

THE COUNTRY BANKER.

From the "Banker's Monthly."

Five persons are aware of the amount of time an officer of a bank must spend in looking after the business of others, and how little remuneration there is in it except a salary...

The first thing in the opening of the mail and the consequent planning of the day's work. In the mail from day to day, are sight drafts or collections upon local merchants and individuals...

Then again, the drawer of a draft is apprehensive and asks for special attention to be given to the collection, that partial payments be received, or that a final opinion be given as to the standing of the drawer and the apparent condition of his business...

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The cashier takes out the daily cash, adding great care as to the denominations of bills, the relative quantity of gold and silver and paper. But notice the calls made during a single day for change. Everybody comes for change...

say they are promoting a small manufacturing enterprise. The local board of trade has promised aid, but parties are loath to subscribe stock. The profits are all right. Will the banker take stock and head the list? He will not. Then it is possible the enterprise, such a boom to the city, will fail. It does, and it ought to, and a lot of good money is saved.

Meantime the daily business goes on, despite the many interruptions. Checks are paid and deposits taken, in which seems to be an almost constant stream, for business is heavy. The hours wane, and preparations are made for the final balance.

At exactly 2 o'clock a committee of bankers call. There is to be a collection of money for a great and worthy charity, of course the bank will do its all, but for fear of mistake or misunderstanding it would be well to explain. The explanation occupies seventeen minutes. It is particular, if not brief. The banker listens most patiently, and bows his adieu with grace and pleasure.

Returning to his counter the banker meets a commercial traveler, just arrived, never made the town before, wishes to know, in confidence of course, for the house, if certain parties are good for a small bill, say \$25? The following is a list of merchants a yard long...

And now, after giving notice to a newly married couple, as to the desirability of the purchase of a certain piece of property, the banker meets the man who ought to break the banker's bank, a committee of citizens to talk over certain local improvements, and while the matter of paying a street is under consideration the closing hour strikes, and with due solemnity the committee withdraws.

Then this old skinned and living picture of the money power signs, and begins to gather up the tangled threads of the day's work, hoping he can reach home at 6 o'clock, at least, for the school board meet at night and there is a company to fill which he hopes to secure for the fatherless daughter of an old friend.

AN EVENING WAIFE. Modern designed for all sorts of social functions and for all conditions of weather, have an irresistible charm this season, because the materials are so exquisite in color and texture and the manipulation of sheer fabrics is so skilful and effective. The tanquer-waist illustrated has remarkably stylish features in the draped front, closed at the left side, knife-plated caps of shifon and decoration that is in accord with the

and decoration that is in accord with the taste intended. A lunette will be well dressed if she favors this suggestion, the pale tint of yellow chiffon over satin being especially well suited to light types; but it requires those dainty finishing touches of ribbon, belt, pointed lace trimming, a few flowers, gloves of suitable hue, a becoming corsage and an elaborate adjustment throughout to effect a perfect whole. Shades may choose blue, red or pink chiffon over silk.

FACTS, FADS AND FANCIES. Piquet will be worn very extensively in corn-flower-blue, green and other colors, as well as in pure white. In some instances the word runs vertically and with it is a wide stripe bearing sailing boats. In others the word runs across, in the old way, and dark, fine stripes, embroidered flowers and the like are shown on the surface. A clever feat is embroidered at rather wide intervals on one white plique, the design being also in white. Other devices are wrought to white upon white backgrounds.

Some plique are needed like the old-fashioned Marcellus. Red, which glows in so many ways of goods, is also seen in plique being sprinkled with white spots in some instances and large in others. These will be made up in shirtings for wear with white plique skirts. One of the choicest of the season's hats is a medium shape in fancy crepe. Two reefs of green satin ribbon are looped in a white accordion-plaited puffing of chiffon are set about the crown and at the back is a huge bunch of violets. The trim is turned up under lines-of-the-valley and at each side is a pair of green ribbon veils with white.

Battie nebulose is the title of a new trimming displayed in triangular forms adaptable to jackets, revers and other arrangements. It also comes in lengths for flouncings and the like. The battie is silk-mixed and gauzy, as its name implies, and about the edges are hem-stitched tufts of colored battie, or tufts to match on navy or green battie. A dainty effect may be secured on a white-floured navy-blue foulard or shifon with a triangular ornament of this kind having navy tufts. It may be gathered full on the shoulders and caught at the waist-line, the arrangement suggesting a ribbon.

GERMANY ON WARPATH.

Will Demand Immediate Indemnity From the Chinese Government. Berlin, Nov. 12.—It is semi-officially announced today that the German squadron in Chinese waters has been ordered to the coast of Shan Tong to anchor in the vicinity of the scene of the recent murder of German missionaries, for which the German commander is instructed to obtain immediate satisfaction.

SUSPENDED ITS CHARTER.

Grand Exalted Ruler of Elks Pushes a Lodge for Illegal Institution. Harrisburg, November 12.—Grand Exalted Ruler Meade DeWalter has suspended the Marlon, Ill. lodge of the Order of Elks, and forwarded the papers to District Deputy Armstrong of that state authorizing him to secure the charter, paraphernalia and lodge effects. This action was due to the alleged violation of the laws of the order in the method of initiating Robert Plasmmons. Mr. DeWalter states that after a careful examination of the case it clearly appears that the Marlon lodge not only willfully and flagrantly violated the long-established laws applicable to the admission of candidates into the order, but also the positive instructions of the district deputy authorizing the officers of the lodge that the proposed initiation was contrary to law.

CHOATE IN THE CABINET.

He Will Probably be Invited to Become Attorney-General. San Francisco, November 12.—A Washington dispatch says it is likely that Joseph Choate will enter the cabinet as attorney-general. If he does it will be as the representative of the independent element of the party in New York. Mr. Choate's name has been suggested to the president for the post to be vacated by Mr. McKim, who is to take Justice Field's place on the supreme court bench. It has been under consideration by Mr. McKinley and his most intimate advisers for several days, and if the expectations of those who are urging it are not disappointed, Mr. Choate's appointment will be made public as early as next Monday.

ROBBERY IN ROSBURG.

Roseburg, Or., Nov. 12.—Two men, with faces blackened, entered a saloon near the depot at 1 o'clock this morning and compelled D. W. Stephens, the bartender, at the point of revolvers, to throw up his hands. One man went through the till, while the other covered Stephens. They got about twelve dollars in silver, overloading some currency.

READY FOR TRAFFIC.

San Francisco, November 12.—The local Alaskan trade committee is getting ready to receive Klondike-bound Eastern people, and have secured space in the new federal building for an extensive exhibit of Alaskan minerals and the necessary tools and conveniences to be used in the far north. A great deal of the traffic is expected to pass through this city during the next six months.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. See For sale by Charles Rogers.

WILLIAM AND THE POPE.

London, November 12.—The Rome correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says: Baron von Bulow, the newly appointed German secretary of state for foreign affairs, in an interview with the pope, has warmly commended against the sympathy of the Vatican with the Franco-Russian alliance and its hostility to the triple alliance. He declared in the stage of Emperor William that if the Vatican persisted in such a policy the German government would retaliate on the Roman Catholics.

MORE NUGGETS.

Victoria, Nov. 12.—Five miners, who arrived here today via Sitka, report that just before they left Dawson, October 6, a rich strike had been made on the side hill near Dawson. Gold was found under the moss. A number of good nuggets were brought in.

CHANGE OF PROGRAM.

Berlin, November 12.—It is said that the Kaiserin Augusta, one of the fastest yachts in the German navy, will be ordered to Port au Prince, instead of the Gelson, in connection with the difficulty that has grown out of the unwillingness of the Haytian government to grant indemnity for the unlawful imprisonment of Herr Lueters.

BACKACHE.

makes the young feel old, and the old feel that life is not worth the living. It's a danger signal of Kidney Disease—the unerring evidence of weak, inactive and sore Kidneys. Any person cured of Kidney weakness will tell you that when the back ceased to ache, all troubles ended. Neither liniments, nor plasters, nor electricity can cure it. The seat of the trouble is not in the skin, flesh or muscles. It's in the Kidneys. It can be CURED.

THE OBJECTION NOT GOOD.

There are people who have objections to advertising matter in the columns of a newspaper. The ground of objection is that they do not want to read advertisements. Now this objection is not good, for oftentimes these advertisements convey valuable information. For instance, how else would the traveling public learn of the excellent dining car service of the Wisconsin Central lines between St. Paul and Chicago, or the general comfort of traveling over this popular line. For particulars call on the nearest ticket agent or address J. C. Pond, G. P. A., Milwaukee, Wis., or Geo. S. Batty, General Agent, 248 Stark street, Portland, Or.

HOBBES Sparagus Kidney Pills.

HOBBS REMEDY CO., PROPRIETORS, CHICAGO, ILL. Hobbess Pills For Sale at ASTORIA, OREGON. CHARLES ROGERS, DRUGGIST, 204 FIFTH ST., ASTORIA, OREGON.

Warrenton Is the Best...

Columbia Harbor Land Co.

CORNER... BOND and ELEVENTH STS. Maps on application.

THE CENTER OF DEVELOPMENT ON THE WEST SIDE

Everybody Knows that Warrenton values will soon be doubled, It is distinctly the best property on the market.

Fine large level lots, surrounded by many improvements, at very low prices.

Is it not a fine investment?



Kopp's "Best" A DELICIOUS DRINK... AND ABSOLUTELY PURE

The North Pacific Brewery, of which Mr. John Kopp is proprietor, makes beer for domestic and export trade.

Bottled beer for family use, or keg beer supplied at any time, delivery in the city free.

NORTH PACIFIC BREWERY

SEASIDE SAWMILL

A complete stock of lumber on hand in the rough or dressed. Flooring, rustic, ceiling and all kinds of finish; moldings and shingles. Terms reasonable and prices at bottom. All orders promptly attended to. Office and yard at mill. H. F. L. LOGAN, Proprietor.

Astoria Iron Works

Front Street, foot of Fourth, Astoria. GENERAL MACHINISTS AND BOILER MAKERS. Land and Marine Engines, Boiler Work, Steamboat and Cannery Work a specialty. Castings of all descriptions made to order on short notice. John Fox, President and Superintendent. A. L. Fox, Vice President. O. B. Pradel, Secretary. Astoria Savings Bank, Treasurer.

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Emil Schacht ARCHITECT

Rooms 317-318 Portland Savings Bank Bldg. Portland, Oregon.

SOCIETY MEETINGS.

TEMPLE LODGE NO. 7, A. F. and A. M.—Regular communications held on the first and third Tuesday evening of each month. G. W. LOUNSBERRY, W. M. E. C. HOLDEN, Secretary.

A. & C. R. R. R. TIME CARD

In Effect Oct. 25, 1897. Leave Seaside for Astoria via Flavel at 7:30 a. m. and 2 p. m. daily. Leave Astoria for Seaside via Flavel at 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. daily.

THIS RAILWAY COMPANY

Operates its trains on the famous block system. Lights its trains by electricity throughout. Uses the celebrated electric berth reading lamp. Runs splendidly equipped passenger trains every day and night between St. Paul and Chicago; the CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE & ST. PAUL.

A Handsome Complexion

Is one of the greatest charms a woman can possess. Pomona's Complexion Preserver gives it.

EAST VIA SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY

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LOW FARES, EVERY DAY—PORTLAND TO SAN FRANCISCO

\$5.00, Second Class; \$10.00, First Class; including berth.

ARE YOU GOING EAST?

Be sure and see that your ticket reads via THE NORTH-WESTERN LINE THE NORTH-WESTERN LINE THE NORTH-WESTERN LINE THE NORTH-WESTERN LINE

CHICAGO, ST. PAUL, MINNEAPOLIS AND OMAHA RAILWAYS

This is the GREAT SHORT LINE Between DULUTH, SAINT PAUL, CHICAGO And all Points East and South.

Their Magnificent Track Peerless Vestibuled Dining and Sleeping Car

Trains and Motto: "ALWAYS ON TIME" Have given this road a national reputation. All classes of passengers carried on the vestibuled trains without extra charge. Ship your freight and travel over this famous line. All agents have tickets.

P. C. SAVAGE, T. F. and P. A. W. H. MEAD, General Agent, 245 Washington St., Portland, Or.

GOING EAST? GOING EAST? GOING EAST? GOING EAST? GOING EAST? GOING EAST?

If you are, do not forget THREE IMPORTANT POINTS—THREE IMPORTANT POINTS—THREE IMPORTANT POINTS

First—Go via the St. Paul because the lines to that point will afford you the very best service.

Second—See that the coupon beyond St. Paul reads via the Wisconsin Central because that line makes close connections with all the transcontinental lines entering the Union Depot there, and its service is first-class in every particular.

Third—For information, call on your neighbor and friend—the nearest ticket agent—and ask for a ticket reading via the Wisconsin Central lines, or address JAS. C. FOND, General Passenger Agent, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

GEO. S. BATTY, General Agent, Portland, Oregon.

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Advertisement for Dangerous Lard and Healthful COTTOLENE. Lard at its best is unwholesome, indigestible. It makes food shorted with it soft and greasy. At its worst, it is unhealthy and filled with dangerous bacteria. It is condemned by every medical and culinary authority. Every food scientist agrees that vegetable oil is nutritive, digestible, and free from disease germs. Healthful COTTOLENE is composed mainly of refined vegetable oil. It is nutritious and palatable. Food shorted with or fried in it can be eaten by anyone without harmful results.