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MAIL ORDER HOUSES A MENACE

It is a recognized fact that the retail business of the country villages—and the large towns, for that matter,—is being destroyed, says Richard Eyrd in the Tallisman. Year by year the once prosperous merchants are being forced to the wall—driven out by the mail order business. And this is taking place in the face of the fact that the population and purchasing power of the country districts are ever on the increase.

The mail order houses are drawing the cash retail trade from its natural channels to the cities.

The growth of this octopus has been phenomenal. From a jelly-like idea—without form—an experiment fifteen years ago, it has grown to proportions that threaten the extermination of the retail country merchant.

An idea of the way the money of the people is being drawn into this mail order trade can be had from the reports of some of these houses.

A certain mail order house of Chicago, which began with a few thousand dollars fifteen years ago now carries a capital stock of \$5,000,000 and has arranged to increase that stock to \$40,000,000. It does a business of \$5,000,000 a month and earns a net profit of \$3,000,000 yearly.

Like the patent medicine business, the mail order business depends on the gullibility of the people. Thousands of people every week send in their hard-earned cash to some mail order house in payment for goods that

at their home store. Why do they do it? It is owing partially to the desire of the average person to be humbugged and partially to the effect of persistent advertising. The mail order house sends out its attractive literature, composed of well-illustrated catalogues and cheap magazines known as mail order papers. The goods are set out in the most attractive manner. It is a tempting bait and the fish bite.

All of these millions come out of the legitimate trade of the country merchant, the man who has invested his capital, built himself a home and been active in building up the town, with the expectation that he would be allowed to do a legitimate business in a legitimate way. He is entitled to the trade of his town and the country adjacent. He pays his taxes and contributes to the support of the community. That community owes him a reciprocal duty—the duty to give him the preference in trade, everything else being equal. This is the theory of all organized civilized communities, beginning with the family and going on up through every organization to that of the state. Home protection from foreign robbers is the first duty of every good citizen. If the village and town life that has grown up under natural laws of trade is to be maintained the retail business must be preserved against the unfair inroads of the mail order business. And this can only be done by organization and education. Let the people know the facts about the mail order business and the offerings on the altar of credulity will grow less.

Speaking of the evils of the mail order business, which will be increased if Postmaster-General Meyer's proposed parcels post law is enacted, Tom Richardson, manager of the Portland Commercial Club, said in a recent address:

"I have seen, through the work of one wealthy and influential manufacturer, the merchants of a town of five thousand people actually ruined. It was not the intention of this manufacturer to hurt the retail merchants of his own town, but his family got into the habit of buying from mail order houses, and talking about

Candidates Column.

W. P. Myers For District Attorney

To the Republican voters of the Seventh Judicial District: I desire the nomination at your hands to the office of District Attorney and will appreciate your votes at the coming primary election if you deem me worthy of your support.

W. P. MYERS, Laidlaw, Ore.

Fred W. Wilson For District Attorney

Subject to the approval of the voters of Crook and Wasco counties, my candidacy is announced for the Republican nomination for District Attorney of the Seventh Judicial District. If nominated and elected I shall endeavor to discharge the duties of the office faithfully as provided by law.

FRED W. WILSON.

J. F. Blanchard for County School Superintendent

Madras, Ore., January 28. To the voters of Crook county: I hereby announce myself a candidate for nomination, on the republican ticket, to the office of County School Superintendent. Your support at the primaries, April 17, will be truly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,
 J. F. BLANCHARD.

it, he gave his neighbors the opportunity, and not realizing what he was doing, he became an enthusiast. The result was that the trade of that town fell off until more than 40 per cent of all the larger merchants failed in two years. These people didn't buy their merchandise any cheaper, and they didn't recognize the fact that they had unconsciously participated in a scheme that emptied their houses, cut real estate to less than 40 per cent of its former value, and almost wrecked a community that had been very prosperous. A public meeting was called which resulted in the people buying at home. In two years the town was back to its former condition, and has since grown and prospered."

Woman's Toast To Man

Here's to men. Since Adam's time

They've always been the same;
 Whenever anything goes wrong,
 The woman is to blame.

From early morn to late at night,
 The men faultfinders are;
 They blame us if they over-leep,
 Or if they miss a car.

They blame us if beneath the bed,
 Their collar buttons roll;
 They blame us if the fire is out
 Or if there is no coal.

They blame us if they cut themselves
 While shaving, and they swear
 That we're to blame if they decide
 To go upon a tear.

Here's to the men, the perfect men!
 Who never are at fault;
 They blame us if they chance to
 Get the pepper for the salt.

They blame us if their business fails
 Or back a loosing horse;
 And when it rains on holidays
 The fault is ours, of course.

They blame us if they fall in love,
 And when they married get;
 Likewise they blame us when
 They're sick

And they fall in debt.
 For everything that cries-cross goes
 They say we are to blame;
 But, after all, here's to the men,
 We love them just the same.

—Detroit Free Press.

An agreeable movement of the bowels without any unpleasant effect is produced by Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. For sale by D. P. Adamson.

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Adamson's Drug Store, PRINEVILLE

DIED

Died, at her late home in Prineville, on the night of January 29th, Mrs. Elizabeth Maupin, aged 56 years. Mrs. Maupin was born in Tennessee, coming to the Willamette valley in 1874, and to Prineville in 1878.

She leaves three sons and one daughter to mourn a mother's absence.

Short funeral services were held in the home on Thursday morning, conducted by Dr. Dunsmore of the Presbyterian church, of which church Mrs. Maupin had long been a member. The body was taken to Brownsville for interment, at which place most of her relatives and friends reside.

Crook County Journal, \$1.50.

Card of Thanks

We hereby express our sincere thanks, for, and appreciation of the most kind services of our friends and neighbors, during the illness and following the decease of our beloved mother. Words are weak to express our gratitude, but none the less our appreciation, and such kindness will never be forgotten.

Lyn Nichols,
 Frank Nichols,
 Bessie Maupin.

Card of Thanks

We desire through the medium of the Crook County Journal to express our heart-felt appreciation of the kindly offices performed by our friends and neighbors during the late illness of my wife. Especially do we thank those strangers that came so far to our home at Bear Creek to minister to the suffering.

J. R. Harvey and children.



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 The only baking powder made with Royal Grap Cream of Tartar
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February 21, '08

A continual supper will be served in the hall after 10 o'clock

The Grand March will start promptly at 8:30 o'clock

Six prizes to be awarded.

Tickets, \$1

Floor Manager—P. B. Poindexter. Assistants—
 P. B. Howard, Jack Summers, W. F. King,
 Dr. Rosenberg, Granville Clifton, Grover Young

The First National Bank

Report of the condition of
 The First National Bank
 Of Prineville, Oregon
 At the close of business December 31, 1907

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans and Discounts.....\$287,394 17	Capital Stock.....\$ 50,000 00
United States Bonds..... 12,500 00	Surplus and undivided profits 68,634 70
Bank premises..... 12,248 12	Circulation..... 12,500 00
Due from banks sub to ck 128,715 10	Individual Deposits..... 307,875 78
Cash on hand..... 32,250 00	
Redemption fund..... 625 00	
	\$434,010 48
	\$434,010 48

B. F. Allen, President
 Will Wurzweller, Vice-President
 T. M. Baldwin, Cashier
 H. Baldwin, Asst. Cashier

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Home - Cured Meats

AT

J. E. Stewart & Co.'s

APPLICATIONS FOR GRAZING PERMITS—NOTICE is hereby given that all applications for permits to graze stock within the BLUE MOUNTAINS (WEST) NATIONAL FOREST during the season of 1908, must be filed in my office at Prineville, Oregon, on or before February 29, 1908. Full information in regard to the grazing fees to be charged, and blank forms to be used in making application, will be furnished upon request.

A. S. IRELAND, Supervisor.

Timber Land, Act June 3, 1878.

Notice for Publication

Department of the Interior

United States Land Office,

The Dalles, Oregon, Dec. 30, 1907.

Notice is hereby given that

Della M. Stewart,

of the county of Crook, State of Oregon, has applied to purchase, under the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, as extended by act of August 4, 1892, the E 1/2 NW 1/4 and S 1/2 NE 1/4, Sec. 23, Tp. 12 South, Range 16 East, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before the county clerk, at Prineville, Oregon, on the 20th day of March, 1908.

She names as her witnesses: W. H. Houston, Walter O'Neill, Arch Powell, and Walter Snoderly all of Prineville, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 20th day of March, 1908.

1-9p C. W. MOORE, Register.

Petition for Liquor License

To the Honorable County Court of the State of Oregon for the county of Crook:

We, the undersigned, legal voters of Beaver Creek Precinct, No. 20 of Crook county, Oregon, respectfully petition your Honorable Body to grant a license to R. E. Hoffner and G. F. Lee under the firm name of Lee & Hoffner to sell appetizing malt and vinous liquors and hard cider in quantities less than one gallon in Beaver Creek Precinct, No. 20, Crook county, Oregon, for a period of six months, from and after the 4th day of March, 1908.

Wm Lytle R. E. Rayl
 B B Ofstead H J Faulkner
 Joe Morris H T York
 S W Miller L S Moore
 Lee Miller C L Morgan
 G A Wilson E M Gari
 A G Scoggin C R Henry
 J. D. Combs D. G. Miller
 Chas Stewart J B Puett
 John T Faulkner Frank Anderson
 Ed Bean Bruce Helmer
 Marion Morgan Gurdy Senecal
 Elmer Clark George Roba
 Aaron Wilson T P Pointer
 S. A. Lytle N B Longby
 J B Reid J E Wilson
 J S Faulkner Sam C Martin
 Pat Smith I D Dunkle
 W N Dunkle Arch Gibson
 Thomas Payne C S Congleton
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6.25 " " "	4.00
6.00 " " "	3.90
5.50 " " "	3.75
4.50 " " "	3.00
3.75 " " "	2.25
3.00 " " "	2.00
2.25 " " "	1.50

MEN'S PANTS

\$6.25 Pants now	\$4.15	\$3.25 Pants now	\$2.00
5.50 " " "	3.50	3.00 " " "	1.95
4.50 " " "	2.75	2.75 " " "	1.85
4.00 " " "	2.50	2.50 " " "	1.75
3.75 " " "	2.35	2.25 " " "	1.50
3.50 " " "	2.25		

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