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POST OFFICE RECEIPTS MAKE FINE SHOWING

Postmaster Harmon's Quarterly Report Indicates Big Increase in Business of Office.

The Grants Pass postoffice is now equipped with a stamp cancelling machine, being the first in use in Southern Oregon to be given such a machine by the Postoffice Department, Roseburg, Medford and Ashland not yet having business enough to warrant the expense to the department. Grants Pass handles as large a local mail as either of the above towns and as a distributing point for other offices it far exceeds any other town in this part of the state. From Grants Pass mail is supplied to 42 offices and three rural routes and the territory covered embraces the greater part of Josephine county, a part of Jackson county, all of Del Norte county and nearly all of Curry county.

The mail for Del Norte and Curry Counties goes by daily stage to Crescent City and from there is taken by stages and star route carriers to the local offices, Curry county being supplied all but three small offices in the north part of the county which get their mail by way of West Fork on the Southern Pacific in Douglas county. But with all this work the Department required Postmaster C. E. Harmon to verify the amount of mail passing through his office. To do this every piece of mail passing through the Grants Pass office for a whole week was counted. This report showed that there were handled 5374 letters, 1783 postal cards, 9552 pieces of fourth class matter, 1748 packages of local papers, 153 fourth class packages, 557 third class packages and 440 Government franked pieces of matter. There were received for local distribution and for forwarding to other offices, 10,214 letters all having to be back-stamped. The mail matter handled for this week is but the average of that passing through the Grants Pass office each week, and to cancel the stamps and to back-stamp the letters by hand has required the greater part of the time of one clerk.

With the new machine this work can be done in one-tenth the time required by hand. This machine has a capacity of 500 letters per minute. The feed is automatic and all the operator does is to place the bundles of letters in a receptacle and then remove them from another receptacle. This machine is operated by hand but requires no more power than a coffee mill. It though can readily have electric or other power attached.

At the rate the receipts of the Grants Pass postoffice have increased for the past year it is certain that this office will be given a free delivery service by the Postoffice Department. To be entitled to free delivery of mails a postoffice must have receipts in excess of \$10,000 for the fiscal year preceding the application for free delivery. The receipts of the Grants Pass office are now past the \$10,000 as the returns for the past four quarters show, they being as follows: For the quarter ending September 30, 1906, \$2182.26; for January 1, 1906, \$2532.57; for April 30, 1907, 2377.31; for July 31, 1907, 2248.95; for September 30, 1907, 2270.90. This gives a total of \$11,611.99 for the year. If the receipts continue as they have for the past year until next April, the close of the government fiscal year then Grants Pass can make application for a free delivery service get it granted

by the Postoffice Department. As the postoffice receipts are a never failing index of a town's business prosperity the splendid showing made by Grants Pass office is proof of the steady and substantial growth of this city.

And a factor in this large and increasing business handled by the Grants Pass postoffice is the efficient service given to the patrons of the office by Postmaster C. E. Harmon, Deputy Postmaster W. A. Newell and clerks F. G. McIntyre, Jas. DeLamater and Mrs. Cassie Green. These people are on duty from about 5:30 o'clock in the morning, until 9 at night and they are ever ready to render the public the best service within their power. They are deserving of much credit for the very general satisfaction which is being rendered and to their untiring efforts along this line is due the excellent manner in which the constantly increasing volume of business is taken care of.

It now looks very much as though Grants Pass would soon be having free delivery of its mail, for the receipts of the office are sufficient and the other requirements can easily be met. This would make this city the first place in Southern Oregon to boast of this rapid stride forward and would be a sure indication of the growth and development of this city and tributary country.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

To whom it may concern:

The sources from which questions will be taken for state and county papers are as follows:

- Bookkeeping—Office Methods and Practical Bookkeeping Pt. 1.
- Physiology—Hutchinson.
- U. S. History—Doub.
- Civil Government—Strong & Shaefer.
- Theory and Practice—White's Art of Teaching.
- Arithmetic—One-fifth from Course of Study, four-fifths from Smith.
- Grammar—One-fifth from Course of Study, four-fifths from Buehler.
- Geography—One fifth from Course of Study, four-fifths from Natural.
- Psychology—Buell.
- English Literature.

February 1908.

- A. One-half from Newcomer's English Literature.
- B. One-half from the following classics:

1. Tennyson—Idylls of the King (Gateway series), Amer. Book Co., 35c, 29c; Gareth and Lynette—Lancelot and Elaine—The passing of Arthur.
2. Dickens—A tale of two cities (Riverside lit. Ser.) Houghton 50c, 41c.
3. Lamb—Essays of Elia. (Pocket classics) Macmillan 25c, 22c.
4. Dream children—Dissertation upon roast pig—Old China—Poor relations—The superannuated man—Christ's Hospital five and thirty years ago.

August 1908.

- A. One-half from Newcomer's English Literature.
- B. One-half from the following classics:

1. Shakespeare, Merchant of Venice; ed by W. J. Rolfe. Am. Bk. Co., 50c, 47c.
2. Scott—Ivanhoe (Riverside lit. ser.) Houghton, 60c, 47c.
3. Irving—Sketch-book. (Pocket classics) Macmillan, 25c, 22c. Rip Van Winkle—Legend of Sleepy Hollow—West Minister Abbey—Stratford-on-Avon—Christmas—The Spectre bridegroom.

The first figure is the publisher's price, the second the price to schools contracted for between the Oregon Library Commission and The J. K. Gill Co.

Remaining subjects: State Texts.

Moved—A. Letcher has moved his jewelry store to Dixon's store. 11-1 1/2

GRANTS PASS BANKS DOING BIG BUSINESS

And Their Statements Show a Very Encouraging Condi- tion of Affairs.

Acting upon the suggestion of the bankers of Grants Pass, the Commercial Club called a mass meeting, Wednesday forenoon, to consider what steps would be fitting and proper for the financial institutions of this city to take, during the flurry in the money circles of the country. After an informal and animated discussion it was unanimously decided that it would be best to do as the banks throughout Oregon and other states are doing, and to be in readiness to close the doors, in case a "run" should occur.

Accordingly a plan has been evolved, whereby business affairs in the city and community will not be hampered but there will be less likelihood of a strong demand on any of the banks. This will be brought about by the banks issuing certificates of deposit to depositors and these will be good at any of the business houses.

In the meantime the "Legal Holiday" sign is to be seen in the windows of the banks, in view of the five days holidays proclamation as issued by Governor Chamberlain, upon the request of the Portland financial institutions, and this will enable them to close doors on very short notice, should it be found necessary to do so.

But Grants Pass has not the least bit of a prospect of having any such trouble, for the banks were never in a sounder condition and they are ready to weather any such troubles, should they happen to come, as does not seem at all likely, for the county and city have never been in as prosperous a condition as is the case today.

From all indications this little ripple on the financial doings will soon pass over, both local and nationally and the optimist can see how that much good may result from such a bit of excitement.

Below will be found the statements of the two Grants Pass banks, which will be shown to be in fine condition.

G. P. BANKING & TRUST CO.

Resources.	
Loans and discounts	\$195,312 93
Bonds and warrants	14,007 74
Furniture and fixtures	2,285 50
Real Estate	2,618 90
Cash in vault and banks and gold dust	69,661 06
Total	\$283,871 13
Liabilities.	
Capital stock fully paid	50,000 00
Surplus and undivided profits	2,676 16
Deposits	228,737 86
Due other banks	2,457 11
Total	\$283,871 13

October 28, 1907

Statement of the condition of the First National Bank of Southern Oregon at the close of business, October 31, 1907:

Resources.	
Loans and discounts	\$309,400 77
U. S. Bonds	12,500 00
Bonds and other securities	48,917 45
Cash on hand and in banks	145,391 43
Banking House Fixtures	12,293 08
Other real estate	2,050 00
Redemption Fund	625 00
Gold Dust	3,192 13
Sight Exchange	7,608 00
Total	\$540,967 86
Liabilities.	
Capital Stock	\$50,000 00
Surplus	25,000 00
Undivided Profits	11,917 81
Due Banks	2,540 92
Deposit subject to check	323,113 84
Demand Certificates	43,377 69
Time Certificates	73,015 60
Circulation	12,000 00

Total \$40,967 86
I. H. L. Gilkey, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
I. H. L. GILKEY,
Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of November, 1907.
E. L. CHURCHILL,
Notary Public for Oregon.

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

A large number of ladies were pleasantly entertained by the Benefit society in the parlors of the Presbyterian church last Friday afternoon the hostesses being Mesdames Dodge, Flanagan, Donnell, Durham, Osmer and Cramer. A brief program was given informally, the first number being a song by Mrs. Starr. Before

singing "My Rosary" Mrs. Starr read a short sketch of the life of its composer, telling of the circumstances under which the song was written. Mrs. Pack then read Riley's "An Old Sweetheart of Mine," while Mrs. Ireland finished the afternoon's program with one of Mrs. Beach's songs "Ecstasy." Light refreshments were served by the ladies in charge, after which the guests departed with many expressions of pleasure for the afternoon's enjoyment.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Newman M. E. church had their "social" meeting in the church parlors, Tuesday afternoon, which was attended and enjoyed by a goodly number and their invited guests, despite the inclement weather. The rooms were nicely decorated for the occasion and an excellent program had been arranged for the event. However this was unavoidably interfered with. A piano solo was well rendered by Miss Zora Perry, and Miss Arlene Sweetland gave an excellent recitation, which added much to the pleasure of the occasion. Then came the social session, during which delicious refreshments, consisting of pumpkin and apple pies, with whipped cream and coffee. Mesdames Hall, Norton, Peterson, McKensie, Joinson, Kester-son and Martin were the hostesses for the delightful meeting.

One of the most successful and at the same time most charming Hallowe'en celebrations was that which was given in the parlors of the Newman Methodist church, under the auspices of the Standard Bearers of that church. The edifice was artistically decorated for the occasion, large festoons of laurel berries, hanging from the ceiling, while corn, pumpkins, apples and the like were much in evidence. On the walls were to be seen witches, moons, cats, goblins and other suitable tokens of the season and a large and merry crowd assembled to enjoy the doings. During the evening, Miss Arlene Sweetland costumed as a ghost, gave an appropriate recitation and later on Mrs. G. A. Savage very successfully impersonated a gypsy and told the fortunes of the gay throng, adding much to the merriment of the event. The "Ball of Fortune" and other Hallowe'en games were played and dainty refreshments, consisting of Waldorf salad in apple cups, sandwiches, with cocoa were served. It was a decided success in every sense of the word and the Standard Bearers proved themselves to be fine entertainers.

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Alva T. Gunnell entertained for the first time at their new home on Nob Hill, Lincoln Park, having as their guests for dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. W. Pack.

The formal opening of the newly remodeled opera house, which is to occur next Wednesday evening, when local talent will hold forth there, promises to be quite an important social event. Several hundred invitations have been sent out and it will be a representative audience that will gather on that occasion to enjoy the rare musical treat that has been provided.

When a number of Grant Pass people were cauped out at Steamboat, last summer, it was agreed among themselves that in case they managed to come back to the city and still hold friendly relations, that each would give a party in honor of the event. They did get along nicely and the social gatherings have been taking place at intervals ever since and the last one was given Wednesday evening at the home of F. M. Johnson, corner of 6th and E streets, Clavton Rickman being the host of the occasion. The evening passed very quickly and pleasantly with various games and elegant refreshment were forthcoming. Those who were fortunate enough to be present to enjoy the novel event were: Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Patillo, Glen Patillo and Mrs. Genevieve Patillo, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Cleveland, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Crane, Mrs. W. W. Wakler, Mrs. Larson and Misses Ethel Johnson and Effie Tetherow.

CARD OF THANKS.
We wish to thank the many friends who so kindly offered their services during our bereavement, in the loss of our son.
Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Wink.

MANY PEOPLE ARE COMING TO OREGON

Every Indication That There Will Be a Large Influx of East- ern Homeseekers.

Special Correspondence.

Portland, Oregon, October 28th, 1907.
Business men returning from the East are unanimous in predicting an enormous immigration to Oregon during the coming year. People residing in the great cities of New York, Chicago, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Boston, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, and other population centers never expressed so much anxiety to hear about this country as at present and the same idea is reflected through the correspondence of the Portland Commercial Club, much of which is originating in the cities named above.

Judge John M. Scott, of Salem, President of the State Good Roads Association, is conducting an active campaign of the Good Roads Meeting to be held in the rooms of the Portland Commercial Club, November 14th and 15th. Judge Scott desires that every commercial, industrial, agricultural, horticultural and irrigation organization in the state to send delegates.

President Ed T. Judd, of the Oregon State Dairy Association, reports constantly increasing interest in the big state meeting to be held in Portland December 13th and 14th. Constant additions are being made to the prizes, and an active committee is at work. It is desired above everything else that the farmers be present on this occasion.

Oregon never received a stronger endorsement than the following from the pen of Professor Charles Curtis, of the Ames, Iowa, Agricultural College:

"There is nowhere on the face of the globe a land or people so dominant in the improvement of live stock or so potent in the production of the highest types of domestic animals as the British Islands. There is nowhere on the American continent a region affording conditions so closely allied to those of Great Britain as on the North Pacific Coast of the United States. The similarity is noticeable, not only in climatic conditions and natural environment, but also in the genuine enthusiasm and deep seated faith in the industry possessed by the tillers of the soil."

The Eugene Commercial Club has employed Mr. John H. Hartog, of California, to take charge of their publicity campaign at a salary of \$5000 a year. Mr. Hartog will be an important factor in the development of Oregon, for California has never developed a brighter man in the advertising line.

The exhibit of samples of the iron

ore from Columbia County is promised at the Portland Commercial Club this week. The development of oil in Western Idaho and Eastern Oregon is bringing absolutely new capital and new people that no other industry would have attracted.

Hallowe'en Dance.
The Hallowe'en dancing party given by the Grants Pass girls Thursday evening was one of the most enjoyable and thoroughly successful social events of the Hallowe'en festivities. The invitations sent out were in the form of tiny pumpkins, and about 100 young people responded in person. The hall presented a most beautiful and artistic appearance, being decorated with evergreens, autumn leaves, jack-o'-lanterns and ghosts. Dainty little dressing rooms were arranged, and in each of these was stationed a ghost, who welcomed the guests as they arrived, and later when the grand march was announced, these same ghostly figures took their places at the head and led the merry-makers several times around the hall and then silently withdrew, and presented each dancer with a program, after which they disappeared from the scene of the festivities.

Three lady floor managers did duty during the evening and so thoroughly did they accomplish their task that all were kept busy tripping the ligh fantastic until 12 o'clock, so the strains of the splendid music furnished by Prof. Rowell, Miss Ruth Dean, Messrs. Wharton, Cheshire and Mahoney.

At one end of the hall a pretty little booth was arranged from which cider was served to the dancers during the entire evening.

The young ladies having this affair in charge are to be highly commended for their success, and especially is much credit due the decorating committee, who were responsible for the bower of beauty into which the hall had been transformed, and where it was evident that no pains or trouble had been spared in their efforts. One gentleman, whose wife was on the decorating committee, was heard to cheerfully declare that he had had nothing to do during the week of decorating, but his condition was still very favorable for dancing, apparently.

The boys are now "it" and it is hoped they will, soon be able to offer something "almost as good."

To the Public.
Owing to the constant increase in my jewelry business, I have found my old quarters too small and now I am moving into the building which has been used by C. F. Dixon, the dry-goods merchant, where I will be better able to look after my many customers. Come in and see me in my new quarters.
A. LETCHER.

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Order your Tokay Grapes from Geo. H. Parker. 01-18 5t

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on either of the Grants Pass Banks will buy House-furniture at

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And what's more, O'Neill is giving 10 per cent off on all purchases made before November 15.

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