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## LINN COUNTY FARMER WRITES GOOD LETTER

Scio, Ore., Mar. 22, 1915.  
 Editor Stayton Mail:  
 Dear Sir:  
 I saw in your last number of the Mail a number of donating subscribers to build roads in Linn county Road District No. 30, but I do miss a good many. I am always willing to help build the roads, but we can never build them by donation any more than by a bond issue.  
 By donation, part of the people build a part of a road for all the people, and by bonding all the people have to build a part of a road for a part of the people; one is as unfair as the other.  
 Under our present system of road tax, we will never get our roads built, we just want that much money repairing old mud holes.  
 One man is so much entitled to a road as another, so let us work and get a system, whereby we can raise more money by taxing land, so much per acre and start on one end of the road district and never stop till ever, any district does not want to build, let the district do it. Land will always have to back road building, the sooner we will get them the better the country will be.  
 If the Automobile Companies want a Pacific Highway, then let them get together with those lands directly benefited by it and build it.  
 Let us build the roads, but by all means let us do it by fair play.  
 —Linn County Reader.

## SHIP YARDS ARE BOOMING

The most remarkable change since the time of the Napoleonic wars has come suddenly in the American ship-building industry. The last day of December, 1914, closed one of the poorest years the American ship yards have had in a decade. Today every ship-building concern from Bath, Me., down to Newport News in Virginia, is working to its fullest capacity.  
 One of the largest companies has orders sufficient to keep 6000 men employed full time for two or three years. Contracts have been closed for forty-eight ocean vessels, and negotiations are pending for sixty more. Prices have been advanced 15 per cent, although that fact is not significant. A British company has placed an order for the building of two ships in an American yard, a thing never heard of before, and is likely to order two more.  
 Apparently the American merchant marine has entered upon another period of expansion. The ships ordered and those for which marine architects are now drawing the plans embrace not only passenger vessels for the coastwise trade, but freighters for the Pacific and South American service, big cargo carriers for the transatlantic business and oil tankers to go anywhere and everywhere.

## SCHOOL BONDS CAN BE SOLD AT A PREMIUM IF PASSED BY PEOPLE

There has been some talk of opposition to the proposed bond issue for a high school building by some who object to it on the grounds that the district board might spend too much money for a site.  
 The board has been interviewed on that subject and have unanimously agreed that not over \$900 will be expended for a site. The proposed site, is to buy a strip of land 55 feet wide and 215 feet long just south of the present school grounds. This would embrace part of the land belonging to Henry Smith and F. M. Korinek. By building the new building partly on this and partly on the present site (facing east) the west part of the campus would remain intact for playgrounds, which the Oregon school law declares must be ample.  
 Furthermore, a contract has been made with a prominent bonding company of Portland to the effect, that, in the event of the bond issue carrying at the election next Thursday, they will buy the bonds at an advance of a little better than one per cent premium. In other words, the \$15,000 issue will bring \$16,175.  
 There is no reason on earth why Stayton should not get a good reinforced concrete 8 or 10 room building for that amount of money. That Stayton needs the building no one can gain in a minute. Positively there say for the room provided for next must be made. The polls next Thursday determined to put Stayton on the map at least as far as a high school is concerned.  
 It might be stated further that these bonds run 20 years and that \$1000 is retired each year beginning in the year 1920, which will reduce the interest each year after the fifth. The interest is 6% which is the same that the State Land Board demands and is the best obtainable.

## SKINNY'S FINISH

Being a little short of material this week we asked the devil to write us a short article against the use of slang. He did. Here it is:  
 "There is anything that gets our Nanny, it is the use of slang. Some guys spill so much of that kind of dope that it is hard to get wise to their spiel. Kids should be put next by their parents that slang is on the Fritz and should ought to be cut. If I had a kid that couldn't put over straight stuff I would wallop the lining out of the lobster. Skirts are shines proper, when it comes to slang. They think they are real tough, I should say not. The Boss is a dish of prunes when it comes to slang. He bawls me out to a fare-you-well, and I am in Dutch from the time I come on the job till haying time in the evening. This is the first thing I have ever wrote and if it don't show up in the rag it sure is a flivver proper."

## SPECIAL EXCURSION TO GREAT SALE AT ALBANY

Young Department Store Quits Business After 49 Years—Stock and Entire Business Bought by L. E. & H. J. Hamilton.

Consolidation of Two Stocks Brings About Gigantic Sale—Largest Ever Known in the State Outside of Portland.

One of the oldest mercantile firms in the northwest will end their mercantile career in Albany. The Young department store, Albany, occupying the largest building in the state, outside of Portland, has been sold. The stock will be disposed of at special sale.

The transfer of this big business was made a few days ago to L. E. & H. J. Hamilton, another leading Albany store. Hamilton's store was practically destroyed by fire a few weeks ago. In seeking quarters for a new location, negotiations were entered into with the Young store. As a result, the store and stock was bought outright by Hamilton's.

As very little of their Spring goods had arrived before the fire, this will mean two great stocks of goods at the Young store—Hamilton's new spring stock—and that of the Young store. The condition has forced an immediate sale of over \$80,000 of fine, new Spring merchandise, including dry goods, shoes, women's ready-to-wear apparel, men's furnishings, groceries, etc. etc. Undoubtedly the greatest sale ever known in the history of the Valley will be launched at the Young store, Albany, Thursday, April 1.

A feature of this great sale will be the special excursion train, at reduced rates, which will leave Detroit on Friday, April 2. The schedule and rates are given below.

## NOT SOMETHING FOR NOTHING

But splendid values in dress goods for your dollar.  
 Before purchasing elsewhere, we invite you to call on us and compare quality, and prices on the new dress or waist pattern you will buy for spring and summer wear, and inspect our line of Silks, Crepes, Poplins, Serges, Cashmeres, etc., we have these goods in a large assortment, right up to date, stylish and pretty, and at very low prices, you are welcome whether you purchase or not. We want you to see our line of damaged blankets, at cost of material in them, to clean them out, and not carry them over until fall.  
 Wilbur Woolen Mills Co.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Schott and little son of Sublimity were here Tuesday.

## TOURIST BOOK PREPARED

In order to induce a great number of tourists to visit Oregon this year, automobile clubs and various business organizations throughout the Northwest are planning to send invitations to similar associations throughout the East and Middle West to include Portland, the Columbia Highway and the Pacific Highway territory in their itineraries. The Portland Automobile Club is preparing a new tourist book, for general distribution, which will contain a vast amount of descriptive matter and will be illustrated with cuts of some of the most attractive scenery within reach of the motorist.

W. H. Sloper of Salem spent the week-end with his brother J. E. Sloper.

## FARM LANDS BOOKLET

"Farm Lands in Oregon", is the title of a booklet just issued by the Farm Land Bureau of the Oregon Development League. It contains a list of several hundred farms and small pieces of land for sale, with prices and terms. It is designed to bring together owners of land and prospective buyers without the intervention of middlemen or agents. Copies will be mailed to those interested.

## Parts of the New Law

For the benefit of those who have not seen a copy of the new county high school tuition law passed by the last legislature, we print sections 1, 6, 8 and 9 of the law. These sections relate to the tax and the qualifications necessary for a high school district to escape the tax. Read them carefully if you are interested.  
 Section 1. For the purpose of defraying the cost of educating high school pupils residing in any county in which there is no county high school, and not in any high school district, a

## CELLO CANAL TO BE TESTED IN APRIL

Unless there is a rearrangement of present plans, the Cello Canal will be opened for the passage of boats for five days in April, probably between the 10th and 15th, and it is expected that a number of steamers now on the upper river will be brought to Portland for overhauling and two or more boats will carry freight from Portland to Pasco, Kennewick and other points. Construction work on the canal is practically finished, but little remaining to be done except to clean out an accumulation of refuse and to build a few bridges for the accommodation of owners of fish wheels and two for passage of teams. The canal is being finished several weeks earlier than was expected, and it will probably be opened permanently for navigation May 1st.

## STAYTON YOUNG COUPLE MARRY MONDAY

Miss Edith Olmsted, eldest daughter of the Editor and wife, and Lester, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith, were married at the Christian parsonage in Salem, by Rev. Porter, the pastor on Monday of this week.  
 Miss Edith has been the right hand compositor of the Mail force for several years. The groom is employed in the Sloper Drug Store and is well-liked by everyone.  
 The newlyweds will live in the north part of the city, where they may be found by their many friends.

Clef Thomas, the 17-year-old son of Henry Thomas of Silver Creek Falls was taken to Salem Tuesday by Dr. Beauchamp for an operation for appendicitis.

# CASH PRICES

Come in and get Cash Prices and do not pay a per cent of some one else's bill. Remember, a certain per cent must be added when doing business on a credit system.

3 pr 50c Ladies silk hose \$1.00	10c bottle of Blueing	5c
4 " 35c Men's " " 1.00	10 Arm & Hammer Soda	5
3 Yds of 10c gingham 25c	25 Coffee 5 lbs. for	\$1.00
Men's Heavy Work Shirt 45c	25 Catchup reduced to	15
10% off on Dress Shirts	5c Yeast now only	4
10% off on all Shoes	50c Royal Bak. Pow.	.43
10% off on all Hats	4 Boxes of matches for	10c
10c can of Spice, now 5c	5 Gallons Coal oil	70c

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 Prescription Druggist Stayton, Oregon

# SUGAR-- \$6.50 PER SACK

We reserve the right to limit the quantity to our customers as the price is less than wholesale.

## Price Reductions

On account of our making a reduction on almost everything we sell, We do not have room to publish all. Below are a few:

## Groceries

Canned Salmon, dozen	\$1.08	H. & G. Blueing	5c
" Pineapple, from	10c up	Cocoa, per pound	28c
Arm & Hammer soda	5c	Winner Catsup, per bottle	14c
4 Boxes of Matches for	10c	Pref. Stock Catsup, bottle	23c

## Dry Goods

House Linings, 3 1-2c yd up.	8-4 heavy unblechd Sheeting 22c.	9-4 the same,	24c
9-4 Bleached extra qual. 26c	32 in book-fold Gingham, 12 1-2c.	Oil Cloth, yd.	24c
Ladies' Silk Booted Hose, 27c	Ladies' All Silk Hose, pair, 48c	36in All-wool Serge	47c

54 inch All-wool Serge, \$1.14 All-wool Granite Cloth, 57c yd.

FARMERS--We are paying top-prices for Mohair and Wool

# MAYO'S CASH STORE