SOMETHING FOR NOTHING GAME

BAD PLAY FOR MERCHANT AND CUSTOMER.

WANT LAWS TO ABOLISH IT.

Trading Stamp Schemes are Played Out.

Wednesday and Thursday of this week the Oregon Retail Merchants' Association held its annual convention in Albany, and now a committee will go to Salem and ask that a bill be introduced abolishing the trading stamps in

Oregon. Tacoma, Wash., now imposes a fine of \$100 annually on all merchants who give trading stamps, and the federal courts have sus-

tained the ordinance.
You may talk about the family sending to Sears, Roebuck & Co. for merchandise, but this trading stamp business is just as bad.

ing stamps and premiums.

This system of stamps, prizes,

just the same if they do get them back for boosting their game and text speaker, and then the others given to them in exchange for a book of stamps, and the customer then read their neighbor's paper. who does not save them for him-self, or herself, but who gives them to her neighbor, thinks he does not get a look at it.

And the contest-that is worse weak sisters in a community. than the stamps. Only one can win, but the customers line up and take sides with the contestants, and when the weeks and months; of campaigning are over, one person win. out and the rest are disappointed, then they are sick of the whole job and just ripe for the catalogue house to do business will be tried

Where is the newspaper that ever had anything to hold subscribers on that ever found a contest or prize scheme profitable?

not stick.

national newspaper, sizes up the

We know few instutions better deserving attention from such machinery of suppression as public opinion possesses than those newspaper contests which purport to discover the ten most popular school teachers or the ten most beautiful stenographers. Do the relatives and friends of these young women realize that they are being daubed with vulgarity to make money for newspapers whose need has become extreme by the time they adopt this device?

the people know it.

The big trading stamp syndicates have a soft snap on the go down on the expense list for home of William Bruce on Divisabout five per cent of his sales or ion street and demanded hospitalhe must raise the price of certain ity. Bruce fed him but the fellow goods the people are not too fa- became quarrelsome, started a miliar with to get this back-and rough-house, and drove the famthe people have an idea this is ily out into the snow. Bruce just about what he does, and could not find a policeman so he that they are indirectly paying for called on Constable Jack Frost the printing of the stamps and the who gathered him in. The fellow premiums that come from way had a partner and both had been back east-the place where YOU drinking and panhandling. must not buy your goods from, but the place where the MER-CHANT gets his from.

If the merchants would get together on this matter and cut out the stamps, and give the people last week when the following sale dates and the price of these stamps and premiums in special der Sherwood. Commander, stamps and premiums in special Walling; Lietenant commander, prices, how much better the peo-ple would feel and how much bet-ple would feel and how much bet-ple would feel and how much betple would feel and now much bet. R. Follansbee; chaplain, G. B. by stating that he drew the originative city over there. This is not conter the trade would be for the R. Follansbee; chaplain, G. B. nat organization for the Clear jecture but a certainity. They all merchants.

You can't find a trading stamp. a premium or a contest in the east. They all tried it, and they all quit it-quit it before it fin-

ished them. The manager of one of the biggest mercantile concers in west- les, C. W. Parish, F. Betzel. ern New York told the Courier ed. itor the trading stamp and contest business injured their business to an extent that it took four years to get back after the schemes had been stopped. He car left here at 7:30 q'clock. said it simply drove customers to the catalogue houses, but they never realized it until they diswith the mail order houses.

should form an association, cut of war. We are for peace on earth priation for the state had been the exodus, but it will be the dev- lature heeds public sentiment it out the hiring trade schemes, and good will toward men. We raise exhausted and that unless the leg- il to bring them back when once

the bargains (instead of the few) | will do as well as muskets.

OREGON CITY COURIER

30th YEAR.

OREGON CITY, ORE., FRIDAY, JAN. 24, 1913.

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There has been a strong preju-dice against it from the first and

unless the legislature heeds the

get what they want when they be-

Get Ready for It.

Start It, Mr Cross.

Farmers Want This

Mr. Schuebel's bill to make ev-

ery road supervisor a fire ward-

There are two minimum hour

Salem that are being watched

with keen interest, and both in-

this city, one an eight hour day applicable to the mills of this city

Both bills will be bitterly op-

Back to the Farm.

county, cut out school teaching,

papers state his father has deed-

Dimick Bombarding Militla.

What Is A License Good For?

ing on another's premises with-

when he goes out to exercise that

he is jumped with a fine or im-

streams and fields entirely, dis-

charge its hundreds of fish and

game wardens, abolish its licens-

NO "RAILROADING."

Letter is Wrong Accusation.

I read with interest an article

it. If there was any "railroading"

R. S. McLaughlin.

anything wrong done.

school?

es and call off Sport.

Oregon had beter close

prisonment

F. M. Gill has introduced a

tory in Oregon.

osed.

come sufficiently aroused,

spiration.

and bring in a line of business we do not have now and will never get through trading stamps. The people cought not to be

The people ought not to be compelled to ask for state law or ordinance protection against the stamps and contest schemes, the merchants should see the folly of thing for nothing business and and Premium cut them out.

LET GEORGE DO IT?

But What Variety of Newspapers Would We Publish?

A Newberg business man whose name does not appear on the mailing list of either of the home papers, recently approached the Graphic with a broad hint that we should "write up" a certain man who sent to Portland to get some work done, when said business man was sure he could have given as good sat-isfaction as the Portland man rendered. Let George do it .- Newberg Graphic.

The east long ago cut it out be-cause the dealers themselves re-came up here the business men a healthy condition of the club. It's the same old story, When alized that it was working dead of Seventh street patted the Cour- Darying and live stock raising wrong, that only the few were be- ier on the back until it was sore came in for a big part of the talking benefitted (or thought they for the way we boosted for it, for ing time of Tuesday's meeting were being) and that it was sim-ply driving the rest to the mail men, but nine out of ten ef them ready to get on his feet and help order houses—where they did not had to borrow the Courier to to push the project along. The have to pay for the others' tradthem.

ontests and premiums is all dead wrong, and the consumers are getting wise to it.

Customers have the idea (they may be right or wrong) that they have to pay for those premiums if they do get them just the same if they do get them given to them in exchange for a given to the matter of a pure water going to get in the game and do August for the final title business for here is the spool of red tape and the given a pension of \$10 a given to in every way as—for he for here is the spool of red tape and the given to in every way as—for here is the spool of red tape and the given to interest in making this industry the main line instead of the city to take act—for here is the spool of red tape and title business for here is the spool of red tape and the given to interest in making this industry the main line instead of the city to take act—for here is the spool of red tape and the given to interest in making this industry the main line instead of the city to take act—for here is the spool of red tape and the given to for here is the spool of red tape and the given to interest in making this industry the main line instead of the city to take act—for here is the spool of red tape and the given to for here is the spool of red tape and the given to for here is the spool of red tape and the given to for here is the spool of red tape and the given to for here is the spool of red tape and the given to for here is the spool of r

or she is having to help pay for papers always waited for George how it would particulary advance the premium twice-and then to do it, and only boosted those this county for the reason that it who boosted them, they would be

Pleaded Not Guilty.

G. W. Taylor of Canby, pleaded not guilty to the charge of criminal intimacy with his adopted daughter before Judge Campbell

Holds Up Road Levy.

Robert Clark, who lives in road trading stamps, contests and guessing schemes are for the purpose of getting trade that is unpose of getting trade that is unp pose of getting trade that is unnatural, of hiring people to patronize them—and such a trade is not worth the getting and it will not worth the getting and it will be count would have been at the count would have been a ot stick. the way Coliers, that the count would have been a tie feed. He said the banks in many authorized.

Boy Stabs Himself.

The little son of John Costello of Redland, was playing with a jack-knife and in trying to close the blade he pushed it against his The blade slipped abdomen. through his clothing and penetra-ted his body, piercing the liver. Dr. Mount rushed the lad to the city hospital where it was found the knife blade had severed the end of the liver. The wound was

Frost Arrests Troublemaker.

him \$30, or 15 days in jail.

Maccabees Elect Officers.

The installation of officers of the Order of Macabees took place booster celebration. master-at-arms, Louis gres:

D. H. Bottemiller; second master of guards, J. F . Wallace; sentinel, D. J. Finucane; pickel, M. Brungard; trustees, A. B. Buck.

The members of this lodge went to Portland on Thursday evening, where they had been extended an invitation to visit the lodge at that place. The special

Suggestions to Senator Dimick

Senator Dimick has introduced trade, thouse who knew there was cumstances and we can do away and it was necessary for the state home to rent or buy, that man is nothing in the something-for- with the militia and never miss to boil it. nothing game, had gone to trade it. We can not build \$20,000 armories with our school houses now The merchants of this city under bonds. We are not in favor Mr. McBain stated that the appro- matter. It is easy enough to stop put on a series of sales that would reach out and bring in a class of trade this city does not get.

hogs and cattle for slaughter not islature made further appropriation they cross the big bridge.

The first well will be drilled reach out get.

Mr. Dimick, as a servant of the state aid. They could take the same mon- people on this line and if your ey they put into stamps and premiums put it into reduced prices ed that none but millionaires can be had analyzed the sample of will raise itself. If not other wells holding district meetings and that it is wrong to accuse Mr.

DAIRYING AND SWINE RAISING ARE MONEY MAKERS.

WIRES TAKE UP THESE TOPICS

and Get Rich.

The only objection one can have we need and are within our reach, with the Live Wires these days is he proposes to go after them. that there is not time enough, and the fellows have to jump to get a chance to say anything. But this is far better than to have to prod

mean to the county, and they are On the matter of a pure water going to get in the game and do

is especially adapted to this pursuit. He stated that \$12,000,000 of dairy products, \$6,000,000 of pork and \$25,000,000 in a total were brought into this state for consumption, while we might and

est of communities by stock rais. farmers to get the right sires for their stock and that the banks here stood ready to help. He also advised that there be a live

tion in May, and the suggestion met with hearty support. T. W. Sullivan , hydraulic engineer of the P. R. L. & P. Co., warmly endorsed Shewman's talk. He said the welfare of any city depended on the welfare of the farming country and the manufacdressed and he is fast recovering, turing; that the manufacturing was able totake care of itself (if they were not tied down with injurious laws) but that the manu-Constable Jack Frost arrested a factories were ready and anxious

stock exhibit in connection with

the coming booster day celebra-

There is nothing to this some-hitng for nothing business and night, turned him over to Sheriff to make the country more pros-Mass and Justice Samson fined perous; that this county was close to a ready market, that it had the The man was drunk, Constable soil and climate for anything and premiums, but the merchant must Frost says, and he went to the that live stock and dairying would tigate a water supply for that side make it a rich country quicker of the river.

han any other proposition. O. E. A. Freytag stated how he hundreds of carloads of swine in- sary, for a water supply to supcould ask for, permitted this con- down the river to Bolton.

were installed by State Comman-things started in a small way would be going over there to live. grow into substantial industries Phillips; sergeant, William Bur- Greek Greamery for \$10,000 which ready have the project all worked Conklin; first master of guards, \$100,000. He also cited how he the coing summer. The addition

for \$35 each. for the city. He said the city of interests expect to build up a resthe Willamette river, boiled the ing plants. water and had ever since that city And the longer this city delays had the typhoid epedemic and that getting a pure water supply the the state capital had but in a wa more will it induce its citizens ter boiling plant. He said at the who do not own homes, to go opening of the legislature half of over there and live, and the mincontinued the contests-then they a bill to abolish the militia. We the members were taken sick be- ute the west side beats us to pure found that the better class of farmers are in very stringent cir- cause of drinking the river water, and can offer a man a

Dr. Picking brought up the mat-

give all the people the benefit of enter the army, then corn stalks water that M. J. Brown brought will be sunk in different localit-the bargains (instead of the few) will do as well as muskets. before the Wires last week, and les.

that he had had the same analyzed in Portland; that there was con-siderable sediment and organic matter, but no typhoid germs. C. H. Dye heartily endorsed the AND MORE STOCK C. H. Dye heartly endorsed the proposition of incouraging live stock breeding and agricultural stock breding and darying; that

we had a better soil than any county in the valley and that we could make these pursuits a great success in this county. G. L. Hedges related how one man was getting 10 per cent per

years old and that was valued at On the various subjects that came before the members at a re-Get Blooded Foundation Stock cent meeting, President Cross appointed committees for each and tees to dig in and report on every one of them, and if they are what

ALL BUT FINISHING.

Locks Canal has Only Few Thousand Miles More of Red Tape.

the government would be com- class of mothers and children. pleted by the 18th of the month.

or tess" is in proper order; then to General Bixby, who doesn't and so big you can't jump over know any more about deeds than it. the Courier editor does about aseral of the U. S. will have a look and see there are chains and links children of the man who has deenough to make it hold; then Bix- serted his children. by will have another look to see if consumption, while the could easily produce this import, and ship to other states as well. He showed how we had the soil, the crops and everything particularly adapted to dairying, livengarily adapted to dairying, livengarily adapted to dairying, and he commence to prepare to dig a government ditch around the falls of the Willamette.

It will provide home and comforts for the child of a criminal but force the waif, and the desertance of the will meet.

Laws to Enforce Laws.

This doesn't seem a bad move, but we had all along supposed that this very thing was one of the duties of the state tax commission-the assessment of appropriated water power and public service corporation franchises.

But in Oregon it seems to be often necessary to make a law to enforce a law. We see it in this instance and in Governor West' bill permitting him to appoint temporary sheriffs, district attorneys and other officials, when the regular officers will not do their duties.

BEATING US TO IT.

West Side After Water System, While We Fuss and Talk.

The eople of the west side are not going to wait until the dry months of next summer to inves.

As the southerner would say they have "done investigated" and learned while in Chicago that the have let the contract for drilling state of Montana was shipping six wells 100 feet deep if necesto Portland, and he could not un- ply the newly platted addition the derstand why the people right in Willamette Paper Company will the front yard of the big city and build and also to supply water for with everything that any country all the west side and its projects,

Last week the Courier pre-M. D. Latourette suggested that dicted that this would be the outthere be a live stock and swine come o f Oregon City's waiting show in connection with the May game, that the west side would heat us to it, and that men who Speaker Cross related how these value life more than loyalty The Willamette people are golater on, and he illustrated it ing to build up their own little by stating that he drew the origi- city over there. This is not conhad niw grown to upwards of out and ready to commence on bought two pigs for \$5 a piece, let will have all the city conveniences them run on the ranch, never paid including a sewer system, elecout a cent on them and sold them tric lights, paved streets and an artesian water supply. North of B. T. McBain spoke briefly on this other projects are in view, the need of a pure water source and the Southern Pacific or its Salem, which takes its water from idence locality and manufactur-

going t omove across the river.

And it seems so strange our ter of an armory for the city and city does not wake up to this

Mr. Olmstead of the Willam- where there are several springs

BILL TO KILL

MOTHERS' PENSION BILL WITH BIG JOKER

month interest from one cow nine Class Legislation and the Widest Discrimination.

There has been or will be introhe says he expects these commit_ duced at Salem, a Mothers' pension bill. On the face of it this looks good, and any fellow with a heart in the right spot will just have paid big dividends in inread the title and say-"good creased business and lowered

thing, let's have it." rates. It is one of the public im-And there is the trouble with provements we should stay with too many of us—we only read the titles and let them slip in jokers enough to block a highway.

Brovements we should stay with until we get. A little enthusiasm and a pull all together will get it.

Mr. Cross, start it going.

sand Miles More of Red Tape. This mothers pension bill, as The Courier stated two weeks we understand it, should never ago, and it wasn't a guess but a pass, for the reason it is rank statement, that it was expected class legislation, open discriminthe transfer of the falls locks to ation and drawn for a certain

As we understand the proposed timber cuttings to be burned with It was a bum steer and a long bill its purpose is to pension in the now closed season (under way from facts. The date will mothers (certain mothers) who certain conditions) is a bill the come nearer the 18th of next have children under 16 years old. farmers of this county hope to

There's the joker, the injustice, It will provide a pension for the

tronomy; then the attorney gen. children of a man who is in pris- troduced by representatives from on, but it will not provide for the It will take care of the man

the attorney general observed all who has debauched himself into law, applying to any mill or facthe periods and comas, and then insanity, but it will not provide it will go to the Secretary of War for the little tots of the man who Stimson, and if he finds i's all has secured a divorce from their

ed to go to a charity institution. It will provide for the children aid the children of the devorced

aid the children of the devorced mother.

The rank injustice of this proposition, the utter unfairness, is hat it visits on the children the that it visits on the children the sins or follies of the father in one family and pensions the sins and follies in another.

The Courier is for a mothers' pension seven days in the week, and there is going to be a deep but it is for a pension that will probe into Mr. Finzer, the naval help ANY child. The little tot is militia and the national guard not to blame for his father's acts. before Oregon hands over anothand the child of a father who er \$25,000 appropriation, abandoned it suffers just as keenly as the child of a man who is dead or insane.

To the everlasting credit of the the army lobyists from plugging Woman's Club of this city, it refused to endorse this measure, its members saw the injustice and unfairness and turned it down, but we are sorry too many of the women's organizations in bill to prohibit hunting or fish- 8500; that the supply Mr. Tooze of the bill and swallowed it.

out the consent of the owner, and Every man and woman in Oregon should protest against the passage of this infamous bill, from 25 to 100 days. which is not only the worst class This puts the hunter between the devil and the deep sea. He of injustice, but which would place a stigma on hundreds of buys and pays for a license that little children in Oregon. gives him the right to hunt and

GENUINE WINTER WEATHER.

Willamette Valley Gets Tail of California's Bad Storm

Oregon has been having som winter, the real winter-the tail end of California's big blizzardand the greatest fall of snow that has been recorded in this valley (so the oldest residents say) for twenty years.

Last week Friday the clouds simply opened and let down those | Editor Courier: great soft, heavy flakes just as thick as they could wedge in and from R. Schuebel, accusing our Saturday morning there was a County School Superintendent of the river and we took their sewfoot of the white stuff, and every conceivable arrangement that Officer's Convention a resolution will have it again if we drink it; would slide and could be called a favoring an increase in the sal- that a person may drink germs sleigh was hitched onto and our ary of the office. In justice and today and have fever six months people certainly made the most of fair play, I wish to say that I in- hence, and he advised that we t. And it lasted for five days, troduced the resolution on the have two reports on present wa-The mercury held around the spur of the moment, I went for ter works system. freezing point and it melted slow- | ward to sign the petition without | ly, and the youngsters had the one any thought of offering any motbig time of their lives.

The heavy fall of snow did great I thought it would be a comple- board. damage to the wire corporations ment to one who has served the and to trees and shrubbery. All public faithfully and well for a well could be dug on second hill were hanging down, and the trees motion which was seconded by at cured. were badly damaged by the weight least three persons at one time. they are not trained to bear.

The snowfall has been general over the Pacific coast, and California and Washington had a much heavier fall and sustained more damage than Oregon.

School Districts are Busy.

The taxpayers in the rural districts are unquestionably firmly and strongly against the present supervisor law, and if the legiswill stand by Senator Dimick's bill and abolish the law.

The school districts do not believe they get value received for what the supervisors cost them, protesting against the law.

Gary wrongfully. The law has never been popular

COUNCIL TAKES READY ACTION

UNANIMOUS VERDICT FOR PURE WATER SUPPLY.

protest and abolishes the law the voters will certainly continue \$500 TO START THE WORK the protests—and in Oregon you know the voters can pretty nearly

Sources of Supply Will be at Once Investigated.

Washington's birthday, Febru-Oregon City will nave a pure ary 22, is the date for the Columbia Hook & Ladder Co's 43d annusupply of water, if it can be al dance. It is the event of the found in this vicinity, and we all year and will of course have a know it can.

great crowd. Fox's full orchestra of Portland will furnish the in-The city council took decisive action at its meeting Wednesday night, and steps to have a competent engineer investigate our re-Years ago, Oregon City should have had a public dock. It would ported water sources will be taken at once, and when a supply is

located the city will take active measures to get it The council rooms were crowded. The people understood the water matter was to be brought up and the people are interested. Mr. Tooze opened the discuss-

ion, which became general, with the statement that parties had reported to him that we have a supply within easy reach of the city that would provide two mil-lion gallons a day, that could be brought here at no more cost to the consumers than now; should have engineer investigate this and other sources, and he moved \$225 e appropriated as initial expen-

diture to this end.

Mr. Beard said he favored appropriating from \$1,000 to \$5,for work on definite lines; that the state or national geological departments should be able to tell us at what depth we could get bills for laborers introduced at water here; that he believed it Salem that are being watched would be wise to secure 10 acres around the present reservoir and make well tests, that there were ariesian wells on the hill the same

as the west side. introduced by Senator W. A. Dimick, and the other, a ten hour Mr. Long thought \$500 would be small enough to make investigations with, and Mr Myers took the same view He said the South-ern Pacific had men locating wells all the time, that they paid hem well and they got the water. He said the city council was not the water board, but that the most Representative F. M. Gill of Estacada, is going back to Wasco of the people seemed to think so; that council got the the criticism

and the water board the smiles. and tackle the simple life. The Mr. Horton said if we could get the 2,000,000 gallons supplied to ed him a 200 acre farm there, and us, as Mr. Tooze reported, that should be investigated first. if there is a legislator at Salem

B. T. McBain said council could start with small appropriation and continue it if necessary; that we should get busy at once on this work; that he believed we could get water from wells at small ex-pense; that he thought the pres-General Finzer has found out supply should be investigated as well as the future; that he did not believe the present supply could be made pure; that he might be wrong, but we should find out for the benefit of people and council and that the city employ a chemical engineer independent of the Dimick's resolution to this effect passed the senate, and Dim-

investigations of the water board. Mr. Sullivan said we must have pure water; not necessary to investigate present plant as water board was doing this; should go slow and sure; that present water was in good condition, but pople are afraid and should continue to spoke of would furnish much than 2,000,000 gallons violation will be a fine of from daily; that cost would be big to go \$25 to \$300 or by imprisonment to forest reserve; that the city should advertise that it is open for a water supply for the present and 25 years in the future.

Mayor Jones said the council stood ready to take any necessary action for a pure supply of water. Mr. Randall said we must have pure water but there was no evidence the present source was not pure; should give present system a test; wanted to know why water was impure one time and pure at

another.
Mr. McBain replied that one engineer might find contamination in present water plant condi-Mr. McLoughlin Says Schuebel's tions and another not; that if the chemical system would make wae r98 per cent pure, we did not want to drink 2 per cent poison; that there were 100,000 people up 'railroading" through the School age; we have had fever before and

Tooze agreed that we should have independent investiion or resolution. After signing it gation from that of the water

over the city the broken wires very small salary. I made the and sufficient supply could be se-Mr. Tooze increased the oppro-

I then put the question unanim- priation to \$500 for investigation, ously. I have no recollection of and it was unanimously carried. any delegate offering to discuss My. Beard said he thought the matter of who pays for or stands I am the guilty party, not Mr. behind the saloon licenses should Gary. I had no intention of doing be looked into; that when a saanything out of the way and do loon got into trouble they transnot think that the delegales at the ferred the license, and that he convention will say that there was believed such dodges were against public policy. A committee was Mr. Schuebel wants fair play, I appointed to investigate.

The Parket of the

The committee reported Mounwonder if he told the people at Eldorado that Supt. Gary's salary tain View fire house worthless bill would save money for the and that it should be torn down. county? I wonder if he invited Mr. Myers said conditions were Gary to explain his side of the unfit for cattle and that a new case to the people of the Eldorado building should be erected. Mr. Holman took the same view. Mr. Tooze said we had five fire houses I do not wish to enter into a

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