

THE STAYTON MAIL

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The way to build up Stayton is to patronize Stayton merchants.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

HOW PEOPLE JUDGE A TOWN THEY HAVE NEVER SEEN

You probably have never thought of the subject but it readily is seen that the newspaper of your town is the medium of comparison by which a person of some other part of the country judges your city. If the paper is neatly gotten up, if it is newsy, if it is well patronized by the merchants, the man from Iowa says to himself "That looks good to me," and when he comes to Oregon he naturally looks up the town. If the city is as good as the paper, he will locate in the neighborhood nine times out of ten.

We do not wish to blow our own trumpets nor make comparisons, we wish you to compare Stayton's newspaper with those published in other towns the same size, and form your conclusions.

In a great many communities a newspaper is a "joke." It is not even spoken of as a legitimate business, everyone seems to think the publisher is a "grafter." If advertising is done at all it is done grudgingly and the editor has to chase all copy about one-half his time or not get it. Is that fair? Is that just? The merchants of some towns advertise well but think it money practically given to the newspaper. Don't do it. A newspaper is not a charitable institution. But don't kick my dear friend if you turn down an ad solicitor and then see something in your home paper from a Chicago advertising house, for if "advertising does not pay" why should you care? The point is this: we have something to sell—"space". Do you want it? If so we are glad to supply your wants.

City Shy of Beer.

St. Louis, Jan. 17—This city is in mourning to-day. The Anheuser-Busch brewery is closed, and will put out no more beer until the city's water supply is increased. The situation is acute. The situation in Stayton is similar except that there is still plenty of water here.



A Portland girl was arrested the other day on a charge of insanity. She was examined by a "wise gink" who called himself an "alienist," whatever that is, and pronounced "Lovesick," and sent home. Stayton maidens take warning, the wind has been blowing from Portland for several days.

Mrs. John Stockman, a wealthy widow of Pendleton, has received letters threatening to burn her home unless she deposits \$35 at a designated spot. C. S. Cheshire's family have been ordered to pay \$70 or be burned out.

Cottage Grove is renaming its streets and renumbering its houses.

Dan P. Smythe of Pendleton is suing the N. P. railroad for \$60,000 for the loss of his arm while looking after a shipment of sheep on the road.

What Is It?

It is evident that the unfathomable local correspondent to The Oregonian, a few days ago in his over-zealousness to boost Stayton, in reality gave the town a terrible black eye in naming the "powers-to-be" source of wisdom.

It was like the little boy who bragged about the very fine house his father lived in; but it turned out that the house was nothing more than a couple of boards stuck in the fence crack and an armful of straw thrown on them—a fine house indeed!

Or was the article a conundrum? Or perhaps it was a huge joke such as requires a Mark Twain or a Bill Nye to spring on the public—one that takes a fortnight to digest, but when once understood, it convulses everyone with laughter.

RESIDENT.

West Stayton

George Brower and Charles Seahale of Jefferson were around looking at some of the property about town. They are thinking of moving here in the near future.

Miss Jessie McInnis entertained a few friends at her home Sunday evening.

Rumor has it that we will soon have a new meat market.

The S. P. section men put in a new sidewalk from the depot to the store one day last week.

John Rucker and Hugh Kuenzli are busy cleaning up Main street.

Frank Fery, who was sick, is able to be out again.

R. J. Kusy was a city visitor Mon.

"Dad" Perkins is improving his place by putting in a new fence.

Sylvanus Neal has rented his place to a party from Jefferson.

MAHARAJA.

NEWSY NOTES CONCERNING OUR NEIGHBORING TOWNS

University of Oregon students are to issue an all-story number of the Oregon Monthly.

The Willamette river at Eugene reached a stage of eighteen feet during the recent freshet.

The University of Oregon glee club on its recent concert tour returned with a deficit of about \$200.

A span gave way in a bridge over the Deschutes near Redmond, Ore., while a train was crossing, but the train was taken over in safety.

Frank Blair of Eugene has 3000 sacks of potatoes which he is holding for a better market, but is keeping three men busy sorting them.

The men's Brotherhood of the Congregational church at Eugene recently gave a banquet to the ladies, preparing all the food themselves.

Miles Taylor, a hobo who was found in a barn near Eugene about three weeks ago, has just died of gangrene which attacked his limbs.

Press dispatches say that at Cheyenne, Wyo., Mrs. Herman Carlson gave birth to one child each day for three days, two boys and a girl.

The Lakeview Examiner appears with a cut of Lakeview on its front page, showing what a fine little city can be built even remote from a railroad, as that city has been until the advent of the N. C. & O. on January 7th.

Leap Year.

'Tis Leap Year, girls, and don't forget The privilege of the suffragette, With bashful, hesitating beaux, Pluck up your courage and propose, Untie old President's red tape And let no guilty man escape. She who hesitates is lost, So land your name at any cost. If you have youth as well as beauty, The Leap Year cry is "Do your duty." Say, Horace, dear, will you be mine? Of all mankind for you I pine. If he a happy year should wish you, And slyly try to dodge the issue, Just get a grip upon his coat And put the question to a vote. If he votes "No," and you vote "Yes," Throw out no signal of distress. "Hip, hip, hurrah, it is a tie—Blest be the tie that binds," you cry. —James McCarthy in N. Y. Herald.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the county of Marion. Charles Ney, Plaintiff, vs. Nettie Ney, Defendant.

To Nettie Ney, the above named defendant,

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled Court and cause on or before the 25th day of February, 1912, and if you fail to answer for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in his complaint to wit: That the bonds of matrimony existing between the plaintiff and defendant be dissolved and that he have such other and further relief as to the Court may seem just and equitable.

This summons is served upon you by publication in the Stayton Mail by order of Hon. Percy R. Kelly, judge of the above named Court, dated on the 17th day of January, 1912, the first publication to be on the 18th day of January, 1912, and you are required to appear and answer on or before the 25th day of February, 1912.

JAS. G. HELTZEL, Attorney for Plaintiff.

Great Reduction Sale AND JANUARY CLEAN-UP OF

Sweaters, Hats, Umbrellas, Neglige Shirts, Boys' Clothing, Ladies' and Children's Shoes

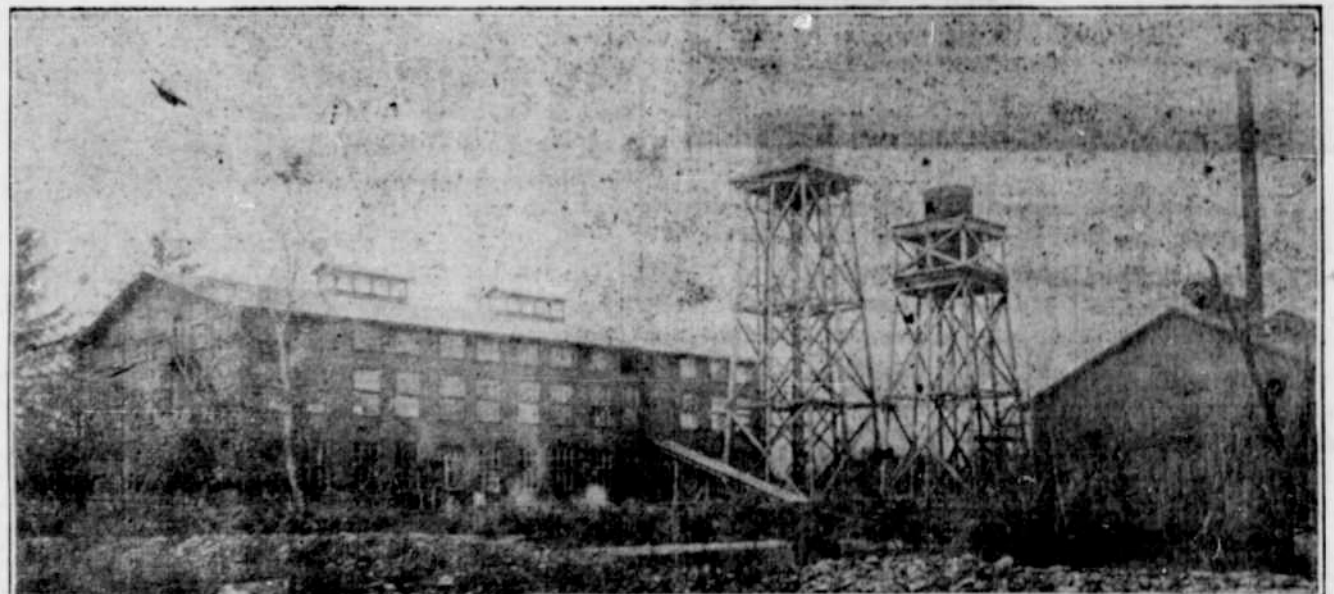
<p>Sweaters</p> <p>\$3.50 sweaters at only . \$3.00</p> <p>\$3.00 sweaters at only . \$2.50</p> <p>\$2.00 sweaters at only . \$1.65</p> <p>Neglige Shirts will go at 20 PER CENT OFF</p> <p>Hats</p> <p>\$3.00 Doris hats at . . \$2.75</p> <p>\$2.50 Imperial hats at . \$2.00</p> <p>\$2.00 Imperial hats at . \$1.75</p> <p>20 per cent off on all other hats except Stetson</p>	<p>BOYS' CLOTHING</p> <p>\$6.00 All-Wool Boys' Suits at \$4.95</p> <p>\$5.00 All-Wool Serge Boys' Suits at \$4.25</p> <p>\$4.50 Worsted Boys' Suits at \$3.75</p> <p>\$4.00 Worsted Boys' Suits at \$3.50</p> <p>\$3.75 Worsted Boys' Suits at \$3.25</p> <p>\$3.25 Worsted Boys' Suits at \$2.90</p>	<p>Ladies, Childrens Shoes</p> <p>\$4.00 Ladies' Shoes at . \$3.25</p> <p>\$3.60 Ladies' Shoes at . \$3.00</p> <p>\$2.75 Ladies' Shoes at . \$2.25</p> <p>Childrens' Shoes go at 20 PER CENT OFF</p> <p>Umbrellas</p> <p>\$3.00 Silk Umbrellas at . \$2.50</p> <p>\$2.00 Umbrellas at . . \$1.50</p> <p>\$1.50 Umbrellas at . . \$1.20</p> <p>Men's Odd Pants go at a discount of 15 PER CENT</p>
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FISHER & RICHARDSON, STAYTON, OREGON

Woolen Mill May Be Opened Again

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mill property. It was the sentiment of the meeting that the committee merely be authorized to solicit the funds, and when they judged a sufficient sum has been promised, to call a meeting of those who have subscribed and who will in turn decide what steps to take in securing the property.

A committee was appointed to do this work, and the following were named: Geo. Keech (chairman), Willis Caldwell, J. W.

Mayo, J. T. Kearns, and J. R. Gardner.

From the many comprehensive remarks made at the meeting by business men and other citizens, it is evident that the advantages to be derived from the re-opening of the mill are fully appreciated. Much emphasis was laid upon the effects a steady payroll would have upon business conditions—what ten or twelve hundred dollars in checks every Saturday night would mean to our

merchants. Again the additional employment it would bring was pointed out, as well as the probable influx of new people—en influx that would both build up the town and increase real property values.

No one has forgotten the prosperity and business activity that prevailed in Stayton in the days before the mill closed down—even in those days when woful mismanagement was so evident. No one can doubt that much more

can be expected of the industry when operated under such management as Mr. Wilbur's record assures.

And finally, in the opinion of many, the re-opening of the mill would be a better thing for the town even than the building of a railroad. However that may be, it is certain that the one will help secure the other, and that should the woolen mill again be put in operation, Stayton will not long be without a railroad.

SCHOOL NOTES

Henry Lulay entered the 4th grade Monday.

The primary grades are busy making paper mats.

Slight repairs have been made to the building this week.

Estella Huntley was absent Tuesday on account of sickness.

The spelling contest between the 4th and 5th grades is close.

The attendance in the high school grades this week is excellent.

Theresa Forette has been absent all week on account of sickness.

The 7th grade begins the study of "Deer in the Forest" Monday.

The 2d and 3d grades are having a review drill on the 45 combinations.

A. D. Gardner Jr. is back in school after a week's absence on account of sickness.

The 100's on the board in Miss Mack's room show excellent work in the spelling line.

Miss Lizzie Cornelius, Co. School Sup., visited the school Monday and gave an algebra test in the high school.

Marie Burres, Frank Clow and Lee Brown have been absent from the Primary room this week on account of sickness.

Miss Mack has adopted a new opening exercise for her room. Each pupil answers to the roll call with a current event.

The 7th grade has finished the study of South America and each student wrote a composition of 1000 words on the people and products.

The Reading Circle met last Saturday. Those present were: Mary Taylor, Myrtle Taylor, May Tapscott, Alma Smith, Ida Mack, Ethel Cross, Nora Crabtree, Grace Crabtree and Lois McElhaney. They meet again Feb. 17.

Charles Becker of Gervais butchered a hog weighing 565 pounds.

Cottage Grove erected buildings that cost \$90,000 during the past year.

Johnnie Vanderbeck, a small boy of St. Paul, shot a wild goose weighing 18 pounds.

Bend hotels are giving free transportation by auto bus between depots and hostleries.

Real Bargains in Millinery

No hat in the house over \$3.98. Am going to sell them all at any old price. Children's hats at 25c, 59c, 98c.

Feathers at your own price. If you don't need a hat, get a new feather for the old one.

\$5.00 plumes at **\$2.98**
\$4.00 plumes at **\$1.98**
\$3.50 plumes at **\$1.59**

Get one before they are all gone. As my spring stock has arrived I must make room for it.

See Window Display for other prices

Mrs. Forrest Mack