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BUYS EUGENE STOCK

Stockton's store in Salem, bought a \$30,000 stock of goods at Eugene last week, and will have it on display in their Economy basement soon. Watch for ad in the Mail.

"What kind of leather makes the best shoes?"

"Don't know, but banana peelings make the best slippers."

It is Easy to Float.

Floating means reclining on the water. So long as one's body is straightened out and the head is thrown well back in the water the arms and legs will take care of themselves. One has nothing to do but maintain a straight back and submerge the head to the ears. In this position one cannot help but float. It is a physical impossibility for the body to drown so long as this position is maintained. But the minute you raise your head out of the water or bend the body or draw up the knees down you go.—Outing.

The Voice of the People.

Lady John Russell visited Paris as a girl in 1850 and witnessed the somewhat artificial enthusiasm for Louis Philippe, who had just been placed on the throne by the revolution. "It is said," we are told, "that any small boy in those days could exhibit the king to curious sight-seers by raising a cheer outside the Tuileries windows, when his majesty, to whom any manifestation of enthusiasm was extremely precious, would appear automatically upon the balcony and bow."

Mule Riding in Portugal.

In odd contrast to the modern rush and honk of the automobile and the clang of the trolley cars are the saloon or small farmers of Portugal, who ride nonchalantly through the twentieth century hubbub on the back—the extreme back—of small, patient eyed mules. Though the country has progressed and the farmers are progressing toward prosperity, they have consistently refused to move farther forward on the mule's back in Portugal than the last fifth of his anatomy. Perhaps the custom arose from the time when the mule carried a large load just before the rider and the habit has not been broken.—Christian Herald.

Protects the Shark's Eggs.

Protective mimicry, that cunning device of nature to preserve animals from their enemies, is well known in the eggs of certain fishes, notably the California shark, known as Gyropleurodus franciscus. The shark is of a sluggish habit, lurking among rocks, and its dark egg resembles a leaf of kelp or seaweed folded up spirally. It is deposited among the beds of kelp and clings to the leaves by the edges of the spirals. The young shark bursts open the end of the egg and swims away. Another shark's egg of the Pacific coast has tentacles which clasp the seaweed and also imitate its appearance.

CHRISTMAS EVE PARTY

One of the social events of the holidays that the Mail missed last week was the entertainment and tree, with beautiful presents for all present at the E. Small home on Christmas Eve. Beside the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. E. Small, those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wilbur, Miss Selma Schuff, Edgar, Erna and Eugene Small and Miss Martha Small.

The same party with the exception of Miss Schuff ate a bounteous dinner at the Small home on Christmas Day and all attended the Star Theatre in the evening.

John O'Groat's House.

John O'Groat's house was formerly situated on Duncansby head, the most northerly point of Great Britain. It took its name from John of Groat, or Groot, and his brothers, who came, it is said, from Holland about 1489. The expression so often heard, "From John O'Groat's to Land's End," means the whole length of Great Britain from north to south, like the other expression, "From Dan to Beersheba," meaning the entire length of Palestine.—Exchange.

Custom in Spain.

One thing specially vital in Spain: "Costumbre," they say ("It is the custom"). It explains commercial honor tersely for the Spanish business man to keep his word and pay his bills; exactly as it is equally customary for him to lack what we call "honor" in some other departments of life. It is customary to do or not to do, to like or not to like, a thousand things. Why? "Costumbre" is the only reply. It is customary, moreover, not to yield readily to an improvement or a luxury, even as it is again equally customary, once the Spaniard has yielded to a given thing, to hold to it like adamant.—Exchange.

Delayed Appreciation.

"Do you enjoy opera?" "Yes," replied Mr. Cumrox. "I enjoy an opera first rate after the tunes in it have become sufficiently popular to be played by the brass bands."—Washington Star.

How to Act in Polite Society.

Do not tuck the napkin under your chin in order to save your shirt front from the soup and tomato catsup. That isn't proper. Tie it around your neck.

When you go to a party do what your wife tells you to do and you will make no mistake, for she has found out all about it in a book.

Don't crack jokes with the servants. It is hard enough to distinguish the guests from the waiters nowadays without doing that.

Don't offer to sing or play the piano. Perhaps the hostess has prepared a program of her own.

If you want to get a good hat and overcoat say you have a slight headache and leave early.—Detroit Journal.

WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH RAILROADS?

With capital abundant in our country, with over two billion dollars loaned abroad in 1916, why is it American railroads have been unable to secure new capital?

With industries and cities growing like Jonah's gourd, with population and wealth increasing as never before, there is almost no increase in railroad mileage or terminal facilities.

It is a serious situation for a great nation, with much undeveloped territory and world problems before it, to be weakest where it should be strongest.

We have federal commissions and 45 state commissions to regulate railroads and yet during past year we had the "worst car shortage in history." Something wrong.

State railroad commissions are fighting for a Supreme Court decision in the Shreveport case to give them complete control of railroad business within state lines.

For instance, in Utah, where over 50 per cent of railroad mileage is under interstate regulation, politicians are clamoring for a state railroad commission.

Instead of extending the authority of states over railroad business, Congress should exercise its admitted power to limit state control within narrow bounds.

RECORDER'S REPORT

For Quarter Ending Dec. 30th, 1916

General Fund Receipts:	
Oct. 4, show license	\$ 10.00
" 15, street assessment	9.64
" 20, show license	2.00
" 27, taxes received	322.44
Nov. 11, from E. Roy for rock	1.62
" 23, taxes received	273.07
Dec. 1, show license	2.00
" 4, show license	8.00
Total	\$628.77

Warrants Drawn On Fund

Oct. 1 1916 account overdrawn	\$390.79
" 3, Stayton Elec. Light Co.	57.86
" 3, Theodore Rizzo	3.50
" 3, J. B. Grier	10.00
" 3, John Downing	45.00
" 3, O. L. Weddle	3.50
" 3, B. B. Herrick	10.00
Nov. 4, Elec. Light Co.	58.02
" 10, J. B. Grier	18.60
" 10, John Downing	45.00
" 10, Stayton Mail	2.75
Dec. 4, Elec. Light Co.	59.27
" 5, Lilly Hardware Co.	.33
" 5, J. B. Grier	10.25
Total	714.87

Account overdrawn

Oct. 1, balance on hand	\$1,015.21
" 2, water rentals turned in	410.00
Nov. 1, " " "	313.55
Dec. 5, " " "	85.20
Jan. 1, '17, " " "	110.50
Total	1934.46

Warrants Drawn on Fund

Oct. 3, C. E. Brown	\$.85
" 3, John Downing	15.00
" 3, John Mielke	3.50
Nov. 10, John Downing	15.00
Total	\$ 34.45
To Balance	1900.01
Total	1934.46

J. B. GRIER,
Recorder.

YOUR KIDNEYS

Stayton Residents Must Learn The Importance of Keeping Them Well

Perfect health means that every organ of the body is performing its functions properly.

Perfect health cannot be enjoyed if the kidneys are weak and disordered. Thousands testify that Doan's Kidney Pills have a reviving action on weak kidneys.

What this remedy has done in so many cases of this kind is the best proof of its merit.

Read the following. It's testimony gratefully given by a resident of this locality:

Mrs. M. B. Rexford, 335 N. Eighteenth St., Corvallis, Ore., says: "I was all run down and sick all over with malaria. My back nearly killed me at times, it pained me so. I could hardly get up or down, as I was so stiff and sore. My kidneys were congested and inflamed. The kidney secretions were unnatural and this trouble made me weak and nervous. I had no ambition to do anything. Three boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills practically cured me of backache and put my kidneys in good, working order.

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Rexford had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

FOR RENT—a nice 6-room cottage near the new high school. Enquire at the Mail Office.

SALE BELLS—at the Mail Office. We have the largest circulation of any paper printed or sent into the Santiam Valley. Advertise with us and get results.

Money to Loan—I have Made Arrangements for loaning eastern money, will make very low rate of interest or highly improved farms. Homer H. Smith, room 5, McCornack Bldg., Salem, Oregon, Phone 96. 17.

Clover or Vetch Hay Wanted—at Brewer's Dairy, Stayton. 12-28

For Sale or Trade—for good dairy cows, a fine team of mules. Brewer's Dairy Stayton. 12-28

FOR SALE—7 head milk cows, 1 heifer. Cows \$40 per head, heifer \$30 if all are taken. 1 two year old filly \$100. Mrs. Rosa Miller, 12-28 Phone 2-8 Shelburn, Ore.

Good Fresh Cows Wanted at Brewer's Dairy, Stayton. 12-28

Shot Gun For Sale—Double barreled, breech loading, 12 gauge. Will sell cheap. See or phone Chas Schaefer, 12-28x Seio, Ore.

FOR SALE—200 Pure Bred White Leghorn Hens for sale, none over 2 years old. One Dollar Each. Wayne Ashby, Sublimity, Ore.

Baled Straw For Sale—Frank Cremer, 1-11x Rt. 1, Box 90 Stayton, Ore.

Steel Range For Sale—Been used but short time, has hot water coil. Will trade for pigs or shoats. A. F. Welter 1-11x Shaw, Ore.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Stayton Mutual Telephone Co. will be held in the city hall, Monday Jan. 8th, 1917, at 7:30 p. m., for the purpose of electing the following officers: president, vice-president, Secretary-Treasurer and one director, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Henry Smith, Pres.

NOTICE

The 21st Annual meeting of the Farmers Fire Relief Association will be held at Sublimity, Jan. 6 at 11 a. m. for the election of officers and hearing of the financial report of the Secretary-Treasurer. Chas. Hottinger, Sec.

NOTICE

The price of milk will be the same as I have always charged in Stayton, viz: 7c per qt. and 4c per pint in the feeding season, and 6c per qt. and 3c per pt. in pasture season.

A. T. Brewer.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank my friends and patrons, who have so liberally supported me in the dairy business since I started in Stayton, and assure them that the same has been fully appreciated.

E. D. Crabtree.

NOTICE—To all my patrons who have bottles please turn them in to the Brewer Dairy. E. D. Crabtree.

Justified.

Rivers had just gone home and was stumbling over the things in the dark hall.

"What are you growling about, dear?" called out Mrs. Rivers from the floor above.

"I am growling," he answered in his deepest bass voice, "to drown the barking of my shins."—New York Globe.

Made It Even.

An Irishman who had walked a long distance, feeling very thirsty and seeing a milkman, asked the price of a quart of milk.

"Three pence," replied the milkman. "Then give me a quart in pints," said Pat.

"Right," was the reply. "Pat, on drinking one pint, asked, 'How do we stand?'"

The milkman replied, "I owe yer a pint." "And I owe you one," said Pat, "so we are quits."—London Answers.

Beatriz Michelena and Andrew Robson



"The Unwritten Law"

Is Any Wife Safe?

Star Theatre IN SEVEN BIG REELS

Admission Adults 25 Cents
Children Under 12 years 15 Cents

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ONLY TWO DAYS MORE FOR BARGAIN SALE OF

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GREEN TRADING STAMPS

LILLY HARDWARE CO., STAYTON, ORE.

BE AN OPTIMIST.

To ignore trifling annoyances, to avoid ultra fastidiousness, to condone human frailties, remembering whereof we are all made; to believe that the darkest hour is just before dawn—in a word, to make the best of things—is, besides making life a joy, to become a public benefactor without profession of philanthropy.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists. Price 75c per bottle. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

NOTICE

When the Stage leaves for Salem Tell the Driver to let you off at

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