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Announcements

Salt Lake City:

The opening, November 1, 1920, of an office in the Utah Savings and Trust Building, Salt Lake City, with Mr. W. M. McKendrick as manager, marks the establishment of our twenty-sixth practice office and the entry of the firm into Utah where it will carry on practice as public accountants.

We have been encouraged to take this step by many friends in Utah who have indicated that we may be of service as a professional organization to the many business and financial interests there, and we appreciate the invitation to enter into relations with the people of a state which has been brought to a place of national importance through the energy, thrift, and enterprise of its citizens.

The interest displayed by the bankers of Utah in a paper read by Mr. John R. Wildman, of our firm, before the Utah Bankers Association at Ogden, June 19, 1920, on "Certified Financial Statements as a Basis for Credit" and the adoption of a resolution by that association calling upon members to require financial statements before making loans, not only add to our encouragement but testify to the sound judgment of the Utah banking fraternity.

The Salt Lake City office will, through collaboration with our San Francisco, Los Angeles and Denver offices and cooperation with our other practice offices, both in this country and abroad, enable us to render world service to the great Inter-mountain country of which Utah constitutes so important and worthy a part.

Mr. N. K. Vincent, C. P. A., Colorado and Missouri, for a number of years connected with the Denver office, will be attached to the Salt Lake City office as supervising accountant.

Portland, Oregon:

The chain of our offices along the Pacific Coast was reinforced January 8, 1921, by the opening of an office in Portland. While this territory has been served largely by the Seattle Office, with assistance at times from San Francisco, the demands upon us from Portland and vicinity have prompted us to make our service more accessible by the establishment of an office there.

The office is located in the Pittock Block. Mr. Robert J. Leo, formerly of our San Francisco office, has been appointed manager.

Philadelphia:

In order to make necessary provision for growth of practice, our office in Philadelphia was removed on January 1, 1921, to the Land Title Building, Broad Street, between Chestnut and Sansom Streets.

Boston:

We have pleasure in announcing the acquisition, as of January 1, 1921, of the professional accounting practice of Mr. Augustus Nickerson, of Boston, Massachusetts, heretofore conducted under the name of Augustus Nickerson, Inc. Mr. Nickerson is a certified public accountant of Massachusetts and has for twenty-eight years been engaged in professional accounting in Boston. He will act as Associate Manager of the Boston office, collaborating with Mr. Hyde.

Buffalo:

Effective January 1, 1921, Mr. E. E. Leffler has been appointed Assistant Manager of the Buffalo office.

Dallas:

Mr. J. B. Stiteler, Jr., has been appointed Assistant Manager of the Dallas Office, effective December 23, 1920.

Denver:

We have been fortunate in obtaining space in the new United States National Bank Building, located at Seventeenth and Stout Streets, Denver, to which the Denver practice office was transferred on January 10, 1921.

The new office affords not only a better location but improved space and facilities for the reception of clients and the conduct of the practice generally.

Kansas City:

Our Kansas City office has removed to the Grand Avenue Temple, 9th Street and Grand Avenue, Kansas City. The new quarters promise greater advantages from the viewpoints of space, light, and accessibility.

London:

Our office in London has also been moved recently to 7 Wormwood Street, Old Broad Street, London, E. C. 2, where larger and better space will facilitate the conduct of our practice. Mr. A. M. Lovibond, manager of the London office, made a visit recently to the Paris office in connection with the transfer to the latter of certain continental practice previously conducted from the London office.

A New Firm Member

MR. GEORGE M. DALLAS, head of the Executive Tax Department, was admitted to membership in the firm January 1, 1921. Mr. Dallas entered the organization November 12, 1917, as a tax specialist. Through his untiring and effective efforts our tax practice has developed in number and size of engagements to a

position of prime importance. A well-organized tax department represented in the various offices by accountants who specialize in tax matters is the result of his work. He has earned a well-deserved place as an authority and consultant on income and profits tax questions and related matters.

Mr. Dunn Plans to Retire

THE announcement by Mr. Dunn of his intention to retire from the firm was conveyed to his associates in a letter dated December 28, 1920, copy of which follows:

“Dear Messrs. Sells and Ludlam:

“I have been advised that, out of consideration for my health or physical condition, after about the year 1925 I should plan to have my life free of business confinement and burdens and to spend it largely out of doors. Going further than intimations previously made, I feel that it is due to my associates to formally express my intention to be so governed and, in consequence, to withdraw from the firm somewhat in advance of the time stated, which may as well now be understood as on June 1, 1924. There should be conveyed to my associates, however, assurance of there being no reason to believe that to carry on with my accustomed application to the affairs and interests of the firm during such period would be at the risk of any impairment of my health or condition thereafter.

“Looking ahead to severance at some definite date of partnership ties of long standing, is not a pleasant contemplation. The personal ties which have been developed through that relation cannot be dissolved. My interest in the continued growth and welfare of our organization of professional men—men who are imbued with the highest ideals—never will diminish. Even after withdrawal, I shall want always to feel subject to call when and as needed for emergency or consultation.

“With warmest regards and best wishes to all for the approaching new year, I remain,

“Yours faithfully,

“HOMER A. DUNN.”

It is with greatest difficulty that Mr. Dunn's associates attempt to express the regret to which his announcement gives rise. The occasion calls to mind immediately the many sterling qualities of which he is possessed and the energy, enthusiasm, and professional ability which he has exercised without restriction in the firm's behalf since joining it in June, 1902. The loss of this force in the affairs of the firm cannot but be severely felt.

Cold written words are inadequate to express the esteem and affection in which Mr. Dunn is held throughout the organization. He has been more than an accountant and administrator. He has been a constructive thinker and teacher; consistently helpful. There are many in his debt.

While fortunately Mr. Dunn's departure from the organization will be somewhat deferred the suggestion to withdraw leaves us with a sense of losing an estimable associate, a strong arm, and a good friend.

Shanghai Office Growing

IT is with both pride and pleasure that we refer to the progress which our Shanghai office is making. Mr. De Vault recently cabled for two additional men, and in expressing his pleasure when advised that Messrs. A. R. Franklin and C. H. Sammond had sailed, referred to the large volume of work to be handled during the next few months.

The Shanghai office was recently placed under the general supervision of Mr. Forbes with the idea that his location in San Francisco will enable us to maintain better contact with clients having Far Eastern offices or relations. Mr. Forbes, incidentally, contemplates a visit to the Shanghai office in the not far distant future.