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GETTING RIGHT WITH THE COUNTRY FOLKS

ANOTHER season of husbandry is on in the Rogue River valley. Despite the deficit of moisture, as compared with other years, the sourest pessimist concedes that things are looking fine. The folks from the country are going to be cash customers in a larger degree than ever before. If you want evidence of rural prosperity in southern Oregon—consider the little automobile with the famous four-letter nameplate. Many farmers have already invested in these, or higher priced cars; many more have merely deferred the purchase until Fall. Not a tenth part of these cars are purchased by large landowners. It is the forty acre farmer, the industrious gardener and dairyman who is showing evidence of having salted down some greenback ensilage last year—which the calamity howlers held to be a "poor one."

The country town and the country folks are out of harmony. This is true of Gold Hill and its tributary territory. Neither business man nor farmer has a clear understanding of how closely their mutual needs are knit. Upon one depends the prosperity of the other. The merchant who does not make special concessions to the country trade is working his own injury and facing ultimate bankruptcy. The farmer who buys a money order for the catalog house is starving the home trading community, which is not only the logical clearing room for all his agricultural wares, but the criterion of surrounding land value as well. The farmer and his friend, the business man, are working at cross purposes. Between them they have an unrecognized pact to send southern Oregon back to the original chapparral.

Too many solutions have been offered for this vexing question—too many complex cipherings of what produce is worth and what goods should be sold for. These things are non-essentials that will readily adjust themselves, if once the relationship of town and country is established on a basis of plain business sense.

Gold Hill has lost ground to the catalog house. So have other towns. Do you know why? Because the catalog house is business—concentrated to the last drop. It makes a business proposal to the farmer, backed by an argument of worth for money; it appeals to economy, rather than incites to extravagance.

To confront the farmer with an ethical argument against his right to spend the fruits of his toil and the income of his acres as he pleases, is to invite the worst end of the discussion. The indisputable fact remains—that it is his money.

In Gold Hill, as in other towns suffering from mailorderitis, concerted action should be taken by business men to win back the trade that is rightfully theirs. To win it back by methods that are business-like and calculated to be permanent in effect. To refuse the gage of battle with the corporations which are daily gnawing into the profits of the country business, is to confess cowardice or business inability. There must be a way out. Union of thought and action, together with a determination to keep everlastingly at it, will find that way.

THE NEWS is just nutty enough to believe that if the coin annually baled up and shipped to the catalog houses were retained at home, we would have little need for worry about our individual prosperity or that of the farming community which is the fount of all. It can prove, from eastern example, that the catalog house not only paralyzes the local merchant but destroys county real estate values as well.

Used Car Bargains

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B. H. L.

The Locust Tree

The white feet of children have tropped across her heart, to take the trail of all the world, to walk within the wind; the dusty little footprints are etched and set apart, beside the spring of loving where the pulse throbs deep and kind. Comes there back from all the world the little laugh and light, back from all the walking winds the laugh that once she knew, to mind her of the arms that clung when evening fled to night, to mind her of the morning kiss and roses sweet with dew. Age is never near her, perennial and young, she wakes as clearly as the dawn upon the early grain, when first across the sleeping sod the robin's song is flung, and all the thirsting locust trees are thanking God for rain.

The white feet of children have bruised her patient breast, romping out to play at life—to sorrow and forget; the dusty little footprints, none clearer than the rest, that trampled out to meet the dawn, and walk in memory yet. Comes there back from all the world at evening in the hush, when lighted are the precious stars and it is vesper hour, the tramp of tired little feet, the laughter and the rush—and over all the benison of some long withered flower. As clearly as the dawn she walks, nor twines her heart with rue; as clearly as the dawn she lights the long forgotten lane, when first upon the waking world the daisies roistered through, and all the leafing locust trees were thanking God for rain.

The white feet of children, the little feet and wild, have tropped across the mother heart to walk within the world—but aye the wind returns to her the laughter of a child, and all the dusty little prints are held and tendril curled. Comes there back from all the world, adown the trail of years, the memories that sped away when roses blushed with June, to speak a single moment more of little joys and fears, to wake in whispered harmony some long forgotten tune. As lightly as the dawn she smiles, and the old mouth is dear; as brightly as the dawn she laughs, when clover comes again. Do thou, Old Time, stand back a pace and let us keep her here—a white and happy locust tree thanking God for rain.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

W. M. Plimpton, secretary of the state printing board, announces that the session laws will be ready for distribution May 1.

Horse and mule breeders of Umatilla county will form an organization at a meeting to be held in Pendleton Saturday, May 1.

Sons of the American Revolution from many parts of the United States will gather in Portland in mid-July for the national congress.

The seventh annual commonwealth conference of the state of Oregon will be held in the University of Oregon buildings May 28 and 29.

One hundred thousand sheep are being sheared at Brogan, Malheur county, and are producing an unusual amount of good-grade wool.

Members of Group One, Oregon Bankers' association, will hold their semi-annual convention at Newberg on May 12, it has been announced.

Twenty-two road supervisors of Benton county will engage in a competitive road contest for prizes offered by the Corvallis commercial club.

Dividends of five to seven per cent for the first year's business will be distributed by the Oregon Agricultural College Cooperation association.

Three hundred and fifty thousand salmon fry were liberated in the Willamette river at Oregon City by the state game and fish commission.

Mohair men of Polk county have sold nearly all their supply at prices ranging from 29 to 32 cents, although some of the larger dealers are holding back for pools.

M. S. Smithson of McMinnville college, was awarded first place and \$50 prize in the annual oratorical contest of the Intercollegiate Prohibition association of Oregon, held in Salem.

That commercial organizations of Salem will consolidate at no distant date, so that efforts may be more effective and duplication of expenses be avoided, is considered practically certain.

John Cady, of Albany, has been employed by the state board of control at a salary of \$250 a month to have general supervision of installing and conducting a flax retting plant at the state penitentiary.

Forty-seven accidents, none fatal, were reported during the week to Labor Commissioner Hoff. Eleven occurred on railroads, eight in logging operations and five in sawmill plants. The other accidents were divided among many activities.

The 5400-acre C. L. Hartshorn ranch near Enterprise, Wallowa county, has been transferred by H. P. Kelly and Frank and George Gildersleeve to the recently organized Washtucna

and Livestock company which will operate the big tract for stock.

Attorney-General Brown, of Oregon, has been informed by the United States supreme court that he would not be permitted to intervene on behalf of the state in the Oregon & California land grant case. He was permitted, however, to file his brief.

The city of Pendleton has got behind the committee working to raise funds for the proposed \$10,000 natatorium at Pendleton and has adopted resolutions guaranteeing the payment of the last \$1000 necessary to insure the construction of the water resort.

A crew of surveyors, under the direction of F. M. von Planta, chief engineer for Kendall Brothers, has begun making a preliminary survey of the railroad which it is proposed to construct from Roseburg to the line of the Cascade National Forest Reserve.

The office of the reclamation service at Portland, in charge of Supervising Engineer Hopson, is soon to be abolished, in accordance with the plan of reorganization and retrenchment being worked out by the reclamation commission. Some employees will be dropped and others transferred.

To turn the old Nelson placer mine into a lake one-half mile long and one-quarter mile wide is the plan of the Baker Rod and Gun club. The mine is six miles from Baker and a favorite place for picknickers, so that the lake would prove one of the most attractive places in that part of the state.

Fourteen pieces of furniture, all made from the horns of Douglas county deer, are being crated at Roseburg preparatory to being shipped to San Francisco, where they will be exhibited at the exposition. The unique furniture was manufactured by W. L. Dysinger, owner of a local planing mill.

The highest pen record at the Panama-Pacific Exposition egg-laying contest for the month ending April 15 was that of the Oregon Agricultural College Leghorn pen, which produced 237 eggs. The second highest was that of the Oregon Agricultural College Barred Rocks with a record of 225 eggs.

Special orders have been issued from the office of the adjutant general to the coast artillery corps for an officers' school of instruction at Fort Stevens beginning May 5 and ending May 10. The colonel, lieutenant colonel, two majors, eleven captains, eleven first lieutenants, eight second lieutenants, and 44 enlisted men, will attend the sessions.

The Smith-Powers logging railroad running from Myrtle Point southward along the south fork of the Coquille river for 26 miles is encouraging development in the territory it traverses. Among the most important items of enterprise is the construction of a creamery six miles from Myrtle Point.

A potato starch plant costing from \$10,000 to \$15,000 and properly conducted during a season will take care of the cull product from about 5000 acres, according to figures gathered by the University of Oregon school of commerce.

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The grazing of 130,000 head of sheep and 24,000 head of cattle and horses on the Malheur national forest during the season of 1915 has been authorized by the secretary of agriculture. This stock will enter the forest April 15, and the greater part of it will remain until October 31. The grazing fees which the government will receive from the owners of this stock will approximate \$15,000.

To curtail the cost of conducting the department and to bring them in the closest possible touch with the work, Harvey Beckwith and William Marshall, members of the state industrial accident commission, and Carl Abrams, who will become a member May 21, have decided to divide the work into departments with one member in charge of each. It also was decided to dispense with the services of a secretary, Mr. Marshall to do that work.

Legal Notices

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
07942

U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon.

April 29, 1915
NOTICE is hereby given that Cyrus W. Dow, Father and heir of Charles M. Dow, deceased, of Gold Hill, Oregon, who, on March 29, 1912, made Homestead Entry, Serial No. 07942, for the E½ of NW¼ and W¼ of NE¼ of Section 70 Township 35 S, Range 3W, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Three-year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before W. H. Canon, U. S. Commissioner, at his office at Medford, Oregon, on the 14th day of June, 1915.

Claimant names as witnesses:
George W. Briggs, of Gold Hill, Oregon;
George Garrison, " "
Frank Childers, " "
W. J. Smith, " "

—J. M. Upton,
Register.

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RESOLUTION RELATING TO REFERENDUM

The people of the city of Gold Hill do resolve as follows:

That the petitions for referendum, signed by over 100 citizens of Gold Hill City, of the resolutions mentioned thereon, be referred to the people for ratification or rejection, and that an election be called for this purpose on the 22d day of May, 1915. Approved April 19, 1915.

J. B. R. MORELOCK,
Mayor.

BEN H. LAMPMAN,
Recorder.

The foregoing resolution calling a special election upon referendum petition, specifically relates to the following resolutions, adopted by action of the council of Gold Hill, Oregon, on April 7th, 1915:

"The people of the city of Gold Hill do resolve as follows:

That the proposition, section A, of the California-Oregon Power company, for installation of an electric pumping system for pumping water to supply said city of Gold Hill, and for furnishing electric current for operating said pumping system for a period of ten years, be and the same hereby is accepted, and that the mayor and recorder of said city are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with said company, carrying out the terms of said proposal, whenever and as soon as the restraining order issued by the circuit court of the state of Oregon for Jackson county on this date, is dissolved; it being the intention of the council that said officers shall not enter into said contract binding the city of Gold Hill until the same may be done without violating the order of said court; that the said contract shall be entered into without any further action of the council as soon as said restraining order shall be dissolved."

"The people of the city of Gold Hill do resolve as follows:
That the proposition, except and exclusive of proposition C, of the California-Oregon Power company, for the installation of a street lighting system and furnishing current therefor for a period of ten years, submitted to the council on this 7th day of April, 1915, be, and the same is hereby accepted, and the mayor and recorder of said city are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract with said company, carrying out the terms of said proposal when and as soon as the mayor and recorder shall enter into the contract with said company for installing a pumping plant and furnishing electric current therefor, pursuant to resolution of even date herewith, it being the intention that both contracts or neither shall be entered into."

Gold Hill, Oregon, April 20, 1915.
BEN H. LAMPMAN,
Recorder.

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