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Oregon banks show a remarkably healthy condition, according to the report of State Bank Examiner Steel. Assets and liabilities of the private and national banks of the state at the close of business on November 16 are compared with the same statistics on November 27, 1908, much to the disadvantage of the earlier date. An increase of 21 per cent in loans and discounts and individual deposits is shown for the current year. Individual deposits in banks have increased \$6,103,678 over last year, certainly a strong evidence of the prosperity of the state. A gain of more than \$21,000,000 in resources of the banks in a single year is a striking proof of the advance Oregon has made during the past twelve months. This is partly due to the marketing of a large lumber cut but the high prices at which the agricultural staples were marketed had an even stronger effect on the figures.

While a jury in Olympia found Orvis Hamilton guilty of embezzling from the state, during his term as adjutant General, another jury in King county found John Ripplinger, former city comptroller of Seattle, from a similar charge of wrong doing. Both men will have to face trial again, as there are other counts to be explained in each case. At the same time, a grand jury in Seattle is investigating all sorts of charges and the air seems thick with criminal reports. Spokane too, has her share of nasty rumors. And top of it all, comes the information from Washington, D. C., that government investigators have found Puget Sound the second largest port of entry for the White Slave traffic in the United States. It is now up to Mr. Walker to "start something" again.

Try to clear the air.

The social atmosphere culminating out of these school receptions, is a healthy, vigorous condition which speak volumes in comparison of the present interest in the school, with that of last year. These functions promote more than local interest; they extend in scope throughout the county and blend into scholastic bondage from which splendid results will accrue.

It is gratifying to know that the fight against consumption is winning. Ultimately this dread disease, like others that once were prevalent, will almost cease to be. But, unfortunately,

ly, what society gains from science is often neutralized by its own follies. Nervous and mental diseases are on the increase simply because society lives too high and goes at too rapid a pace. Hasty, sensationalism, the craving for excitement, the mad eagerness for wealth, and pleasures that violate all rules for health are responsible for the alarming increase in sudden deaths, heart failure, nervous breakdown and insanity. If society would co-operate with science it would gain immensely in health and every other way.

What is known as "poetic license" gives a wide latitude for ideas and expression, but occasionally a poet oversteps the boundary and brings upon himself the condemnation of the public. If the explanation alleged to have been made by William Watson, the English poet for the writing of "The Woman With a Serpent's Tongue" is correct, then he is guilty of a gross breach of confidence and ungentlemanly conduct that will lower him considerably in the estimation of those who recognize the merits of his poetry but who also believe that even a poet should observe social amenities and respect confidences.

An advertising campaign that will reach not less than 27,428,750 readers of newspapers throughout the country has been planned by the Portland Commercial club and will be opened up in January and run for three months. The advertising will call attention to vacant lands of this state and the chances here for the newcomer. There is no question that this advertising will result in bringing many people to Oregon and the whole state, not any one section, will be benefitted. The keynote of the advertising will be "Oregon is the place for you; 1910 the time; railroad development the reason."

Judge Bean has clashed with County Commissioner Walker, insofar that his decision in the detective case upholds the contention of District Attorney Phelps that the county is bound to pay obligations incurred in enforcing the law—and, mind you, it makes no difference whether the enforcement is of a law against selling "booze," for horsestealing or murder. It is now up to Mr. Walker to "start something" again.

Dr. John McLoughlin and his work in aiding the early settlers at Oregon City will not be forgotten and by a decisive vote, this pioneer city has declared it will maintain the historic home of Dr. McLoughlin as a public monument to his work. This tribute to Dr. McLoughlin will meet with the hearty approval of all right thinking people everywhere.

If it is true that the lower regions are paved with unfulfilled good intentions what a lot of paving some people have laid.

Everybody, including the rank and file of the republican party, is waiting patiently, for big "Bill" Taft

to do something. So far his stunt has been to sit serenely on the fence, proclaim Roosevelt policies, and watch 'em shattered by Ballinger and other trusted lieutenants.

Christmas stocks have been shattered by a brisk trade in Athens, this week. The quality of goods carried by Athena merchants this year was above average and with prices correspondingly right, holiday purchases were heavy.

Long ago Sheriff Taylor demonstrated his ability to run down criminals, but his success in the Umatilla murder case is one more instance that emphasizes a talent possessed by few gifted officers.

DEATH OF ROBT. J. BODDY

R. J. Boddy died at his home in this city today at 12:30 p. m. He had been in ill health for a number of years and the end was not unexpected. He was well known in Umatilla county and for years was engaged in the butcher business in this city. He was born in England and came to Athena from Montana 18 years ago. He is survived by his wife and several children. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

Stockholders' Meeting.
The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Athena, Oregon, for the election of directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may lawfully come before it, will be held in its office in Athena, Oregon, on Tuesday, the 11th day of January, 1910, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. F. S. LeGrow, Cashier.
Dated December 10, 1909.

Young Girls are Victims.
of headache, as well as older women, but all get quick relief and prompt cure from Dr. King's Life Pills, the world's best remedy for sick and nervous headaches. They make pure blood, and strong nerves and build up your health. Try them. 25c at all druggists.

CHOICE PROPERTY FOR SALE

Bargains Which are Offered by the Athena Land Company.

Farm Lands.
705—An estate of 480 acres of the finest land in Umatilla county. Abundant water supply—hot and cold water—ten room house modern and well appointed. About 40 acres of good alfalfa land. The farms adjacent to this are all selling for \$100 per acre. This place can be had for \$85 per acre if taken at once. If you want a home let us show you this immediately.
700—560 acres of fine wheat land—good water—eight room house—good barn and out houses—place highly improved—on the railroad and only one mile from the station. \$65 per acre.

City Property.
505—\$1100 for a nine room house in Athena—two blocks from Main street and half block from the school building. You can not buy the material in the house for what we ask for the entire place.
If you have something to sell or trade tell us about it. It will not hurt either of us and it may be an advantage to both of us.
ATHENA LAND CO.
Box 274. Phone 355.

Kills Her Foe of 20 Years.
"The most merciless enemy I had for 20 years," declares Mrs. James Duncan, of Haynesville, Me., "was Dyspepsia. I suffered intensely after eating or drinking and could scarcely sleep. After many remedies had failed and several doctors gave me up. I tried Electric Bitters, which cured me completely. Now I can eat anything. I am 70 years old and am overjoyed to get my health and strength back again." For indigestion, Loss of Appetite, Kidney Trouble, Lame Back, Female Complaints, it is unequalled. Only 50c at all druggists.

Forced Into Exile.
Wm. Upchurch of Glen Oak, Okla., was an exile from home. Mountain air, he thought would cure a frightful lung-racking cough that had defied all remedies for two years. After six months he returned, death dogging his steps. "Then I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery," he writes. "and after taking six bottles I am as well as ever." It saves thousands yearly from desperate lung diseases. Infallible for Coughs and Colds, it dispels Hoarseness and sore Throat, Cures Grip, Whooping Cough. 50c and \$1, trial bottles free, guaranteed by all druggists.

A Good Position.
can be had by ambitious young men and women in the field of "Wireless" and Railroad telegraphy. Since the 8-hour law became effective, and since the Wireless companies are establishing stations throughout the country there is a great shortage of telegraphers. Positions pay beginners from \$70 to \$90 per month, with good chance for advancement. The National Telegraph Institute of Portland, Ore., operates six official institutes in America, under supervision of R. R. and Wireless officials and places all graduates into positions. It will pay you to write them for full details.

BANNER SALVE
the most healing salve in the world.



Special Holiday Inducements

\$250.00 Assortment

which includes Toys, Notions and Fancy Goods. I have endeavored to assemble the best possible collection, largest sizes, and best values obtainable from the best Eastern markets. No other store in the county will give you as large and choice a selection of

Toys and Holiday Goods

as I will give you for the money

- No. 1—1 doz. nickel Trumpets, measuring 12 1/2 inches, with fancy colored cheville cord wound with fancy cord, 15c.
- No. 2—2 doz. nickel Finished Rattles, assorted, 3 different styles, with natural wood handles with bone rings and whistle ends, best value for the money. 50c.
- No. 3—1 doz. spring tops. A very strong cop 6 3/4 inches in circumference. After winding up the spring press the button and the top flies off with much force; 15c.
- No. 4—1-2 doz. Toy violins, an exact model of a fine violin measuring 11 inches, real gut strings and real hair bow, 75c.
- No. 5—2 doz. Buffalo Bill Pop Guns, extra strong springs, shoots cork in the spring, 12 inches long, 25c.
- No. 6—Vacuum target Guns, 18 1/2 in. long, 50c.
- No. 7—2 doz. performing Monkeys, a very amusing Japanese toy, will go through all kinds of gymnastics, 25c.
- No. 8—1 doz. Toy Whips, white braid lash, 4 1/2 inch stock, 15c.
- No. 9—U. S. Soldiers' Equipment, consisting of combination gun shooting paper caps, 18 1/2 in. long bright sword with metal scabbard, white and blue cap and knapsack with initials U. S., all nicely mounted on card, \$1.50.
- No. 10—1 doz. imported Parlor Balls silk worsted covering in assorted bright colors, too soft to break the window or hurt the baby, 15c.
- No. 11—Soft Stuffed Animals on rollers, dogs, horses, elephants etc., all prices.

- No. 12—1-2 doz. Stuffed Teddy Bears, brown plush, 50c.
- No. 13—1 only Skidoo Dog, the prettiest one you ever saw, \$1.50.
- No. 14—1 doz. assorted Mechanical Toys representing the Mexican and his dog, the comical Sulky Rider, two funny clowns in action and many others, 25. and 50.
- No. 15—Musical frog, a gaily painted frog with a pair of cymbals in his fore paws, \$1.00.
- No. 16—Monkey Banjo Player, represents a fluely dressed up monkey sitting on a tree stump playing the banjo, \$1.50.
- No. 17—Mechanical Tourist Auto, a double seated tourist auto car 9x16 in. with coach top, everything complete with steering gear and chauffeur. You can't get an auto for less; \$2.50.
- No. 18—1 only Star Steam Engine, exact copy of a fine upright engine working by steam, brass boiler and cylinder, every piece tried by steam in the factory, \$2.50.
- No. 19—Mechanical Centrimotor with wind mill attachment; an entirely new invention no electric batteries and no steam to set the fly wheel in motion. \$2.50.
- No. 20—Gravity Top. Two clowns give a performance by tumbling down a 15 inch ladder, simply worked by gravity. 75c.
- No. 21—1 only Dressed Doll, 19 in. long, a very pretty doll, sleeping, life size, pretty teeth, superbly dressed. It must be seen to be appreciated. \$2.00.

We haven't room to specify and price all of our Xmas gatherings. We have a large assortment of Tin Ranges, Child's cooking sets, dressed dolls, work boxes, toilet cases, military sets, collar and cuff boxes, smoking tables, silver ink stands, China tea sets, China cups and saucers, brass beds, architectural building blocks, Milton Bradey's game card games, Backgamun boards, picture books, mounted pictures, post card albums, combination toy safes, clock savings banks, iron passenger trains, steel trucks with horses, sand mills, mule trucks, pussy in boots, surprise boxes, fancy lunch boxes. A large assortment of card games, such as Stars and Stripes, Peter Diddle, Authers, Old Maid, Wild Flowers, etc. Come to Athena's leading store and see the largest display of medium priced Xmas goods ever displayed here. A large display of Mufflers, Handkerchiefs, Pillow Tops, Fancy Water Sets and Dishes.

T. M. Taggart Athena Or. Phone 77

General Merchandise

California

Midwinter Excursion Walla Walla

To

Los Angeles
and Return

on January 17, 1910

\$94.00

This rate includes railroad ticket for the round trip, and berth in sleeping car for the going trip, side trips provided for in the itinerary, and all meals from the hour of departure Monday night, January 17, until arrival in Los Angeles, 5:30 p. m., Sunday, January 23, are also included; also trip to Riverside and Redlands, over the inside track, Monday, January 24th. Two tickets entitle holders to a full section.

Return Limit, April 17, 1910

Berth reservations and full itinerary of the trip can be had of your local agent or R. Burns, District Freight and Passenger Agent, Walla Walla, Wash. A deposit of \$20.00 will be required on each ticket at time reservation is made.