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## TRADING STAMPS GET DECISION

### Body Blow Given to Institution that Fiches Money From Local Mer- chants and Gives Cheap Prizes in Return.

One of the inconsistencies of the mercantile business has been the fight of the local merchant on the distant mail order house. Columns and pages and whole books have been written about how unjust it was to the local merchant to have the farmers and other customers send to Chicago or any of the other mail order centers for articles of home necessity. Every imaginable argument has been put up to show that this was false economy, that sending a dollar out of the community meant that the profit on that dollar was added to the wealth of a distant trade center and thus in that financially strangle the local mercantile development. We have been shown that the local merchant is a necessity beyond argument. Every community must have somebody to buy its butter and eggs, and supply articles for immediate necessity and it is unanswerable. The merchant who affords these facilities ought to receive the entire patronage of the individual who may profit by occasional favors.

And yet one of the worst financial bloodsuckers any community ever had is the trading stamp promoter. For a hundred dollars or so, each, he comes into your town, lines up the merchants and provides them with a book of stamps and guarantees him some prizes. The customers who are supposed to fairly fight for these sticky little stamps are required to buy a hundred dollars worth of stuff before they can get a prize that is worth anything, and then when they come to get it they find they could have bought a better umbrella of some local store or mail order house for about a dollar and a half. What has become of all the profit? The stamp concern has absorbed it and is using it to build a summer home for the president of the company on the banks of Lake Minnetonka, or some other haven of looters.

Had the same amount of money been spent with local advertising companies the summer home on Minnetonka would not have been built, but instead, several large manufacturing concerns giving employment to a large number of consumers would be assisting to reduce the annual tax burden.

The last State legislature attempted to put a finis on the trading stamp business but some "home loving" persons attempted to fight it. It has been before the courts for the past year and is not settled yet.

The United States Supreme Court handed down a number of decisions sustaining the restrictions placed upon trading stamps and coupon schemes by state legislatures. Under two of these decisions trading stamps are driven out of Florida and the state of Washington. It is interesting to note the lack of good opinion by the Supreme Court as evidenced by the statement in one of the decisions, which first treats of advertising as "well defined" with "nothing ulterior; it is the practice of old and familiar transactions that has sufficed." But the schemes of trading stamp promoters are declared "to have no such directness and effect." They rely upon something else than articles so sold. They tempt by a promise of a value greater than that article and apparently not represented in its price, and it hence may be thought that thus by an appeal to cupidity, lure to improvidence. This may not be called in an exact sense a "lottery" or may not be called "gaming."

## DO YOU KNOW THAT

Four per cent of the inhabitants of certain sections of the South have malaria?

The United States Public Health Service has trapped 615,744 rodents in New Orleans in the past 18 months?

The careless sneezer is the great grip spreader?

Open air is the best spring tonic? Typhoid fever is a disease peculiar to man?

Measles kills over 11,000 American children annually?

There has not been a single case of yellow fever in the United States since 1905?

## PRESIDENT WILSON AND THE SUBMARINE QUESTION

President Wilson has been overwhelmed with telegrams from all parts of the country, commending his stand that Germany shall not sink merchant vessels without giving them warning, whether they are defensively armed or not. This is plainly the international law of the world, and President Wilson is only doing what a stalwart American president should do, in upholding the rights of American citizens to travel anywhere on the ocean they wish to, and that the United States Government will uphold their rights when they do so.

The resolution of Congress proposing that American citizens who travel on defensively armed merchant vessels, must do so at their own risk, is the most cowardly and disgraceful proposition that was ever considered by congress.

### Isaac Martin Dead

Isaac Martin, for some time a resident of Arnaud, east of Lents, died last Thursday at his home, after a lingering illness. The funeral was held Monday, Rev. T. B. Lane of the Centenary Methodist Church being in charge. He was buried at Mt. Scott. He leaves a wife and several children. Besides being connected with the Methodist church, he was a member of the Modern Woodmen, and the latter had charge of the funeral.

### Mission Commended

The Lents Holiness Mission, known as the Redeeming Love Mission, has moved just north-east of Copeland's Lumber yard where there will be services every night at 7:30 p. m., except Monday and Saturday. Sunday School at 2 p. m. Preaching, 3 p. m. Here you can hear the gospel preached and the doctrine of Holiness advocated as it was by John Wesley, Clark, Spurgeon, Watson, Steele and others. Rev. Harvey Buck recommends this Mission to the public.

### Union Service Sunday Evening.

All the church organizations in Lents will unite in a service Sunday evening, at the Evangelical Church. There will be special music and other attractive features. Rev. Mrs. John Riley will make the address of the evening.

## OREGON NEWS NOTES

Walker votes for a \$2500 union high school.

St. Helens has a monthly payroll of \$60,000.

A million dollar shipbuilding plant is planned for Linton.

A \$1,250,000 building is planned for Oregon City during 1916.

Bandon will spend \$40,000 improving its water system.

All Hood River sawmills expect to operate by May 1, with 800 men.

Geo. W. Dafoe of Detroit, Mich., is opening a new sawmill at Bandon.

Harrisburg has shipped 6 carloads of hops direct to London, England.

Hood River is to have a factory for the preparation of candied fruits.

Columbia beach, opposite Vancouver, is to be improved for a summer resort.

25 out of 30 industries on the lower Columbia are in operation, employing 10,000 men.

Russian contracts for 50,000,000 feet of Oregon spruce is reported let on Coos Bay.

The 25 per cent raise in wages demanded by railroad unions amounts to a tax of \$16.50 per family for all the people in the United States.

Eugene Chamber of Commerce unanimously adopted resolutions opposing proposed change in hours of labor and wages for women by the Oregon Industrial Welfare Commission.

E. J. Adams said, "Capital is being frightened away from Oregon by fool laws and commissions."

### The Horseshoe Legend.

Here is an explanation of the old horseshoe superstition: St. Dunstan was a skilled farrier. One day while at work in his forge the devil entered in disguise and requested Dunstan to shoe his "single hoof." The saint, although he recognized his malign customer, acceded, but caused him so much pain during the operation that Satan begged him to desist. This St. Dunstan did, but only after he had made the evil one promise that neither he nor any of the lesser evil spirits, his servants, would ever molest the inmates of a house where the horseshoe was displayed.

## THE INTERPRETER.



## Doings of Our Neighbors

BREEZY ITEMS CONTRIBUTED BY HERALD REPORTERS AT NEARBY POINTS

### CHERRYVILLE

The vernal season has arrived. Now that the sun has crossed the line we are looking for the spring to be with us once more.

Earl Baxter, who has been with a logging camp down in the Shakiyou mountains the past winter has returned to his folks for a visit. He says the snow was ten feet deep down there last winter.

Louis Ritzer, at the shingle mill, says he talked with a party lately who was looking over the route for a logging road up Cedar Creek into the 3-6 country and they told him the road would be built this season, without doubt as the timber must be moved soon, as it was ripe and would soon deteriorate, besides the market for lumber was looking up to a remarkable extent.

The question for discussion at the Literary Society last Friday night was, Resolved: That Truth is Stranger than Fiction. One speaker on the Negative told of the strange nature of fiction in the Tales of the Arabian Nights and of Aladdin and his wonderful lamp, which, when he rubbed it, the slaves of the lamp immediately appeared and did whatever he wished. To this a speaker on the side of Truth said we had a modern Aladdin who had a Standard Oil Lamp, who, whenever he rubs it, up jumps the price of gasoline and kerosene and we poor dubs—all slaves to the lamp—immediately dig up whatever money he calls for and besides Aladdin used much of his easily acquired wealth to relieve the distress of the poor, clothing and feeding his fellow-beings of his own land, while our Aladdin—old John D—uses his connations to placate big colleges, popular preachers and prominent newspapers in order to have them mold public opinion in his favor. There is not an instance of his ever relieving the awful distress of the poor in our cities—which he sees every day—save a few scanty donations on Christmas Day.

The plans are all arranged and the trap is set to have Roosevelt as a candidate on the Republican ticket. First he is invited to a big banquet where a billion dollars sat down to feast in the persons of the mighty U. S. steel magnates, Judge Gary presiding. Then Root, the foxy Grandpa of the steel magnates, makes a key-note speech at the N. Y. Republican state convention which is an exact replica of one of Roosevelt's speeches and there you are. Now all of the old stand-patters and the old line papers are being whipped into this combination and with a big hurrah in which money will be spent like water Roosevelt, it is hoped, will be swept into power again. Then all those big European war bonds, which Morgan holds, can be collected of the bankrupt nations. In this manner the worthless Spanish war bonds were collected under McKinley by paying Spain \$20,000,000 for the Philippines. This is a great scheme and the mischief and the misery of it is that is very liable to work. We know Teddy has said there are good Trusts and bad Trusts and the U. S. Steel Trust is one of the good Trusts because Munsey and Perkins financed him in his last campaign. Both of them are heavy owners of U. S. Steel stock.

Steelhead salmon are now running up the Sandy river and preparations are made to take them for eggs.

### GILBERT

Ed Woodman left Tuesday for The Dalles, where he expects to remain for some time.

The friends of Mrs. H. Henderson will be pleased to know that she was able to return to her home Wednesday from the hospital where she was operated on some time ago for appendicitis.

Mrs. George Ashcroft and little son Tibbel of Dresden, Kansas, spent Tuesday at the home of her uncle, S. E. Johnson of Belrose. Mr. and Mrs. Ashcroft will make their home in Portland.

Mrs. L. Robinett, formerly Miss Lizzie Isles of this place, is in the hospital where she is being treated for a burn received some time ago when a stove in her home exploded. Her arms and neck were badly burned.

Mrs. H. Clark returned home Tuesday from the hospital where she has been a patient for the past two months. She is reported to be slowly improving.

Members of the Gilbert High School have prepared a play and will give an entertainment Friday evening at the school auditorium.

The spirit of spring and hopefulness seems to be a strong factor among the people of this vicinity.

The Ladies Aid of Bennett Chapel propose to give a basket social in the auditorium of the school house on the evening of the 29th. Entertainment will be by friends from the city and the auctioneer will be a lady. A jolly good time is assured.

Mr. Hunt, who recently bought one acre from the Porter property on Lenox avenue is making a splendid improvement.

It is understood that Mr. Gale, who secured the lot facing on Foster Road and Lenox avenue will improve and build.

Mrs. M. V. Bristow has returned to her old home after a stay of about six months with her daughter in the city. John Brant and Frank Dalton have returned from working at North Yamhill.

The county forces are busy re-surfacing Buckley avenue.

### PLEASANT VALLEY

Leland Moore made a trip to Corvallis on business matters Monday, returning Tuesday.

Mrs. Hazel Lodge of Washburn, Ill., is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Campbell.

Mrs. W. G. Rodgers made a business trip to Salem one day this week.

Miss M. Cavatine of Portland was a valley visitor last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Uilig visited with friends in the city Sunday.

W. S. Wood of Vancouver, transacted business in the Valley Tuesday.

Arrived at the home of Clifford Young one day recently, a fine baby girl.

Mrs. Lewis Yan of Ridgefield, Wash., formerly of this place, and who will be remembered by her friends as Miss Mary Baxter, is the mother a daughter.

Pleasant Valley Grange will meet in regular session next Saturday, March 25.

Last Sunday's storm, which did so much damage to the north and west of this place, struck the western edge of

## REVIVAL MEETINGS IN THE NEW FREE METHODIST CHURCH

Last Sunday a good crowd attended the opening service in the New Free Methodist Church, 9108-57th avenue. A neat comfortable church edifice that is a credit to Lents has been erected by Rev. C. I. Harrington, pastor of Portland First Church. Last summer he pitched his tent near the Library and a number were converted and a class was organized; and now they have a nice house of worship.

Rev. W. T. Klotzback of St. Louis, Mo., is now assisting the pastor in special meetings. He is a preacher of the old Methodist stamp. His presentation of Bible truth is clear and forceful, conveying conviction to hearts of his hearers. He is a man of wide experience, having traveled and preached in many states of the union. The verdict of those who have heard him is that they could not afford to miss a single meeting.

If you are interested in lively old-fashioned revivals like they used to have, then come out to the services every night at 7:30.

### Musical Program

Lent- Baptist Church, Friday evening, March 31.

Piano Solo, "Alice," Miss Fay Hickox; Chorus, "Wake the Song"; Violin Solo, "After Vespers," Milton Katky; Vocal Solo, Selected, Mrs. W. A. Koller; Reading, Selected, Miss Blanche Minor; Ladies Trio, "Teach Me, O Lord," Mesdames Warnock, Julian and Nelson; Chorus, "Come, Thon Fount"; Flute Solo, "Dreamy Moments," C. G. Ward; Duet, "Beautiful Moonlight," Mr. and Mrs. Nelson; Reading, Selected, Mrs. G. E. Barker; Piano Duet, "Dance of the Demons," Misses Cooper and Hickox; Contralto Solo, violin obligato, "Day is Ended," Mrs. J. M. Nelson; Reading, Selected, Miss Blanche Minor; Duet "O That We Two Were Maying," Mr. and Mrs. Ward; Quartet, "Come Where the Lillie's Bloom"; Piano Solo, "Grand Polka Concert," Miss Marguerite Cooper; Ladies Chorus, "The Linden Tree"; Solo, flute obligato, "The Angels' Serenade," Mrs. C. G. Ward; Chorus, "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep."

Free admission. Everybody invited.

### C. P. Stayton Visits Lents

Portland, Oregon, March, 9, 1916. Mr. H. A. Darnall—Editor of Mt. Scott Herald: I want to say through the columns of your paper that while visiting in Lents and Mount Scott district, March 9, that I met many old time friends and a lot of others that gave me a warm reception and a hearty shake of the hand, wishing me great success in my campaign. Even my Democratic friends expressed themselves sorry that they could not support me at the primary, but would at the general election.

Perhaps some of the people in your locality are not acquainted with my qualifications for the office of county commissioner. I am a practical engineer, having been engaged most of my life in mechanical or engineering connections. I feel that I am particularly fitted to guard the interests of the county in the expenditure of finances for public improvements or purposes of any sort.

There is a bright future for the Mount Scott district, with the beautiful lay of the country, inviting the building of beautiful homes and mills, and factories to come which will increase the business of the locality.

Should I be elected to the office of county commissioner, I shall not forget to look after the needs of the people in the Mount Scott district.

C. P. Stayton,  
202½ South Broadway.

### Yes, indeed.

"Th' meek may thurrit th' earth, all right," murmured Uncle Ike, "but he's in luck if some cuss not so durned meek don't contest th' will an' git away with it"—Judge.

### One of a Kind.

Disgusted Cop (at crossing) — Say, you're a peach of a driver! If you was crossin' the alkali desert you'd run into a hydrant.—New York Times.

Unless you bear with the faults of a friend you betray your own.—Syria.

Vally but did no damage except to uproot a number of large trees.

The Pleasant Valley Dramatic Club will put on their drama, "The Great Catastrophe," at Sandy next Saturday night, March 25. Quite a number of Pleasant Valley folks expect to attend.

## SUNDAY STORM GLIMAX OF YEAR

### Severe Weather of the Past Six Months Surpassed by Sunday Evening Storm that Did Excessive Damage.

What may well be hoped to be the closing storm of the season ended the uncertain weather of last Sunday. About five o'clock in the afternoon the clouds grew exceedingly black and massive and an unusual electrical display began. Thunder was heard half an hour before the storm broke, and when the rain began to fall along about five-thirty the heaviest fall of the year was seen. It did not last so very long but it came fairly in sheets and mixed with it there was a considerable amount of hail. The roads were soon rivers and the water collected in bulk before it could run away.

Accompanying the rain was a heavy wind that blew the rain right into things, and at the same time made havoc of everything loose. From reports about the country a considerable amount of damage was done. Along the Portland Railway lines to Oregon City a lot of poles blew down and closed traffic for several hours. Below Albany the line of the Oregon Electric was cut and a car was stalled for about 18 hours. A considerable number of the passengers were students from the State University and they were kept from Monday classes.

Between Lents and Oregon City a large number of people were injured by damage to buildings and other property. One report cites the appearance of a tornado like twister that tore things up. It is doubtful if such a cloud was seen, but at any rate several buildings were removed from their foundations, upset, and cut into. Flying timbers struck people and injured them severely. Several large trees were twisted and broken off and numerous orchards were seriously injured. Around Clackamas Station the damages were important. Houses owned by Arthur Breckman, M. B. Webster, and J. W. Roots were reported practically ruined. A dozen places near Donald, Ore., on the Oregon Electric, were badly damaged.

The only fatality reported occurred near the top of Mt. Scott, a mile and a half east of Lents and about a mile south. William Marks was killed by the falling of a large fir tree which struck him on the head and crushed his skull. The Marks family were entertaining company Sunday afternoon and Mr. Marks had stepped from the house to call the children out of the rain. As he returned to the house the tree fell, knocking him down and wrecking the corner of the porch. None of the other members of the family were injured. He was removed into the house and medical assistance from Lents was called but before they were able to reach him he was dead, and the report is that he was injured beyond assistance.

Mr. Marks leaves a wife and several children to recall the event that left them without a father.

While the weather reports indicate less than an inch of rainfall during the afternoon and night, the most of it fell early in the evening. Very little damage was done around town by the leaking of roofs and walls.

### "Tay Drinkin"

On St. Patrick's the Mt. Scott Mental Culture Club gave an Irish Tea for the benefit of the Scholarship Loan Fund, at the home of Mrs. Geo. E. Stoner. About twenty dollars has been realized by the Club for this worthy purpose.

The following program preceded the tea and social hour: Piano Solo, Miss Wagstaff; Song, "How Ireland Got Its Name," Mrs. H. T. Blakesley; "A Trip Through Ireland in a Jaunting Car," Mrs. C. E. Kitching; Reading, "Bells of Shandon," Mrs. W. T. Stout; Song, "Mother McCrea," Mrs. H. T. Blakesley; Music, Irish Swanee River and My Wild Irish Rose by Mrs. G. C. Griffith with Mandolin.

### Advertised Letters

Advertised letters for week ending March 18, 1916: Allen, Mrs. Eva.; Banks, Frank; Brooks, Jess; Bushman, F. L.; Campbell, M. F.; Cross, Lena; Davis, R. J.; Dilley, J.; Dix, Mrs. Tena; Elliott, Mrs. J.; From, E. B.; Ford, Mr. A. J.; Grimshaw, Virgil R.; Harold, Mr. and Mrs. Jesper; Harold, Mrs. Ella; Johnson, H.; Kettle, F. C.; Lively, H. L.; Palmer, Mrs. S. E.; Sutter, Wallace; Yaartz, M.; White, Floyd; 9515-43 Ave.  
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