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as Much in 1913
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A POSTAGE STAMP.

Its Value From a Federal Standpoint by Mr. Hunt.

Editor Itemizer:
As I promised last week that I would have something different this week I must be getting busy. The subject will be the value of a one cent postage stamp from a Federal standpoint.
Looking over the postmaster's general report for the last fiscal year I find that there was a surplus or excess of \$20,000,000, and from different exchanges all over the land comes the howl for a one cent letter postage. I am an ardent advocate of letting the surplus accumulate and putting it to work building public highways throughout our land, as we need them badly. Our congress should pass a U. S. road law and the states fall in line, each and every county also, and build a system of roads that would count for wealth and beauty. It has been proven at the Good Road congress held in Tacoma this last fall that the bad roads are costing the people of the United States over \$60,000,000 in good American dollars. The judge who presided showed conclusively to my mind that in five years time, if he were given the sixty millions, he could build three highways from sea border to sea border and five from the Canadian line to the Mexican line and have \$16,000,000 left for his rakoff. Some will say, Why does it cost so much to maintain bad roads? I will explain that time is money wasted, energy means money, crippled automobiles, skinned up and killed horses, and last but not least, the strain and worry on the human being. Now, in the first place, the United States is a large corporation or bank that collects tolls on our mail and other merchandise and the little postage stamp can do the trick, for every boy and girl who can write a letter adds to our fund for good roads. Oh, consistency thou art a jewel. How many men who are supposed to be intelligent and progressive are howling for a cheaper postage and letting good roads go to the bow wows, and they fight a tax special or otherwise like he was afraid of losing his life. I am in the good road movement and I am right here on Terrace Cottage home and will meet all opponents in an honest debate on the matter. Come right along, brother, and if you can do me, I'll give you credit for it.
Yours truly
JAS. E. HUNT.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS THIS WEEK.

August Quersdorf, Independence.
L. M. Chapin, Falls City.
Roscoe Ballantyne, Santa Monica, Cal.
Sam Hayes, Dallas.
Jas. Weeks, Albany, N. Y.
J. R. Warren, Elk City, Okla.
John J. Wood, Neilgh, Nev.
A. H. Honde, Marysville, Wn.
G. H. Wohlfard, Dallas.
O. DeHaven & Son, Rikreall.
Mary E. Gilson, Dallas.
F. A. Buller, Springfield, S. D.
H. J. Flax, Dallas.
L. H. Conner, Dallas.
J. B. Regier, Dallas.
Mary M. Watson, Dallas.
Nat. Sprout, Spokane.

Smallpox at Independence.

Three cases of smallpox have developed during the past week in that city, but it is believed that the epidemic will be checked with the attention the physicians are giving the disease. Dr. Calvin S. White, state health officer, has made a thorough investigation of the prevailing disease, and advised all parents to vaccinate their children. He said also that unsanitary conditions existed in the school there, which should be remedied at once. — Journal.

Got the First Through Tickets.

Mrs. Ada Strong, of Salem, purchased the first ticket for a trip over the recently completed bridge of the Salem, Falls City & Western railroad across the Willamette River. Jonathan Bourne, who is not related to the United States Senator in any manner, sold her the ticket. He has acted as ticket agent for the S. P. at this point for the past nine years, and was given the honor of selling the first ticket over the new line.

MITTY ON ROADS.

Advocates Federal Aid in the Making of Highways.

Eola, Ore., Mch. 8-13
Editor Itemizer:

Some time ago I noticed a letter published in the Itemizer from Senator Bourne, asking for a public expression upon a number of road questions, and as I have not noticed anything about others answering, I will express my views and let others commend or criticize.
First, I believe the Federal government should aid in road improvement, as liberally as it does in waterway improvement. Second, such funds if expended directly upon the roads, should be expended chiefly upon those roads that are a main market and R. F. D. road combined. But it seems to me that it would be better to confine first federal and state aid, to the acquiring and conserving the public ownership of those natural resources from which the need of surfacing materials must come, and making it available for public use, to not only the present but also future generations. If such materials were made available at all seasons of the year at slight cost, or better still, free to any county, district or individual that would transport and put it upon the public roads, without any restrictions whatever, as to any particular road, I consider, it would be the best thing that could possibly be done to stimulate public spirit, and thereby increase results from any funds that might be expended. If such materials were made available in bunks, so that it would not require much shoveling work to load a wagon, most farmers are interested, and public spirited enough to do a great deal of improvement in front of their own places, for very little if any charges to the public, especially if mud holes are so situated that they are a daily aggravation all winter, in going from the houses to the barn, or to the field work. As it is now, when he is in an anxious mood to get rid of such mud holes with ample time to spare, the materials are not available, and when the materials are available, the mud holes have dried up and the farmers are very busy, and are not so much concerned about the roads as they are about crop affairs. Much effective work has been done voluntarily in the past and will be in the future. But much more public spirited work would become available, and could be developed into an individual and community rivalry, if the surfacing materials were available, without cost, when the mud holes were in action. The increased improvement of the roads, through the development of such a public spirit, would be of minor importance compared with the character gain, from such public spiritedness to our citizenship. The work of making surfacing materials available, and deepening navigable streams should be combined as much as possible. Another work that should be done through federal and state aid, is making concrete drainage pipe and blocks for small bridges, using prison labor as much as possible for such work, and federal troops as guards, when necessary, in order to reduce the cost. Upon such a plan there would and could not be a specified proportioning of the cost of road construction, maintenance or improvement. In fact it would be more upon a basis of a certain part of the work to be wholly done by each division of government, which I consider the most simple and practical way. Neither could there be any just grounds for complaint between different communities, if such materials were made available in all practical and feasible places, and upon the same terms to every community. I do not think that the federal government should have anything to do with supervising construction or maintenance of local roads. Such supervision should be left to the authorities within the state, and especially to locally concerned authority as much as possible. Too much divided authority causes too much wrangling, and too distant authority is not interested enough locally. In considering road problems, it seems to me that most people are studying in a too short sighted narrow minded way, and generally suggest plans with the idea of doing some spas-

modie, hurry up work, for a short term of years; when we should realize that working roads is as permanent an undertaking as delivering our mail, and that we need to lay the foundation for a permanent continuation plan that would be of great benefit to a century from now as well as to-day. At present parties seeking private gain are gobbling the mines of construction materials. We should awaken to this fact and demand public ownership of such material mines before they all pass into private hands, and their value increase enormously above present values. These material resources should be available for road purposes a century from now as well as to-day, so let us have public ownership of the needed material resources before we attempt to do actual construction work to any great extent. As to the basis of apportioning a federal appropriation among the states, asked some scientific educational expert, but at first thought it seems to me that it should be upon a basis of population, road mileage, taxable valuation and possibly some other problems combined, or at least a part of them. In conclusion, I will say there are two classes clamoring for good roads, who are situated to make the most active appeal for their plans, yet should receive the least consideration, and they are the automobile tourist class, and those clamoring for too much higher red tape bossism, over construction work.

Yours Truly
GEO. C. MITTY.

Chicken Pie Supper.

The ladies of the Methodist church will give a Saint Patrick's Day chicken pie supper on Tuesday, March 18, from 5 to 8 p. m. in the Oyster and Chop House restaurant, in the Uglow building across the street from the Methodist church. A charge of 50 cents will be made for adults, and 25 cents for children under 12 years. Come and bring your friends. The Methodist ladies have a good reputation for making these kind of pies.

Mr. and Mrs. Ah Coe lost their little 4-months-old child by death.

Who has \$2000 worth of auto tires and supplies for sale? Thos. Catherwood. M13

SUBSCRIPTION CONTEST.

Ever since the initial announcement, in the last issue of the Itemizer, of Polk County's greatest Popularity Contest, nominations have been steadily coming into this office. Already quite a list of the most favored of Polk County's fairest daughters, native and adopted, are arrayed in the contest for those three valuable prizes. And with good reason are the young people of this section becoming interested, for the quality and quantity of prizes to be awarded on the 5th of next month, but about three weeks hence, is such as to make it possible for any girl or lady to win a prize should she really and truly wish to do so. A \$150 diamond solitaire is going to make an exceedingly beautiful prize for one of those who will be in the race. And the \$75 diamond solitaire and the solid gold watch are also going to make very acceptable awards.

Now, young ladies, if you are contemplating being one of the winners when the final count is made, if you expect to see your name heading the list when the three valuable prizes are awarded, namely three weeks hence, you should come early to the appreciation that sticktoitiveness and steady consistent work is what counts and what is going to bring you to the finish as a winner. The one who takes advantage of every opportunity as it presents itself, who starts out to make every day show a steady increase in her total vote count, her chances of winning are far greater than are the chances of the spasmodic worker. So, don't try to do so much in one day! Take life easy and do a little every day, and by following that method you will find that you have a very enjoyable time throughout the contest and when it is all over you will have something nice and valuable to cause you to remember that the Itemizer appreciated your efforts.

Nominations.

As only a limited number will be allowed to compete in the contest, any who are contemplating entering the contest or nominating some friend to compete for the prizes offered should attend to the matter at once. While the day on which the 1000 free votes allowed on

nominations is to be withdrawn to the vote schedule, as printed on another page of this issue. This schedule is the largest one that will be in force at any time during the entire contest. That means that at no other time during the contest will as many votes be allowed on subscriptions as during this present vote offer. This offer will be in force up to and including Wednesday, the 19th. After that date an appreciable smaller vote schedule will be instituted. This offer will be in force for one week and again in turn be succeeded by another still smaller vote offer. At the last of the contest but one-half as many votes will be allowed on subscriptions as at the present time.

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The Prizes.

Two valuable diamond solitaires, worth \$150 and \$75 respectively, which are to be given as first prize and second prize in the Itemizer Popularity Contest are purchased through J. H. Shepard, Dallas and Polk County's popular and reliable jeweler. These stones are both guaranteed by Mr. Shepard, not only as to their actual retail value, but as to their size, color and inherent high quality.

The solid gold 15-jewel Elgin watch, which is to be awarded as third prize in the contest, is also purchased from Mr. Shepard, and the same guarantees as are made with reference to the diamond rings will also hold good with the watch. They are all priced very low and their absolute values are guaranteed, not only by the Itemizer but by Mr. Shepard as well, and Polk County knows that Mr. Shepard's word can be relied upon absolutely in jewelry is at issue.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will give a supper in the basement of the church, March 28.

Who sells good lubricating oil for 50 cents per gallon? Thos. Catherwood. M13

DALLAS WINS.

The Fast Independence Team Defeated Monday Night.

Last Monday night the Independence basketball team met defeat at the hands of the Dallas high school team, at the armory in one of the fastest inter-scholastic games ever seen in Dallas, by a score of 23 to 15. The game was fast all the way through, but neither team had any the best of the roughing. The special train from Independence arrived about 8:15, but the team came over in the afternoon and were already to play when their crowd got there. The largest crowd that ever saw a high school game was there to see the boys battle for honors. Referee Schram, of Salem, called the game. The home team was the first to violate the rules but Independence failed to get the point. Then Boydston succeeded in throwing a field basket. The whole of the first half was not very close at any time, but every point that the home team got was earned. The teams played desperately and fought every inch with all their strength. The first half ended with the Dallas boys leading by the score of 13 to 5. After 10 minutes of rest the teams again took the floor to play it out. This half was much rougher than the first but the referee did not seem to be able to stop the fouling. In the foul throwing the Dallas boys had the best of it, the Independence men not throwing but 3 out of 13 tries, while Boydston did the best he ever did getting nine out of eleven tries. The scoring for Dallas was Woods 3, Boydston 4. For Independence, Reeves 3, Mix 1, Williams 1, and Sealey 1. Boydston threw nine fouls out of 11 tries, and Independence only got 3 out of 13 tries.

This gives the two teams one game apiece so the tie will be played off this Saturday night at McMinnville. The five wins the Dallas team will have the state title. The people that want to see this game will have a chance to go to McMinnville on the special train which will go through Dallas Saturday night from Independence, both crowds going on the same train.

A THIRD STORY.

Hotel New Scott to Have Forty Additional Rooms this Season.

Landlord Corson informs us that J. W. Crider, the owner of the New Scott building, has architects at work on the plans for an additional story for that structure. In a recent letter Mr. Crider says he will be up as soon as the weather settles to begin actual construction on the same. The matter of the annex on the west side is as yet undecided, and will be left until Mr. Crider comes up. The building of a larger dining room will also be under consideration then. The putting on of a third story will give Mr. Corson forty additional rooms, and was made necessary

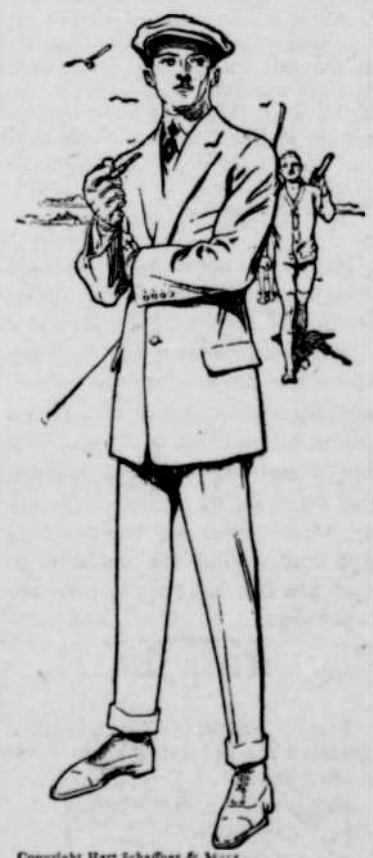
Polk Made Judge.

Webster Holmes, who has been appointed Circuit Judge for the twelfth judicial district of Oregon, is one of the leading attorneys of Tillamook county, and has practiced at the bar there for several years. He is a close friend of Governor West, who made the appointment.

by the fact that the hotel is full up nearly every night. To relieve the strain at present Mr. Corson has leased the J. E. Smith residence adjoining, in which his family will reside, and the other rooms be used as need arises.

Who can sell a 1913 Model Overland or R. C. H. car?—Dallas Garage, Thos. Catherwood, proprietor. M13

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