

BANK'S MONEY HANDLED LIKE GRAINS OF SAND

Order of Washington Borrowed at Will Without Security Under Agreement to Repay in Monthly Payments — Latter Were Never Made.

With a record of but \$1,350 paid off in a year's time the two notes of the Order of Washington, held by the Oregon Trust and Savings bank, amounting to \$23,898, stand as another monument to the financial judgment of Cashier W. Cropper Morris of the institution.

Secretary J. L. Mitchell of the Order of Washington, declared this morning he was positive that his society would be able to pay off the notes within a year. The stonewall with which payments were met before the failure of the bank, however, does not speak well for the value of the business.

So far as Receiver Devlin knows there is no security for the account of the fraternal order. Former President Moore of the bank said that he knew of no security for the amount. Mr. Morris, however, cited 320 acres of land in Curry county, value unknown, which had been given as security by the officers of the order.

Secretary Mitchell declares that in addition to this tract of 320 acres, which apparently has not been turned over to the receiver, the order's account was secured by a daily report of receipts and disbursements of the order to be made to Mr. Morris.

"There is no doubt about that account being good," said Secretary Mitchell, "because every member of the order becomes a debtor with the order itself in those notes."

Little of Principal Paid.
"It is this way—when a man joins the Order of Washington he signs a promissory note agreeing to pay the amount of his initiation fees in 12 monthly installments. Now we hold these notes and they are good collateral for the notes of the order held by the receiver of the bank."

"Also, if we should go out of business any one of a number of other fraternal orders would be anxious to assume our liabilities including the notes held by the bank. If our debt to the bank was \$100,000 we still would encounter no difficulty in finding another order ready to assume it if it could take over our membership."

The notes in question were given to the bank in 1905. Both have since been renewed, one on June 25, 1906, for \$23,850, payable on demand with interest at 6 per cent; the other renewed on August 25, 1907, for \$23,000, payable one day after date, with interest at 8 per cent. This note was renewed a few days before the failure of the bank and nothing had been paid on it either the way of interest or payments on the principal.

The payments made on the larger note were: July 16, 1906, \$14.25 interest; August 10, 1906, \$50.00 principal, \$14.25 interest; October 14, 1906, \$250.00 principal, \$14.25 interest; November 12, 1906, \$250.00 principal, \$18.75 interest; December 5, 1906, \$250.00 principal, \$14.25 interest; January 8, 1907, \$14.25 interest; February 5, 1907, \$14.25 interest; March 8, 1907, \$14.25 interest.

This statement of payments is especially interesting because it was

agreed by Mr. Morris as cashier of the bank and in his dual role as vice-president of the Order of Washington, that the order would make monthly payments on the notes of not less than \$500, together with the interest.

A third note was also given by the executive officers of the order for \$500, and since the failure of the bank \$400 of this has been paid. This note was secured by the officers on their own responsibility. It is said that it was used to settle a claim of \$500 against the order held by F. A. McPherson, formerly connected with the Order of Lions, which was absorbed by the Order of Washington.

The Order of Washington is a fraternal benefit insurance society, paying benefits of \$50 a month or life and accident policies. During the summer of 1905 and part of 1906 Mr. Morris of the Oregon Trust & Savings bank acted as vice-president of the organization and practically attended to all the financial details of its management.

Payments Became Due.
"A year ago we found ourselves in a tight position," said Grand Secretary Mitchell, in explaining the nature of the loans made the order by the bank.

"We had sustained some heavy expenses and needed money to pay claims and benefits that were falling due, so we borrowed the amount needed from the Oregon Trust & Savings bank. About this time the San Francisco disaster occurred and we had been spending a great deal of money in San Francisco, Oakland, Alameda and Berkeley to establish ourselves there."

"We had two death claims to pay and many accident and sick benefits. Then we had to allow our members eight months free membership there because of their sufferings and hardships. Our revenues from San Francisco had been \$900 a month, but they dwindled to nothing after the earthquake."

"Also we were put to great expense by establishing new agencies in a number of eastern states. We are now operating in Texas, California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Kentucky. Most of these eastern agencies were established in the last year and had put us to a great deal of expense. For instance, we had to make deposits in many states amounting as much as our largest policy—\$2,000."

"We figure that our expenses are about \$4,500 or \$4,800 a month. Our liabilities are represented by the notes held by the bank and by the claims against us for policies. On the other hand we believe our assets to be \$200,000. The national society of fraternal orders averages each member as representing \$20 to the national association. With our 9,000 active members we represent \$216,000, on an average. And with many of these members anxious to stand an extra assessment in order to pay off our notes to the bank, I think they are as good as any securities held by the receiver."

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MAIL SERVICE HERE BETTER THAN IN EAST

Portland Delegate to Convention in Canton Sees Vast Difference.

Portland is far ahead of many principal cities of the United States in the prompt delivery of mail, according to Fred P. Holm, who has just returned from a tour of the east while attending to the annual convention of the National Association of Letter-Carriers, held at Canton, Ohio, September 2-7. Mr. Holm was the delegate from Oregon, and while away took the opportunity to observe the carrier service of eastern cities.

Despite the fact, said J. Holm, that Portland has a smaller number of carriers pro rata to population than many of the eastern cities, the Rose City enjoys a better carrier service. He said that it had been the work of the convention to investigate methods of various offices with a view of improving the service, and believes that much good will result from the discussions in the convention hall.

There were 1,304 delegates in attendance, and the leading address was made by First Assistant Postmaster-General Frank H. Hitchcock, who made a favorable impression upon the delegates by his earnest speech outlining improvements in their welfare. One of the most important subjects taken up by the convention was the care of superannuated carriers. Although the subject was thoroughly discussed, no definite action was taken in arranging the pensioning of old employees.

In the new official list the name of J. S. Reark appears as the representative of Oregon. Mr. Reark was elected to serve on the committee on constitution and law. Mrs. Frank Kelly of Portland was chosen national vice-president of the ladies' auxiliary. The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: President, W. E. Kelly, Brooklyn, New York; vice-president, E. J. Gainer, Muncie, Indiana; secretary, E. J. Cantwell, Brooklyn, New York; treasurer, J. F. Monger, Chicago.

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he challenges any person to contradict him. As he puts it:

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LECTURER SAYS INSIDE OF EARTH HAS PEOPLE, SUN, MOON AND STARS

"Why the North Pole Can Never Be Found" is the theme of a subject which C. A. Linn, formerly connected with the Coast Realty company of this city, lectures upon wherever and whenever he can. Principally Mr. Linn does his talking on the streets of Portland. He has a crudely hand-painted chart of the earth, showing the convex and concave portions.

He attaches his chart to the nearest telegraph pole whenever the spirit moves him, mounts a soap box and with an improvised pointer wades right into his subject. Invariably he attracts a crowd. He concludes his talk in from 10 to 15 minutes, and at the conclusion he challenges any in his audience to ask him any questions upon his subject he cannot answer.

"I have never been able to find any person who could stump me yet," said Mr. Linn.

In brief Linn's idea is that the earth is inhabited on the inside as well as on the surface. He contends that the earth upon which we live is a shell. Shooting stars he contends are simply meteors caused by force of gravity from the interior.

The crust of the earth, he figures out

is 1,000 miles thick. The north and south pole he believes to be mythical. He calls the points holes in the earth and when explorers go north to find the objective point he contends that as they approach what should be the pole they are in reality entering the interior of the earth. The northern lights, or aurora borealis he argues is nothing more than the reflection of the sun's rays, for his contention is that the interior of the earth houses a sun, moon and moonlight.

Disappearance of salmon at stated periods of the year, he contends, means that the fish seek the interior of the earth. Certain South American birds and animals do likewise, he asserts. Tides, he holds, are controlled by three, and not two gravities. The third gravity is brought about, he asserts, through the force which revolves the earth and at the same time keeps the interior sun and moon apart. The interior sun, he contends, is kept heated by the feeding twice a year of the exterior sun.

Linn studied navigation under the ablest teachers in the United States, among them several Arctic and Antarctic explorers. He claims for his theory little that is entirely new, but

EAST SIDE LIBRARY PLANS COMPLETED

Improvement Club Makes Arrangements to Collect Building Fund.

Preliminary steps were taken last night by the East Side Improvement association toward raising the funds necessary to build the east side branch of the Portland public library for which a quarter block has been donated at East Eleventh and East Alder streets by a member of the board of directors of the Portland library association. It was thought by a majority of the members

of the East Side Improvement association that \$25,000 will be sufficient to build a suitable home. It was decided to divide the east side into 20 districts which are to be canvassed for subscriptions. The building and supply of books will be furnished by the library association from the funds secured from the special library tax levy. That the opportunity for securing a library centrally located would perhaps never be better, the East Side Improvement association is confident and ready to make every effort to get the funds.

A protest was made regarding the condition of the intersection at Grand avenue and East Morrison street. The intersection has long been in a poor condition and teamsters have wrecked their wagons while endeavoring to cross with a load. The matter will be brought to the attention of Manager Fuller by the association.

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DEMAND FORFEIT FROM BONDSMEN

Bondsmen for Contractors Youngferd & Son, who deserted their contract for building the city hall at St. Johns when the building was nearly finished, will be asked to forfeit \$10 a day for each day between January 1 and April 11. It is argued by City Attorney Greene of St. Johns that the contract called for the completion of the building by January 1, 1907, or a forfeit of \$10 a day for each day following that date until the building should be completed.

At a meeting of the city council last night an instruction was issued to the attorney to draw up an ordinance to cover this forfeiture, to be presented at a subsequent meeting. There will probably be some objection to the payment of this forfeit and litigation will undoubtedly follow.

The office of Councilman W. C. Francis, only recently elected to fill a vacancy, was declared vacant again last night on account of the removal of the

councilmen to another city. The vacancy will be filled at the next regular meeting. The gas franchise was read for the second time, but cannot reach its final reading until October 15, under the present charter of St. Johns. The city attorney was instructed to draw up an ordinance prohibiting minors from frequenting saloons.

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