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**THE POSTAL DEFICIT.**

The post office department shows a deficit of \$15,000,000 for the year now closing and Mr. Edwin C. Madden, the wondrous wise Third Assistant Postmaster General, wants to stop the deficit by increasing the rate on second-class mail matter, which includes newspapers and magazines. Madden has been worried for years about the cheap rate of that class of postage and has been doing his best to increase the cost of current reading matter to the general public. He does not say a word about the big graft in his department that is caused by the franking privilege which is enjoyed by congressmen. The government transmits thousands of tons of mail every year for these gentlemen absolutely free. Neither does he apparently give a thought to the excessive rates paid the railroad companies for carrying the mails, which everybody else knows is nothing short of an absolute steal. At stated periods the mails carried on every railroad train in the country are weighed daily for thirty consecutive days and from this basis the compensation for the railroad companies is figured for the next four years. During this period is when Mr. Congressman gets in some good work for his favorite transportation company with his little franking privilege. The mails are systematically padded during this time with hundreds of tons of worthless truck of all descriptions, it even being of record that bricks, scrap iron, etc. are sent through the mails in order to bolster up a showing of false tonnage that the railroads may draw pay for work they do not perform for another four years. Madden winks the other eye at these practices and then prates of the wrongs the government suffers because of the low second-class rate. Madden should have a brass collar with a big identification tag so that his masters, the railroad magnates, may not lose him. They could ill afford to spare him from their service.

Central Point grew some during the past year. \$56,000.00 worth of improvements is not so bad for a little town during the first year of its awakening. We should double that record next year and will if we will all push.

Christmas is over for another year but are the bills paid?

**Royal Neighbors Elect Officers.**

Royal Neighbor Camp No. 3219 of this place held its annual election of officers Wednesday evening, Dec. 12. The following were elected: Oracle, Emily A. Holmes; Vice-Oracle, Jennie Nichols; Chancellor, Mary Estes; Recorder, Lottie Gregory; Receiver, Stella Fox; Marshal, Bertha Bursell; Inner Sentinel, Edna L. Robnett; Outer Sentinel, Emma Bobb; Manager (for three years), Belle Pleasant. Neighbor Belle Pleasant was chosen Installing Officer. The installation will take place early in January.

**Excursion to San Francisco.**

Messrs. T. K. Bolton and Emil Peil will run another of their popular holiday excursions from Ashland to San Francisco and return this season, leaving Ashland Wednesday, December 23, 1906, on the noon train. Round trip tickets, \$15.00, good for fifteen days. You should take advantage of this opportunity to see the wrecked city. Tickets now on sale at Freeman & Wiley's, Central Point. 3135

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Clouds may hang a leetle lower, but all trouble has an end,  
An' the blessed sun is goin' to shine some more.  
A-frownin' and a-growlin' never made a harvest big,  
An' a-feelin' blue won't fill the pumpkin vine;  
An' the cheerful chap as whistles most will reap a bigger crop  
Than the feller who can only sit an' whine.  
It takes a heap of heartfulness to hum a lively tune  
When the rain is peltin' down around the door,  
Providin' it's in Fall-time (the rain is good in June),  
An' you haven't got the crops in on the floor;  
But the Lord ain't helpin' him that doesn't help himself,  
An' a faint heart never paid a mortgage, shore!  
So you've got to keep a-singin' just to scare the devil off  
When the rain is peltin' down around the door.  
Sakes alive! I reckon trouble would be plentiful as sin,  
When the rain is peltin' down around the door,  
If we all sat down a-grumblin' and a-questionin' of Him  
'Cause "benefits received" were mid-dlin' pore.  
But all be up an' doin' with a singin' in your heart,  
And see how light the burden then'll seem.  
It ain't the logic of the Lord to give the worker "skim"  
An' allow the drone to revel in the cream.  
I reckon all the singin' that a man could ever do  
When the rain is peltin' down around the door,  
Wouldn't churn a pound of butter if he didn't use his hands,  
But it makes the butter sweeter, certain shore.  
Did you ever see a bee 'at wasn't hum-min while it worked,  
A-gettin' in its goody Winter store?  
They hum and hive and hoard their wealth for idle days to come,  
When the rain is peltin' down around the door.  
-George F. Farren, in Youth's Companion.

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