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## New P. O. Ruling.

The Postmaster General has issued the following order, which took effect January 1st. It applies to all newspapers which circulate through the mails:

"A reasonable time will be allowed publishers to secure renewals of subscriptions, but unless subscriptions are expressly renewed after the term for which they are paid, within the following periods:

"Dailies, within three months; "Weeklies, within one year; they shall not be counted in the legitimate list of subscribers, and copies mailed on account thereof shall not be accepted for mailing at the second class postage rate, but may be mailed at the transient second class postage rate of one cent for each four ounces or fraction thereof, prepaid by stamps affixed."

The order means that subscribers to the MAIL who are in arrears for one year or more must renew their subscriptions in order to enable us to continue sending their papers through the mails.

According to this ruling it appears that the post-office department is of the opinion that publishers need help in running their business. We should much prefer to conduct our affairs in our own way. However, the publisher is given no recourse and must ask his subscribers to make prompt payments.

The following is the Roll of Honor for the month of Dec. in School District No. 98: Edmond Herrling, Johnnie Apple, Paul Kirsch, Mary Apple, Agnes Kirsch, Bertha Smith, Addie Steward and Ira Kirsch.

## Some Good Advice.

To whom it may concern: "If there is a chance to boom business, boom it. Don't pull a long face and look as though you had a sour stomach.

Hold up your head, smile and look for better things. Hide your little hammer and try to speak well of others, no matter how really small you may know yourself to be. When a stranger drops in jolly him; tell him this is the greatest town on earth—and it is.

Don't discourage him by speaking ill of your neighbors, but lead him to believe he has at last struck a place where white people live. Don't knock.

Help yourself along by becoming popular and push your friends with you—it is dead easy. Be a good fellow, and soon you'll have a procession of followers.

No man ever helped himself by knocking other people down in character or business. No man ever got rich by trying to make others believe he was the only man in town, or the only man who knows anything. You can't climb the ladder of success by treading on others' corns. Keep off the corns, don't knock. Your not the only one; there are others, and they have brains and know something as well as you.

There's no end of fun minding your own business. It makes people like you. Nobody ever gets stuck on a knocker. Don't be one."

I am successor of H. J. Marking in the Hardware line. I am,

Respectfully yours for business,

W. A. WEDDLE.

The entertainment given by the Robley Male Quartette at the opera house was a rare treat for Stayton people. Probably as good an entertainment of the kind was never heard in the opera house. The quartette all have good voices which blend in splendid harmony. The reader was excellent, and some of his recitations convulsed the audience. Tonight, Col. John Sobieski, the Polish prince, will lecture, and tomorrow night will be the Meneley Quartette. Col. Sobieski is the rightful heir to the throne of Poland, but when Russia gained control of that country was exiled. He is one of the most noted lecturers in the U. S., and all who can should hear him.

Never in the history of Oregon was the state receiving such an enormous amount of advertising as at the present time. The writers who are contesting for the 80 prizes (\$5,000) offered by the Portland Commercial Club, have seemingly been busy in every state in the Union. Some of the contestants have written a series of articles covering several editions of the same newspaper, thoroughly discussing the attractions and resources of the state. Governor Chamberlain will be requested to name his three judges and they will begin their work Feb. 1.

Application was made today for the probate of a will of the late Jason Wheeler, made April 7, 1900, when he was of sound mind, and burned Aug. 4, 1902, when he was of unsound mind, the contents being given by the witnesses, L. H. Montanye and T. P. Hackleman from memory. It leaves all the property to the widow, Mrs. Diana Wheeler and three daughters, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Kitchen and Mrs. Walker, now deceased. It presents an interesting matter of solution.—Albany Democrat.

The colonist rates, which resulted in bringing such a vast immigration to Oregon during Sept. and Oct., 1907, will be in effect for March and April of 1908. The rate applies to ALL railroads, to all rail points in Oregon, on the same basis as before—\$25 from Kansas City, Minneapolis and Duluth; \$30 from St. Louis; \$33 from Chicago; \$50 from New York. The fare is \$2.50 less on each ticket sold to a point east of Umatilla. An effort will be made by all the commercial bodies throughout the state of Oregon to make these two months add 20,000 to the population of the state.

The Meneley Quartet, which appears at the opera house Saturday night, have wide reputation as entertainers, and everywhere they have appeared the press and public speak highly of them. The quartet is composed of two ladies and two gentlemen, and the entertainment consists of songs, musical chimes and impersonations. Their impersonator is said to be one of the best on the road. Opera house tomorrow night.

TAKE NOTICE—Having sold the hardware department of my store, and desiring to close up all accounts of that department, I ask all who are indebted to me to call and settle as soon as possible. I shall hereafter be found in the furniture store, ready to attend to all wants in my line. Thanking all for their patronage, and hoping for a continuance of the same, I am,

Yours respectfully,

H. J. MARKING.

No convention ever held in Oregon has received the liberal national notice accorded the recent meeting of the Oregon State Dairy Association. Pages have been devoted to it in the agricultural and dairy journals of the country, at a season when the Eastern dairyman is most strongly impressed with the climatic advantages of the state.

## M. E. Church Services.

Sunday, Jan. 12, Sunday School 10 a. m. Epworth League 6:30 p. m. Sermon 7:30 p. m. Theme: "Sin: Its Nature, Fruits, Remedy." All are most cordially invited to these services.

## CLEARANCE SALE

Is now on until Feb. 1st, 1908.

Come now and get the cream of a \$25,000 stock of goods before lines and sizes are broken.

### SALE PRICES ON Dress Goods

\$2.50 52 in. blue, fancy dress goods, with a red silk pin check—a beauty. The advance pattern for 1908. Sale price, per yd. \$1.95  
2.00 50 in. blue serge, steam shrunk, one of the patterns for spring '08. Always right, always good. A bargain at sale price, per yard 1.58  
1.25 44 inch all wool brown serge, a pattern that is worn very much. Good opportunity to buy a good piece of goods at a great reduction. You have been paying \$1.50 to \$1.75 for same goods, now on sale at, per yard 98c

1/3 off on all women's, misses and children's suits, coats and jackets. \$25 suit for 16.65; \$22 suit for 14.67; 18.00 suit for 12.00; 18.00 coat for 12.00; 15.00 suit for 10.00; 12.00 suit for 8.00. So on down the line—1/3 off, a great saving surely.

G. D. TROTTER, Stayton.

### Hauling.

Any one wishing hauling or teaming of any kind done, call on me. I also have fir and oak wood for sale.

H. E. WIRTH.

The judges and clerks for Kingstion precinct during 1908 are J. Sandner, S. Philippi and J. C. Leffler, judges; J. F. Follis, O. M. Baker and G. A. Sandner, clerks. J. C. Leffler and W. F. Follis are also on the jury list.

There is considerable complaint about town regarding the depredations of chickens. Some who have vegetables in their gardens are obliged to see them destroyed by the ravenous fowls. Persons keeping live stock in town should keep it confined.

### Phrases or Handcuffs.

It is customary to remark that modern problems cannot easily be attacked because they are so complex. In many cases, I believe, it is really because they are so simple. Nobody would believe in such simplicity of scoundrelism even if it were pointed out. People would say that the truth was a charge of mere melodramatic villainy, forgetting that nearly all villains really are melodramatic. Thus, for instance, we say that some good measures are frustrated or some bad officials kept in power by the press and confusion of public business, whereas very often the reason is simply healthy human bribery. We waste our fine intellects in finding exquisite phraseology to fit a man when in a well ordered society we ought to be finding handcuffs to fit him.—G. K. Chesterton in Illustrated London News.

70c 36 in. all wool greenish check dress goods. Good every month in the year. Sale price, yd 57c

### SALE PRICE ON CLOTHING

\$18.00 men's suit ..... 14.35  
17.50 men's suit ..... 13.20  
16.50 men's suit ..... 12.85  
14.50 men's suit ..... 11.45  
12.50 men's suit ..... 10.00  
10.00 men's suit ..... 8.40  
8.50 men's suit ..... 7.35  
7.50 men's suit ..... 5.65  
6.50 men's suit ..... 4.95  
5.00 men's suit ..... 4.15

### SALE PRICE ON

### Men's Overcoats

\$25.00 men's black overcoat, always right—has heavy black satin lining—a finished garment sales price.....\$18.65  
18.00 men's black overcoat, with a slight tinge of gray, a thorough garment, sale price..... 13.35  
12.50 men's grey overcoat, a good strong garment, good for 3 winter's wear, sale price..... 9.95

Don't think that winter is over with—we will have 100 days of rainy weather yet—therefore we will give 25 per cent or 1/4 off on all men's cravenette coats.

## New Crop

We now have the most complete line of Groceries we have ever shown. Our stock of this years crop in Canned goods has just arrived and consists of Preferred Stock, Extra Selected, A. & L. extra standard, also the standard in Red Cross, California state and other brands.

## Coffee

To introduce our Mokona 25c package Coffee we will give one-half pound free with every pound package. Other roasted Coffee from 20 to 40c a pound in bulk and in 1 to 5 lb. tins.

Goods delivered to any part of the city.

Gehlen Bros.

## BONDS! BONDS! BONDS!

WATERS BROS. INVESTMENT CO.

Offers a limited number of Bonds for Sale drawing Five and Six Per Cent. Security, A1. Semi-annual Interest.

A BOND IS A FIRST MORTGAGE.

Call on or write

Waters Bros. Investment Co.

Rooms 16 and 17 over Bush's Bank.

Salem, Oregon.

During the three years of its existence, this bank has acquired the patronage of a very large number of the best citizens of this town and vicinity—it seems fitting that we should here express our appreciation of the generous patronage of the people.

STAYTON STATE BANK,  
Stayton, Oregon.