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The fact that dividends have not been interfered with shows that some master hand is at the financial throttle somewhere.

Now that the 'gentle mists' have begun to fall, the medicos may take a rest, for it is an acknowledged fact that the rainy season in Oregon is a healthful season.

'Hot air' may be all right in its place, but it does not do to have too much of anything. 'Facts are good enough,' would be a fine slogan for Josephine county people.

Let us extend to the many easterners who are these days in our midst a cordial welcome. They are here to see our homes and their impressions of this section will be very much governed by the manner in which we greet them.

Already the plan of the fashionable Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, at Philadelphia, to establish an outdoor camp on its lofty roof has proved a success. Several wealthy travelers have taken up quarters in this curious combination of city and country conditions. The camp consists of 32 tents.

Here's a 'hot shot' from the Roseburg Spokesman: "It is said there is a candidate for United States Senator who relies on a few ten cent calendars to compensate newspapers to 'boost' him into that office. If that be true he will be the worst 'foiled fool' that ever struck the country."

May we not see in the Kentucky election the breaking up of the 'Solid South.' That state elected a republican governor and other state officers of that political faith. But, the fact that a large number of representative men from the various southern states have since met and declared that they would support only a southern man for the presidency, would not seem to bear out this conclusion.

Postmaster General Meyer believes that his work in efficiency is impaired by following the custom of sitting at

a desk. When he was the presiding officer of the lower branch of the Massachusetts Assembly he used a massive desk, made of walnut highly embellished, and standing more than four feet high. This has been brought to Washington and installed in his office. This he will use hereafter, standing up at his work.

There is a Kansas newspaper whose motto is: 'Lie, steal, drink and swear,' and it is thus explained by the editor: "When you lie, let it be down to pleasant dreams; when you steal, let it be away from immoral associates; when you drink, let it be pure water; when you swear, let it be that you will patronize your home paper, pay your subscription and not send your job work away from home."

In answer to the query of a citizen in our 'What People Say' column, who wants to know why the officers of Grants Pass do not arrest the hobos who are swarming along the Southern Pacific track, we might say that the said officers are doing the wiser thing in seeing to it that this class of undesirable citizens pass on by our fair city. We gladly welcome the average newcomer, but we draw the line, when it comes to the festive hobo.

Co-operation is working great things in Josephine county, these days. The fruit growers have clearly demonstrated that they can realize better prices for their product by 'pulling together.' The fishermen, noticing this fact, have likewise formed a union, with like good results and now the farmers throughout the county are banding themselves together in Granges, for this very purpose and we know, from the results in other localities that they will reap a rich reward for so doing.

When business and professional men take the great interest in the question of fruit growing, we may expect to see that industry go forward with leaps and bounds. It is safe to predict that our output of fruit is going to be something wonderful, as soon as the returns from these efforts begin to come in. We will hail that day with delight, when everybody enters thus heartily into this and other things which make for the best interests and welfare of this entire region.

The Southern Pacific company November 23 will put into effect a new rate of 30 cent per 100 pounds on canned goods in car lots from Ashland, this being the same rate made recently for Grants Pass. The company's intention is to encourage development of the canning industry in the Rogue River Valley. Similar rates will be made from Willamette valley and other points. The freight traffic department is busy revising its traffic to comply with the interstate commerce commission's order that the

long and short haul feature be eliminated and specific rates be made from each point in a proposition near the through rate. All railroad companies have until January 1, to make the necessary changes.

Here is the way a negro preacher goes after his collection. At the close of his sermon he explained: "I hab found it necessary on kount ob de hod times an de general deficiency ob de hod circulatin' mejim in connection wid dis heh chu'eh t' inderduce ma new attermatic c'lectabun box. It is so ranged dat a half dollah or quartah falls on a red plush cush'en widout noise; a nickel will ring a small bell, stinctly heard by all de congregation, an' a spender button, my feller mortals, will flash off a pistol; so my brudders and sistahs, you will gobbern you'selves 'cord-inly."

It looks more and more as though all this financial depression had come according to the program of the great railroad magnates, who are striving to "get even" with the President, alleging, as they do, that he has overstepped the bounds of propriety in his efforts to prod said corporation to carry on their transactions within the limit of the law. But, they may have fooled us for a time, yet we cannot be fooled all the time, and when once the American people get it into their heads what is really the cause of the "panic", then, woe be unto the said (railroad magnates! Their latter troubles will certainly be worse than were their former ones. They have been playing with the fire and now they must reap the consequences.

In the course of his Thanksgiving proclamation, President Roosevelt gives utterance to the following timely words: "Our natural resources are at least as great as those of any nation. Much has been given us from on high and much will rightly be expected of us in return. Into our care (the 10 talents) have been entrusted, and we are to be pardoned neither if we squander and waste them, nor yet if we hide them in a napkin. We should earnestly pray that the spirit of righteousness may grow greater in the hearts of all and that our souls may be inclined even more toward the virtues that tell for gentleness, for loving kindness and forbearance one with another, for without these qualities neither nation nor individual can raise to the level of greatness."

The closeness of financial matters has very clearly demonstrated one thing, and that is that we have been having altogether too much of a credit system. How much better would the merchants have been prepared to meet this flurry, had their customers been paying as they go. What is to hinder our profiting by this bit of experience and attending to this matter right now? It is a bad habit to get into for us to have our purchases always charged, for it means that the dealer has to carry us and naturally enough he cannot sell as cheaply, because he must borrow money with which to meet the wholesale houses who show no mercy but exact every dollar that is due them. It is near enough the New Year to make this good resolution, but don't let us wait until the first of next year before we put it into practice. Now is the accepted time.

Education leaders are still discussing with unabated interest the proposition put forward by Thomas L. Burt recently in the Independent, namely—that the schools should be opened all the year round, Sundays and the few public holidays alone, excepted. Mr. Burt's idea is that this would leave about 300 school days, which would vary in length of session from three hours in summer to five or six in winter. He says that no educator will deny that this distribution of school time would enable the pupils to cover more ground and make much greater progress than under the existing plan. One of the principal objects gained would be in his opinion, to keep the children off the streets in the summer time and to make their development steady and continuous. The fact that most parents are glad to send their children to summer schools is regarded as favorable. He proposes to make the pay of the teachers "accordingly higher," in money and not in holidays and vacations. He argues, further, that short hours, Saturday and Sunday holidays and long vacations, "instead of producing the habit of study among teachers probably increases laziness." According to this proposal, no teacher would teach all day, but two or even three should occupy the same room during successive sessions.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Pyle,
Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Holt.
Grants Pass, Ore., Nov. 20, 1907.

Medford had a bad fire, the other night, when two residences were burned down and a third badly scorched. The mud in the hydrants caused much delay and added materially to the loss.

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