. Guard your health by refusing any but the genuine. Sold by T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

Adelaide Prince has been engaged for an important role in "The Secret Orchard." It will be under the direction of Robert Hunter, Walter Bradford and Francis Reid.

Muscular Pains Cured.

"During the summer of 1903 I was troubled with muscular pains in the instep of my foot," says Mr. S. Pedlar, of Toronto, Ont. "At times it was so painful I could hardly walk. Chamberlain's Pain Balm was recommended to me, so I tried it and was completely cured by one small bottle. I have since recommended it to several of my friends, all of whom speak highly of it." For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

Exports for the year 1907 will probably be increased in value fully \$136,000,000. This would mean more gold for this country, if the wealthy Americans could be kept at home next season.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY
 Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

Again we are promised from Omaha that foodstuffs will decline in price. After the last promise of this sort the advance was only 10 per cent.

Some men think they are full of faith because they are so fearful that the omnipotent cannot take care of himself.

There is not a little comfort in remembering that the man who poses as an angel goes to join them shortly.

Too much business makes a man cranky and too little makes him worry.

The abuse of worship as an end does not prevent its value as a help.

CASTORIA
 For Infants and Children.
 The Kind You Have Always Bought
 Bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Galt*

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE **Astoria National Bank** at Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, December 3, 1907.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts.....	\$428,212.26
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....	5,561.96
U. S. bonds to secure circulation.....	17,500.00
U. S. bonds to secure U. S. deposits.....	50,000.00
Premiums on U. S. bonds.....	2,875.00
Bonds, securities, etc.....	62,147.48
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures.....	4,340.75
Other real estate owned.....	8,233.41
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents).....	5,157.63
Due from State Banks and Bankers.....	17,226.00
Due from approved reserve agents.....	150,319.59
Checks and other cash items.....	2,547.82
Clearing house certificates.....	6,090.00
Notes of other National Banks.....	885.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents.....	1,289.27
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie.....	\$132,582
Legal-tender notes.....	17,096,149,648.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent circulation).....	875.00
Total.....	\$613,509.17

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus fund.....	50,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	15,338.57
National Bank notes outstanding.....	17,500.00
Due to State Banks and Bankers.....	2,277.42
Due to approved reserve agents.....	996.39
Individual deposits subject to check.....	\$398,200.70
Demand certificates of deposit.....	\$ 58,049.75
Time certificates of deposit.....	\$390,966.34
Certified checks.....	180.00
U. S. deposits.....	50,000.00
Total.....	\$613,509.17

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss. I, J. E. HIGGINS, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. E. HIGGINS, Cashier.
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of December, 1907.
 GEO. C. FULTON, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
 GEO. H. GEORGE,
 GEORGE W. WARREN,
 L. MANSUR,
 Directors.

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