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NO MORE SYNDICATES.

One of the latest financial schemes, it is said will be proposed to the general government at Washington, to turn the operating of the Postal Department over to a syndicate of capitalists, on condition that the Government shall go out of the postal business.

Under the present system merchandise, advertising and like matter is being carried through the mails at the expense of every person in the country, so long as a deficit exists.

The letter mail being the most important and of a class that every person is equally interested in more than in any other matter admitted to the mails, would it not seem that favor should be made in regard to reduced rates on letters, and postage raised on less important matter, which burden the mail service, and tend to create the so-called deficiency?

It must be considered that the Government carries the mail to remote pioneer districts at a loss, where it would be difficult to cause a syndicate to convey the postal service until they could obtain a revenue from the new territory sufficient to yield a profit.

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ey out of the postal service, if abuses were corrected, so as to require waste matter, merchandise and other similar things going through the mails, to pay proper increased rates.

The Government should go out of the merchandise business and eliminate it from the mails. There is no reason why letter mail, the most important of all matter, should pay 32 cents per pound, while merchandise is required to pay only 16 cents per pound.

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EUGENE MASS MEETING.

And Some of the Things to be Discussed.

Bankruptcy confronts dozens of millmen unless the car shortage be relieved within thirty days.

Conditions in the Willamette valley are rapidly approaching a serious commercial climax and the crisis is not far distant.

At least six mills have already shut down and all the other lumber plants of the valley are working on half time. Hundreds of men are out of employment, and their number will be increased to several thousand by the first of January unless the Southern Pacific comes to the rescue—of which there is now no immediate prospect.

By Jan. 1st, 1907, unless the cars arrive as needed, the Willamette Valley and the State of Oregon, as a whole, will have suffered more than \$100,000 damage from the car shortage.

In every town and way station on the line of the Southern Pacific, car shortage is the sole topic of conversation. Merchants are as deeply concerned as the shippers. Even the barbers discuss the situation, for the barbers are really the first to suffer.

A Bold Step.

To overcome the well-grounded and reasonable objections of the more intelligent to the use of secret, medicinal compounds, Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., some time ago, decided to make a bold departure from the usual course pursued by the makers of put-up medicines for domestic use, and so has published broadcast and openly to the whole world, a full and complete list of all the ingredients entering into the composition of his widely celebrated medicines. Thus he has taken his numerous patrons and patients into his full confidence. Thus too he has removed his medicines from among secret nostrums of doubtful merits, and made them Remedies of Known Composition.

By this bold step Dr. Pierce has shown that his formulas are of such excellence that he is not afraid to subject them to the light of scrutiny.

Not only does the wrapper of every bottle of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, the famous medicine for weak stomach, torpid liver or biliousness and all catarrhal diseases wherever located, have printed upon it, in plain English, a full and complete list of all the ingredients composing it, but a small book has been compiled from numerous standard medical works, of all the different schools of practice, containing very numerous extracts from the writings of leading practitioners of medicine, endorsing in the strongest possible terms, each and every ingredient contained in Dr. Pierce's medicines. One of these little books will be mailed free to any one sending address on postal card or by letter, to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., and requesting the same. From this little book it will be learned that Dr. Pierce's medicines are made from native, medicinal plants of great value; also that some of the most valuable ingredients contained in Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription for weak, nervous, over-worked, "run-down," nervous and debilitated women, were employed long years ago, by the Indians for similar ailments affecting their squaws. In fact, one of the most valuable medicinal plants entering into the composition of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription was known to the Indians as "Squaw-Weed." Our knowledge of the uses of not a few of our most valuable native medicinal plants was gained from the Indians. As made up by improved and exact processes, the "Favorite Prescription" is a most efficient remedy for regulating all the womanly functions, correcting displacements, as prolapsus, an inversion, and restoring an overbearing painful periods, toning up the system and bringing about a perfect state of health. Sold by all dealers in medicines.

With mills closing, the workmen must economize, and when Saturday night comes they do not crowd the shops to be shaved.

Perhaps the most vitally interested of any county is that of Lane. The leading industry of Lane is its lumber. The pay rolls of the combined mills amounts to at least \$300,000 per month and nearly every dollar of this sum is spent in the county. With the men being laid off, it is readily seen how the merchants in all branches of business are being affected.

This condition is paralleled in other counties in the valley. In Marion county, for instance, besides the mills, there are the hop men to be considered. The hop men have their stock tied up in ware houses, being unable to move them. In the meantime, the price has dropped.

At the big meeting to be held in Eugene Dec. 5th; the railroad situation will be thoroughly threshed out. Facts and figures will be presented, and reports from each section of the state will be received. In this manner a general idea of the railroad phase will be presented.

Legislation controlling the railroads will be the slogan in Eugene mass meeting. Legislation is wanted as follows:

1st, A reciprocal demurrage law, somewhat similar to that of Texas.

2nd, A maximum rate law.

3rd, A new tax law to cover the timber of the state held by the syndicates.

4th, A railroad commission law.

On all of these points there is a diversity of opinion as to the details, but in the main, the Willamette Valley is a unit in demanding them.

It is not the intention of the meeting to recommend any special bill or set of bills, but to digest the material available, and show the Legislature the sentiment of the public, says Friday's Telegram.

One of the most important issues of the Eugene meeting will be the probable organization of a "People's Lobby," at Salem during the session of the Legislature. This idea of conserving the interests of the people of Oregon and watching the railroads, appeals for particular strength, and there is little doubt but what the lobby will be among the first subjects taken up for discussion. The shippers realize that money is required to support a "People's Lobby," and they are willing to back it.

Study of the Wild. There is no more healthful and instructive recreation for the intelligent boy (or man, either, for that matter) than that which is easily obtainable by studying the ways of the wild things that inhabit the swamps, woods and forests in the vicinity of the town in which he lives. It is good for brain, nerves, eyes and muscles. It is good for the disposition, too, for the more you know of any living creatures (except beasts of prey, rattlesnakes and such) the less inclined to do them an injury. Ignorance is the parent of cruelty. One need not seek the great forests of the north and west to study wild things and their ways. The habits of many interesting birds and smaller wild animals may be studied at the expense of a not very long walk by the dwellers in most country towns all over the United States and Canada.—Field and Stream.

Market Report. Eggs per dozen 35c. Butter, creamery per roll 60c. country per lb. 25c. potatoes, per bushel 50c. Spring chickens, live 9c. Hogs, dressed 7 1/2 c. Veal 7c. Wheat 58c. Oats 30-32c.



Oak and Mistletoe. A reviewer in the Outlook rebukes an American writer for wondering whether there is any "natural connection" between the oak and the mistletoe, seeing how constantly they are associated. "In Great Britain," says the reviewer, "the oak is one of the trees on which the mistletoe notoriously does not grow." And it is true that the English child learns in an early lesson of the honor in which the Druids held a mistletoe that by rare chance did grow on an oak. But the reviewed book, being American, is amply justified. The hills that surround the Lick observatory in California and that bear its domes on their highest summit are entirely covered with oaks, and it is not too much to say that every oak carries a bunch or bunches of mistletoe.—London Chronicle.

LETTER LIST. The following letters remain uncalled for in the Corvallis postoffice, for the week ending Dec. 1, 1906: Alexander Co. Chas E Brandburg, G W Brown, John Brown, John G Edelman, Cephas Hornbuckle, D G K Osborne, B. W. JOHNSON, P.M.



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Why Not Use Electric Lights? Stop scratching matches on your wall. Those streaky match scratches look mighty bad on any wall. But as long as you continue to use gas or oil you've got to use matches. The "matchless light" is the electric light,—a simple twist of the wrist does it. We are improving and perfecting our lighting service in this city and can give better service for less money than ever in the history of the city. The cost of wiring has been reduced until it is within reach of all. If you would like to know more about it, call on us in our new office opposite the O. J. Blackledge furniture store or phone us, Ind. Phone 489. Willamette Valley Co. G. A. Clark, Mgr. 74-4f

Notice to Bidders. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Committee on Streets and Public Buildings of the Common Council of the city of Corvallis will receive bids until six o'clock p. m. of Monday, the 10th day of December 1906 for the improvement of each of the following streets or portions within said City of Corvallis, to-wit: Fourteenth Street from the center of South Street to a point opposite the Northwest corner of Lot 10 in Block thirteen in Jobs addition to said City. Center Street from the center of Eleventh Street to center of Fourteenth Street. D. pot Street from the Center of Oak Street to the center of Maple Street. Oak Street from the North Side of the County road leading to Philomath Northerly to the Corvallis and Eastern Railroad company's track. Oak Street from the Corvallis and Eastern Railroad company's track Northerly to the center of Adams Street. Adams Street from the center of Ninth Street Westerly to the center of Oak Street. Tenth Street from the North side of Washington Street to the center of Jefferson. Van Buren Street from center of Fifteenth St. to the center of Eighteenth Street, extended. Each of such improvements to be made in the manner specified, and to be commenced and completed within the time limited by the ordinance of said city providing for such improvement, passed by the Common Council on the 25th day of October 1906, reference to which is hereby made. No bids will be received except separate and distinct bids for the making of each of the aforesaid improvements, and each bid must be accompanied by a certified check upon some responsible bank in a sum equal to one half of the amount of such bid, and payable to the order of the Police Judge of said City of Corvallis, which shall be held to protect the city of the property owners affected thereby from loss or damage on account of the failure of such bidder to enter into contract with the city and give bond as required by the ordinance aforesaid. Bids for the making of any of the foregoing improvements may be left at the office of the Police Judge of said city within the time aforesaid. All bids received will be reported to the Common Council of said City at a regular meeting to be held December 10th, 1906, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids deemed unreasonable. Dated November 13th, 1906. J. B. IRVINE, G. A. GOVELL, CHAS. FRANCISCO, Committee on Streets and Public Buildings aforesaid. 95-100

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HOMES FOR SALE. WILL SELL LOTS IN CORVALLIS, Oregon, on installment plan and assist purchasers to build homes on them if desired. Address First National Bank, Corvallis, Or.

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MARBLE SHOP. MARBLE AND GRANITE MONUMENTS; curbing made to order; cleaning and repairing done neatly; save agent's commission. Shop North Main St., Frank Vannosen, Prop, 92t

ATTORNEYS. J. F. YATES, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW. Office up stairs in Ziervolf Building. Only set of abstracts in Benton County

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WANTED—A MAN, WITHOUT STOCK to rent a dwelling adjoining Corvallis who is a kind good workman with a team of horse. 81-tf.

WANTED 500 SUBSCRIBERS TO THE GAZETTE and Weekly Oregonian at \$2.55 per year.

WANTED—Sixty tons of clean vetch seed, and oats in car lots load cars at nearest railroad station. Wanted clean Italian and English Rye grass seed, can furnish gasoline engine with cleaner and grinder to clean for farmers. For sale—young cow, will be fresh soon, \$25; 6-year-old horse for sale or trade. L. L. Brooks, Phone 155 Mountain View.

BANKING. THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF Corvallis, Oregon, transacts a general conservative banking business. Loans money on approved security. Drafts bought and sold and money transferred to the principal cities of the United States, Europe and foreign countries.

Notice to Creditors. Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern that the undersigned has been duly appointed Executor of the last will and testament of James P. McBea, deceased, by the County Court of Benton County, Oregon. All persons having claims against the estate of said James P. McBea, deceased, are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers therefor, duly verified as by law required, within six months from the date hereof, to the undersigned at his residence in Corvallis, Oregon, or at the office of McFadden and Bryson, attorneys, in the Postoffice Building, Corvallis, Oregon. Dated at Corvallis, Oregon, this 21st day of September, 1906. IVA MAY MCBEE, Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of James P. McBea, deceased. 78tf

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