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STAYTON MAIL

COUNCIL MEETS
First Thursday night each month.
COUNCILMEN
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By FRED G. CONLEY.

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Largely Increased Stock

We have this fall largely increased our stock.

Our customers will find our new quarters well supplied for the demand of holiday gifts in
WATCHES, CLOCKS,

**SILVERWARE, CUT GLASS,
CHINAWARE, UMBRELLAS,
BRACELETS, RINGS, ETC.**

Exceptional Line of Neck Chains and Locket.

We cordially extend an invitation to the public to see our goods. Our prices were never lower. All our goods guaranteed and engraved free.

**E. ROY, Reliable Jeweler,
STAYTON, OREGON.**

REDUCTION SALE ON THE FOLLOWING

- ✓ Ladies Shoes sizes from 3 to 4 1-2
- ✓ Boys Heavy Shoes size 4, 4 1-2, 5
- ✓ Boys \$1.00 felt hats going at 75c

Mens regular dollar shirts 75c. Mens overalls 50c.
Mens Underwear 40c. **VP LANCEFIELD.**



Also Lime, Cement and Plaster Material.

Korinek & Mielke.

Here We Are Again
This For Our Stockmen
And Farmers Until January 10, 1909.

The Stayton Mail	\$1.25	Our Price
Breeders Gazette	\$2.00	
Farm & Fireside	.50	
Total	\$3.75	\$2.50

Here's Another

The Stayton Mail	\$1.25	Our Price \$6.50
Deineator	\$1.00	
Everybody's	\$1.50	
World's Work	\$3.00	
Country Life	\$4.00	
Total	\$10.75	

We guarantee to meet or beat any legitimate club offer. Address all orders to
STAYTON MAIL, Box 98 Stayton, Oregon.

Passing of a Pioneer.

Leander Brown was born in Knightown, Henry County, Indiana, April 26 1833, was married to Mratha Lowry February 22 1855. To them were born seven children, three of whom died in infancy. Those now living are Mrs. J.J. Harden, C.C. and G.L. Brown of Stayton and J.E. Brown of Portland. Mr. Brown and wife celebrated their golden wedding in 1905 an event enjoyed by few. He was a very energetic man having been engaged in various business enterprises in his native state, in Kansas and in Oregon, being principally engaged in the saw mill business.

About twenty-five years ago he came to Stayton and purchased the mill which was enlarged and rebuilt and improved until it is now one of the best equipped mills on the Coast. His business foresight and energy launched the enterprise which has since grown into the large Curtis Lumber Company of Mill City.

He enjoyed the distinction of being the first Mayor of the town of Stayton, and he saw the community develop from a mere trading point into one of the best towns in the Willamette Valley.

Perhaps Mr. Brown had as few enemies as any man. He had enjoyed the continued respect of those who knew him. For about three years he had been a great sufferer, and many times his life had been despaired of and when his last sickness came it was apparent that he could not last many days.

On Sunday evening December 27 at six o'clock death came as a relief. For about fifty years he had been an active Odd Fellow. The funeral services were held at the home and the burial rites performed by the Stayton Lodge L.O.O.F.

His aged companion and children have the deepest sympathy of the entire community.

For Preservation Of our Deer
Favors Bounties on Killing Timber
Wolves, Bobcats, Etc.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Dec. 26.—(To the Editor.)—Having read the communications printed in the Oregonian bearing on the destruction of our large game, and having surveyed, cruised and hunted a great deal in the mountains for the last 25 years, I feel qualified to say a few words on this important matter.

I realize that the deer will soon disappear if there is not a bounty offered on wildcats, cougar and timber wolves, but not on coyotes. Coyotes do not destroy deer, and it would swamp the state funds as we know by the past, if we placed a high bounty on coyotes, by the shipping of scalps from adjoining states. The eastern part of our own state can raise enough coyotes to "break" us. It is common history that 15 and 20 years ago our deer were slaughtered for their hides. I knew one hunter who killed 15 deer in one day and never saved a pound of the meat, but just stripped the hides off and left all the meat in the hills. This same man made much money later on in Eastern Oregon by killing and selling the hides, and it is a well-known fact that when the sale of hides was stopped the deer increased very fast. Deer really got plentiful near our farms, five miles from Cottage Grove, but soon the timber wolf began to increase, and today, in the western slope of the Cascade Mountains, and the Calapooia Range, the wolves, cougars and bobcats are destroying ten deer to where the hunters destroy one. I know this from personal observations, as I go into the mountains every year. The wolves work along the rivers mostly, in the Spring and early part of the summer. They very easily run the female deer, that are poor in flesh, into the streams and catch them—which means the destruction of two or three for every one so caught. The bobcats catch the fawns. The cougars work farther back in the deep canyons and thick brush. Now, if the state of Oregon wants to do a quick job of it, just refuse to give a good bounty on wolves, cougars, and cats. Make the open season shorter, cut down the limit per year to each hunter (which means to keep hunters out of the hills more than now), and just leave the matter to cougars, wolves and cats.

Give the latter a little more latitude, and they will soon finish the job by killing the deer all out. Next look out for the domestic stock, for the latter will soon suffer. Then the people will open their eyes and see what they should have done years before. It is up to us to destroy these wild animals now and save the deer, or we will have to do it later to save the domestic stock. The plan I favor is to place a bounty of \$25 on female timber wolves and \$20 on the male. This will induce the hunter to shoot the small one first (which is the female), otherwise he shoots the larger one first (which is the male, and of course has a better hide out of which to make a robe. Hunters cannot catch timber

OUR REGRETS.

WE REGRET VERY MUCH THAT IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE AT PRESENT, ON ACCOUNT OF ILL HEALTH, TO BEGIN OUR SEMI-WEEKLY SERVICE ON JANUARY, 1st:

Yours truly,
FRED G CONLEY,
Editor Mail.

wolves with dogs, for these animals will eat the dogs. You must trap or poison wolves. They are harder to kill than cougars. I would suggest a bounty of \$15 on cougars and \$5 on bobcats. These prices will induce hunters to destroy them to a great extent. By these precautions our deer will increase so fast that in a few years we will need only to protect male deer in the months of November and December. Female deer should be protected all months in the year except September and October. There should be no bounty on bear as they do not destroy deer. Elk should be protected for five years. Dogs should not be allowed to chase deer.

Chinese pheasants should be protected for five years, and then the limit should only be five birds per day—five is enough for any man in one day. The birds are now so scarce in this locality that a man has to nearly run his legs off to get a bird. This overcomes the pleasure.—N.H. MARTIN—OREGONIAN.

I am personally acquainted with the writer and this voices my sentiments exactly.—Editor.

LOOK OUT FOR MONEY ORDERS

Postal Authorities Warn Merchants
Blanks And Stamp Stolen
At Bellingham

The following warning is being sent out by the postoffice inspector at Bellingham, Wash., and has been received by postmaster Squire Farfar:

On the night of December 9, 1908, Postoffice Station No. 5, Bellingham, Wash., was robbed the burglars securing money order form 1297, and numbers 1401 to 1600, inclusive. On the night of December 13, the same place was again robbed, the burglars securing the rubber M. O. B. stamp. It is quite likely that both robberies were committed by the same parties, the second robbery being for the purpose of securing the M. O. B. stamp. If this is the case, they are now in possession of 201 blank money orders, numbered as above and undoubtedly will attempt to use them by filling them out and endeavoring to cash them with local merchants.

Please take this matter up vigorously with your local authorities and with your merchants, furnishing them with a memorandum of the numbers of the stolen orders, and caution them to be on the lookout for any party attempting to cash any of these orders. Warn merchants to scan carefully any orders purporting to have been issued at Sta. B., Bellingham, Wash., noting particularly the numbers, and whether same have been altered with red ink and to be especially careful of Saturday evenings, when selling goods for which an order for a greater amount than the amount of the purchase is offered. A merchant should be notified and especially jewelry and clothing merchants, and saloons.

The usual method employed by parties who have stolen orders heretofore is to fill them out for from \$25 to \$40 each and then purchase a small bill of goods of some merchant generally on Saturday evening, and offer in payment one of these orders and request the difference in cash. It has also been the custom to carefully change, by use of red ink, and the first figure of the number of the order, for example, order No. 1401 might be changed to 4401, or some number etc.

If any party attempts to cash any of these orders he should be immediately arrested, and the undersigned notified by telegraph. Very respectfully,
—G.D. Linn,
Inspector in Charge.

It is one year since I came to Stayton, a stranger and accepted a call as pastor of the Baptist Church.

I desire to express my appreciation of the manner in which I have been treated by both the church and the community.

My salary has always been paid monthly and in full and not an unkind word have I ever received from anyone. At our business meeting this week the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Clerk, Mrs. M.J. Pollis; Treasurer, E. Roy; Sunday school superintendent, N. Huntley; Sunday School Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Jeter; Organist, Miss Eliza Roy. A good audience with good attention greeted me the last Sunday of the year. Grateful for the many favors and encouragement I have received I hope to continue in 1909. A.H. Carman, pastor, Baptist church.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Santa Claus showed to a crowded house on the evening of the 24th. The youngsters could hardly wait till the curtain went up and they had a glimpse of the two large trees on the stage that were loaded with presents.

Rev. Bryan delivered the invocation. Following this there was a short well rendered program and their presents were distributed.

1909

Another year is drawing to a close and in the midst of business we desire to pause and address you, our many friends who have favored us with their patronage during the year now closing.

Many predictions were made for 1908 most of which fortunately, have not proved true, for the year taken as a whole has proved a good one.

We desire to express our thanks for the many favors shown us during the year just closing and hope that we may merit your consideration during 1909. Wishing you a Happy and prosperous New Year, we remain, yours,

C & J Gehlen.

**A Happy New Year
To All Our Patrons and
Friends.**

KERBER BROTHERS

Hardware, Paint and Oil and Farm Implements.
Stayton, Oregon.

Turner - - Lyons Stage
Express Schedule.

Leave Lyons 5:00 A.M. via Mehama, Stayton, Sublimity and Aumsville, arrive Turner 11:00 A.M.
Leave Turner 12 Noon via Aumsville, Sublimity, Stayton, and Mehama. Arrive Lyons 6:00 P.M.

FARE

Turner - - - - Aumsville	\$.25	Lyons - - - Mehama	\$.25
Turner - - - - Sublimity	.50	Lyons - - - Stayton	.50
Turner - - - - Stayton	.50	Lyons - - - Sublimity	.60
Turner - - - - Mehama	1.00	Lyons - - - Aumsville	.75
Turner - - - - Lyons	1.00	Lyons - - - Turner	1.00

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G.B. Trask, Owner & Prop.
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