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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1910.



LOCAL BUSINESSMEN WILL PETI-TION OREGON CONGRESSMEN.

Defects of Law and Its Working Principles Described in Detail.

Within the next few days La Grande business men are going to join the ranks of petitioners all over the country and will appeal to the Oregon congressmen to fight against the parcels post law. The purposes and intents and what will result to small town businessmen and merchants, is graphically told in the following circular lettter received by local businessmen from the prime movers in the fight against the law.

The advocates of the rural parcels post claim that this system of merchandise transportation would enable the farmer to have small packages of merchandise delivered at his mail box quickly and cheaply.

No one disputes this-but there are is one:

Evry rural delivery carrier is now authorized to carry merchandise parcels weighing over four pounds from your farm to town or from town to pay the carrier whatever you agree there is no maximum weight limit, for possible. the carrier can take anything for you Here is another side of the question-the side seen by your friends, the home merchants:

large quantities by express or freight | country town, for deposit in the local postoffice and delivery by rural carriers. There is be prevented.

The opportunity thus afforded these mail-order houses for the development of a gigantic trust is a most serious menace to the farmer's welfare. Every necessary of life could in time be monopolized through the operation of this government postal subsidy, taxed against al lthe people and applied for the sole benefit of the Mail-Order Trust. Already Wall street sees the trend of events and "big business" has become interested in fostering and financing the parcels post agitation. Its appetite has been stimulated by the results of the past few years, which have enabled one mail-order house to pay an annual dividend of 7 per cent on its many millions of capital and recently

to declare a special dividend of 33 1-3 per cent. What farmer can ever hope to equal that record? The big-city merchants pay no tax-

es of any kind-direct or indirect-in two more sides to the question. Here your community. They do not help maintain your schools, churches, libraries, hospitals and other public institutions. They do not help you build and maintain good roads. They do not give you credit and they give your farm-and you, or the town man, you neither sympathy nor help when misfortune comes. These hig-city is right. The proposed postage merchants have absolutely no intercharge would average much higher est in you, excepting to get hold of than what you would pay under the as many of you rdollars as they can Care the Drinking Hushand by Using sinth day of December, 1910. present systems of local delivery. Now and give as little return therefor as

Furthermore, the big-city merchthat he is able to carry, but it is pro- ants do not held in any way to mainposed to limit the weight to eleven tain and build up the home market We appeal to wives, mothers and sizpounds only. This would greatly cur. for your products that enables you to ters to save the hurband and father or tall the delivery privileges now men get spot cash or its equivalent for the brother with Orrine, a scientific to every farmer who desires to use everything you have to sell. Your lothem and make delivery cost him cation near such a town increases the secretly. more than under the present method. value of your farm and makes that farm easy to sell at full value whengood ever you desire.

through the use of local agents, to the farmer trade from the country ing, Washington, D. C. Orrine is sold whom parcels would be shipped in town to the big city will ruin the in this city by Silverthorne's Family

If the country town is ruined, the farmer's home market will be deabsolutely no way in which this could stroyed or at least very seriously impaired. Property values in the country towns would certainly depreciate as store after store was forced out of business and greater burdens of taxation would be placed upon the farmers' overburdened shoulders. Lack of funds raised by taxation would curtail the schools of the country towns. Churches now so largely supported by the home merchants could no longer be kept supplied with ministers, unless the farmer members heavily increased their contributions. Public spirit would be destroyed, public institutions would suffer and public improvements become a thing of

> the nest. The plain fact is that the interests

of the farmer and the home merchant are mutual. They are partners In the business of production and distribution-in the upbuilding and maintenance of the best possible home market. And the best home market is one that buys everything the farmer has to sell at top market prices and sells him everything he needs at fair competitive orices.

Therefore, Mr. Farmer, stand by your home merchants now as you would expect them to stand by you. In doing this you are conserving your own best interests.

AN APPEAL TO WIVES.

Orrine-Can he Given Secretly.

No more terrible affliction can come to any home than the craving for strong drink of husband and father. cure for the liquor habit. Can be given

Orrige is sold under an absolute guarantee that it will cure the drink other business that may properly habit or money will be refunded. Save You appreciate the fact that the the happiness and prosperity of the Dec. 2 Jan. 16.

Drug Store. Dec. 26, 28 20.

Notice to Property Owners.

Notice is hereby given that the Council of the City of La Grande, Oregon, did on the 21st day of December, 1910, pass a resolution declaring its intention of improving "X" Avenue in front of lots 1 and 16 in Block 22. Riverside Addition to the city of La Grande by building a board sidewalk five feet wide thereon; All property owners are hereby notified that they may do said work or have the same done, provided the improvements are made within 45 days from the last publication of this notice, otherwise the City will cause the said improvements to be made according to the City Charter.

D. E. COX. Recorder of the City of La Grande. Dec. 23, 28,

Notice to Stockholders.

Notice is hereby given to the Stockholders of the United States National Bank of La Grande, Oregon, that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the said bank, will be held at their banking house in La Grande, Oregon, on Tuesday January 16th, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p. m. for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the insuing year and for the purpose of transacting any other business that may come before the meeting.

Dated at La Grande, Oregon this

T. J. SCROGGIN, Cashler.

Dec. 6-Jan. 14.

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Notice is hereby given that the anzmal stock-holders meeting of the Cove State Bank will be held at their office in Cove. Oregon, on Tuesday, January 19th, 1911 at the hour of 2 p. m. for the purpose of election officers for the ensuing vest shit and come before said meeting.

G. A. STOCK, Cashler.





