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# STAYTON MAIL

COUNCIL MEETS  
First Thursday night each month.  
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## A WORTHY CAUSE NOW UP TO YOU.

Poster, Linn County, Oregon, Dec. 18, 1908. Mr. Tax-Payer and Sportsman your attention is respectfully called to the petition following this article, the same is self explanatory and we beg that you will carefully read and consider the facts therein contained.

To the Western man there is nothing so attractive as the desire to go on a hunting trip, the mighty mountains, the mysterious forests the camp by the clear running creek or river, the fat venison in the frying pan, these are the influences that appeal to us, the call to the primitive as it were, out of the misty past, calling to us once more draw near to nature and partake of her bounties.

The knowledge that we can go when opportunity offers us a respite from our labors, enjoy ourselves and satisfy our desire for sport and recreation for a season; or that the ranchman can supply himself with the choicest of meat through a portion of the year, is a privilege that is dear to us; and it is the aim of the petition to perpetuate these opportunities we so much prize, to preserve our heritage for future years, before it is too late, for without the gamey black-tail or mule buck the mountain would lose their chief attractiveness for the sportsman; and the valley lands without the beautiful imported pheasants, the piping native quails and bob-whites and the foot hills without the bush pheasant and blue grouse, would be a dreary country indeed, especially for the true Oregonian.

We fully believe that the figures relative to the destruction of deer by varmints, as given in the petition, are no too large. This is about what it figures up to: 26,000 deer destroyed by wild beasts, averaging 65 pounds of dressed meat each, makes 1,690,000 pounds of meat. Put this at the low figure of 8 cents per pound, we have \$135,700.00 worth of meat. 26,000 deer hides at 50 cents each foot up to \$13,000.00, bringing the entire amount up to \$148,700.00, in this state for one year. How does that read? You may think the proposed bounty which we are endeavoring to have the state offer for the scalps of the different animals, as enumerated in the petition, too high. In answer to this objection we will ask you to figure up what it costs to feed a wolf or cougar for a year. You will find that, figuring from our former estimate, it will cost \$296.40. How does that suit you? Do you think we can afford to pay \$25.00 each for their destruction? and as for the rest of the deer destroying animals; we feel assured the proposed bounties which we ask the state to offer, are none too high.

Now as to the bounty which we ask the state to pay for the scalps of coons, skunks, digger squirrels and crows. To those who are not acquainted with the habits of these pests the same may seem excessive; but to those who have had an opportunity of studying their modes of making a living, it is very moderate indeed, for these bird killing, egg sucking vermin are so numerous it is a wonder any young birds are hatched out or reach maturity. Taking all things into consideration although we have nothing to figure from, still we judge if the truth of the matter were fully known the loss caused by these depredators would be a surprise to all.

We have not touched on the coyote problem for it is a question that intimately concerns only one class of people, notably those who are interested in the sheep industry. It would probably be a hard matter to pass a law that would suit all conditions in different parts of the state and besides this, our one aim is to preserve Oregon's game, which concerns all citizens equally.

Now, to sum up our argument to you, in order to obtain your signature to the petition, we will say that all statements made in this letter or in the petition are deduced from twenty five years of observing experience as hunter and woodsman in different parts of the state, and from much conversation with old West men, whose opinion on these matters cannot be doubted.

What is the use of charging hunters for a licence to hunt and passing a lot of game laws restricting hunter to certain seasons for hunting if the state does not as well protect the hunter in his rights by protecting the game in their native haunts from the ravages of ravenous carnivorous wild beasts?

This petition is being published in all parts of the state so as to reach as large a number of citizens as possible, we want to get all that can be obtained. Let every one who takes an interest in the preservation of Oregon's game cut out the petition, paste it on a sheet of paper and go out among your acquaintances and procure their signatures. Don't depend on somebody else but do it yourself and when you get all the names you can procure be sure to send them to the address subscribed below, by the 15th of January 1909. Also it would be well for those that are so inclined to either speak or write to your State Senators and Representatives concerning the importance of this measure. If all will have the interest of our state at heart will lend a hand for a short while we will place one of the most beneficial laws on the statute books that has ever been enacted. Send the petitions to, Wm. R. Mealey, Foster, Oregon.

## THE LADIES IMPROVEMENT CLUB ELECT PERMANENT OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR.

On last Monday night The Ladies Improvement Club met and was called to order by the temporary chairman Mrs. A. L. Shreve.

Mrs. Fred G. Conley temporary Secretary gave the minutes of the former meeting then the Club listened to the reading of the constitution and By-Laws which were adopted as read.

The objects of organization as incorporated in the Constitution are the improving of sanitary conditions, encourage the beautifying of the homes, streets, public parks etc., to further the social interest, assist the Commercial Club in advertising the town of Stayton and vicinity and to support any movement for the betterment of our town and vicinity.

The initiation fee was placed at fifty cents. It is not the money that is desired but members. The Club will be able to raise money when it gets to working. The Club earnestly desires the co-operation and support of every lady in Stayton and vicinity even though she cannot be present regularly at the meetings.

To know that there is a united interest in this movement is a great stimulus to the officers and members who can take the time to do the work necessary in the organization.

This organization can and will do great things for this community and is worthy the earnest consideration of every citizen.

The Club meets on the first and third Mondays of each month in the City Hall at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon until further notice.

Thinking the afternoon would be more convenient than evening for the majority of the ladies, the next meeting will be held in the afternoon. Whether Monday is the most convenient after noon for meeting will be seen by trying. The time of meeting can easily be changed to suit the majority of members at any time requested.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are Mrs. H. A. Beauchamp president, Mrs. J. J. Hardin vice president, Mrs. Floyd A. Robertson Secretary, Mrs. J. M. Kitchen treasurer, and Mrs. Fred G. Conley manager. The manager is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Club, has charge of the publicity and advertising department and the general outside field work.

It will be her aim to give to the public through the columns of the Mail something of interest concerning the Club work each issue, and with the assistance of the other members of the Board of Directors keep in touch with the work of the Stayton Commercial Club so that the advantages and improvements of this part of Marion County will be given legitimate publicity.

Now friends and neighbors, join hands and let each one feel that these two organizations are of personal interest here and be united in an effort for the upbuilding of Stayton and vicinity.

The book are held open for Charter members until the second meeting in January. Hand in your name to either one of the following committee, Mrs. A. L. Shreve Mrs. Clarence Beauchamp, Mrs. Lesley, Mrs. J. M. Kitchen, Mrs. W. A. Wright, Miss Eliza Roy and Mrs. F. G. Conley.

MISS MARIE CHITTENDEN WINS FIRST; MISS RHODA GESNER SECOND PRIZE  
Nearly Four Million Votes Are Cast In The Statesman's Great Popular Contest

Splendid Battle of Ballots Comes to a Close at 8 o'clock with the Office Crowded with Expectant Contestants and Their Friends—Result in Doubt Up to the Last Minute and the Count Brings Many Surprises—Losers Are Generous

The above tells the tale. The Statesman's big popularity contest came to an end last evening sharply at 8 o'clock. It was a sharp, exciting finish. Candidates who had the honors well in hand were suddenly made subject to the fortunes of war and were displaced from their positions by others who had saved stocks of votes for depositing at the last hour. Judging by the large crowd in and around the Statesman office Saturday night you would have thought that it was the ratification of a national in learning the result of the great popularity contest, and large numbers of them, anxious for the first news, were on hand to watch the progress of the count. Most interested among the spectators of course were the young women themselves and their friends who had assisted in winning votes. No one knew what the result would be. Subscriptions had poured in on the last day of the contest and the relative standing of the contestants as they appeared in the Monday issue of the paper gave not the slightest inkling as to the final result. Surprises were expected and they were not lacking.

The few minutes before 8 were moments of anxious suspense for the contestants and their friends. None of them knew what the others had to bring in to add to their credit at the last minute. There was an involuntary sigh of relief from many of them when the last subscription that could be counted in the contest had been taken, and the judges unlocked the ballot box and emptied its contents on the table, around which sat the members of the committee. Assisting the mayor, Hon. George F. Rogers, were Col. Rollin K. Page and Deputy District Attorney Chas. L. McNary. Mr. F. W. Power was called out of the city on

business and was not able to attend.

QUICK WORK.  
Dan Allen, deputy county clerk assisted the judges and ascertained the results on a Bunough adding machine. Mr. Allen, is an expert, in using the machine and the large number of votes were counted in the short time of one hour.

LOSERS ARE GENEROUS.  
When the results were read there was much pleasure expressed by those in and around the office. The losers (bless them) were among the first to congratulate the winners. The contest has been fair and free and it was good to see the fine ladylike feeling existing between all the late contestants. From a business standpoint the contest was a big success adding many new subscriptions to the already immense list the Statesman had, and the results obtained were far more than anticipated on the launching of the contest. The only regret the Statesman had was that all couldn't be winners, but a contest wouldn't be a contest unless some had to lose.

WINNERS OF CASH PRIZES.  
The winners of the cash prizes offered during the contest were Misses Peterson, Gesner, Chittenden, Wilson, and Walling. Miss Marie Chittenden also won the first \$10 cash prize.

SUB-CONTEST WINNERS.  
The winners of the sub-contest bonus ballots were Misses Peterson and Musick; Gesner and Bishop; Chittenden and Goodrich; McClellan and Wilson; Walling and Remington.

ON THE FINAL COUNT.  
The winners of the final and last count were as follows:  
Miss Marie C. Chittenden has first chance of all.  
Miss Rhoda Gesner, second chance. In district No. 1 the Misses Peterson and Musick have the other prizes in the order named.

Miss Bishop in district No. two wins one of the prizes.  
In district No. 3 the Misses Woods and Goodrich have their choice.  
Miss Walling of the district above mentioned, cast the second largest vote in the whole contest and will have her choice of the ten prizes after the pianos have been given away.

GRATITUDE EXPRESSED.  
On behalf of the contestants, each and every one of them, and at their wishes to extend their most sincere thanks to their many friends and acquaintances for the loyal support given them during the Statesman's contest just closed.

TO DISTRIBUTE PRIZES.  
If the winners will communicate with this office as soon as possible the contest manager will distribute the prizes as fast as the preferences of each are made known.  
The girls taking the fair trips will go with all the people of Salem wishing them a most pleasant and safe journey.

The publishers of the Statesman and the contest manager are deeply grateful to the young ladies who have worked so zealously to roll up the handsome vote recorded and also very appreciative of the universal courtesy extended the contestants by the public in the work.

It is only to be regretted that all could not win.

What Makes America Grow.  
A big business country must have big business, and ours is the biggest business country in the world writes senator Beveridge in Leslie's Weekly. Business depends upon the ease and quickness with which the people can mingle and trade together. To stop the growth of business organizations is to stop the growth of the country. If the steel industry were run by the New York would have billed it over at least two lines of road. If he traveled from Omaha to Boston he had to buy at least three tickets and make three changes or cars. Service is the test of theories. Shall we go backward or forward? Again the price of the raw materials that go into wagons and agricultural implements has increased, while the price of wagons and agricultural implements has gone down, and at the same time these wagons and agricultural implements today are guaranteed. Politicians denounce big business; but ask the farmer if he is willing to go back to the blacksmith-shop for his plows, harrows, wagons and repairs.

Portland, Oregon, December 21st, 1908.— Fifty school children from Chicago are to be brought to the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition next year if plan, suggested by Secretary Tom Richardson of the Oregon Development League is carried out. They will also visit Portland and other cities in this state and when they return home will write letters telling of the trip and what they saw in the Northwest. Exhibits of the woods of this section, with industrial and scenic pictures, have been used in the Chicago schools, made up into sets and circulated from one school to another, in the teaching of geography.

Poultry raisers are taking lots of interest in the coming show of the Lan County Poultry Association at Eugene, December 21st to 24th. Handsomely engraved silver trophies will be given as prizes. The poultry product of Oregon is valued at five million dollars annually.

## Fire Laddies Help Girl

Raise Fund to Buy Clothes  
For Deserted Child-Wife.

In Pitiable Condition, Destitute of Garments, Woman Taken to Y. W. C. A.

Firemen at Station No. 8, Russell street, near Williams avenue are raising money by subscriptions from themselves to aid the deserted bride of William Stephenson who serving a brief time in the County Jail for robbing telephone boxes left her penniless and without friends. It was two weeks ago that he deserted her and she has existed without funds since that time.

Yesterday she was taken in charge by officials of the Y. W. C. A., who declare that when they found her she was clad only in a pair of stockings, shoes and a calico apron. It was necessary to send to the city to procure clothing that she could wear while being brought to the Y. W. C. A. Home.

The young woman is 19 years of age. She and a twin sister lived near Salem until they married and came to Portland. The young woman now in distress, Bonnie, married a youth by the name of Stephenson, and the sister married a youth by the name of Urban. They came to Portland and, when funds ran short, the two youths robbed telephone booths. They were arrested and sentenced to terms in the County Jail.

On his release two weeks ago, Urban and his wife left together. Stephenson deserted his wife. The girl had few clothes and no money. Her landlord, it is charged by officials of the Y. W. C. A., held most of the few garments to secure his rent. She was clad in what remained when taken in charge yesterday. Her condition was discovered by firemen who reported it to the Y. W. C. A. and they are now raising money for the unfortunate girl.

CANBY TO THE FRONT.  
Canby, Oregon, Dec. 22, 1908.— Mr. L. L. Thomas, Dear Sir: We are getting up a booster pamphlet for Canby and surroundings, of 40 pages. We are trying to make this the best advertisement that this part of the county ever had. We will distribute 5,000 copies in all 3,500 east and the balance in and around the county—The Tribune and Development League of this town is at the back of this. You can write to both for reference. This is going to be a BIG THING, you ought to get in on it.

Respectfully yours,  
G. M. Mosher.  
The above letter shows the interest taken by Canby citizens. They have written Mr. Thomas in regards to carrying an ad for his stallion as the horse is now at Canby. Let us business people get together and prepare a pamphlet of similar size for this section of Marion County. Salem has already gotten out their booklet and Stayton or this section does not appear in it. We have everything needed here to make the best town in Marion County and all that we are lacking is letting the less favored one know that Stayton cannot be beaten.

Let us get together at the next regular meeting of our Commercial Club and perfect the plans by which we will be able to put out a neat folder. Let's think about it, talk about it, write about it, dream about it and start the New Year off with the best folder ever published.

SCHOOL NEWS.  
The Eighth Grade class, first division consists of fifteen members, and the second division consists of eight, all bright and intelligent members.

A class meeting was held a short time ago and the following officers were elected: President Harvey Beauchamp, vice-president Clyde Bressler, Secretary Letta Weddle, Treasurer Winnie Taylor, Class Editor Mable Gardner, Class colors Orange and Black, Class Motto "Dig."

Well! well! well!  
Hear us yell!  
One month ago 70 per cent not below.  
Now it's 90 and not below  
And the way we "dig" aint slow  
The Highs this year are the  
Freshies, but they will rise  
And win credits to the other  
Highs' surprise.  
That will cause this town to think  
And the classes before, their eyes to blink.  
Lawyers, doctors, merchants  
teachers,  
Agriculture experts they will be  
And we are getting there fast,  
as you can see.

President Dare Sloper vice president Emma F Frank secretary Mae Crabtree treasurer Guy P. Kearns Class editor Guy P. Kearns Class orator Herschel Shreve Class colors Blue and White Class Motto Boost.

Our new books have arrived. Our genial friend Mr. Shepherd came in our room heavily loaded with the box of books. The librarians have made records of them and they are in the new library. The pupils are delighted with them and the demand for the librarian's presence is very much in evidence.

Vern Smith joined the 8th grade force this week, Vern is a quiet industrious boy and seems eager to learn.

Nellie Shreve is our champion speller in the Grammar Grade.  
Nellie Shreve, Roy Lantz, Dare Sloper, Gladys Jones and A. D. Gardner are out on account of sickness.  
Henry Worth and the directors of Circle and Camps repaired to the visited school last week.

The pupils neither absent or late for three months in the Grammar Grade.

## Prosperous Year 1908.

The past year has been a prosperous one for us—made so by the people in this vicinity. We thoroughly appreciate this fact and wish to thank our many customers and friends who have contributed to our success by their patronage and good-will and we shall put forth our best efforts to merit a continuance of same in the year to come. Wishing for all a Happy and Prosperous New Year, 1909.

Stayton State Bank.

## Thomas Grocery

COFFEE SAVE YOUR STOMACH NOT THE WRAPPERS TEA  
He who expects Something for Nothing Always Gets Nothing

Shun the Peddler  
The tea and coffee peddler is a man with a big line of talk, a bunch of "gold brick" premiums and a lot of cast aside "cheap" teas and coffees which he sells to the unsuspecting housewife, hands her a "dinky" premium to close the bargain and is off "never to return." Why not buy at home where you can get your money back if not satisfied?

When your Coffee Doesn't Taste Good Don't Blame the Cook  
Until you find out what kind of coffee she uses. It's more than likely the fault is with the coffee and not with the cook. If you find the fault is with the coffee, change your brand and

Try one of These: Seal Brand, M.Y.B., Dependable, Chase & Sanborn's  
Then if the coffee doesn't taste right, change cooks.

## W E Thomas & Son.

BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS MEATS AT THE  
STAYTON MEAT MARKET  
WE HAVE ON HAND FOR CHRISTMAS WEEK  
Fine porkers, turkeys, chickens, veal and choice cuts of beef. We are across the street from the Brick Blacksmith Shop on Water Street.  
E. R. BURRELL, Proprietor.

Our boys sing loud praise to the Silvertron Choppers, and as they arrived home they certainly looked as if they had met the we sma' hours and capulated with good grace.

At the last regular semi-monthly meeting of Horseshoe Camp 606 W. O. W. held Dec. 14th the annual election of officers resulted as follows:  
A. L. Mack P. C. C. O. V. Myers C. C. O. E. Gardner Adv., Earl Queen Escort, Jos. Kearns Banker, L. L. Thomas Clerk, John Robertson Manager, Ray Blakely Watchman, and Wm. Meyers Sentry.

North Santiam, December 22 1908.— A merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all.  
Mr. Bunnell has gone to Portland to visit during the holidays.

Charles Hams of Hepner, who has been visiting friends at this place, took the train for Albany Saturday. J. L. Oglesbee, who is employed by the Spanning Logging Co., at Fall City, came home Sunday to visit during the holidays.

John Green, who was visiting at the home of U. G. Clark left Friday. Mr. Clark accompanied him.  
Charles Stevens, who has been employed by the Cone Lumber Co. to Portland Friday.  
Forest Mack went to Silvertron Friday as a candidate to the W. O. W.  
Mr and Mrs. Stevens have been visiting friends at Albany for a few days past.  
Mr and Mrs. Shaw of Illinois, who have been visiting their son R. V. Shaw, returned home Tuesday.  
Rev. W. F. Chase will preach his farewell sermon Sunday eve, Dec. 28th at the Christian church, subject "Lifes Way" All are cordially invited.  
Born—At Stayton Oregon, November 7th 1908, to Mr and Mrs O. V. Meyers a 9 lb., daughter.  
The Northwest Electric Light and Power Association, embracing Oregon Washington, Idaho, and Montana, held a two day's session in the convention hall of the Portland Commercial Club last week. Every state had numerous delegates and the meeting was one of the best they had ever held. The Northwest has attracted the brightest men from the technical schools of the country.