

HALL-LEWIS HAS ANSWER

Makes Reply to Recent Letter in Times From Local Merchant.

EDITOR TIMES: I was very sorry to see in your issue of Saturday last, a communication headed "Answer to 'A Farmer's Arguments,'" signed by the manager of one of the local mercantile establishments, so blatant in its sophistry as to call for protest, alike from producer and dealer. I do not know, nor do I care, who wrote the "Argument." The personal equation is of remote interest in the analysis of a principle, but I have this to say for him: He is in every sense a booster for the common weal, and in no sense a knocker. Every man, woman and child on Coos Bay is interested in the prosperity of our community, and this can only continue through interchange of local patronage. Shorn, perhaps, of a few allusions irrelevant to the subject of trading with the "catalogue houses," the "Argument" offers little to debate. Considered from an unprejudiced standpoint, it is indeed, not only a sound, practical "Farmer's Argument," but by the same token, applies with equal force to every customer of local retail establishments. A sort of creed for communal harmony, and an excellent one, insofar as the relations of the producing element, with the dealer or distributing agent, are vital to the economic balance of the community.

I have no stock or share in any store or in any other part of the country, but I have the same interest in the success of local mercantile enterprise, that I believe every consistent citizen feels, and it can hardly be said to be an evidence of good citizenship, to attempt to raise one's self to preeminence in the community, through disparagement of one's neighbors, nor is it the key to public confidence, to apply such epithets as "unscrupulous individual" to one's competitors in trade, nor necessary to insult the buying public, by parading him as a "victim" because he does not trade in some certain store.

The tale of the Jew (recounted in the "Answer") is in no sense apropos. The store is the creature of the producer, the farmer the original producer, hence most concerned at any disturbance of the distributing facilities for his products. And inasmuch as, were it not for the producer, there would be no store, in that sense the store is CONTROLLED, if not actually OWNED, by the farmer. This in the broad economic sense, is the universal condition. But the ill flavor of this "Answer," does remind one of a certain fable of the immortal Aesop, concerning a jealous and arbitrary animal of the genus Canis, and a hungry horse. The future of our community is in the hands of her citizens no less than the present, for the work of to-day will produce the fruits of the morrow. The way to success in that future, will of course be strewn with some obstacles, but spurred on to achievement by an abiding faith in the latent resource, consumption will surely follow, if we are energetic in development, resourceful in adversity, conciliatory in controversy, indulgent under vexation, patient in perplexity, and at all times firm though just, in unequivocally discountenancing the man with the hammer.

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In this as in all similarly situated communities, there are existing, economic conditions which could be improved upon, but they can no more be improved by neglect of the latent opportunity, than can the entente cordiale between coadjutors, be maintained through the assumption of a pharisaical attitude, and the employment in private or public utterance, of unrestrained billingsgate and profuse invective expectation. I have interviewed a number of the dealers on the Bay, and find them most cordially disposed toward any movement that will create a dependable wholesale source of supply to their needs, and reduce the volume of credit business. And by the way, I found every man of them attending strictly to his own business, which is a thing "unscrupulous individuals" seldom do.

Visits to some ninety ranches about the Bay develop the cause of dissatisfaction with trade conditions, to be lack of effective organization on commercial lines, among the farmers. If the farmers would to a man affiliate themselves with the Farmers' National Union (of which we now have a regularly chartered branch here in Marshfield), a distinctly commercial organization, and plant their best acres to a judicious assortment of produce for home consumption, with perhaps some specialties for shipment, we could have a local wholesale depot or produce market right here at home, second to none on the Pacific Coast; we could keep here, distributed around among the local producers, the \$30,000 odd dollars sent to outside markets annually, for produce which we could every bit as well raise here at home.

While co-operative buying and selling is the prime purpose of the National Union, still the "buying" function of the organization need in no way "step on the toes" of local merchants. Trade reciprocity covers such matters to mutual advantage, as has been proved wherever given a trial. We want every orderly conducted mercantile establishment on the Bay to succeed, and I don't believe that there is any volume of outside buying or "catalogue house" trading done by local farmers. As a producer, looking to the local trade patronage, I don't believe that the farmer is as lacking in rudimentary intelligence, as the "Answer" would have us believe. But the very best way to start such a movement among buyers is for a local dealer to cry thief at his competitors. I admit that some transactions common between the local producer and the dealer, do look from the producer's side, like deliberate and unjustifiable extortion. But as I have said before, the remedy does not lie in recrimination.

I am very sorry that this "Answer" got into print, for he it remembered, that it takes twenty tons of "boost" to offset a half ounce of widely circulated "knock." It occurs to me, however, that your purpose in printing it may have been Socratic—to expose the cynicism of the author through the "draw fire" of your readers. Be that as it may, I trust never again to see in The Times such a wanton exudation of venom in attack upon a contribution so important of personality, so eminently reasonable, so salutary in the conservation of home enterprise, and certainly in the interests of local prosperity.

I believe in the agricultural, horticultural, commercial and mercantile future of Coos Bay. I believe in the integrity of purpose of our local dealers, as a class. And I hope that the producers' associations, in which the local farmers are taking an awakened interest, may be of much service in molding better relationship, between producer and dealer. Now Mr. Editor, we look up to you as the dean of the "boosting" fraternity throughout this region. We expect you to diligently censor communications which assual advocacy of community interest, to which I believe every farmer and consistent citizen will say, amen.

P. M. HALL-LEWIS, Midbrook Farm, August 1st.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.
Notice is hereby given that the County Board of Examiners of Coos County, Oregon, will hold the regular examination for applicants for State and County papers at North Bend, commencing Wednesday at 9 o'clock A. M., August 10th, and continuing till Friday at 4 P. M., August 12th. Dated this 28th day of July, 1910.

W. H. BUNCH, County Superintendent.

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

The Times will be pleased to publish letters from its readers on all questions of public interest. Each letter must be signed by the writer, and so far as possible be limited to 200 words. In publishing these letters it must be understood that The Times does not indorse the views expressed therein; it is simply affording a means for the voicing of different opinions on all questions affecting the public welfare.

A FOOLISH MOTHER.

EDITOR TIMES: Recently I spent the afternoon with a friend and among other things she said, in a mitigant tone while dextrously plying her needle to an elaborate piece of drawn work which when finished would adorn the bird's eye maple dressing table in her adorable daughter's bedroom:

"Well, I have managed so far to keep Maudie from doing any housework to speak of. I wanted her girlhood days to be unfettered by the drudgery of housework. There will be plenty of time to learn to keep house in the years to come when she may have a home of her own to look after."

This "penny wise and pound foolish" mother does not begin to realize what harm she is doing to her daughter by keeping her ignorant of the tasks in a sphere intended for the gentler sex by the Almighty since the beginning of time. Before this daughter in question masters the domestic art she will no doubt waste innumerable things in the eatable line and cause her husband to be a confirmed dyspeptic. Moreover, if the family purse will allow a servant in the house she will, as the slang expression goes, "pull the wool" over Maudie's eyes, wasting food in preparing it to such an extent that the extravagance will rapidly diminish the funds set aside to replenish the larder. After at least a year of aggravating exasperations, during which time her husband's devotion will wane and his love almost depart, she may finally become an ordinary A, B, C cook and housekeeper. Mothers of the sort just cited ought to take warning and consider the grave, important matter and bring up their daughters to mingle in the home atmosphere and be a participant in the household affairs going on about her, instead of a distasteful spectator. She will invariably—when the sad awakening comes—censure instead of laud the mother who has brought her up so artificially, as I then would term it, "raised in a doll house." The typical housekeeper is taught the art—which may be safely asserted for housework has been raised to the dignity of such a title—gradually from childhood up to the years of maturity. Thus she becomes a blessing in the home where some extremely fortunate husband has installed her. Some mother may exclaim with indignation and upholed hands, "My daughter is going to marry a man who can afford a couple of servants." Still my argument holds good for the reason that a woman cannot manage her home or servants properly unless she knows the secrets of housekeeping herself. The other day an observant accepted an invitation from an accomplished young lady who had, by the way, married a good but, strictly speaking, poor man, to dine at her home. Well, to begin with, the bungalow was in a "topsy turvy" condition. I held my breath as we took our seats for dinner. Although the spread was a simple array, one glance was sufficient to see that the food was poorly prepared. The porterhouse steaks were burned in spots, the potatoes were soggy and the stewed tomatoes still retained a raw, unseasoned flavor. Then the hostess apologized for the dinner's state, laughingly, that I know full well that cooking was not her long suit; furthermore, she earnestly hoped that I would dine with her again when a new servant was captured, as the last one had boldly gone on a strike. At this the husband gallantly came to the rescue by saying that he would rather have a wife who was proficient in music and the finer arts than in domestic lines. Undoubtedly after the honeymoon wanes he will change his tune, while his adorable wife will bitterly realize that the ancient adage, "The way to reach a man's heart is through his stomach," holds good in her case.

Throughout the universe educators and faculties are disclaiming the necessity of introducing the domestic science course into the schools, especially in the girls' seminaries. Teachers realize that the most important part of a girl's education, viz: the domestic side, has deplorably been neglected to the detriment of those lives who greatly depend upon her to promulgate their happiness. While many girls and women are forced, through adverse circumstances, to go out into the world to earn their daily bread, the majority of them are destined to be home makers, where Providence has elected her queen.

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REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Daily Real Estate Reports Furnished By Title Guarantee and Abstract Co., Henry Sengstacke, July 16th, 1910.

S. W. Harmon to M. L. Hunt. Right of way not to exceed 20 ft. in width across and over the SW ¼ of NE ¼ of Sec. 5, and SE ¼ of NE ¼ of Sec. 6, Tp. 25, S. R. 12 W., to be laid out upon a route across land to place where the county road joins. Deed. Con. \$1.

Mat Klokus et ux to A. H. Brackett. Und. ½ interest in lots 3 and 4 and North ¾ of SW ¼ of NW ¼ of Sec. 5, the North ¾ of SE ¼ of NE ¼ of Sec. 6, all in Tp. 25 S., R. 12 W., containing 27 acres. Deed. Con. \$10. July 18th, 1910.

Arthur Vineyard et ux to Elizabeth Schiefelbe. Lots 1 and 2, blk 39, East Marshfield. Deed. Con. \$500.

P. A. Devers et ux to R. H. Olsen. Lot 1 in blk 7, Town of Marshfield. Deed. Con. \$10.

Marshfield Land Company to Fannie A. Lattin. Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, blk 19, Bay Park. Deed. Con. \$10.

A. H. Powers et ux to Fred W. Powers. Lots 39 and 40, blk 43, Railroad Add. to Marshfield. Deed. Con. \$10.

July 19th, 1910.

Elmer A. Todd et ux to R. E. Golden. Parcel of land in Sec. 31, Tp. 24 S., R. 11 W. Deed. Con. \$10.

Clara Gladys Todd et al to R. E. Golden. SE ¼ of NW ¼, Sec. 31, Tp. 24 S., R. 11 W. Deed. Con. \$10.

Blanco Development Company to Alice Brackett Hunt. Parcel of land in Sec. 19, Tp. 25 S., R. 12 W. Deed. Con. \$1.

Odd Fellows Cemetery, Marshfield, to Edgar McDaniel. Lot 9, blk 11, Odd Fellows Cemetery, Marshfield. Deed. Con. \$9.

July 20th, 1910.

Eugene L. Church et ux to E. M. Ballard. Lot 5, blk 18, town of South Marshfield. Given to correct deed dated Sept. 4, 1908. Deed. Con. \$1. O. V. C.

July 21st, 1910.

Bennett Trust Company et al to Wm. Lund. Lots 5 and 6, blk 43, Bennett Add. to Marshfield. Deed. Con. \$1,500.

East Marshfield Land Co. to Alfred Jacobson. Lots 23 and 24, blk 27, Townsite of East Marshfield. Deed. Con. \$10.

Notice to Candidates For Queen of the Carnival

Commencing to-morrow evening (August 5th) only the candidates having the largest number of votes will be considered in the Queen's contest, so all the young fellows had better get together and have their various Queens in line tonight as the polls close for nomination at 1:30 P. M., August 5th.

It seems as though the honors have not been thoroughly understood, and just the same as in the larger cities the Queen will be entertained, ball, receptions, special automobiles, specially decorated launches for her and her retinue any place she may care to go; free access to all attractions and places of amusement and the coronation exercises and the famous water parade will be worth any girl's effort. After the nominations close no girl may enter, so its up to you to get busy now.

The following is the standing of the candidates to-day, 1:30 P. M.:

MARSHFIELD.

Fearl Riggs 3077

Myrtle Vincent 3432

Faye Bridges 725

Genevieve Tellefson 725

Clara Rehfeld 365

Elsie Hall 200

Alma Hanson 140

Signa Holm 110

Clara Myren 110

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