

### Coos Bay Times

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#### ABOUT MAIL ORDER HOUSES.

In a recent advertisement a local Coos Bay business house made the following statements:

"The people of Coos County have been robbed and cramped on by the big mail order houses long enough. You have institutions at home that underfeed them and give you an honest trade. We ask you in the name of fair dealing, to cease sending your money away. Not only do we understand, but what is more, you see the goods before handing over your good cash. If anything proves unsatisfactory, we are here to make it right. Year after year Coos County money has gone to build up Portland and Chicago. Thousands upon thousands of dollars have gone out never to be circulated here. It is estimated on good authority that the people of Coos County have for years sent enough money to mail order houses to support six stores the size of the largest in the county."

Every word of that is true. Every resident of Coos County should stop and reason with himself on this important matter of trading at home. Before you mail another postoffice order or express order to help build up a firm in Chicago or some other large city at the expense of home dealers, think of your own welfare a little and at least give your local merchant and friend a chance to figure with you.

Mail order house advertising is of the very best quality, so far as the science of interesting readers of publicity in goods they offer for sale is concerned. But it is advertising which should be scanned carefully. If read critically, the skill with which plausible sentences are put together and words made to say what they really do not is apparent.

In one catalogue which the writer examined recently, three washing machines are described. The first is declared to be "the most perfect washer on the market." The second is said to have "more good, sensible ideas than any other," while the third is praised as "the most superior washing machine on the market."

Now, which of these machines is really the best? Which of them is as good as the one the retailer sells and guarantees? Can any reader of the catalogue tell? Absolutely not.

The lesson should be plain to those who receive these catalogues. They can read glowing descriptions of goods, but they do not know what they are buying when they send their money to a mail order house.

When a purchaser goes to his retailer, he can examine what he wishes to buy. He can look it over carefully, try, test it, and if necessary, receive a guarantee from the merchant that the article is satisfactory. That guarantee is good, because the retailer expects to remain in business among his friends, and he cannot afford to deceive.

The catalogue house, however, may offer to replace unsatisfactory goods, but there is the annoyance of writing plain letters, packing the goods, paying the express and shipping them back and waiting for the new shipment. And at the same time there is a chance that the substitute goods will prove to be no more satisfactory than the original and all of the trouble will have to be experienced again.

The mail order house is after money. Every dollar it gets its hands on, will be jerked out of your neighborhood forever. The mail order house may bear upon its face the semblance of friendship, but no human heart beats under the cloak of hypocrisy. Sentiment is unknown. The whole institution is as cold and bloodless as a corpse.

All the mail order houses in Christendom would not increase the value of your farm or town property a cent. They are parasites to whom

### WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

#### GOOD EVENING

A man should never be ashamed to own that he has been in the wrong, which is but saying that he is wiser today than he was yesterday.—Edna Lyall.

The Coos Bay man who is bit feels bitter.

The man who marries a widow never weds amiss.

The best you can say for some Coos Bay people is to say nothing.

Money may be considered female gender because it always talks.

The North Bend women who are up to snuff are not to be sneezed at.

A little wisdom now and then would surely help some Coos Bay men.

There are men in Marshfield who waste a day on a matter that deserves only an hour's attention.

"If music is the food of love," remarked a bright Marshfield girl, "I suppose rag time would be considered hash."

It won't be heaven for some Coos Bay men unless they can get the Lord's permission to loaf around the throne.

A North Bend man has already promised his wife a New Year's resolution to bring in all the kitchen stove-wood.

A Marshfield man says he does hate to get out of bed on a chilly morning after his wife's feet have gotten good and warm.

Some Coos Bay people lack the milk of human kindness because they have always allowed their own selfishness to skim off the cream.

There are some people on Coos Bay who if they believed in speaking their mind and never said anything otherwise would always be silent.

"Stockings were made for a better use than putting money in them," remarked a Marshfield banker, as he counted out the currency in change for a check.

There are some people on the Bay who have not the patience to make good fishermen. If they don't get a bite in five or six hours they get discouraged and want to go home.

The attention of our readers is called to those advertising in The Times. As this is the season of purchasing holiday goods it will pay to patronize those merchants who let you know through the press that they have goods for sale that make acceptable Christmas presents. Only live business houses use the columns of newspapers.

can suck blood out of the communities to the upbuilding of which they contribute nothing. They create no local market for the products you have for sale. They have no property in your county which can be assessed to help bear your burden of taxation.

### Personal Notes.

WILL STRONG, of Hood River, is visiting in the city and stopping at the Blanco hotel.

MR. AND MRS. FLAM, of Bandon, arrived in the city today and are stopping at the Blanco.

W. SINCLAIR, of Coquille, arrived in the city on the noon train, and is stopping at the Blanco hotel.

J. J. CLINKENBEARD, of Coos River, is spending the day in the city visiting friends and attending to business matters.

ATTORNEY W. SINCLAIR, of Coquille, returned home this morning after spending several days in this city on business.

J. O. STEMMER, a well known resident of Bandon vicinity, left for home this morning after a business visit in the city.

L. J. PETTIJOHN, of the firm of Pettijohn & Nichols, has returned to the city after a successful business trip to Coquille, Bandon and Myrtle Point.

O. E. HINSDALE, one of Gardiner's prominent citizens, left for the Casco for the stage to the Unappan, and then by ferry to his home, after a business trip to Marshfield.

P. L. PERALTA returned to his home in Coquille today after a visit to friends and attending to business. Mrs. Peralta, who was with him, left for Coquille yesterday.

J. J. CLINKENBEARD, of Coos River, the well known fruit grower, returned home this morning after attending the gathering of fruit growers at the chamber of commerce last night. He was a guest at the Blanco.

A. J. GANTNER, the Portland insurance man, whose never failing smile is a business getter, left on the noon train for Coquille and other points inland. He started to get up at 6 a. m., to make the train, but was unable to stand the strain. About five minutes to nine a game of cards could be played on his coat tails, so the hotel clerk said, as the train catcher was heading in a bee line for the depot.

**Awaiting Arrival of Rudder**—The handsome pleasure launch just completed by Max Timmerman for Ray T. Kaufman, is awaiting the arrival of her rudder before being launched. The boat is complete in every other respect and will take to the water as soon as her steering apparatus is in place.

**Building Big Launch**—William Holland's boat building plant has just commenced on the construction of a 48-foot gasoline launch for John Swing, of Pony Inlet. The craft will have 10 feet 6 inch beam, and will be five feet in depth. She will be equipped with a fifty-horse power engine and altogether will be a little larger than the Queen, the biggest gasoline launch on the bay. She will be completed in three months and will be used by her owner for towing purposes and pleasure.

**DANCE**—At Coos River Hall Wednesday, Dec. 25.

## Special Christmas Bargains in Boys, Youth and Childrens Suits

### The Entire Stock For Your Selection

All bright, clean, up-to-date goods to be closed out at big reductions. Never before have you had such an opportunity to buy your children something that is useful as a Xmas present and at such an appropriate time. The stock consists of boys' and youths' sailors, Norfolks Buster Brown, single and double breasted sacks also boys single and double breasted long pants suits in all qualities.

### Youths Suits Ages 2 to 6

- Sailor suits with knickerbocker pants, come in plaids and stripes also plain colors, price \$2.50, on sale .....\$1.65
- Norfolk and sailor suits, knickerbocker pants in blue, brown and novelty checks and stripes, price \$3.00, on sale .....\$2.10
- Norfolk, Buster Brown, and Sailor suits in all colors and a big choice of patterns, regular \$3.50 quality, sale price .....\$2.35
- All suits retailing from \$4.00 to \$5.00 and a very large range of patterns and styles to choose from to close out for .....\$2.65 and \$3.35

### Boys Short Pants Suits Ages 6 to 15

- In this lot we have a very large stock for your selection—Come in all styles, some with knickerbocker pants and others with straight pants, Coats single and double breasted in plaids, checks, novelties and the popular blue serges.
- Suits selling regularly for \$3.00 on sale .....\$2.10
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  - Suits selling regularly for \$5.00 on sale .....\$3.35
  - Suits selling regularly for \$6.00 on sale .....\$4.20
  - Suits selling regularly for \$7.50 on sale .....\$5.00

### Boys Long Pants Suits Ages 10 to 19

Any suit in this department 33 1-3 per cent less than the regular price—For instance a \$15.00 suit can be bought for \$10.00 and so on in every case. All shrewd buyers will be sure to take advantage of these prices for never before have the parents of Marshfield had such a good opportunity to clothe out the little fellows for the winter.

This offer is good until Xmas only, so don't delay.  
 A Bow and Arrow Free With Every Suit.

# Merchant Bros.

For Reliable Goods.

Store Open Nights Until Xmas.

The Store that has the Goods and the Store that Sells Them

## The Red Cross

Jewelry of the Highest Grade  
 Modern Watches, Fine Art  
 Goods all of the Highest Grade

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